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Building community one scholar at a time

As part of its mission to support educational efforts, the Patrick Wallace Hopper (PWH) Educational Foundation sponsors the PWH Scholars Program for youth.

This program, administered by the Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF), provides finances and enables deserving students to receive a Catholic education that they would not otherwise be able to experience.

Currently, there are 50 participants enrolled at the Academy and Damien Memorial, Saint Francis and Saint Joseph-Hilo Schools.

Expectations in and out of the classroom are high for the Academy's 14 PWH Scholars, who are enjoying the many aspects of the school's student experience.

They have immersed themselves into extra-curricular endeavors, including athletics, choir, dance and leadership, and academically, the scholars are thriving.

The PWH Scholars also serve the community, and so far, they have been involved with volunteer functions with United States Vets and Habitat for Humanity.

The Academy is grateful for the work of the school's PWH coordinator, **Cleo Eubanks**, who connects regularly with parents and guardians about student progress, and especially, **PWH Foundation President Bob Leong**, who visits campus three times a year to personally "connect" and bond with the scholars in his program.

In addition, the PWH program also receives much support from **Karen Muramoto** and **Dawn Tello**, and a special "mahalo" is extended to Leong and **Sue Ferandin** and **Tonya Stevenson** from AEF.



From the Head of School

FALL ACTIVITIES AND COLLEGE PREPPING

The first quarter officially ended this past Thursday, so it is a perfect time for a couple of days of Fall Break. Best wishes for enjoying a bit of free time with your daughters.



A container of new classroom furniture arrived Friday morning so the campus was bustling!

Fright Night is on again this year. Thanks to the Parent Organization for sponsoring this exciting event on Friday, October 28. There will be ghosts and goblins "a plenty" to welcome your family and many exciting surprises in-store.

Fright Night is a whole school function – the younger students love the excitement, and the older students enjoy serving and working to make Fright Night possible and memorable for those in attendance.

We send "aloha" to the High School students who left Thursday evening with Academy Counselor Angela Dolan to visit colleges in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

Close to 60 percent of last year's seniors chose to attend mainland schools. By far, the majority chose medium-sized, Catholic universities with spirit similar to the Academy, including Santa Clara, Loyola Marymount, Creighton, Gonzaga, Seattle University and Notre Dame.

College Counselor Randy Fong always discusses with the seniors the outstanding collegiate options in Hawai'i, and nearly 34 percent of the 2016 graduates entered the University of Hawai'i system or Chaminade University.

Betty White

All we want to do is dance!

A trio of Academy students take the stage when the wildly popular show "**Billy Elliot the Musical**"



comes to life at Diamond Head Theatre (DHT). Rylie Goto, Kira Stone, Alyse Glaser and Head of School Betty White.

Seventh grader **Rylie Goto** and eighth grader **Alana Glaser** fill roles as a "Ballet Girl;" sophomore **Kira Stone** plays a "Clipboard Woman" and is part of the Ensemble.

The "Artisans" working on this production, under the direction of John Rampage, includes **Phil Hidalgo**, a regular Choir accompanist at the Academy, who serves as musical director for the Elton John numbers in the play.

Billy Elliot runs through October 16, and tickets can be purchased at www.diamondheadtheatre.com/tickets.

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NOVEMBER 6 and 13 at 4 p.m.

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Seventh graders have campy time

The Academy's seventh graders took a break from academics for an overnight trip to **Camp Erdman** on September 29 and 30.

This annual trip kicks-off the students' trek in Junior High and marks a number of different activities to ease their transition to High School.

The goal of the two-day trip to Camp Erdman, nestled along the scenic Waianae Mountain Range, is to help the seventh graders get to know each other better, foster team-building skills, build character and learn to positively encourage one another.

Perhaps, the activity which best fulfills the objectives of the seventh grade trip is the Odyssey course. According to **Junior High Advisor Kaycie Baltunado**, this year, all of the students scaled the "spider web," inclined cargo net to reach the course, set about 30 feet above the ground. While not all navigated across the rope field, reaching the top is an accomplishment in and of itself.

And, those who took on the spider web and the Odyssey challenge were enthusiastically cheered on by their classmates from the ground and along the course as well.



LEFT: The seventh graders put on safety gear before taking on the Odyssey course.

BELOW RIGHT: The students scale the spider web to reach the top of the high ropes course.

BELOW LEFT: Encouraged by classmates, a group of seventh graders navigates the Odyssey.



I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Recently, the **Junior Kindergartners (JK)** delved into pretending to be purveyors and customers with the opening of the **JK Ice Cream Shop!**

In addition to fostering imagination during this activity, the students refined their math skills by carefully counting the number of “scoops” needed to fill their orders and sorting the ice cream cups by size.

The ice cream makers also worked on their “customer service” listening and communication skills, with each dish “made to order” with customers adding extras, such as bananas and whipped cream.

Whether a customer or ice cream maker, the youngsters all had a delicious and yummy time!



Customers review the menu and place their order.



An Ice Cream Shop worker fills the order, including adding whipped cream.



The happy customer enjoys her ice cream!

The Academy Parent Organization Presents

FRIGHT NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Have a spooktacular time during this exciting, **FREE** event for Academy students and their families!

(Pre-Registration required. Admittance only with wristbands distributed night of event.)

REGISTER NOW: bit.ly/frightnight2016 **INFORMATION:** specialevents@sacredhearts.org