

Star of the Sea School

Ka`aha`ilono Hōkū

Student Council 2010-2011



Congratulations to our newly elected and inducted Star of the Sea Student Council Members. The induction ceremony took place on Friday, September 3, 2010 in the Star of the Sea Church. Mrs. Souza installed the students while Father Mark Del Rosario blessed them following their acceptance pledges. The student council is looking forward to planning and implementing school wide activities and leading the school in service projects throughout the school year. Pictured above, left to right, are Mrs. Carola Souza, Principal, Ms. Monique DesJarlais, Advisor, Kaytee Ching, Secretary, Christian Edwards, Representative at Large, Cayla Moore, President, Keegan McCrary, Treasurer, Kuki'i Falahee-Walker, Vice President, Tyler Sylvester, Historian, Taylor Lee, Sergeant-at-arms, and Mrs. Margaret Rufo, Advisor.



Council members already hard at work, recycling cans and bottles from the school cafeteria.

Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 9 – Flu Vaccination Forms are due back to homeroom teachers.

Sept 9/10 - 11:45 Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences

Sept 13 FALL BOOK FAIR

Sept 21 ECRA WRITING TEST
Grades 4, 6, & 8

Sept 27 FALL PICTURE DAY

Sept 29 11:45 Dismissal
Faculty Meeting

Sept 30 5th Grade Big Island Trip

Oct 4-15 Fall Break
Oct 18 School Resumes

Oct 19 Terra Nova Testing Week

UPCOMING EVENTS

Star of the Sea School's Big Island Tradition Celebrates 20 Years!

It's been 20 years since Star of the Sea 5th grade students made their first of what would become an annual trip to the Big Island. This year's trip will depart on September 30, and excitement is mounting.

"The trip is a tradition in the 5th grade," said 5th grade homeroom teacher Mrs. Dianne Zbin. "It is an integral part of our educational curriculum."

Mrs. Nettie Hoffman, who also has a fifth grade homeroom, described the trip as "...an opportunity for the students to experience and see first hand the active Hawaiian volcanoes."

The 5th grade students, their teachers, and some parent chaperones, will depart early on Thursday on Hawaiian Airlines, and the tour begins in Hilo. They will visit Rainbow Falls, Boiling Pots, Akaka Falls and Big Island Candies. After lunch, they will go to Kilauea Volcano to visit the Volcano House Observatory, Halema'uma'u Crater, Devastation Trail, Thurston Lava Tube, Jagger Museum, and part of the Chain of Crater Road.

They will spend the night at the Kilauea Military Camp. After dinner at KMC, they will have an evening of bowling, air hockey, pool, table ping pong and miniature golf.

.Friday, they will visit the Black Sand Beach, Na'alehu Bakery, City of Refuge, Painted Church, Kona, Ahu'ena Heiau, Hulihe'e Palace, Saint Michael's Church, Kealaokamalamalama Church and the Onizuka Museum before flying back to Honolulu.



7th GRADE is up for the "CHALLENGE"

The seventh and eighth grade students at Star of the Sea Middle School participate annually in a field trip to the **Challenger Center Hawaii**. This center gives students an opportunity to participate in a role-playing simulated space mission. This experience emphasizes problem solving and critical thinking while helping to develop communication skills and teamwork. Their goal is to successfully achieve lunar orbit and navigate a landing site on the moon. The Challenger Center is located in Kapolei and is a NASA sponsored teaching center. This year our mission is in November. Pictured above is last year's crew that made it to the moon!

FALL PICTURES

This year, fall pictures will be held on September 27, 2010. Please be sure to submit your fall picture order form to your child's homeroom teacher prior to this day.



SAY "CHEESE!!"



Upcoming Events

BOOK FAIR

Here's to our Heroes! Reading saves the day!

The annual Star of the Sea Scholastic Book Fair — will be held September 13-17 and is one of the biggest and best events of the school year. This year's fair is called "Here's to our Heroes."

Why should you participate in our book Fair?

1. Book Fairs encourage reading.
2. Book Fairs promote literacy.
3. Book Fairs are fun!
4. Book Fairs raise money for the school.

Mrs. Ann Githere, Star of the Sea librarian, describes the Fair as "a reading event packed with excitement for students and families."

"It brings the books kids love to our school in an atmosphere of fun," Mrs. Githere said. "Because everyday heroes surround us, the heroes theme allows students to celebrate all types of heroics, from the ordinary to the extraordinary, inspired by a love for books."

"The book fair connects students with books at affordable prices and makes reading a positive experience," said Mrs. Carola Souza, principal. "Children are more likely to read the books they personally get to choose."

Mrs. Souza encourages parents to visit the Fair in person, if possible. But to accommodate those who cannot come to the school library between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., a Book List Order Form has been sent home to all Star of the Sea Families.

Mrs. Githere is also asking for parents to volunteer to help students find books, fill student orders, ring up sales and collect money, and to keep books in order. Shifts are from 30 minutes to an hour-long.

Flu Shot

Immunizations have been scheduled for **NOVEMBER 18, 2010**. Please be sure to submit your permission slips to your child's teacher by September 9.

Student Life

Star of the Sea Year book Club

Mr. Skillicorn is very excited to work with the Yearbook Club on producing a great yearbook for students and family's to enjoy. We will be learning how to take and organize digital pictures as well as working with the Lifetouch website to build our yearbook! If you see us taking pictures, remember to smile!

