

# St. Theresa Catholic School

## DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

School Office Hours 7:30-3:15

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### School News and Information

**Stated School Mission:** St. Theresa School, the westernmost Catholic elementary school in the United States, is dedicated to guiding learners as they follow the footsteps of Jesus. Faith, 'Ohana (family) and a quality education are the pillars upon which we build tomorrow's leaders.

### Calendar Highlights

November 28

- PA Meeting 5:30, STREAM Room

November 29

- SLE Awards after music practice

November 30

- "I Go To College" trip to Chaminade for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

December 1

- NO School. Teacher workday
- 2024-25 Registration open to public

December 4

- BRATS field trip to WHS, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

December 14

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation meeting. 8<sup>th</sup> grade room, 5:30pm

December 18- STAR Test Week

December 22

- 8:10am All School Mass
- 10:45am School Christmas Program
- 12:00pm Dismissal ~ Merry Christmas!!

Back to School- January 8.

## THANKS Giving

Community Thank You Baskets!



Middle School thanks the Kauai Police Department. Officer Resinto and Officer Kahahawai offered sage advice, "Stay kind, stay in school, show respect for your community."



Preschool, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade presented care packages for the Kauai Fire Department. Preschoolers led the song "Yes, Jesus Loves Me" and the firemen joined in!

Elementary classes showed their appreciation to the American Medical Response team. The team emailed a thank you, "Please thank all of your wonderful kids, families, and teachers for the generous gifts. Thank you again for today. It has reminded us why we love doing what we do. We loved the cards from the kids!"







Preschoolers know the reason for the season... sharing smiles, food, and lots of giving thanks!



**Bon Voyage to our Beloved Volunteers!**  
Judge D. and Mrs. D. are embarking on a world cruise... India, Thailand, South Korea, Australia, and everywhere in between. We wish them a safe journey and look forward to their return in August!

**GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART...**

## THE GREAT TURKEY TROT!!



Congratulations to our 1K top finishers: Kaikea Miyashiro, Aina Miranda, and Aya Miranda. A shout out to our 5K top finishers: DJ Adams, Noah Balmores, Peyton Siliado III, and Keith Perry.

THANK YOU TO OUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS FOR PLANNING A GRATITUDE CEREMONY FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL...

After the run, local crafters and food trucks gathered on campus. It was a fun run followed by relaxation, shopping, and eating ono lunches! Susan Ines won the beautiful Thanksgiving Lucky Drawing basket filled with goodies for the upcoming holiday. Thank you to all who participated in making this event a success.

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# STS Playground Renovation Project Update

- \*Equipment is due to arrive in January, installation by Exerplay contractor in February.
- \*The school needs to procure volunteer leadership and labor to prepare the area for installation.



## STS Playground Project Budget June 2023-March 2024

(secured funding and grant applications updated 11.16.23)

### Revenue

#### **Secured Funding thus far: 36,224.00**

- 10,000.00 Atherton Foundation Grant
- 1,000.00 ServiceMaster Kauai charitable donation
- 2,000.00 Hawaii Catholic Charities
- 1,500.00 Kukuiula Development and McBryde Resources
- 1,000.00 KIUC Sharing Of Aloha
- 2,600.00 private donations received as of update
- 18,124.00 school fundraiser profit as of update

#### **Projected Funding (grant applications currently outstanding)**

- First Hawaiian Bank Foundation 40,000.00*
- GN Wilcox Foundation 40,000.00*
- Antone and Edene Vidinha Charitable Trust 50,000.00*

#### **Grant applications denied thus far (all cite diversion of funds to Maui relief efforts)**

- A&B Giving 50,000.00*
- Hawaii Community Foundation Wellness Grant 50,000.00*
- Motiv8 Marcus Mariota Foundation*
- Clarence TC Ching Foundation 40,000.00*

### Expenses

- (120,483) Exerplay contractor equipment and labor
- (5,000) projected incidental costs

**Total project cost (125, 483)**

**Remaining Project Fundraising/Grant/Donation goal \$89,259.00**



See our school website for full project details, timelines, donors, and options for giving.

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