

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**

October 2015

A Message from the Head of School



Like most other private schools in Hawai'i and across the mainland, Saint Mark relies on non-tuition dollars to help subsidize the cost of the various programs at that school. These non-tuition monies are typically generated through a variety of fundraising endeavors. At Saint Mark we tend to consolidate and focus much of our effort on one big fundraiser rather than numerous smaller events, so that our parents and other supporters do not feel as if they are constantly being solicited for donations. As in years past, the Saint Mark benefit gala is that one big fundraiser.

This year's gala is our **6th Annual** and is scheduled for **Saturday, November 7** at 5:30 p.m. at the **Pacific Club**.

The Gala committee, under the leadership of event coordinator **Cissy Shaner**, along with the PTC led by **President Elena Bryant**, **Vice President Robin Kaha'ulelio**, and faculty liaisons **Mele Manu** and **Melelani Lawrence** are working overtime collecting donations, selling tickets, and planning the entertainment.

Monies raised from this year's gala go in support of two very important needs - our **technology program** and our **Financial Aid Program**. With the increasing numbers of Saint Mark families requesting financial help, the success of the gala is extremely important.

With this being our one major fundraiser of the year, we humbly ask our families to please get involved. If you have not done so already, please know that there is **still time to purchase tickets** or **make a donation to the silent auction** - but you have to hurry!

Mahalo to all who have generously given so much (time, talent, and financial contributions) in support of this important event!



*Grade 1 Class Project for
this year's Gala*

Dates to Remember

October 28 - 30: Grades 5 and 7 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman

November 2 & 3: Schools of the Future Conference for teachers - No School

November 7: 6th Annual Benefit Gala at *The Pacific Club*

November 11: Veterans' Day - No School

November 17: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

November 18: Flu Vaccinations

November 19: Open House for Prospective Parents at 5:30 p.m.

November 26 & 27: Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 11: K-2 Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m.

December 15: Grades 3-4 Choir and Beginning Band Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 17: Grades 5-8 Choir and Advanced Band Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 18: 2nd Quarter Ends 11:30 a.m. Dismissal with No Aftercare

December 21 - January 1: Winter Intercession

OPEN HOUSE for Prospective Parents

We are planning our annual Open House for prospective Saint Mark Lutheran School parents.

Place: Saint Mark Lutheran School Gym

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

We need your support to help make this event a true success!
Please join us in welcoming prospective Saint Mark families!



Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: The kindergartners jumped right into the second quarter after their fall break, and are ready to learn! This second quarter promises to be very busy and fun. We learned about fire safety from our friends from the Honolulu Fire Department. We sang in Sunday church service and will be visiting the Waimanalo Pumpkin Patch, and having a Halloween party and costume parade - all in the month of October! The kindergartners are also looking forward to learning about how their bodies work and being healthy, as they begin a new unit in science.



Grade 1 students enjoyed a trip to the Hawaii Nature Center

First Grade: As we begin our second quarter, the first graders learned about being fire safety superheroes during Fire Prevention

month. We were fortunate to have the fire department visit our school along with their Keiki Fun House. Kindergarten and the first grade class are looking forward to a visit to a local farm in Waimanalo to pick our own pumpkins. The first graders will be using their pumpkins to present a character pumpkin book report on Oct. 30th. We look forward to learning about places all over the world as our Flat First Graders start coming back to us in the mail.

Second Grade: Second grade had wonderful stories to share when they came back from Fall Break. Many of the students traveled to outer islands and some went to

other states. They brought back maps which we will use to learn map skills. Second graders also began a project about Jesus and have created amazing artwork depicting His life. They are excited as



Grade 2 students using their new 3-D printer to create objects from solid plastic

they begin adding and subtracting two-digit by two-digit numbers in math. They are also learning about different "genres" in literature and learning how to read and understand poetry. Lastly, in science, the students are eager to begin cooking with their solar ovens and playing with their solar powered cars...just as soon as all the rain clears!

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: Third grade has been working on mental math this month but soon we will be heading into multiplication! We had a wonderful visit from the fire department in October where we learned about fire safety and the importance of knowing

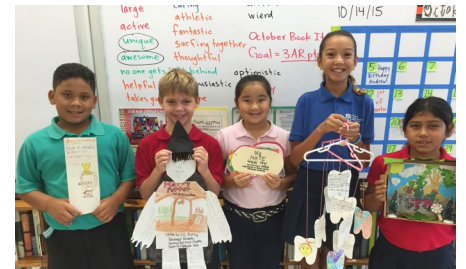


Grade 3 students showing off the books they selected for their first Book Report of the school year

our address. In Reading Centers we have been drawing characters from our books and writing summaries.

