

# Warrior News

Saint Mark Lutheran School  
Kaneohe, Hawaii

August 2009

## A Message from the Principal

*"If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." (Romans 12: 7& 8)*

As the new school year gets off to a great start, we enthusiastically welcome several wonderful new teachers to our Saint Mark ohana. The complete 2009-2010 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 - **Miss Arban**  
Grade 5 - **Mrs. Flores**  
Jr. High Math, Social Studies & Drama - **Mr. Annis**  
Jr. High English, Social Studies & Bible - **Miss Maddick**  
Jr. High Math, Science & Bible - **Mrs. Hantel**  
Jr. High P.E. & Director of Christian Education- **Mr. Johnson**  
Computer, Athletic Director, School Programs Director - **Mrs. Kong**  
Band - **Mr. Bauchle**  
4-6 Choir - **Mrs. Pescht**  
K-3 Choir - **Mrs. Gundermann**  
Kindergarten Teaching Assistant - **Mrs. Akaka**  
Grade 1 Teaching Assistant - **Mrs. Jackson**  
Grade 2 Teaching Assistant, After Care Director & Jr. High Art - **Mrs. Gibo**  
Library - **Mrs. Manu**  
After Care - **Mrs. Gibo, Miss Gibo, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Manu**  
School Secretary/Admissions Coordinator - **Mrs. Lee**  
Business Manager - **Mrs. Lawrence**

Please join me in wishing our new faculty members a warm aloha as they, "teach", "encourage", and "govern" in service to Him.

## PTC Rummage Sale



The Saint Mark Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) is sponsoring their Fall Rummage Sale on **September 12** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please make plans to support the sale with both donations and purchases.



### Dates to Remember

**August 27:** Mid-Quarter Reports go home

**September 2:** "Great American Fundraiser" Kick Off

**September 3 & 4:** Gr. 1-8 Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 a.m. dismissal

**September 7:** Labor Day No School

**September 11:** Fall Family Night - Movie Night

**September 12:** PTC Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m.

**September 14:** PTC Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**September 14-18:** Scholastic Book Fair

**September 18:** Fall Picture Make-up Day

**September 20:** Gr. 4-6 Sing at the 8:30 a.m. Church Service

**September 23:** "Great American Opportunities" Fund-raiser Ends

**September 25:** 1st Quarter Ends, Fall Intersession Begins

**September 26 - 29:** Gr. 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

**October 12:** School Resumes

**October 12:** K-5 Report Cards go home with students

## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergartners** have all gotten well acquainted with each other and are making new friends. They are getting familiar with the kindergarten program and are excitedly working in math and reading workbooks, printing on line paper, and studying the alphabet with lots of fun activities. Mrs. Gundermann is happily visiting the children at their homes and getting to know their family members and pets.



**First Grade's** first month of school was full of many "firsts" for the children. They successfully completed their first spelling test and Vocabulary quiz, and are memorizing their first Bible verse. They also enjoyed their first excursion to the HTY play "The Nightingale." They have also met their new chapel buddies for the first time and enjoyed the first chapel service of the year. This first grade class is "first rate!"

**Second Grade** students have settled into school and have enjoyed seeing "old" friends and making new friends. The students are already having fun learning big words, solving math problems, and creating beautiful art projects. The second graders especially like learning new games and songs. They are looking forward to going swimming with the kindergarten class and of course their first Open Market!



## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

**Third Grade** has been in full swing these first few weeks of school. They have just completed their social studies chapter on Canada and are completing a timeline project about events that took place in Canada. In math they have covered place value, problem solving, and number patterns. They are currently working on rounding off numbers to the hundreds. The Third Grade enjoyed their classroom celebration of Hawaii's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**Fourth Grade** has been extremely busy expanding 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. They are also enjoying their Hawaiian Studies time and keep

asking what they are going to learn next. Miss Arban, their teacher, is enjoying fourth grade just as much as the students. She says, "Thanks be to God for sending me to this spirited institution. I am so blessed to have such an intelligent group of fourth graders on my hands. I can't wait to enjoy their Pride Project presentations. 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!" Keep up the great work fourth graders!

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth Grade** is really enjoying learning about Native Americans in their social studies class. Students formed collaborative groups to study four major Native American groups: the Pacific Northwest, the Pacific Northwest Coast, the Plains, the Southwest,



and the Woodlands. Each group did research using their textbook, classroom books, and resources at Kaneohe Public Library. They then did oral presentations and shared the information that they learned along with pictures, posters, and even videos that had to do with their Native American group.



**5th graders investigating during a recent science lab activity**

# Classroom News - Junior High

## Mrs. Hantel's News:

In physical science **eighth graders** have spent some time being introduced to the study of physics and chemistry. They are currently learning about the different characteristics of matter, how it is measured and the different changes matter can undergo.

The **seventh graders** in pre-algebra have just finished the first chapter in their textbook. They have spent the first few weeks of class reviewing some of the important concepts they have learned in the previous few years. In the next chapter, they will be introduced to solving one-step equations and inequalities.

The **Eighth graders** in algebra have just finished the first chapter in their textbook. They have spent the first few weeks of class reviewing some of the important algebraic concepts they have learned the past few years. In the next chapter, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be working on solving problems using rational numbers.

