

THE PARENT CONNECTION

Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

“Providing Quality Early Education “

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Educationally Excellent
Distinctively Christian
Uniquely Contemporary



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September Calendar of Events



4	Friday	Birthday Celebration, 2:00 PM
7	Monday	No School Labor Day
9	Wednesday	Mini Day, 11:15 Dismissal , Faculty In-Service, Day Care Provided
20	Sunday	Catechetical Mass for Teachers/Staff, 10:15 AM, SOS Church
23	Wednesday	PTG Spaghetti Dinner & General Meeting @ 6 PM
29	Tuesday	Emergency/Fire Drill @ 8:45 AM

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL: IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

Health Form 14, Emergency Cards, Authorized Pick-Ups

All students need to have 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

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 who is picking up the 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. 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.

Parking & No Parking Areas

General parking is available in the church parking lot and the 1st floor of the parking structure. **No parking areas include: any red painted curb areas in front of the ELC entrance, fire lane next to the freeway and designated stalls for disabled parking only.**

Parent Handbook

Please make sure to read the Star of the ELC Parent Handbook for pertinent information regarding school policies and procedures.

HB 356: Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statute: Child Endangerment Law: Leaving a child unsupervised in a motor vehicle.

House Bill 356 "establishes a motor vehicle violation that prohibits leaving a child unsupervised in a motor vehicle..." **Please do not leave your young child unattended in a motor vehicle.**

Hawaii Child Car Seat Law

Hawaii state law requires that all children under age four be restrained in a federally approved child safety seat. A new law, in effect as of January 1, 2007, requires that children ages four through seven ride in a booster seat or car seat any time they are in a vehicle. The only exceptions are for children taller than 4'9" or those riding in vehicles with lap-only seatbelts in rear seats.

Separation Difficulties

It is normal and expected that some children will experience separation difficulties during the first weeks of school. In general, some children may adjust more quickly than others, and others may take a little longer. Please be assured that the teachers and staff are trained to manage separation difficulties. It is advised that parents of Preschool and Kindergarten students bring their children to school by 8:00 AM, so that the child is not rushed, and can "settle" into the classroom environment.

Clothing and Footwear

Uniforms are required for the Preschool and Kindergarten division. Toddler students do not have to wear uniforms. A change of clothes is also needed. Covered shoes and socks are also required for all students. Shoes with velcro straps recommended.



Star of the Sea Early Learning Center Upcoming PTG Sponsored Events

PTG hosted Spaghetti Dinner & General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
6:00 PM



Make a Difference Recycling Campaign Saturday, October 24, 2009



2nd Annual Christmas Trolley Ride Friday, December 11, 2009



Kids' Movie Night February or March 2010



4th Annual East Honolulu Food Festival Saturday, May 1, 2010



ELC STAFFING 2009-2010

Toddler Room 1:

Louise Roman-Teacher
Mary Williams -Teacher
Lynn Yamamoto-Assistant
Holly Meyerson-Assistant
Floater: Michelle Dalida

Toddler Room 2:

Jill Hirata-Teacher
Diana Lugo-Teacher
Keahi Foster-Assistant
Lori Colon-Assistant
Floater: Maria Adversalo

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
Betsy Park-Assistant

Preschool/Kindergarten 3

Ho'okela (Excellence)
Joan Gomes-Teacher
Jacque Rodgrigues -Teacher
Won Bae-Teacher
Anne Nguyen-Assistant
Liana Lum-Assistant
Ethel Botelho-Assistant

Administration

Lisa Foster-Principal
Sheila Makahanaloa-Asst. Principal
Lynn Wong-Accounts Receivable/ Office Manager
Elaine Watanabe-Secretary/Receptionist
Karen Shiroma-Accounts Payable/Payroll

Day Care Staff Assistants

Scot Tanaka
Erika Young
Kahae Maika 'i-Iakopo

Kitchen

Scooter Haraguchi-Chef
Han Haraguchi- Assistant
KoSun Nojiri Assistant

Maintenance

Kiyoto Aoki-Building
Scot Tanaka-Yard

Support Staff

Malia Elliott-Music
Dr. Sharon Kazama-
Consultant

