

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**

October 2010

A Message from the Principal



I hope that you all had an enjoyable fall intersession. Now that the break is over, it is time to put the final touches on our 1st Annual Benefit Gala - "Flavors Around the World". It is scheduled to begin at 6:00pm on Saturday, November 6 at *The Pacific Club*.

The Pacific Club The teachers are busy finalizing their class projects and are continuing to collect items for their class baskets. The projects that I have had the pleasure of seeing are fantastic and should generate some genuine excitement at the silent auction.

Tickets remain available for those who would like to attend the gala, and donations are still happily being accepted for the silent auction. The last day to purchase tickets or submit donations is Friday, October 29.

The PTC will have a table set up at this Sunday's K-3 Concert and Potluck and in front of the school office next Wednesday, October 27 to help with any final purchases, answer any questions, and/or collect any donations.

Thank you very much to all who have generously given so much in support of this important event.

This gala would not be possible without your amazing contributions!



Dates to Remember

October 24: Grades K-3 Concert and Potluck at 5:00 p.m.

November 1-3: Grades 5, 7, & 8 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman

November 4 & 5: Lutheran Teachers' Conference No School

November 6: 1st Annual Benefit Gala at *The Pacific Club*

November 10: Open House for Prospective Parents at 5:30 p.m.

November 11: Veterans' Day No School

November 16: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

November 19: Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences Grades 1-8 11:30 a.m. Dismissal

November 21: Grades K-3 sing at the 8:30 a.m. Service

November 25 & 26: Thanksgiving Break No School

December 12: K-3 Christmas Program at 5:00 p.m.

December 14: Grades 4-6 Choir and Grades 4-8 Band Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m.

December 17: 2nd Quarter Ends 11:30 a.m. Dismissal with No Aftercare

All are Invited to the K-3 Concert & Potluck

A Potpourri of Music

The "Potpourri of Music" concert presented by Grades K-3 is on **Sunday, October 24 at 5 p.m.** Babysitting will be provided during the concert. Everyone is invited to stay for the potluck and babysitting will be provided. Bring a main dish and either salad or dessert.



Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten:

The Kindergarteners were happy to see each other after their two week break. They told about "Beauty and the Beast," Justin Bieber, Disneyland fun, the Haunted Lagoon, and fun beach times. Now the kindergarteners are back at work: talking about discoverers, the season of autumn, how pumpkins grow, and teen numerals. They are making



Kindergarten Having Fun in the Pool with Their Chapel Buddies

lots of Halloween, autumn and Thanksgiving decorations. They are also anxiously awaiting a visit from Sparky, the fire dog, who will teach fire safety.

First Grade:

The first graders are looking forward to our "Pumpkin Party" and the costume parade on Friday, October 29 at 1:40 p.m. We're also busy preparing for our upcoming Thanksgiving musical play, "No Turkey for Perky". We'll perform the play Wednesday, November 24 during the lunch hour. More details to come!

Second Grade:

October will be full of Fall fun for the second graders. We will be making delicious caramel apples, paper pumpkins with funny faces, writing silly stories about pumpkins, and making a cute and yummy scarecrow snack. The students are looking forward to dressing up and being part of a costume parade. The

"The students are excited about the new computers..."

students are excited about the new computers in the computer lab and getting to watch educational videos using the new projector. All in all the second graders are enjoying Fall!

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade:

The third grade has started the second quarter with a bang. We are working on our quilt for the Gala, thanks to Mrs. Lee and some great help from parents. It is turning out very nicely. We have started a science unit on the earth, sun and moon. We have been working outside at different times of the day measuring our shadows to see how the position of the sun and time of day affect the length of our shadows. In math we are subtracting three digit numbers and trying to remember, "Bottom Bigger, Better Borrow". We will also be working a lot with maps this quarter. Since the second quarter is shorter than other quarters, please encourage your child to get their AR points early. 15 out of our 17 students will be having lunch provided by the

teacher for reaching their six point AR goal for the first quarter. They have become real readers.

