

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 2012

A Message from the Principal



The Pacific Club

Fall break is over, K-5 conferences are done, and the K-2 concert is history. So, we have now turned our attention to our **3rd Annual Benefit Gala** scheduled for **Saturday, November 3 at 5:30 p.m.**

The PTC along with event coordinator, Cissy Shaner, are working overtime collecting donations, selling tickets, and planning the entertainment.

Monies raised from the gala go in support of two very important needs – financial aid and technology. With increasing numbers of Saint Mark families requesting financial assistance along with Saint Mark's commitment to offer fresh, innovative, and relevant technologies to our students, the success of the gala is extremely important.

We encourage our families to get involved in the gala. 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.**

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



Sunset at the 1st Annual Benefit Gala at the Pacific Club



Class Project to be auctioned off at the upcoming Gala

Dates to Remember

October 31 - November 2: Grades 5 and 7 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman

November 3: 3rd Annual Benefit Gala at *The Pacific Club*

November 12: Veterans' Day Observed - No School

November 13: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

November 15: Open House for Prospective Parents at 5:30 p.m.

November 16: Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences for Grades 6-8

November 18: Grades K-2 sing at the 9:30 a.m. Service

November 22 & 23: Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 11: Grades 3-6 Choir and Grades 4-8 Band Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m.

December 16: K-2 Christmas Program at 5:00 p.m.

December 19: 2nd Quarter Ends 11:30 a.m. Dismissal with No Aftercare

December 20 - January 2: Winter Intercession

December 24 - 28: Grades 6-8 Report cards mailed home

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 15, 2012

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

Please join us in welcoming prospective Saint Mark families!



Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: The kindergarteners were happy to be back at school after intersession. (Parents were even happier, at least Mrs. G thinks so.) Now they're back working and talking about discoverers, the season of autumn, fire safety, the upcoming election, and how pumpkins grow. They're having "Shapes" week with special activities. Lots of Halloween and autumn art projects are filling the room.

First Grade: The first graders ended their first quarter with their first open market. It was a huge success. The students have been working hard to earn their moolahs all quarter. It was a great opportunity to bring in gently used toys or homemade items for others to purchase. We will have an open market at the end of each quarter.

Our first week of the second quarter was spent learning about "math menu." The children had a chance to work together in a small group

to play math games and write about it. We also spent a few hours this week rehearsing for our fall concert. The children did such a wonderful job under the direction of choir director Mrs. Gundermann



Grade 1 students collaborating on a creative writing assignment during class

Second Grade: Quarter two is well underway in second grade! Second graders have been working hard, learning a bunch, and having lots of fun! A highlight of theirs was their first Open Market of the year! Students had been earning (class) money by being responsible,

making good choices, and completing assignments. Another way the second graders earned "money" was by selling items at the Open Market. Students brought handmade goodies, gently used toys and books, and yummy treats to sell at their "store." This was a great opportunity to practice counting coins and giving back

change. After the market closed and cleaned up for the day, the second graders, and their parents, too, were looking forward to the next Open Market in December!



Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: We are in full swing after our Fall break. The kids have fallen right back into routine without any hesitation. We have just returned from our field trip out to Campbell National Wildlife Refuge. This field trip tied into our study on ecosystems from our first quarter. The students learned how plants and animals were dispersed to Hawai'i by the wind, the waves, or birds. They learned the difference between native plants and animals and those introduced plants and animals. They learned about the adaptations plants and animals made in order to survive in a new environment. They walked around on the edge of

the marsh area with nests to collect smaller animals that live in the wet-



Grade 4 students used Post-It notes to share facts about our Hawaiian islands

land. They also used binoculars to locate birds in the refuge. It was a very full day. We are working on addition of multiple numbers with

regrouping in math. Writing is focusing on the organization of our details. This classroom has become a room full of readers. You will find them getting comfortable all over the room during our reading time.

