

# 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 2011**

## A Message from the Principal



*The Pacific Club*

Now that school is in full swing following the fall intersession, we have turned our attention to our **2nd Annual Benefit Gala** scheduled for Saturday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. The PTC along with event coordinator, Cissy Shaner, are working overtime collecting donations, selling tickets, and planning the entertainment.

It will assuredly be another wonderful evening to benefit the Saint Mark Lutheran School's scholarship and technology programs. With 39% of our students receiving financial aid and with educational technologies changing at breakneck speeds, it is increasingly important that we dedicate our support to these meaningful endeavors.

Tickets are still available, and we are still accepting donations; however, time is running out. So, if you are planning to donate or are considering attending the gala, please contact Melelani Lawrence at your earliest convenience. The more support, the better!



*1st Annual Benefit Gala at the Pacific Club in November 2010*



*Mrs. Marantz and Mrs. McGregor at the 2010 gala*

### Dates to Remember

**November 2-4:** Grades 5 and 7 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman

**November 5:** 2nd Annual Benefit Gala at *The Pacific Club*

**November 11:** Veterans' Day No School

**November 14:** Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

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

**November 18:** Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences Grades 1-8 11:30 a.m. Dismissal with Aftercare

**November 20:** Grades K-2 sing at the 9:30 a.m. Service

**November 24 & 25:** Thanksgiving Break No School

**December 11:** K-2 Christmas Program at 5:00 p.m.

**December 13:** Grades 3-6 Choir and Grades 4-8 Band Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m.

**December 16:** 2nd Quarter Ends 11:30 a.m. Dismissal with No Aftercare

**December 19-23:** 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  
**Date:** Thursday, November 17, 2011  
**Time:** 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

Please join us in welcoming prospective Saint Mark families!



## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergarten:** Everyone was happy to be back at school and to see their friends after fall intersession. We had our first big concert with the first and second graders - it was fun singing for our families and the whole school. Now it's Shapes Week and then Teen Numbers. Wonder what we'll do for these special weeks? Of course, we'll celebrate Halloween and Reformation and then get ready with many Thanksgiving activities. The kindergartners have made 3 projects for the Gala and parents are anxiously waiting to buy a trivet, birdhouse and photo composite of the class.

**First Grade:** If you stop by the first grade class during Writer's Workshop, you'll find children working on different stories that tell about an interesting event that has happened in their lives. They're working on "small moment" stories, and are making "pictures" in their minds of a specific experience they

remember vividly. Then, they work hard to get all the details down on paper. They are also thinking about adding a beginning, middle, and end to their stories. Many of the children are stretching their stories out across several pages. The children are also excitedly anticipating our Halloween Costume and Dance Party, which will include a video and light show!

**Second Grade:** The second graders returned from Fall Break ready to learn and explore. They had a terrific time harvesting the plants in the first and second grade garden and were excited to watch their harvest turn into a delicious and healthy lunch. We will be planting and growing more vegetables throughout the year.

The students are looking forward to dressing up for the costume parade, making caramel apples, and playing silly games during our Fall Festival. The Book-It program began this

month and the students have been busy reading, reading, reading to meet their goal for the month. Many of the students have started reading chapter books and are enjoying the challenge of the longer stories. We have been learning about money, learning how to write interesting and creative stories, exploring different language arts centers, reading fun Bible stories, and learning about states, countries, and continents. The children love singing the "Fifty Nifty United States" song.

Our class art project for the Gala fundraiser is finally finished! Mrs. Gibo copied pictures of ocean animals that the children drew onto two Adirondack chairs. The students each got to paint one of the ocean animals they drew. After adding some details and some varnish, the chairs were completed. The children are proud of their work and all want to take the chairs home.

## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

**Third Grade:** The third grade is working hard on subtracting with regrouping and are doing quite well. We have been busy working on our project for the Gala. It is coming along very nicely. The students worked over the break gathering information and taking pictures for this year's class book, *A Child's Guide to Hawai'i*. They will begin working on it next week and are very excited about it. We are studying the early Americans in social studies, and biographies in reading. We are also working on creating a timeline about Benjamin Franklin's life that will help us create our timelines for our Wax Museum in May. It turned out to be quite

an event getting all the information we needed on those sticky notes.

**Fourth Grade:** It was so wonderful seeing the fourth graders' beautiful smiles as they walked through my door on the first day back from Fall Break. I sure did miss them. The fourth graders hit the ground running on their first day back. We explored the religion of the ancient Hawaiian people. The students were amazed to learn that the Hawaiian people worshiped many gods and that all the gods had their own purpose. The boys were very fascinated with the war god Kū. I'm not surprised. My students were extremely excited to learn that we

will be visiting a pu'uhonua (place of peace or refuge) on our Big Island trip. We will visit the largest and most famous pu'uhonua in Honaunau. It feels very rewarding to connect what they are learning from a textbook to a real life experience.

The fourth and sixth graders had a great time at Kualoa Ranch. We were treated to a fantastic tour of the Hakipu'u Ahupua'a. The students learned all about "canoe plants" and their medicinal properties. The education center gifted us with some sweet potato and taro plants to grow in our school garden.

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth Grade:** The fifth grade is looking forward to spending three days at Camp Erdman with all the other fifth graders from the Lutheran schools on our island. Archery, swimming, and campfire top the list for the events that they are anticipating. While at Camp Erdman, our students will participate in group

activities and cooperative challenges so they practice working together.

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er. They will learn more about the environment and how to preserve

it. They will create crafts, such as sand bottles and high-flying kites, and use their imaginations in different games and activities. Most of all, they will make new friendships and continue to enjoy their current ones. Camp Erdman will be a wonderful experience that they will never forget!

# Classroom News - Junior High

## Mrs. Hantel's News:

¿Quiere aprender español? The **seventh grade** is excited to be learning a few key sentences in Spanish as we begin to study Central/South America. They just completed a paper-mache relief map of South America's physical features. In Bible, they finished up a study on the birth and youth of Jesus. They will now begin to study the ministry of Christ and what it means for their lives. The **seventh graders** are also anticipating their 3-day trip to Camp Erdman in early November where we will build strong relationships, strengthen problem solving skills, and just plain have fun!

**Eighth graders in American History** are beginning preparations for their Simulated Congressional Hearing that will take place on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The students will act as experts of the Constitution in front of a panel of expert judges.

## Miss Maddick's News:

We are starting our class novels: sixth grade *A Christmas Carol*, seventh grade *Old Man and the Sea*, eighth grade *My Brother Sam is Dead*. All three novels have historical connections and teach life lessons of living life to the fullest, perseverance, and standing up for your convictions no matter what others believe.

Communications students are exploring written forms of communications. **Seventh grade** is creating newspapers in small groups and

**eighth grade** is writing 10-minute plays in small groups as we look forward to expressing ideas creatively.

Ancient Greece is our focus in **sixth grade World History**. It is fun to see what ideas, buildings, and goods were created that are still impacting lives around the world today.

We will be extending our examination of Bible study in **eighth grade** by meeting in small groups with **Pastor Matt, Miss Morris, and Miss Maddick**. We will also be exploring the power of prayer.

## Mrs. McGregor's News:

**Sixth graders** have studied how movements deep within the Earth help to create mountains and other surface features and have started discussions on how the force of plate movement causes earthquakes. The students will design, build, and test a model structure that is earthquake resistant.

**Seventh graders** have studied about carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins. They recently compared the nutritional values of four cereals and discovered that one of the brands was higher in total fat, sodium and had no vitamin C compared to the other three. They concluded that the cereal is considered healthy but has some bad qualities. Next, students will learn about diffusion and osmosis in some exciting labs.

