

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 2017

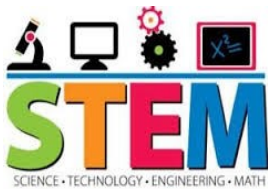
A Message from the Head of School

As we blaze through the first month of 2017, Saint Mark is bustling with some of the usual January activities - parent/teacher conferences, Get Active, choir performances, learning trips, basketball games, etc. We are also excited to be celebrating Chinese New Year with an exciting Lion Dance, have begun our re-enrollment for the 2017-18 school year, and continue our capital campaign to construct an Early Learning Center at Saint Mark.

Through all of the hustle and bustle associated with an active school such as Saint Mark, our faculty and staff remain committed to sharing with each and every child the good news of God's saving grace while delivering a top-notch educational experience full of compassion, collaboration, and relevant rigor. In partnership with our parents, we support and champion our students while simultaneously pushing them to "become the best they can possibly be."

*"Every child deserves a champion:
an adult who will never give up on them,
who understands the power of connection
and insists they become the best they
can possibly be."*

- Rita Pierson, Educator



A big part of our teaching is our learning, and next week's professional development days offer us another important opportunity to continue that learning. The faculty and staff have two important days of growth planned. Through Bible study, STEM training, and various team building activities we will play, learn, and grow together as we continually reflect on our practice and search for ways to improve our ever important craft. Mahalo for the continued support!



*Develop a passion for learning.
If you do, you will never cease
to grow.*
- Anthony J. D'Angelo



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, travel, etc.



Our "Get Active" hour will be held on **Wednesday, February 22 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 **Friday, February 10.**

Dates to Remember

February 2 & 3: Professional Development - No School

February 7: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

February 13-17: Scholastic Book Fair

February 17: Spring Family Night at Ice Palace at 6:00 p.m.

February 20: President's Day No School

February 22: "Get Active" for Saint Mark and Potluck

February 23: Re-enrollment contracts due to office

February 25: PTC Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m.

March 1: Ash Wednesday Lent Begins

March 4: All Lutheran Schools' Music Festival at 7:00pm

March 5: Grades K-2 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service

March 6-10: Spirit Week

March 10: End of 3rd Quarter

March 14-17: Grades 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

March 13-24: Spring Break - No School

March 27: School Resumes K-5 Report Cards go home with students

April 2: Grades 5 & 6 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: Kindergarten: Happy New Year, and Gong Xi Fa Cai! We are starting the year off right by reading, reading, reading! We got our report cards at the start of January, and we are proud to say that kindergarteners are getting smarter and smarter every single day! We enjoyed the Concordia Concert, which helped us to be more excited about music. We discussed Martin Luther King, Jr. and how he helped to make the country a much better place. We celebrated 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL by doing 100 exercises, counting to 100, and a few other fun activities! We cannot wait to master time, money, and addition! On Election Day in November our class voted for the color of cupcakes we wanted to have, and on Inauguration Day (January 20th), we enjoyed the blue cupcakes that won the kindergarten class vote! We will celebrate Chinese New Year with a BANG, and we are having an all-around amazing year! Go, KINDER!

First Grade: 2017 has begun with an eager group of fabulous first graders ready to learn new things. We started the year off by setting New Year's Resolutions. And now the first graders are ready 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 fourth graders celebrated the 100th day of school by sharing a 100th day snack, STEM activity, and a few even came dressed as a 100 year old person. We enjoyed our field trip to the Kaneohe Library, where the children learned about checking out books and heard a story or two. We kicked off "Get Active" this month and are challenging each other to "Raise Money, Get Active and Have Fun!"



SMLS students enjoyed a wonderful concert by Concordia University

Second Grade: The 2nd graders are all in shock at the fact that they are half way through the school year! We are continuing our focus on life sciences and are learning more about different habitats around the world. Students worked in groups studying one habitat and then creating a poster to present what they learned to the class. We are looking

forward to diving more into social studies this quarter and sharing what we learn through some type of project. The best is yet to come!



