

# 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**

**August 2011**

## A Message from the Principal

We are a few weeks into the new school year, and I am happy to report that it is off to a great start. We are excited to welcome two new educators to the Saint Mark ohana this year - **Mrs. Jennifer Heaton** (Grade 1 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker) and **Miss Sarah Morris** (Jr. High P.E. & Director of Christian Education). Please join me in extending them a warm aloha as they join our family. The complete 2011-2012 SMLS faculty and staff are listed as follows:

Kindergarten - **Mrs. Gundermann**

Grade 1 - **Mrs. Olson**

Grade 2 - **Miss Mirikidani**

Grade 3 - **Mrs. Hinton**

Grade 4 - **Mrs. Patten**

Grade 5 - **Mrs. Flores**

Jr. High Science, Math & Bible - **Mrs. McGregor**

Jr. High English, Social Studies & Bible - **Miss Maddick**

Jr. High Math, Social Studies & Bible - **Mrs. Hantel**

Jr. High P.E. & Director of Christian Education - **Miss Morris**

Jr. High Art, Grade 2 Educational Assistant & After Care Director - **Mrs. Gibo**

Director of School Programs, Athletic Director & Computers - **Mrs. Kong**

Band - **Mr. Bauchle**

3-6 Choir - **Mrs. Pescht**

K-2 Choir - **Mrs. Gundermann**

Kindergarten Educational Assistant & Before Care Worker - **Mrs. Akaka**

Grade 1 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Mrs. Heaton**

Library, Grade 3 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Mrs. Manu**

After Care - **Mrs. Gibo, Miss Jen Heaton & Mrs. Manu**

School Secretary/Admissions Coordinator - **Mrs. Lee**

Business Manager - **Mrs. Lawrence**

In addition to the new staff, we also want to welcome all of our new school families and welcome back our returning families. We know that you have many choices when it comes to your children's education, and we thank you for putting your trust in us. You continue to be our most important ambassadors, and we greatly appreciate your commitment to Saint Mark!

## Fundraiser Kicks Off

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## One Student will Win an iPad 2

We just kicked-off our "Passport" Discount Card & Auntie's Ono Gourmet Foods' Fundraiser. The passport contains discount coupons from local businesses worth more than \$250 in savings. Each student was given 5 passports which sell for \$10 each with Saint Mark receiving \$5 for every card that is sold. Monies raised are used to assist school programs including new technology & our financial aid program. In addition to cash prizes, students selling 10 passports and 10 gourmet food items will be entered in a drawing to win an iPad2 (valued at \$499)!



### Dates to Remember

**August 19:** Admission's Day  
No School

**August 25:** Mid-Quarter  
Reports go home

**September 1 & 2:** Gr. 1-8  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
11:30 a.m. dismissal

**September 5:** Labor Day  
No School

**September 7:** "Discount  
Card" Fundraiser Ends

**September 9:** Fall Family  
Night - Movie Night

**September 12-16:** Scholastic  
Book Fair

**September 12:** Grandparents'  
Day in Kindergarten

**September 13:** Fall Picture  
Make-up Day

**September 18:** Gr. 3-6 Sing in  
Church

**September 30:** 1st Quarter  
Ends

**October 3-14:** Fall Interses-  
sion

**October 3-7:** Gr. 6-8 Report  
Cards mailed home

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

**October 19 -21:** Kindergarten  
Parent Teacher Conferences

**October 23:** K-2 Concert and  
Potluck at 5:00 p.m.

**October 26:** Flu Vaccination  
Clinic at 8:30 a.m.

## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergarten:** 26 kindergarteners are quickly making new friends, learning routines, and “diggin’ in” to exciting kindergarten work. There are lots of reading and math readiness activities, swimming at the pool every week, making “surprises” for Grandparents’ Day, and having a daily alphabet letter - learning how to make the letters correctly, learning a song and hearing stories for the letter, and most fun of all, having a food treat. On “G” day Ho`omana brought grapes and exclaimed, “We are really grinding the green grapes.”

**First Grade:** The first month of school was busy for the first graders. They’ve adjusted quickly to the new routines and are working well together as a group. We spent a day swimming and getting to know each other better at Kailua Beach. It was wonderful to have so many parents join us. Another highlight has been getting our first vegetables into the ground. We’re eager to watch the spinach, squash, mint, tomatoes, lettuce and kalo grow. If all goes well, the children will use the food we grow in our garden to create a special meal in the fall. Everyone is welcome to come by the garden to see how things are shaping up!

