

# Warrior News

Saint Mark Lutheran School  
Kaneohe, Hawaii

May 2009

## A Message from the Principal

*"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
(Romans 15:5-6)*

In a lot of ways, it has been a very challenging school year for many families. The global economic crisis has hit the shores of our 50<sup>th</sup> state and has made it very difficult for many members of the Saint Mark ohana to make ends meet. While words cannot ease the financial pinch many are experiencing, please know that Saint Mark Lutheran School is unified in its commitment to its families and continues to work hard to assist families in these tough times.

In many other ways, however, it has been a wonderful year! Besides watching our students grow spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally, we have seen them become more confident and better equipped to handle the challenges that come their way. As educators, it really is a time to smile!

As we conclude the final weeks of the school year, we say good-bye and hello. We bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Knott, Mrs. Eyer and Mrs. Dunn, and a warm hello to Mrs. Olson (grade 1), Mrs. Hinton (grade 3), Miss Maddick (Jr. High), and Miss Cantrell (Jr. High). Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Eyer, and Mrs. Dunn are all moving (or preparing to move), and Mrs. Knott is retiring from full-time teaching. We thank them for their service to our risen Savior and to the children of Saint Mark. Their work and dedication is greatly appreciated!

And finally, to all those who are leaving Saint Mark, we are unified in our prayer that you are blessed with all the good that God has to offer. We encourage you to please visit us in the future. To those of you returning, we look forward to seeing you in July. And, to all of you, we pray that your summer is safe, relaxing, and altogether refreshing.

In Christ,

R. David Gaudi, Jr.

### Dates to Remember

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  
11:30 a.m. dismissal  
K-5 Report cards go home

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

June 15-19: Summer Mail-  
ing Packets go home

June 28: Pastor Hilpert's  
Installation at Saint Mark

July 28: First Day of School  
11:30 a.m. dismissal

August 5: K-5 Back to  
School Orientation at 6:30  
p.m.

August 6: Gr. 6-8 Back to  
School Orientation at  
6:30 p.m.

August 7: Fall School  
Pictures

August 21: No School  
Admission's Day

September 3 & 4: Gr. 1-8  
Parent Teacher Conferences



## Summer Break!

May 29 is our last day, with an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Please remember, there is **no aftercare** provided on that day.



## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

### Kindergarten:

Kindergartners have a big calendar counting down the last precious days of kindergarten. They enjoyed the Sock Hop, Wheel Week, meeting the new kindergartners, and having lunch with their first grade teacher as well as reading to her. She was impressed and is excited about next year. Graduation is Friday evening, May 22. Before the cap and gown ceremony the children will present their operetta "The Adventures of Snow White." They are ready and excited. They'll



celebrate with a beach day the last week of school and take a lei to the Veteran's Cemetery in honor of Memorial Day.

### First grade:

First graders have now finished the Daily Word Practice, Daily Word Problem, and Daily Language Review books and have almost finished our entire math book as well! They are excited about their Parent Picnic and Slideshow this Friday and the Silent Auction and Movie Theatre next Tuesday. We're going to have such a good time! As our year draws to an end I

would just like to thank the first grade parents for your support with your child's education. You have made our activities and learning possible through the giving of your time, money, and patience.

### Second grade:

The second grade students are looking forward to their Craft Day and Family lunch. The students will get to spend their "moola" that they have been collecting all year. We have been reading "Charlotte's Web" and the students are excited to find out what happens at the end of the story. As the year comes to a close we all look back at how much we've learned, grown, and experienced.

## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

### Third grade:

Third graders enjoyed seeing the *Goodnight Moon* performance. They are now writing their own version of the book using their bedrooms as the main scene. The students are also looking forward to their last open market next week Thursday and the last day of school. A fond aloha to **Shayla**, **Kahili** and **Sophia** who will be attending other schools. Have an awesome summer Friendly Frogs!

### Fourth grade:

The fourth grade just returned from the annual Big Island trip that included visits to many of Hawaii's most treasured historical sites and the famous Hawaii Volcanoes Na-

tional Park. The vog couldn't keep us away! We toured the island



**Grade 4 students listening to their instructors at a recent field trip to the Waikalua Loko Fishpond**

from Kaloko-Honokohau's fishponds and petroglyph covered pohaku to King Kamehameha the Great's huge heiau on his royal grounds to Akaka Falls and the extraordinary Hawaii Tropical Botanical Gardens. In Hilo, we tried to turn over the naha stone, learned about the devastation caused in our area by big waves at the Tsunami Museum, walked and played in tide pools at Punaluu's black sand beach, and saw the "place of refuge" at Honaunau and the monument to Capt. Cook at Keala-kekua Bay. What a busy and an exciting adventure to conclude our Hawaiian Studies program! Mahalo ke Akua! (Thanks Be To God!)

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

### Fifth grade:

The fifth grade class is busy practicing an original play that they wrote based on the book *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell which they had read as part of their literature program. Not only did they write the script, but they have designed the costumes, created all of the scenery, and even recorded

some sound effects for the production. We will be performing the play in the chapel at school from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27. Everyone is invited, so please plan to join us.

We offer our congratulations to **Spencer Oda** who recently took the 1st place prize in the 5th Annual

Mother's Day Essay Contest. Congratulations Spencer....way to go!



Enjoy your summer Break!!

# Classroom News - Junior High

## Mr. Weber's News:

**6th grade science** students are currently studying the atmosphere and will finish the school year with an astronomy unit.

**7th grade science** students are studying the respiratory system and will end the year looking at the nervous system.

**8th grade science** class recently finished their "Catapult" projects and they were a great success. Thank you to all the parents for their help with that project. Students will finish the year studying the characteristics of waves.

