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We are the girls who code

"Girls Who Code" is a national movement, and the Academy is on-board!

The students report that their coding experiences are empowering, rewarding and just plain fun!

The coding curriculum begins in the first grade and continues through High School.

Along the way, students fine-tune their programming skills, tackle web and mobile development and design and delve into robotics.

The first graders practice their coding skills with their "minibots" –



Dash and Dot, programming them to move around, play music and more.

Those in the Junior High program animations and create video games.

In the High School, the coders use industry-standard programs and understand the role technology has in

shaping the world.

One of the biggest obstacles for women in technology fields is a lack of exposure early-on in their education. The Academy is committed to changing this.

Grandparents' Day

INFORMATION:

specialevents@sacredhearts.org

NOVEMBER 19

- > Grades Seven to Nine at 7:45 a.m.
- > Grades Nine to 12 at 10:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 20

- > Junior and Senior Kindergarten at 8:30 a.m.
- > Grades One to Three at 10:30 a.m.
- > Grades Four to Six at 12:30 p.m.

From the Head of School

EXPLORING THE JOY OF THE ARTS

Drama is a passion for many of our students. "The Wizard of Oz" opens at Mamiya Theatre this evening. Forty-four students are participating, with full houses expected for most of the performances that run through the weekend and next week.



We thank the Parent Organization, headed by Levin Matsukawa, for making the matinee performance of the Wizard of Oz on Sunday afternoon special for the girls and their families.

The Wizard will be followed with more exciting performances. Band students and Director Keith Higaki are working on their Christmas parades and concert; Jordan Ah Sing and Micki Kolberg are fine-tuning "The Nutcracker" and "The Christmas Pa'ina." And, Dr. Alec Schumacker has his students preping for several Christmas performances at school and in the community.

At Sacred Hearts, the girls definitely have a full plate – the academic rigor is challenging; STEM initiatives are highlighted weekly; Campus Ministry and sports open other channels for much involvement; leadership and service activities can be seen in all divisions of the school.

All said, however, if you and your family are able to attend the Sacred Hearts Performing Arts functions, you will conclude they are outstanding. Thank you to Mr. Higaki, Ms. Kolberg, Kumu Ah Sing and Dr. Schumacker.

Betty White

Being a Best Place to Work

On October 22, the Academy was honored as one of eight finalists among large companies for consideration as **Hawai'i's Best Places to Work**, sponsored by Pacific Business News.

The companies selected for consideration were chosen based on surveys completed by employees.

Along with **Head of School Betty White**, those representing the Academy at the awards luncheon included parents and **Board Members Liza Lee** and **Mitchell Kaaialii** and parent **Kelly Gillis**.



LANCER of the month

Senior **Aimee Pak** excels both in and out of the classroom. Besides maintaining a 4.3 GPA, Pak (*below with her parents Won Pak and Sun Pak*) is captain of the **Lancer Robotics team** and also provides leadership to her riflery teammates.

With the **Porter Riflery** season recently completed, she

finished in the top ten, individually, in the **Inter-scholastic League of Honolulu**.



Halloween celebrations was filled with family fright and fun

On the eve of **Halloween**, screams and shrieks of fright and joy permeated campus during **Fright Night 2015**.

Over 1,000 attendees enjoyed the spirited event, sponsored and planned by the **Parent Organization**.

Preparations began months ago and a cadre of volunteers helped craft the components of the successful event, which included a bevy of games; the **Haunted House**, featuring Halloween-inspired characters from the Wizard of Oz; and tons of goodies along Treat Street.

Participants also enjoyed getting their fortunes told, having balloon animals made-to-order, embellishing their costumes with face painting and more.



LEFT: Alexis Torres, Sydney Shiroma, Logan Shiroma, Zandrina Cambra, Jillian Simpson and Sharyn Paronda;
BELOW: Parent Organization President Levin Matsukawa



TOP LEFT: Joshua Aydlette, Lillian Amy Aydlette and Jessica Aydlette;

TOP RIGHT: Jodi Leong;

LEFT: Aimee Pak, Mabel Cheng and Jessica Wehrman;

RIGHT: Tamarin DeMatta, Taylor DeMatta and Lily Tausinga



Lancers perform strongly at States

Six Lancers had strong showings in the **State Championships** for their respective sports last week.

At the **Air Riflery Championships** on October 27 at Kamehameha Schools-Maui, sophomore **Dorothy Sanidad** finished fifth overall. Seniors **Angelique Mara** and **Aimee Pak** were 17th and 18th, respectively, among the 60 shooters in the field.

Senior **Cameron Pires** and sophomore **Catherine Palmer** hit the lanes in the **Billy Tees Bowling Championships** on October 29 and 30 at Kauai Bowl. With 103 participants, Pires notched 16th place with a 161.89 average, while Palmer scored 156.67.

On October 31, senior **Phoebe Kirk** laced up her running shoes for the **Honolulu Marathon Cross Country Championships** at Seabury Hall, finishing the three-mile race in 21:48.65.

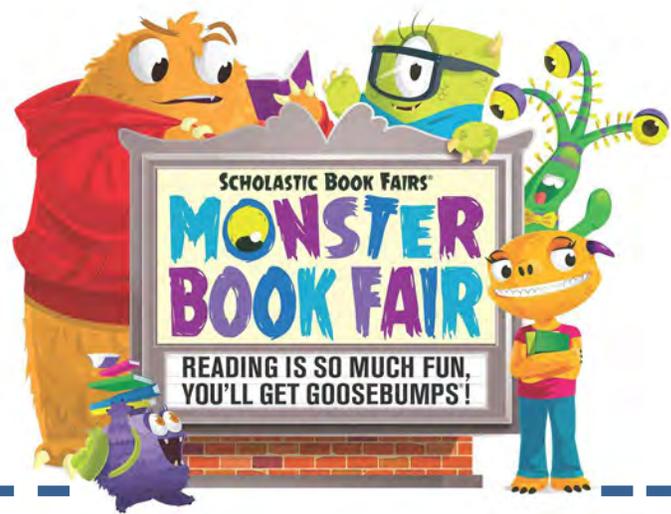


Lancers participating in fall State Championships (front) Dorothy Sanidad, Aimee Pak and Angelique Mara; (back) Catherine Palmer, Phoebe Kirk and Cameron Pires

Stay attuned to artists

Parents and friends of students in grades Junior Kindergarten to six can now stay attuned to the creations by the Academy's young artists at the new **Lower School Art Program website!**

Learn more about the program, read the art blog, see what the artists are working on and view photos of their creations at murie15.wix.com/msuriesartroom.



**NOVEMBER 9, 10, 12 AND 13
LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Finish Christmas shopping early and inspire children to read by shopping at the 2015 **Scholastic Book Fair's "Monster Book Fair – Reading Is So Much Fun, You'll Get Goosebumps!"**

Students can make purchases with cash only from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents and teachers can pay with cash or credit cards from 7 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.