We have just begun giving oral book reports on some of our favorite books.

Fourth Grade: It is hard to believe we are in the second quarter of our fourth grade year! Over Fall Break the students had a book report project. Each child chose their favorite book they read this year and completed a project to share this book with our class. From scene diagrams to character cutouts the students showed off some creative pieces on their first day back. Looking ahead to this quarter



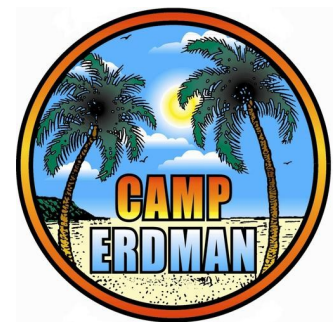
Grade 4 students proudly showing off their thoughtfully made Book Report Projects

we have already started our study on the Hawaiian Outrigger canoe. With all the information they learn they will create their own miniature Hawaiian single outrigger. It's going to be another busy and educational quarter!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: Fifth grade started this quarter with a bang as we began our preparations for Camp Erdman. Our class is looking forward to our outdoor education multi-day trip where we will spend two nights and

three days with two other Lutheran schools. Until then, we are using our social studies unit of the 13 colonies to work on our reading and writing skills.



Classroom News - Middle School

Miss Pelletier's News:

Sixth grade Bible is studying Jesus' ministry. We will look at parables He told, His Transfiguration, and miracles He performed.

In science, the sixth graders will be studying plate tectonics, earthquakes, and volcanoes and how they all relate to and affect one another. Seventh graders will be studying genetics, our personal traits and characteristics, and genetic disorders, adaptation, and changes over time. The periodic table of elements, atoms and how they bond, and chemical reactions will be the focus of eighth grade science.

Seventh grade math is finishing the chapter on operations with fractions. Next, we will be studying equations and inequalities, ratios, rates, proportions, and percent.

Students in eighth grade algebra, are finishing a chapter on solving equations. Next, we will be solving inequalities; linear equations and their graphs; and systems of equations and inequalities.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

Seventh grade Bible class is studying Heroes of the Faith ~ especially the work of Martin Luther whose actions led to the Reformation. We are excited about our upcoming three days at YMCA Camp Erdman Leadership Camp.

Eighth grade English students have begun looking at poetry. We will be learning about and writing many different types of poems as we cultivate a love of words.

Sixth grade math started number theory and will explore prime vs. composite and CGFs vs. LCMs. This will aid us in upcoming fraction work!

Seventh and eighth grade pre-algebra began a chapter focusing on factors, fractions, exponents, reviewing the concepts of prime numbers and taking it farther with prime factorization, and rational numbers.

All of this happens against the backdrop of what is arguably the most stimulating quarter as we anticipate Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Christmas season.

Mrs. Souki's News:

Eighth grade Bible students completed their chapel performance focused on an important part in the lives of all Christians, prayer. They acted out a skit that helped kids to understand how praying for people who may do wrong things can benefit both people. They finished with a song called *Flawless* by Mercy Me. It was a wonderful message.

Sixth grade English students are starting their class novel, *Crossover*. It is written in the form of a poem so the students will be exposed to a new literary format. Later in the quarter they will be performing poetry readings.

The seventh grade English students are learning vocabulary and grammar skills with their work in Shurley and Wordly Wise. They will also focus on plot structure and use Pixar Shorts to determine parts of a

plot like rising action, climax, and resolution. They will start their class novel later in the quarter.

Sixth grade world history class is finishing up their study of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Nubia. Soon they will be studying Judaism, Ancient Greece, the Roman Empire, and the Rise of Christianity. This is a great way to bridge the study of history with the school's mission to integrate faith through a Christ-centered education.

The seventh grade world geography class is studying individual areas of the world, starting with the United States. They will be writing an essay about the different ways Americans measure success. And since this is a geography course, they will be tested on the 50 states.

Eighth grade U.S. history students are studying the U.S. Constitution. They will be using the *Constitution Alive!* curriculum to provide a Christian perspective on the founding principles of our nation.

