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Educators integrate iTeach technology in classrooms

Over one hundred educators from 30 schools from around the island descended on campus on September 26 for the annual fall **iTeach808 Conference**.

This year's conference, made possible by a sponsorship partnership between the Academy and the **Augustine Educational Foundation**, focused on helping educators leverage technology, specifically iPads, to prepare students to contribute to a more global society.

While discussing the Conference's theme, **Stacie Berdan**, the keynote speaker and author of "*Raising Global Children*," also shared how educators can foster empathy, community service, advocacy and global collaboration through the use of technology.

The attendees, including (right) 24 from the Academy, also participated in hands-on workshops covering how to build global awareness during students' early years, fostering citizenship in school through gaming, project ideas to build global connections and online resources for global curriculum.

At the spring session of iTeach808, **Alan November**, co-founder of the *Stanford Institute for Educational Leadership for Technology*, will be the featured presenter. He will build on the global communication topics covered during the fall iTeach808 segment.



To view a video of the day's exciting events, visit <https://youtu.be/LXmGdZH4ZSU>.

THE
ROAD
TO
OZ

(it began in Kansas)

Click those heels together and support this fundraiser sponsored by the Academy's Band Program!

October 24 | 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m | Student Center

> Featuring a Paniolo-style dinner, performances by the Wind Ensemble, and Intermediate and Concert Bands as well as a Silent Auction

> Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by contacting 721-0133 or debchong@yahoo.com

From the Head of School

BUSY WEEK CONCLUDES WITH SONG

The Club Fair for students in grades seven to 12 last week was one of the most rambunctious ones we have had on campus.



Approximately 25 clubs set up booths to attract fellow students. There was noise (lots of it), dancing, games and food, and the students immensely enjoyed it.

The Academy thanks Toni Normand for the outstanding work she does with the school's student leaders and the creation of spirit within the student body.

The Lower School students have completed their ERB standardized tests and want their parents to know that they need a relaxing weekend! The school will forward the results to parents around Thanksgiving.

This Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel, the Sacred Hearts Select Choir will perform for the National Executive Director of the American Choral Directors Association. This is the first time ever that the national director has visited Hawai'i.

The Academy students will be singing along with participants from Mililani High School, the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Chamber Singers and the Hawai'i Vocal Arts Ensemble.

Confidentially and humbly, I share with you that this is a big deal for Dr. Alec Schumacker and our burgeoning choir program.

Have a good weekend!

Betty White

New families foster school spirit

School spirit filled the air on September 20 when 95 students new to the Academy this year and 200 of their family members were welcomed to the **New Family Social**.



Senior Kindergartner Karielle Rodrigues and Rae Weightman

This event is aimed at helping new students in grades Junior Kindergarten to 12 and their families get to know the Academy a bit better.

During the fun-filled afternoon, the families met school administrators, teachers and members of the Parent Organization, learned the words to the school's Alma Mater and discovered how to access the Academy's many social media sites.

They also enjoyed a delicious lunch before delving into a variety of Academy-themed games, requiring participants to showcase their knowledge of various facets of school life.



ABOVE: Janice Wong, sixth grader Jessilyn Wong and Lloyd Wong



RIGHT: Darcy Apao, Ka'u'ialoha Apao and Kalani Apao



lancer robotics

Junior High VEX IQ team holds world record

The **Lancer Robotics VEX IQ team** of seventh grader **Hunter Kim** and eighth grader **Auli'i Ludington** won the **Programming Skills Champion Award** at the 2016 **Aloha VEX Qualifier** at Island Pacific Academy on September 5.

Since this was the world's first VEX IQ event, the team holds the top world ranking!

At this event, sponsored by **aio**, four Lancer Robotics VEX IQ teams tested their skills against 13 other teams from across the State.

The team is coached by **Peter Park**.



Lower School FLL team trashing research for project

Members of the Academy's **Lower School FIRST LEGO League (FLL) team**, including (right) **Abigail Aguirre** and **Hyatt Yoshioka**, are working hard and having a blast preparing for the upcoming FLL robotics competition in November, "**Trash Trek.**"

Participating teams are judged on four segments – robot design, project, robot performance and core values, or teamwork.

For the project portion, the team must research a piece of trash, devise a solution to reducing its occurrence and present their findings to the community and a panel of judges at the competition.

The Academy's FLL team chose styrofoam trays as their project topic, and last week, members conducted research during a visit to Times Supermarket's Seafood and Meat Departments.

The team, coached by **Lacey Teshima** and **Jennifer Arthur**, is soliciting assistance from the Academy community to successfully complete their project (*see box for details*).



How to help the FLL team

Members of the Academy community can help the Lower School FLL team complete their competition project by:

▶ Completing an online survey of five questions – at <http://goo.gl/forms/5HVsvVoZDR> – to help the team research how the community uses styrofoam trays.

▶ Collect and wash styrofoam trays and drop off by October 9 in the **Lower School** or **High School Office**.

Kindergartners discover they are special and so are their senses

The **Junior Kindergartners** in **Sandra Arnobit's** class are exploring their senses as part of their unit called "**I am Special.**"

Through a variety of classroom activities, the students identified different items using their senses of touch, sight, sound, taste and smell.

As a culminating activity, the students, including (above) **Finley Leong**, took a "**Senses Walk.**" And, using their self-made binoculars and iPads, they used their senses to explore the campus environment. Later, they reflected and wrote about the experience in their journals.



Importance of family traditions explored

The first graders are learning about families and their traditions. For a recent unit project, the students researched and made a presentation about their unique family traditions.

This was the first time many of the students did an oral presentation, and although they were nervous, the first graders, including (above) **Althena Ng** and **Madeleine Villamil**, were excited to share with their friends.



It's beginning to look a lot like
Christmas...

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

(Sponsored by Project Graduation 2017)

Order by October 9 and receive a 10 percent discount!

TO ORDER: Complete form sent home last week and submit cash or check payment to the **High School Office** or complete online form and credit card details at <http://shapg2017xmastrees.eventbrite.com>

DEADLINE: November 13

PICK-UP: December 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. or December 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

INFORMATION: shapg2017@gmail.com

GIFT CARD SALE AND FUNDRAISER

(Sponsored by the Parent Organization)

Buyer will receive cards for full amount paid, and the **Parent Organization** will receive a percentage of this amount (amounts vary by vendor and are posted at <http://tinyurl.com/pbxmas15>)

DEADLINES: October 19 (last day to order) and October 22 (last day to submit payment)

PICK-UP: November 14 and November 18

INFORMATION: shagiftcard@gmail.com

