

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**

September 2016

Message from the Head of School

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

A Day in the Life of a Saint Mark student is a sight to behold....

(All pictures were taken on the same school day)



Work Continues as We Build for the Future - Early Education Center !



Saint Mark continues its multi-year endeavor to raise money for the construction of a new early education building on the footprint of the current administrative offices, kindergarten room, and computer room. The architect is finalizing the plans for a beautiful building which includes three pre-school classrooms, a library, a technology center, meeting rooms, and administrative offices.



Renderings of the Early Education Center with 3 Pre-School Classrooms

We need everyone's help to bring our plans to fruition. Please call the school office to set up a meeting with Dr. Gaudi to learn more about how you can support this very important project. Mahalo Nui Loa!

Dates to Remember

September 30: 1st Quarter Ends
11:30 a.m. Dismissal

October 3 - October 14: Fall Break

October 3- October 7: Grades 6-8
Report Cards mailed home

October 17: School Resumes;
K-5 Report Cards go home with
students

October 20 & 21: 11:30 a.m.
Dismissal due to Parent Teacher
Conferences

October 23: Grades K-2 sing in
church at 9:30 a.m.

October 26 - 28: Grades 5 & 7
Outdoor Education at Camp
Erdman

November 11: Veterans' Day
Observed - No School

November 12: 7th Annual Benefit
Gala at *The Pacific Club*

November 15: Mid-Quarter Re-
ports go home with students

November 17: Open House for
Prospective Parents at 5:30 p.m.

November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving
Break - No School

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten:

Kindergartners have been doing awesomely with their letters, letter sounds, numbers, and sight words. We are drawing, painting, and writing. We even wrote about our amazing eighth grade Chapel Buddies! At the Anime Momotaro field trip we learned it is better to be kind than unkind. Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day was fun, we sang, recited a poem, and prayed with our guests. There was LOTS of



yummy food provided by parents. We are working on patterns (we practiced with OREOS!) and did a coloring and writing assignment for the Moon Festival. Now we start

our APPLE unit! A big THANK YOU to all the parents, who have been so very kind, loving, and helpful! You are a big reason that your students are doing so well!

First Grade:

First graders have been busy! We began memorizing addition facts through Math Minutes and in reading we focused on word attack skills. We have also enjoyed reading *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown, as part of our unit on "communities". We will be sending off our "Flat first graders" to communities around the globe. We've also enhanced our swimming skills with swim lessons and learned ocean safety tips. We continue to



Grade 2 students show off their work studying their families

search for ways to be "bucket fillers" not "dippers."

Second Grade:

The second graders have been gathering information and learning more about their families. Students have been coming to school everyday wanting to share artifacts or stories about their families. Their final piece was to interview one of their oldest relatives. They learned what it was like to be a kid during their grandparents' time and compare that with how they live now. It was an exciting process for the students!

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade:

It has been a great first quarter in third grade! In math, we have been working on using mental math to add, subtract, and estimate. In reading, we are using our comprehension strategies, like asking questions and visualizing. We are also using our weekly Scholastic News magazines to practice close reading with non-fiction texts. The students have been eager to learn cursive and we have been practicing some of our lower case letters. We also wrapped up our ecosystem unit. We did a fun lab about adaptations in native Hawaiian birds and students have been hard at work studying

different ecosystems in our world. For social studies, we are studying communities. We have finished our Bible unit on how God reveals himself to us through His Word.

Fourth Grade:

Aloha from fourth grade! The students enjoyed preparing for Fall Family Night and are so proud of all the hard work they put into raising money for their Big Island Trip. In art, the students made foil sculptures and used one another as inspiration. They also learned all about the importance of the kukui nut in Hawaiian studies and each student made their own unique spinning top

from the kukui nut. They are also learning new Hawaiian words and learning about each island. The students learned about idioms and relative pronouns in language arts and are excited to solve for "x" in math. Last but not least, the students recently took a field trip to the U.S.S. Battleship Missouri where they learned about ancient Hawaiian and modern day navigation. It has been a busy month for the fourth graders!

Learning is fun!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: In fifth grade, we have been diving deep into how the United States got started. After doing big projects on different Native American tribes, we started looking into the different explorers and explorations around the world. Now we are beginning to look at the first few settlements that were successful, creating a foundation for the United States. In science, we have been

learning about adaptation and survival of plants and animals. We also started a class reading of, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Be-



tween that and spending time at the Aviation Museum, we are having a great time & learning a ton.



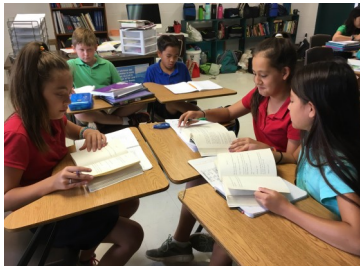
Grade 5 students enjoying themselves at the Aviation Museum

Classroom News - Middle School

Miss Pelletier's News:

Sixth grade Bible finished a unit on Jesus' early life and now are studying Jesus' ministry, miracles, & teaching.

Sixth grade science finished the chapter on minerals and are studying rocks. We went to the Bishop Museum to participate in an exciting game and learn about the rock cycle, plate tectonics, and the geology of Hawai'i.



Grade 6 students discussing their class novel

In **seventh grade math**, we are finishing our chapter on fractions and decimals, finding LCMs and GCFs, prime factorization, and scientific notation. Next we will focus on operations with fractions.

