Aloha Kākou,

Adaptation and Change is one of the five key Characteristics of a Marianist Education. In our quest to be the best educational institution around, it is important to embrace change after deep analysis and reflection. In a few weeks you will be receiving links to surveys that we will use to collect both quantitative and qualitative data to celebrate the wonderful things we do, while also identifying areas for growth. The questions you receive will be shared annually with the objective of collecting longitudinal data that will assist us in reaching our goals. When these surveys come your way, please take the time to complete them promptly. Although we have a governance structure in place where feedback is consistently received at meetings taking place weekly and monthly, the use of surveys and focus groups, like our new President’s Council, provides an in-depth look at our strengths and areas for growth as we prepare for our visiting accreditation team in March of 2019.

In this 2018-2019 school year, we’ve embraced changes that I believe will make Saint Louis School much stronger. A month ago, we added a Vice President of Operations in charge of all finances. As a CPA coming to us from Hanahau’oli School, Rachel Fukumoto will help us reach our goal of taking Saint Louis School to new heights. Rachel has been at SLS for only a month but, during this time, she has already made a significant impact.

Additionally, there have been a few changes in other important positions, such as with our Dean of Students. SLS graduate Nainoa Campbell exemplifies what it means to be a Saint Louis Man, and his high expectations in regards to student behavior on and off campus have made his first month as Dean of Students exceptional. Furthermore, after a thorough nationwide search including major stakeholders in our band program, we have hired Pearl City High School and University of Michigan graduate Curtis Noborikawa as Saint Louis School’s new Band Director. As Hawaii’s oldest high school band, we may be small in size, but our hope is to sound just as strong as any other band in the state.

Beyond changes in personnel, our schedule to complete our new Clarence T.C. Ching Athletic Center has been pushed back due to a foundational issue discovered by our engineers a couple of months ago. The area where our athletic center is being built was where almost twenty feet of rock, dirt, and boulders were dumped when the roads on Kalaepōhaku were first cleared and developed. Because the previous structure located there (Gerber Fieldhouse) was so light, very little foundation was needed to hold it up. Our new athletic center will be a massive structure needing a very strong foundation. After several meetings with engineers who graduated from Saint Louis School, a comprehensive solution was agreed upon, costing approximately half of the original 1.2 million dollars needed to solve the issue. If all goes well, our new athletic center will be completed by September of 2019.

As these changes occur, I cannot help but think the one common denominator is that these opportunities provide institutions like ours the chance to strengthen. In our case, I am more excited than ever to be part of such a dynamic educational organization striving to be the best. By continuing to produce graduates like Marcus Mariota, Tua Tagovailoa, and many more, we continue our tradition of developing young boys into Saint Louis Gentlemen who change the world as did Saint Damien, Clarence T. C. Ching, Gov. John Burns, and others who have served this state and country, developing their God-given talents to make a difference in the world.

Memor et Fidelis,

Dr. Glenn Medeiros, Hon.’18
STEM education is thriving as these Crusaders compete in Japan.

Our very own Crusader Chevan Cordeiro brings Hawaii back for a great victory at Aloha Stadium!

Father Pat and this proud Crusader cheer on our football team from the sidelines at every football game!

Crusader Representative Calvin Say ’70 takes our students on a tour of our State Capitol.
Each year, our keiki Crusaders raise funds for the Salvation Army to support the great work they do in our community.

Mahalo to our SLS ‘ohana who represent generations of Crusaders supporting our young men at Aloha Stadium.

At this assembly in McCabe Gym, we highlighted some of our enrichment courses offered in school.

Although Tua did not take home the Heisman Trophy this year, he did win several prestigious national awards.
Crusaders Jim Leahey ’64 and Ben Gutierrez ’79 did a fantastic job of speaking at our 2018 GODA Ceremony.

Our Entrepreneurial Series continued this year, with the CEO of Matson sharing his secrets of success with our students.

We are so proud of our soccer teams that have performed quite well, particularly in the last few years.

Here, our students prepare a meal for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Mānoa.
Pictured here on Signing Day, Mr. Abregano is towered by our five Crusaders who attained full scholarships at great colleges across the nation including USC, West Point, the University of Washington, and more!

