

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**

January 2012

A Message from the Principal



**HAROLD K.L. CASTLE
FOUNDATION**

As was first announced in December, Saint Mark Lutheran School is thrilled to have received \$100,000 in grants! We received one \$50,000 gift from the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation and another \$50,000 gift from the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation.

The grants are to be used primarily for renovation of the school grounds (classrooms, library, etc.); however, some of the money will also be used for technology upgrades.

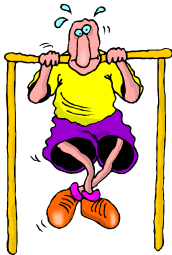
Additionally, the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation has pledged to give us another \$25,000 in matching funds. The stipulation being that they will only match contributions/donations received from alumni and their extended families. Therefore, Saint Mark Lutheran School will be making a push to collect donations from alumni and their extended families with the hope of raising another \$50,000 by the end of this June (\$25,000 coming from alumni and \$25,000 coming from the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation).

This is truly an exciting opportunity for Saint Mark School to generate some additional revenue while establishing a relationship with our alumni base. We kindly ask that you support our efforts in this very important endeavor.

We greatly appreciate the immense generosity of both foundations and especially thank Terrance R. George, the Vice President and Executive Director of the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation, and Alfred L. Castle, the Executive Director of the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation.

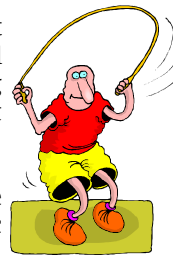
**Samuel N.
and Mary
CASTLE
FOUNDATION**

Get Active & Support SMLS



Saint Mark is again participating in "Get Active" - a push to get students moving and physically active. The students are being asked to promote physical activity and collect donations in support of Saint Mark athletics.

Monies collected will go towards the purchase of new P.E. equipment, recess balls, athletic equipment and travel, etc.



Our "Get Active" hour will be on **Wednesday, February 15 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** and will be followed by the annual all-school **potluck lunch**. We are asking that each family provide one small food dish that will feed 4-5 students.

Sponsor pledge forms and monies are due by **Monday, February 6.**

Dates to Remember

February 2 & 3: Lutheran Teacher's Conference - No School

February 6: "Get Active" sponsor pledge forms due

February 9: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

February 10: Spring Family Night at Ice Palace at 6:30 p.m.

February 15: "Get Active" Potluck

February 18: PTC Rummage Sale at 9:00 a.m.

February 19: Grades K-2 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service

February 20: Presidents' Day - No school

February 20-24: Scholastic Book Fair

February 22: Ash Wednesday

February 23: Re-enrollment contracts due to office

February 24: All Lutheran Schools' Dress Rehearsal at 9:15 a.m.

February 25: All Lutheran Schools' Music Festival at 7:00 p.m.

March 5-9: Lutheran Schools' Spirit Week

March 16: 3rd Quarter ends

March 19-30: Spring Intersession

March 19-23: Grades 6-8 Report Cards Mailed Home

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: We wrote New Year resolutions, made several snow, winter pictures and talked about frost and snow. We also talked about Martin Luther King, Jr. and how everyone should be treated with respect. We celebrated the 100th day of school. Then we celebrated Chinese New Year in Chinatown and took our dragon around our campus. We are learning how to jump rope (it's not so hard), and are enjoying Wheel Week - so many wheels in the parking lot going round and round. We're also studying life on the coral reef and we're making a big prayer book.

First Grade: January is a month full of learning new things in the first grade class. We had a wonderful time learning more about the Chinese culture while visiting Chinatown with our families. We enjoyed

moving through the busy streets visiting shops full of good luck

duce rain. We thoroughly enjoyed our 100th day of school when we celebrated all we've accomplished in the first one hundred days of school. We enjoyed a special "100th Day" breakfast, counting games and activities.



