

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 2010

A Message from the Principal

We are three weeks into the new school year, and I am happy to report that it is off to a wonderful start. We are excited to welcome two new educators to the Saint Mark ohana this year - Mrs. Michelle McGregor (Jr. High Science, Math & Bible) and Mrs. Loretta Moerbe (Jr. High P.E. & Director of Christian Education). Please join me in extending them a warm aloha as they join our family. The complete 2010-2011 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 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 - **Mrs. Moerbe**

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

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

Band - **Mr. Bauchle**

4-6 Choir - **Mrs. Pescht**

K-3 Choir - **Mrs. Gundermann**

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

Grade 1 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Miss Courtney Gibo**

Library & After Care Worker - **Mrs. Manu**

After Care - **Mrs. Gibo, Miss Gibo, Mrs. Manu**

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

Business Manager - **Mrs. Lawrence**

In addition to the new faculty, 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!

“Passport” Fundraiser Kicks Off



We kicked-off our “Passport” Discount Card Fundraiser. The passport contains discount coupons from local businesses worth more than \$250 in savings. Some of the participating vendors include Ruby Tuesday, Subway, Arby’s, and Genki Sushi. 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 computers and our financial aid program. We appreciate your participation!

Dates to Remember

August 18: “Discount Card” Fundraiser Kickoff

August 20: Admissions Day
No School

August 26: Mid-Quarter Reports go home

September 2 & 3 Gr. 1-8 Parent Teacher Conferences
11:30 a.m. dismissal

September 6: Labor Day
No School

September 8: “Discount Card” Fundraiser Ends

September 10: Fall Family Night - Movie Night

September 13-17: Scholastic Book Fair

September 17: Fall Picture Make-up Day

September 19: Gr. 4-6 Sing at the 10:14 a.m. Church Service

October 1: 1st Quarter Ends

October 4-15: Fall Intersession

October 4-8: Gr. 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

October 18: School Resumes
K-5 Report Cards go home with students

October 20: Flu Vaccination Clinic at 8:30 a.m.

October 20 -22: Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conferences

October 24: K-3 Concert and Potluck at 5:00 p.m.

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten:

There are 26 enthusiastic kindergartners quickly making friends and learning school routines. We're working hard academically in reading readiness, math, and doing a big alphabet study: a letter a day. But on Friday afternoons we relax by having fun at the Kokokahi Pool.



Kindergartners Having Fun

We've already celebrated 3 birthdays and have done a lot of singing. Mrs. Gundermann & Mrs. Akaka are exhausted at the end of the day!

First Grade:

The first graders have accomplished many "firsts" in the first month of school. They have completed their first round of quizzes, our first mini-unit about getting to know each other, and are enjoying writing in their journals first thing every morning. We are looking forward to our first excursion, and are busy learning about our local community and the people that help to make it so special.



First Graders Enjoying Chapel

Second Grade:

The second graders are back in school and busy already! The students have been learning the new rules and procedures in the classroom. They are excited about starting Shurley grammar, working in different Language Arts Centers, and reading new stories. The students have already started saving up their "moolas" for their upcoming Open Market. This year will be filled with a lot of growing, learning, and laughter.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade:

The third graders are busy getting down our daily procedures and working on being self-directed. We are working on place value and rounding off numbers in math. We have already taken 2 tests in spelling and math. The students are working on writing poetry in Writer's Workshop and are just about ready to publish their final copies. We have been studying about Ecosystems in science. The kids really loved checking out what is inside an owl pellet. They were quite scientific. Swimming with the kindergarten class was a great way to end our second week of school.



Fourth Grade:

We are so blessed to have such an intelligent group of fourth graders. They have 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 superstar for a day. I can't wait to enjoy their Pride Project presentations. The students are really enjoying their Hawaiiana Stud-



Third Graders having a lot of fun Investigating/Dissecting an Owl Pellet During Science

ies time. 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. We couldn't ask for more. The 4th 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

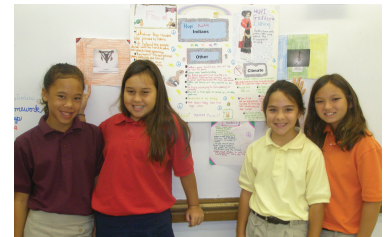
Fifth Grade:

Our fifth grade is learning about Native Americans in their social studies class. Students have been working in collaborative groups to study the cultures of five major Native American Indian groups which are the Northwest Coast, Californians, the Southwestern, the Plains, and the Woodlands Indians. Each group did research utilizing their textbook,

the internet, and books from our classroom and the Kaneohe Library. Following their research, each group

"each group did an oral presentation"

did an oral presentation and shared the information that they learned using a poster, pictures, and even a video with the rest of the class.



Fifth Graders Proudly Presenting Their Recent Social Studies Projects

Classroom News - Junior High

Mrs. Hantel's News:

The **pre-alg** and **algebra** students have just completed their two week training in Hantel Math Bootcamp. During this bootcamp, the students trudged through basic skills so they could be prepared as they enlisted in the algebraic curriculum.

The **sixth grade math** students are becoming accustomed to middle school math as they learn the different procedures and expectations. They are also spending the first few weeks reviewing basic math concepts before they dive into new math material.

