

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 2017

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 Learning Center on the footprint of the current administrative offices and computer room.

The designs have been finalized, the permits are almost complete, and the kindergarten class has been relocated. **The final stage is to meet a few more fundraising goals.**



Rendering of the Early Learning 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 29: 1st Quarter Ends 11:30 a.m. Dismissal

October 2 - October 13: Fall Break; All Report Cards mailed home over break

October 16: School Resumes

October 19 & 20: 11:30 a.m. Dismissal due to Parent Teacher Conferences

October 25- 27: Grades 5 & 7 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman

November 4: 'Ohana Fun Fair and Hawaiian Plate Fundraiser

November 10: Veterans' Day Observed - No School

November 14: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

November 19: Grades K-2 sing in the 9:30am church service

November 23 & 24: Thanksgiving Break - No School

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: Kindergarten is having a grand time! We are having fun as we learn how to read and do math! Kindergarten started having third grade reading buddies, which is a great learning experience for both grades! We continue to learn about our five senses and the world around us, and how to be a kind friend! We had a fantastic time with Grandparents' Day - thanks to everyone who contributed and came! Eighth grade chapel buddies helped our kindergarteners pick out their Scholastic Book Fair Wishlist. Thanks for the help and the amazing books! As we get into Fall, we are excited to get to go to the Pumpkin Patch! We are doing so much! Stay tuned!

First Grade: The first graders had a busy first quarter! In math, we began memorizing our addition facts through Math Minute. In reading, the students are aiming to read and

test to "level up" in *Kids A-Z!* In science, we learned what it means to be a scientist and focused on life science discovery during our learning trip to the Hawaii Nature Center. This month the students are gathering information about our families and look forward to putting it together on individual family trees! We enhanced our swimming skills with our weekly swim lessons at Kokokahi YWCA and learned some important ocean safety tips. Daily, we are busy caring for and tending to our garden and can't wait for our fall harvest. We are also learning about taking care of our worm bin by saving our food



Grade 2 interviewed an older relative & learned about what it was like when they were kids

scraps to feed them weekly. The first graders are counting down the days to their first Open Market that will take place on the last day of the quarter.

Second Grade: In second grade we have been learning more about our families and the different cultures we are a part of. We started by reading about different families around the world. We examined our own families by creating a family tree, then chose one of our oldest relatives to interview. The students had such a great time learning about their grandparents and great grandparents. Many of them were surprised to find out that the television was invented while their grandparents were kids! Each child had a chance to share what they learned and their favorite parts of the interview. It was a fun and eye opening experience for the students!

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: Third grade has settled in to the school year and has been busy learning and growing! We have been busy working hard visualizing and recognizing cause and effect in our reading. We have also started more formal writing by writing descriptive paragraphs. We recently took a field trip to the Honolulu Museum of Art and learned how to describe art, which will help us in using descriptive words in our writing. In math we have been busy working on rounding and estimating to add and subtract. We have been discussing ecosystems in science and have been using our

school garden to help us observe an ecosystem right here at our school!

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders had a great time making posters, selling glow sticks and other goods during Fall Family Night. They are really invested in raising their own money for the Big Island Trip. The fourth graders also went on two field trips this month! The first field trip was to Windward Community College where they experienced the interactive Aerospace lab. They also watched a show about space at the Imaginarium theatre. Last week Friday, the students also went to the Museum of Art. They got to com-

plete and take home a self-portrait of themselves as well as tour the museum focusing on self-portraits and landscape art. It was very informative and educational. The Museum of Art also allowed our class to borrow several ancient Hawaiian artifacts to take back to the classroom and study. The students were responsible for teaching the class about their artifact. As the quarter comes to an end, the fourth graders are working hard completing their final writing papers and finishing their chapter 2 math unit.

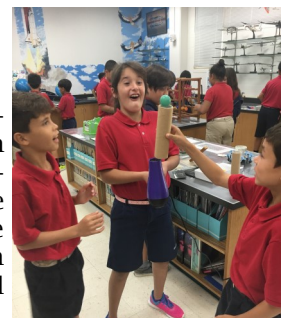
Learning is fun!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: We have had a great first couple of months in fifth grade. In social studies we have moved on from a large Native American studies unit towards European exploration of the Americas. As we progress from there we will begin to learn and understand the positives and negatives of the start of the United States. In science, we have begun to look at the ecosystems and how they

work. On top of these subjects and everything else that we are learning, we also have begun a class reading of *"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."* I am excited to see the discussions that will be produced from this book. Outside of the classroom, we were able to take a field trip to the Windward Community College. We learned about the stars, space, air travel and other things

through several hands-on science activities in the aerospace exploration lab, as well as watching a video in the planetarium.



