

# 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**

**February/March 2011**

## A Message from the Principal

### Saint Mark PTC

Parent Teacher Committee

Every so often I feel compelled to take a moment and offer public thanks. Today we pause to thank our Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) for their continued hard work in support of Saint Mark. From their efforts to put on our first benefit gala and this most recent rummage sale to their support of our day-to-day class activities and school-wide major functions, their ever-present visibility and hard work are extremely important and greatly appreciated.

Under the leadership of President **Cissy Shaner**, Vice President **Liz Stone**, Treasurer **Mele Manu**, and Secretary **Kathleen Funk-Linton**, the PTC has done more to raise money and give overall support to the school than at any other time. The full PTC consisting of **Kauī Dias**, **Jamie Kekaulike**, **Joy Bueno**, **Janet Medeiros**, **Rachel Hilpert**, **Denise Warrington**, **Frandee Lum**, **Grace Pakele**, **Lila Marantz**, **Jessilyn Oketani**, **Robin Kaha'ulelio**, **Victoria Flores**, and **Michelle McGregor** has worked collaboratively with other parents, faculty, and staff to strengthen Saint Mark and bring about positive change.

The Greek philosopher Aristotle once said, "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet". So, while the hard work you put forth on behalf of the children of Saint Mark may be difficult and occasionally thankless, please rest assured that it is helpful in preparing the soils to reap the sweetest fruit of all - God's precious children!

On behalf of the Saint Mark Board of Education, faculty and staff, I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for your continued service to our children.



## Congratulations Mr. Gaudi

The Saint Mark Board of Education, staff, students, parents and church congregation would like to congratulate our principal, **Mr. David Gaudi** as the recipient of this year's prestigious Lux Christi Award. Each year, Concordia University presents the Lux Christi (Light of Christ) Award to recognize one outstanding Lutheran educator who implements the Christian perspective through their teaching and administrative ministries.

Mr. Gaudi was selected to receive this year's award for his significant contributions through service, leadership, and day-to-day ministry at Saint Mark Lutheran Church and School. A representative from Concordia University in Portland, Oregon will present the award and a monetary gift to Mr. Gaudi during the **8:30 a.m. church service on Sunday, March 6, 2011**. Please join us to honor Mr. Gaudi and celebrate with our Saint Mark `ohana by enjoying good food and fellowship following the worship service.

### Dates to Remember

**March 5:** Grades 4-6 Choir & Grades 5-8 Band All Lutheran Schools' Music Festival at 7:00 p.m.

**March 7-11:** Lutheran Schools' Spirit Week

**March 18:** 3rd Quarter ends

**March 21-April 1:** Spring Intersession

**March 21-25:** Grades 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

**April 4:** School Resumes Grades K-5 Report Cards go home with students

**April 15:** Spring Pictures

**April 16:** Family Work Day at 9:00 a.m.

**April 22:** Good Friday - No School

**April 24:** Easter Sunday

**April 25:** Easter Monday - No School

**May 1:** K-3 Cantata at 5:00 p.m.

**May 2-6:** SAT Testing

**May 5:** Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

**May 11-13:** Grade 4 Big Island trip

**May 17:** Grades 4-6 Choir & 4-8 Band Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.

**May 20:** Grades 5-8 Track Meet

## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergarten:** We have done some fun writing, such as "Love Is" and "Happiness Is". Our first grade math book is getting skinnier and skinnier as we tear out completed chapters. We had fun memorizing lots of lines for the Speech Festival. It wasn't hard at all. We're learning about the human body, phases of the moon and star constellations, our phone number and phone manners, and are excited to share a *Book of Prayers* we made with our parents at devotions during Spirit Week. Mrs. G says that on St. Patrick's Day we'll enjoy Potato Sundaes, but we don't know what they are - yet.

**First Grade:** The first graders are learning about plants this month as part of an integrated science unit. We are learning about the

parts of plants and what plants need to survive. One of the activities the children are looking forward to is writing a story about their favorite plant. We are reading, writing, painting and drawing plants in our pursuit to learn all about them.