Fourth Grade: We have been busy getting to know our eight Hawaiian Islands better. Students were able to choose an island to research and will write a research paper and complete a project on this island. Students are able to share interesting facts they discovered by including it on our class bulletin board. We are also very excited to go on a learning trip to Kualoa and learn more about an

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: In social studies, the fifth grade has been learning about what life was like during the Colonial American period. Our class enjoyed making real butter from heavy cream and then eating it with some bread. Many students said

that it was the best tasting butter that they ever had and thought that it would be great to live during that time. But when they learned about the way Puritan children were expected to behave, they quickly changed their minds. Having to bow

before their parents when they wanted to talk to them or having to do everything parents told them to do without any complaining caused fifth graders to be glad that they weren't living back then.

Classroom News - Junior High

Mrs. Hantel's News:

Merry Christmas! Yes, it is a little early. However, during the next two weeks the **seventh grade Bible** students will be learning about the miraculous birth of Christ. Even in October, we will be singing several Christmas songs!

Romney? Obama? Third Party? The nation is now consumed with the upcoming election, and so is the **Eighth grade American History** class. Until November 6th we will be examining the voting process and looking closely into the platforms of the different candidates.

Ni Hao! **Seventh grade geography** we will be "travelling" to Asia during the first few weeks of the second quarter and learning about the geography and culture of Eastern Asia (China, Japan, Korea, etc.). We may even spend some time writing Chinese characters on the iPads!

Grades six through eight math students have Projects! Projects! Projects! Throughout this quarter the junior high students will be working with math projects to help apply the math they are learning to the real world.

Miss Maddick's News:

A new quarter comes with new adventures. **Language art's** students are enjoying the political debates and discussing how to make the USA better for junior high students. While doing this, **eighth grade** is reading about the American Revolution in *My Brother Sam*

is Dead, **seventh grade** is beginning their not so truthful adventure with *Nothing But the Truth*, and soon the **sixth graders** will begin the seasonal classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

Seventh and eighth grade Communications will be working on persuasive speeches, so watch out for well-structured arguments about why they should go to the mall!

Eighth grade Bible students are looking at symbols for Scripture, and examining how to use the Bible and prayer to fuel our faith life. We also are taking a trip to visit Lutheran High School.

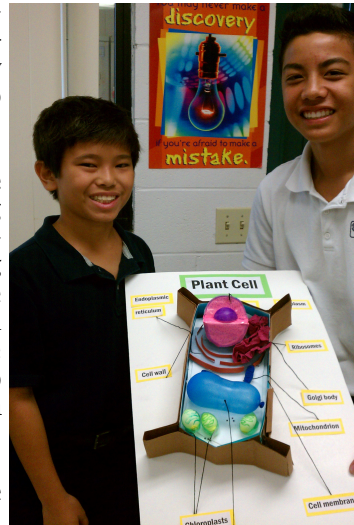
In **World History**, we are wrapping up a unit about India and its major religions, and moving on to ancient Chinese history. I am very excited about this chapter because I student taught in Shanghai. I really enjoyed sharing some of my China pictures to add a personal connection to the chapter.

Mrs. McGregor's News:

In **sixth grade Bible** we are studying the book of Acts. We are learning about the birth of the first church, Peter and John's ministry and their acts of courage, the fate

of Ananias and Sapphira, and Stephen's boldness to share the good news of Jesus.

Life science students are learning about carbohydrates, lipids and proteins. **Seventh graders** will be testing for the presence of starches, sugars and fat.



Jr. High students showing off their animal cell model

Sixth graders are studying the characteristics of rocks and using iPad apps to demonstrate their knowledge of the rock cycle.

In **Physical Science eighth graders** are studying the Periodic Table of Elements, atomic theories, and atom configurations. They used iPads to investigate each element and will be experimenting to find the conductivity of different elements.

Miss Morris' News:

Thanks to all our wonderful junior high and high students who came out to the Haunted Lagoon on October 19th! We all had a lot of fun.