In **seventh grade science**, we created and presented cell models and cell worlds as we studied cell processes and the cell cycle. We also participated in a Bishop Museum program called *Attack of the Giant Cell*.

In **eighth grade algebra** we are solving different kinds of equations. We're also working with ratios, proportions, similar figures, percent of change, square roots, and the famous Pythagorean Theorem.

Eighth grade science students finished the chapter on solids, liquids, and gases. They created skits, videos, and stories demonstrating the changes of state of matter. Next we focus on the periodic table of elements.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

Seventh grade Bible students started a unit taking a closer look at the Holy Spirit, who works faith in us

and sanctifies or makes us holy. We are getting to know our first grade chapel buddies better and went on a swimming field trip with them.

Seventh and eighth grade pre-algebra students are having a Mathenger Hunt. They are interviewing "real" people to find out how they use math in their everyday lives and jobs. It helps answer the question, "When am I ever going to use this?"

Sixth grade math has a decimal dilemma: when do we have to line up the decimal point? When don't we? As we continue to learn about decimals, we will find our answer.

Eighth grade English, students finished the novel *Uglies* and enjoyed their ugly to pretty transformation. I'm proud of the effort they all put into the project.

Student Council is up and running. The executive officers are **Casey Barreca** (President), **Mariah Basques** (Vice President), **Sophie Hepton** (Secretary), and **Kalanikapu Aona** (Treasurer). Congratulations!

Ms. DeMello's News:

In **eighth grade Bible** the *God All Around* presentations added insight into the lives of our eighth graders. They shared beautiful examples of how God has worked in their lives. From overcoming fears, to near-death experiences, to giving thanks for the everyday things we take for granted, they have all found God in their lives.

Sixth grade English students finished their class novel, *The Only and Only Ivan!* We laughed with Ivan, got teary with Stella's passing, and angry with Mack's selfishness! Now we will complete our character essay which they are SO excited about. They may tell you a different story, but don't worry, I know they're excited!

Seventh grade English students finished their class novel, *The Outsiders*. and found it an emotional roller coaster. One commented that the ending made him, "cry real tears." They all came away with a new appreciation for their parents, their school, and their lives. It's easy to forget how blessed we are.

Sixth grade social studies students learned various styles of note-taking, and particularly enjoyed Cornell Notes. A close second was outlining, which helped them feel more organized. They also became experts on the domestication of animals in the early days of farming. We will learn about Mesopotamia next quarter!

Seventh grade social studies students learned five styles of note-taking. They were able to use the notes according to their needs. Learning about Canada brought about conversations on how many cultures were able to maintain their identity despite living in a plural society, which we compared to Hawaii's "melting pot".

Eighth grade social studies students are learning about early European settlements in North America, particularly Jamestown, Plymouth, and the mysterious Roanoke. We've seen a few videos giving different perspectives of this time in United States' history and have engaged in class discussions on this topic.

Saint Mark Lutheran School is on-line!



Check out the School 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 with the school!



Athletics

The varsity volleyball season has come to an end. A big MAHALO to **Coach Kuulei**. The volleyball players practiced and played hard as they learned new skills and continued to improve on what they learned in the past. Congratulations to all-stars **Sophia Hepton**, **Mariah Basques** (the girls' MVP), **Noah Hanohano**, and **Hank Warrington** (the boys' MVP). The JV volleyball season, for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls, will begin when we return from Fall Break. More information will be forthcoming.



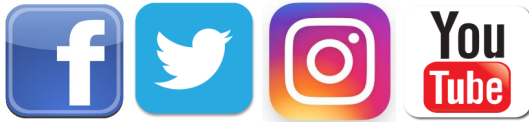
Give Aloha

Saint Mark is again participating in Foodland's Annual **Give Aloha program!** During the month of September, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person, per organization) at checkout to Saint Mark Lutheran School. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation up to a total of \$300,000 for all organizations combined.



give aloha
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Check out SMLS on ...



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC is busy at work planning the **7th Annual Benefit Gala**

The gala is scheduled for **Saturday, November 12 at The Pacific Club** at 5:30 p.m. it will include an evening of delicious food, live entertainment by *H2O (Hard to Oppose)* and both a silent and a live auction for our community and friends. There are many ways to help support this important event. You can purchase tickets, donate auction items, assist with the class projects and baskets or simply talking up the event.

This & That

September chapel offerings will be collected for **Aloha United Way**. We collected over \$240 in August for **Lutheran Bible Translators**.

The end of our first quarter and the beginning of **Fall Break** are quickly approaching. Our last day of school is **Friday, September 30**, with classes resuming on **Monday, October 17**. The school office will remain open from 8:30-1:30 during break.

Report cards for students in grades 6-8 will be mailed home during **Fall Break**. Students in grades K-5 will receive their report cards when they return to school on **October 17th**.



The Kindergarteners recently hosted a wonderful Grandparents' Day celebration



Grade 6 student showing off a butterfly that was born in the classroom

We are in **need of donations** for the silent auction at our seventh annual **Benefit Gala**. This year we will be **"Celebrating the Fabulous 50's, Swinging 60's and Sensational 70's"**. The event is on **November 12** at 5:30 p.m. and will once again be held at the beautiful Pacific Club. We encourage any of you who would like to attend the Gala to come by the school office to purchase tickets.

Mahalo to all who supported and volunteered for our **Scholastic Book Fair**. It was very successful with sales of a little over \$4500. We will use the profits to buy additional books for the school library.



Grade 1 students in the garden