**Second Grade:** February has been filled with fitness, fun, and friendship in the second grade. We made dragon puppets for Chinese New Year, gave Mr. Gaudi a "Heart Attack" on Valentine's Day, jumped rope for the "Get Active" Event, and practiced A

LOT for the speech festival. Our month has also been filled with learning! We have been learning how to tell time, how to write a complete paragraph, and how to classify animals. We also had the opportunity to lead chapel. The students retold and acted out the story *The Special Gift* by Max Lucado. In March we will be preparing for our family devotion, having another Open Market, and continuing to learn new multiplication facts. The students are looking forward to showing their school spirit during Spirit Week!



## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

**Third Grade:** The third grade is humming with activity. I am so proud of your children and what they accomplished at our Saint Mark Speech Festival. They worked hard and performed well. It was a little difficult for some of the students who are less comfortable speaking in front of people, but they were awesome. Mark your calendars for May 19! The third graders will be hosting a "Wax Museum" during the school day. Most of the students have already selected which historic character they are interested in researching. They will have several pieces to this project, but detailed information will come home when we return from spring break. Thank you so much for supporting your children in all that we are trying to accomplish. Please

continue to check homework for correctness, not just completion and remember that they are to be doing at least 20 minutes of reading each evening. The students are doing well!

**Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders were feeling the love in chapel this month. They shared "God's Conversation Hearts" with the other students at Saint Mark. They talked about how God wants us to be all His, love Him, talk to Him, and be kind to one another. They wanted to share the real reason why and how we should cele-

brate Valentine's Day. There is no love like the love that God has for us. Mahalo to Mrs. Hilpert for doing such a wonderful job organizing our 4th grade bake-sale that took place at our school - wide rummage sale. I would also like to thank all the parents that helped donate baked goods and gave up their Saturday morning to help!



## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth Grade:** Saint Mark Lutheran's fifth grade used their manners and etiquette by having a "High Tea" in celebration of friendship. Dressed in their nicer clothes, students enjoyed a wide array of tea sandwiches, cakes, cookies, and teas which were made and served by many of our fifth grade parents. During the Tea, students selected various conversation cards

and discussed their opinions with one another. The Tea was concluded

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with an exchange of valentines and much appreciation for each other.



**Grade 5 Students Enjoying High Tea with Their Parents**

# Classroom News - Junior High

## Mrs. Hantel's News:

Seventh grade Bible students are becoming more familiar with the celebration of Passover and its relationship with the Last Supper. The students are learning the symbolism of Matzah bread and even got to taste some during class.

In eighth grade American History class students are working on a special project this quarter called "Project Citizen". The students have decided that the issue of homelessness in our community is a problem. Therefore, they will be spending several weeks researching the problem and proposing possible policy changes. Then the students will create an action plan that may result in a positive change in policy.

Hola! Welcome to South America! In World Geography seventh graders will spend the remainder of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter exploring the physical geography and cultures of this neighboring continent.

All of the math classes are being challenged with new material. Sixth graders are finishing up with percentages (which will really come in handy with shopping!). Seventh graders are beginning to expand their algebraic skills by solving multistep equations. The eighth graders are tearing through lots of graph paper as they experience linear equations.

## Miss Maddick's News:

After a wonderful Speech Festival, we are continuing in language arts with our class novels. Our adventures through time, space, and ideas have allowed us to think outside the box and learn more about the

world we live in today. Seventh and eighth grade communication classes will be tackling pro/con persuasive speeches to examine issues and practice convincing others while showing respect for the opinions of others. In sixth grade social studies, we are learning about medieval times and their impact on Christianity today. In our grade 8 Bible class we are wrapping up our discussions about witnessing. We are also continuing to discuss the book, *The 5 Love Languages*, and applying it to our lives as Christians.

## Mrs. McGregor's News:

In science the sixth graders have been studying non-renewable and renewable energy sources. Our focus, of course, has been Hawaii's use of renewable energy. Students have been made aware of Hawaii's plan to set up hydrogen stations throughout the island in 2015. Additionally, we have been studying the impact of pollution on freshwater systems and recent water pollution reports made on Oahu.

The seventh graders have been busy setting up the garden and so far have planted basil, green onions, roma tomatoes, eggplant, mint, rosemary, lettuce, sweet potato, parsley, and bell pepper. Thank you to the parents and students who have contributed to the garden project. Students also started learning about the skeletal system and we have several qualified surgeons in the class after we performed our online knee replacement and hip replacement surgeries. Extremely fascinating!!

