



Saint Mark Lutheran School News

October 2007

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
(Matthew 11: 28).*

The verse above makes it clear that when we are feeling anxious, tired or troubled, we should turn to our Good Lord and cast our burdens upon Him. And He will give us peace and provide us with the comfort we need. That being said, I pray that you and your children enjoyed a safe and relaxing October intersession.

The start of the second quarter marks the kickoff of our annual "For Your School" fundraiser. It runs from October 17 to October 31st and involves selling a wide range of products from various catalogues. It is an important fundraiser for our school and the proceeds will be used to help upgrade some of the school's technology.


There is also a rumor that the principal will spend a night on the roof of the school if our sales' goal is reached. It may sound a little crazy but does seem to be a good motivator for our students.

A big Mahalo to all of you for your support of this fundraiser and for your continued support of your school.


In Christian Love,

R. David Gaudi Jr.

Dates to Remember



Oct 23:	P.T.C. meeting at 3:00 pm
Oct. 27:	Family Work Day at 8:00 am
Oct. 28:	K-3 Choir Concert and Potluck
Oct. 31:	'For Your School' fundraiser ends
Oct. 29-31:	Grade 8 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman
Oct. 31-Nov. 2:	Grade 5 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman
Nov. 4:	Grade 6 sings at 8:30 am church service
Nov. 8-9:	No School - Lutheran Teachers' Conferences
Nov. 12:	No School - Veterans' Day
Nov. 13:	Lutheran High School Parent night at St. Mark at 7:00 pm
Nov. 14:	Flu Vaccination at 8:30 am
Nov. 17:	St. Mark Lutheran School 50th Year Celebration from 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Nov. 22-23:	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 29:	Open House for prospective parents 5:30 - 7:30 pm



K - 5 CLASSROOM NEWS:

Kindergarten Everyone was happy to see each other after break. The month of October will be short, but Kindergarteners are learning about the season of fall, beginning with a visit to the Ewa Beach pumpkin patch. Then there are activities about discoverers', and especially the early Polynesians who 'discovered' our islands. They will also be learning about fire safety for Fire Prevention Month, making Halloween decorations, and learning about Martin Luther and "Reformation."



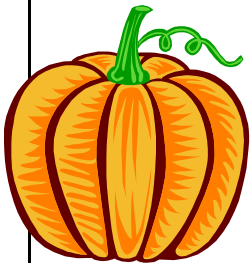
First graders have been busy learning about autumn, apples and pumpkins! We've shared our apple treats and picked our own pumpkins off the vine. Students are excited and looking forward to their choir performance as well. We've been making sea creatures for our ocean and learning many songs.

Second graders had a wonderful time visiting the pumpkin patch. They got to go on a hayride and pick out a pumpkin to take home. The students have been singing songs and getting ready for their choir concert. They have also been busy reading new stories, learning how to write a letter.

Third graders handed in awesome moon base projects. They are looking forward to their pumpkin activities at the end of October. Do bigger pumpkins have more seeds? They will let you know their results in the next Newsletter.

Fourth grade

4th grade took a trip to Bishop Museum and reviewed how an island is populated by plants and animals and then later changed when humans arrive – all through a puppet show activity. We also traveled to Tahiti and back to Hawaii by the stars in the planetarium! We walked through the volcano, explored the Polynesian halls, and even got to learn about the human brain in the Science Center.



Fifth graders began the study of colonial life in America with a field trip to Honolulu. They did a walking tour of many historical buildings, such as Iolani Palace and the Mission Houses. In front of the Kamehameha statue they were taped by KHON and were on the news that night! They also toured a recreated Colonial home at the Academy of Arts, and had a chance to work an actual loom. Afterwards the class discussed how different life was during the 1600's and what colonists had to do to survive. It was a great trip and allowed our students to experience colonial life first-hand.

“A POTPOURRI OF MUSIC” Sunday, October 28th @ 5:00 p.m.

All the children in grades 1, 2, 3 and Kindergarten will be singing.
Potluck to follow. Please highlight your calendars!

50th Year Celebration Luau

Saturday, November 17 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
We hope that you all will help us celebrate 50 wonderful years.

JUNIOR HIGH CLASSROOM NEWS:

This month the **6th graders** will turn in the Earthquake reports they have all been working very hard on. They will also have a short quiz on Volcanoes and will be assisting Mrs. Ranstead with the upcoming chapels.

The **7th graders** and **8th graders** are working hard on Christmas plays which they will put on for the whole school in December.

The **8th graders** have finished the first quarter with their Tall Tale projects. They have also wrapped up their literature class with The Contender by Robert Lipsyte. From October 29 - 31 they are scheduled to go to Camp Erdman and are still in need of one more chaperon. Please contact Mrs. Koch or the school office if you can help with this Leadership Training activity!

All **Junior High** students are taking the National Physical Fitness Test . This test recognizes students for their level of physical fitness in 5 events: curl-ups or partial curl-ups, shuttle run, endurance run/walk, pull-ups or right angle push-ups, and V-sit or sit and reach. The Physical Fitness Test offers awards for students who meet the program qualifications.

Principal's List

Tani Buckley

Jannah-Jane Crisostomo

Kaleo Hookano

Seann Kailio

Kelli Lyman

Kealani Ryder

Zachery Thomas

Ashley Wong

Simeon David

Cody Howland

Tatiana Irvine

Kristen Poei

Aaron Miyasaki

Zachary Pilien

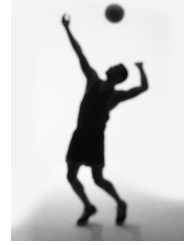
These Junior High Students are being recognized for earning a 3.75 (or above) grade point average in the first quarter.



ATHLETICS

Varsity volleyball has ended with our boys coming in second during the season and third in the tournament. Our girls finished the season in first place and came in second in the tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS to both!



This & That:

*We are excited about our **FOR YOUR SCHOOL** fundraiser. The catalog contains gift and collector items from Disney and other licensed artists such as Mary Engelbreit, Susan Zulauf, Flavia and Debra Jordan Bryan. There are also gift wrap and delicious food items. But what has the kids most enthusiastic is Mr. Gaudi's promise that if we reach our goal of \$25,000 in sales he will spend a night on the roof!

*Last month **chapel offerings** totaled \$348 and went to **Family Promise**. Family Promise is a Hawaii Homeless Sheltering Project where homeless families are given meals and a place to sleep . The chapel offerings for this month will go to the **Hawaii Food Bank**.

*Our new phone system is scheduled to be installed the end of October! Thank you for your patience during this long wait.

*Mrs. Kong and Mrs. Lawrence have made the Accelerated Reader quiz list available on our website www.smls-hawaii.org (then click on Accelerated Reader). These lists can be viewed by title or book level. Thank you Mrs. Kong and Mrs. Lawrence!

*Lutheran High School's parent night at St. Mark is on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00pm. Junior High parents are invited to come and learn about Lutheran High School.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2007 ST. MARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL FAMILY WORK DAY!



When: Saturday, October 27 from 8:00 am - ??
Where: St. Mark Lutheran School
Who: Faculty, Staff, Church Members, Families

Everyone is welcome, but all students must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your tool belt, painting supplies, and/or cleaning supplies. There will be something for everyone, and lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP with a call to Leilani or Mel in the school office (247-5589).