

St. Theresa Catholic School

SEPTEMBER 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

Detailed info is posted to School Speak

- September 6-8 Book Fair, library. 8am-3pm
- September 8 Grandparent's Day Picnic, SLE awards
- September 12 PA meeting. Library, 5:30pm
- September 15 Regal ticket money due.
- September 15 Make a Splash Field Trip *gr. 4 and 5.*
- September 19 School Picture Day. Dress UP day.
- October: Month of the Rosary. Feast of St. Theresa and St. Francis of Assisi. Blessing of Animals.

REGAL TICKET SALE INCENTIVES!

\$300 (or an iPad) for top seller

Classroom Party for 3 highest selling classes

\$300 (or an iPad) to Lucky Number winner (learners earn

1 lucky ticket for every 10 tickets sold)

Please put selling these tickets on your priority list. Sign up to sell after masses! A quick way to move tickets!

Extra Incentives!

Teachers may choose to offer sales incentives within their classrooms. Principal Wendy is selling, too! Any family who BEATS HER TOTAL SALES gets a free dress day!!

Follow us!

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on Instagram: @sttheresaschoolkauai

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STG Soaring to Success: Spiritually, Academically,
Physically, and in Service to our Community

Principal's Message

Congratulations to all Kaua'i Marathon finishers!!

School is Work! From Preschool to 8th Grade, Learners are Stepping Up to the Challenge.

In education, rigor is the result of work that challenges learners' thinking and creates grade level skills that build their academic foundation. The process of learning in any grade isn't always easy, and it certainly isn't automatic.

St. Theresa School aims to prepare learners for higher education, not just in academic subjects, but in study habits and mindset. Being mindful of the basics; proper heading on work, timely turn in, effort in neatness and quality of content MATTER!

Yes, it's a challenge, but challenges make us stronger in the future, and creating a solid foundation is our goal.

A few tips for learners to make each day great:

1. **Be present.** Take care of yourself, sleep and eat, and come to class with a 'can do' mindset. Smiling helps!
2. **Be mindful of where you are.** In the classroom? Focus on the teacher and the lesson. At recess and lunch? You are in a Catholic School...treat everyone with respect and expect to be treated well in return.
3. **Be an active part of the class.** Make eye contact, ask questions, make sure your work looks like you cared about it.
4. **Talk about it!** Let your teacher know if you need help. Talk to family about your successes and goals.
5. **KNOW** that your school cares about you. Teachers want their learners to feel productive! They want to be the best teachers they can be and support learners all year. Remember: learning is a marathon, not a sprint 🏃 We got this!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STS?

STS Haunted Halloween Planning Begins

Event Date: October 28, Saturday

(this event will REPLACE Trunk or Treat)

Coordinator: Mr. Verdugo (middle school teacher) david.verdugo@sttheresakauai.com

STS Haunted Halloween event will be open to the public. There will be food booths, boat ride, haunted house, and child focused activities. There will not be a traditional costume contest, but will feature a costume parade!

All parents are welcome to help in the coordination of this event! Please contact Mr. Verdugo to

1. volunteer to run a food or game booth
2. have any Haunted House ideas or decorations to loan

School Speak Announcements

Our list of announcements on School Speak is getting long and several announcements will expire soon. To view past announcements, simply select "ANNOUNCEMENTS" then "CHANGE DATE" to view all past postings.

The information never disappears, it just gets stored there. Call office for help if needed!

STTHERESAKAUAI.COM

Our school website is being updated regularly. There is now a detailed description of our Playground Renovation Project, and a GIVING tab which allows donors to easily support the school from afar. Please share the web address with your family and friends.... the further we reach, the better our donation outlook gets. Individually, our connections are limited. Together, we can spread the word about our school to many!

STS WINS THE KA HO'OULU AWARD

OFFERED BY CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY AND HAWAII CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Award for 'Innovation for Mission'.

- Innovation as a call to remain relevant and attractive to our stakeholders, to continue to thrive in a competitive landscape, to best serve our students and to glorify God through our work;
- An emphasis on capturing and celebrating the current creativity of our educators, as well as fostering new directions and initiatives;
- A broad focus on innovations inside and outside the classroom;
- The development of a culture of innovation with constant attention to measurable outcomes and impact;
- Acknowledging the inspirational role of the Holy Spirit in the work of innovation.

STS is recognized for innovation in leadership as part of the HCS Cohort Board. This Cohort School Board model initiative provides the structure for STS to make improvements in fiscal management and institutional advancement, thus strengthening the long term viability of the school.