Grades K-2 on a recent visit to China town in celebration of Chinese New Year

charms, unusual fruits and vegetables, medicinal herbs, and delicious Chinese food. We began a new unit of study focused around the beautiful clouds that fill the Hawaiian sky. We've learned that cumulus clouds grow when the air inside the cloud is warmer than the air around it. We've also discovered that cumulus congestus clouds can pro-

Second Grade: The second grade students returned to school bursting with great stories about the wonderful things they did during their winter break. They are excited to be learning multiplication and learning about plants and animals in science. The students will be doing a book report on an animal and will learn how to create a short

power point presentation. We went on a field trip to Chinatown to explore the different sights, do a little shopping, and eat some Chinese food. We also celebrated the 100th day of school. The students decorated a t-shirt with 100 items, made 100 day booklets, and participated in many activities. It was a fun-filled day.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: It is hard to believe that we are already coming to the end of January. The third grade has been working hard in all academic areas. We have just finished a chapter on multiplication and will be starting division. We have some exciting events coming up in our classroom. Early in February we will be taking a field trip to do the Makapu'u Lighthouse hike for some whale watching. While we are there, one of our parents, Mrs. Duncan, will be doing an art lesson for us. We are really excited about that. The students will also be doing

written and oral reports on a President of the United States just before the Presidents' Birthday holiday. We will be reading several books written by children's author Patricia Polacco and doing some writing to compare and contrast the books we have read. We are beginning to talk in class about our 2nd Annual Wax Museum which has been scheduled for May 17. This is a big event for the third grade students and they really enjoy it. We will also be starting our preparation for May Day soon.

Fourth Grade: It was so wonderful returning to school and hearing all about the fourth graders' winter break. They had fun being descriptive about their Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations in their writing. Now that we have started a new year, the students are buzzing with conversation about our annual fourth grade Big Island trip. Even though it is five months away, the students can't stop asking question about our trip. Thank you again to all the parents that volunteered to chaperone the trip.

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: During the last week of school before break the fifth grade had a wonderful Christmas party that was organized completely by themselves. They formed groups that decorated our room, brought in Christmas music, planned Christmas activities and games, and pro-

vided everyone with lots of food to enjoy. In addition, the students had previously selected another student's name in our class and exchanged their Secret Santa gifts with one another. It certainly was a great beginning to our Christmas holiday season.



Classroom News - Junior High

Mrs. Hantel's News:

Students in both **sixth grade math** and **seventh pre-algebra** are exploring fractions and its application to real life. **Sixth grade** will be soon working with fractions in the kitchen as they experiment with cooking! In **seventh grade pre-algebra** students are taking basic fraction skills and applying them to algebraic equations. **Eighth grade algebra** students are spending a lot of time learning how to apply linear functions.

Seventh and eighth grade social studies students are currently working on the research and writing process. Seventh graders have finished researching their various countries and are currently transforming that research into writing. **Eighth graders** are beginning the research process. They are researching different controversial times in American history. Their goal is to decide whether the United States took proper action during that event.

The **seventh grade Bible** students are continuing their journey through the life of Christ. They are almost finished discovering His teachings through parables and miracles. Soon they will examine the Lord's prayer and what it means for their lives.

Miss Maddick's News:

New Year, new novels! **Sixth grade** is reading *Tuck Everlasting*,

seventh grade is reading *Nothing But the Truth*, and **eighth grade** is reading *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. Each novel reaches out to the readers and takes them on a journey. The main characters learn valuable life lessons about who they are and what their responsibilities are in their families and communities.

Seventh and eighth grade Communications classes are focusing on persuasion this quarter. We will strive to make our audiences see our opinions clearly even if they do not agree.

The **Sixth grade social studies class** will be looking at regional civilizations worldwide before exploration became a major goal. They will also be looking at the spread of Islam and its interaction with Christianity.

In **eighth grade Bible** students are looking at witnessing as communication. We are so blessed to be confident in our faith and salvation; we want to share the Gospel with others!

Mrs. McGregor's News:

In **sixth grade Bible**, students studied the book of first Kings and figured out which kings earned a good and honorable name. The students loved the stories of Elijah and his faith in God. The Lord - He is God!

Students in **sixth grade science** have studied soil samples, discussed how soil forms and the affects of erosion. The **sixth graders** learned about George Washington Carver and his soil conservation methods and his 300 innovative uses of peanuts. Our class made our own peanut butter and will hopefully harvest peanuts in April.

