



# Saint Mark Lutheran School News

## March/April 2008



*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead...'" Matthew 28 5-7*

As we begin the final quarter to the 2007-2008 school year, we depart from the dark, cool, wet days of winter and usher in the longer, warmer, drier days of spring.

Spring truly is a wonderful time of renewal; it is a time when the ice thaws, animals wake from their long hibernations, and new life emerges in a vast variety of forms.

Spring is also an important time in the Christian calendar. It is the time when we remember Christ's brutal death on Good Friday and celebrate his miraculous resurrection three days later.

I hope and pray that your Easter Sunday was a meaningful one and that you were able to celebrate in the fact that "He has risen...!"

In Christian Love,

R. David Gaudi Jr.

### Dates to Remember

- April 12: Lutheran School Sports League Golf Tournament
- April 13: Kindergarten-Grade 3 Cantata at 5:00 p.m.
- April 18: Spring Picture Taking at 8:00 a.m.
- April 21-25: SAT Testing Grades 1-8
- April 25: Grades K-5 Sock Hop at 1:30 p.m. in the gym
- April 30: Mid-Quarter Reports Go Home
- May 2: May Day Celebration at 12:45 p.m.
- May 5-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8: Sports Banquet
- May 8 & 9: New Kindergartner Visitation from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- May 13: Grades 4-6 Choir & Band Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- May 14-16: Grade 4 Big Island Trip
- May 23: Kindergarten Graduation at 7:00 p.m.
- May 26: No School - Memorial Day

**K - 5 CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Kindergarten:** Kindergartners are getting ready for first grade. Mrs. Gundermann says they are well prepared - they are reading and doing math in first grade books and even started spelling with weekly tests. They are inviting the “new Kindergartners” to visit and will start on their huge graduation operetta. They will also hula at May Day and are making some nice Mother’s Day mementos. Nicky brought his Jackson chameleon to school one day - that started hearing several books on chameleons which was fun. Kindergarten graduation is on Friday, May 23; the operetta “Hansel and Gretel” will be performed.

**First grade:** First graders have been busy preparing for their big choir performance, practicing for the Stanford Achievement Test at the end of the month as well as preparing to hula on May Day. Along with these activities they will have their last Open Market on April 25th. Thank you to the parents for helping your child memorize their choir parts and for sending in their caps, flash-lights and Flat Stanley addresses. You are appreciated!

**Second grade:** A lot of fun things are ahead for the second graders. They have been getting ready for the cantata, learning how to dance the hula, and preparing to lead chapel for the whole school. The students are very excited that they have started learning multiplication and have been learning test taking skills to help them tackle the SAT’s. They are also looking forward to the last Open Market and the Sock Hop. All in all this month will be very busy, but also fun and exciting.

**Third grade:** It is hard to believe that we are in our final quarter of this school year. The third graders are busy with their final preparations for the Spring Cantata on Sunday. They are also working really hard on memorizing the multiplication facts and being able to do 100 problems in 5 minutes. Wow! They are enjoying reading Clementine and role playing all the speaking parts.

**Fourth grade:** Fourth grade is looking forward to learning about and doing a project on weather and climate for Science. They will learn about the poems, songs, and chants—mele and oli- that Hawaiians of old loved to perform. These will tie into our May Day celebration! They are also looking forward to a field trip to Kualoa Regional Park where they will participate in the sport he-hei wa’a or canoe racing/paddling, play some Makahiki games like ulu maika, and hear some legends of our Koolau Loa area.

**Fifth grade:** The fifth grade completed their Pioneer Interact with only three wagon trains reaching their goal of Hacker Valley in Oregon. The other wagon trains only made it as far as Prairie Crossing due to some unforeseen disasters and problems with the Native Americans. The students learned a lot about how difficult life was for the pioneers and all the problems that they could encounter as they traveled.

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 \* **May Day** \*  
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 \* The May Day program will be on **Friday, May 2 at 12:45 p.m.** in the Saint Mark gym. All \*  
 \* grades will be participating and all family members are welcome. \*  
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 \* We are asking for your help in supplying any flowers, palms or other greenery. These can \*  
 \* be dropped off either after school on Thursday, May 1, or by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 2. \*  
 \* In addition, we need help setting up on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. and with clean up af- \*  
 \* ter the program. Please let the office know if you can be of help. \*  
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## JUNIOR HIGH CLASSROOM NEWS:

The **6th - 8th graders** are practicing their dances for May Day under the direction of Kumu Nawahine Kuraoka. They are also practicing for the Lutheran Schools Track Meet.

**6th grader Tani Buckley** won 1st place in the 6th grade division of the 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Peace Poetry Contest** sponsored by the International Peace Poem Project. In the **8th grade division, Randon Serikawa** won 1st place and **Brice Kanehira** 2nd place. The students, their parents, teacher Mrs. Hayes and Principal Mr. Gaudi, are invited to attend a ceremony at the Mission Memorial Auditorium in Honolulu on Wednesday, April 16, where they will be presented with the winning certificates. Their poems will then be added to the International Peace Poem.

