

# Warrior News

*Saint Mark Lutheran School extends the love and care of Jesus Christ to all people, while nurturing families and preparing students to integrate faith with life, through quality Christ-centered education.*

**Saint Mark Lutheran School  
Kaneohe, Hawaii**

**August 2017**

## A Message from the Head of School

Now that the 2017-18 school year is well under way, I am happy to report that the students seem to be settling in beautifully. We are excited to welcome one new team member to the Saint Mark ohana this year. We welcome **Mrs. Robin Kaha`ulelio** (Administrative Assistant / Admissions Coordinator). Please join me in extending her a warm aloha as she joins our family.

The complete 2017-2018 Saint Mark faculty and staff are listed as follows:



Kindergarten - **Mrs. Ng**  
Grade 1 - **Mrs. Venegas**  
Grade 2 - **Ms. Camit**  
Grade 3 - **Mrs. Sitler**  
Grade 4 - **Mrs. McMillian**  
Grade 5 - **Mr. Fosket**



Middle School Science, Math & Bible - **Mrs. Kuster**  
Middle School English, Math & Bible - **Mrs. Schroppel**  
Middle School Social Studies, English & Bible - **Mrs. DeMello-Kuntz**  
Art, Gr 2 Educational Assistant & After Care Director - **Mrs. Gibo**  
Assistant Head of School, Director of School Programs & Athletics - **Mrs. Kong**  
Band, 4 & 5 Ukulele, K-6 Choir, and 7 & 8 Music - **Mr. Bauchle**  
Kindergarten Educational Assistant & Before Care Worker - **Mrs. Akaka**  
Middle School P.E., Gr 1 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Ms. Kauai Dias**  
Gr 1 & 2 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Ms. Courtney Gibo**  
Library, Gr 3 & 4 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Mrs. Manu**  
After Care - **Mrs. Gibo, Mrs. Manu, Ms. Courtney Gibo** and **Ms. Keaka**  
Administrative Assistant/Admissions Coordinator - **Mrs. Kaha`ulelio**  
Business Manager - **Mrs. Lawrence**  
Pastor - **Rev. Matthew Hilpert**  
Head of School - **Dr. David Gaudi**

As is customary at Saint Mark, in addition to the new staff, we also want to welcome all of our new school families and welcome back our returning families. We know that you have many choices when it comes to your children's education, and we thank you for putting your trust in us. You continue to be our most important ambassadors, and we greatly appreciate your commitment!

## Work Continues as We Build for the Future - Early Learning Center

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

Saint Mark continues its multi-year endeavor to raise money for the construction of a new early education building on the footprint of the current administrative offices, kindergarten room, and computer room.

The designs have been finalized, the permits are almost complete, and the kindergarten class has been relocated. **The final stage is to meet a few more fundraising goals.**

**We need everyone's help** to bring our plans to fruition. Please call the school office to set up a meeting with **Dr. Gaudi** to learn more about how you can support this very important project. Mahalo Nui Loa!

### Dates to Remember

**August 29:** Mid-Quarter Reports go home

**September 3:** Grades 3 & 4 Sing in Church at 9:30 a.m.

**September 4:** Labor Day No School

**September 8:** Fall Family Night - Movie Night

**September 11-15:** Scholastic Book Fair

**September 11:** PTC / Fun Fair Planning Meeting at 5:30pm

**September 13:** Kindergarten Grandparents' Day

**September 17:** Grades 5 & 6 Sing in Church at 9:30 a.m.

**September 20:** Fall Picture Make-up Day

**September 29:** 1st Quarter Ends - 11:30am Dismissal

**October 2 - October 13:** Fall Intersession

**October 4 - October 11:** All Report Cards mailed home

**October 16:** School Resumes

**October 19 & 20:** 11:30am dismissal due to Parent Teacher Conferences



*Renderings of the Early Learning Center to include pre-school classrooms, library, technology center, meeting rooms and administrative offices*

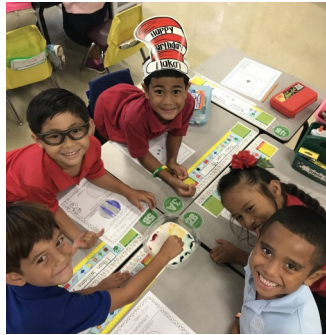
# Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

## Kindergarten:

We are diving right in to our kindergarten year! We have started off the year by learning our rules, procedures, and essentially how to be an awesome student. We are getting the hang of the "Big Kids' School," and how to be a member of the school community. We are practicing our numbers, letters, sounds...and we've even started reading! We are learning about Bible and social studies, and we just found out that we are SCIENTISTS! Also, we went on our first field trip to Hawaii Theatre for Youth, to see *The Ballad of Mulan*. It was awesome and a great experience for us! Kindergarten is ready to learn, make new friends, and get smarter and smarter!