In science, **seventh graders** have studied Gregor Mendel and his experimentation with pea plants. Students completed a lab with the purpose of modeling the combinations of alleles in a genetic cross. The emphasis of the unit was a passage found in Psalm 139: "For I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Students in **eighth grade science** have impressed the teacher with their ability to balance chemical equations. The students completed a lab to determine how temperature affects the action of the enzyme catalase. Always inquiring!

Congratulations to all the Jr. High students for their completion of their science fair projects. A job well done! Mahalo to the following judges for taking their time to evaluate students' understanding of the scientific method: **Mr. David Gaudi, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Kekaulike, Dr. Lerner, Dr. Wolcott, Dr. Jao, Dr. Hepton, Dr. Tanner, Mr. Lee, and Mrs. Kong.**

Junior High Awards

Principal's List

(GPA 3.75—4.0)

Sage Iona
Rhys Kalama
Melia Manu
Tristan Scharfenstein-
Montgomery
Kahiau Souza
Justin Taniguchi
Auahi Aiu
Adrienne Bonham
Kiki Lo
Martine Marantz
Risa McGregor
Jayson Wong
Megan Howland
Madison Lee
Kailani Linton
Haley Pilien

Honor Roll

(GAP 3.0—3.75)

Kaimana Cameron
Alexis Chang-Takayama
Kathryn Johnson
Kala Kahapea-Aquino
Kanoe Ratledge
Makoa Sanchez
Mikayla Aki
Kainani Bradley
Aimee Clark
Isaiah Graham
Allison Munoz
David Murray
Lauryn Ohai
Jackson Wadsworth
Danielle Won
Alex Lauro
Desmond Mello

Jaron Pagaduan

Nicole Pang
Keaka Rodrigues
Daesha Wilson

Principal's Award

(Improved GPA by 0.3)

Makoa Sanchez
Skyler Christensen
Lannin Nakai
Iokepa Souza
Jackson Wadsworth
Nicole Pang
Daesha Wilson

Citizenship

Alexis Chang-
Takayama
Sage Iona
Kathryn Johnson
Kala Kahapea-Aquino
Melia Manu
Tristan Scharfenstein-
Montgomery
Kahiau Souza
Justin Taniguchi
Auahi Aui
Adrienne Bonham
Kainani Bradley
Amiee Clark
Risa McGregor
Martine Marantz

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Allison Munoz
Lauryn Ohai
Kaimi Won
Jayson Wong
Megan Howland
Alex Lauro
Madison Lee
Kailani Linton
Nicole Pang
Haley Piliin
Daesha Wilson



Keep up the
Great Work!!

Athletics



The varsity basketball season has started! Both the boys and girls participated in a 20/20 tournament and played their first regular season game last week.

Next up is Saint Mark at Trinity Lutheran on Thursday, January 26. Come on out and cheer our athletes on and check out our spiffy brand new uniforms!

Reminder - No School

Please remember that there will be **no school** on **Thursday, February 2 and Friday, February 3**. The faculty will be busy attending the annual Lutheran Educators' Conferences.

Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC encourages everyone to save their items for the Rummage Sale!

Please join us at the next PTC meeting on

Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m.



This & That

The Saint Mark Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) is sponsoring their **Spring Rummage Sale** on **Saturday, February 18** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please make plans to support the sale with both donations and purchases.



Friday, February 10 is **Family Night at the Ice Palace!** Everyone is welcome to join us for skating, fellowship, and fun. Special discount rate of \$7.75 for all skaters. Come and join the Saint Mark ohana. Skate from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or later. A special reservation form will be sent home.

With your help we received \$405 from **Box Tops for Education!** A big mahalo goes to **Mrs. Olson** and **Mrs. Cameline** for their continued work organizing this fundraiser and to all of you who have

collected and continue to collect those small little box tops. We continue to collect them all year-round. Thank you!



December **chapel offerings** went towards making Christmas merrier through the Salvation Army and Family Promise programs. We raised \$380 in cash and lots of wonderful Christmas packages.

The response to our February chapel offerings has been wonderful! We've already collected over \$300 for **Pennies for Patients!**

Remember to check our school website, Facebook Page, and teacher websites. The student photos are changed frequently and we'd hate for you to miss seeing your cute kids!



Spelling Bee Finalists



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