

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**

February/March 2015

A Message from the Head of School



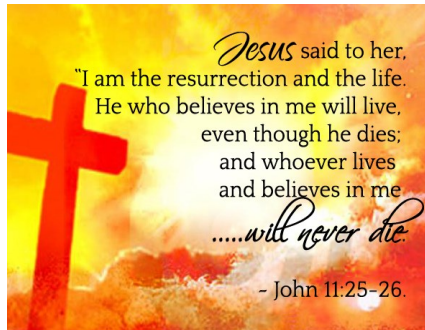
With the shorter, darker days of winter behind us and the longer, brighter days of March upon us, I am finding my once dark, morning commute to be filled with increasing amounts of daylight with each passing morning. In fact, as I drove around Sandy Beach and Makapuu earlier this week on my way to school, I was fortunate enough to catch a brilliant sunrise.

The beauty of the emerging sun was so breathtaking that I along with several other drivers were compelled to pull over our cars and take a few pictures.

It's an event that happens 365 times a year in most places around the globe; however, when you are lucky enough to catch the very moment that the sun first erupts over the ocean horizon, it's hard not to stop, stare and appreciate the God-given splendor of the moment.

And with Easter Sunday rapidly approaching, I could not help but look at the beautiful sunrise as a foreshadow of our Savior's magnificent resurrection. We are truly blessed to live in this island paradise we call home and to have Jesus as the cornerstone of our school's meaningful mission.

I pray that you all have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break and if you do not have a church home, invite you to join us on Easter Sunday to celebrate our risen Savior!



Easter Services



You are invited to join us for Easter Service on Sunday, April 5.

Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m. at HPU Windward Campus

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt - 8:30 a.m. at Saint Mark Church

Easter Service - 10:00 a.m. at Saint Mark Church

Dates to Remember

March 9-13: Saint Mark Spirit Week

March 13: 3rd Quarter Ends

March 16-27: Spring Break

March 16-20: Grades 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

March 30: School Resumes Grades K-5 Report Cards go home with students

April 3 Good Friday - No School

April 5: Easter Sunday

April 6: Easter Monday - No School

April 10: Spring Pictures

April 16: All School Science Fair

April 19: Grades 5 & 6 sing in church 9:30am

April 25: Family Work Day at 9:00 a.m.

April 29: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

May 4-8: SAT Testing

May 7: Athletic Banquet at 5:30 p.m.

May 13-15: Grade 4 Big Island Trip

May 15: K-2 Choir Spring Concert at 6:30pm

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten:

So many fun and exciting things happened within the last 6 weeks in kindergarten! Celebrating Chinese New Year, learning how to jump rope and Zumba during Get Active, learning about our past presidents and American symbols, celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, and going to the Children's Discovery Center, just to name a few! The kindergartners are looking forward to the next few weeks as they get ready to write and publish a class book and practice for their Patriotic Performance.



Mrs. Gonzalez, Mrs. Venegas, Ms. Courtney, and Mrs. Akaka got into the spirit today as the Kindergarten and grade 1 students celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday!!

First Grade:

First graders have been busy learning about keeping their hearts and teeth healthy. They had three weeks of Zumba classes and celebrated

healthy heart month at our annual "Get Active" event and potluck with the whole school. The students also enjoyed a special Valentine's party with three centers. They worked hard to prepare and present an oral book report with a box representing their book, which also served as their valentine container. In March,

we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss by reading many of his books and making green eggs, spam and rice with our kindergarten friends. We are all looking forward to spirit week and our third Open Market of the year. We have worked

hard this quarter and will enjoy our upcoming Spring Break!

Second Grade:

The last two months have been especially busy for our second graders. They have been working hard on their biography research papers. Also, they have been doing weekly science experiments to understand the scientific method. This should come in handy when the all school Science Fair comes around. They also celebrated Presidents' Day by doing an art and social studies project on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Also, in honor of Dr. Seuss Day and the kick-off of Read Across America, the second graders ate green eggs and ham and got to read all of their favorite Dr. Seuss books. The second graders just attended a wonderful field trip to the Children's Discovery Center. What a busy quarter for them!



Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade:

The third graders are blazing through their math books. Multiplication & division mastery was the focus for February. We are learning how to write Friendly Letters and paragraphs in Writing class. In Grammar class, we focused on learning possessives and adding endings to words. During our recess breaks we have been enjoying our new jump ropes.

Everyone now can jump in when the rope is moving and have new songs to sing as we jump. Our new



Dr. Gaudi recently spent some quality time reading with the Grade 3 students

skill is trying to learn how to "Double Dutch" jump rope.

Fourth Grade:

The fourth grade students took a learning trip to Waihe'e Poi where they got to work in the lo'i. They helped harvest kalo to be made into poi. They used their feet and hands to dig up the kalo. They also helped to weed and clear another lo'i to get it ready for planting. It was a great experience for students to learn how the early Hawaiians did it and be able to take part in the same work. At the end of the day all students were covered in mud and enjoyed rinsing off in a fresh water stream near by. It was a memorable experience!!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade:

For Valentine's Day, the fifth grade celebrated manners and proper etiquette by having a Friendship High Tea. Dressed in their nicest clothes, students enjoyed tea sandwiches, scones, cakes, and teas that were served by our fifth grade parents. Students practiced their



conversation skills by discussing various topics with one another during the tea and using "please" and "thank you" when served. David and Marciano also brought flowers for each of the girls to have. They ended the tea by trading cards that they had made to compliment each other.



Mrs. Flores and the grade 5 students enjoying their "High Tea"

Classroom News - Middle School

Mrs. Souki's News:

Eighth grade Bible studied the concept of love. We looked at it from different angles like God's expression of love for us through Christ and ways we can express God's love to others. We defined what love means to us, how God's love differs from human forms of love, and how the Bible defines love. We read *Discovering the 5 Love Languages at School* by Chapman and Freed so we can better understand how to give and receive love.

Sixth grade world history studied the Byzantine Empire with a project supporting Justinian for President. We learned what made him a good leader and how these traits would apply today. We came up with campaign slogans and we are convinced we have future politicians in my class. We also studied civilizations of Africa and are looking forward to studying the Renaissance.

Seventh grade world geography studied South America, early Europe, and the Renaissance. They did a project on Mona Lisa using the iPads to research life in the Renaissance and how it is reflected in the painting, then they recreated the Mona Lisa as a modern woman. It was fun and creative.

In **eighth grade U.S. history** we studied the Civil War. We analyzed causes and effects, studied the battles, and reflected on the implications of the war. We end the quarter studying the new America that emerged after the Civil War. How business leaders changed the face of America and how people enacted social change by forming unions and striking for better working conditions. Exciting times!

Sixth grade English read *The One and Only Ivan* and did well on the AR quiz. We discussed the parts of the book they liked and the things they would have changed. We are concentrating on Shurley, working on parts of speech, and continuing with Wordly Wise. Ask your child to teach you the jingles or make a game out of using the words of the week in your everyday lives.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

Seventh grade Bible students are taking a close look at the elements of worship which is especially meaningful as we prepare to lead chapel during Holy Week. Right now we are focusing on confession and absolution.

Sixth grade math students learned the usefulness of ratios and proportions. Proportional thought can be used in many real life applications!

In **seventh and eighth grade Pre-algebra**, students are exploring slope or rate of change and improving their graphing skills. They are applying their equation writing skills to real life examples and describing correlations between various types of data.

Seventh grade English students finished the novel *Rifles for Watie* and are doing projects; they will choose making a movie poster or a movie trailer, and writing an essay about the relationships the main character Jeff formed. **Eighth graders** wrote a script for their novel, *Shabanu*, and are in the process of filming.

Mrs. Pelletier's News:

Sixth grade Bible is studying the spread of the gospel. And in **sixth grade science**, we compared the textbook's proposal of geologic time and the creation story we find in the Bible.

Seventh grade math students finished working with percent's and are moving onto geometry. **Seventh grade science** finished a chapter on the endocrine and reproductive systems. Students cared for "rice bag babies" for a few days, experiencing the responsibility of raising a child.

