

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**

January 2016

A Message from the Head of School



Accreditation

As we move quickly into 2016, the campus is alive with activity. In addition to the myriad activities that typically greet the new year, we are particularly busy this January as we put the final preparations together for our extremely important WASC/HAIS/NLSA accreditation visit scheduled for next week.

We enthusiastically look forward to welcoming our visiting team members to Saint Mark as we continue to explore new ways to better meet student needs and enhance overall learning. More news to come...



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Get Active & Support SMLS



Saint Mark is happy to again be participating in "Get Active" - a push to get students moving and physically active. The students are being asked to promote physical activity and collect donations in support of Saint Mark athletics. Monies collected will go towards the purchase of new P.E. equipment, recess balls, athletic equipment and travel, etc.

Our "Get Active" hour will be held on **Wednesday, February 24 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** and will be followed by the annual all-school **potluck lunch**. We are asking that each family provide one small food dish that will feed 4-5 students.



Sponsor pledge forms and monies are due by **Thursday, February 11.**

Dates to Remember

February 4: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

February 5: Professional Development Day - No School

February 7: Grades 3&4 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service

February 10: Ash Wednesday Lent Begins

February 15: Presidents' Day - No School

February 19: Re-enrollment contracts due to office

February 19: Spring Family Night at Ice Palace at 6:00 p.m.

February 27: PTC Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m.

February 22-26: Scholastic Book Fair

February 24: "Get Active" for Saint Mark and Potluck

February 27: PTC Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m.

March 6: Grades K-2 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service

March 6: All Lutheran Schools' Music Festival at 3:00pm

March 7-11: Spirit Week

March 11: End of 3rd Quarter

March 14-18: Grades 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

March 14-25: Spring Break - No School

March 28: Easter Monday - No School

March 29: School Resumes K-5 Report Cards go home

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: The kindergarteners had a fantastic winter break with their families and were anxious to return to school. As they looked back on the first half of the year, they are amazed at how much they have learned as they prepare for first grade. January is an exciting month in kindergarten. The students went to TheBus Facility and learned about riding the bus and even got to go through the bus wash! The kindergarteners also enjoyed watching the play *Mudpies and Magic* at the Honolulu Theatre for Youth. The students celebrated their 100th day of kindergarten celebration and are very excited to learn about bicycle safety and practice their riding skills during their Wheel Week!

First Grade: 2016 has begun with an eager group of fabulous first graders ready to learn new things. We started off by setting New Year's Resolutions. The first graders are preparing to begin Accelerated Reader (AR) like the big kids. They will start slow and begin surfing

through AR in no time! This month, the first and 2nd graders celebrated the 100th day of school with some very special activities. A few of those activities included sharing 100th day collections, S.T.E.M. centers, 100 seconds To Win It, and sharing a snack of 100 things with our second grade friends. We enjoyed our field trip to Honolulu Theatre of Youth to see *Mud Pies and Magic*. The play focused on what generations may learn from each other when they dare to "play" together. We kicked off "Get Active" this month! We are challenging each other to Raise Money, Get Active and Have Fun!

Second Grade: The second graders are back in school and ready to learn! They began their first day back by writing and sharing about their Christmas break. Each student also set their own goals for the up-

coming new year. One student wants to stop using floaties in the pool this year, while another wants to stop talking when the teacher is talking! The second graders are busy with their new Wordly Wise vocabulary and learning geometry and fractions in math. They are also learning a brand new song they would like to sing when it is their chapel day. Last but not least, the second graders ended the first week back by going on a field trip to the Children's Discovery Center. They learned all about the different cultures that make Hawaii so unique. Overall, the students are excited to be back with their friends and learning new and exciting things this year.



Grade 2 students sharing artifacts they gathered from "travelling" to various countries at the Children's Discovery Center

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: The third grade has been busy learning multiplication facts through games, flashcards, skip counting, patterns and more. In reading we are learning about summarizing, details, and main ideas. Our writing this quarter will focus mainly on how to write a great paragraph using a main idea and details. Last week we began learning our hula for our May Day performance.

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders are right back in the swing of things!! We have kicked off our third quarter with learning more about the different animal species we have here in Hawai'i.

