

IMPORTANT FUN RUN INFORMATION.....

Every student can earn a T-shirt and other great prizes by asking family and friends to support their efforts in the run. There is a student contributor log that is due by **Monday, February 6th** to qualify for the prizes. Be sure to turn in your form to the office.



SJS Accepting Applications for New Students entering Pre K-8

Saturday, February 4th assessment for Pre K students
Saturday, February 11th assessment for K-8 students

You can help St. Joseph School continue to provide more students an opportunity for Quality Catholic education. You are the best person to market our school by sharing your reasons for having your child be a student of St. Joseph School. This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week was "Faith, Academics, Service." *How has St. Joseph nurtured your child's faith to know God deeply, love Him more sincerely, and serve Him more joyfully? How has your child applied his/her knowledge to be an evangelist who works for social justice, shares God's unconditional love, and builds His Kingdom? How has the school worked with you as educational partners to inspire your child to be all that God calls him/her to be?* By reflecting upon and responding to these questions, you are providing valuable information to possible applicants for our school. Your support is greatly appreciated! In addition, how can you also earn \$250 or more tuition credit towards your child's tuition ? See the following information.

How can you earn \$250 or more tuition credit towards your child's tuition?

You will be entitled to a \$250 tuition discount for every new student you recommend who applies, takes the entrance test, enrolls, and attends St. Joseph School. The \$250 tuition discount will be applied toward your financial investment in your child's education at St. Joseph School.

For example: *John and Joseph Smith applied and took the entrance test for St. Joseph School. They were accepted, enrolled, and attended St. Joseph School in the fall. They were referred by Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Jones will receive a \$500 tuition discount toward her financial investment for her child's education.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING HAWAII 5210 KEIKI RUN

Hawaii 5210 Keiki Run

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Place: Neal Blaisdell Center – Honolulu

Start Time: 8:00 a.m. (1.5 mile untimed run)

Attire: SJS modified free dress T-shirt

Registration Forms: Must be done on line.

Here is the registration link to the Keiki Run: <http://www.greataloharun.com/events/keikirun>

The event will be very similar to last year, held on the Saturday of the Great Aloha Run Sports, Health and Fitness Expo at the Neal Blaisdell Center. Here are some of the changes we have made this year:

- Sponsoring organization is Kaho'omiki: Hawaii Council on Physical Activity
- Only on-line registration this year. We thank PSE, the organizers of the Honolulu 5K for creating a parent-friendly on-line application process that makes it easy to register.
- There is a \$1.50 online convenience fee per application that goes to Paypal. Sorry it can't be avoided.
- **There is a drop down list of schools. Your school should be on that list.**
- Of the registration fee, we hope to donate back 80-100% back to your school. This will depend on the donations we are able to get from the community to offset the costs of this event. We will work very hard to donate 100% back, but can not guarantee it at this time. There is still no better return on your fundraising dollar.
- 100% of additional donations will go to your school
- This is not just about fundraising. We want your parents to learn how they can create healthy families and healthy schools.
- The race will be capped, for sure, at 2,500 participants. Don't wait until January to sign up!

**BE SURE TO CHOOSE ST. JOSEPH, WAIPAHU FROM THE DROP LIST OF
SCHOOLS.**

Preparing for Sunday's Mass

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

First Reading Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

Who do you take your troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Do you allow Jesus to be the Lord and Healer in your life, family, and community? Approach him with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. Do you take your troubles to him with expectant faith that he will help you?

Jerome, a 3rd century church father, applies the lesson of the healing of Simon's mother in law to us:

"Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in his presence. Where is Jesus? He is already here offering himself to us. 'In the middle,' he says, 'among you he stands, whom you do not recognize' (cf. John 1:26). 'The kingdom of God is in your midst' (Mark 1:15). Faith beholds Jesus among us. If we are unable to seize his hand, let us prostrate ourselves at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us wash his feet with our tears (cf. Luke 7:38). Our repentance is the perfume of the Savior. See how costly is the compassion of the Savior. Our sins give off a terrible odor; they are rottenness. Nevertheless, if we repent of our sins, they will be transformed into perfume by the Lord. Therefore, let us ask the Lord to grasp our hand. 'And at once,' he says, 'the fever left her.' Immediately as her hand is grasped, the fever flees."

The mighty works and signs which Jesus did demonstrate that the kingdom of God is present in him. These signs attest that the Father has sent him as the promised Messiah. They invite belief in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world. The coming of God's kingdom means defeat of Satan's kingdom. Jesus' exorcisms anticipate his great victory over "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31). What do we know about Satan and the evil spirits or demons? We know that the ancient serpent who seduced our first parents (Genesis 3:1-5) is called "Satan" or the "devil" (Revelation 12:9). The devil and the other demons were created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing (2 Peter 2:4). They irrevocably rejected God and his reign. Milton in his great poem, *Paradise Lost*, describes Satan's defiance: "Better to reign in hell than to serve God." John Damascene, an 8th century church father said: "There is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for men after death." While Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and may cause grave injuries of a spiritual nature, and indirectly even of a physical nature, his power is nonetheless limited and permitted by divine providence (Romans 8:28). Jesus offers freedom from bondage to sin and Satan. There is no affliction he cannot deliver us from. Do you make full use of the protection and help he offers to those who seek him with faith and trust in his mercy?

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others with a generous heart. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service."