**Eighth graders** have studied the Periodic Table of Elements. They have completed several activities to better understand the elements and how they are organized. Students investigated how the properties of copper and carbon determine their uses for different products. They will also test their ability to conduct electricity and heat.

**All Science Fair first draft research papers have been submitted. Students must purchase a 48"x36" display board.**

## Miss. Morris' News:

It's time to start practicing our basketball skills in PE. It's also time to start practicing for our November 10<sup>th</sup> Cross Country Meet. We will have practice everyday from 3:00 to 3:30 starting Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Let me know if you have any questions or need a permission slip. We are looking forward to seeing our great runners race!



*Mrs. Kong with the boys & girls MVP 's for varsity volleyball*

# Junior High Awards

## Principal's List

(GPA 3.75 - 4.0)

Sage Iona

Rhys Kalama

Melia Manu

Tristan Scharfenstein-

Montgomery

Justin Taniguchi

Adrienne Bonham

Kiana Lo

Martine Marantz

Risa McGregor

Jayson Wong

Megan Howland

Madison Lee

Kailani Linton

Jaron Pagaduan

Haley Piliin

## Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0 - 3.74)

Kaimana Cameron

Alexis Chang-Takayama

Kathryn Johnson

Kala Kahapea-Aquino

Kahiau Souza

Auahi Aiu

MiKayla Aki

Kainanimaile Bradley

Aimee Clark

Isaiah Graham

Taylor Labanon

Allison Munoz

David Murray

Lauryn Ohai

Danielle Won

Christian Eaton

Alexandrea Lauro

Desmond Mello

Keaka Rodrigues

Tea Veikoso

Daesha Wilson

## Citizenship Award

Sage Iona

Kala Kahapea-Aquino

Rhys Kalama

Melia Manu

Tristan Scharfenstein-

Montgomery

Kahiau Souza

Auahi Aiu

Mikayla Aki

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## Awards (cont.)

Adrienne Bonham  
Risa McGregor  
Martine Marantz  
Allison Munoz  
Lauryn Ohai  
Danielle Won  
Jayson Wong  
Skye Hinazumi  
Megan Howland  
Madison Lee  
Kailani Linton  
Jaron Pagaduan  
Nicole Pang  
Haley Piliin  
Keaka Rodrigues

**GREAT  
WORK!!**

## Athletics



The varsity volleyball season ended with both the boys and girls playing one of their best games. We are so proud of the athletes and their hard work during the course of the season. Congratulations to all and especially to our all-stars: **Alex Lauro, Madison Lee, Keaka Rodrigues, Christian Eaton, Desmond Mello, and Jayson Wong.** An extra round of applause to our MVP's **Keaka and Desmond!**

The JV volleyball season started with practices last week. Both the boys and girls won their first game. We are looking forward to having a great season with these young, eager and excited athletes. All our games can be found on the sports calendar on our school website.

We will be participating in the Lutheran Schools' Sports League Cross Country Meet on Thursday, November 10. Miss Morris will be coaching the teams consisting of all interested 5th - 8th graders. Information has been sent home and the running has begun!



## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC is busy working on the **2nd Annual Benefit Gala** for Saint Mark on Saturday, November 5 beginning at 6:00 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



The **chapel donations** for October and November will be going to the **Susan G. Komen Foundation**. In addition to our chapel donations, members of our school families also participated in the annual Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure. In all 30 **Team McGregor** members completed the race!

In September we raised \$417 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."



*K-2 students singing at the "Celebrate: The Movies" Concert*

**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 dotted line) and bringing them into the school office.

The **kindergarten - grade 2** students will sing again at the Saint Mark Church at the Sunday morning worship service on November 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Ohia Productions brought **Superhero Smarts** to our campus this past Tuesday. Ohia is working to inspire enthusiasm for science, math and technology in all the K to grade 5 students.



*Grade 4 and 6 students are investigating a wooden sculpture while hiking through the Hakipu'u ahupua'a*