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Star of the Sea School

"Where Learning Never Stops"

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"STAR" STUDENTS COMPETE in the CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE TRACK and FIELD MEET

Star of the Sea students from grades 5-8 participated in the annual Catholic Schools League Track and Field Meet held at Mililani High School on Saturday, February 7.

Although final results have yet to be posted, the students represented our school with genuine talent, class, and sportsmanship. Events included shot put, long jump, standing jump, ball toss and a variety of individual and relay races.

A special thank you to our track coach and athletic director, Mr. Lacro, who just recently received recognition for 20 years of service for teaching in Hawaii Catholic Schools. Congratulations Mr. Lacro!



A message from the Principal



This past month and a half has been an exceptionally busy one at Star of the Sea. Our Catholic Schools Week festivities were a huge success thanks to our fabulous

Catholic Schools Week Committee and all those who participated with spirit, pride, and enthusiasm. The week was filled with many memorable moments that are highlighted throughout this e-Connect edition. A special Mahalo to our "Star" families for your generous monetary donations to Catholic Charities and to all of our students who made valentine cards for our US veterans.

This month's character theme at Star of the Sea is **Kindness**. Students have been working hard spreading their kindness throughout the school. Their efforts are appreciated and have been recognized on our "Walls of Kindness" located throughout our beautiful campus.

This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday** and you are welcome to join us at our Ash Wednesday mass at 8:15. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. May this season of Lent bring you spiritual rejuvenation.



God Bless,

Margaret Rufo

We Appreciate Our Veterans



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- February 18** – Ash Wednesday; First day of Lent
- February 19** – Group Picture Day
- February 25** – 11:45 Dismissal (Faculty Workshops)
- February 26** – Augustine Education Scholarship Fund - deadline for application
- March 4** – 11:45 Dismissal (Faculty Workshops)
- March 10** – Re-registration due
- March 13** – Movie Night

From Endangered to Extinction Learning How to Protect our Wildlife

By: Mrs. Young

Ms. Ronnie Wassil, director of the Assistance League of Hawaii, shared with grades 4 and 5 the importance of protecting our wildlife throughout the world.

The workshop kicked off with a power point presentation that explained five reasons why animals become endangered or extinct.

Following the presentation, the students were given the opportunity to observe various endangered animals on exhibit including a number of different real animal pelts and furs.



Middle School Students Get Hands on Experience Understanding Climate Change

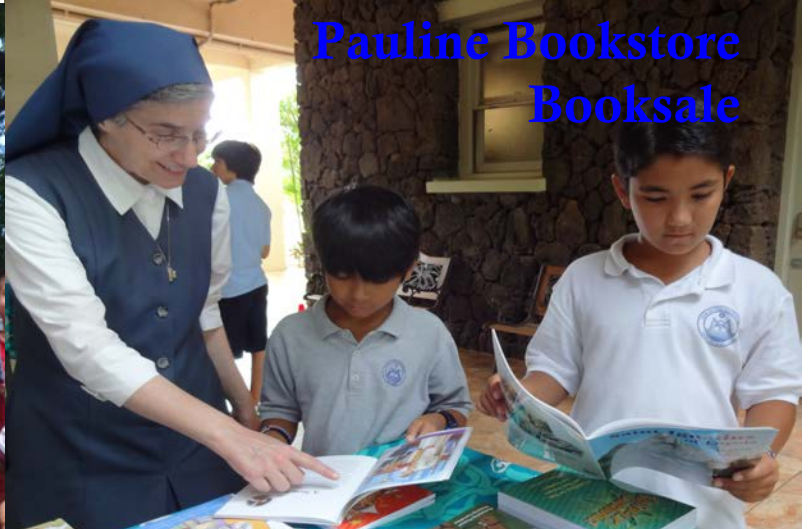
By: Ms. Veresan



On Thursday, February 5th, students in grades 6-8 enjoyed a day of outdoor science learning at Sandy Beach Park. This was the *makai* component of a program with the Hawaii Nature Center called *From Mauka to Makai: Understanding Climate Change Impacts in the Ahupua'a*. Students investigated the issue of marine debris and helped clean up the beach. They also conducted a field study of the tide pools, assessing biodiversity and environmental conditions.



Proud of our Country



Pauline Bookstore Booksale



Parent Luncheon



Congratulations Mr. Lacro!

Catholic Schools' Week Highlights at SOS



Hero Day

How Can Counting Be So Much Fun and Taste Soooooo Good!

By: Mrs. Won and Ms.

On February 4th, 2015 3A and 3B participated in a variety of activities to celebrate 100 days of school.