Each fourth grader has started a research project that focuses on one of the animals we have on our islands. From barracudas to Hawaiian honeycreepers. The students are learning all about their animal's habitat, diet, special adaptations, etc. We were also lucky enough to go on a learning trip to Waimanalo Bay and participate in multiple activities



The Grade 4 students paused for a picture as they helped clean up the beach on a recent learning trip to Waimanalo Beach Park

through Hawaii Nature Center. They taught us about the many coastal plants and animal life that we have and how these species have characteristics that help them survive along the coast. We are looking forward to a great 3rd quarter and being able to learn more about the Hawaiian Islands!



Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: Fifth grade has begun the third quarter in full stride. We have finished reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, so each student is currently working on an essay from

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a different character's point of view. In science, students are in groups of two, becoming masters in different categories within weather. They are now using the information they

have gathered, along with the 3D models/experiments or other visual aids to teach the rest of the class their subject. In social studies, students are in the midst of the Revolutionary War. All-in-all, students are working hard and having a lot of fun doing it.



Classroom News - Middle School

Miss Pelletier's News:

We finished studying Jesus' ministry and are now studying Holy Week and the events surrounding it in **sixth grade Bible**.

Students in **sixth grade science** finished the chapter on volcanoes and will be looking at erosion and deposition. **Seventh grade science** students finished a chapter on the cardiovascular system and circulation and will be studying other body systems. **Eighth graders** are finishing a chapter on acids, bases, and solutions in **science**.

Seventh grade math students are working on converting percents, decimals, and fractions while the **eighth grade algebra** class had fun graphing linear functions and learning how to solve systems of equations and inequalities.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

The **seventh grade Bible** class is studying the redeeming work of Jesus, the second person in the Trinity. We are also preparing for our chapel presentation.

Sixth grade math students are multiplying and dividing fractions and solving equations involving fractions.

Pre-Algebra is finishing ratios, proportions and percents. The conversions between fractions, decimals, and percents are becoming easier.

Eighth grade English is continuing vocabulary and grammar studies with Wordly Wise and Shurley, and

are also learning about life for a young Pakistani girl with the novel *Shabanu*.

Fifth grader **Ryan Takenaka** and sixth grader **Ethan Shek** won our annual Spelling Bee and will represent Saint Mark in the district bee at Le Jardin Academy on February 9. A full list of all the semi-finalists is as follows: **Sean Tanji, Beau Pruet, Isabelle Schippers, Ryan Takenaka, Randi Wong, Ethan Shek, James Tsukamoto, Camille McMillian, Dane Sumimoto, Hank Warrington, Kahekili Catrett and Sophia Sagarese**. Congratulations to all of you!

Mrs. Souki's News:

In **eighth grade Bible** the students are starting to learn more about the teaching of Jesus. They will read the stories of The Good Samaritan, The Lost Son, and Jesus Clearing the Temple, and will also be presenting proposals for a year-end middle school service project.

In **sixth grade English** students started the quarter with a Shurley refresher then moved on to new sentence patterns. They are finding AR book to get their 15 points before starting their class novel. They continue working on Wordly Wise vocabulary as well. Please support our book fair in February.

In **seventh grade English** students are starting their class novel *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. This award winning book can help students empathize and be more compassionate to others. We continue with our

Shurley and Wordly Wise lessons. Please support our book fair in February.

Sixth grade world history began studying Asian civilizations. As students look at the various cultures and time periods of Asia they will be participating in activities relating to the upcoming Chinese New Year.

Seventh grade geography is learning about the regions and landforms that make up Asia, and the culture and history of those areas. They will also be participating in activities relating to the upcoming Chinese New Year.

Eighth grade U.S. history students are learning about the Gilded Age and economic powerhouses like Ford, Rockefeller, and Carnegie. These men influenced the development of our economy. They will also study the fights for freedoms occurring during this time such as women's voting rights and labor laws.

Miss Morris' News:

This month **middle school PE** will be working on our soccer skills as well as continuing to improve on our mile runs every other Friday. Congratulations to **La'akea K., Ryli K., Max Y., and James T.** for beating their best mile time!

