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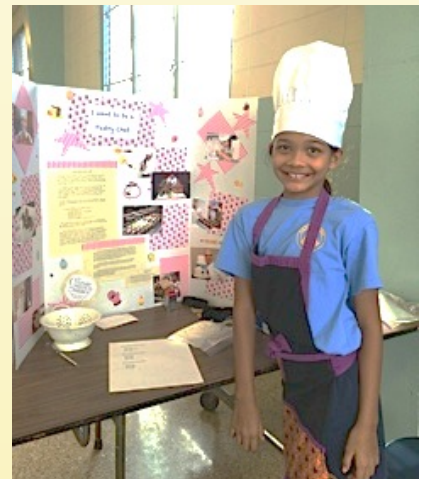
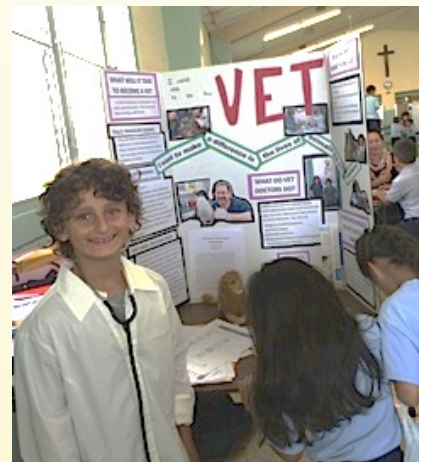
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Fourth Grade Career Day

Our children are our future and Star of the Sea School is proud to feature tomorrow's pastors, doctors, astronauts, chefs, architects, pilots and many more aspirations.

Career Day 2014 was hosted by our fourth grade students on October 29. English teacher Mrs. Young guided her students as they researched their careers of choice and presented their findings in proper research format. Visual and oral presentation skills were also rehearsed in preparation for Career Day.

From 8:00-11:00am, the students informed their Star of the Sea Ohana (including parents and grandparents) about their future careers. Guests were educated with polished oral presentations, poster boards, power points, artifacts, and interactive activities, which accompanied each project. It was a great time for all! Most importantly, it was a time for our fourth graders to dream about and envision their futures.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 10

Thanksgiving Drive kick-off

November 17

Safe Environment Week

Information regarding these two events can be found in this week's brown envelope.

November 25

6th Grade Market Day

Our 6th grade entrepreneurs will transform our Middle School courtyard into a school-wide mini market.

A message from the Interim Principal



The Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. A special thank you to our first

graders in 1B for splashing our lanai with your beautiful fall tree artwork.

The month of November is the beginning of one of the busiest times of the year, but let's not let our "busy"ness prevent us from taking time to reflect upon all that we are grateful for.

This month, our 4th graders provided us with a long list of reasons why we should be thankful. The students spelled out the word "gratitude," which happens to be our character theme of the month, currently on display below our school staircase.

On that note, we will be kicking off our Thanksgiving Food Drive on November 10. Classroom teachers will be sending home an explanation of our food drive with plenty of contribution ideas. Our drive will assist both our local parishioners and food bank community.



God Bless,

Margaret Rufe



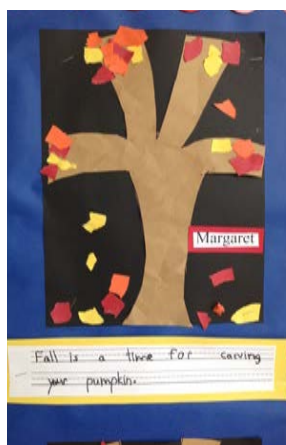
Star of the Sea School's Sir Read-a-lot Book Fair

Star of the Sea School's Annual Book Fair is intended to inspire us all to take time to sit back and enjoy a good book. This year, Mrs. Githere, our librarian, transformed our library into a medieval world filled with books that are sure to keep the pages turning.

This year's book fair was an amazing success thanks to Mrs. Githere and her fabulous parent and teacher work crew, who worked overtime hours to meet the needs of our Star shoppers. The fair ran all week and was enjoyed by students, parents, grandparents, and open house visitors.



All proceeds will go towards maintaining our school library and ensuring that our students receive the most current reference and entertainment resources.



Star Students pray alongside the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Blessed Virgin Mary was given the great privilege to be the Mother of Jesus, our God. Since that time, Mary has watched over us as a mother would watch over a tender child. Over the years, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been given many different names. These names have been associated with a special devotion or appearance of our Mother to individuals or groups in accordance with special prayers answered.

One example took place between the months of May and October, 1917, when our blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, giving them the message for the world which has since become known as the "Peace Plan from Heaven." The world-famous international Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was sculpted in 1947 by Jose Thedim, based on the description of Sister Lucia, one of the three shepherds. Sent out to bring the Message of Fatima to the world, the International Pilgrim Statue has traveled the world many times, visiting more than 100 countries. This month, Hawaii has been blessed to host the Virgin Statue. Star of the Sea students visited the Our Lady of Fatima Statue on Friday, November 7, while on display in our very own church.



From Mauka to Makai STEM Based Program Inspires our Middle School Students

Inspiring students to explore the natural world is central to the practice of middle school science teacher Ms. Veresan. On Thursday, October 30, students in grades 6-8 enjoyed a day of outdoor science learning as the *mauka* component of a program called *From Mauka to Makai: Understanding Climate Change Impacts in the*

Ahupua'a. Students

investigated forest ecology and conducted a field study of Makiki Stream, assessing biodiversity and environmental conditions. They also learned about the concept of biomimicry by engineering solar ovens. The STEM-based program, a unique partnership with the Hawaii Nature Center, will also include a *makai* field study in February and original environmental service projects in the spring.



Halloween Fun



October 31 was an exciting day for Star Students. The school day began with a school-wide costume parade that included our special visitors from Star of the Sea School Early Learning Center. Students, teachers, administrators and parents participated in

the fun event.

Following the parade, the students engaged in a number of Halloween activities such as the Monster Sac Race, Halloween Bingo, Bowling, Captain Hook Ring Toss, Donut Eating, and Pass the Pumpkin contests. A special thank you to our PTG for hosting the event and to our 7th and 8th grade students who did an amazing job assisting our parents at the various activities!