**Second Grade:** The Second Grade class is made up of 25 fun, creative, and energetic students. The students have learned the classroom routines quickly and are excited to

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learn a lot of new things this year. They have just started learning *Shurley* and have been practicing the noun and sentence jingles. We are all looking forward to our first Open Market at the end of the month. The students have been trying hard to earn “moolas” so they can go shopping. The second graders are off to a great start!

## Classroom News - Third & Fourth

**Third Grade:** The third graders have been working hard on getting used to the routines of a new class. We are making progress. We have been learning about ecosystems in science. We have some fun science labs coming up. They deal with tide pools and food chains. We are working on place value and ordering and comparing numbers in math. We are really focusing on the aspect of writing this year. The students have already completed two writings using our *6+1 Writing Traits*. We have been concentrating on ideas and narrowing down the focus of our writing. I am seeing some really good things happening. Don’t forget that each child will



*Grade 3 students getting to know one another with a name word search on the second day of school*

**Fourth Grade:** It has been an exciting start to the new school year! The students have been hard at work trying to remember to call me Mrs. Patten. I am so blessed to have such an intelligent group of fourth graders on my hands. They have been extremely busy expanding

need to earn six A.R. points for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of school. The quarter ends at the end of September, so encourage them to get the reading down and remember to take the A.R. tests.

their minds these first few weeks. The students have been working long and hard on their Pride Projects. These projects are fun for the students because they get to be a super star for a day. I can’t wait to enjoy their Pride Project presentations. The students are really enjoying their Hawaiiana Studies time.

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They can’t stop asking me what we are going to learn next. It warms my heart to see students so excited about learning. Their hearts are on fire for the Lord and learning. I couldn’t ask for more. The fourth graders have an upcoming field trip to the Kokokahi “Y” pool with the kindergarten class. We can’t wait to have some fun in the sun! Keep up the great work fourth graders!

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth Grade:** Our Fifth Grade had a blast swimming at the YWCA pool with our Kindergarten students. The sun was shining, the water was warm, and everyone had a wonder-



ful time. Fifth graders enjoyed diving for rings, riding the noodles, and having swimming contests. What a great time they had!



*Grade 5 students having a blast swimming at the YWCA pool with our kindergarten students*

# Classroom News - Junior High

## Mrs. Hantel's News:

This year has been off to a fantastic start! We are so happy to welcome back all of our returning Jr. High students. We have also been blessed to welcome several new students to our family as well! These new students have been a great contribution to our school. This year, in Bible, the seventh graders are studying the New Testament. In Geography, the seventh graders are travelling throughout the seven continents learning about their physical features and cultures. All of this travelling will be done in the comfort of our classroom. The eighth grade history students will be spending the year studying the foundation and growth of our country. They are about ready to dive into the wonders of the Constitution. Sixth, seventh, and eighth math classes have just finished their two week math "Boot Camp" where they reviewed the basics needed for the upcoming material. All of the students are in store for a fun and thrilling year!

## Miss Maddick's News:

It was so nice to see new and returning students in our Jr. High! I am looking forward to a fun, blessed school year.

In language arts, the class novels, AR, *Shurley* grammar, and writing skills, are expanding our hearts and minds so we can apply lessons to our daily lives.

Seventh and eighth grade communications students are examining public speeches and how speakers use communication skills to express their main points. As we saw in speech clips, no person is a perfect speaker. We need to practice, practice, practice to do our best.

Sixth grade is beginning to see how civilizations developed and were in conflict with each other. We can look at the current events in those same locations and see historic motiva-

tions. We are also trying to have a little fun with World History along the way.

Eighth grade Bible students have wrapped up discussion about salvation being the beginning of our life with Christ. We can be confident that if we "believe in the Lord Jesus Christ", we will be saved. Next we are going to work on our Christian growth through what Scripture is and how we can use it to grow in our faith.

## Mrs. McGregor's News:

In Bible, sixth graders started in the Book of "beginnings". Students have learned about creation, the fall of man, and Noah's obedience to God and God's covenant to man. Students wore the hat of a news journalist and created a news report "live on the scene" at the Tower of Babel. In science students have been learning about scientific inquiry and setting up an experimental design. Their first experiment is: "Which types of rocks are most affected by freezing?" We are having wonderful discussions in science!

In *Course 2* math, seventh graders start the class by answering word problems, working with geometric figures, or solving puzzles. We have had a few laughs at some of the puzzles that are challenging to figure out. The students are studying integers and use them to add and subtract and solve word problems. In science, students are developing their skills to design an experiment to test. In a recent lab students discovered why fresh yogurt is loaded with bacteria. These students are inquisitive and are learning by experimenting!

