

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**

May 2017

A Message from the Head of School



This time of the year is always one of mixed emotions for many of us. It's an exciting time as we head into the summer break; however, it is also a time to say good-bye to some of our friends. This year we say aloha to our beloved school administrative assistant, **Mrs. Leilani Lee** who after nearly 20 years at Saint Mark is retiring.

In her nearly two decades of service at Saint Mark, Mrs. Lee has in many ways become the face and voice of the school office. She is typically the first person seen when entering the office and always greets visitors with a big smile.

In addition to handling her countless administrative duties with humor and grace, she also organizes all student records, coordinates the teacher substitute program, and oversees Saint Mark's extremely important admission's process. She is undoubtedly an integral part of Saint Mark's success, and her smiling face, calming voice, and nurturing demeanor (especially when caring for student boo-boos or owies) will be sorely missed.



We congratulate Mrs. Lee as she transitions to this next exciting phase of her life and we thank her for her dedicated service to the entire Saint Mark `ohana.

Happy Retirement Mrs. Lee! We will miss your Ice Packs!

As is customary, I bid the school year good-bye by saying: "We wish those of you who are moving on from Saint Mark all of God's blessing in the future. Please come back and visit. To those returning, we look forward to seeing you on August 1st. And, to all of you, we wish you a safe, relaxing, and altogether refreshing summer!" May God Bless You All!

Dates to Remember

May 25: Grade 8 Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

May 26: Last Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal with **NO AFTERCARE**

June 1-15: All Report cards mailed home

June 19-23: Summer Mailing Packets go home

July 17-21: Vacation Bible School at Saint Mark

August 1: First Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal with **NO AFTERCARE**

August 9: K-5 Back-to-School Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

August 10: Grades 6-8 Back-to-School Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

August 11: Fall School Pictures

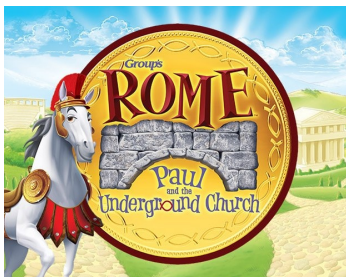
August 18: No School - Statehood Day

September 4: No School - Labor Day

September 8: Fall Family Night

September 11-15: Scholastic Book Fair

Vacation Bible School at Saint Mark



Vacation Bible School at Saint Mark will be here before you know it!

Join us July 17-21 from 9am to 12pm, as we learn about God's amazing love at our Rome VBS. Registration is \$5 per participant which covers the cost of daily snacks and crafts.

Registration for children age four through entering fifth grade will be open soon. Youth entering sixth grade and above as well as adults are invited to join us as volunteers as we share God's love with our keiki.



If interested, please contact Lorien Pelletier at lpelletier@smls-hawaii.org or Pastor Matt Hilpert at pastormatt@stmarkhawaii.org or call the church office at 247-4565.

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: We just can't believe that kindergarten is wrapping up! We have done so much this year! In addition to our Bible studies, reading, math, science, and social studies, we recently finished up our swimming lessons! We had a great time learning about ocean safety, safe rescue techniques. We had an awesome Police Day, where we got Keiki IDs, learned about police officers, and got to explore two forms of police vehicles! We had our final Choir Concert, where we did a great job praising Jesus, the Good Shepherd. We went to the Hawaii Youth Theatre and enjoyed Thumbelina. We are excited to be going on a spectacular last field trip to Sea Life Park, where we will get to experience hands-on ocean life! Can you believe that we have GRADUATED KINDERGARTEN? First Grade, here we come!

First Grade: The first graders are looking forward to special end-of-the-year activities. We hope to have a successful garden sale with the

second graders selling produce and herbs from our garden. We already enjoyed eating some of the food we grew. Our chicken and squash stew was YUMMY. We are now doing our oral presentations on our research projects. We

also enjoyed planning and preparing for our Mother's Day Tea. We had very special surprise gifts for our mothers. Now we are looking forward to our final open market on May 22nd. The children have worked hard all year to earn "play money" and this will be a great way to spend it. Our end of the year celebration will be held on May 25th! It will be a great way to come together as our year together comes to a close.



Grade 2 students learned more about how powerful water is by creating a model to show rain carving out valleys in mountains

Second Grade: We've had a wonderful and educational year! We learned more about our different cultures, why the moon glows at night, how to multiply, to write descriptive sentences, and to read with emotion. The list goes on and on with how much the second graders have learned. To finish the year up we looked more at water and

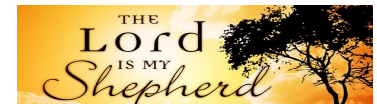
how it is a powerful tool that creates amazing landscapes including beaches! We learned how rain carves rivers and valleys through mountains eventually ending up at the beach. Students had a great time building a model and using a spray bottle to imitate rainfall. It has truly been a great year with this group of students. They are all excited to move to third grade!