Miss Morris' News:

This quarter middle school students will be focusing on basketball as well as continuing our mile runs and workouts in P.E. Keep up the good work!

All fifth - eighth graders are invited to Saint Mark Lutheran Church's Youth Lock-In on weekend of October 23-24 from 7:00pm - 8:30am! All Keiki (fourth grade and below) are invited to Saint Mark Lutheran Church's Keiki Movie Night on November 13th from 5:00pm-7:30pm.

Middle School - 1st Quarter Awards

Principal's List

(3.75-4.00 GPA)
Ian Anderson
Kalia Bourgeois
La`akea Kaonohi
Kaiana Lindsey
Kaya Tsuji
James Tsukamoto
Megan Westphal
Randi Wong
Nathanael Aiu
Casey Barreca
Jersey Botelho

Tyler Buckingham

Noah Gaudi
Abigail Hilpert
Brynn Denis
Reef Lee
Emma Lindsey
Sirena Linton
Eli Warren
Lani Warren

Honor Roll

(3.00-3.74 GPA)
Erin Camp
Mana Catrett
Sara Cruz
Keanu Duarte
Ryli Kalahiki
Cole Pruett
Ethan Shek
Matthew Tanji
Kaya Tsuji
Rylie Wong
Max Yamaguchi

David Yamashiro

Mariah Basques
Kaila Flores
Marc Gonzalez
Noah Hanohano
Sophie Hepton
Camille McMillian
Harvey Welch
Brynn Denis
Hunter-Bailey Kaimikaua
Kainalu Keliikuli -Grace

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Awards (cont.)

Lauren Miller
Sophia Sagarese

Citizenship Award

Kalia Bourgeois
Kaiana Lindsey
Megan Westphal
David Yamashiro
Casey Barreca
Jersey Botelho

Tyler Buckingham
Noah Gaudi
Noah Hanohano
Sophie Hepton
Abi Hilpert
Reef Lee
Lani Warren

GREAT WORK!!



Athletics

Congratulations to our varsity volleyball all-stars: **Brynn Denis (also MVP), Hunter-Bailey Kaimikaua, Emma Lindsey, Keapono McGee-Lee, and Hank Warrington (also MVP).**

JV volleyball has begun practicing with **Coach Kuulei**. The athletes are all excited to get started. Their first game is on Thursday, November 5th at Our Savior Lutheran School. The rest of their game schedule is on the school website calendar. Come out and cheer for our athletes!

SMLS Now on Instagram....



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Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC has been busy finalizing details for the upcoming **6th Annual Gala Fundraiser!** It is shaping up to be an awesome and fun-filled event, so get your tickets while they're hot!

In other PTC news, the PTC recently awarded **\$300** to support the *school vegetable garden* and to allow for the *construction of a new butterfly garden!* The PTC also awarded **\$200** to the Yearbook Committee for the purchase of a *new digital camera* that will be available for use by the entire faculty!

Stay tuned for other funding projects in the works (like industrial-sized fans for the gym and water bottle filler attachments for the existing water foundations), as well as our new and improved PTC website where you can track PTC meeting agendas, minutes, and funding awards! If you have any questions or if you would like to get involved with the PTC, please email us at ptc@smls-hawaii.org!

This & That

In September the students raised **\$253** for the **Aloha United Way** program through their chapel offerings.

On November 19 we will hold our annual **Open House for Prospective Parents**. We will start the evening in the gym where there will be pupus and the opportunity for mingling. Then parents can visit the classrooms they are interested in. Current school families are **strongly encouraged** to bring friends and/or family who would like to learn more about our program.

It is almost time for Saint Mark Lutheran Church's annual **Reformationfest!** Join us Sunday, Octo-

ber 25th at 4:30pm for games including a cake walk, apple bobbing and temporary tattoos. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Brats, hotdogs, sauerkraut, and drinks are provided. If your last name begins with



the letter A-Q please bring a potluck side dish. If your last name begins with R-Z please bring a potluck dessert. And please don't forget to wear red. Reformationfest is \$5 per adult (kids are free), so save the date! Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, October 23th.

There will be **no school** on Monday, November 2 and on Tuesday, November 3 as the entire Saint Mark faculty will be attending the **Schools of the Future Conference**.



Congratulations to the middle school students who made it onto the 1st quarter Principal's List