

St. Joseph School  
Jr. & Sr. High  
Division



# The Cardinal

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*"Seek first the kingdom of God"*

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## Important Dates



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**Christmas Break**  
12/22/16-01/04/17

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**Return to school on**  
01/05/17

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**No School 01/13/17**  
**Teacher Religious**  
**Retreat**

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**1/16/17 No School**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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## **SJS RANKS #1** **CATHOLIC HIGH** **SCHOOL**

For the second year in a row we're very excited to announce that St. Joseph School has been recognized as one of the Best Schools in America by Niche, the largest website for researching K-12 schools! For 2017, SJS ranked #10 among the Best Private Schools in Hawaii. However, in the Category of Best Catholic High Schools in the State of Hawaii, SJS ranked #1.

**Congratulations for**  
**keeping us #1!**

## Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year St. Joseph Ohana!

Here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Faculty and Staff of St. Joseph School! During this Advent Season, please keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas and help us instill the Christian celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is a time for new beginnings, a time for family, and most importantly, a time to show our love to one another. Please be advised that all school campuses will be closed during the Christmas break: December 22, 2016 thru January 4, 2017. School resumes on Thursday, January 5, 2017. Enjoy the Christmas break with your children, and may God Bless you all during this holiday season and always!

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Advent Blessings,

Dr. Llewellyn Young,  
Principal

## Hawaiian Language Makes a Comeback

St. Joseph Schools' administration surveyed the Jr./Sr. High School students during the 2015-2016 school year regarding the foreign language options that they would like to have added to their curriculum. The majority voted for a Hawaiian Language course in addition to the Spanish and Japanese Language courses that are currently offered. Mrs. Susan Wehrsig, Vice Principal of the Jr./ Sr. High School said, "It has been well over five years that Hawaiian Language was offered," and the students are embracing the opportunity. The St. Joseph School Hawaiian language class hosted a Makahiki event that took place on November 7, 2016. Students learned the symbolism of Makahiki and the celebration of this event in its entirety. Students were given a Makahiki activity or game that they needed to research and teach to the guests who participated in the event. "Through this project I want my students to gain a cultural understanding of the Hawaiian people and indulge and experience some of the things they did in the past" said Hawaiian Language instructor, Kumu Maile Kipapa. Her students also learned leadership skills since they were in control of planning the event and had presented their projects for a grade.

Mrs. Susan Wehrsig, VP St. Joseph Jr/Sr High School celebrates a win at Ulumaika against Principal Dr. Llewellyn Young.



## Cliff & Kathie Dias 2016 Cardinal Basketball Classic

St. Joseph School enjoyed another awesome Cardinal Classic December 8—10, 2016 at the Ah Fook Chinen Civic Auditorium.



A special "thank you" goes out to all of the teams who participated in our tournament -- to Honoka'a and Kohala High Schools who made the trek to Hilo for three consecutive days, to St. Francis and St. Louis High Schools who traveled from O'ahu to join us, and to Hilo, Waiakea, and Kamehameha High Schools who helped to make this a well rounded tournament. A special "thank you" also goes out to all of our sponsors, fans, parents, and volunteers who helped to make this tournament a success!

Our Sponsors were:

Cliff and Kathie Dias  
 Aiona Car Sales and Aiona Island Realty, LLC  
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 The "Brothers of SJSJ C/O '74"  
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 Eclipse Effect Entertainment  
 Allyson Estrella (#YAYCINCH)  
 Subway Restaurant  
 HPM Building Supply  
 Hoses by Landis, LLC  
 The Lee 'Ohana  
 Will Kill Termites and Pests  
 Markham Insurance Services  
 Montell 'Ohana  
 O'Doran Maintenance & Construction  
 'Ohana Alternative Care Services  
 Sports Line



## Hawaii Allstate Marching Band Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Students of St. Joseph School were honored to be part of the Hawaii Allstate Marching band on Thanksgiving Day. The weather was cold but the experience was amazing.



## Tuition 2017-2018

St. Joseph School will be increasing tuition rates for the Elementary School and Junior/ Senior High School next school year 2017-2018 to help compensate our teachers with reasonable and competitive salaries. The increase is still significantly less than both our private school counterparts on Hawaii Island as well as other Catholic schools in the State. Tuition will also include a comprehensive fee which will cover things like books, student fees (i.e yearbook, etc.), and some activity fees excluding field trips/excursions and special class projects. (Country Fair ticket obligations will remain a separate fee and part of the enrollment contract.) The School Board recently submitted the tuition proposal for Parish review and approval. We will announce the new figures in January once they are approved by the Pastor and the Parish Finance Council. A sibling discount is also part of the new tuition schedule. We are excited about these changes, but we wanted to ensure that these initiatives would not be a significant burden on our families.

**Financial Aid will be available to all qualifying families.**

## SJS Santa's Breakfast

SJS Santa's Breakfast was held on Saturday December 10 and was a great success! Thank you to all the faculty/staff, and parents that came out to support this awesome event. Over 300 pancake plates were sold, and over 600 pancakes served. "This was a significant increase over 2015's 178 plates" said PTG President Kimberly Arianoff. The food was "ono" and the keiki enjoyed Santa's story time.

