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Newsletter

November 4, 2009

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Dear Friends,

In my lifetime I can remember several times when the economy was tenuous. Once when I was a little girl, my dad told me that we would have to sell our house because times were very bad. I can remember waking in the middle of the night and turning my light on to look at my bedroom and thinking, "Would this be my final night here?" God was good and things turned around and I was able to eventually take my children back to the house where my parent's still lived and where I was raised.

Once in Alaska, I went through this too. I can remember my husband had houses that were not selling and teachers were being laid off (at the time I was a public educator in the state), and I wondered, what will happen to us? But God spared us. Our church had taught us to be careful with debt. Somehow, God got us to listen to that and we were saved through a tough time.

And now, it seems to be another hard time. What I noticed here in the state is how kind people have become. It's like everyone realizes we are all in this together. Each time that I have experienced these downturns, I see people beginning to trust the Lord and no longer leaning on their own understanding. It is sad seeing people struggle financially, but I love seeing people putting the Lord where He belongs--at the center of all things.

This year the school has tried to help families with multiple children in either Kona Christian Academy or Makua Lani. The board worked hard for each of you to make this a reality. But I know it is still hard for those even with one child. That's where the Silent Auction comes in. This year, in particular, this fundraiser is important because it will be used mostly for tuition for those that need some extra financial help. I believe that businesses will be even more generous this year—simply because they see the need to help more than ever.

To make this happen, each family needs to find 2 donations (other than the basket donations from the classes). I have a favorite furniture store that has been very willing to give in the past...I am sure each of you know businesses in town that would love to help out. If all give a little, it amounts to a lot.

We still need people to sign up and help with the steak fry as well as the action. Mark your calendars and get ready to pour some good energy into a great opportunity to help the students—November 21st at Hale Halawai. Steak is served from 5-7pm.

Blessings to us all
Thaddea



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Mission Statement

Makua Lani Christian School will work together with the parents and church to provide a Christ-centered spiritual, academic, and physical foundation that will produce individuals who will be Biblical thinkers capable of serving the world for Christ.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you . . . Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Chapel Update

Thank you to Mr. Buell and the wonderful Praise and Worship team that he is working with. There is a rotating schedule but here are our student players.

Jessie Cuaresma, Justin Pham, Nick Brennt, Dylan Hardie Jordan, Beau Hesketh, Andrew Dong, Spencer Brennt, Jason Formanack, Ciana Shackelford, Tatiana Kaumatule, Emma Elliott, Kristen Elliott, Naomi McCracken, Grace Choe and Masaki Shields.

I am so thankful for Mr. Buell. He has been able to seek out great talent and use it to give God glory.

September 30

Keith Elliott from Kona Church of God blessed us with his presentation. He key topic was: Keep the main thing, the main thing. He was talking about God being the main thing. He continued to share that we get our energy through renewed strength through the Lord, if we just ask Him.

October 7

Mr. Buell gave his testimony to the student body. It included how he managed to end up in Hawaii. He challenged us to keep God first: before relationships, jobs, grades, sports, music etc.

October 14 – No Chapel: PSATs

October 21

A Kahea Gomes who was once a student here at Makua Lani shared about her loss of her grandmother. She explained how God sent her comfort during a very difficult time. Though Kahea prayed for healing of her grandmother of cancer, God choose to take her to her heavenly home. Kahea shared how she trusted the Lord, even when she did not get exactly what she prayed for.

October 28

Kona Christian Academy's sixth grade came and shared about their recent trip to Washington, DC. Thank you to Mrs. Begley and Kim Marr for bringing the students up. Thank you to Kalani Alapai, Sarah Cavanaugh, Loi Chang-Stroman, Maleya Creitz, Sina Easley, Allie Freitas, Chasen Jakob, Pierce Marr, Tavian Taketa, and Sophia Whalen. Thanks for doing such a great job!

Silent Auction & Steak Fry Fundraiser

November 21st at Hale Halawai – Alii Drive between Kona Inn and Waterfront Row.

5:00-7:00pm Steak Fry, 5:00-8:00pm Silent Auction

Steak Fry dinner tickets are \$12.00 pre-sale, \$15.00 at the door. Dinner includes New York steak, rice, chili beans, tossed salad, roll and a drink.

Silent Auction Parent Meetings

We need Makua Lani parents to attend the parent meetings for the upcoming Silent Auction. The meetings are held at KCA in Mr. Sommers room from 7:00-8:00pm. The meeting dates are: November 5th, 12th and the 19th. Thank you so much!