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: It has been a wonderful year of learning in third grade! The students have really grown as readers and writers this year. While reading a recent article in our *Scholastic News Magazine* the students debated whether or not school uniforms should be required and wrote an opinion piece on the topic. Most recently, we've been learning about geometry and fractions in math. We have been able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather to do some measuring, as well. In social studies, we have been learning about government at the national, state, and local level. We took a field trip to the Judiciary History Center and Hawaii State

Capitol to see some of our state government in action. We have been learning about space in science and have done a lot of exploring with moon phases, star constellations, and the planets in our solar system. It has truly been a great year and I am so appreciative of my students and their families!

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders had a three day educational trip to the Big Island. In Kona, they learned about the important sea life that lives on the shore and tidepools at Kalaemano. They also visited the famous Pu'uhoonua O Honaunau National Park, otherwise known as the, City of Refuge. The



students then visited the Hawaii National Volcanoes Park and explored the lava tubes and sulfur banks. Last, but not least, the fourth graders culminated their trip by visiting the Mokupapapa Museum and learning more about how the Hawaiian Islands formed. They also performed a bolus dissection from a native Laysan Albatross bird. It was a memorable trip for all and a great way to culminate the end of the school year!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: It has been a wonderful end of the year in fifth grade. We are wrapping the year up with debates, persuasive essays, state reports, and chain reactions with pulleys. In order to celebrate



everything we did this year in the classroom, we spent a wonderful day at Hanauma Bay. It truly has been a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and a whole lot of fun.



Grade 4 Students visiting the Thurston lava tube

Classroom News - Middle School

Miss Pelletier's News:

Sixth grade Bible is finishing up a unit on New Testament *Heroes of Faith*. We studied individual Christians who helped grow the Early Christian Church after Jesus ascended into heaven.

Sixth grade earth science finished the chapter on energy resources and talking about which energy resources would work best for Hawaii. We're now studying astronomy and our solar system.



The middle schoolers participated in a service project at Papahāna Kūaola

Seventh grade Math,

is finishing up finding perimeter, area, surface area, and volume of 2 and 3-dimensional figures. Next we'll be working on our algebra skills.

In **seventh grade life science**, we are in our final chapter of our body systems unit - *The Reproductive System*. The students will be caring for 5-lb bags of rice for a few days, introducing them to the responsibilities of parenting.

Eighth grade algebra, is working on simplifying expressions with exponents and graphing exponential functions.

In **eighth grade physical science**, we were introduced to waves and their general characteristics. We are now focusing specifically on sound and light waves.

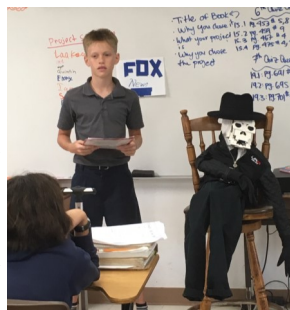
Mrs. Schroppel's News:

Seventh graders finished SAT test-

ing with perfect attendance! Way to go! In **seventh grade Bible**, we are in our final unit - *Witnessing: Faith for Life*. It is wonderful to know we have eternal life through Jesus, and even better to share that good news with others!

Eighth grade English,

students researched a science based career; it is never too early to think about the future! They are creating presentations for the historical fiction novels they read.



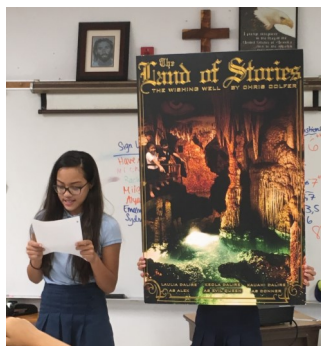
La'akea Kaonohi is pictured doing a character interview with his main character Skulduggary from the Skulduggary Pleasant series.

In sixth grade math, and seventh and eighth pre algebra,

students put finishing touches on projects. The **sixth graders** made up original strategy games, and the **seventh and eighth graders** are enjoying the beauty of tessellations. We are ALL looking forward to the beauty of summer vacation!

Miss DeMello's News:

With **graduation** approaching, the **eighth graders** have been sharing their Bible period with graduation practices. And we are observing teachings by a youth minister named Joe Solomon on topics like dating, secular music, and procrastination. All of this helps our students to apply biblical principles to their lives.



Sixth grade English started the quarter with book reports on their favorite book. They had dioramas,

scrapbooks, and movie posters. Emalia Dalire is pictured with her project, a movie poster for her favorite book series, *Land of Stories*.

