

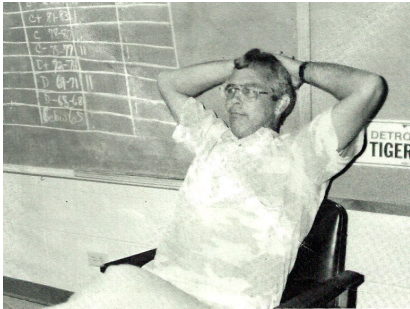
Warrior News

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**

May 2010

A Message from the Principal



Mr. Annis in 1987

teacher she had ever had (at any level, at any school). That's saying a lot about Mr. Annis' instruction!

Besides being a fantastic teacher, Mr. Annis has also been a mentor, role-model, and friend to his students.

For the past 26 years he has been a strong, reliable and ever-present pillar at Saint Mark, and he will be sorely missed.

It is with mixed emotions that we bid a fond farewell to our long-time Junior High Teacher and good friend - Mr. Tom Annis.

From his wonderful smile and genuine affinity for his students to his fun-loving nature yet no-nonsense approach to discipline, Mr. Annis has left an indelible mark on more than a generation of windward Oahu students. Amy Kassouni (Chaffin) from the Saint Mark class of 1986 recently told me that Mr. Annis was the best math



Mr. Annis in 2010

Please join me as we thank, congratulate, and wish Mr. Annis all of God's blessings as he transitions to the next phase of his life. Happy Retirement! We love you and will miss you!

Mahalo Nui Loa for your service!

R. David Gaudi Jr.



Mr. Annis in 1988

Dates to Remember

May 21: Kindergarten Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

May 27: Grade 8 Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

May 28: Last Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal with NO AFTERCARE

May 28: K-5 Report cards go home with students

June 1-4: Gr. 6-8 Report cards mailed home

June 14-18: Summer Mailing Packets go home

June 16: PTC Planning Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

July 29: First Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal

August 4: K-5 Back to School Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

August 5: Grades 6-8 Back to School Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

August 6: Fall School Pictures

August 20: No School Admission's Day

September 2 & 3: Grades 1-8 Parent Teacher Conferences

September 6: No School Labor Day

Church Barbecue

Saint Mark will have a special "ohana" worship service on Sunday, May 30th at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Memorial Day barbecue. This is a great opportunity to gather as the family of school and church in order to commemorate Memorial Day, kick off summer vacations, and to enjoy one another's company. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! The church is providing the food, so school families just need to show up!

Please call the church office at 247-4565 or the school office at 247-5589 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: All the talk in Kindergarten is about graduation and the graduates presenting their operetta, "Just Pretend"- first to all the Saint Mark students and then to family and friends at graduation. The last week of school Mrs. Gundermann will refer to her students as first graders as they wrap up a wonderful school year. They have learned many things and have made good friends. Mrs. Olson will lead them in the recessional

after the graduation ceremony. The children have already read to her and will spend a half hour in first

grade getting more acquainted with first grade activities. It's been an exciting school year.

First Grade: The first graders are looking forward to the special end-of-the-year activities we've planned. Our classroom will be transformed into "Camp Learned-a-lot" with blankets, pillows, and a make-believe campfire. We'll tell stories and reminisce about our year together. Our camp-out wouldn't be complete without smores and hot dogs! We're also having a silent



First Grade Girls Enjoying themselves at May Day

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auction that will feature tons of wonderful books. The children will use the "moolas" they've worked so hard to earn throughout the year to bid for some great books to read over the summer.

Second Grade: The second graders are very excited that they are almost third graders! The students are looking forward to eating lunch with their families during the family potluck and making crafts during Craft Day. They have worked very hard this year and have learned a lot and grown a lot. They are very proud of all of the big numbers they can add and subtract, the BIG words they can spell, and the long stories they can read. I (Miss Mirikidani) am so proud of the second graders and all they have accomplished this school year.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: The third graders have definitely morphed into fourth graders these last few weeks. They have worked hard all year and have accomplished great things. We will continue to have



homework through the end of the school year. A special thank you to my students for making me feel so appreciated during Teacher Appreciation Week. And "Thank you" Frandee, Sophie's mom, for organizing that whole event. You are all awesome!

