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## Tale of Modern Millie thoroughly thrills

**"Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr."** transports audiences back to the 1920's through high-spirited music and magical story-telling.

And, members of the Academy 'ohana are fortunate to "go along for the ride" as **Director Kyle Kakuno** and his talented cast and crew recreate the atmosphere and streets of 1922 New York City during their rendition of Millie's tale.



Based on the Tony-award winning musical, the school's presentation, with 28 participants from the Academy, features new songs and bright dance numbers not featured in the movie-version.

With rave reviews from opening weekend, seats are filling fast for the remaining three dates – November 11, 12 and 13! Tickets can be purchased at the box office one hour before the performance or at [www.sacredhearts.org/tickets](http://www.sacredhearts.org/tickets).

## GIVE THANKS *& share blessings*

CANNED FOOD DRIVE NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 17

- > Students in grades Junior Kindergarten to 12 can provide needy families in the community with canned food and monetary donations collected in homeroom
- > Donations will benefit families as part of Saint George Parish Outreach and those residing at Loliana Hale

### TOP DESIRED ITEMS:

Canned meats and tuna | Canned vegetables | Canned soup | Canned fruit | Starches (Rice, Pastas)

## From the Head of School

### TALKING TO CHILDREN IS KEY

During this busy time of year, the school is completing important work as students move toward the conclusion of the first semester.



Traditions marking the holidays and time given to performing arts programs to conclude the semester coincide with wrapping up academic concerns before Christmas Break.

In the meantime, we deal with daily concerns.

The handling of technology by teens, and even younger students, continues to be a challenge. We are looking forward to a presentation for all students next week by one of the community's most outstanding professionals – Dr. Arnold Laanui.

With the ever-changing technological climate and digitally-saturated reality of today's youth, the impact in a school environment is inevitable. In many cases, our students are just a mouse click, swipe or send button away from potentially dangerous situations.

As parents and educators, this can be both terrifying and stressful, and such measures are exactly why we attempt to be proactive with presenters like Dr. Laanui.

In the meantime, a simple, age-old adage is very sound advice for parents – "Talk to your kids!"

Have a good weekend, as we are preparing to meet the grandparents" next week – we enjoy their annual visit!

*Betty White*

## Students empower self by empowering others

This year, 24 members of the junior class spearheaded the school's **Fast for a Better World** effort on October 21.

Following the theme "**Empower yourself by empowering others,**" 125

Fast participants, which included some freshmen and sophomores, reflected on what they plan "to do better" in their quest to reach out and support others through positive actions.

They also heard testimony from representatives from **Waikiki Youth Outreach** and packed care kits for teenagers living on Oahu's streets.



Kimi Tokunaga shares her manifesto with Fast attendees

The key to **SUCCESS** is having a **GOOD PLAN**

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PLAN FOR OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS:

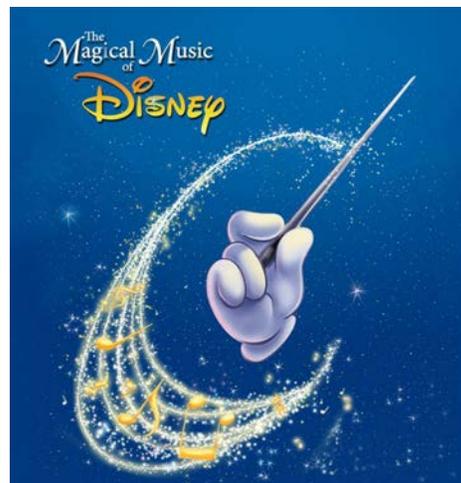
**OPEN HOUSE**  
NOVEMBER 20, 2016  
2:30 p.m.

## Musicians dazzle with evening filled with Magical Music

The Academy's **Bands** enchanted their audience with **"The Magical Music of Disney"** at their annual dinner show on October 21 in the Student Center.

In addition to the magical music selections, the over 250 attendees bid on Silent Auction items and enjoyed the very special cuisine.