Students in grades 1 & 4 celebrating the 100th Day of School

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: Third grade is off to a great start in the New Year! We have learned all our cursive letters and are now practicing writing sentences in cursive. The students have been very eager in Bible as we study the gifts God has given us. We are continuing to practice our multiplication facts and the students are doing a great job of using multiplication to help solve division problems. We are starting new book clubs in reading. The students choose a book as a group, read it together, and complete some comprehension activities. In science, we have been studying matter. We have observed properties of solids, liquids, and gases in a root beer float. We also created a chemical change by mixing a solid (baking soda) and a liquid (vinegar) to create a gas.

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders had wonderful stories to tell about their winter break. Many students traveled and visited families. Upon returning to school the fourth graders wrote their quarter reflections and made resolutions for the new year. The third quarter has proven to be difficult in math. The students are beginning to learn how to do long division and although it might seem daunting they are slowly beginning to understand it. They are also learning how to write a type of opinion essay in the form of a PSA or public service



Grade 4 spent an educational day with the Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy

announcement. The students will then record a short video promotion of their cause. Students chose topics such as phone addiction, crossing the street safely and stranger danger. Last but not least, they are hard at work learning their poems, stories and speeches for the upcoming speech festival. They are working very hard to give the parents and guests a good show!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: We are hitting the third quarter rolling. With our new President of the United States being sworn into office, our class is learning a lot about what that means and what government means in general. We are developing an understanding of checks and balances, learning

about the Bill of Rights, and memorizing the Preamble. Soon, we will begin to look at the journey of how the United States expanded out west. In science, we are looking beyond the earth and learning about the moon, stars and planets. Then, within these two subjects, we will be

developing our writing skills and utilizing what we are leaning in social studies and science to create our essays.

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Classroom News - Middle School

Miss DeMello's News:

Our **eighth grade Bible** class has successfully completed their first chapel. They each participated and chose the songs and content of our message. They presented the story of *Momotaro*, the Peach Boy, and we shared our view of it from a Christian perspective. They received many compliments from students and teachers!

In **sixth grade English** we are starting a new class novel, *The Crossover*, by Kwambe Alexander. It is a poetry book about basketball, and won the Coretta Scott King award. At least two students have already finished it after receiving it last week! (If they are your children, please remind them not to give out any spoilers. Thank you!)

Seventh grade English students have been split into two literature groups and are reading two different novels. The first, *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry, is a historical fiction novel about two young girls in 1944 Denmark. The second, *Nothing But The Truth*, by AVI, tells the story of a ninth grader who accidentally makes national headlines by an unwitting show of civil disobedience.

Miss Pelletier's News:

In **sixth grade Bible**, we are studying the spread of the Gospel and

the Great Commission - Jesus' call for us to "make disciples of all nations." Also, we have the privilege of sharing God's Word and love with our student body during two chapels this quarter!

Sixth grade earth science is studying the different methods of erosion and there are lots of them! **Seventh graders** studied the theory of evolution and compared it to what the Bible says about creation. We're now studying different body systems, starting with the skeletal, muscular, and integumentary system. **Eighth grade physical science** is finish-

ing up our chapter on acids, bases, and solutions, the last chapter in our chemistry unit. Our next chapter, starting our physics unit, is about motion.

In **seventh grade math**, we are finishing up our chapter on ratios, rates, and proportions. Our next chapter is about percent's. Students in **eighth grade algebra**, are finishing up a chapter on graphs and functions. Our next chapter is about linear equations and their graphs.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

The **seventh grade Bible** class is studying the redeeming work of Jesus, the second person in the

Trinity. We continue with class led devotions and Wow! These kids are so good at praying.

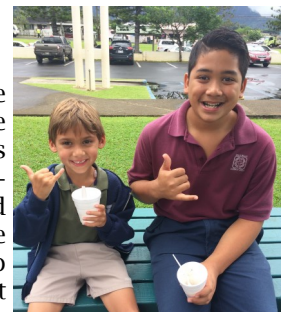
The **sixth grade math**

students are just starting ratios, rates and proportions. Unit rates can be really helpful to figure out which product is the best price when shopping.