SJS PARENT BULLETIN

February 3, 2012

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**PHYSICAL
EDUCATION
and Drama
P.E. Uniform
Required.**

**Monday,
February 6th (B)
7A, 7B, 8A, 8B**

**Tuesday,
February 7th (C)
KA, 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B**

**Wednesday
February 8th (E)
3A, 3B**

**Thursday,
February 9th (D)
KB, 3A, 3B, 6A, 6B**

**Friday,
February 10th
No Enrichment
Classes**

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday,
February 6th

*Morning
Prayer
Service
led by 5A*



Wednesday,
February 8th

Reconciliation
for Grades 7-8 at
8:30 a.m.



*Grade 2 Parent
Session for First*

*Eucharist at
6:30 p.m.*



Friday,
February 10th

*Spring Pictures
More information is
forthcoming.*



**Father Greg's
Feast Day**

*Special Prayer
service at 7:30 a.m.
There will be NO
FLAG RAISING.*



Saturday,
February 11th

*Assessment for new
students entering
grades K-8*



Our Special Mahalo

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week celebration! We want to thank all our faculty and staff, most especially Ms. Davis and Mr. Cullen the overall chairpersons, our teachers in Grades Pre K, 2, 4, 6, and Enrichment classes who were the chairpersons for the different events of each day. We extend a special Mahalo to all our parents and family members who volunteered to help with our Carnival and for being chaperones for our student excursions. With your assistance and support it was really a T.E.A.M. EFFORT. **T.E.A.M.-Together Everyone Achieves More**

Our Special Intentions

We pray for...

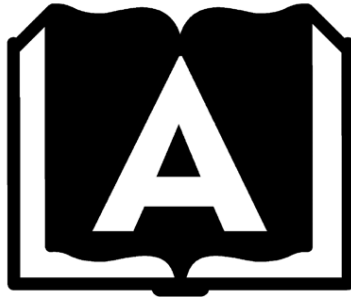
- Our LaSalette community.
- Mr. Julian Esdicul, husband of Diane, former Vice Principal.
- Mrs. Regina Salisbury.
- Rodrigo Salacup, grandfather of Azaleigh Salacup (PreK).
- Christen Hernandez, friend of Ms. Tamashiro (KA Teacher)
- Alicia Concepcion, grandmother of Christina (8A) and Christian (2A) Andres.
- Dianne Dela Vega, grandmother of Shyanne (8A).
- Mrs. Kanani Matautia, friend of Mrs. Aipoalani.
- Dorothy Gates, mother of Mrs. Kanani Matautia, friend of Mrs. Aipoalani.
- Jason Davis and Family.
- Bryce Davis and Family.
- Yasuo Miyahira, father of Ms. Eileen (Teacher Assistant 1A).
- Speedy recovery for Mrs. Brenda Strimpfel, mother of Andrew (2B)
- Mr. Larry Ozoa, Sr., father-in-law of Mrs. Ozoa and great grandfather of Cailee Balignasay (KA), Caden Townsend (KB), and Samuel Hallyburton (5B).
- Mrs. Tokuda, mother of Ms. Grace (Cafeteria Manager).
- David and Sandie Gantner.
- Ms. Sandobal.
- Mrs. Irene Sandry.
- Reverend Clarence Guerreiro, ss.cc., Pastor of St. Patrick Church.
- Tomasa Rios, aunt of Mrs. Soto (Computer Teacher).
- Cassidy Kiaha, former student of St. Joseph, sister of Cherilen (alumni of St. Joseph).
- For speedy recovery and healing mercy of Gerondia A. Mallonga and Angelito Mallonga, sister and brother-in-law of Sister Judith Abique, SPC. (Religion Coordinator).
- Rudolfo Ramiro, dad of Melissa and Rosemarie (alumni) and uncle of Charlene (5A).
- Ruby Leialoha Richard Wood, friend of Mrs. Sua (Librarian) who passed away.
- Mr. Rodney Onaka, cousin of Ms. Sandobal, who passed away.
- Tania Ma'afala (2A).
- Jru, brother of Jase Lorenzo (Pre K).

Kiewit Newsletter– SJS students share their thoughts....

Did you read the article in the Kiewit Newsletter about geologists visiting St. Joseph School? Our junior high students had the wonderful opportunity of listening to geologists from Kiewit discuss the many aspects of their work on the rail system. Our students wrote some of their reactions and reflections on the special presentation. A special Mahalo to Kiewit for their work in our community and to Ms. Espiritu who made this opportunity possible for her students.



Augustine Educational Foundation Tuition Scholarship Program: Application Information



Are you interested in receiving some financial assistance? The Augustine Educational Foundation offers scholarships every year. We also are hoping that our St. Joseph Community may be able to provide some type of assistance. **Thus every family who wants to be considered for any type of financial aid must complete the Augustine application. All families must turn in only ONE application to the school office by Monday, March 5th.** Be sure to make a copy of your application before submitting it to the school office. The applications will be available online at www.augustinefoundation.org and on our school website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our school office.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS...

On Wednesday, February 1st, our school gathered for our liturgical celebration. One of the highlights of our liturgy was three 8th grade students, Mikayla Min, Dana Fuerte, and Gabrielle Dang, sharing their reflections as part of the homily. They shared how St. Joseph School has impacted their lives in the areas of faith, academics, and service. It was a gift and a blessing to hear how appreciative they are for having had the opportunity for Catholic education. Another important highlight was to be a witness to the renewal of vows by Sister Judith and Sister Fidelia. As Father Nap raised the Eucharist at the altar, both our sisters renewed their vows as Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres. Our entire school community were able to hear and to see how much love and devotion our Sisters have for God and for their work to serve Him. Most importantly, we were able to receive the Eucharist and be nourished in our mission to be evangelists in our community. We continue to pray that more students will have the opportunity for a Catholic education at St. Joseph School. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend and May God Bless you always! Ms. Sandobal