



# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

AUGUST 2023

The annual Back-to-School Blessing was performed on Sunday, August 6.

The Back-to-School season is a time filled with capturing the last days of summer, assembling school supplies, coordinating new wardrobes and adjusting to new

schedules.

This is a time that brings about a variety of emotions for parents, teachers and students as a new school year begins.

The shrine offered a special blessing steeped in ancient tradition honoring students of

all ages and those in the field of education.

Mahalo Nui to Hamada Financial Group for offering free Keiki IDs and to the officers and volunteers for sharing their time and energies in making the event a success !!

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# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

**1 8:30 am (ONLINE ONLY)**  
Accepting Reservations for Shichigosan Totose-no-Oiwai, Jusan Mairi

**3 3:00 pm (INTERNAL)**  
Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

## OCTOBER

**15 1:00 pm ~ 3 pm**  
Shichigosan Preparations

**22 - 31 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**  
Shichigosan



## NOVEMBER

**4 9:30 am ~ 12 pm**  
Shichigosan

**2 pm**  
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

**5 - 19 9:30 am - 3 pm**  
Shichigosan

## DECEMBER

**2 9:30 am**  
Mochi Pounding (Tentative)

# GOKITO - Private Blessings

A Cleansing and Remembrance ceremony was performed on 7/29 at a home in Aiea. May the old memories give birth to new dreams.



A Yakudoshi blessing was performed on August 19, for one undergoing Hon-Yaku. How blessed to be surrounded by love and support.



An annual blessing was performed for Cosmo and his feline siblings



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44 students and 5 teachers from Shitennoji Gakuen visited the shrine on August 24. Shitennoji Gakuen was founded in 1922 to commemorate the 1,300th anniversary of Prince Shotoku's passing. Over the years, a junior college, Buddhist university and K-12 private school was established in Habikino, Osaka.



Flags were flown at half-staff on this Admission Day, as we continue to grieve and mourn the victims of the devastating Maui fires.

We extend our deepest condolences and most sincere sympathy to the families of the victims.

All of us at the shrine are standing with you and keeping you in our prayers.



## OTSUKIMI - Moon viewing

*Otsukimi* or moon viewing is an ancient tradition of viewing the Harvest moon on the evening of the full moon in September.

*Otsukimi* comes from the Mid-Autumn Festival and was imported from China during the Nara period (710-794 CE).

In China, the festival originated during the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and celebrates gathering, thanks-giving and prayers for longevity and the perpetuation of the lineage.

In Japan, the moon was considered sacred and *Otsukimi* was primarily expressing thanksgiving for the gift of life, nature and its abundant

bounties and the bonds of community while partaking of *sake* and *dango* dumplings..

In Korea, *Chu-seok* celebrated on the same days as the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival and *Otsukimi* is the largest national holiday.

Koreans visit their hometowns, observe memorial services, visit graves and share a feast of traditional dishes with family.

*Otsukimi* has given birth to many Japanese dishes. There's *Tsukimi dango* or the *mochi* dumplings that you eat while viewing the moon. *Udon* or *soba* topped with a raw egg is referred to as *Tsukimi udon* or *Tsukimi soba*.



McDonald's Japan has a *Tsukimi* burger and *Sukiyaki* burger - both topped with a fried egg.

Their Fall pie is a *Tsukimi* pie with *azuki* and *mochi* filling.

Domino's Japan has their *Tsukimi* pizza with toppings of sliced boiled eggs.

The observance of *Otsukimi* this year falls on **September 29**.

# Shichigosan • Totose-no-Oiwai • Jusan Mairi

October 22 - November 19      Donation \$65

Blessing includes: Blessing • Omamori & Ofuda • Goodie Bag • Chitose-ame • Complimentary kimono dressing

## Reservations

- Online reservations will be accepted from **September 1**
- One time slot per family - up to 3 siblings
- Reservations are confirmed on a first come first served basis when online forms and donations are received. We will respond with a confirmation email or text within 72 hours of receipt
- Phone or email reservations are no longer accepted



All children are asked to wear a V-neck Tshirt or tank top with shorts (no belt) or capri



Children must be able to sit by themselves in order for us to style their hair



We do not take photographs or videos. Parents are free to take photos and videos



## Maximum 12 time slots per day

10/22 Sun 9:30 am - 3 pm

11/4 Sat 9:30 am - 2 pm

11/12 Sun 9:30 am - 3 pm

10/28 Sat 9:30 am - 2 pm

11/5 Sun 9:30 am - 3 pm

11/18 Sat 9:30 am - 2 pm

10/29 Sun 9:30 am - 3 pm

11/11 Sat 9:30 am - 2 pm

11/19 Sun 9:30 - 11:30 am

**For more info: [www.jinja.us/shichigosan.html](http://www.jinja.us/shichigosan.html)**

# MAINTENANCE

Most residential toilets use a water tank and gravity to flush.

Unlike the toilet in your home, the shrine's basement meeting room has a toilet and latrine with a flushometer using water pressure from the water source itself.

The toilet's flushometer started running when flushed and the latrine's flushometer leaked when flushed.



Most toilets have high flush volumes, using as much as 7 gallons per flush.

The flushometer toilets use no more than 1.6



gallons per flush.

Although the flushometer valves have a high rate of performance and are water efficient - - not all plumbing systems are compatible with flushometer valves.

Both flushometers were never repaired or replaced since the 1980s when the building was built.

On 7/28, 535 Plumbing replaced the flushometer valve, vacuum breaker and diaphragm on the toilet and latrine.

The annual cleaning of the roof was done on August 12.



## Roof Replacement

The shrine's roof hasn't been replaced since it was installed in 1982.

There are many things that can go wrong with a shingle roof over time. Thanks to Hurricane Dora, the shrine roof has been uplifting and curling - moving like waves with each strong gust.

According our roofer, Rob - nails have popped off in many areas. Dora also blew off several shingles, especially over the Kotohira-side of the roof.

The nails are set in wood, which expands and contracts with humidity and temperature changes. Even well placed, secure nails will eventually pop out of their positions over time.

Roofs play a considerable role in protecting the rest of the home or building underneath it. The effects of having the roof getting blown off would be devastating.

The breach in the roof has prompted the shrine to seek emergency roof replacement sometime this month, as it is not likely to withstand the next hurricane.