Kindergarten students completing literacy activities on the iPads



Grade 1 students collaborating on a science project

**First Grade:** The first graders have experienced a lot of "firsts" in the first month of school. They have completed their first math minute, spelling test, science experiment, art project, and friendly letter. They experienced their first P.E., choir, and computer classes. They were an amazing audience to both our guest readers, Pastor Matt and Dr. Gaudi. They learned about the Kids A-Z on-line reading program for both home and school. The class received their very own banks to store the "play money" they will earn throughout the quarter to be used at their first Open Market at the end of September. They are eagerly saving their play money and learning how to count it, too! Parents came to our Back-To-School Night and learned the ins and outs of first grade. It has been a wonderful start to a new school year!

**Second Grade:** The second graders were all very excited to start the year and see friends they missed over the summer. We have been very busy learning our new routines and schedule for the year ahead! Our first unit of study is how to be a GREAT friend. Students have been able to share their own opinion about what makes a good friend. This subject was an excellent way to start our first Authoring story. During Authoring Time students write their own stories and then go through the writing process to publish their book. We'll work on different stories and genres through the year by getting their creative writing brain working. We look forward to the learning year ahead!



Grade 2 students working on a math lesson with Ms. Camit



# Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

**Third Grade:** Third grade is off to a great start! We have spent the past few weeks getting to know each other and learning the rules and expectations of third grade. We have also welcomed our new student teacher, Ms. Harman, into our class. The students have enjoyed getting started in our math and reading stations and getting to do some S.T.E.M. challenges. Also, we recently attended a play with our

kindergarten friends at the Honolulu Theatre for Youth. We are looking forward to the rest of the year!



**Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders are excited that this is the year they will be going on the Big Island trip. They are adjusting to the daily routine and are doing a great job learning the 'oli. The majority of the fourth graders

are in band and they are learning to juggle multiple responsibilities. They have been learning how to blog about current events on, "kidblog" and enjoy writing comments to one another. Last but not least, the fourth graders will be doing a chemistry module on the traditional Hawaiian diet with Chaminade University next week. They are looking forward to putting on their lab coats and getting to work!

# Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth Grade:** Fifth grade has hit the ground running this year. We have begun our first major project in social studies, where students are researching specific Native American tribes. They are then making a PowerPoint presentation, alongside a 3D model of a



home, as a way of presenting to the class. In other areas of our schooling we are diving deep into learning about cells, as well as understanding how plants grow. We have also begun working on our writing portfolios, where they are currently working on autobiographies.



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Be on the lookout for information as Saint Mark is again participating in Foodland's Annual Give Aloha Program in the month of September

# Classroom News - Middle School

## Mrs. DeMello-Kuntz's News:

Students in **eighth grade Bible** are going through the Psalms and choosing verses to apply to their daily lives in addition to adding to their knowledge of the story of Creation. These "encouragement verses" will be especially helpful to take to heart as high school is quickly approaching. We are also very excited to be spending time with our chapel buddies!

Our **sixth graders** are building up their vocabulary and grammar with our Wordly Wise and Shurley

workbooks in **English**. During their journal writing, they write about a variety of topics, some of which they choose on their own. Writing about any topic at length will aid all of them, but especially those who will be testing for bigger schools in the fall.

Students in **seventh grade English** are enthralled by this quarter's class novel, *The Outsiders*, and are excited to move on to their next reading assignment. They have also just completed their first Wordly Wise test for this quarter and are getting to know their new Shurley program. This week's focus is capitalization rules!

**Sixth grade social studies** students have jumped into middle school and their World History class and have made a big splash in the process. They have already learned two styles of note-taking! In class, they are learning about early hunter-gatherer societies, and the im-

portance of fire to early man.

**Seventh grade social studies** students are learning about world geography. Although it can be somewhat tedious, our seventh graders have taken it in stride and have performed very well on their first quiz. Right now, they are learning about the physical features and early people of the United States and are using outlines to write down all the information they learned from our textbooks and during lectures.