Pre-Algebra is finishing ratios, Proportions and percents. The conversions between fractions, decimals,

and percents are becoming easier and easier, and so is setting up either a proportion or an equation to solve a problem. Just in time, too. The test is right around the corner!

Eighth grade English got to choose which novel to read this quarter: *Rifles for Watie*, which is about 16 year old Jeff Bussey during the American Civil War, or *Shabanu* about life of a young Pakistani girl. We are also starting to gear up for the speech fair in April.



Grade 1 & 7 chapel buddies spending some time together



Congratulations to our Geographic Bee Finalists



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

Middle School - 2nd Quarter Awards



Principal's List

(GPA 3.75—4.0)

Milan Ah Yat
Dane Anderson
Jacob Gaudi
Halle Inouye
Kawehi Kauahi
Maya Nam
Aiyanie Park
Ezekiel Rodrigues
Isabelle Schippers
Sarai Tuitele
Sydney Walker
Rachael Williams
Ian Anderson
Sara Cruz
Hayden Jenkins

La`akea Kaonohi
Kaiana Lindsey
Emily Reynolds
Brianna Tadaki
James Tsukamoto
Megan Westphal
Nathanael Aiu
Casey Barreca
Mariah Basques
Noah Gaudi
Sophie Hepton

Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0—3.75)

Kalanikapu Aona
Emalia Dalire-Hoohuli
Nicholas Granson

Haven Hepton
Ha`eha`e Kahana
Malachi Kaneyuki
Bronson Pakele
Carson Pregil
Mehana Watanabe
Quintin Barrett
Erin Camp
Keanu Duarte
Wyatt Elia
Ebony Greene
Ryli Kalahiki
Raine Lee
Cole Pruett
Eli Sevigny
Ethan Shek
Kalvin Strait
Matthew Tanji

Kaila Flores
Noah Hanohano
Keaupo McGee-Lee
Dane Sumimoto

Principal's Award

(Improved GPA by 0.3)

Dane Anderson
Ha`eha`e Kahana
Sara Cruz
Ebony Greene
Kalvin Strait
Brianna Tadaki
Kaila Flores



Rummage Sale



We need your support with both donations and purchases.

Please support Saint Mark's annual Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) Rummage Sale on Saturday, February 25 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

GET YOUR
RED OF
STUFF

Athletics



Varsity basketball games for boys and girls have started! Both the boys and girls did well and won their first game. Come and cheer on the teams and join us for an exciting season of basketball. The game schedule can be found on the school website at www.smls-hawaii.org

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Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC encourages everyone to save their items for the

Rummage Sale!

Please join us at the next PTC Rummage Sale Planning meeting on **Monday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m.**



This & That



It is time for the **Spring Family Night** so please join us on **Friday, February 17 at 6:00p.m.** for a fun time at the Ice Palace. Reservation forms will be sent home soon and everyone is welcome.

Our students helped to make the season merrier for those in need with **December's chapel offerings** going to the Salvation Army and Family Promise programs. We raised over \$400 in cash and the students purchased a plethora of wonderful Christmas gifts.

Our January chapel offerings are going to **Pennies for Patients**. We hope to be as successful this year as we were last year.

The **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** is scheduled from February 13 thru



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Semifinalists

February 17. Please be sure to come and see this year's selection of books, games and stationery. As always, your support is much appreciated.

The annual Saint Mark **Spelling Bee** was held after chapel on January 18, and **Ha'eha'e Kahana** (gr 6) and **Keaupono McGee-Lee** (gr 8) will be representing Saint Mark in the district bee at Lanikai Elementary School on Tuesday, February 7.

Congratulations to **Camille McMillian** (gr 8) who won the Saint Mark's **National Geographic Bee** held in the chapel on January 25. Camille competed against nine other semi-finalists from grades four to eight and 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.



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Saint Mark is still accepting new student applications for the upcoming 2017-18 school year