The **eighth grade American history** students will be spending their last year of junior high examining how the history of the United States has shaped the country that we live in today. These students have started the American story by studying the arrival of the colonist and their reasoning for leaving their countries. The colonists' reasoning will prepare the students for the study of the Revolutionary War, which they have already gotten a taste of in language arts.

The **seven grade geography** students will spend the year "traveling" to the Pacific Islands, United States and Canada, Africa and Latin America, Europe and finally Asia. The students will be studying the different cultures, governments, physical geography, and economics of each of the regions. Before they can start their travels, the students will undergo training of basic geography and maps skills.

Miss Maddick's News:

We have jumped into language arts with jingles, classifying, writing, reading, spelling, and defining. Sixth grade is exploring what the world would be like if you lived for an eternity in the class novel *Tuck Everlasting*. **Seventh grade** is traveling to Cuba to learn about perseverance in *Old Man and the Sea*. **Eighth grade** is journeying back in time to the American Revolution in *My Brother Sam is Dead*.

The **seventh and eighth graders** are navigating the world of Communications Class. Oral speaking skills will be fine tuned throughout the year to help students become confident leaders who can express their ideas in oral and written formats. Our first mini speech of the year is an autobiographical speech.

World History with the **sixth graders** has allowed us to become historians and archeologists. We are using resources to create a framework for historical ideas on which we can continue to build.

Homeroom and Bible time with the **eighth grade** has allowed us to focus on salvation as the birth of our faith. We have looked at its importance and how we can better serve God through the world in which we live. Our first steps as a class include taking care of God's creation on campus and aiding the student body in our daily interactions.

Mrs. McGregor's News:

Sixth graders had fun performing a version of Galileo's experiment (1590's) and hypothesis that states: "Objects with different masses fall at the same rate." Students have learned to organize their experi-

ment using the experimental design.

Seventh graders enjoyed testing the question: "Does the distance between an object and its light source affect the shadow height?" After testing, students applied their knowledge to better understand how photographers use light.

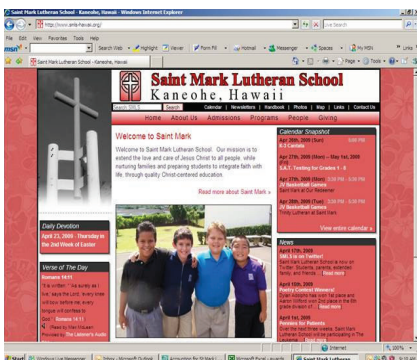
Eighth graders ran a few trials testing the question: "Does the swing of a pendulum take longer for an object of greater mass?" Students came to the conclusion that the average time required for a swing does not depend on the mass of the washers. They are actively engaged during lab time!

Mrs. Moerbe's News:

Aloha! My name is **Loretta Moerbe**, the new **DCE intern** here at Saint Mark. I will be around campus quite a bit this year not only as the **Junior High P.E. teacher**, but also to build relationships with the students. We have some exciting events and fun nights planned for the youth, so get pumped for an electrifying year!

P.E. classes are off to a great start! The students are currently working to improve their volleyball skills through passing, setting, and spiking drills. Along with volleyball, the students have been increasing their overall physical fitness with short cardio workouts and stretching at the beginning of every class. We have also been playing a lot of games that promote physical activity, team building, and relationship building. Don't forget that next up is football, and it will be really important to wear athletic shoes that support the ankle for running!

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 Facebook and Twitter updates, as well as daily devotions and daily Bible verses.**



Athletics



Welcome to an exciting new athletic/sports year. We are starting with varsity volleyball for 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Practices have already begun with Coach

Kim. We played our first game yesterday at Hanalani. The girls won in two games and the boys fought hard before losing in three games. We will be playing 11 more games this year and are looking forward to fun and challenging times. We will also be participating in JV volleyball for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls, varsity and JV basketball, a cross country meet for 5th-8th graders, and a couple of golf tournaments for the students. All of these events will be posted on the school website. Come cheer for our student athletes. Thank you in advance for all your support and encouragement. Go Warriors!



2010-2011 Faculty and Staff at the Installation/Rededication Church Service on August 1st

Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC is busy at work planning the **1st Annual Benefit Gala**. The gala is scheduled for Saturday, November 6 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 14 at 3:00 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 get to 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 2 & 3 so that **Parent-Teacher Conferences** can take place for grades 1-8. Kindergarten conferences are scheduled for October 20-22.

"Discount Card" fundraiser has begun and will run through September 8. Thank you for helping your keiki with this venture.

Our **Fall Family Night** is on Friday, September 10. We are planning on a movie night and will get more information to you in the following weeks.



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 \$325,000 for all organizations combined. More details will be sent home in the near future.

Just a reminder that any students leaving campus without a parent needs a **permission slip** on file in the office. We care about your child's safety & want to make sure you are aware of their plans.

August Chapel Offerings will go to LCMS mission and provide help for those in need.

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

You will soon be receiving more information about the exciting plans we have for our **1st Annual Benefit Gala** - "Flavors Around the World." scheduled for Saturday, November 6th.

Please be sure to check out Saint Mark on Facebook and Twitter



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