

Warrior News

Saint Mark Lutheran School
Kaneohe, Hawaii

January 2009

A Message from the Principal

*God is just: He will ... give relief to you who are troubled...
(2 Thessalonians 1:6&7)*

Now that we are well into the spring semester, many of us begin thinking about and planning for the 2009-2010 school year. As we do this, we not only look forward to the exciting year to come but some of us also acknowledge and perhaps worry a little about the present state of our struggling economy.

Many of our own families have been hit hard by the recession, and it's important for them to know that Saint Mark Lutheran School recognizes the realities of the current economic climate and is empathetic to the challenges that they are facing.

That being said, Saint Mark Lutheran School will not be raising tuition for the 2009-2010 school year and has expanded its financial aid program to help better assist families that are suffering in these very difficult economic times.

While these actions are certainly not a financial panacea, we do hope that they will bring some relief to those that are being most affected by this downturn. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

We hope and pray that 2009 is a wonderful year and continue to thank you for your support!!

In Christ,

R. David Gaudi Jr.

Jump Rope for Heart



Saint Mark Lutheran School will be participating again this year in the American Heart Association "Jump Rope for Heart" program.

The Jump-A-Thon will be held on **Wednesday, February 18** 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.

Students must return their jumping waivers and sponsor pledge forms by **Wednesday, January 28**.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 28: Jump Rope for Heart Money Due

Jan. 31: PTC sponsored Rummage Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Feb. 11: Mid-Quarter Reports go home

Feb. 13: Staff Professional Development Day - No School

Feb. 16: Presidents' Day - No School

Feb. 17: PTC meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Feb. 18: Jump Rope for Heart Potluck

Feb. 23 - Feb. 27: Scholastic Book Fair

Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 28: Gr. 4-6 Choir & Grades 5-8 Band All Lutheran Schools' Music Festival at 7:00 p.m.

March 2-6: Lutheran Schools' Spirit Week

March 13: 3rd Quarter ends

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: The kindergartners were happy to see each other in the new year, 2009. They made 'fireworks' and New Year's resolutions and told how they celebrated New Year's Eve. They are busy making snow pictures and learning about the winter season. They just celebrated Chinese New Year and the 100th day of school. They also learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his plea for everyone to be treated with respect. But their favorite activity was Wheel Week, riding bikes all week long in the parking lot. So much fun in just 3 weeks!

First grade: Time flies when you're having fun seems to fit our

first grade class these last several weeks. With Christmas presents, songs and concerts over we've slowed down a bit and started some fun learning activities. We have begun using our new science books and are learning "The 50 States That Rhyme Song" and where each state belongs on the map. We celebrated the 100th day of school last week along with a fun teddy bear surprise on Friday for P.A.T.! Never know what we're doing next in our busy classroom.

Second Grade: We are a 100 days smarter! Second grade students celebrated the 100th day of school by finding out what they can do in 100 seconds, making an *If I Had*

100 book, trying to stack 100 cups, and other activities. The students have begun learning multiplication



and participated in their first Continental Math meet. We have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, and the inauguration of President Barack Obama. This month we will be working on projects to enter in different contests.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third grade: The third graders are off to a good start for third quarter, including a visit from some cool snails for science. They are starting on pattern 2 sentences for Shurley English and have learned the 0-10 times tables. They are also trying to get 100 multiplication problems all correct in 5

minutes and enjoyed their 100 day celebration early. They had a 100-shaped cake and wore visors with 100 stars.

Fourth grade: Fourth graders are looking forward to the new year that includes: a visit to the Wai-kalua Loko Fishpond, Kualoa Beach

Park for Makahiki games and canoe paddling, and of course the Big Island trip in May. We will soon tackle division of larger numbers in math and we are learning about energy in science!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth grade: Fantastic, awesome, excellent, and spectacular are just some of the



words that our fifth graders used to describe their experience at Starbase-Atlantis this month. Each day, the Starbase classroom was filled with excitement as students built rockets, flew airplanes on flight

simulation programs, performed their own science experiments, or worked in teams to engineer or develop new products. They learned Newton's three laws of motion and the Bernoulli principle by



performing various experiments and activities. At the end of their five-day program, the students

launched their model rockets that they built themselves while an au-



dience of their parents watched from the viewing area. Each student left Starbase knowing that there is a whole new world open to them and that they CAN fulfill their dreams!

Classroom News - Junior High

Mr. Weber's News:

6th, 7th and 8th grade science classes worked on their Science Fair projects which were due January 23. In addition, 7th graders are studying fishes, amphibians, and reptiles. The 6th graders are continuing to learn about erosion and deposition.

7th grade social studies is busy finishing up their study of Latin America.

Mrs. Dunn's News:

6th, 7th and 8th grade English students are working in their *Shurley Grammar Books*. They should be working on their AR assignment. Their book report and AR test are due Feb. 12th. Students' quarter project is to do a research paper on the topic assigned. Research papers are due Feb. 27th. Please follow instructions for the research paper given out in class. In addition, 7th grade English students are reading *Robin Hood* and 8th grade English students are reading *Homer's Odyssey* on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

6th grade literature students have started reading *King Arthur, Tales from the Round Table*.

6th grade social studies students are finishing up a chapter on the

history of Asia. Students will not have a project in history this quarter due to the research paper assigned in English.

8th grade drama students are doing debates this quarter. They have been assigned resolve topics and will present their debates, affirmative or negative, starting this Friday.

Mrs. Eyer's News:

6th grade Bible students continue their exciting and adventurous journey through the Old Testament picking up bits of wisdom and tools to use in their lives. Class can be quite lively and dramatic as we read from the Bible about the Prophet Elijah riding to heaven in a dazzling chariot, kings conquering nations, and many other colorful, powerful and sometimes emotional stories from the Bible.