Eighth graders have been studying Newton's Laws of motion. Students designed and tested experiments to prove their hypotheses and demonstrated their understanding of each law. Also, students have been learning about Archimedes principle, Pascal's principle and Bernoulli's principle. Hands on learning and lab demonstrations helped students to apply Bernoulli's principle in each circumstance.

## Mrs. Moerbe's News:

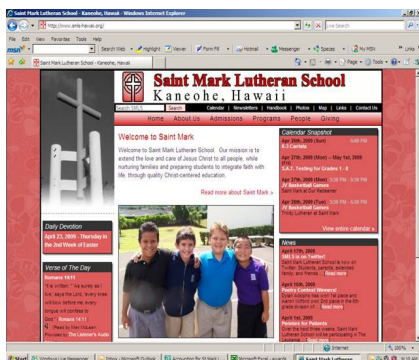
The Presidential Fitness Challenge is well under way in P.E. and the students are doing great! Please remember that proper athletic shoes provide great support for the ankle and will help prevent injuries. If your student needs a new uniform for P.E. please let me know! We have plenty available for purchase. Please e-mail me with any questions. Thanks!



We have a lot going on at Saint Mark Church, and we'd love for you to join in! Every Sunday, keiki up to grade 4

get together for Keiki Church where we explore God's Word. We have crafts, games, and awesome teachers that create a fun learning environment for your keiki! Jr. high and high school youth group is the place to be this month! Keep an eye out for the flyers sent home regarding upcoming events. There is always something going on so check us out!

## 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](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.



## Lenten Service

Lent is a time of solemn remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. The `ohana of Saint Mark Lutheran Church invites you to join us for these 40 days beginning **Ash Wednesday, March 9**.

Each Wednesday **Lenten service** will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a soup potluck followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. as we meditate on finding "Christ in the Strangest Places".

For more information please contact the church office at 247-4565.



## Athletics

Our varsity basketball season is almost over. The girls have finished their season. They played hard, learned a lot, overcame adversities, and won their second to the last game of the season. Congratulations, girls! The boys finished the regular season with a 10-2 record. They will be playing in the **post-season** at Hanalani on Friday and then here at Saint Mark on Saturday, March 5.

The JV basketball season will be starting soon with **Coach Bruce** coaching the boys and girls. Information and permission forms were sent home.

A **free clinic**, "Ultimate Basketball Shooting", will be held on **Tuesday, March 8 from 3:15-4:15 p.m.** for all interested 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The clinic will be held by **Mr. Alan Silva**, grandfather of a kindergartner and coach of the Division II State Champions, Farrington Governors. Permission slips were sent home.



## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

Thanks for all of the support given to the Spring Rummage Sale. Over \$1,500 was raised! The PTC encourages everyone to continue collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education.



Please join us at the next PTC meeting **Tuesday, March 15 at 5:30 pm**. The PTC will be discussing Teacher Appreciation Week and next year's Benefit Gala.

## This & That

**Chapel offerings** are currently going to American Heart Association. Mahalo for your continued generosity!

Saint Mark raised over **\$5,000** for the **"Get Active"** - a two week campaign to promote physical activity and raise money for Saint Mark athletics. Students took part in an hour long "Get Active" physical activity session on February 16 followed by an all-school potluck. Awesome job everyone!



*Junior High Students Having Fun at the "Get Active" Day*

The PTC (Parent Teacher Committee) **raised over \$1,500** this past Saturday at their Spring Rummage Sale! A big mahalo goes to all who helped make this fundraiser so successful.

You are invited to hear the combined bands and choirs from Emmanuel (Maui), Our Redeemer, Our Savior, Saint Mark and Trinity Lutheran Schools as they perform at the **Hawaii Lutheran Schools Music Festival Concert** this Saturday, March 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Pearl City Cultural Center. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are on sale in the school office.

The **Speech Festival** was a great success and enjoyed by students and families. Thank you for your support and participation!

We are currently **re-enrolling** for the 2011-2012 school year. Please be sure your paperwork has been turned in to the school office.



*The 2nd Graders Gave Mr. Gaudi a "Heart Attack" in Celebration of Valentines' Day*

The **Spring Family Night** at the Ice Palace on February 11 was a huge success with more than 150 skaters enjoying the evening together.



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