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## Catholic schools celebrate communities

Joining over 8,000 schools across the nation, the Academy 'ohana celebrated *Catholic Schools Week 2016* this past week.

The annual celebration focuses on the value Catholic education provides to students and the contributions it

makes to the local and world community.

Academy activities ran the gamut from the *Living in Faith Experience Mass and Walk* to races and games in the Lower School, all following this year's theme, "*Catholic*

*Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.*"

On Friday, students had no school but faculty and staff from around the Island descended on campus for the *Annual Conference of Catholic Educators (ACCE)*. In addition to a Mass, presided over by *Bishop Larry Silva*, long-time staff of Hawai'i Catholic Schools were honored, including the Academy's *Deborah Kula (right)*, 30 years, and *Margy O'Kelly (left)*, 20 years.



### DEBORAH KULA

Kula began her tenure at the Academy in 1985 when she joined the school as a High School mathematics teacher.

A leader in the Catholic church, Kula enjoys sharing her faith while teaching and participating in varied activities to build community, try new things and strengthen the community.

### MARGY O'KELLY

O'Kelly, celebrating her 20th year teaching at the Academy, has fostered a love of reading and writing in the countless students enrolled in her High School English classes.

O'Kelly enjoys teaching and interacting with her colleagues and appreciates the Academy's strong emphasis on moral and character development in students and educators.



## From the Head of School



### HONORING LONGTIME EDUCATORS

*This week, Catholic educators, students and schools celebrated over 160 years of providing outstanding Catholic education to students throughout the Islands.*

*In Hawai'i today, there are 42 Catholic schools providing education to over 15,000 students in 24 elementary schools, ten early learning centers, seven high schools and a University.*

*Collectively, Hawai'i's Catholic schools serve a rainbow of ethnic, economic and religious backgrounds.*

*This Friday, approximately 800 staff and religious leaders were here on our campus to celebrate Mass with Bishop Larry Silva and to have multiple opportunities for professional development workshops and fellowship.*

*Our gratitude goes out to each parent whose time, effort and financial support has helped perpetuate our outstanding Catholic learning community here at Sacred Hearts.*

*And, our warmest congratulations to Deborah Kula and Margy O'Kelly who are marking 30 and 20 years, respectively, at Sacred Hearts.*

*Betty White*

## Swimmers find stroke

The Academy was well represented in the *Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Swimming Championships* on January 29 and 30 at Punahou School.

Competing under the "flag" of *Pac-Five*, sophomore *LeGrand Pound* (below) won the 100-yard freestyle in 52.03 and swam a personal best 24.14 in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing second in the event.

Sophomores *Julia Oehlers* and *Kaianali'i Rosa-Grace* also ranked in the top 20 in their events, the 100-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle event, respectively.

With solid times garnered during the ILH season, Pound, Oehlers, Rosa-Grace and teammates *Angela Lowell* and *Jadelyn Warren* qualified to compete in the 200-freestyle and 200-individual medley relays in the *State Championships*, slated for February 12 and 13 at Kamehameha Schools-Hawai'i. Pound also qualified to compete for the State titles in various events.

Also swimming for Pac-Five, under *Coach Mark Tanigawa*, are *Olivia Bruce*, *Tiana Coen* and *Milena Ordonez*, while *Kelci Deuz*, *Nathalie Kerrigan*, *Fiona Sun* and *Jennalyn Sun* participate on the Intermediate level.



## Museum goes taken back to time of Hawaiians of Old

Textbook learning came to life on February 4 when the fourth graders “opened” their *Hawaiian Studies Museums* in their classrooms.

Using their textbook, “*Hawaiians of Old*,” as a foundation, each student was tasked with becoming an “expert” on a topic covered in their book.

Subjects chosen ran the gamut from *Lauhala* weaving to Hawaiian gods, Night Marchers to *kalo*, and more.

Each student researched her topic, created a presentation board with facts and graphics and made an authentic 3-D model.

The fourth graders presented their findings the morning of the Museum, sharing information and answering questions posed by parents and students from other classes.



**ABOVE:** Lacey Teshima and her fourth grade class

**ABOVE LEFT:** Jenny Le learns how to play the game Konane from Destinee Aarona.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Kili Kockelman demonstrates Hei, Hawaiian string games.

**LEFT:** Wanda Pila and her fourth grade class

## It was 100 days and counting

The Academy's kindergartners and first graders celebrated the milestone of reaching *100 Days of School* on January 27. To mark the occasion, the students participated in a myriad of fun activities throughout the day related to 100.

Each class participated different 100 Days activities, including *Renaye Oyer's* students (*below*) who made "100 snack mix" of 10 pieces of 10 different types of snacks, such as animal crackers, marshmallows and raisins; *Sandy Arnobit's* three and four-year-old students who counted out 100 items; and *Sharon Fukayama's* first graders who wrote 100 words and built a tower of 100 cups.



## More celebrations of Kung Hee Fat Choy!

The Academy's first graders prepared to celebrate *Chinese New Year's* on February 8 after visiting the *Chinatown Cultural Plaza* on January 29.

Here, the students were immersed in Chinese culture, learned various tidbits of Mandarin Chinese, practiced basic tai chi "moves" and visited shops stocked with items for *Chinese Year of the Monkey*.



Counselors honored during

HAPPY NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

To highlight the impact counselors have in the lives of their students, the Academy joined the week-long celebrations for *National School Counseling Week 2016* from February 1 to 5.

For their roles as advocates, moderators, consultants, planners and teachers, the counselors (*from left*) *Anna Miyashiro, Randy Fong, Fiona Hayashi, Cleo Eubanks, Angie Dolan* and *Ashley Fernandez* were recognized during morning flag this past Monday.

