



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOLS

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July 13, 2018

Aloha Upper School Families,

Welcome to a new school year at The Priory Upper School! I hope your summer has been restful and replenishing! We are excited to welcome your daughter back to what we are sure will be a wonderful year full of valuable learning experiences. St. Andrew's Schools is honored to have the opportunity to support your daughter's educational journey in a setting that supports each child to reach her fullest potential, firmly rooted in the values and Episcopal faith of our beloved founder, Queen Emma Kaleleonālani.

As we look forward to a new year, we bid farewell to a few of our beloved faculty members: **Kumu Namahana Fuller, Ms. Naomi Castro, Ms. Jamie Makiya, and Mrs. Mary Burgess.** We are deeply grateful for their talents, special gifts, and the dedication they have shown to our students' learning during their time with us.

I am very pleased to introduce our incoming teachers, each of whom are excited to bring incredible talent, expertise, and enthusiasm to our Priory community.

Ms. Lahela Aoki joins us as our new Upper School P.E. teacher. Ms. Aoki holds her Bachelor's in Health and Physical Education from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and a Hawai'i state teaching license in K-12 Physical Education. Ms. Aoki previously served as The Priory Lower School physical education teacher. She brings experience in middle school, high school and elementary school settings on O'ahu.

Mr. Bowe Souza will join us as our Upper School choir teacher. Mr. Souza brings almost 17 years of music-related experience, and over nine years as a music assistant and accompanist. He has his Bachelor's in Music with a minor in Hawaiian Language from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Additionally, he is a member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) - Hawai'i Chapter and the Hawai'i Music Educators Association.

Kumu Hula Allison Kailihiwa Kahaipilani Vaughan will join us as our K-12 Kumu Hula. Kumu Hiwa has been dancing hula since she was three. Kumu Hiwa has learned from many hula masters and 'ūniki (graduated) from Kumu Hula Mae Kamāmalu Klein, whose hula lineage is with Kumu Hula Ma'iki Aiu. At the age of 10, Kumu Hiwa won Miss Keiki Hula and in 1995, she won the Merrie Monarch title of Miss Aloha Hula. Kumu Hiwa's own hālau, Hālau Hula Ka Lehua Tuahine, participates regularly in Hawai'i's Merrie Monarch Festival.

We look forward to another year of enriching and engaging learning in the Upper School. Our educational program will continue to challenge your daughter to *Kūlia i ka Nu'u* through a personalized learning environment in which each child can explore her interests, develop her knowledge and skills, and engage in meaningful, relevant work. This year, our students will:

- Ask questions, investigate, problem-solve, create, and reflect through our STEAM:Ed UP! Program.

- Learn about the world around them and take action as compassionate leaders through our Stevens Global Leadership program.
- Hone their skills and exhibit their work through our award-winning visual and performing arts programs and academic and exhibition fairs.
- Explore their career interests and learn skills necessary to complete an internship at a local business, nonprofit or healthcare organization through our Priory in the City program.
- Soar as scholar athletes in our athletic programs.
- Develop their social and emotional capacity through Yale University's RULER program.

The Priory's rich array of co-curricular and extracurricular activities give our students opportunities to get involved, take intellectual risks, lead and grow. Our Middle and High School Student Councils have planned an excellent year of events that serve our community, and our clubs will continue to serve as one more space in which our students may pursue their interests and serve the wider community.

We'd like to share some important dates and events with you to usher in the new school year:

- Your daughter may check PowerSchool (powerschool.standrews.org) for her **course schedule** on **July 25**. Please refer to the **Accessing and Updating Important Student Information** booklet enclosed in the mailing for login information and access instructions. Please contact technology@standrewsschools.org or call 524-3234 for assistance.
- Please join us on **Thursday, August 9, 5 p.m.**, in Robinson Courtyard for a **Meet and Greet with Mrs. Rochelle Sakurai**, our new Director of College Counseling. Please RSVP at standrewsschools.org/meet-rochelle.
- **Computer Registration** period is **August 9-10, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in Queen Emma Library**. Please have your daughter drop off her computer to our Technology Department staff. Students who drop off their computers in the morning may pick up their computers in the afternoon. Students who drop off their computers in the afternoon may pick up their computer the following morning. Please contact technology@standrewsschools.org or call 808-524-3234 for assistance.
- The **Add/Drop Request form** (bit.ly/add-drop-request) will go live on **August 9**. Students who would like to request adding or dropping a course may consult Mrs. Sakurai in her office (Kennedy Hall 100).
- Students may **drop off their school supplies** and other items in their lockers **August 9-10**. Their locker numbers will be indicated in PowerSchool by August 9. For assistance, please contact registrar@standrewsschools.org or call 808-532-2416.
- We hope to see you at **'Ohana BBQ (standrewsschools.org/18-bbq)**, our first big community gathering on **Friday, August 24, at 5 p.m.**
- Save some money and stock up on your children's uniforms for the year at the **Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Gently Used Uniforms Pop-Up Shop!** Gently-used uniforms will be on sale at the **'Ohana BBQ, in Sellon Hall 104**. Get there early for the best selection! PTF will be accepting cash or check only.
- The High School Student Council Spirit Committee is proud to present this year's **All-School Picnic on Friday, August 31**. There will be games, movies and a water slide! Please refer to the enclosed All-School Picnic flyer for information on attire, what to bring, and bento lunch order information, which may be ordered at the cafeteria window by **Wednesday, August 29**.

Please visit standrewsschools.org/18-19 for back to school information and forms. We have enclosed a **checklist** for you so that your daughter will be ready for our new school year.

In these last weeks of summer, we invite you to encourage your daughters to rest, play and enjoy their time with friends and family. Should you have questions before the beginning of school, please feel free

to contact the Upper School Office at 536-6104. Thank you for giving your daughter the gift of a Priory education.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Nichole Field,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nichole Field". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Nichole" and the last name "Field" written in a similar style.

The Priory Upper School Principal