Fourth Grade:

It was so wonderful seeing the fourth graders' beautiful smiles as they walked through my door on the first day back from Fall Break. I sure did miss them. The fourth graders were surprised to see their teacher in a cast from the knee down. They have been such great helpers in the classroom. Mahalo nui loa keiki! Before the students ended their first quarter of the school year, they explored the religion of the ancient Hawaiian people. The students were amazed to learn that the Hawaiian people worshiped many gods and that all the gods had their own purpose. The boys were very fascinated with the

war god Kū. I'm not surprised. My students were extremely excited to learn that we will be visiting a pu'uhonua (place of peace or refuge) on our Big Island trip. We will visit the largest and most famous pu'uhonua in Honaunau. It feels very rewarding to connect what they are learning from a textbook to a real life experience. The fourth graders created their own rain in a fun science lab involving a small scale simulated mud slide. We are currently exploring weathering and erosion. The students predicted how the rain might shape our land. Fourth graders know how to make science fun!



Fourth Grades Engaged in an Interesting Science experiment

sions and how to stand up for their beliefs.

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade:

Fifth Grade has begun another great program called D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) with Officer Gary Masiglat. It's sponsored by H.P.D. and is designed to help fifth graders make good choices



Fifth Grades Listening to D.A.R.E. Officer Gary Masiglat

through their pre-teen & teenage years. It focuses on building self-esteem and learning the facts about smoking, alcohol use, and illegal drugs. It teaches them the importance of making good deci-



Classroom News - Junior High

Mrs. Hantel's News:

The **seventh graders** are spending the next quarter studying the life, miracles and parables of Jesus. The students are also diving into the Bible using the SOAP method. This method allows the student to break the verses into smaller parts so they can come to a higher understanding of the Word and how to apply the verse to their lives.

The **seventh grade social studies** class made a trip across the mainland and across the pond over to Europe. After studying the different physical features and locations of European countries, the students will look into the history and culture of the different countries. The **eighth graders** finished their study of the Constitution last quarter. During the next few weeks they will look into how the Constitution took shape, starting with our first president, George Washington.

The **sixth graders** are growing more confident in their math skills. They love being able to practice these skills on their individual whiteboards. **Seventh grade pre-algebra** students are spending the next few weeks practicing some of their foundational math skills so they can be fully prepared when they begin solving multistep equations. The **eighth graders** are stepping up the difficulty level and are solving for variables in increasingly challenging equations.

Miss Maddick's News:

This quarter is busy in all subject areas. Each language arts class is

reading a new book. **Sixth grade** is reading *A Christmas Carol*, **seventh grade** is reading *Nothing But the Truth*, and **eighth grade** is reading *Uglies*. All three novels prompt great discussion. Ask your child to tell you about them! In language arts and social studies we will be starting our research paper. This will keep them busy with check points all quarter and into next quarter. In **sixth grade social studies** we will be studying ancient Greece and Rome. In Bible, the **eighth graders** will be studying prayer, so help them remember to spend time in prayer. They will also practice studying the Bible in small groups with Pastor Matt, Mrs. Moerbe, and me.

Mrs. McGregor's News:

Students in **sixth grade science** class have been studying the earth's layers. Each student made Styrofoam models to represent the thickness and characteristics of the different layers. They used hand-made plants, Goldfish crackers and a map of the "one landmass" to illustrate evidences of Pangaea. Currently, they are studying faults, plate tectonics, and earthquakes.

Seventh grade science students have been studying osmosis and diffusion. They completed several labs to enhance their understanding of these processes. Currently students have illustrated and given explanations of osmosis for celery in water vs. celery in a salt solution. Students were given the challenge to design their own experiment in order to test their scientific ques-

tion, make observations, and summarize data collected. The interesting results will be submitted the last week of October!

Join the **eighth graders** as they use clues to solve element brainteasers (Masked bandit: Nitrogen + Cobalt + Radium + Oxygen) in their science class. Students have been organizing elements in the Periodic Table, figuring number of protons, electrons and neutrons, defining parts of an atom, determining trends in atomic size and ionization energy in the Periodic Table and becoming familiar with the characteristics and purposes for a variety of elements. Students will be completing activities and projects to enrich their understanding of the interesting elements in the Periodic Table of Elements.

