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Chasing first day jitters away!

Carrie Knebel helped her *Junior Kindergarten (JK)* students get rid of their "first day jitters" on August 8, the first day of school through a variety of similar-themed activities.

The kindergartners read "*First Day Jitters*" by Julie Danneberg, which tells the story of a young girl who is scared to start at a new school where she doesn't know anyone. What follows is a busy day and a resolution to the jittery translation.

Knebel also shared her special salve for first day jitters, a "recipe" for special concoction called "Jitter Juice:"

*Have you heard of Jitter Juice?
It's magic and it's yummy!
It makes the butterflies fly away,
right out of my tummy!
The bubbles in this silly juice
will help you not to worry.
So grab a cup and drink it up!
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!*

Summer officially ended on the first day of school for the Academy's almost 900 students, who enthusiastically embarked on the journey of the new school year.

Although the three- and four-year-old JK students are the youngest on campus, but they are, by far, "tops" in enthusiasm and spirit and eagerly look forward to the days ahead!



From the Head of School

LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR YEAR



Although the students have only completed "Day Eight" of the year's approximate 176, they welcomed being free this past Thursday and Friday for the Hawai'i Catholic Schools Mass and the Admissions holiday to regroup after getting the "lay of the land" for another school year.

These first few days have been filled with student and parent orientations, teacher professional development and training and, most definitely, renewing and developing friendships and lots of catching up on the events of the summer for both adults and students!

As the students return to school on Monday, for the most part, daily routines have been set. Thank you for your patience and input as we strive to fine-tune even further our procedures with traffic, food service, book ordering, After School Care and traffic patterns.

Edline continues to be the Academy's primary tool to communicate with Academy parents. If you need help navigating the site at any time, send an email to Dean Cyril Pires at cpires@sacredhearts.org.

We will welcome parents of students in grades seven to 12 for "Back To School Night" on Thursday, August 25 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is a "must" attend evening when parents meet the teachers!

Have a restful weekend!

Betty White

Looking for a few good women

In a continuing partnership, Academy students can again participate in the *Junior Reserve Officer Training*



Corps (JROTC) programs at *Punahou School* and *Saint Louis School (SLS)* this school year.

Benefits of JROTC participation include:

- Providing an excellent opportunity for students to develop leadership, responsibility and service skills;
- Participating in integrated-curricular activities, including drills, team competitions, marksmanship and Ranger unit challenges;
- Increasing collegiate opportunities, such as eligibility for military-related scholarships and appointments to the prestigious military academies – although military service is not required after completing the course.

Students are encouraged to learn more about the programs during an informational session slated for the week of August 22. For more information, contact *Randall Fong* at 808.734.5058, ext. 231, or rfong@sacredhearts.org.

Movin' on up (or around)

Before students returned on August 8, *Cleo Eubanks* had already spent weeks on the job as the *Director of Student Activities*. She replaces Toni Normand.

Eubanks is advising the High School Student Council and overseeing other aspects of student-life, including clubs, activities and the PWH Scholars Program.



Retreat focuses on reflection and the future

Fourteen *Patrick Wallace Hopper (PWH) Educational Foundation* scholars participated in their annual summer retreat from July 22 to 24 at Saint Stephen's Diocesan Center.

The Academy's PWH scholars joined 34 others from Damien Memorial School, Saint Francis and Saint Joseph's in Hilo for a myriad of activities over the course of the three-day overnight retreat.

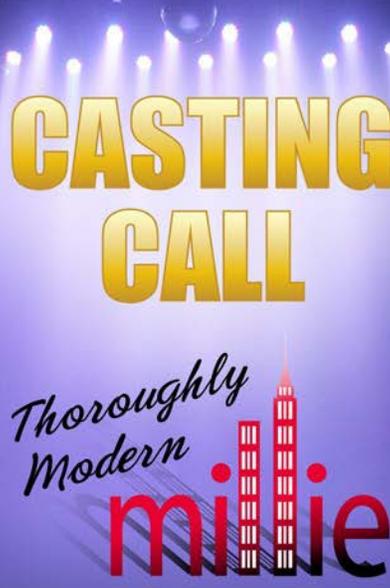
Topics discussed during the small and large group sessions, included the importance of being grateful, thankful and blessed; understanding personal identity; learning from mentors; preparing for college and more.

The students also attended sessions with prominent community members, including big-wave surfer *Clyde Aikau*, before attending the keynote session with *Francesca Weems*.

A former broadcast sports reporter, Weems shared her life's story of going from being homeless as a child to attending college to becoming a public relations professional at Communications Pacific – a journey aided by her athletics skills and sports, which taught her many important life lessons.

The retreat was concluded with Mass, celebrated by *Fr. Gary Secor*.