College Fair (for the 11th and 12th graders)

When: Friday, November 20, 2009 from 8:30am-1:30pm

Where: Waikoloa Beach Marriott Hotel / Queen's Shops

We will be chartering a bus for our juniors and seniors. It will be leaving from the school at approximately 8:15am and will return around 1:30pm. There will be a \$5 bus fee. The students will also be stopping at the Queens Shops so they will need some lunch money. This is a great opportunity for our students to check out many colleges and universities that will be represented. We are also looking for 2-3 parent chaperones to accompany the students. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Thank You to:

Bill McCracken for painting the bathrooms floors for us.

The Todd's and the Choe's for the long serge protectors that were given to the school.

Dusty Bauer for painting the stairs and part of the sidewalks of the school.

TUITION

Tuition payments are due on the 10th of each month. Please contact Debbie Mabuni at KCA (329-3093) if you have any questions. Please keep your account current.

Advanced Placement Exam Fees

Students taking AP Literature or AP US History will be charged \$86 per exam taken in May 2010. This will be added to your tuition. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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1st Quarter HONOR ROLL

SUPERIOR (4.0+ GPA)

12th grade

Whitney Aguilera
Nick Brennt
Emmaline Elliott
Steve Hayward
Damian Mabuni
Cassin Muramoto
Tatiana Kaumatule
Amber Pitts
Briana Sugai

11th grade

Jordan Amstutz
Josh Brunner
Jordan Heres
Lexi Mabuni
Joy Manzo
Paul Whalen

10th grade

Gage Allen
Grace Choe
Liana Jensen
Alex Todd

9th grade

Keawe Alapai
Mercedes DeCarli
Lilly Dorr
Lauren Mabuni

8th grade

Allie Amstutz
Joy Choe
Andrew Creitz
Amanda Madigan
Naomi McCracken
Justin Pham
Savannah Pitts
Kamela Souza
Bailey Wanner

HONOR ROLL (3.5 to 3.99 GPA)

12th grade

Lexi Anderson
Dylan Hardie-Jordan
Kamaile Powell
Ciana Shackelford
Austen Wells

11th grade

Jesse Cuaresma
Angel Mabuni
Thalita Marcial
Mia Mardikian
Elisha Navarro

10th grade

Chloe Brennt
Joseph Campbell
Andrew Dong
Eric Dong
Kristen Elliott
Emmanuel Gordon
Beau Hesketh
Brandt Mabuni
Keelee Martin
Tyler Nakamura

9th grade

Cori Anderson
Chaya Cacal
Kimberly Casino
Tiffany Nakamura
Adora Omodt
Kanoa Reid
Madison Wanner

8th grade

Spencer Brennt
Tyler Dorn
Laura Dowsett
Shantelle Eliana
Cara Jernigan
Karissa Komo
Genesis Marks
James Whalen

Accreditation Needs THANK YOU

A tremendous thank you to Starr Todd for helping me find a place for the accreditation team and also for their family's generous contribution to help cover the costs. This was a giant answer to prayer!

College Corner

Mrs. Kim Dong is our college counselor. You may contact her directly at makualanicounselor@gmail.com with your questions. You can go online to the college board website- www.collegeboard.com for more information and to register your child. Most of our students take the SAT at Kealakehe High School. You usually have to register about a month before the exam so you do not have to pay a late registration fee. Makua Lani's school code is 120064.

SAT Test Dates:

Nov. 7, 2009
Dec. 5, 2010
Jan. 23, 2010
Mar. 13, 2010
May 1, 2010
June 5, 2010

ACT Test Dates

Dec. 12, 2009
Feb. 6, 2010
Apr. 10, 2010
Jun. 12, 2010

Thanksgiving Potluck

We will be having a Thanksgiving Potluck on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 25) from 11:00-12:00noon. Each student is asked to bring something to share – they can earn +5 citizenship points too!

8th grade – Main Dish

9th grade – Main Dish

10th grade – Drinks (bottles of water, cans of soda or juice)

11th grade – Dessert

12th grade – Paper goods (plates, napkins, forks)

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Christmas Break

The last day of school for 2009 is Friday, December 18th. School will be dismissed at 11:30am. Final exams will happen all that week including December 18th. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS PLANS ACCORDINGLY. We strongly encourage all students to be in school through December 18 to keep the educational process going smoothly. There is also a \$50 per final exam charge for make-up tests (see page 4 in the Parent / Student Handbook). Thank you! School will resume on Monday - January 11, 2010.

Bibles

All students must have a Bible here at school. We use them in chapel on Wednesdays and in various classes throughout the week. Please ensure that your child has one everyday. Thank you!

Student Absences

Please call the office or e-mail us at makualani@gmail.com right away in the morning if your child is absent that day.