Mrs. Moerbe's News:

Welcome back from Fall Break! We are picking up with football and will soon be moving on to soccer! We do a lot of running in football and soccer, so a friendly reminder to encourage your student to wear athletic shoes that give good support to protect their ankles from injury!

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of Youth Night! We are really having a great time! There are many upcoming service projects for your student to be a part of these next couple months - so keep an eye out for those flyers! Also, if you would like to suggest any ideas of service projects we can get involved in, please e-mail me!

Junior High Awards

Principal's List

(GPA 3.75 - 4.0)

Adrienne Bonham
Isaiah Graham
Martine Marantz
Sean Oketani
Jayson Wong
Courtney Young
Megan Howland
Madison Lee
Kailani Linton
Haley Pilien
Brock Staheli

Alana Thomas

Jason Lau

Anastasiya Melnyk

Aaron Wilford

Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0 - 3.74)

MiKayla Aki
Aimee Clark
Risa McGregor
Darrin Tsugawa
Autumn Butler
Stephen Manuel

Keaka Rodrigues

Dominic Sousa

Daesha Wilson

Chasey Abrams

Tiana Buckley

Pa'ahana Kaha'ulelio

Kealani Keni

Deja Lee

Samson Low

Rose Naone

Jonathan Pond

Shaiann Smith

Daniel Traylor

Citizenship Award

Adrienne Bonham

Risa McGregor

Martine Marantz

Sean Oketani

Jayson Wong

Courtney Young

Autumn Butler

Skye Hinazumi

Megan Howland

Madison Lee

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Awards (cont.)

Kailani Linton
Stephen Manuel
Nicole Pang
Hayley Pilien
Keaka Rodrigues
Brock Stahili
Alana Thomas
Jason Lau
Aaron Wilford



Athletics



The varsity volleyball teams had a very successful and rewarding season. They improved both as teams and as individuals during the season. They also showed mental toughness and fortitude as they continued to play hard and do their best in difficult circumstances. We are proud of them and thank them for the fun and excitement they provided. Both teams came in second in the post-season tournament. Congratulations!

The JV volleyball (5th and 6th graders) teams have started practices and play their first game on Tuesday, October 26 at Pearl Harbor. We are looking forward to a great season with these enthusiastic and hard working players.

Varsity basketball practices is starting with Coach Bruce for our 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Information was sent home with the practice and game schedules. The first games will be the pre-season 20/20 tournaments.



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC is busy working on the **1st Annual Benefit Gala** for Saint Mark on Saturday, November 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at *The Pacific Club*. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact the school office at 247-5589. Mahalo!



This & That

A big thanks to all of our Saint Mark families for being so generous with **Chapel Donations**. In August we raised \$200 for *Lutheran Church Missouri Synod School Missions*, and in September a total of \$321 was raised for the *Family Promise* program.

Saint Mark joins more than 25,000 schools nationwide in the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients** program. We will be helping people who are sick with blood cancers like leukemia. All you have to do, in addition to sending weekly **chapel offerings**, is to send in your loose change. Your student will put the change



Be Thankful!

in a **classroom bucket** and work with their classmates to collect as many coins for patients as possible. We will continue to collect through Wednesday, November 17. Every cent counts, so be sure to empty your pockets, cup holders, change containers, and more to help children and adults with blood cancers.

Teachers will be attending the annual **Lutheran Teachers' Conference** on November 4 & 5. There will be no school on those days.

The **Kindergarten - Grade 3** will **sing** at the Saint Mark Church Sunday morning worship service on November 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Sparky, the Fire Dog, will be talking to the **kindergarten and first graders** on Friday, October 29.

Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are going to the Hawaii Theatre on Wednesday, November 3 to see "The Legend of Rusalka, Opera's Little Mermaid" by Antonin Dvorak. **Grades 5,7 and 8** will be at **Camp Erdman** that day.



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