Our band did a fantastic job representing Saint Louis School at this year’s Kaimuki Christmas Parade.

Not many people know that Sun Fo, the son of Sun Yat-sen, graduated from SLS in 1911. His life, and that of his father, is commemorated in this statue that was recently erected on campus.
These Keiki Crusaders made sure to stop by the Otani Business Office for candy on Halloween!

This Crusader flies the glider beside him with relative ease as a member of our very own Civil Air Patrol squadron.

Dressed in traditional Japanese wear, our Crusaders fully experience the language and culture of Japan.

Each Tuesday morning, faculty members and alumni meet with Kumu Lei to learn the Hawaiian language.
An expert in cognition visited Saint Louis School for a second time to share how boys learn best.

Once again, our Crusaders won another pumpkin carving contest at Windward Mall! Congratulations!

Mahalo to our elementary school teachers for teaching our keiki Crusaders the importance of voting.

GODA 2018 was extremely special. Pictured above is Greg Frey ’79, SLS Board Member and SLAA President.
Our 2018 Open House was a fantastic success, with visits from many prospective students!

Our Crusader Robotics teams, both in the high school and the middle school, continue to perform well in competitions.

Here, Kumu Keli‘i instructs visitors from New Zealand in Hawaiian dance. They also shared with us their cultural dances.

Students at Saint Louis School continue to give to charities supporting those in need, as seen above.
These Crusaders sure play the role of scientist very well.

Three consecutive championships in football is an incredible accomplishment!

Here, board members from Saint Louis School and Chaminade University meet to collaborate with each other.

Catholic Charities is another service organization Saint Louis School works with each year.
It’s such a blessing to have so many talented teachers on staff, ready and willing to play at Mass.

Our young men prepare and share food for those who are homeless, each week in Waikiki.

Spending time with the Tagovailoa family in New York for the Heisman Ceremony was extremely special.

On Voting Day, horns honked in support of our students encouraging others on Waiʻalae Avenue to vote.
Our Crusader bowling team had a fabulous season!

In Mamiya Theater, our keiki Crusaders in elementary school put on an exciting Christmas concert.

Fa’atui was invited to several prestigious bowl games this year. In college, he wants to study law or medicine.

Government officials and students from Australia visited SLS to begin a relationship with us that may lead to an exchange program in the near future.
This keiki Crusader went undefeated throughout the day as a member of our Crusader wrestling team.

An undefeated pre-season, capped off by winning the Walter Wong Tournament, could just be the beginning for these Crusaders.

They had so many questions for our visiting fire fighters from the Kaimuki Fire Station.

Here, our JROTC cadets take a little break to enjoy each other’s company.
I had the chance to finally meet HPU’s current baseball coach. Crusader graduate Dallas Correa,

Hui Nā ‘Ōpio continues to amaze audiences wherever they perform.

Each Wednesday, students are invited to special presentations at Mamiya Theater to learn more about our mission.

Pictured above are our two GODA recipients, Faculty Award recipient, and Ka Lamakū Award recipient.
This kind and generous man donated to Saint Louis School Kumu Lake's ukulele that he used for many years.

Our high school robotics team continues to perform well at competitions like this one.

One little known tradition our band takes part in is visiting other bands’ members across the stadium during their break.

This year, members of the President’s Council began meeting with me each Friday to discuss ways to improve our school. Here, our students meet with a manager from Aramark to share what they like and do not like about the food served at SLS.
Our dancers continue to perform at various venues throughout the state, spreading Hawaiian language and culture.

This year, our hula dancers dressed up as Santa Claus before joining the Kaimuki Christmas Parade.

This is one of many examples where our big brothers work with our little brothers on service orientated projects.

Prior to hiring our new Vice President of Operations just over a month ago, Father Pat and Father Allen took time from their schedules to bless the new office of Rachel Fukumoto, our new person in charge of finances at Saint Louis School. Coming to us from Hanahau’oli School, Rachel also graduated from Sacred Hearts Academy and was a Crusader cheerleader for four years. Please welcome her to our family when you have a chance.