

# Star of the Sea School

## Ka`aha`ilono Hōkū



November 2013

### Calendar of Events:

#### NOVEMBER

Monday, 11/25/13

"Giving Tree" -

Kick-Off

Tuesday, 11/26/13

Thanksgiving Mass-

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 11/27/13

11:45 a.m. Dismissal

Faculty meeting

Thursday & Friday,

11/28/13 & 11/29/13

Thanksgiving-

Holidays

### THANKSGIVING

November is the month that sparks the beginning of the holiday season. Thanksgiving is right around the corner with Christmas soon to follow. During the month of November, our thoughts reflect on the many reasons we have to give thanks to our Heavenly Father. It is also important for us to remember those who are less fortunate than we are: the homeless and needy.



A big MAHALO to all the numerous volunteers, prize donors, and our PTG for all your help in creating a thrilling Bingo Night. With over 250 participants, the Star of the Sea ohana feasted on a pizza dinner followed by lots of bingo excitement and prizes. Thank you to all who joined us!



### The "GIVING TREE"

Our annual "Giving Tree" event that assists Catholic Charities and the Homeless Solutions with Christmas gifts for families that need our help begins on Monday, November 25, 2013.

The "Giving Tree" has become a yearly event at Star of the Sea during the Christmas Season. The goal is to supply needy children and teens with an appropriate gift. The ornaments on the tree represent families from Catholic Charities and Homeless Solutions. The children at Star of the Sea will pick a tag from the tree on November 23, 2009. After picking a tag, please wrap the gift and return it to your child's homeroom class. The deadline for turning in the gifts is Thursday, December 12, 2013.

Both the families of Star of the Sea School and Parish have enthusiastically supported this project in the past. We have received many letters of thanks from the families we have helped.

*On behalf of the many people you will touch, we thank you for your help*



**Artists Among Us ...** Star of the Sea students' artwork is being displayed in Kahala Mall between Macys and CPK until Saturday, November 23rd. Please bring your child to the art display to view their fellow students' work and please reassure them that all their artwork is wonderful as well.

## Augustine Educational Foundation Grant Awarded to Star of the Sea School

Star of the Sea School recently applied for a Teacher/Curriculum Development Grant through the Augustine Educational Foundation. We are proud to announce that our request for funding of new Science Curriculum Materials in grades one through five was accepted. The school has been able to completely fund new science textbooks and software for the next two years.

The new program *ScienceFusion*, from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt series, is a state-of-the-art science program designed for building inquiry, STEM, and optimized for learning in the classroom, at home, on a laptop, a tablet, or using a science textbook. The digital curriculum, virtual labs and hands-on activities, and write-in science textbook develops important critical thinking skills that prepare students for success in future science courses and in the workplace. The materials are already in the hands of the teachers.

**We want to thank the Augustine Educational Foundation for this great opportunity.**

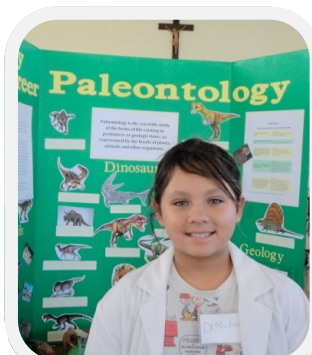


**Halloween Fun** began with a fieldtrip for the Primary grades (along with Eighth-grade buddies) to the Aloun Farms Pumpkin Patch. Students enjoyed seeing where pumpkins grow and picking out their very own special pumpkin. On Halloween Day, the students participated in a costume parade followed by a fun-filled afternoon where the middle school hosted games for the primary and intermediate grades.

# Learning Never Stops



**2nd Graders** led the school for our All-Saints Day Mass with each student representing a different Saint.



**4th Graders** presented to the rest of the school a wide variety of different professions on Career Day. Showcasing so many careers – Navy Seals, Veterinarian, Hair Dresser, Model, Actor, Football Player, Author, Paleontologist, and Orthopedic Surgeon – to name just a few.



To commemorate Veteran's Day, the school was honored to listen to our own veteran – **Keith Haugen** - who so graciously treated us to an original song he composed about our fallen heroes. Thank you for your service Mr. Haugen!

**7th and 8th Graders** traveled to space in a Challenger Space Shuttle simulator. The students were given specific roles weeks prior to the mission so they could study and prepare. Teamwork and good communication was crucial and their hard work paid off as they had a successful landing!!



**6th Graders** sold their creations to the rest of the school during the annual Market Day. The students learned how to run a small business complete with applying for permits, advertising, and determining price structure.



**Book Fair** – Students always look forward to this event and this year was no different. With a nice selection of books available, there was something for everyone. Thank you to all the volunteers for your assistance in making our book fair a success!