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# Star of the Sea School

*"Where Learning Never Stops"*

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*Character Trait of the Month*

## **Kindness**

The month of February was filled with so much kindness that we couldn't have possibly let it go unnoticed. Students were praised for their acts of kindness and presented with hearts to represent their good deeds. These hearts were then displayed on our Walls of Kindness throughout the school. Hopefully your children got a chance to share their good deed with you. If not, ask them about it!

### A message from the Principal



In Father Norman's homily to the students two weeks ago, our Lenten journey was compared to the concept of climbing a mountain. Climbing the mountain, as a theme this Lent, can refer to the mountain inside of us.

Students were asked to reflect on their Lenten journey by thinking about how they can become closer to God and what they can do to overcome the obstacles that they may face along the way. Fear can, of course, paralyze our actions, as it did to Peter when he denied Jesus, on the night Jesus was arrested. Our faith, however, drives us to the top of the mountain where we get to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent gives us the tools to get even better at reaching that summit. Our prayer, our fasting, and our almsgiving can lead us to the peak of perfection in Christ. We **pray** to ask God how he wants us to serve. We **fast** to remove things that distract us from God. Finally, we **give** to honor Jesus' call to serve our neighbors.

It is most fitting then, that our character theme during Lent is "integrity". Having the inner strength to model what you believe is right or as the saying goes "practice what you preach", reflects the inner integrity that brings us closer to the summit, thus closer to Jesus.

God Bless,

*Margaret Rufo*



## Primary Classes Celebrate Dr. Seuss' 111th birthday and Read Across America.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| March 13 | – Movie Night   |
| March 18 | – Mini Day - Faculty Professional Development (Early Dismissal-11:45) |
| March 20 | – Jump Rope For Heart   |
| March 23 | – Spring Break Begins   |
| April 3  | – Good Friday   |
| April 5  | – Easter  |
| April 6  | – Fourth Quarter Begins   |



## Students participate in Stations of the Cross

Each week during Lent, Star of the Sea Students experience the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection by participating in Stations of the Cross. The stations, as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the actual holy sites.

Pictured are three of our intermediate students who assisted in leading the school in this past week's stations of the cross.



## It's Gardening Time



Students from 1A spent some time in our school garden planting carrot, watermelon, and English daisy seeds with the help of Mr. Souza.





## Hawaii Symphony visits Star of the Sea School

The Hawaii Symphony is reviving their education outreach program and Star of the Sea School was fortunate enough to host a string ensemble.

The performance began with a number of classical pieces and students were later given the opportunity to ask questions.

Performers, Mio Unosawa Herzog (violin), Anna Womack (viola), and Pauline Bai (cello) were certainly an inspiration to the students.

## STEM SYMPOSIUM 2015



Ms. Cristina Veresan, Star of the Sea School Assistant Principal and Science Chair recently presented at the Sacred Hearts Academy **Science Symposium for Girls** on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

The symposium is an outstanding opportunity to share with nearly 300 young girls from public and private schools about the exciting and dynamic careers available to women in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

Pictured center of Ms. Veresan and Mrs. Rufo, is Miss America 2014, Nina Davuluri, the Symposium's featured presenter. Ms. Davuluri, is a strong advocate for STEM education.