



SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL

February 1, 2010

Aloha kākou:

Incredible Abundance: Catholic Schools Week 2010

We are blessed every day in our freedom to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord—in the classroom, on the playing field, in every aspect of life at Kalaepohaku. The entire curriculum and life of Saint Louis links this community of faith to a worldwide network of Catholic schools, and we celebrate this in Catholic Schools Week, February 1-5, 2010. This forms the culmination of a month-long focus on our Marianist Heritage that includes a Founder's Mass last week in which the acclaimed Blessed William Joseph Chaminade Award was bestowed upon **Senior Michael Ono** and **Vice Principal for Student Affairs Sione Thompson '99**.

Your sons are currently involved at every grade level in school wide competitions centered on the Marianist Heritage that has been in Hawai'i since 1883. These activities culminate in the Blessed Chaminade Assembly on February 5, as division representatives vie in the final contest to see who learned the most about the founder of the Society of Mary. The campus will also be honored to welcome four members of the **General Administration for the Society of Mary**—the Marianist world headquarters based in Rome—who will be here February 1-4 headed by **Superior General Manuel Cortés, SM** of the Zaragosa Province.

Suzanne Langford Ph.D. has been a familiar face on campus since 2003, steering the success of grant-funded learning programs such as Title I and the USDOE Koho 'ia Multimedia Learning Center. She is instrumental in the ongoing improvement of our Middle School curriculum and teacher training, including a fresh approach to parental involvement and a sensitivity to the cultures of these islands. Dr. Langford brings to us a wealth of the latest research-based methods that help our young men discover the self-confidence that leads to academic success as lifelong learners.



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Haiti Disaster Relief Collection The initiative and conscience of **Andrew Thompson '12** led him to present a plan for a one-day fund-drive with the coordination of Campus Ministry's **Mr. Frank Ross**. In a few short hours, the Crusader 'ohana collected over \$1,500 to assist in the rehabilitation of the Marianist community in Haiti; the Prenovitiate has been destroyed, while the Novitiate is totally uninhabitable. Kudos to Andrew in exemplifying the Saint Louis Man!

Hui O Na Opio lives! The legacy of **Kumu John Kaimikaua Lake** thrives once more under the leadership of **Hawaiian Studies Chair Kumu Leilani Puchalski**. About a dozen high school men practice earnestly after school in their first *hula kahiko* to be performed in a schoolwide assembly in late April. Kumu Lei is already announcing recruitment for Hui O Na Opio (cross-listed as credit course title Applied Music) in pre-registration for the 2010-11 school year. We encourage all interested high schoolers to avail of this tradition of discipline and honor.

Upcoming calendar items at a glance...

- February 2** C-schedule: General Administration Visit; Educators' Liturgy
- February 3** Special: Taiko Drummers Assembly 11:45; dismissal 12:45
- February 4** Special: Blessed Chaminade Assembly 11:35; dismissal 12:45
- February 5** ACCE Conference (no classes)
- February 8** Educators Appreciation Day (no classes, school offices closed)
- February 11** C-schedule: Joint Chaminade University – Saint Louis School Faculty Meeting
- March 4** WASC/HAIS Midterm Accreditation Visit

Clarence T.C. Ching Learning and Technology Center

Construction literally plows onward—and into—the solid basalt of Kalaepohaku. See the work in progress at <http://ltc.saintlouishawaii.info/>. Click onto VB Viewer and you have a live, panoramic scope of the construction project—you can even “move” the lens to the focal point of your choice. Your sons will be provided complimentary copies of *A Prophecy Fulfilled – The Story of Clarence T.C. Ching*



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to learn more about the acumen and foresight characteristic of this philanthropist from the Crusader **Class of 1932**.

Support from the home...

When our students tell me that they wake at 5:30 a.m. on school days, return home around 7:30 p.m., eat, shower, get to homework, and finally in bed past midnight, red flags pop up not just for their academic performance, but in emotional and physical health as well. I am seeing this firsthand as students in my own directed studies course are submitting their online documents past 1 o'clock in the morning! Recent studies indicate that as much as 85% of adolescents reportedly experience some degree of sleep deprivation and 10 to 40% may be significantly sleep deprived. Find out how school and home can help—read the entire article from *Educational Leadership* online at: http://www.educationnews.org/ed_reports/edu_assoc_articles/31486.html

Our final item is the new **Feedback For Administrators Form** that is attached to this letter. We value your input in order to continue making Saint Louis an outstanding school. Parents, students, teachers, staff may complete this form and submit their comments via email or pick up a hardcopy at the Main Office reception desk and submitting it to Mrs. Kauai Carreira for routing to Vice Principal Thompson or me. On that, we work hand-in-hand in shaping the youth of Kalaepohaku for lifelong success as stewards in working through the grace of God.

‘Owau no me ka ha’aha’a,

Tim Los Baños ‘78
Vice Principal – Academics



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FEEDBACK FOR ADMINISTRATORS

Please share your thoughts on this form to the Vice Principals for Academics and Student Affairs

Name: _____

Date: _____

Please indicate the nature of your comment:

Complaint

Suggestion

Compliment

Grievance

Comment(s):

Recommendations:

*Thank you for sharing your thoughts to help continually improve our school. You may drop this form off with **Kaui Carreira** in the Saint Louis School Main Office.*