Seventh grade English students

shared book report projects. **La'akea Kaonohi** is pictured doing a character interview with his main character Skulduggary from the *Skulduggary Pleasant* series.

In **sixth grade social studies** we are currently studying Europe's dark ages and medieval town life. Coming up, sixth grade will be learning about the Reformation.

Seventh grade social studies students completed an informational essay on the Asian country of their choice. They will use that research to create an informational PowerPoint to share with the class.

As a culminating project on World War II the **eighth grade social study** students created projects showing important figures, events,

or governments from the war. Below is a picture of **Peyton Rapoza** presenting his project, a time capsule he created from the perspective of a World War II soldier, which was to be buried in Europe in 1943.



Middle School - 3rd Quarter Awards

Principal's List

(GPA 3.75—4.0)

- Milan Ah Yat
- Dane Anderson
- Jacob Gaudi
- Halle Inouye
- Kawehi Kauahi
- Aiyanie Park
- Isabelle Schippers
- Sarai Tuitele

- Sydnee Walker
- Mehana Watanabe
- Rachael Williams
- Ian Anderson
- Erin Camp
- Hayden Jenkins
- La'akea Kaonohi
- Kaiana Lindsey
- Emily Reynolds
- Megan Westphal

- Nathanael Aiu
- Casey Barreca
- Mariah Basques
- Noah Gaudi
- Sophie Hepton
- Camille McMillian

Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0—3.75)

- Emalia Dalire-Hoohuli

- Nicholas Granson
- Haven Hepton
- Malachi Kaneyuki
- Maya Nam
- Bronson Pakele
- Carson Pregil
- Ezekiel Rodrigues
- Sara Cruz
- Keanu Duarte
- (cont. on page 4)

Awards (cont.)

Wyatt Elia
Ryli Kalahiki
Raine Lee
Cole Pruett
Eli Sevigny
Ethan Shek
Brianna Tadaki
Matthew Tanji
James Tsukamoto
Kaila Flores
Noah Hanohano
Keauponu McGee-Lee
Dane Sumimoto

Principal's Award
(Improved GPA by 0.3)
Kolomona Kaululau
Peyton Rapoza

**HARD WORK
PAYS OFF**

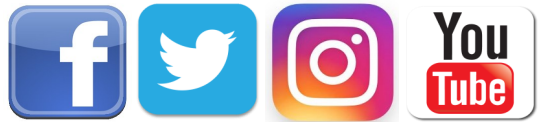
Athletics



What an exciting JV basketball season we had! After eagerly anticipating the start of practices and the season, the time had come. After we returned to school from Spring Break, **Coach Mac** (Mrs. McMillian's husband and Sophia's dad), **Coach Miki** (Keira Henriques' mom) and **Coach Willie** (Mrs. Mac's dad and Sophia's grandfather) gathered the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys and girls together for practices. The boys breezed through the season undefeated and the girls played some very exciting games, including one that went to overtime! Congratulations to all and a big mahalo to the coaches.

We concluded our year of sports with an Athletic Banquet earlier this month. Mahalo nui loa to **Mrs. Denise Warrington** (Hank's mom) for once again coordinating such a great event.

Check out SMLS on ...



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



A **BIG Mahalo** goes to the PTC for all of their hard work and generosity throughout the school year. Some of the highlights of their service to Saint Mark include: working in support of the gala fundraiser, totally organizing the rummage sale, purchasing numerous supplies for the classrooms, and treating the entire faculty and staff to a wonderful teacher appreciation lunch complete with goodie bags and gift cards. Mahalo to the PTC for their consistent and generous support of Saint Mark!



This & That

Don't forget that our uniform store, Campus Creations is busy during the summer. So do not wait until the last minute to purchase next year's **school uniforms**. Call **Campus Creations** at 484-9191 to inquire or place an order.



Our last day of school is Friday, **May 26th** with an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. and **NO AFTER-CARE**.

The **first day of school** for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year is Tuesday, **August 1, 2017**. That will be a half day with **dismissal** at 11:30 and **NO AFTERCARE**.

As we send out **graduating eighth graders** off to high school we are proud of all their accomplishments. These students will be attending the following schools: Castle, Damien, HBA, Iolani, Kamehameha, Maryknoll, Mid-



Kindergarten students were thrilled to be checking out a police car



Grade 1 students enjoyed a delightful Mother's Day Tea

Pacific, St. Louis, and Kalaheo. Congratulations Grads!!!



Office hours during the summer break will be Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Saint Mark
Lutheran School**
NOW ENROLLING
247-5589
www.smls-hawaii.org

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

Please stay safe & enjoy your Summer Break!!

