

THE CARDINAL

A Newsletter to Build Community and Share Good News



Getting off to a Great Start

by Nicole Lee

After a long two months of hitting the beach, frolicking about the flowers, and traveling around the world; it's a bit disheartening to say that school is once again, a thing we need to do. On August 13, 2014 the Student Council's welcoming assembly officially started the beginning of a new school year. Then a short introduction from the student council members; and an informative discussion from this year's E.A.C. (External Affairs Coordinators) Nathan Ducasse and the new principal, Dr. Young. Now it was time for the traditional ice-breaker games, this year's games were Noah's Arc and the Human Knot.

The students had been told an animal as they entered the gym, they were to find their other 'animals' without talking but making the noise of the animal, and group together the fastest. The gym was in an uproar of animal noises from cows, to chickens, to dogs, and even dolphins. Afterwards, everyone was to get into a circle and grab the hand of the person directly across from you. Next, while all jumbled up into a literal 'human knot', was to untangle the crossed over arms and try to be the fastest group to win!

When the room had finally finished the games, and quite exhausted, the student council closed the assembly and the school year had been put into motion.



After The Disaster; St. Joseph's Plan to Assist

By Harriet Salvador-Smith

On August 5th, the Central Pacific Hurricane System issued a tropical storm watch for the island of Hawaii. The first day of school at St. Joseph's took place as scheduled; however, the following two days were cancelled as a precaution. As expected, students were overjoyed; an extended summer! However, the hurricane took a devastating effect on the Big Island, especially the district of Puna.

The morning after Iselle made landfall on Hawaii; families woke up to down power lines and fallen trees collapsed on their houses, cars, roads and catchment tanks. For many, there was no electricity; meaning no running water, functioning refrigerators, and light. Thousands of customers were out of electricity, including many of our St. Joseph families. This was our opportunity, as an ohana, to help one another.

A couple days after the disaster, Mrs. Chung, Dean of Students, had all homeroom teachers ask students what situation they were in after the storm. At this time, many of our high school students had their power restored, but sadly, many of our elementary school students were still having difficulty restoring their electricity. Not only did teachers ask what we needed but how we could help our fellow peers. Right away students began bringing in nonperishable items and bottled water. Furthermore, St. Joseph's offered their showers for families to wash.

This call for action helped families get back on their feet, brought our school closer as a family and taught us a valuable lesson, "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

Principal's Message



Dear Friends of St. Joseph,

Though we literally experienced a stormy beginning, we are well underway with the school year with beautiful weather on the horizon! While always open to welcoming new students and seeking support from our parents, alumni, and parish, I want to let you know that St. Joseph School is doing well! We experienced a significant increase in enrollment this year due largely to the hard work of the faculty, staff, parents, and alumni under Deacon Leroy's guidance over the past year! In the words of a parent of one of our returning students, "It's time to come back to St. Joseph's!"

I am so grateful to be a part of this legacy. St. Joseph School represents the best of Catholic spirituality and education on the Big Island. We are the ONLY Catholic school on the Island of Hawai'i, and we have a responsibility and commitment to provide the best education possible to our students.

With this in mind and in all that we do for St. Joseph School, we must always "Seek First the Kingdom of God."

Let's have a wonderful year and God Bless you all!

Peace and Blessings,

Dr. Llewellyn Young

Preparing for Emergencies



Students practice a fire drill at the beginning of the year.

Morning Assembly



Mrs. Theresa Burian asks a Country Fair Trivia question at the elementary students at the daily morning assembly.

Mass of the Holy Spirit



by Harriet Salvador-Smith

Students congregated in the old St. Joseph's gym, once again, for the beginning of the year Mass celebration. Old and new faces appeared as students filed into their designated seating. Since the welcoming assembly, students became more comfortable with unfamiliar faces and some had even made new friends. Along with the high school students; elementary school students joined in the celebration. While the high school students listened, the elementary school students voiced their thoughts and chimed in during Reverend Loterte's homily.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit taught students the need to have faith and believe in Jesus' teachings. Putting it into practice, the fifth grade class collected food for Tropical Storm Iselle victims. This demonstrates the lessons they learned at St. Joseph's; lessons of charity, giving, and most of all the importance of community.



