

Warrior News

Saint Mark Lutheran School
Kaneohe, Hawaii

March/April 2009

A Message from the Principal

When his time of service was completed, he returned home. (Luke 1:23)

As we head into the very busy home stretch of the 2008-2009 school year, we pause for a moment to offer our sincere thanks to Pastor Erwin Wichner.

Since Pastor Wichner arrived at Saint Mark last August, he has worked tirelessly to build loving relationships with many students and school families. His job as Intentional Interim Pastor has been to help the church celebrate its past, recognize its present, and plan for its future. But he has done so much more than that!

From his gracious hugs and sound advice, to his support of family nights and athletic events, Pastor has been an ever-present smiling face and has given of his time and talents to wholeheartedly support not only the church but also the school.

We thank him for leaving his family behind on the mainland and humbly serving us for the past nine months. We are truly blessed to have had him as part of our ohana and will certainly miss his infectious enthusiasm and overall leadership.

Please join me in thanking Pastor Wichner for his dedicated service and wishing him a fond Aloha. His time of service is completed, and he must now return home.

In Christ,

R. David Gaudi Jr.



Pastor Wichner on Easter Sunday

K-3 MUSICAL CANTATA



“It’s Cool in the Furnace” Musical Cantata by
grades K-3 on Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m.



Everyone is welcome, please join us!

Dates to Remember

April 26: K-3 Cantata at 5:00 p.m.

April 27-May 1: S.A.T. testing for Gr. 1-8

April 29: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation week

May 8: Gr. 5-8 Track & Field Day at Mililani High School

May 12: Gr. 4-6 Choir and Gr. 4-8 Band Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.

May 13-15: Gr. 4 Big Island Trip

May 22: Kindergarten Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

May 25: No School Memorial Day

May 28: Gr. 8 Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

May 29: Last Day of School dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

May 29: K-5 Report cards go home with students

June 1-3: Gr. 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: The kindergartners are excited this last month of kindergarten. They're almost first graders doing first grade work with weekly spelling tests. They will read for their first grade teacher. They are happily practicing their graduation operetta, "The Adventures of Snow White." There are lots of lines and songs to learn and scenery painting to do. They'll host the new kindergartners when they come to visit and show and tell them all about kindergarten. They've already mailed the invitations they made. Some of us are sad that kindergarten is almost over - especially Mrs. Gundermann who will miss teaching this wonderful group of 24 graduates.

First grade: First grade is working hard preparing for their S.A.T. exams next week. Please remember to have students in bed at a good time and send nutritious snacks. K-3 will have their last choir concert Sunday, April 26th. Please have students here by 4:45 p.m. Next Friday, May 1st, we'll be hopping at our 2nd Annual Sock Hop! Please send in \$1 with your student for root beer floats. Thank you for continuing to check our first grade website for new information and recent pictures. Also, thank you to those

that supplied our class with tissue boxes, styrofoam, and magazines! We now have plenty thanks to you!



Second grade: The second graders hatched some brine shrimp! We have been learning about the different types of habitats animals live in. With our big cantata coming up, we've been doing a lot of singing and practicing our speaking parts. The students are looking forward to their last Open Market and Sock Hop. We have been practicing good test taking skills to get ready for the S.A.T.'s.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third grade: The dedicated third graders are busy practicing for the Spring Cantata this Sunday and our chapel presentation on Wednesday, April 29. They are looking forward to presenting the news with "Bible Sports International!" We enjoyed viewing all the projects at the science fair and presenting our projects to our par-



ents. There were lots of erupting volcanoes and even a balloon that mysteriously filled with air. I wonder if we have some future scientists, newscasters and singers in our midst?

Fourth grade: The fourth grade did an excellent job on their Science Fair projects considering this was the first time they had to ask a question about something in na-

ture, form a hypothesis, and plan an experiment or do research to test their theories. These young scientists have had fun studying cells through a microscope and learning about the building blocks of life. Fourth grade has completed their textbook, *Hawaiians of Old* and are learning about the first Western (and Eastern) influences on the islands. Students are doing a great job learning new chords and playing all kinds of songs, including worship songs, on their ukuleles. We will play for chapel next month!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth grade: Westward Ho! We completed our wagon train interactive study.

"This was an enjoyable study as fifth graders gained an appreciation for how difficult it actually was traveling west on the wagon train trails during the 1850's."

Three groups reached their destination of Hacker Valley,

but only after surviving freezing snow storms, loss of supplies, and even the lives of some of their family members.

One wagon train never made it, but was stranded in High Valley after a severe snowstorm and all members perished there. This was an enjoyable study as fifth graders gained an appreciation for how difficult it actually was traveling west on the wagon train trails during the 1850's.



5th graders having fun during a school field trip

Classroom News - Junior High

Mr. Weber's News:

6th grade science is currently studying oceanography. They have been learning about the waves, tides and beach erosion. Last week they completed their "Ocean Current Projects" and the projects were great!

7th grade science is studying the digestive system. We will continue to explore the essential systems of the human body.

8th grade is just finishing a unit that describes simple machines and how they work. They have also started their "Catapult Projects" which will be turned in on May 6th.

7th grade social studies is learning about the history, physical aspects and cultures of western Europe. They just completed their "Travel Brochure Projects" that highlight many of the unique features of western Europe.

Mrs. Dunn's News:

6th grade English students are working on grammar rules and diagramming sentences this quarter.

