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# KUNG HEI FAT CHOI!



## Parade celebrates Chinese New Year

With January 28 ringing in a new solar calendar, the Academy's Lower School marked the coming of **Chinese New Year** the day before.

The Kindergartners donned festive red and Chinese-themed attire and marched in the annual Chinese New Year parade, complete with two lively dragons – the **Senior Kindergarten (SK)** students incognito – which represent strength and good luck. The dragons were accompanied by their **Junior Kindergarten** counterparts who rang their noisemakers and displayed their fluttering lanterns.

The students also enjoyed traditional Chinese treats and learned about the cultural significance of the New Year, and in preparation

for the festivities, the SK classes explored Chinatown on January 26 (see page two).



May this  
**YEAR OF  
 THE  
 ROOSTER,**  
 a period of  
 prosperity and  
 "moving forward,"  
 be punctuated with  
 good health, fortune  
 and happiness!

## From the Head of School

### CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next week, the Academy will join schools across the nation to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2017, hosted by the National Catholic Education Association.



Activities will follow the theme of "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service;" the Lower School students have an exciting array of activities planned for next week, and students in grades seven to 12 will participate in the Living In Faith Experience (LIFE) Walk and Mass to celebrate the student Christian leadership program of the school.

Your daughters will have a free day on Friday, February 3, so teachers and administrators can attend the Annual Conference of Catholic Educators; about 1,000 Oahu Catholic educators will celebrate Mass and participate in professional development, here on the Academy's campus.

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.

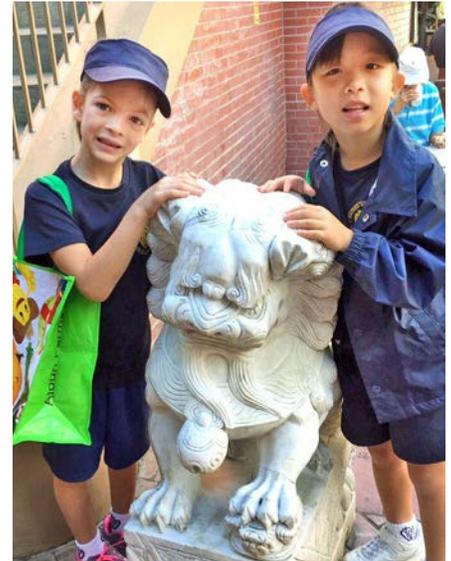
Collectively, Hawaii's Catholic schools serve a "rainbow" of ethnic, economic, academic and religious backgrounds.

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

*Betty White*

## Explorations prep students for upcoming New Year events

When exploring **Mauna Kea Marketplace** and **Chinatown** on January 26, the **Senior Kindergarten (SK)** students in **Renaye Oyer** and **Lori Mishima-Young's** classes were on a quest, looking for items related to **Chinese New Year** and other traditional, culturally-related items.



While searching for these items on their "scavenger hunt" list, such as red lanterns, dragons and lisee, they learned about the significance each plays in Chinese culture.

The students also sampled some Chinese delicacies, including manapua and noodles, and many also amazed while browsing through the well-stocked neighborhood markets filled with fresh – and sometimes unfamiliar-looking – produce, meat and fish.

And, (below) some of the students were thrilled to purchase a fruit or vegetable item to share with their family.



## Varsity soccer kicks way into State Championship Tourney

With key league victories over Damien Memorial High, the **Lancer Varsity soccer** team scored a spot in the **Hawai'i High School State Athletic Association (HHSAA) Division II State Championship**.

The double-elimination Championship Tournament runs from February 1 to 4 at the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Complex, and the Lancers will play at 3 p.m. on the first day; their opponent will be determined this weekend.

The Lancers are anchored by sophomore goalie **Alexis Schmidt**, and they will be looking to their five seniors, **Brianne Agcaoil**, **Katherine Hennion**, **Lauryn Ohai**, **Kaycee Bridget Selga** and **Kaysey Siobal**, for leadership in the Tournament.

While the Varsity squad plays on, the **Intermediate** soccer team wrapped up its season with a strong showing in the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Division II Championship Tournament** before



Christmas Break. The young squad of seventh, eighth and ninth graders played their way into the ILH title game, where they came up short to a strong Pac-Five squad.

With most of the players returning next year – along with **Head Coach Glenn Arakawa** and **Assistants Kaylen Siobal**, **Ramsey Siobal** and **Spencer Freitas** – the Varsity and Intermediate soccer squads look to carry on the positive momentum from this year.

## Applications being accepted for Tuition Aid for 2017 to 2018

Families interested in financial assistance for the upcoming school year should apply now for tuition aid and scholarships. Select scholarships are available for students entering grades Senior Kindergarten to 12 in the fall, and aid and scholarship award notifications are made in mid-to-late April.

### TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID:

(Through Tuition Aid Data Services – TADS)

- **Applications:** [www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com)
- **Deadline:** February 28
- **Information:** 1-800-884-7127 or [support@tuitionaid.com](mailto:support@tuitionaid.com)

### TO APPLY FOR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS:

(Applicants must complete Academy scholarship forms and apply for financial aid through TADS)

- **Applications:** Available on Edline or email [development@sacredhearts.org](mailto:development@sacredhearts.org)
- **Deadline:** February 28
- **Information:** 808-734-5058, ext.333, or [development@sacredhearts.org](mailto:development@sacredhearts.org)

### TO APPLY FOR AN AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:

(For students entering grades Senior Kindergarten to 12; one application per family)

- **Applications:** <http://augustinefoundation.org/scholarships.html>
- **Deadline:** March 6
- **Information:** Contact TADS (submitting documents and processing fee) at 1-800-477-8237 or [www.tads.com/contact-us/](http://www.tads.com/contact-us/); other questions to 808-203-6748

## What exactly is flowing from the tap?

Beginning in the fall semester, the students in **Erin Flynn** and **James Bell's chemistry** classes embarked on an intense "educational journey" about water by delving into the dynamics of the H<sub>2</sub>O supply in the Islands.

In addition to the properties of Hawai'i's water, they also explored the steps taken by the Board of Water Supply to purify and treat the local reserves.

Then, in small groups, the students researched the issues plaguing other countries with poor water quality or lack of a clean supply, such as Saudi Arabia's lack of freshwater rivers and high salt levels or Cambodia's polluted waterways.

Using what they learned about Hawai'i's treatment process, the stu-



**LEFT:** Brooke Iverson, Ashley Zeidler and (not pictured) Ava Williams demonstrate the filter they created for treating the diseased, polluted water in Haiti to teacher Mario Dilello; **BELOW:** Madison Kalahui, Tiana Coen and Agnes Brown explain some of the problems with the local water supply in Ethiopia.

dents were tasked with developing a purification and filter system, using inexpensive and locally-available supplies, that would best benefit the citizens of their chosen country.

According to Flynn and Bell, while the project was lengthy and complicated, the students experienced some



important take-aways, including a greater appreciation for Hawai'i's water supply – which is the best in the world, and the realization that they can make the world a better place with a little ingenuity and creativity!

## Students make "plant"-astic discovery!

With the start of the second semester, the students in **Sandy Arnobit's Junior Kindergarten (JK)** class delved into a new unit on the fantastic world of plant life.

Through a variety of engaging activities, including taking a "nature walk" and using their senses to closely examine the sunflowers in the school garden, the students learned about the different parts and the myriad of dynamic functions of plants.

They also completed bark and leaf rubbings and a plant-stamping project as part of their pre-reading and art studies.

The students are eagerly looking forward to more plant-themed "growing projects" this spring.