Grade 5 having fun at the Aerospace Exploration Lab

Classroom News - Middle School

Mrs. Kuster's News:

In **sixth grade Bible**, we are studying Jesus' early life, including his ministry, miracles, and teachings. And the fifth & sixth grades did a wonderful job singing in church!

In **sixth grade science**, we are finishing our chapter on minerals and will be studying rocks next. We will be going to the Lucoral Museum to see some awesome minerals, gems, rocks, and fossils.

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

In **seventh grade science**, we had a great time creating and presenting our cell models and cellular vacations. We are now studying cell processes like photosynthesis, respiration and the cell cycle.

In **eighth grade algebra**, we are starting our chapter on equations. We will be working with ratios, proportions, similar figures, percent of change, square roots, and the Pythagorean Theorem.

In **eighth grade science**, we are finishing our chapter on solids, liquids, and gases. We created videos and stories to demonstrate the changes of state of matter. Our next chapter will focus on the periodic table of elements.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

Seventh grade students are just starting a new unit in Bible that takes a closer look at the work of the Holy Spirit. He is the one who works faith in us and sanctifies or makes us ho-

ly. We are getting to know our first grade chapel buddies better and are looking forward to a swimming field trip next week.



Grade 6 students working on the art projects with Mrs. Gibo

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

Sixth grade math is in the midst of 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 know what to do!

In **eighth grade English**, the students have finished the novel *Uglies* and are ready for their ugly to pretty transformation. All of them are putting good effort into the project and showing excellent results.

Mrs. DeMello-Kuntz's News:

In **eighth grade Bible**, we're working on a project that will turn the exciting and at times movie-like book of Joshua into the front page of a newspaper! The team or student with the best front page will receive a homework pass, which has added extra motivation for the students to do their best work.

In **sixth grade English**, we are finishing up our class novel, *Wonder*, and getting ready to compare and contrast two characters from the book as a final essay.

In **seventh grade English**, we've just finished our class novel, *The Outsiders*. It turned out to be quite the emo-

tional roller coaster for our seventh graders. Now we plan to compare the novel to the film version, specifically how our main characters are portrayed.

In **sixth grade social studies**, we've learned about Sumer, Babylon, and Hammurabi's Code. Next up, we'll be studying the Assyrians, Persians, and Phoenicians.

In **seventh grade social studies**, we're excited to start our North and Central American country projects! To end our quarter, the students will work in groups to create a Powerpoint about the North American, Central American, or Caribbean country of their choice. They are also looking forward to bringing in dishes from these countries (or at least, eating them).

In **eighth grade social studies**, we will be working on a mini-project about life in colonial times. So far, it looks like most of the class will be writing stories from the perspective of enslaved Africans, which will give them the opportunity to practice empathy, and really put themselves in another person's shoes. I'm looking forward to reading them!



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!

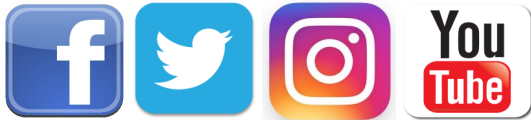


Athletics

What a great time we had learning the sport of volleyball! Our JV season has come to a close and our student athletes not only learned the sport of volleyball and the skills needed to play but life lessons as well. A great big MAHALO to **Coach Sheri**, our head coach and her volunteer helpers. Our varsity volleyball season for boys and girls eighth grade and below will be starting soon with their first game on Tuesday, October 24. The rest of the schedule is on the school website calendar.



Check out SMLS on ...



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

Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

The PTC is busy at work planning the 'Ohana Fun Fair and Hawaiian Plate Fundraiser...



The 'Ohana Fun Fair and Hawaiian Plate Fundraiser is scheduled for **Saturday, November 4 at Saint Mark Lutheran at 12:00pm** and will include a fun-filled day for friends and family with games, activities, snacks, and delicious Hawaiian food. We will also have a Silent Auction which will include classroom projects handmade by our talented students! The proceeds from this event will be used to support our very important financial aid/scholarship program and our on-going technology expenses.

This & That

September chapel offerings will be collected for Aloha United Way. We collected over \$245 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 29**, with classes resuming on **Monday, October 16**. The school office will remain open from 8:30-1:30 during break.

Report cards for all students will be mailed home over the fall break.

We are in **need of donations** for the silent auction at our 'Ohana



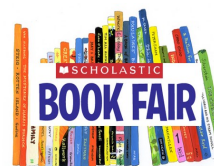
Grade 3 students gathered to read together with kindergarten

Fun Fair and Hawaiian Plate Fundraiser scheduled for **Saturday, November 4 at Saint Mark Lutheran at 12:00pm.**

Mahalo to all who supported and volun-



Grade 1 students in the garden



teered for our **Scholastic Book Fair!** It was very successful with sales of nearly \$3,800. We will use the profits to buy additional books for the school library.