Youth Quest is finishing up the study of Old Testament people. Next we will start New Testament characters from Mary to Peter to the sheep.



Middle School - 2nd Quarter Awards

Principal's List

(GPA 3.75—4.0)

Ian Anderson
Kalia Bourgeois
La`akea Kaonohi
Kaiana Lindsey
James Tsukamoto
Megan Westphal
Randi Wong
Rylie Wong
Nathanael Aiu
Casey Barreca
Mariah Basques
Tyler Buckingham
Noah Gaudi
Abigail Hilpert

Brynn Denis

Reef Lee
Sirena Linton
Lani Warren

Honor Roll

(GAP 3.0—3.75)

Erin Camp
Sara Cruz
Keanu Duarte
Ryli Kalahiki
Cole Pruet
Ethan Shek
Kaya Tsuji
Max Yamaguchi
David Yamashiro

Jersey Botelho

Noah Hanohano
Sophie Hepton
Camille McMillian
Hunter-Bailey
Kaimikaua
Emma Lindsey
Lauren Miller
Sophia Sagarese
Eli Warren

Principal's Award

(Improved GPA by 0.3)

Rylie Wong
Kanalua Catrett
Keaupo McGee-Lee

Peyton Rapoza

Citizenship

Kalia Bourgeois
Erin Camp
Keanu Duarte
La`akea Kaonohi
Kaiana Lindsey
James Tsukamoto
Megan Westphal
Rylie Wong
David Yamashiro
Casey Barreca

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Mariah Basques
Jersey Botelho
Sophie Hepton
Abi Hilpert
Brynn Denis
Reef Lee
Sophia Sagarese
Lani Warren



Athletics



The varsity boys and girls basketball teams have been hard at work practicing for the upcoming season. Their first game was on Thursday, January 21 here at Saint Mark. You can find the rest of their game schedule on the school website's calendar at <http://www.smls-hawaii.org/calendar/>

Check out SMLS on Instagram....



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Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

The PTC is happy to announce that we have recently voted to fund the following: **Mrs. Gonzales'** request to purchase **iPod Touches for the kindergarten literacy centers** (\$203.97); **Ms. Camit's** request to purchase a **new digital camera** for use by the Yearbook Committee, Faculty, and Staff (\$200); the purchase of **industrial-sized fans for the School Gym** (\$700); and **Mrs. Venegas'** request to help subsidize the cost of her class pets (\$150).

Please join us at the next PTC Rummage Sale Planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m.**

The PTC asks everyone to save their items for the Rummage Sale on **Saturday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m.**

This & That

Please support annual Saint Mark Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) **Spring Rummage Sale** on **Saturday, February 27**. It begins at 9:00 a.m. We need your support with both donations and purchases.



It is time for the **Spring Family Night** so please join us on **Friday, February 20 at 6:00p.m.** for a fun time at Ice Palace. Reservation forms will be sent home soon and everyone is welcome.

Our **chapel offerings** in December were used to make Christmas a little merrier through the Salvation Army and Family Promise programs. We raised close to \$500 in cash and lots of wonderful Christmas packages. And our January chapel offerings are going



Congratulations to the middle school students who earned the 2nd quarter principal's award or spots on the principal's list

to **Pennies for Patients**. We hope to be as successful this year as we were last year.

Congratulations to **Sirena Linton** who won Saint Mark's National Geographic Bee held in the chapel on January 8. **Sirena** competed against eleven other semi-finalists from grades five to eight. Semi-finalists were **Ryan Takenaka, Carson Pregil, Renata Marantz, Kaya Tsuji, Kaiana Lindsey, Ian Anderson, Noah Gaudi, Nathanael Aiu, Harvey Welch, Emma**

Lindsey, and Kahekili Cattret. Sirena Linton is now moving on and will possibly compete in the state-level competition. The first-place winner from each state-level competition will be sent, all expenses paid, to Washington, D.C. to compete at the national level of the National Geographic Bee.

Our **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** will be from February 22 thru February 26. Please be sure to come and see this year's selection of books, games and stationery. As always, your support is much appreciated.

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Saint Mark is still accepting new student applications for the upcoming 2016-17 school year