**Sixth grade** Bible students are beginning their journey through the Old Testament, which includes a lot of beginnings. So far, they have witnessed the creation of the world in seven days. They also met Adam and Eve and discovered the first sin. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders spent some time getting to know a little bit about Noah and his ark, and Abraham. Most recently, they have traveled to Canaan and Egypt to meet Joseph and his jealous brothers.

Earth science **sixth graders** have had a little introduction into the study of earth science. They are currently learning about different types of maps/globes and how they are used to study the earth's surface.

**Seventh grade** life science Students have had a little introduction into the study of life science. They have spent some time learning about the different characteristics of life. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are currently learning about the different parts and organelles of a cell. We look forward to seeing their first projects next week of cell diagrams. Some of these diagrams may be tasty!!

## Miss Maddick's News:

The junior high is starting the year by jumping in with both feet into the mysteries that literature, the Bible, and history have for us.

In language arts/English we are hard at work with vocabulary, spelling, grammar, writing, AR reading, and class novels. **Sixth grade** is exploring the mysterious world in *Tuck Everlasting*, **seventh grade** is fishing in the Cuban sea with *The Old Man and the Sea*, and **eighth grade** is off on an epic adventure with *The Odyssey*.

In **seventh grade** Bible class, we began with an overview of what *Luther's Small Catechism* is, and why we will be using it all year. We are now taking a closer look at the 10 Commandments.

In **eighth grade** Bible class, we are examining our lives as Christians. We are also starting small group Bible studies to study books of the Bible more closely.

In **social studies**, we are looking at the beginnings of history, when man moved beyond oral history and began recording events. We are working on our map skills to aid this worldwide journey. As we investigate these mysteries, we look forward to the clues and possibilities to come.

## Mr. Annis' News:

**Sixth grade** math students are learning order of operations and how to use the distributive property.

**Seventh grade** drama students received play parts for the drama they are performing in chapel on September 16.

**Eighth grade** social studies is currently learning about the original 13 American colonies.

## Mr. Johnson's News:

The junior high students have been actively involved in P.E. Over the past few weeks, we've been learning the basics of volleyball. The students are getting ready for the Presidential Physical Fitness program, which will happen next quarter.

Please make sure your child is bringing their P.E. uniforms to school each day. It has been fun getting to know all the students!

## Saint Mark Lutheran School is on-line!



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

**Saint Mark Website**  
**www.smls-hawaii.org**

The website is continually kept fresh with **calendar updates**, **news updates** and **Twitter updates**, as well as **daily devotions** and **daily bible verses**.



## Athletics



Our athletic year is off to a great start. We have hired a new volleyball coach, **Coach Kim Simao**.

She is young, enthusiastic and great with the players. The word is that practices are "hard but fun!"

Our first season is varsity (grades 7 and 8) volleyball for both the girls and boys. Their first game is on **Monday, August 24** right here in our gym against Trinity Christian School starting at 3:30. Come out and cheer our teams on. Go Warriors!!! Be sure to check out the school website for full schedule of games.

## School Fundraiser Begins Soon

We will be kicking-off our Great American Opportunities school fundraiser on **September 2nd**. Students will be given two cata-



logues containing great Christmas gift ideas including gourmet chocolates and beautiful jewelry.

Also offered this year is the frozen cookie dough that has been so popular in the past. The more products we sell, the more money we raise for the school. If we meet our goal of raising \$10,000 in profit, rumor has it that Mr. Gaudi will spend a night on the school office roof. He may even be joined by Pastor Matt and Director of Christian Education, Mr. Johnson.

The sale runs from **September 2 - 23**. Items will be delivered to the school and ready for pick-up in mid-November. We hope to use the money raised to improve the school's technology.

Please call the school office at 247-5589 if you have any questions.

## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



On **September 12** the Saint Mark PTC will be holding a **Rummage Sale**. Please bring any items you would like to donate for this sale to the school on the morning of the sale. There will be some wonderful bargains so be sure to drop by.



The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 14 at 3:00 pm**.

## This & That

During August and September the **kindergartners** are going weekly to the **Kokokahi pool** for water fun and cooling off during these hot days. They invited each class to join them for one trip to the pool. That way the entire student body gets a chance to enjoy the pool. **Fourth grade** and **seventh grade** have gone already, and **First graders** are going later this week. The other classes will follow. Mahalo to the many families who are driving the students to and from the pool. It is greatly appreciated!

The **Primary Choir**, all students in grades kindergarten through third, rehearses twice a week. They will present their fall concert on **October 25, 2009** and the theme is "Animals." The children enjoy this time and so does



**2009-2010 Faculty and Staff at the Installation Church Service on August 2**

their choir director, **Mrs. Gundermann**.

SMLS celebrated **Hawaii's 50th year of statehood** with four big celebration cakes, singing Hawai'i

Pono'i, guest speakers, and Aloha wear for the students. Thanks to **Mrs. Gundermann** for organizing the celebration.

The school office kindly reminds parents to please stop by the office and give **written permission** if they would like to allow their child(ren) younger than grade 7 to catch the bus, walk home, go to the library, etc.

Be sure to check out our school **Twitter** page at the following: [www.twitter.com/smlshawaii](http://www.twitter.com/smlshawaii)

Make plans to attend the **Fall Family night on Friday, Sept 11**. We'll be enjoying a movie under the stars.

Mahalo to all of the parents who are serving on the **PTC** for the 2009-2010 school year!