In Physical Science, the eighth graders tested the effects of mass on swing time. Students increased the mass by adding washers to a paper clip tied to a string and concluded that the increase in mass did not af-

fect swing time. They also investigated whether increasing the angle would increase the distance a rubber band traveled. They are testing scientific inquiry and having a blast!

**All Junior High Students are working on a Science Fair Project.** The boards will be on display in December and volunteers will be needed to judge the projects. Please contact Mrs. McGregor, if you are interested in helping.

## Miss Morris' News:

Aloha! It's so great to be here in Hawaii and have the opportunity to meet the wonderful ohana of Saint Mark Church and School! I am so happy that school has started!

P.E. has been a lot of fun to teach so far. Right now we are working on volleyball and practicing for our Presidential Fitness Challenge. We have some very talented volleyball players and I look forward to watching the team play very soon.

Youth Quest is resuming on August 24th! Youth Quest every Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:45 5th-8th graders are invited to join us for snacks, games, and Bible study! This year we will be learning about the 10 Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Confession/Absolution. It is only \$30 for the whole year (cost of books). Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board on the church lanai. Come hang out with your friends and learn about what we believe as Christians! If you have any questions, please contact Miss Morris or Pastor Matt.

Mahalo to all of those who came out to our Ohana Beach Day. It was great playing on the beach with all of you! Our next Ohana Beach Day will be September 4th from 2 to 5 pm at Kailua Beach near the lifeguard stand. See you there!

## Saint Mark Lutheran School is on-line!



Please take some time to visit the SMLS website. It continues to be updated!

**Saint Mark Website**  
[www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org)

You are encouraged to visit our website and **opt-in** to begin receiving **automatic email alerts** for Saint Mark school.



## Athletics



We are excited to welcome **Kim Simao** back as coach of our varsity boys' and girls' volleyball teams. Both teams have begun practice and are hard at work honing their skills. All of their games, as well as all other sports events, are posted on the school website. As part of the Lutheran Schools Sports League (LSSL), we also offer JV volleyball (5th and 6th grade boys and girls), varsity basketball, JV basketball, a JV and varsity cross country meet, and a golf tournament.

**Bruce Clark**, our basketball coach is offering a free basketball camp which is being held on Saturdays here at our school gym. It is for all interested 5th-8th grade boys and girls.



*2011-2012 Faculty and Staff at the Installation/Rededication Church Service on July 31st*

## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC is busy at work planning the **2nd Annual Benefit Gala**. The gala is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 at *The Pacific Club* and will include an evening of international food, live entertainment and an exciting silent auction for our community and friends. The money raised in this event will be used to update/enhance our computer technology and support our financial aid program. Thank you to the parents who have offered to serve on the PTC. Everyone is invited to attend our PTC meetings, it takes all of us working together to make Saint Mark the best it can be. Please join us at the next PTC meeting on **Tuesday, September 20 at 5:30 pm** to continue planning for the gala. We are hoping for a good turn out!

## This & That

**Kindergartners** are again making their weekly trips to the Kokokahi pool. Each class will join them for one trip. What a wonderful way to cool off and have some fun during these hot days. Thank you to all our volunteer drivers!

All students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on September 1 & 2 so that **Parent-Teacher Conferences** can take place for grades 1-8. Kindergarten conferences are scheduled for October 19-21.

**"Discount Card" fundraiser** has begun and will run through September 7. Thank you for helping your keiki with this venture.

You will soon be receiving more information about the exciting plans we have for our **2nd Annual Benefit Gala** - "Flavors Around the World." scheduled for Saturday, November 5th.



**give aloha**

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Saint Mark will once again be 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. More details will be sent home in the near future.

August **Chapel Offerings** will go to LCMS World Relief specifically helping victims of the Japan Earthquake.

**Lunch Tickets** are sold in strips of 5 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets are not sold individually.

Our **Fall Family Night** is on Friday, September 9. We are planning on a fun movie night. More information coming soon.



Please join the **Komen Hawaii Race for the Cure!** We have formed "Team McGregor" in support of **Mrs. Michelle McGregor**, one of our junior high teachers who was diagnosed with breast cancer last

March and is currently undergoing radiation treatment. If you would like to join us on Sunday, October 16 at Kapi`olani Park, you can register on-line or by mail. Early adult registration (on-line or post-marked by Sept. 6) is \$25. Na Keiki for the Cure (ages 5-11) registration is \$15. For more information please go to their website at [www.komenhawaii.org](http://www.komenhawaii.org) or call the school office.