Aloha Saint Louis School Parents and Guardians,

As a Marianist school, an integral, quality education is something we constantly strive for. At this time of the year, we review the efficacy of our curriculum at every grade level to make the adjustments needed over the summer to strengthen it for the next school year. These adjustments take place in the form of professional development sessions our teachers take part in that are aligned to newly introduced curriculum targeted at specific areas for growth. We are doing the same thing this year to strengthen our K to 12 curriculum where it is needed and we will not stop until excellence in all areas is reached.

We took the same approach in the 2015-2016 school year with the objective of strengthening our robotics program. For several years, Saint Louis School did not compete in robotics competitions. After analyzing our strengths and weaknesses in our robotics curriculum, we came up with a plan. By bringing in Mr. Takashima as our new robotics teacher, we found someone who not only understood how to build effective robots; he had a reputation for nurturing skills in students to create high performing robots on their own. Our second step was to give our robotics team a home. To do that, we invested thousands of dollars converting our old band room (used for storage in previous years) into a STEM center. Together with over 200,000 dollars of robotics equipment provided by the E.L. Weigand Foundation and monetary donations from Chevron Hawaii, the Saint Louis Alumni Association, and SASH (a group of alumni dedicated to excellence in Math and Science at SLS), the basis of a strong robotics program was created. From that point, it was up to our students to do the rest.

At Saint Louis School, we’ve been blessed in recent years with top notch performances from our Hawaiian Studies program via Hui O Na Opio and 1st place finishes in tournaments involving our Math Team and our JROTC. This year, our robotics team won its first VEX tournament in years, reached 2nd place in the State Finals of the VEX Tournament on the Big Island, travelled to San Francisco to compete with some of the world’s best robotics teams, and then entered the FIRST® robotics tournament at the Stan Sheriff Center this past weekend. In doing so, they took 3rd place individually and 2nd place overall out of 37 teams, automatically qualifying them for the FIRST® World Championship in Houston, Texas in two weeks. Enjoy the pictures below!

Memor et Fidelis,

Glenn Medeiros, Ed.D.
Saint Louis School
Head of School
Hosted at Saint Louis School, our Crusaders took 2nd place this weekend in the Oahu Math League competition.

On Mother/Father and Son Day, special moments were shared between this Crusader ‘ohana.
Our robotics captain can be seen here celebrating another win at the Stan Sheriff Center. 
CrusaderStrong!

I had a great time sharing breakfast in our cafeteria with these young Crusader gentlemen last week.
Here is our robotics team at the Stan Sheriff Center after qualifying for the FIRST® Robotics World Championship.

Our keiki Crusaders take some time to enjoy some lemonade.
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8th Grade Crusader Jacob Mamiya and his teacher, Mr. Cambareri, are pictured here after Jacob became the state winner or the DAR essay contest.

Above is a picture of SLS graduate, Daniel Ho ’86, winner of a Grammy Award and an amazing professional ukulele player visiting with Mr. Almodova. It’s always an honor to have graduates stop by the school to say hello. In fact, it is one of the things I look forward to each day I’m at Saint Louis School. For them, Saint Louis School is more than just a school – it’s a 2nd home.