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Band and supporters spend

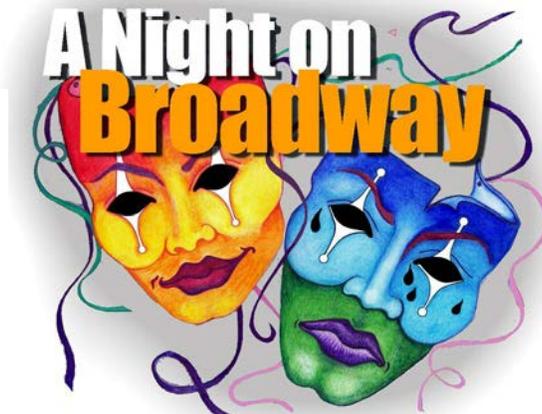
Music emanated from the Student Center on October 21 as a capacity crowd of over 200 showed their support for the Academy's **Band program** during "**A Night on Broadway.**"

While attendees enjoyed the unique Greek and Mediterranean culinary offerings, the highlight of the evening – by far – was the spirited performances by the 81 members of the **Intermediate** and **Concert Bands** and **Wind Ensembles** during their renditions of well-known show tunes, including pieces from the *Lion King*, *Titanic*, *Rent*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Wicked*, *Miss Saigon*, *The Phantom of the Opera* and more!

The event, planned and organized by the dedicated corps of **Band Boosters**, also included a Silent Auction.

Proceeds from this annual event, held for the third year, will benefit the newly-created Marching Band Scholarship and help offset expenses for future trips and group banquets.

The Bands are directed by **Keith Higaki**.



ABOVE RIGHT: Kindergartner Aliya Chang and Kristie Chang;

ABOVE: Eighth graders Zoe Chang, and Cassandra Chang and Abigail Yap;

LEFT: Senior Kacey Chong and Debra Chong;

FAR LEFT: Sophomore Jardelle Rabang,

eighth graders Zandrina Cambra and Ella Blue Pakele and freshman Tuan Wang

From the Head of School

NIGHTS OF FRIGHT AND SISTERS

One of the Academy's fall highlights was the spectacular Fright Night, staged here on campus last Friday evening, with approximately 1,000 people participating.



President Samantha Spain and the Parent Organization provided a fantastic launch for our families' annual Halloween festivities.

The school will be going a bit "crazy" for the next few days with Sister Act! I have not seen Drama Director Kyle Kakuno's rendition of the play, but it is my understanding that even the younger students will be able to follow the story line, and they will enjoy the dancing, singing and fast movement.

We probably will fall in love with the aspiring disco diva who finds her calling working with the choir and breathes new life into a dusty convent while discovering a sisterhood she has never had before.

This is the 25th anniversary of the 1992 film of the same name.

Last evening, one of our parents forwarded me the picture above. It portrays how Kyle Kakuno works with our girls and their dedicated parents.

The importance of prayer and the development of their spirituality is as important as the drama in which they are acting.

Betty White

Singers spend HOT evening together

The 35-plus members of the Academy's **Lower School Choir** experienced a "Night at the Opera" with **Hawai'i Opera Theatre (HOT)** at the Blaisdell Center Concert Hall on October 11.

Advisor Deborah Okada and the students enjoyed a special treat before the performance, taking a backstage tour. They viewed the props used in that evening's production, stood on-stage and examined the backdrop and set and got a glimpse into all the "moving parts" required to stage a performance.

After their tour, the aspiring singers took their seats in the front row next to the orchestra to enjoy the four acts of the HOT production of Bizet's **Carmen**.

They were awed and inspired by the choral skills of the performers, who sang all the numbers in French.



Halloween hijinks help others

The Academy's 'ohana exhibited their Halloween spirit in a variety of ways – each benefiting a good cause while spreading “spooky” fun and “chilling” cheer!

COSTUMES FOR A CAUSE

Wizards, witches and wisps wondered campus on October 31 during the annual **“Costumes For a Cause”** campaign when, for a \$3 donation, (right) students could “dress-up” or “dress-down” for the day.

The High School effort raised \$1,400 for the **National Catholic Educational Association’s Hurricane Relief Fund** to assist Catholic Schools devastated by recent storms, and proceeds from the Lower School will be added to the total given to **Aloha United Way**.



YOUNGEST SPOOKERS GO HALLOWEEN “CAROLING”

The Lower School “little” and “big sisters” showcased their detailed and ornate costumes during a special “parade” through the Administration Building. Then, there was a special Halloween “dance party” by the Student Center.

However, the Halloween haunting did not end for the **kindergartners** (right with **Sr. Juliana Costa Brum**). The students in **Renaye Oyer** and **Sandy Arnobit’s** classes ventured to **Malia O Ka Malu**, the home of the **Sisters of the Sacred Hearts**, to share their energetic spirit with residents during a number of Halloween “carols.”



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Halloween: Senior Spooktacular

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SENIOR SPOOKTACULAR STAGED FOR SENIORS

Members of the **Class of 2018** spent October 25 engaged in service, facilitating a "**Halloween Spooktacular Carnival**" for seniors residents at **Leahi Hospital**.

The Spooktacular featured a bevy of fun and intriguing games, including "**Spiders Net**" (left, facilitated by **Annalise Busekrus, Kalei Cruz, Melanie Constantino and Kiana Helgren**) requiring players to "score" spiders in the middle of a net.

The senior participants from the hospital earned tickets at each game station, which were redeemed for prizes donated by members of the class.

In addition, many of the women, and even some of the men, enjoyed the nail painting station where the students doled out manicure and hand-care treatments, which were deeply appreciated!

Uncle Kualoa had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!

(Actually Uncle Kualoa had a ranch)

The Academy's **second graders** felt like they were on a farm during a learning visit to **Kualoa Ranch**, a 4,000-acre private nature reserve, on October 20.

On the site, which also serves as a working ranch with over 500 head of cattle, the students were thrilled to get a "**primer**" on over a dozen different animals, learning about on their characteristics and each species' special diet and care needs.

They even hand-feed and interacted directly with the resident chickens, goats, sheep cows, pony, llama and even the tortoise!

