Aloha Kākou,

We are three months into the 2019-2020 school year and our Crusaders continue to do incredible things in the six areas of our mission that we want all of our students to be exposed to during their years on the slopes of Kalaepōhaku: Akua (God), Academics, Alaka‘i (Leadership), Athletics, Aloha, and the Arts. As they experience all of the Six A’s of Excellence, our hope is that, in this process, each of our young men will find their own unique God-given talents and use them not only to provide for their families and loved ones, but to also make a difference in the world like so many Crusader graduates have done in the past and continue to do today.

One of the joys I have in writing these newsletters is sharing with you snapshots of just a few of those accomplishments. Although we try to collect pictures of our students’ many successes, it is not unusual to find out about another achievement or victory we earned that flew under the radar. Long story short, if your child accomplished something, whether it took place on or off campus, I would like to know about it. Sending a picture with a description of what your son achieved would be a great gift to me and the rest of our students, parents, and faculty at Saint Louis School. Seeing our Crusaders do well can only help to encourage others to do the same. Through this newsletter, I can share those special moments with everyone and acknowledge them accordingly. These achievements do not have to come in the form of a championship or special victory. It could be something as simple as service to our community, such as feeding those who are homeless each weekend, or performing a simple deed that helps another individual. For example, I received a letter a few weeks ago stating how a parent eating at McDonald’s was overwhelmed by how kind a group of our young Crusaders were when she accidentally dropped her food on the ground and our students immediately came by to clean up the mess without her even asking them to do so.

Along with the amazing things our young men do, each year brings unforeseen challenges for some of our students. Part of our job in creating Saint Louis Men is working with our students through these challenges, guiding them through their mistakes, and reminding them that they are always God’s children. As an administrator of a Catholic School, I’ve always felt it important to address such challenges by looking to God’s Word to guide me to make the best possible decisions knowing that, in many cases, there is no solution in which all sides will be satisfied. In the end, my goal is to do what is right. Even more so, it is also important that we celebrate the many outstanding things happening on Kalaepōhaku today. Our enrollment is up again this school year, making it the second highest number of students at Saint Louis School in the last 20 years. Moreover, we have our new Clarence T. C. Ching Athletic Center to look forward to. Although we are still in the process of raising funds for the building, people continue to be generous in their gift-giving knowing that this facility will make a huge impact on the success of our basketball, volleyball, wrestling, judo, and other athletic programs given that we currently share the use of our McCabe gym with Chaminade University.
Because of this, our athletic programs do not currently have the amount of practice time needed to sharpen their skills adequately. However, that will not be the case in the near future. In addition, our robotics teams are winning tournaments, our all-male cheerleading team is in the news, our students are receiving large scholarships to some of the best colleges in the United States, and we are even garnering national recognition from several of our athletes like Koali Nishigaya, who was recently voted on the national newspaper USA Today as achieving the best performance in one week amongst all high school football players in the nation. Koali is a young man with a small frame, but he also has a big heart. His accomplishments on and off the field inspire us to believe that we can do anything we put our minds to with dedication, hard work, and a commitment to excellence.

It is truly an honor for me to be a part of this very special place. It is our entire ‘ohana that makes this school so special and I thank God every day for giving me the opportunity to lead it.

Memor et Fidelis,

Dr. Glenn Medeiros, Hon. ’18

Our annual "Autograph Session Day" at Saint Louis Elementary School was a blast! It’s always so nice to see how much these brothers care for and respect each other.

Mahalo to the Wong family for making the donation that led to the creation of our new Elementary School playground.

Mr. Gonzales, better known as “Speedy Gonzales” during his high school years at SLS, has returned to teach at his alma mater after many years as an educator at Maryknoll School.
The latest Mackey Lecture, sponsored by all three educational institutions on Kalaepahau, was a very powerful one.

Our high school robotics team won this VEX competition on Maui in October.

Mahalo to our new band director, Mr. Noborikawa, for taking our Crusader band to a new level in its 135th year in existence, making it Hawaii's oldest high school band.

The Class of 1970 visited the Crusader Class of 2020 during an assembly earlier this school year.

Competition is an educational tool we use to motivate young men to learn at Saint Louis School.

International students from our sister school in Japan, Tsuchiura Nichidai Academy, visited our campus recently.

Our students continue to serve the homeless in Waikiki each weekend.

New principal, Dr. Oshiro, is pictured here donating one of our Smart Boards to schools in need, given that we have moved on to newer technology in the classroom and have no use for them.

Many of our alumni are playing football in the National Football League, so make sure to watch them on Sundays!
Tua continues to play at a very high level that may lead him to be finalist once again for the Heisman Trophy.

Our new Clarence T.C. Ching Athletic Center is coming up as we continue to fundraise for this very special building.

Hand-on opportunities to learn complicated concepts is key at any grade level—especially with young boys.

During Homecoming Week, Sacred Hearts Academy alumnas supported our football team at Aloha Stadium.

Once again, our young men took part in this year’s Men’s March Against Violence.

Our cheerleading team performed very well at this assembly and during competitions.

Nate Herbig continues to make us proud after attending Stanford University and now making the team on the Eagles.

This 2nd grader recently won 1st place in sparring at the USA Taekwondo National Championship in Minneapolis! Great job!

After another undefeated season, the giving of lei along with many hugs took place after this Intermediate football game.
Dr. Medeiros and Dr. Oshiro both presented their respective background stories to our students in Mamiya Theater.

We’ve been lucky to be cheered by our Sacred Hearts Academy students and our Crusader young men.

Here in Ceramics class, students utilize their skills to create art.

This young man is leading a presentation to our Hawaiian community at the youth caucus for the Native Hawaiian Convention.

I was honored to deliver an eulogy for Dr. Richard Mamiya. He truly was a great Saint Louis Ma

Above, our JROTC students continue to practice their drills during the school day.

Jordan will attend the University of Notre Dame in 2020. Congratulations!

Pictured above are our honorees for this year’s Gallery of Distinguished Achievers.
One of our graduates felt that the best place for him to propose to his girlfriend was on the 3rd floor of Bertram Hall over the weekend.

Crusader Benny Aghayani stopped by to visit at Saint Louis School.

What a wonderful game it was for us against Bishop Gorman Catholic School from Las Vegas!

Say hello to our Keiki Crusaders!

Our students enjoyed playing Connect Four in front of Bertram Hall.

Mahalo to "Kutzmaster Spaz" for helping our young men to speak with confidence as their new media teacher.

This keiki Crusader is having fun while learning about triangles.

Mahalo to Greg Frey '79 for all he has done and continues to do at SLSI.
Please bring your son's friends to Saint Louis School for our Open House on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.