The **8th graders** will finish the month by displaying their Catapult Projects. They are creating small scale models of a catapult that has the ability to throw a golf ball 50 feet through the air. The **7th graders** will continue to study the organ systems of the human body and **6th graders** are studying weather systems.

Graduating **8th graders** are beginning to receive acceptance letters from various private high schools. These students have worked hard to maintain high GPA's while juggling outside activities, they deserve to be proud of themselves! Plans are also being formed for graduation time. A steering committee has been busy working on a number of fun-filled days including bowling, "Leaping Lizards," and a scrumptious brunch at Luana Hill's Country Club.

## This and That:

This **newsletter** and copies of past newsletters are **available online** at the Saint Mark website: [www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org). You can also access the calendar for next school year, look at the week's Jr. Highlights, and contact faculty or staff through the links provided.

**Chapel offerings** for February & March totaled \$356 and went to the **Hawaii Food Bank**. April chapel offerings are going to the Make a Wish organization.

**Spring pictures** will be taken on Friday, April 18th. All students will take individual pictures; pictures will be distributed a few weeks later and you will be able to decide which, if any, you would like to purchase. This will be a "free dress" day- students will not have to wear uniforms- and they will have the option of taking pictures with friend and/or siblings. Should student's come dressed inappropriately, they will be asked to change into a school uniform prior to taking pictures. Look for brochures with more information being distributed on Monday, April 14.

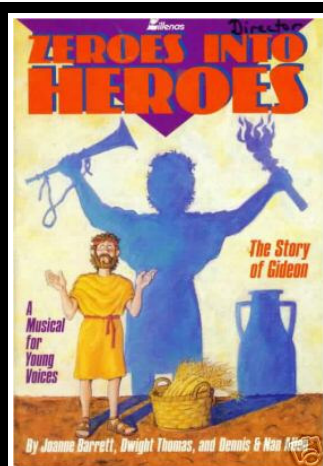
This year's kindergartners have invited next year's **kindergartners** for a **visitation day**. The new students will come on either Thursday, May 8 or Friday, May 9, 2008.



## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) NEWS FLASH



Please join us at the next PTC meeting on **Tuesday, April 15 at 3:00pm**. We will be finalizing our plans for **Teacher Appreciation Week** which is scheduled for the week of **May 5 - 9**.



## ZEROES INTO HEROES performed by

GRADES 1, 2, 3 and KINDERGARTEN

Sunday, April 13 at 5:00

## Athletics

The JV basketball season has officially begun.

Our boys won their first game this past Tuesday against Hanalani.

Congratulations to the boys and Coach Nelson.

## Third Quarter Honors

### Principal's List

(GPA 3.75-4.0)

Tani Buckley  
Kaleo Hookano  
Seann Kailio  
Kelli Lyman  
Kealani Ryder  
Zachery Thomas  
Ashley Wong  
Sky Barnes  
Cody Howland  
Tatiana Irvine  
Kristen Poei  
Ke Kai Glushenko  
Aaron Miyasaki  
Zachary Pili

### Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0-3.74)

Nicole Aihara  
James Chaffin  
Kaimi Chang  
Jannah-Jane Crisostomo  
Heidi Jacobs  
Hana Rypnow  
Casey Takahashi  
Blair Adams  
Nalei Akau  
Dominique Bustillos  
Keaolani Cenido-Niheu  
Simeon David  
Amy Gangloff  
Darcy Inouye  
Pono Keanini-Santiago  
Jordan Kimura  
Kamalei Lyons  
Jacob Mussell  
Reanna Serikawa  
Crystie Wong  
'Iakona Cenido-Niheu  
'Ekolu Chang  
Kiana Clemons  
Breeana Graham  
Anna Hanson  
Ocean Hay  
Brice Kanehira  
Ka'eo Paik  
Kenneth Rypnow  
Selena Trinies

### Citizenship Award

Jannah-Jane Crisostomo  
Kaleo Hookano  
Heidi Jacobs  
Seann Kailio  
Kelli Lyman  
Kea Ryder  
Casey Takahashi  
Ashley Wong  
Kalei Ali Nera  
Sky Barnes  
Mariah Chu  
Cody Howland  
Kamalei Lyons  
Kristen Poei  
Crystie Wong  
Kiana Clemons  
Aaron Miyasaki  
Selena Trinies  
Anna Hanson  
Ka'eo Paik  
Zachary Pili

The Saint Mark website has the latest calendar events as well as the intersession dates for the 2008-2009 school year.

Please check it out at:

[www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org)

## Lutheran Schools' Spirit Week

The 2007-2008 Spirit Week was a ton of fun and included class devotions with refreshments and theme days such as crazy hair day and UH appreciation day. The exciting week culminated with Friday activities and the all Lutheran Schools' Music Festival at Leeward Community College.



Eighth graders participating in the tug-of-war.