

# Warrior News

Saint Mark Lutheran School  
Kaneohe, Hawaii

October 2008

## A Message from the Principal

*"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Philemon 1:6*

We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing fall intersession!

The second quarter is already in full swing with many exciting events to come in the days and weeks ahead. In addition to the engaging class discussions, creative daily activities and exciting field trips, we also have the K-3 Concert & Potluck, the family work day, the Ronald McDonald visit, the Grades 5 & 8 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman, and the student government sponsored canned food drive all right around the corner.

One other very important upcoming event is our Open House for prospective parents scheduled for Thursday, November 13th. This Open House is a great opportunity for new families to check out Saint Mark, meet our teachers, and learn about our programs. The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with a meet-and-greet in the gym. The evening will also include a few words from our students & parents and an opportunity to visit the classrooms.

As our biggest supporters, we would greatly appreciate your help in advertising this special event! We ask that you please encourage your friends to attend on November 13th. And to thank you for your support and participation in our Open House, any current Saint Mark family who accompanies a new family to the Open house will receive \$20 worth of lunch tickets and be entered in a drawing to receive a one-time \$100 tuition credit!

Please "be active in sharing your faith..." Mahalo for your support!

In Christ,

R. David Gaudi Jr.

## Protect Hawaii's Keiki



The annual Protect Hawaii's Keiki flu vaccination is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Please be sure to talk to your keiki to prepare them for what is to take place.

### Dates to Remember

10/21 PTC meeting at 3:00 p.m.

10/22 Annual Flu Vaccinations

10/25 Family Work Day - All are welcome!

10/26 K-Grade 3 Concert and Potluck at 5:00 p.m.

10/29-31 Grades 5 & 8 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman

11/6-7 No School Lutheran Teachers' Conference

11/11 No School Veterans' Day

11/13 Open House for Prospective Parents at 5:30 p.m.

11/18 Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

11/21 11:30 Dismissal Optional Parent Teacher Conferences Grades 1-8

11/27-28 No School Thanksgiving Break

12/14 K-3 Christmas Program

12/16 Grades 4-6 Choir & Grades 4-8 Band Christmas Concert

## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergarten:** Kindergartners will be very busy with lots of learning and fun activities connected with Halloween, Reformation, the Presidential Election, Thanksgiving history (although we like to be thankful every day, not just one day a year), Advent, and Christmas.



Be Thankful!

**First grade:** First graders have been busy learning about sharks, pumpkins and autumn. What a great time we had at the pumpkin patch as well! First graders loved picking their own pumpkins and the hayride. We are beginning a small unit on Flat Stanley that will go along with our social studies theme of geography and location. We've been reading about Flat Stanley's adventures and making our own Flat Children that will go in the mail next week all over the world.



**Second grade:** We have been learning about rural communities so it was great that we got to go and visit a farm. We had a great time trudging through the pumpkin patch in search of the PERFECT pumpkin. The students have been learning about all the hard work a farmer has to do in order to grow a lot of pumpkins. We are looking forward to making caramel apples and celebrating the fall season!

## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

**Third grade:** Third graders are looking forward to their upcoming K-3 concert and are busy practicing their songs and making the props that go with their songs. To round out the month they will be having a special harvest celebration where we will participate in lots of pumpkin activities. And don't forget the pumpkin shakes. Yummy!

**Fourth grade:** Fourth grade is busy getting back into the swing of things in the 2nd quarter. Students are doing a project that involves interviewing a person whose native

language is something other than English. They will present their interviews to the class. In Hawaiian

*"Fourth grade students and their parents are currently selling tickets to Windward Mall's Festival of Giving."*

Studies we have started learning about farming and will study the importance of kalo (taro) and the lo'i to the people. We hope to visit a nearby lo'i at the end of this

month and participate in taking care of the aina there as we learn more about the native and introduced flora of Hawaii.

To support their Big Island trip in May the fourth grade students and their parents are currently selling tickets to Windward Mall's Festival of Giving. Tickets will give holders discounted shopping, door prizes, and entertainment during the two day even, November 15-16. Please contact Mrs. Tongg or a 4th grade parent if you are interested in this exciting community event.

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth grade:** We have been learning all about genetics in fifth grade. We began by reading different books about DNA and genes. Each student did a special activity with their families where they compared different inherited physical traits such as our hair or allergies. The highlight of our study was a trip to UH to learn about DNA in a real laboratory where each student was able to extract actual DNA from

papaya cells. The final activity that the students did was to create posters about genetics and present them in class. We'll have them on display until November 14th, so feel free to come by our classroom if you'd like to see what our fifth graders have learned.



*"The highlight of our study was a trip to UH to learn about DNA"*

# Classroom News - Junior High

## Mr. Weber's News:

All science classes will begin preliminary planning for the Science Fair. More information will be forthcoming. The **8th grade** is studying chemical bonding, the **7th grade** is studying bacteria, and the **6th grade** is studying plate tectonics.

## Mrs. Dunn's News:

We are off to a great start in junior high literature this quarter. The students in **6th grade** will be reading *A Christmas Carol* and learning about the Victorian Age. The students in **7th grade** will be reading *Robin Hood* and learning about the Middle Ages, and the students in **8th grade** will be reading *The Odyssey* and learning about Greek culture and history.

We are also off to a great start in **8th grade** drama. We have the puppets and a puppet stage. The students will be working on different puppet plays.



## **PUPPET MINISTRY**

THANK YOU to Jacob Mussell and his father for building our puppet stage over break. Pictures of the

“puppet ministry” will be posted on Mrs. Dunn’s teacher web site.

## Mrs. Eyer's News:

Mrs. Eyer’s Classes **8th grade Bible** classes are learning about the importance of prayer. Each student will be making a prayer book with their own prayers in them.

