



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOLS

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Dear Prep Families,

We are gearing up for the 2018-19 school year and look forward to welcoming your son to the new school year. St. Andrew's Schools is leading the way in innovative programming to prepare boys to become their best, courageous selves. Our focus this coming school year is strengthening and aligning our educational programs more closely to our renewed and forward-thinking school mission and vision.

I would like to share with you some exciting news and several opportunities for the next school year.

As we look forward to a new year, I am very pleased to introduce our incoming teachers, each of whom are excited to bring incredible expertise and enthusiasm to our Prep community.

Ms. Mary Reeds Crowley is The Prep's new P.E. and SEL teacher. She earned her Bachelor's in Studio Art from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, her Associate's in Art from Santa Barbara City College, and completed education coursework at University of San Diego. Ms. Crowley was a Division I Track and Field letter winner (2 years) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She also competed on the Women's Track and Field team and was an MVP at Santa Barbara City College. In addition to teaching P.E., Ms. Crowley will continue our K-5 SEL program and work with our students and faculty to integrate the RULER approach, mindfulness, and yoga to promote self-awareness, self-care, and self-efficacy. Ms. Crowley has earned her teaching certifications in education and yoga (teacher and trainer). Her most recent teaching experience was at 'Aikahi Elementary, where she taught Art to grades 3-6, and served as Director and Lead Teacher of the Mindfulness Program. She also developed the school's mindfulness curriculum to meet national and state P.E. and health standards.

Kumu Hula Allison Kailihiwa Kahaipiilani 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 have an exciting and enriching year ahead of us. We have our 'Ohana BBQ, Back to School Night, Nā Kūpuna Day, Lower School Student Council and Spirit Weeks, Field Day at Queen Emma Summer Palace, Fourth Grade Camp – and other annual favorites such as our Talent Show and Christmas and May Day programs – to look forward to. Opportunities for academic advancement and competition will be available through our Scripps Spelling Bee and National Geographic Bee. Our faculty will begin its two-year comprehensive review of our Language Arts curriculum. Our learning-by-doing approach to science and technology using the Engineering Design Process, robotics, digital media, and STEAM will continue to encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity.

Nature treks and learning trips encourage students to explore their community and the natural wonders around them to enrich their physical, spiritual, and social-emotional well-being. The P.E. department will continue to offer basketball and volleyball through our intramural sports program for third and fourth graders at The Prep.

Our Farm to Table initiative will be taught through our sustainability efforts with gardening, aquaponics, vermiculture, and chicken coop.

RULER, an evidence-based approach to social and emotional learning will continue to be part of our health and wellness program along with mindfulness, yoga and physical education. Weekly religious studies are integrated into our chapel service with Chaplain Annalise. Our Hawaiian values will be affirmed throughout The Prep with language, mele, and hula. Our students will continue to explore their interests, exercise their creativity, and communicate their learning to others during our Explorations time.

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

- Please join me on **Tuesday, August 7, 5 p.m.**, in Jubinsky Hall for light refreshments and conversation. Please RSVP at standrewsschools.org/meet-Winston for this **Meet and Greet**.
- Your child may bring school supplies to class on the first day of school. As an option, you are more than welcome to drop off school supplies in the Lower School Office (Kennedy Hall 105) during the following times: **Wednesday, August 15 (7-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.) and Thursday, August 16 (7-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.)** Please **label** the secured bundle with your child's name and grade.
- We hope to see you at **'Ohana BBQ (standrewsschools.org/18-bbq)**, our first big community gathering which will take place 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 child will be ready for our new school year.

In the interim, please feel free to contact the Lower School Office at 532-2444 with your questions or comments. Thank you for your continued commitment to your child's education and support of St. Andrew's Schools.

Sincerely,



Dr. Winston Sakurai
Principal of The Prep