SJS Students Aired on National TV

by Miyuki Lee



On August 24, eleven SJS students performed Hula Kahiko and Hula Auana as a guest high school from Hawaii. They performed in front of an audience of 2,300 people at the Hula Girls Koushien (high school hula competition) on the main stage of Iwaki Alios Hall in Fukushima, Japan and was broadcasted on National television. SJS hula teacher, Kumu Kimo Awai, did the opening chant on the main stage and the Hawaiian study teachers and SJS students organized a Hawaiian craft workshop. On August 25, they were invited to dance at Spa Resort Hawaiian along with the winning teams. All in attendance were: Kumu Kimo Awai, Sensei Miyuki Lee, Students An Inoda, Maaya Inoda, Sherry Fujita, Hina Wakebe, Rino Kisanuki, Miyuki Takahashi, Mayuka Harada, Hana Isokawa, and 11 Hawaiian study teachers from the D.O.E.



Country Fair



St. Joseph students Jack Jordan, Blayden James Grace, and Zackary Jordan broadcast an ad for the Country Fair at KWXX. The annual country fair will be held on October 4, 2014. Pre-sale tickets are available at the high school front office.

Gus and Anna Hochuli Memorial Scholarship

Anna and Gus were dedicated parishioners of Hilo's St. Joseph Church, staunch advocates of Catholic education and steadfast supporters of students attending St. Joseph School.

Gustav (Gus) Hochuli was born in Switzerland. He was kind, gentle, patient and most courteous. In 1931, he made his way to the United States, and, as a formally trained chef, was quickly hired by the Hershey Estate in Hershey Pennsylvania, gaining more fame for his desserts and pastries. He then spent World War II in the military and thereafter moved to California.

Anna Emard was born in 1914 on a dairy farm in eastern Ontario, Canada, the youngest of fourteen children. It was a typical family farm where everyone pitched in, and Anna developed a strong work ethic and an even stronger will. She was seventeen at the onset of the Great Depression when she earned her teaching certificate and left to teach in a one-room school 300 miles from home. At the outbreak of war in 1941, she took a factory job near Detroit hand sewing the fabric skin onto the spruce frames of the famed Mosquito bombers. Anna's work was exemplary, and she was later promoted to the position of inspector for the bombers' electrical systems.

Seeking a new life after the war, Anna moved to Santa Barbara, California. By chance, she approached a young man on the street to ask for directions. That gentleman was Gus, and, as the saying goes, "The rest is history."

They wed in 1947 and worked in five star hotels in southern California, he as a chef and she in the dining area. Widely traveled, they retired in Hilo in 1984.

Gus cherished Hilo's serenity and relaxed manner, and he daily walked the mile to St. Joseph's Church for noon Mass. Anna served as Eucharistic Minister at the same Mass. She helped out regularly at the St. Joseph Parish "Helping Hand" thrift shop and in the Hilo Hospital wheelchair repair shop. Also, the Salvation Army presented her an award for her volunteer work in its "Sally Shop".

Gus and Anna invested wisely and lived modestly and prudently, annually making a generous donation to St. Joseph School for tuition assistance. Though not blessed with children of their own, it was their dream and desire that future generations of Catholic students at St. Joseph School benefit from their estate.

After Gus passed on in 2001, Anna appointed the Augustine Educational Foundation to administer the scholarship. Upon Anna's death on December 20, 2012, the Memorial Scholarship commenced to benefit students starting with the 2013-14 school year. The Gus and Anna Hochuli Memorial Scholarship is presently the largest endowed scholarship for tuition assistance for Catholic students in the State of Hawaii with an endowment of over one million dollars. It is specifically designated to assist Catholic students attending St. Joseph School in Hilo. The scholarship application is on the website for the Augustine Educational Foundation. This year, twenty students from Kindergarten through 12th Grade were awarded scholarships. Hence, we trust that you will include the Hochuli's in your prayers and follow their example to give generously for Catholic education on the Big Island through St. Joseph School.