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3D PRINTING?

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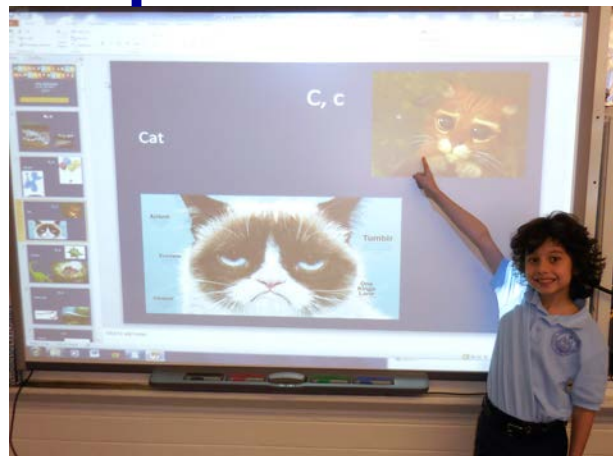
By: Mr. Skillicorn



In computer class, Abraham Marsh from 5B presented some actual items he printed out (with help from Dad) with his 3D printer! 3D printing is a new technology where a physical object can be printed from a digital model. Abraham showed us two whistles, a cup, and a toy robot that he recently designed and printed!



PowerPoint Experts by Mr. Skillicorn



Third graders are currently working on a 28-slide power point presentation in computer class. Students are exploring a variation of PowerPoint tools and are customizing their "alphabet" slideshows with images, font styles, and background colors. Later, they will be given the opportunity to proudly present their masterpieces upon completion.

FROM SCIENCE TO BURSTING BUBBLE FUN



Thank you PTG for sponsoring our guest performer the Amazing Bubble Man!



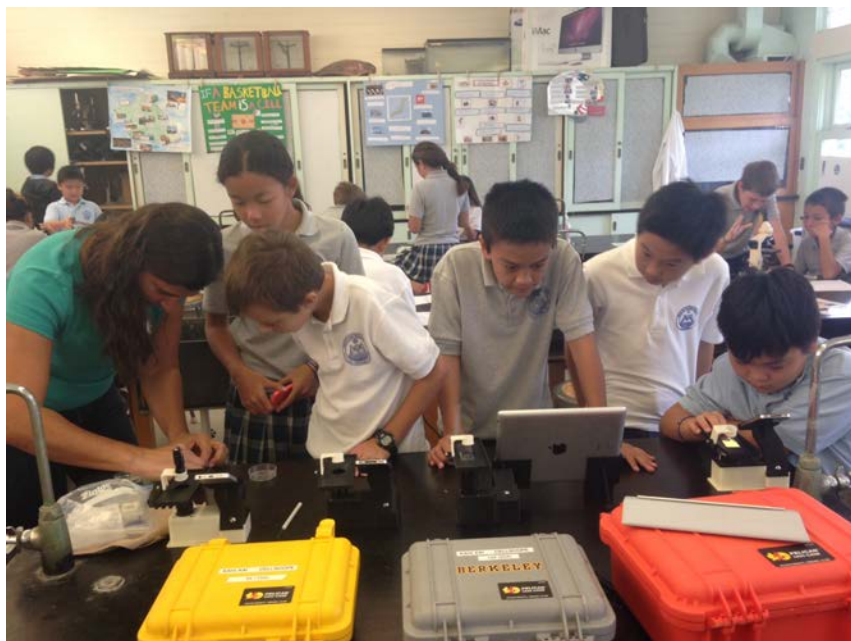
Google Apps For Education

By: Mrs. McMahon



Chrome Books

have been put to good use in the intermediate division. Students have been utilizing the newly purchased devices for research and curriculum enrichment.



PLANKTON

LAB By: Ms. Veresan

In Ms. Veresan's science lab, 6th grade students used microscopes to investigate zooplankton in local seawater samples. Two marine biologists from the University of Hawai'i came in to help students identify plankton, as well as record the tiny animals with special Cell Scopes that work in combination with iPhones and iPads.



The **Angel Voices Choir** of Star of the Sea was first established in February of 2014. To celebrate its first anniversary, the choir will be hosting its first All-You-Can-Eat Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, 02/28/2015, at 6:30pm** in the Cafeteria. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the parish for the building of a Rock Waterfall in the garden right outside of church.

Please come and support this ministry of our parish and meet some of the choir members that evening! **Children ages 5 and older are welcome to join the choir.** Please contact the STAR OF THE SEA rectory at 734-0396 for more information.