**7th grade Bible** classes are beginning their study of the Apostles Creed, which includes the basic tenants of their faith. They are currently memorizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Article which teaches about creation. Each student will be choosing a “Creation Psalm” from the Bible and drawing with oil pastels a picture of God’s creation being written about.

**6th grade Bible** classes are still journeying through the Old Testament. Currently students are learning about how the Israelites took possession of Canaan after Moses died. One of the highlights of their study was learning about how God answered Joshua’s prayer by causing the sun to stand still and giving the Israelites an extra day.

**7th Pre-Algebra and 8th grade Algebra** classes are gearing up for their Continental Math Competition coming up in November.

## Mr. Annis' News:

**Seventh grade** students have been busily working on plays for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They will perform the plays for the entire school, and parents are encouraged to attend.

Students are also preparing to take the National Physical Fitness Test in P.E.

## Student Council Elections Results:

President: Darcy Inouye  
Vice President: Cody Howland  
Secretary: Simeon David  
Treasurer: Kaimi Chang

Class Representatives  
Grade 6: Tiana Buckley  
Grade 7: Tani Buckley  
Grade 8: Dominique Bustillos

Student Government will be sponsoring a ‘Food Drive.’ on November 15 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Saint Mark Lutheran School. This will be to benefit those in the Kaneohe community. All canned goods and non-perishable items can be dropped off at the school. Mahalo for your support!

# Junior High Awards

## Principal's List

(GPA 3.75-4.0)

Tiana Buckley  
Jason Lau  
Jannah-Jane Crisostomo  
Kaleo Hookano  
Kelli Lyman  
Cody Howland

## Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0-3.74)

Dylan Adolpho  
Makai Clemons  
Sunshine David

Deja Lee  
Anastasiya Melnyk  
Jonthan Pond  
Shaiann Smith  
Aaron Wilford  
Tani Buckley  
Kaimi Chang  
Jason Flores  
Heidi Jacobs  
Maraea Mussell  
Duke Quitevis  
Sarah Rorie  
Hana Rupnow  
Noah Schuetz

Casey Takahashi  
Zachery Thomas  
Ryan Won  
Blair Adams  
Nalei Akau  
Sky Barnes  
Dominique Bustillos  
Keaolani Cenido-Niheu  
Simeon David  
Amy Gangloff  
Darcy Inouye  
Tatiana Irvine  
Jordan Kimura  
Kristen Poei

## Citizenship Award

Dylan Adolpho  
Makai Clemons  
Sunshine David  
Deja Lee  
Anastasiya Melnyk  
Jonthan Pond  
Shaiann Smith  
Aaron Wilford  
Tani Buckley  
Kaimi Chang  
Jason Flores  
Heidi Jacobs

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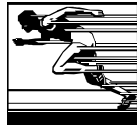
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Maraea Mussell  
Duke Quitevis  
Sarah Rorie  
Hana Rupnow  
Noah Schuetz  
Casey Takahashi  
Zachery Thomas  
Ryan Won  
Blair Adams  
Nalei Akau  
Sky Barnes  
Dominique Bustillos  
Keaolani Cenido-Niheu  
Simeon David

Amy Gangloff  
Darcy Inouye  
Tatiana Irvine  
Jordan Kimura  
Kristen Poei

Well Done !!

## Athletics



Coach Weber and the **Cross Country** team have been gearing up for the meet on Thursday, October 23. It will be held at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park at 4:00 p.m.

**Go Saint Mark!**

Girls and boys **JV volleyball** have started practicing. Their first game will be on Monday, November 3, we will be hosting Our Redeemer here at our gym. Come out and cheer our teams on to victory!

## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

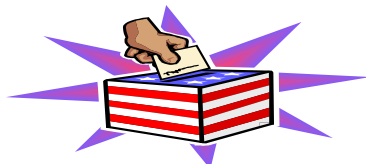


Please join us at the next PTC meeting on **Tuesday, November 25 at 3:00 p.m.**



## This & That

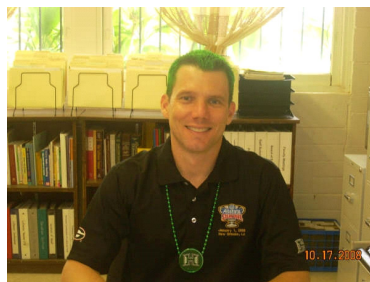
**All students** will be participating in **Kids Voting Hawaii 2008**. Each student will be voting online on Monday and Tuesday, October 27 and 28, in the computer lab. The statewide results will be announced on Tuesday, November 4 after the adult polling places close. If you would like more information about this, you can visit their website at [www.kidsvotinghawaii.org](http://www.kidsvotinghawaii.org).



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Items purchased from the **"Great American Opportunities" school fundraiser** will be available for pickup on the lanai in front of the school office on

**Friday, October 25 after 1:30 p.m.** We could use some help sorting boxes. If you are interested in helping, please let us know!



*Mr. Gaudi's crazy green hair*

**"Through the Year in Song"** is the theme of the concert to be presented by all the children in grades K-3, Sunday afternoon, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. with a potluck following. Come and enjoy all the action with lots of singing. And right after this

concert, the children will begin preparing for their Christmas program on Sunday afternoon, December 14 at 5:00 p.m. Highlight your calendars please.

Please remember we have resurrected our **Box Tops for Education fundraiser!** Funds raised in our 2008-2009 campaign will go towards a new sound system to be used at school functions. Each month we will have a contest between classes to see which class can collect the most box tops.

Just a reminder that our **Before School Child Care program** begins at 6:30 a.m.. Children can not be dropped off any earlier than 6:30 a.m.

**Chapel offerings** for September totaled \$505 and went to Family Promise. October offerings are going to Operation Gratitude.