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders had a fantastic trip to the Big Island. Mahalo to **Mele Manu, Cissy Shaner, Carol Jardon, Gloria Hamada, Eric Chun, Bert Taniguchi, and Joe Souza** for being incredible chaperones. I am very impressed with how well the students responded to our jammed packed trip itinerary. While on the Big Island, the

students visited an ancient heiau, observed Hawaiian wild life at the Kaloko-Honokohau fish ponds, walked through a beautiful botanical garden, enjoyed the breathtaking views of Akaka Falls, tried to lift the famous Naha

Stone, were amazed by the power and sites of Volcano National Park, felt the mana at Pu'uuhonua Honau-nau (place of refuge), marveled over the black sand present at Punaluu Beach, and got "hands-on" at the Onizuka Space Museum. I feel very



blessed to have been given the opportunity to see my students learn and thrive outside the classroom.

This was one trip to the Big Island that the students and I will never forget.

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: May Day was wonderful and Fifth Grade wants to thank one of our parents, **Nalani Badua-Fernandes**, for all that she did to make our part of the celebration so great. She taught us a traditional hula and practiced with us for



weeks. She also sewed matching Hawaiian outfits. She made dresses for the girls and shirts for the boys. Finally, her husband picked all the flowers and she made fresh



leis so we could wear them for our dance. From all the families in fifth grade and myself, we all wish a Big MAHALO to **Mrs. Badua-Fernandes!**

Classroom News - Junior High

Mrs. Hantel's News:

These **eighth grade algebra** students have worked very hard this year working with various algebraic concepts and preparing for high school math. They said the year was "fun, but very challenging."

The **seventh grade pre-algebra** students were able to delve into many different concepts this year including algebra, geometry & statistics.

Sixth grade Bible students have spent the year traveling throughout the Old Testament. They have visited with various important people from Abraham to Job. Most recently they have had the opportunity to learn from Jonah's mistakes.

The **science students** have said that this year has been "exciting, interesting and filled with many, many notes!" The **sixth graders** are ending the year with a study on Antarctica while the **seventh graders** are ending with a interdisciplinary unit on canines. Our graduating **eighth graders** will be leaving behind a campus full of eggshells as they will be building contraptions to hold eggs dropped from the roof!

Miss Maddick's News:

As we wrap up our year, we are looking forward to applying the lessons we learned to the new opportunities we will face next year and beyond.

Themes from the WWII reading groups in the **eighth grade** will remind the students to persevere even through seemingly hopeless situations. The **seventh graders**

will look at situations from other peoples' perspective before casting judgment because of reading *Nothing But the Truth*. A *Wrinkle in Time* has taught the **sixth graders** that they can use their gifts and weaknesses to do great things in life.

The **seventh and eighth grade Bible students** are identifying ways they can live and fuel their faith. Scripture encourages us to be who Christ wants us to be despite the roadblocks we face. The **sixth graders** are learning about the roadblocks that leaders and citizens have faced throughout history. With this knowledge we hope to rise to the challenges we face in life with the support of those who went before us. Blessings to all students and families as you enjoy summer vacation.

Mr. Annis' News:

As the school year comes to an end, there is always a fear that the students will start their vacation too soon. There are a number of tests left to take and homework assignments to complete. Please help your child stay on track and end the year well. The students will be asked to help clean their classroom and lockers. Every year at this time students tend to throw away good school supplies. Please encourage them to take these supplies home to use next year.

Mr. Johnson's News:

It has been an honor and a privilege working at Saint Mark this past year! As some of you know, I'll be moving back to college in Minnesota this summer. Thank you for

welcoming me into the school with open arms and for allowing me to teach your children! I feel so blessed to have built friendships with so many amazing people this past year! My Hawaiian ohana will always have a special place in my heart! Mahalo and aloha!