*Students enjoying a recent learning trip to the Aviation Museum*

**In eighth grade social studies**, students are reviewing note-taking strategies that they've learned last year, and are applying it to US history! Currently, we are studying New Spain and using outlines to take our notes.

## Mrs. Kuster's News:

We will be working our way through the New Testament in **sixth grade Bible**. Our first unit focuses on Jesus' birth and life.

Students in **sixth, seventh, and eighth grade science** started the year with a fun paper airplane lab to help us learn the steps of the scientific method. **Sixth graders** are now studying different types of landforms and how they are represented on maps. **Seventh graders** have gone on to study the characteristics and classifications of organisms and looking at cells and their organelles while **eighth graders** are studying characteristics and states of matter.

**Seventh grade math** students are adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals and integers. We are also evaluating expressions with the order of operations and the distributive property.

Students in **eighth grade algebra** are reviewing functions and patterns, scatter plots and other ways of displaying data, and how to find the mean, median, mode, and range of sets of data.

## Mrs. Schropfel's News:

**Seventh grade** is off to a great start! The students are really stepping up to the responsibility of being chapel buddies with the first graders, and are looking forward to doing activities together and going swimming with them. In **Bible** we are learning about God and His Word. The focus for our year is Galatians 5:22-23 ~ "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control..."

**Sixth grade math** has reviewed place value, exponents and estimation and is beginning number sense. **Seventh and eighth pre-algebra** students are learning the language of algebra as they study algebraic expressions and integers. The first test is coming up!

The **eighth grade English** class is getting reacquainted with Shurley, while jumping right into journal writing, vocabulary (Wordly Wise), and literature. We are reading the young adult book, *Uglies*, which is about a utopian society where everyone gets to become "pretty" on their 16th birthday. Should be interesting!



## Saint Mark Lutheran School is On-line!



Check out the **School Website** as it continues to be updated!

**Saint Mark Website**  
[www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org)

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to receive **automatic e-mail alerts** when new items are posted to the school website. It's a great way to stay connected!



## Athletics



Welcome to the 2017-2018 sports year! We belong to the Lutheran Schools Sports League (LSSL) and will start this year with JV volleyball for girls and boys sixth grade and below. They started practice this week with new head coach, **Coach Sherrie** and are looking forward to an exciting and fun season.

Their first game is on **Tuesday, August 29** here at Saint Mark against Pearl Harbor at 3:30 pm. You can find the rest of their games on the school's website calendar at [smls-hawaii.org](http://smls-hawaii.org).



**2017-2018 Faculty and Staff at the Installation and Rededication Church Service on August 6**



## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

*The PTC is a voluntary parent teacher organization with the goal of helping to improve and enhance the learning environment for the students of Saint Mark.*



### The PTC is busy at work planning the 'Ohana Fun Fair and Hawaiian Plate Fundraiser...

The 'Ohana Fun Fair and Hawaiian Plate Fundraiser is scheduled for **Saturday, November 4** at **Saint Mark Lutheran** and will include a fun-filled day for friends and family with games, activities, snacks, and delicious Hawaiian food. We will also have a Silent Auction which will include classroom projects handmade by our talented students! The proceeds from this event will be used to support our very important financial aid/scholarship program and our on-going technology expenses.

## This & That

On Wednesday, September 13th, the kindergartners will celebrate **Grandparents' Day**. They will proudly show off all they are learning and introduce papa and tutu to their classmates and classroom.

Make plans to attend the **Fall Family Night** on Friday, September 8. It will be a fun-filled movie night with the fourth graders selling food as a fundraiser for their Big Island trip.

September 11-15 is our **Fall Scholastic Book Fair**. It will be open on the Fall Family Night. If you are interested in helping with the book fair, please call **Mrs. Kaha'ulelio** in the school office.

The August Chapel offerings will go to **Lutheran Bible Translator**.

### Check out SMLS on ...



**Ms. Melia Harman joins Saint Mark**

September offerings are going to the **Aloha United Way**. Mahalo for your support!

Please join us in welcoming **Ms. Melia Harman** to Saint Mark. She is spending the semester with us as a student teacher in Mrs. Sitler's grade 3 classroom.

Please put your child's name on jackets, lunch boxes, etc. If something hasn't made it's way home please come and check the **lost and found** in the school office.



**Dr. Gaudi & Pastor Matt recently spent some time "Guest Reading" to the Grade 1 students**