Proceeds from the evening, which was organized by **Debra Chong** and the **Band Boosters**, will help defray costs for the band trip to Japan in the spring.



**ABOVE:** The saxophone musicians perform during the Band dinner.



**FAR LEFT:** Zoierae Hill and Mandilee Hill and their grandparents, Diane Garnier and Anthony Garnier

**LEFT:** Band Director Keith Higaki in character

## Special library birthday session focuses on mothers

On October 28, the **Senior Kindergarten** students were thrilled to welcome **Vice Principal Reme Tam** to their session in the Lower School Library!

In honor of her special day, Tam read her **"Birthday Book," "The Mommy Book"** by Todd Parr to the students, who cannot wait to borrow it to read at home with their own mothers!



## Students proclaim WE VOTE!

Leading up to **Election Day** on November 8, the Academy's students cast their ballots on **We Vote Hawai'i**.

The school's students in grades **Senior Kindergarten** to 12 voted in this democratic process, with 93.6 percent participating.

Unlike the national trends, the majority of Academy students gave their support to Hillary Clinton in the presidential race, and Charles Dijou was the students' candidate of choice for the local mayoral contest.

Public, private, charter, parochial and home school students from across the State "voted" in this year's election.

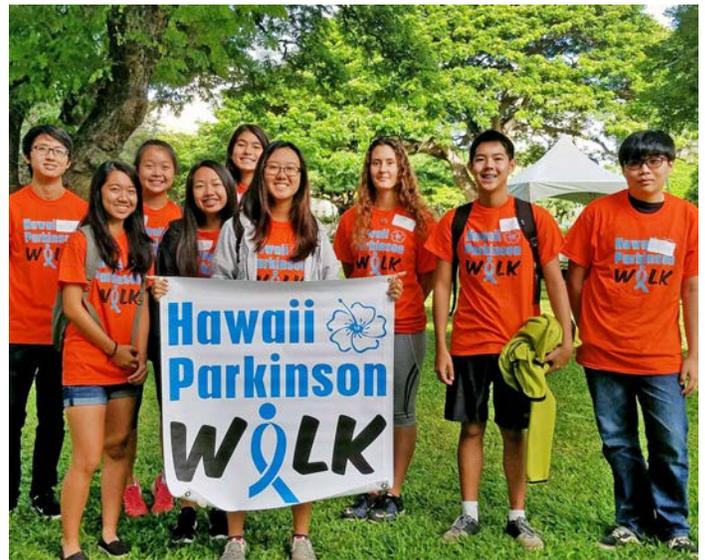


Angela Lowell, Logan Shiroma and Monica Kelly discuss the research they did before voting.

## Leos step up service efforts

On October 24, the Academy's **Leo Club** joined members from their sister clubs at La Pietra and Kalani High School to participate in the **"Moving Day Walk"** for Parkinson's awareness.

Another group of Leos assisted the **Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** and **Drug Enforcement Agency** during a drug take back event, part of a national effort to provide a safe and responsible means of disposing of unused medication while educating the public about drug abuse. The Academy Leos worked the mall, answering questions and providing directions to the drop-off.



## TEACHING teachers

On October 22, the Academy's High School **Social Studies** teachers participated in a unique workshop held on the Battleship Missouri about **"Teaching on Warfare and World War II (WWII)."**

The workshop was facilitated by **Daniel Martinez**, chief historian for the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, and **Dr. Michio Yamasaki** and **Frank Bailey**, both Chaminade University professors. The trio provided numerous resources and advice on integrating education about the war and related world-changing historical events effectively into class curriculum.

After the workshop, the Academy participants, (above with Yamasaki and Bailey) **Kinga Wojtas**, **Alex Adkins**, **Whitney Miyahira**, **Mario Dilello** and (not pictured) **Lurline Choy**, were fortunate to tour the iconic Battleship, which is docked at Pearl Harbor.