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen!" - 2 Cor. 13:14

Letter from Mr. Annis

It is always a pleasure to observe the students mature in 6-8 grade and become prepared to move on to high school. I come to the end of this school year with mixed emotions. After saying aloha to this year's 8th graders, I will be retiring. I have been at SMLS for 26 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director and May Day coordinator. I could not have done this without the wonderful teachers, staff, and parents with whom I've worked all these years. You wonderful parents have volunteered to help with May Day, volleyball games, and track meets. You have been there to support me as we worked together to help your children succeed. Thank you for entrusting your children to me for all these years. I would also like to thank my wonderful wife for her help & support these past 26 years.

Mahalo and Aloha,
Mr. Tom Annis

P.S. Thank you for not running over me in the parking lot after school.

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

The website is continually kept fresh with **calendar updates, news updates and Facebook and Twitter updates, as well as daily devotions and daily Bible verses.**



Athletics



The JV boys' and girls' basketball teams both played hard and had fun learning a lot about the game of basketball this year. Thanks to **Coach Kim** and referee turned coach, **Coach Bruce**, who helped coach the second half of the season.

We are in the middle of our intramural kickball games with the kindergartners, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. Thanks to the coaches, pitchers/umpires, and especially the parents, grandparents, and all of the fans who are coming out to cheer for our keiki. We are all having a lot of fun!

This year we had over half of our students participating in volleyball, cross country, basketball, and kickball. We learned a lot this year: how to play together as a team, exhibit good sportsmanship, and the sports of volleyball, basketball, cross country and even kickball. We made new friends and had fun in the process.

Congratulations to all the players and a big mahalo to our coaches, **Miss Kim Simao** (volleyball and basketball), **Mr. Ryan Won** (varsity basketball), **Mr. Peter Johnson** (cross country), and **Mr. Bruce Clark** (who helped with JV basketball), and the teachers and staff (**Mrs. Olson, Miss Mirikidani, Mrs. Hinton, Mrs. Hantel, Miss Maddick, Mrs. Kong, Mr. Johnson, and Pastor Matt**) who helped coach and pitch/umpire our kickball games.

We will be having a **Sports Banquet** on Thursday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym for all the athletes who participated in volleyball, cross country, and basketball. A special thanks to **Mrs. Sabina Wilford** who is organizing the event.

Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

The PTC Officers for the 2010-2011 school year have been elected and are as follows:



President - **Cissy Shaner**;
Vice President - **Liz Stone**;
Secretary - **Kathleen Funk-Linton**;
Treasurer - **Mele Manu**.



Please join us at the next PTC meeting on **Wednesday, June 16 at 6:00 pm** to discuss and plan for the major fall fundraiser. We are hoping for a good turn out!

This & That

Chapel offerings for April totaling \$258 went to the *Make a Wish* foundation. As always, we appreciate your generosity!

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

Keiki are invited to attend "**Planet Zoom**", this summer's **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** at Saint Mark! Planet Zoom will teach keiki that because Jesus died and rose for them, they can play a BIG role in God's kingdom, by sharing His love! Saint Mark will host VBS every evening from 5:30-8:00 p.m. from June 7-11 for keiki ages 4-12. Families are invited to come for a free dinner at 5:30 p.m. and are welcome to stay for the keiki

VBS which will begin at 6:00 p.m. Parents are also invited to attend an adult Bible study which will begin at 6:30 p.m. each night. If you are interested, please call the church office at 247-4565

We welcome **Mrs. Michelle McGregor** to the Saint Mark ohana! She comes with nearly 20 years of teaching experience and will begin teaching in our Junior High in July.

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



Facebook



Twitter

Congratulations to second grader **Maluhia Ma'a** who won 3rd Place in the 6th Annual Mother's Day Essay Contest!

All are invited to **Family Bunco Night** on Friday, July 16th at 6:30 pm. Join us down in the gym and learn this fun game for all ages! It's a perfect opportunity to say aloha to **Mr. Peter Johnson** before he leaves the islands and welcome our new DCE intern **Loretta Moerbe** and her husband Kevin, who will have just arrived on island. Snacks, desserts, and drinks will be provided.



Please enjoy your Summer Break!!