**7th grade social studies** students are studying the Pacific region. They are also working on an "Itinerary" project which is due on May 27th.

## Mrs. Dunn's News:

**6th grade English** students are working on grammar rules and diagramming sentences this quarter. They should be reading their last AR book due May 22nd.

**7th grade English** students are working in their *Shurley Grammar Books* and reading *Much Ado About Nothing* by Shakespeare. They should also be reading their last AR book due May 22nd. Students did great on their Globe Theaters. Come to the class to see them.

**8th grade English** students are working in their *Shurley Grammar Books* and are reading *Macbeth* by Shakespeare. They should be reading their last AR book due May 22nd.

**6th grade social studies** students are finishing up their history book and will have a test this week.

**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. They turned out great. Come to the room to see them.

**8th grade drama** students performed their Shakespearean monologues last Friday. They did fantastic!! I am so proud of my 8th graders. They have learned so much in drama this year. Drama allows a safe place to try out situations in real life, promotes critical thinking skills, increases awareness of others, helps with self-confidence, and lets you step out of your shell.

## Mrs. Eyer's News:

**Bible 8** students just finished a five point 750 word essay on INTEGRITY, HONESTY, GRATEFULNESS, LYING and RESPECT. 8th grade will be ending the school year Bible classes by giving oral reports of their research papers over their assigned Christian biographical study.

**7th grade Bible** classes are learning about the seven steps to salvation. They are writing dialogue's of people sharing the salvation message using the seven steps of salvation.

**Bible 6** students are learning all about Jesus. Some of the topics are the life of Jesus, the teaching ministry of Jesus, the parables of Jesus, and the miracles of Jesus.

**8th algebra** students are finished with their algebra 1 books. They are now studying geometry basics to prepare them for geometry next year.

**7th Pre-Algebra** students are almost finished with their pre-algebra books. With the remaining time after the books are finished we will be reviewing as many algebra concepts as possible to prepare students for algebra next year.

## Mr. Annis' News:

Saint Mark did very well at the **Lutheran School's Track Meet** held at Mililani High School. Our students came home with a lot of winning ribbons.

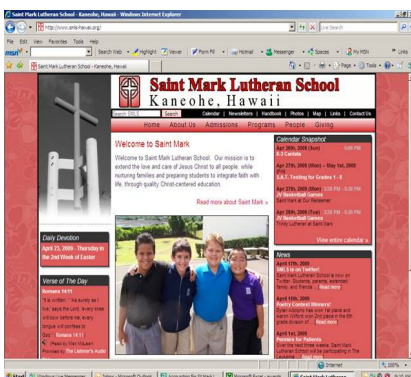
**7th grade drama** students are working on plays that will be presented to the school on Thursday, May 28 at 1:50 p.m.

**Grades 6 - 8** are all preparing for their last tests in American History and Math.



Kindergartners and 8th Graders having an Ice Cream Party

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



## Athletics



Both the JV boys and girls basketball teams finished second in their division. Congratulations to both teams & Coach Tim!

Intramural kickball with the kindergartners, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders was a lot of fun. Thanks to the coaches, pitchers/umpires, and especially the parents, grandparents, and all of the fans who came out to cheer for our keiki. We all had a lot of fun!

Our athletic year is just about over with. The Lutheran Schools Sport League will hold its golf tournament this Saturday, May 23 at the Hawaii Kai Executive Course. We have two students

participating in the tournament.

This year we had over half of our 4th - 8th graders participating in volleyball, cross country, basketball, and golf. Our teams enjoyed great success!

Congratulations to all the players and a big mahalo to our coaches, Mr. Rudy Reese (volleyball), Mr. Aron Weber (cross country), Mr. Miles Yasuda (varsity basketball), and Mr. Tim Walsworth (JV basketball).

We would also like to thank Mrs. Christine Thomas for preparing the food and planning the very successful athletic banquet.

## Used Uniform Sale

We would like to request your donation of gently used school uniforms. For each uniform piece donated, you will be credited with a voucher allowing you to purchase another uniform piece for \$1.00 at the sale on June 8th!

Bring your washed and ready to sell used uniforms to the school office by **May 29th** (uniforms will be accepted through the first week of June). Be sure to label your bag so that your child will be credited with the proper number of vouchers!

The sale is at Saint Mark Lutheran School on **Monday, June 8, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** (or while supplies last). The cost is \$1.00 per piece (per voucher) and \$5.00 per piece (without a voucher).



## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

The PTC carefully planned and wonderfully executed some outstanding Teacher Appreciation Week activities and surprises. The highlight of the week was a delicious and enjoyable lunch for the faculty and staff.



The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 18, 2009.**

## This & That

Our **Box Tops for Education** program raised approximately \$430 during this school year. Thank you to so many of you who clipped and sent in countless Box Tops for our school. Classes that received pizza/ice cream/root beer float parties were: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th. PLEASE keep clipping and saving Box Tops this summer as we will continue classroom contests next year. We have almost raised enough to purchase our new PA system for the gym! Way to go and thank you so much for all of your effort!!!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Saint Mark!** From June 8-12 Saint Mark will be hosting Vacation Bible School, where children from ages 4-12 can have fun with friends while learning about the

wonders and works of Jesus' creation. Flyers advertising VBS were sent home with students and are available on-line at [www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org). Please call the church office at 247-4565 if you have any questions.



**The Dedication/Blessing of the New Playground on April 27**

**Office hours during the summer break** will be shortened. The office will usually be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.



**Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Gibo and Miss Mirikidani Testing Out the New Playground Equipment**