

THE PARENT CONNECTION

Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

“Providing Quality Early Education “

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Distinctively Christian

Uniquely Contemporary



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January 2019 Calendar of Events

21	Monday	No School, Martin Luther King Day
25	Friday	ELC Snow Day Student Head Lice Check
28-31	Monday-Thursday	Catholic Schools Week & Parent Lunches, Monday-Thursday ELC Re-registration begins
29	Tuesday	ELC Fire/Emergency Drill, 3:30 PM
1-Feb.	Friday	NO SCHOOL, Annual Catholic Conference for Educators (ACCE)



ELC SCHOOL POLICY SAFETY REMINDERS

Updated Emergency Cards, Authorized Pick-Ups, Etc.

If there are any changes to phone numbers, authorized pick-up list, or other important changes to your child's emergency or authorized pick-up forms, please notify our office immediately about the changes. In case of an emergency, it is important that current information is listed on the forms.

A child will not be released to any person not listed on the authorized pick-up form. A valid identification card (i.e. driver's license), will be required if special pickups are arranged.

Please see our front office to update your child's emergency card/forms.

Front Entrance Secured Door

Please be reminded that only parents and designated adults are authorized to use the front door security code, and to ensure that the door closes completely. Do not allow children to enter codes, or allow people whom you do not know to follow behind you without entering their security code.

Sign In/Out Attendance Sheet (Mandatory)

Parents/Guardians are responsible for signing their child in and out of school daily. Please do not allow children to sign in or out, the sign in/out sheets are considered to be legal documents.

Designated No Parking Area-Painted Red

Please do not park in any area designated as no parking (i.e. curbs painted red), **such as in front of the ELC entrance gate and the fire lane. Please do not leave infant/child unattended in the car.**

Please make sure that your child is secured in a car seat while the vehicle is in motion.

Drive Slowly and Cautiously in Parking Garage and Church Parking Areas

Parents, grandparents and guardians are urged to drive **slowly and cautiously** while entering and leaving the parking garage and church parking lot. For safety purposes and to avoid accidents, please also exercise extreme caution and care when entering and leaving the parking stalls so that the children, parents and pedestrians can safely walk to their destinations.

**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!
PARENT LUNCHEON
January 28-31, 2019
For Parents Only...**



Parents are invited to have lunch with their children during our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019, and complete the RSVP form and return to the office. After this date, no additional meal requests will be added to the final meal count. Cost for lunch is \$8.00 per parent. More information forthcoming. The tentative lunch schedule is as follows:

Mon.	Jan. 28	<u>Toddlers</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
		Malama Rm. I & II	
Tues.	Jan. 29	<u>Ho'okela Rm</u>	<u>11:30 AM</u>
		Orange Puffins, White Chipmunks	
Wed.	Jan. 30	<u>Keolamana,</u>	<u>11:30 AM</u>
		Blue Dolphins & Aqua Otters	
Thurs.	Jan. 31	<u>Alaka'i Rm,</u>	<u>12 Noon</u>
		Yellow Butterflies, Red Lady Bugs & Brown Hedgehogs	

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Forms for re-registration for all returning students are available starting **Monday, January 28, 2019 to Friday, March 1, 2019.** The registration fee is \$400, which includes a \$100 processing fee and a \$300 non-refundable deposit that will be applied to the 2019-2020 school year. Re-registration will end on Friday, March 1, 2019. After this date, a late registration fee will be charged.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INQUIRIES 2019-2020

Kamehameha Schools: Pauahi Keiki Scholarship:
(Preschool) apps.ksbe.edu/finaid

Kamehameha Schools: Kipona Scholarship:
(Kindergarten +) apps.ksbe.edu/finaid

Preschool Open Doors (POD)
humanservices.hawaii.gov

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment (Toddler-K)
www.factstuitionaid.com

Sponsored by NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association), Catholic School Week is an annual celebration of Catholic Education in the United States. Schools typically observe the weekly masses, school tours and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value that Catholic education provides to students, the Church and the nation. *The theme is: Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.* During Catholic Schools Week, Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center will celebrate our Parish, students, families and staff with special activities. We also welcome parishioners and prospective parents to join us for ELC tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 -9:30 AM. Please call our office at 808-734-3840 to schedule a tour.

***ELC CHINESE NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION
The Year of the Pig***



CHINESE DINNER & LION DANCE
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
6:00 PM PTG/ Dinner 6:45 PM
Presentation & Lion Dance

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION FOR PRESCHOOLERS & KINDERGARTENERS

Mary, Star of the Sea ELC will present the annual Diocesan Safe Environment *"Circles of Care"* on **Feb. 15, 2019** to children ages 3-6 years old. The curriculum will address age appropriate, personal safety issues for children in the context of Catholic moral teaching and includes the book, "When I Feel Good About Myself," by Cornelia M. Spelman. A signed form by parents for permission to participate or not is required for all students ages 3-6 years. **More information forthcoming.**