CASTING CALL

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SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY'S
FALL PRODUCTION TRYOUTS
(for students in grades nine to 12)

AUGUST 29 AND 30 – 5 TO 7 P.M.
MAMIYA THEATRE

*Interested talent should prepare
a joke to tell and two contrasting
songs to sing a capella or with a
minus-one track without
vocals on CD or mobile device.*

INFORMATION: Kyle Kakuno
at 739-4886 or
kyle@mamiyatheatre.com

Legacy DINNER

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016
5:30 P.M. | STUDENT CENTER

For alumnae with daughters and granddaughters
currently attending the Academy to CELEBRATE THEIR LEGACY

Attire is "casual dress" | RSVP by contacting tkiyabu@sacredhearts.org or
808.734.5058, ext. 333 or at <http://tinyurl.com/shalegacy16>

NEW *faculty*

With the start of the new school year, eight new faculty and staff members have joined the Academy 'ohana.

► **DANICA Baylor**

First Grade

Prior to joining the Academy, **Danica Baylor** taught third and fourth grade at Island Pacific Academy.



Her experience also includes working in the Summer Programs at Iolani and Stevenson Middle Schools.

Baylor holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington.

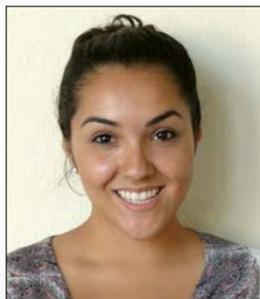
She is currently enjoying life as a "newlywed," having married her "best friend" last summer.

She also has run two full marathons and nine half-marathons!

► **FELICIA Cazares**

Dance and Yoga

Felicia Cazares, an Academy graduate, studied at Saint Mary's College of California, earning an undergraduate degree in Dance and Communications.



Cazares has a vast resume of dance-related experience in a wide array of genres, including modern, jazz, ballet, tap and hip-hop.

She has worked as a dancer, performer, teacher and choreographer.

She is a former amateur boxer and boxing coach.

► **MARCIA Chaddock**

Grade Nine Counselor

Marcia Chaddock comes to the Academy with eight years experience as a counselor and Spanish teacher at Holy Names Academy in Seattle.



A 1998 graduate of Iolani School, Chaddock earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Communications from Tulane University. She holds two Master's Degrees from Seattle Pacific University – one in School Counseling and the other in Teaching.

Chaddock's free-time activities include spending time with her husband, two young children and seven-year-old pug, often at the Honolulu Zoo or a playground.

► **LISA Matsushita**

Japanese and English as a Second Language

Lisa Matsushita is well-qualified to guide the Academy's Japanese and English as a Second Language students in grades seven to 12.

Matsushita has lived in Argentina and California while a student and in Shimonoseki, Japan, where she taught English.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Pepperdine University and a Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults.

Matsushita operated her own business, Click! Languages, before joining the Academy.

Her family includes her husband and two young daughters.

Matsushita enjoys playing the piano and singing.



NEW *faculty*

► **ZACHARY Moore**

Choral Music

Recently, *Zachary Moore* graduated from Northern Arizona University (NAU) with an undergraduate



degree in Music Education and relocated to the Islands.

Moore served as the assistant conductor for NAU's University Singers and spent a semester studying and singing abroad at the University of Tartu in Estonia, Russia.

Moore's resume also includes stints as a violin, viola and voice instructor.

New to Honolulu, Moore likes to bike, explore town and find cafes.

► **JAN MARIE Patinio**

Fourth Grade

J a n M a r i e P a t i n i o worked for over a year in human resources before returning to teaching.



Currently, Patinio is working towards a doctorate in Higher Education Leadership at Grand Canyon University. She holds her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Chaminade University.

Her 13 years of educational experience includes working at Saint Francis and Saint Michael's School and Hawai'i Baptist Academy.

She aims to encourage her students to be inquisitive.

► **MELINDA Smith**

English

Melinda Smith is focused on inspiring her English students to "find their voice" and be strong, independent women.



Smith holds dual-citizenship in the United States and Australia and enjoys indulging with chocolate – Australian brands.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in English and Anthropology from the University of Oregon and a Master's Degree from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM). She is also working on a doctorate in English from UHM.

Currently, Smith is the director of the Children's Literature Hawai'i Conference.

► **KANA Takahashi**

Sixth Grade

Having earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Bryn Mawr College, *Kana Takahashi* is a strong proponent of single-gender education for girls.

She also holds a Master's Degree in Teaching from Chaminade University.

Takahashi hopes to inspire her sixth grade social studies and science students and will share insights from her experience as a member of the Bryn Mawr Varsity Women's Lacrosse Team.

Takahashi's experience includes stints as a math teacher and specialist at Hillbrook School in Los Gatos, California, and as a teacher at Farrington High School and University Laboratory School.

Takahashi and her husband have two young children, and they enjoy going to the beach and eating ramen.