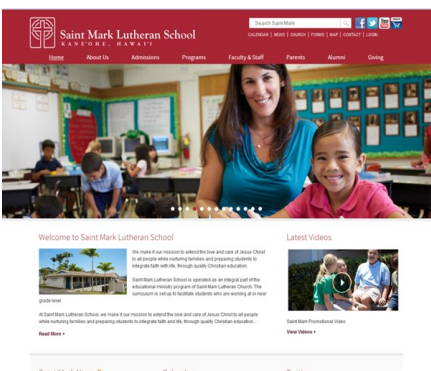
In **eighth grade algebra** we are graphing linear functions in slope-intercept and standard form. In **eighth grade science**, we have moved into our physics unit and are currently studying forces.

Miss Morris' News:

PE - At the end of each quarter Middle School students participate in the National Fitness gram Testing. They test their aerobic capacity with a mile run and their strength with push ups, sit ups, trunk lifts, and flexed arm hang. Please be sure to look for your student's results which will come home the last week of school before Spring Break.

Grade 5-8 Youth Events - Do you like to play with messy things like paint? Are you the kid who played with the water in the sink instead of washing your hands? Saint Mark Youth Ministry has an event for you! Join us on Saturday March 21st from 2pm to 5pm for tons of super messy games followed by a potluck dinner. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, a towel, and a food item for our potluck dinner (drinks provided).

Saint Mark Lutheran School is on-line!



Check out the New Website as it continues to be updated!

Saint Mark Website
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!



Lenten Services

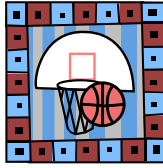
Lent is a time of solemn remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. The `ohana of Saint Mark Lutheran Church invites you to join us for these Lenten services.

Each Wednesday **Lenten service** will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Soup Supper followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. as we look at our own brokenness through six elements in the Lenten story leading us to restoration in Christ.

For more information please contact the church office at 247-4565.



Athletics



Congratulations to our varsity basketball all-stars: **Joshua Hilpert, Justice Naehu, Kuulei Aona, and Amy Warrington.** It is now time for our last season of the year, JV basketball. The 5th and 6th grade boys and girls are eager to get started. They will begin practices after Spring Break and their first game is on Tuesday, April 14. We are looking forward to a great season!

Check out SMLS on....



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



Thanks for all of the support given to the Spring Rummage Sale.
Over \$1,000 was raised!



Please join us at the next PTC meeting **Monday, April 20 at 5:30 pm.**
The PTC will be discussing Teacher Appreciation Week and next year's Benefit Gala.

This & That

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** was a success! We sold \$3,862 worth of books and supplies. Profits go toward books for the library and teachers, and *Scholastic Magazine* subscriptions for the students. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped and to the generous parents who purchased "wish list" books.

Chapel offerings for February and March will be going to the American Heart Association. We have raised **over \$300** thus far. We appreciate your generosity!

Our "Get Active" campaign raised \$5,387 which will go towards new P.E. and playground equipment. Congratulations to our top money raisers who were **Kalanikapu Aona** (grade four) in first place, **Landen Fukumoto** (grade one) in second place, and **Jacob Gaudi** (grade four), and **Noah Gaudi** (grade six) tied for third place.



A few middle school students paused from skating at the Ice Palace for quick photo during the recent Spring Family Night

We are completing **re-enrollment** for the 2015-2016 school year. Please be sure your paperwork has been turned in to the school office. We have applicants for all grades and need to know what space is available. Paperwork was due on February 20th.

The **Spring Family Night** at the Ice Palace on February 20 was a success. We had more than 150 skaters and a good time was had by all! Thanks to all who participated.



The annual PTC Rummage Sale was another success. Thanks to the wonderful efforts of our parents, the PTC raised over \$1,000 for the school. Thank you to all who volunteered!

A big MAHALO goes to all who took the time to complete our very important Parent Survey. We greatly appreciate your input!



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Saint Mark is still accepting new student applications for the 2015-16 school year