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Aloha Friends and Neighbors!

Have you ever wondered how laws get made? Or what the difference between the Legislative and Executive branches are? Coming up next month is your opportunity to answer those questions and more at my second annual Capitol Talk & Tour!

It's a great Fall Break opportunity for the whole family to learn more about our State Capitol and the Legislative system. I'll take you and your family on a guided tour of the State Capitol to hear its unique history, get an inside look into the Legislative and Executive chambers, learn how to make your voice heard in the legislative process, and so much more. I hope to see you there! You can RSVP by calling (808) 586-9490 or at RepMatsumoto.com.

Despite the important work that happens in Government, what happens in our communities is perhaps even more significant. I'm always amazed by the incredible acts of service and selflessness displayed by our North Shore community. This year, St. Michael School in Waialua will be celebrating 75 years of providing a holistic education for generations of keiki.

St. Michael School opened its first class of 19 kindergarten students in 1944. While Allied forces were preparing to liberate occupied France in one of history's greatest feats of bravery, Waialua saw its own benevolent act when Father Ernest Claus SSCC started St. Michael School's first class. And just seven months later, a first grade was added.

Five years later the school grew to include a full eight grades. Over the next several decades St. Michael School continued to add students, expand school facilities, and establish itself as an integral part of the Waialua community. The school also stood out in other ways. In the early 1970s, due to an early shortage of Sisters, St. Michael School became the first Catholic School in Hawaii to be staffed completely by lay people. This set a precedent that persists to this day for a strong partnership among parents, school staff, and clergy.

The school's uniqueness and dedication to holistic education has kept going. In 2017, the current principal Mr. Kainoa Fukumoto implemented a visionary integrated technology plan that supports 21st century teaching methods alongside the school's traditional Catholic education mission. Keiki can take advantage of cutting edge technology to prepare them for today's fast-changing economy while at the same time still being immersed in the school's mission to "educate the whole person"

through service opportunities, reverence for liturgy, and orthodox catechesis.

And as if forming Hawaii's future leaders wasn't enough, St. Michael School remains committed to serving the North Shore Community. The school leads the way in serving the homeless, providing food for the needy, and caring for the community's kupuna.

St. Michael School is a great example of what can be achieved when parents, teachers, and school staff are unified in the same mission of providing a quality, forward-thinking education with outstanding community service. Let's give St. Michael School our appreciation for 75 years of outstanding service in the community.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about happenings in our community. Call my office at (808) 586-9490, email me at RepMatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov, or visit RepMatsumoto.com.