

### CROSSROADS

## Holy Family Catholic Academy May 2024

Making God's goodness known, educating for life.

Aloha families and friends of HFCA,

With the final month of the school year now upon us, we feel great anticipation for the next few weeks of school and the many memorable moments we will share as a school community. We will bid our 8th-graders farewell after their celebratory Mass and graduation ceremony. Many of our preschoolers will also graduate and move on to kindergarten, and some of our students will move or change schools over the summer. It's a bittersweet time, for sure.

We also celebrate Staff Appreciation Week May 6 - 10, which allows us a special opportunity to honor our teachers and every member of our wonderful staff. Please join us in thanking them for their hard work and dedication to all our students this past year!

Take care, and God bless,

Celeste Akiu, Principal





# UPCOMING PTG EVENTS

The PTG is still looking for a few more volunteers to help with Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 6 - 10. If you have some time during the week, please sign up on ParentSquare. Your help is greatly appreciated!

TO CONTACT OUR PTG, PLEASE EMAIL PTG@HFCAHAWAII.ORG

Did you know that we have a referral program? We offer a one-time \$350 tuition credit for each family you refer who completes the school year. The credit is applied to the final tuition payment in FACTS. Please call Luana DeSoto with any questions on our referral program, and be sure to have your friends include your name on their applications. Mahalo!

#### **HFCA Strategic Plan**

HFCA established a Strategic Plan in 2020 with four primary "pathways" to organize our priorities: Family, Maintenance and Modernization, Learning and Nurturing Environment, and Enriching Experiences. Over the past three years, we have added numerous programs and special projects in these four areas and will highlight our progress in our monthly newsletters.



May Focus - Enriching Experiences: April 8 - 12 was a fun week at our preschool as we celebrated Week of the Young Child annually by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, focusing on early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. HFCA preschoolers created instruments for Music Monday, made pizza for Tasty Tuesday, enjoyed games for Work Together Wednesday, got creative for Artsy Thursday, and ended the week with a picnic to celebrate Family Friday. Mahalo to our preschool staff and parent volunteers for the memorable week!







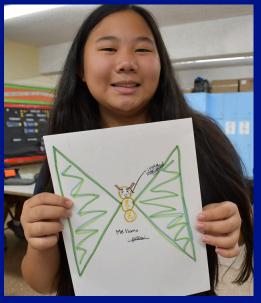


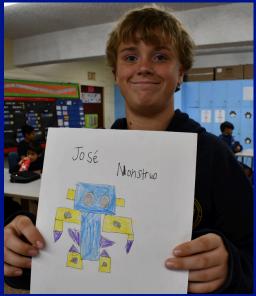




#### Spotlight: Spanish

Our middle school students recently created art projects as part of their Spanish class, focusing on increasing their vocabulary as they learn pronunciation for shapes, animals, and monsters.



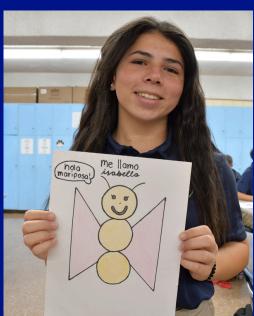




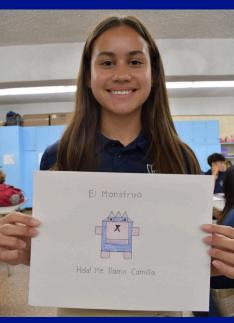












#### 2024 Aloha Festival Fun

Mahalo for spending the evening with us at our second annual Aloha Festival! We had so much fun playing carnival games, watching the performances, playing bingo, taking in the art show, and enjoying the fun items and delicious food our vendors provided. We hope your 'ohana did as well!











#### 2024 Aloha Festival Fun















#### Let Us Pray

Almighty God, we thank you for sending us your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who redeemed the human race from sin and death through his cross and resurrection. You sent your Holy Spirit to be with your Church, so that the proclamation of the gospel for the forgiveness of sins would continue after your Son's ascension back to heaven. Inspire us with perseverance and fortitude to hold fast to the mission begun by Christ until the Last Day, when we see you face to face and dwell with you in unapproachable light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

- Father Rheo Ofalsa

#### Holy Family Catholic Church

<u>Monday - Friday</u> Mass - 8am

<u>Saturday</u> Confessions - 3:30 - 4:30 pm Mass (Sunday Vigil) - 5 pm

Sunday Masses at 8:30 am, 11 am, and 7 pm

We invite parents, grandparents, and friends of HFCA to join us for mass any time!

Our students enjoyed a beautiful Crowning of Mary prayer service, hosted by our 7th grade class. Mahalo to our student choir for the beautiful music and to all our families for sending in flowers to honor our Blessed Mother Mary!