7th grade Bible class is learning about the power of the Holy Spirit as a guide, builder of their faith, and as God. As students move through the next couple of weeks they will memorize and study in-depth the 3rd Article (part) of the Apostles Creed, which is a powerful confession of the Christian faith.

8th grade Bible students are studying the Lord's prayer and finding out that this very meaningful prayer is more than just old words written down. They are discovering what is meant by words such as; "Your kingdom come", and "give us our daily bread".

7th grade pre-algebra students are finding class "Painless and Fun!" If you thought that algebra was both dull and difficult, then you might offend the 7th grade pre-algebra class. Their idea of a party is to work and solve everything from fractions to proportions to decimals to probabilities and much, much more!

8th grade algebra "geniuses" combine all of their brain waves to solve and graph linear equations that are unequal, use substitution and elimination methods to solve more equations and to equalize solutions.

Mr. Annis' News:

8th grade social studies students will start studying the American Civil War.

7th graders are busy preparing for the chapel program they will present to the school on February 21.

Junior High Awards

Principal's List

(GPA 3.75-4.0)
Tiana Buckley
Makai Clemons
Sunshine David
Jason Lau
Jannah-Jane Crisostomo
Edward Dunn
Kaleo Hookano
Kelli Lyman
Blair Adams
Sky Barnes
Amy Gangloff
Cody Howland
Tatiana Irvine

Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0-3.74)
Dylan Adolpho
Deja Lee
Anastasiya Melnyk
Marielle Nakai
Jonthan Pond
Shaiann Smith
Daniel Traylor
Aaron Wilford
Tani Buckley
Kaimi Chang
Jason Flores
Heidi Jacobs
Lanson Kupau
Duke Quitevis
Noah Schuetz
Casey Takahashi

Zachery Thomas
Korinn Trinies
Rodney Williams
Nalei Akau
Dominique Bustillos
Keaolani Cenido-Niheu
Mariah Chu
Simeon David
Nainoa Frank
Ryan Goodness
Darcy Inouye
Jordan Kimura
McKenna Miyata
Jacob Mussell
Kristen Poei
Reanna Serikawa
Alyssa Storm

Principal's Award

Sunshine David
Aulama Jiannino
Anastasiya Melnyk
Marielle Nakai
Shaiann Smith
Korinn Trinies
Rodney Williams
Blair Adams
Rachel Anderson
Sky Barnes
Simeon David
Nainoa Frank
Darcy Inouye
Tatiana Irvine
Pono Keanini-Santiago

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Sherri Kinoshita
Kavika Mataele
McKenna Miyata
Jacob Mussell
Reanna Serikawa
Alyssa Storm

Citizenship

Dylan Adolpho
Tiana Buckley
Makai Clemons
Sunshine David
Jason Lau
Anastasiya Melnyk
Shaiann Smith
Daniel Traylor
Jannah-Jane Crisostomo
Edward Dunn

Kaleo Hookano
Heidi Jacobs
Leila Latorre
Kelli Lyman
Casey Takahashi
Korinn Trinies
Zachery Thomas
Sky Barnes
Mariah Chu
Amy Gangloff
Cody Howland
Darcy Inouye
Alyssa Storm

Athletics

The boys and girls varsity basketball teams are off to a great start as they have won both of their first two games. Our next game is at home against Hongwanji on Tuesday, January 27. Go Warriors!

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SMLS gets a \$35,000 Grant

We are extremely excited to announce that Saint Mark has just received a \$35,000 grant from the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation. Most of the money will be used to renovate the playground area below the church. We greatly appreciate their generosity and especially thank their Executive Director, Mr. Alfred L. Castle.

Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC is sponsoring a Rummage Sale on **Saturday, Jan. 31 at 9:00 a.m.** at SMLS. Please save your stuff and the date!

Please join us at the next PTC meeting on **Tuesday, Feb 17, at 3:10 p.m.**
We value your input.



This & That



National Geography Bee

Do you think that you could name the peninsula, bounded on the north by the Strait of Juan de Fuca, that is located just west of Puget Sound or maybe you could name which sea contains a large inlet named Bristol Bay which is located north of the Aleutian Islands? These are just a couple of the questions that our fourth through eighth grade students had to answer during our 2009 National Geography Bee.

Preliminary competitions were held in each of the classrooms to determine the top ten finalists to compete in our school-wide com-

petition that was held on December 18 in the chapel. Oral questions concerning geography of the United States and the world were asked to the top ten finalists who were **Dylan Adolpho, Tiana Buckley, James Chaffin, Sunshine David, Sherry Kinoshita, Jason Lau, Kelli Lyman, Morea Mussell, Alyssa Storm, and Aaron Wilford**. Each competed to become the champion for St. Mark Lutheran School and the chance to become champion for Hawaii. At the end of all the rounds, **Aaron Wilford** was declared the winner with **Jason Lau** in second place.

Aaron advances to the next level of competition which is a written examination to determine whether he will compete in the state competition this March. We

wish you all the best, Aaron, and offer our congratulations to all the students who participated in the National Geography Bee!

The **Golf lessons** have been going so well that another session is in the works! Students are learning how to putt, pitch, chip and full swing the ball and are also learning the rules and etiquette of golfing. Further information is available at www.bettergolforkids.com.

Hawaii Shotokan Karate is currently enrolling students for classes that meet at Saint Mark on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. The classes are for beginning students and will start February 2nd. Further information is available at www.hawaiiishotokankarate.com.