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SUPPORT

The power of ONE

During your year-end giving

One school
One community
One gift



The 2015 to 2016 Annual Fund campaign, "The power of One," has launched!

One gift from you allows us to accomplish amazing things at the Academy and unites us as one school and one community.

On behalf of the school, parents **Kelly Gillis** and **Kari Nettel**, chairs for the family component of the campaign, ask that you please consider making one gift to the fund during your year-end giving because there is power in just one gift!

To make a gift, contact **Development Director Emily Torres** as 808-734-5058, ext. 333, or visit www.sacredhearts.org.

What **ONE** gift can do

\$50

- Allows 20 Preschool students to enhance their STEM skills using new manipulative sets

\$100

- Provides supplies so a student can express her creativity through the arts

\$1,000

- Allows members of athletic teams to hone their skills using new equipment

\$5,000

- Provides new iPads with the latest apps for 200 Lower Students to use to research and create

From the Head of School

SHARING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



Two millennia ago and more, a child was born in Bethlehem to an unwed teenage mother. It was a birth that changed the world.

Today has been a very blessed time for our parents and grandparents of the Lower School. They received the Christmas spirit in its best form in song, dance, instrumentation and scriptures.

The young students reminded all in attendance that Christmas is the season to celebrate the coming of Christ in the birth of a little baby boy. Christmas is a celebration of God's love for each of us.

During this Christmas season, encourage your daughters and granddaughters to take the message of song, dance or scripture readings to share at family gatherings. And, once again, I take this opportunity to say how grateful we are to be a part of your daughter's education.

Betty White

Athletes develop positive mindset

The **Athletic Department** hosted a session with **Kiha Pimental** of the **Positive Coaching Alliance** on December 4.

Pimental, a former teammate of John Elway at Stanford University and a consultant to Fortune 500 companies, covered the research of **Dr. Carol Dweck** focusing on "**Mindsets: The Psychology of Success and Learning to Fulfill Our Potential.**"

With the over 80 students and Lancer coaches in attendance, Pimental discussed how making mistakes is a normal, natural part of the improvement process; how the students can learn to deal mistakes and not dwell on them; and how to develop a ritual to move on.



Dates to Note

CHRISTMAS PARALITURGY

> December 14 at 7:50 a.m. in the Gymnasium

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAMS

> December 15, 16 and 17

CHRISTMAS BREAK

> December 18 to January 4

ALUMNAE FORUM

> January 6

PWH students exhibit perseverance, wisdom and hope

From December 3 to 6, four trustees from the Seattle-based **Patrick Wallace Hopper (PWH) Educational Foundation** visited Catholic schools in the Hawai'i, including the Academy, to meet and spend time with the **PWH Scholars** the Foundation sponsors.

In conjunction with the Augustine Educational Foundation, the PWH Educational Foundation has nine Academy scholars in its program.

On December 4, the Trustees, along with **Bob Leong**, president of the Foundation, toured the school, met the Academy's nine scholars and discovered how each is benefiting from participation in the program.

The following day, the trustees joined the 30 scholars from around the State during a service project at **Next**



Step Shelter. Here, the group staged a "Winter Fiesta" for the Shelter's guests.

Other Hawai'i Catholic Schools participate in the PWH Scholars Program, including Damien Memorial School, Saint Francis and Saint Joseph's in Hilo.

Singers combine Voices of Aloha

Approximately 20 **University of Hawai'i (UH) Chamber Singers** joined the Academy's **Select Choir** in the Chapel for a mini-exchange concert on December 5.

These students, under the guidance of **Miguel Felipe**, the director of Choral Activities, are considered the best singers at UH.



Felipe and Academy **Choral Director Alec Schumacker** led the group in warm-up activities. Each choir sang two songs before combining for a joint performance.

The visiting singers also shared about their experiences at UH and how the Academy students can incorporate choir activities into their schedule on the collegiate level.



lancer robotics

VEX teams earn spots in State Championships

► GRADES ONE TO THREE FIRST LEGO LEAGUE JR. EXPO

Fifty Lower School **FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Jr.** students showcased their skills at the **FLL Expo** on December 5 at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.

On Sundays leading up to the event, the students met in the Robotics Lab and worked on their **"Waste Wise Model"** FLL Jr. project, under the guidance of **Peter Park**, a team coach and parents.

Using the theme, the six FLL Jr. teams researched all about trash, recycling and more; chose a subject for their project; built simple LEGO machines and presented the information they discovered on a "Show Me Poster."

The projects ran the gamut, including:

- > The first grade *Aqua Girls* built a hydroponics display;
- > The *Unstoppable Owl* team of first graders focused on recycled tires;
- > The second grade *Flower Power* team covered all-things compost;
- > The *LEGO Lancers* second graders planned a cell phone recycling plant;
- > The second grade *Recycle Girls* covered a plastic recycling plant and made toys from recycled materials;
- > The third grade *Phoenix Power* team discussed converting waste to energy at a H-Power Plant.

With all the students and parents participating in the FLL Jr. 2015 challenge, the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall was filled with Lancer Robotics yellow!



► FIRST LEGO LEAGUE STYRO-BLASTERS

The Lower School **Robotics team**, the **Styro-Blasters**, competed against 41 other teams at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall in the 2015 **FIRST LEGO League (FLL) State Tournament**.

For their **"Trash Trek"** challenge, the students focused on the use and recycling of styrofoam trays and were judged in the categories of robot design, project, robot performance and core values, or teamwork.

The Academy Blasters, under the guidance of **Coaches Lacey Teshima** and **Jennifer Arthur**, did extremely well in all four categories, winning an award for Core Values Teamwork!