Pictured left to right: **Ruby Choi, Ashley Kim, Rachel Hedeem, Ariel Tseng, Tzana Saldania, Kuki'i Falahee-Walker, Kaytee Ching, Cayla Moore, Taylor Lee, Keegan McCrary, Kobe Takaesu, and Tyler Sylvester.**



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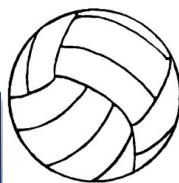
The **STAR OF THE SEA GIRLS AND BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS** are getting ready for their first season game on Tuesday, September 14th at Star of the Sea Gymnasium.

Check out the schedule for future games and locations.

**Come out to support your
SOS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS!**

BOYS' TEAM: Logan Nishimura, Keegan McCrary, James Boulware, Keli'i Kekoolani, Michael Miske, Hayato Kamata, Kamakoa Wong, Christopher Lee, Micah Nishimura, Nicholas Wong, Nalu Coito, Fitu Maka, and Makoto Kamata

GIRLS' TEAM: Cayla Moore, Ruby Choi, Kuki'i Falahee-Walker, Tzana Saldania, Ariel Tseng, Kaytee Ching, Jewel Taitano, Camille Muir, Shannon-Bay Gregory, Kanani Kato, Jordan Ishida, and Kristina Kealoha



STAR OF THE SEA VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

TUES, SEPT 14	Girls Boys	3:30 4:30	SOS Gym SOS Gym
THUR., SEPT 16	Girls Boys	3:30 4:30	SOS Gym SOS Gym
TUES, SEPT 21	Girls Boys	3:30 4:30	St. Patrick St. Patrick
WED, SEPT 22	Girls Boys	3:30 4:30	SOS Gym SOS Gym
MON, SEPT 27	Girls Boys	3:30 4:30	St. John the Baptist
THUR, SEPT 30	Girls Boys	3:30 4:30	SOS Gym SOS Gym

Student Life



Look at what's
happening in
5th Grade!

BIOGRAPHY DAY BRINGS OUT SOME VERY FAMOUS PEOPLE

Every year in early September, Star of the Sea campus is visited by some very famous people.

If you thought you saw Albert Einstein, Walt Disney or Amelia Earhart, it wasn't your imagination. It was just the 5th grade students enjoying their annual Biography Day. The students read a Biography about a famous person and then become that person for the day.

Their teachers --- Mrs. Dianne Zbin, a.k.a. Betsy Ross, and Mrs. Nettie Hoffman, who was Michelle Obama this year – say it is a great way to make learning fun.



Student Life

***Pictured left - 3rd graders
experimenting with rocks
and minerals***

**Welcome
to THIRD
GRADE!**

**This Month's
Curriculum Studies
for 3A & 3B**
(Subject to change)

3A Ohana

I have enjoyed working with your child over the past few weeks and am looking forward to a wonderful school year with them! In an effort to keep you informed of our lessons/activities, upcoming events, etc. I will be distributing a monthly newsletter. We will also continue to use the Student Agenda Books and weekly 'Hoku (star) Reflections' to communicate. It is important for us to work together because we are one big "Ohana" (family)!!

Thank you for all your donations to our "3A Ohana Store". They continue to work hard each and everyday to earn their 'bonus bucks'. The students are so excited to earn more 'bonus bucks' and to go shopping! It has been a great incentive for the students to work hard and do their best.

Language/Reading: *Weekly Spelling Lists, Spalding Phonics, and Sentences*

Science: *Rocks and Soil, Weathering and Erosion, Earth*

Social Studies: *Labor Day
Parent Career Week (Sept. 13-17, 2010)*

Geography: *Distance and Scale
Resource - Landform - Route Maps*

Religion: *Our Church Is Holy*

Math: *Addition Properties
2-3 Digit Addition, Estimating Sums*

*Thank you for supporting
your child's education.
"Reach For The Stars"*

Service

Helping Those In Need By Supporting a Medical Mission

For years, Star of the Sea School students and families have answered the call of Jesus to help the poor and needy, by supporting various charitable organizations.

"It has been our privilege to assist when assistance is needed," said Mrs. Carola Souza, Star of the Sea School Principal. "We do these charitable acts of mercy throughout the year, with the cooperation of the administration, faculty, and the entire school 'ohana."

One of the humanitarian endeavors that is supported by our school are the doctors and medical staff who aid the poor in foreign countries, said Mrs. Betlynda Young, faculty coordinator for the Ohana Medical Mission Faculty Committee. "Annually, since 1999, Star of the Sea has made donations of cash and checks to enable the PMAH Ohana Medical Missions to aid in the humanitarian endeavor of helping the poor and sick of the Philippines."

Dr. Reuben Guerrero, internist, oncologist and a parishioner of Star of the Sea Church, and Dr. Elenita Alvarez, president of PMAH Ohana Medical Missions oversee the disbursement of donations.

Star of the Sea families are asked to send in donations by September 27. Donations are tax deductible, said Mrs. Souza.

Middle School Students Show They Care!

Mahalo to our Student Volunteers from Middle School who will be raising and lowering our national and state flags on a daily basis, and will be leading us in our flag raising ceremonies throughout the school year.

Flag members include:

Taylor Lee, Matthew Christman, Malia Desmarais, Kuki'I Falahee-Walker, Rachel Hedeem, Shannon-Bay Gregory, Christian Edwards, Keegan McCrary, Evan Low, Kobe Takaesu, Keli'I Kekoolani, Harrison Bull, Tzana Saldania, Keali'I Akiona-Soares, Tyler Sylvester, Camille Muir, James Boulware, Richard Tramontano, and Hayato Kamata