

THE PARENT CONNECTION

Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

“Providing Quality Early Education “

Established in 1980

Educationally Excellent

Distinctively Christian

Uniquely Contemporary



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September Calendar of Events

2	Friday	A yellow star with a smiling face, arms, and legs, set against a blue background with white snowflakes.	Birthday Celebration, 2:00 PM	
5	Monday		No School Labor Day	Grandparent
18	Sunday		Catechetical Mass for Teachers/Staff, 10:15 AM, SOS Church	
21	Wednesday		Mini Day, 11:15 Dismissal , Faculty In-Service, Day Care Provided	
			PTG Spaghetti Dinner & General Meeting @ 6 PM	
27	Tuesday		Emergency/Fire Drill	

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

Parent/School Communications

Please visit our website at www.staroftheseaelc.org to access the ELC blog section, which keep parents and families updated with the latest news, announcements and changes. Parents can also download in-house documents and photos in the private, password protected sections of the blog. Please obtain your password from the Business Office.

Health Form 14, Emergency Cards, Authorized Pick-Ups

All students need a current health form, emergency card and authorized pick-up form on file in the office. Please note any changes to contact numbers, addresses, etc. Contact our office at 734-3840 if updates are needed during the school year.

Arrival and Dismissal of Children

The regular school day commences at 8:00 AM with the ringing of the school bell. Parents may bring their child to school by 7:00 AM via the office front door, no earlier. The front entrance gate is opened each morning at 7:30 AM. In the event of heavy rains, curb-side drop-off and pick-up will be implemented by teachers and staff. All ELC children must be signed in and out. If someone other than the parent picks up the child, their name, address, phone number and relationship to child must be noted on the authorized pick-up form. Identification is required of any person picking up a child who is not listed on the authorized pick-up form. In emergency pick-up situations, please notify the office of the name of the person/ relationship who is picking up your child and be sure to add their name to the authorized pick-up form.

Drive Slowly and Cautiously in Parking Areas

Parents and grandparents are urged to drive slowly and cautiously while entering and leaving the church parking lot and parking garage. For safety purposes, please also exercise extreme caution and care when entering and leaving the parking stalls so that the children and parents can safely walk to and from the ELC entrance gate.

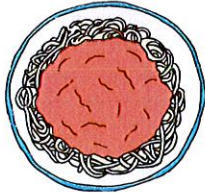
Parent Handbook

Please make sure to read the Star of the ELC Parent Handbook for pertinent information regarding school policies and procedures. A copy of the Parent Handbook and other policy information are available at the sign in area.

Early Learning Center Afternoon Enrichment Programs 2010-2011

ELC afternoon enrichment programs for 2011-2012 provide a variety of opportunities for young children to develop their creative, musical, physical, spatial and language skills. Programs offered this year by contracted vendors include: Gymnastics, Music, Dance, Piano, Computer, Bricks for Kids, Physical Education and Japanese. A Spanish language class is currently in the works. Parents may sign up for these programs by completing the registration forms provided at the front office desk.

**Star of the Sea Early Learning Center
Upcoming PTG Sponsored Event
Spaghetti Dinner & General Membership
Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2011
6:00 PM**



**Catechetical Sunday Celebration and
ELC Open House**

Please join us on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 10:15 AM for liturgy and to participate in the Rite of Blessing of Catechists. The theme is "Do This in Memory of Me," through the ministry of service. Catechetical Sunday recognizes the time, talent and service of catechists, teachers and staff who nurture the faith of children and adults in the ministry of Catholic education. Following the liturgy, ELC teachers and staff will host an open house at our school with classroom tours, a slide show and refreshments from 11:30-12:30.

**Hawaii State Legislature Keiki Caucus
Children and Youth Summit, Oct. 13, 2011**

"Learn It, Grow It, Share It"

A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has... Margaret Mead

Advocates, professionals, parents, students, policymakers and anyone interested in improving the well being of Hawaii's children and youth are invited to participate!



ELC STAFFING 2011-2012

Toddler Room 1:

Louise Roman-Teacher
Mary Williams -Teacher
Tracie Kuki-Assistant
Lynn Yamamoto-Assistant
Lori Colon-Assistant
(An Assistant is assigned to be a floater
Between the 2 Toddler Rooms)

Toddler Room 2:

Jill Hirata-Teacher
Ayako Sahara-Teacher
Kahae Iakopo-Assistant
Mayumi Newman-Assistant

Preschool/Kindergarten 1

Keolamana (Divine Strength)
Leanna Brake-Teacher
Lita Olegario-Assistant

Preschool/Kindergarten 2

Alaka'i (Leadership)
Sheila Makahanaloa-Teacher
Junko Hasegawa-Teacher
Mariam Joseph-Teacher
Kanani Estrada-Assistant
Hareen Isa-Assistant
Lani Middleton-Assistant

Preschool/Kindergarten 3

Ho'okela (Excellence)
Joan Gomes-Teacher
Jacque Rodrigues -Teacher
Won Bae-Assistant
Anne Nguyen-Assistant

Administration

Lisa Foster-Principal
Sheila Makahanaloa-Asst. Principal
Lynn Wong-Administrative Assistant
Karen Shiroma-Accounts Payable/Payroll/HR

Day Care Staff Assistants

Scot Tanaka
Clifford Badua
Erika Young
Tina Crochet

Kitchen

Scoter Haraguchi-Chef
Han Haraguchi- Assistant
KoSun Nojiri Assistant

Maintenance

Kiyoto Aoki-Building
Scot Tanaka-Yard



Support Staff

Malia Elliott-Music
Dr. Carlyn Tamura-
Consultant