In PE we will be continuing our Presidential Fitness Challenge as we strive to meet our goals. We will also be working on our basketball skills for the month of October and part of November. Keep up the good work junior high!

Junior High Awards

Principal's List

(3.75-4.00 GPA)

Taylor Aiu
Miriam Ha
Joshua Hilpert
Kara Iwamoto-Skelton
Kathryn Koopman
Amy Warrington
Sage Iona
Kala Kahapea-Aquino
Rhys Kalama
Melia Manu
John Rice
Makoa Sanchez

Tristan Scharfenstein-

Montgomery
Justin Taniguchi
Koby Tengan
Mikayla Aki
Isaiah Graham
Kiana Lo
Martine Marantz
Risa McGregor
Samantha Navarrete
Lauryn Ohai
Zachary Ostrander

Honor Roll

(3.00-3.74 GPA)

Kuulei Aona
Noah Graham
Alexis Keliikipi
Kaleimakali'i Saunders
Tatiana Buck
Alexis Chang-Takayama
Seth Denis
Christian Fee
Joshua Gonzalez
Kathryn Johnson
Kainoa Kawaiui
Manaia Moe

Beau Munoz

Auahi Aiu
Kainani Bradley
Aimee Clark
Allison Munoz
David Murray
Johannah Wilford
Mareko Wolcott
Kaimi Won

Citizenship Award

Fenua Aiu
Kuulei Aona

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Awards (cont.)

Kaila Bruhn	Tristan Scharfenstein-
Miriam Ha	Montgomery
Alexis Keliikipi	Justin Taniguchi
Kathryn Koopman	Koby Tengan
Kaleimakali'i Saunders	Mikayla Aki
Amy Warrington	Amiee Clark
Alexis Chang-	Risa McGregor
Takayama	Martine Marantz
Sage Iona	Samanatha Navarrete
Kala Kahapea-Aquino	Lauryn Ohai
Kainoa Kawainui	Johannah Wilford
Melia Manu	Kaimi Won
Beau Munoz	
John Rice	

GREAT WORK!!

Mr. Gaudi in Newspaper

Mr. Gaudi's column entitled, "New Technology in Schools is Inevitable but Proper Planning is Crucial," was recently featured in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*. It includes some of Mr. Gaudi's thoughts on iPads and other technologies in the classroom and is available on the Saint Mark website.



Athletics



The varsity volleyball season ended with the tournament and all-stars games. Both our boys and girls played one of their best games to end the season. Congratulations to all our varsity players and especially to our all-stars **Risa McGregor, Kaimi Won, Skyer Christensen, Rhys Kalama, and Jackson Wadsworth** and MVP's **Risa and Skyer!** The varsity season officially ended with a **First Annual Parents and Staff vs. Players Game** followed by a celebration potluck. Fun was had by all!



MVP's for varsity volleyball

We are looking forward to the JV volleyball season with our very eager grade 4-6 boys and girls. Their first game is on Thursday, October 25 at Calvary Chapel.



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

The PTC is busy working on the **3rd Annual Benefit Gala** for Saint Mark on **Saturday, November 3** beginning at 5:30 p.m. at **The Pacific Club**. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact the school office at 247-5589.



Mahalo!

This & That

In September we raised \$450 for the **Family Promise** program. Once again, thank you for helping us support these charities.

Mahalo to all the parents who helped with the **K-2 concert** and potluck: setting up and serving, directing traffic, and moving risers and chairs. It was fun watching the faces of families as they watched their children "Celebrate: the Movies."

Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$300 million since 1996. You can help Saint Mark Lutheran School by clipping box tops (making sure to include the expiration date and clip around the



Grade 2 students buying and selling at their Open Market

dotted line) and bringing them into the school office.

The **kindergarten - grade 2** students will sing again at Saint Mark Church during the Sunday morn-

ing worship service on November 19th at 9:30 a.m. They will be singing songs of praise at this time of thanksgiving. Families are invited and during the sermon the children will have their own "keiki church."



USMC Color Guard pays a visit to Saint Mark School