7th grade English students are working in their *Shurley Grammar Books* and are reading *Much Ado About Nothing* by Shakespeare on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students' quarter end project is to build Shakespeare's Globe Theater, due May 15th. See Mrs. Dunn's web site for more information.

8th grade English students are also working in their *Shurley Grammar Books* and are reading *Macbeth* by Shakespeare on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

6th grade Social Studies students are starting Chapter Twenty in *History of the World* book, "Nationalism and Expansion in Europe."

6th grade literature students are reading *Merchant of Venice* by Shakespeare. Their year end project is to create a work of art that reflects the Renaissance, due May 15th. See Mrs. Dunn's web site for more information.



James Chaffin proudly showing off his castle project from his 7th Grade English class

8th grade drama students are memorizing selected Shakespearean monologues for drama this quarter. Students will perform their monologue in front of the school on May 15th. Students will dress in a Shakespearean costume while performing their monologue for their year end project. See Mrs. Dunn's web site for more information.

Mrs. Eyer's News:

Algebra 1 students are getting radical about radicals in their algebra classes. They will be completing their study of radicals this week and next week and then will review geometry skills to prepare them

for next year's math.

Pre-Algebra students are learning geometry for the next 2 weeks.

8th grade Bible students have received their 4th quarter Bible projects. They will each be researching a well known person who contributed a great Christian contribution to our world through their commitment to Jesus Christ. Some of the people are William Tyndale, Father Damien, and Mother Teresa.

7th grade Bible students are completing their last chapter of their Lutheran Catechism's and will be starting a study of the parable of Jesus Christ during the next weeks of school.

6th grade Bible students are as usual continuing their journey through the whole Bible. We are studying the New Testament books until the end of the school year. This will then complete our study/overview of the entire Bible.

Mr. Annis' News:

6th graders are learning how to name, measure & construct angles in math.

7th graders are preparing for Lutheran Track and Field Day on May 8th. The meet will be held at Mililani High School. They are also learning their parts for the plays to be presented to the school in May.

8th graders are learning how to find area, surface area, and volume of geometric figures in Pre-Algebra class.

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

You can now follow Saint Mark on Twitter, and we continue to have all **Financial Aid Forms** available on-line!



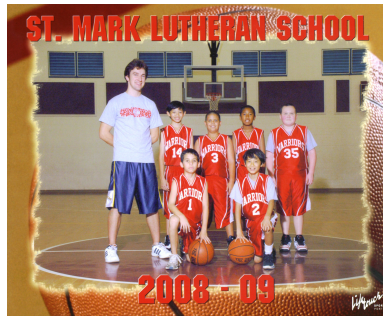


Athletics

We are halfway through our JV basketball season. The boys and girls, and Coach Tim, are enjoying themselves and working hard both in practices and at games. We have four games left, the last three of which are at home. So come on out and cheer on our young athletes.

The Athletic Banquet for the JV and Varsity volleyball teams, the JV and Varsity basketball teams and the cross country team will be held on Thursday, May 7. Please mark that day on your calendar. Details coming soon.

Kickball intramurals for K-3 will be starting in May. We will be playing on Tuesday and Thursdays after school. Team rosters and game schedules will be coming home next week.



Coach Tim and the 2008-09 Boys JV Basketball Team

Uniform Sale

Campus Creations is offering an early bird special on school uniforms.

All Saint Mark Lutheran School families will **receive 10% off** of school uniforms purchased between April 22 to May 6.

Flyers advertising the sale will be sent home with students and will be available on-line at www.smls-hawaii.org.

Please call Campus Creations at 484-9191 or the school office if you have any questions.



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

The PTC is busy working hard to finalize their plans for **Teacher Appreciation Week** which is scheduled for May 4 - May 8.



The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 19 at 3:10 p.m.**

This & That



It's **Kickball** time! All students in grades K-3 can sign up to play in the After School Intramural League. Notices have gone out to the classrooms and need to be returned by Monday, April 27. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 3:05 p.m. and should last about 45 minutes. The season begins the week of May 4 and will last 3 weeks. There are also sign up forms in the school office.

S.A.T. Testing will be taking place next week from April 27 - May 1. Grades 1 - 8 will be taking the tests in the morning usually from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Chapel offerings for February and March went to the Hawaii Food Bank. We collected a total of **\$324**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The **playground renovations** are almost complete. A lot of work was done to improve the look, safety and functionality of the Saint Mark playground below the church.

Saint Mark Lutheran School is now on **Twitter**. Students, parents, extended family, and friends can now follow along with the school's latest updates by simply going to www.twitter.com/smlshawaii.

There is still time to apply for **financial aid**. The applications are available in the school office

and on the school web site at www.smls-hawaii.org.

Dylan Adolpho has won 1st place and **Aaron Wilford** won 2nd place in the 6th grade division of the 2009 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Peace Poetry Contest**, sponsored by the International Peace Poem Project. In the 7th grade division, **Kaimi Chang** won 1st place and **Jannah-Jane Crisostomo** 2nd place. In the 8th grade division, **Nalei Akau** won 1st place and **Keolani Cenido-Nihue** 2nd place.

Saint Mark has just received a **\$25,000 grant** from the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation to be used to begin the planning phase for the expansion of the Saint Mark facilities to include a **Pre-School Center**.