Dress Code Reminders

All tops MUST have at least a 2 inch strap, please use a ruler and not finger-width. ALL shorts must have at least a 4 inch inseam, once again please use a ruler when in doubt. Parents, please help inform your child as to what an inseam is. This also includes ALL Makua Lani school functions as well as sports practices and games. Citizenship Points are being given after repeated warnings. We are encouraging our young ladies to respect themselves as well as the young men around them. We appreciate your help!

Pre-arranged Student Absences

Please contact our office via e-mail or letter if your child will be absent or need to leave for an appointment. PLEASE REMEMBER - THERE IS A FEE IF YOUR CHILD MISSES MORE THAN 3 CONSECUTIVE DAYS (illness is excused). You can get more information on this policy on page 4 & 5 of our Parent / Student Handbook.

College Visits

November 17 @ 9:20am - Simpson University

November 19 @ 9:20am - Point Loma University

Parent Workday

There are many painting needs, a few carpentry needs, as well as gardening needs. You may call me for a time you want to come and work but our next official workday is **Saturday, November 14th from 9-noon**. Please come and help. Accreditation is just around the corner and our school needs to shine! Thanks.

Yearbook Sales

We will be doing a pre-sale for our Makua Lani 2009-2010 yearbook from November 4-13. Each yearbook will cost \$25.00 if you pay now during the pre-sale time frame. The cost will go up to \$35.00 when the yearbooks arrive in mid May. Please make your check out to Makua Lani Christian School. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

November

- 6** NO SCHOOL - Teacher's In-service
- 11** NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day Holiday
- 14 Parent Workday: 9am until 12noon
- 18 Talent Show
- 20 College Fair for 11th and 12th graders
- 21 Silent Auction & Steak Fry Fundraiser
- 25 Thanksgiving Potluck
- 26, 27** NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 3 1st Makua Lani Soccer game
- @ HPA 2pm: boys, 4pm: girls
- 4 & 5 "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"
Musical
- 7** NO SCHOOL - Teachers' In-service
- 16-18 1st Semester Final Exams
- 18 School out at 11:30am
- Dec. 19 - Jan. 8** NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

January 2010

- 7 & 8 ACSI Teacher's Conference on Oahu
- 11 School Resumes
- 11-13 Accreditation Team visiting
- 18** NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Makua Lani Sports Update

It has once again been another exciting year for Makua Lani Sports, and we continue to see God pour blessings on our coaching staffs and athletes. Our fall sports have come to an end, and we want to congratulate all the athletes and coaches for very successful seasons. Thank you also to the parents for your support and encouragement!

New to the Makua Lani athletic program this year was bowling. Thank you to our coaches Chris and Kristen Kam (Parents of Bronsten Kossow) for coaching the inaugural season. With Kona Bowl getting a make-over this year, we were limited in what we could do with practices. However, the students did very well and we are proud of your representation of the school, and we look forward to growing our number of bowlers in the following years for Makua Lani. Athletes that competed in bowling were: Bronsten Kossow, Jason Formanack, Sina Mandaquit, Teresa Loera, Shayla Loando, Liana Jensen, Adora Omodt, Lilly Dorr and Keelee Martin.

Cross Country was once again very successful this year. We were seconds from having our boys finish in second place at the BIIF tournament in Hilo. We are very excited in the number of athletes we sent to the state tournament on Kauai. We sent 3 boys; Dylan Hardie-Jordan, Brandt Mabuni and Devin Vandervoort. We also sent 4 girls; Lexi Mabuni, Angel Mabuni, Grace Choe and Tiffany Nakamura. Dylan Hardie-Jordan was our top boys finisher at states, coming in 21st place, and Grace Choe was our top girls finisher, coming in 38th place. Congratulations to all the runners and thank you to our new coaches this year, Doug Andrews and Chrissy Pitts, for all the time and dedication you put into the cross country program.

Winter Sports are here!!! We are very excited about the upcoming soccer teams, and are sad to say goodbye to Makua Lani paddling, for right now. We are considering this a rebuilding year for paddling, and are looking forward to getting it going again next year. Boys soccer numbers are great again, we have 25 boys signed up to play. We have many returners from last year's state team, and we are looking forward to what Coach Raf and his staff do this year. Our girl's team numbers are a bit down this year. We have 13 girls at the moment participating, but we have quality athletes. We are looking forward to what our new head coach, John Edwards, can do with the numbers we have.

Winter Coaching Staff's:

Boys Soccer: Rafael Cifuentes, Rafael Cifuentes Jr., Taylor Easley, Mike Hardie

Girls Soccer: John Edwards, Bobby Nakamura, Jonny Buell, Ben Bricken

Soccer schedules are available on our website at www.makualani.com

We know God has great plans for our small Christian school. Win or lose, may all the glory be given to Him!

Aloha,
Dusty Bauer
Athletic Director

Booster Club

A Makua Lani Booster Club is in the planning stages to help raise money for our school sports program. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

