

Warrior News

Saint Mark Lutheran School
Kaneohe, Hawaii

September 2008

A Message from the Principal

*I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Corinthians 1:4)*

Wow! The first quarter is already pau!

The first nine weeks have been a time of remarkable growth. We have seen students who walked on campus in July with different levels of insecurity and hesitation transform into students with much more confidence and conviction. We have seen students shake off the proverbial summer rust and open their curious eyes to the wonderful world of new discovery. It truly has been a fantastic sight to behold!

In addition to our wonderful students, we are also fortunate to have a terrific group of dedicated parents working hard to help make Saint Mark the best school it can be. In fact, we just had our first Parent Teacher Council (PTC) meeting of the year and are happy to report that numerous parents stepped forward or vowed to continue their service to the school by working in the PTC.

The 2008-2009 PTC Officers are as follows:

President - Cheryl Chang
Vice President - Amy Sappenfield
Secretary - Amy Sappenfield
Treasurer - Mele Manu

The full PTC includes Malia Clemons, Nalani Nelson, Mele Manu, Grace Pakele, Kalehua Kamakawiwoole, Frandee Lum, Cissy Shaner, Lila Marantz, Kathleen Funk-Linton, Amy Sappenfield, Cheryl Chang, Leah Rorie, Victoria Flores, and Cara Eyer.

We are blessed and thankful to have superb students and devoted parents comprise the Saint Mark ohana. As Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians, "I always thank God for you..."

Protect Hawaii's Keiki

Our school is once again participating in the School-based Influenza Vaccination Program. Consent forms have been sent home with all the students. However, it is not too late to sign your child up for this important immunization. Forms are still

available in the school office.

The vaccination is on Wednesday, October 22.



Dates to Remember

9/26 First quarter ends

9/26 Fall picture make-ups

9/29-10/10 Fall Inter-session - No School

9/30 Grades 6-8 report cards mailed home

10/13 School Resumes/ K-Grade 5 Report Cards go home

10/15-17 Kindergarten Parent - Teacher Conferences

10/19 Grades 4-6 Sing at the 11:00 a.m. church service

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

10/22 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

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: Now that the kindergartners have finished their ABC study, they are putting letters together to make words and are reading sentences. They are excited at having a "reading book" and enjoyed



"5 Senses" week with fun things to hear, feel and touch. We have concluded our weekly pool excursions, and had a wonderful Grandparents' Day. Kindergarten, first, and second grade will be going to the

pumpkin patch on Friday, October 17, and Mrs. Gundermann promises that the rest of October will be just as exciting.

First grade: First grade students have enjoyed learning about apples through experiments, estimation and tasting. They really enjoyed our Apple Tasting Fair with all the yummy treats! In reading groups they are practicing blends and nonsense words and in math they have been learning how to make story problems and fact families. Students will be starting AR testing after fall break.

Second grade: The Second graders have been learning new songs, reading interesting stories, learning about money, talking about how God gave Moses the knowledge and courage to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, and learning about different places in the world. We had a great time swimming at the pool with the Kindergarten class. We are looking forward to our fall break. When we return to school we will get to visit the pumpkin patch!



Pumpkin Patch Tour
October 17

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third grade: Third grade is growing by leaps and bounds. They welcomed Kahiau Souza aboard earlier this month and are looking forward to having Hana Jardon return at the start of the second quarter. That will make 24 "frogs" in the third grade pond.

First quarter will finish with Canadian animal reports and project presentations, third grade's chapel presentation, and their first Open Market on September 26.

Fourth grade: Fourth grade is learning about Moses and the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt in

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religion. We are studying about the life and rules of society in early Hawaiian history. We are looking at different types of storms in science

and seeing how hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and land slides make changes to land. In math we have started division and are practicing to get really good at our multiplication facts! In language arts fourth graders are writing descriptive paragraphs. We had a great time learning about DNA, genes, and inherited traits at the University of Hawaii Gene-ius Day program. We got to separate DNA from a papaya fruit in the lab and we solved a crime using hair and fingerprint samples from suspects!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth grade: Weaving, cooking, candle-making were just some of the things that the fifth graders learned about on a tour of the Colonial America exhibition at the Academy of Arts in Honolulu. Some of the students' favorite experiences were trying on the Puritan outfits, weaving on an actual loom, and being inside a life-size replica of a colonial house complete with a fireplace. The stu-

dents enjoyed discovering the many uses of unknown items such as a boot scraper and bed warmer. We were surprised at how small the beds were, how different the chairs were, and how unusual many of their items were!



Men working on old-fashioned printing press

Classroom News - Junior High

Mr. Weber's News:

Sixth grade students recently visited University of Hawaii and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources for 'Gene-ius Day.' Students learned about DNA and the future application of DNA research regarding food production world wide.

Mrs. Dunn's News:

Students in seventh and eighth grade English/literature and sixth grade history have been working on projects. Come by and see them! Over the intercession, students in English/literature should read their AR books and be ready to take their AR test when they return. Also, students are assigned a 300-400 word essay over the intercession on the theme "Why America's Veterans Should Be Honored." Essays are due when students return Oct. 13th. Essays will be entered in this year's Patriot Pen Contest.



America's Veteran

Mrs. Eyer's News:

All classes have worked hard to come to a successful end to the 1st quarter. The Bible students really shine like stars this week with all of the Bible projects that they have completed.

Sixth grade wrote research papers on the importance of the "Tabernacle of God" that was built for the Israelites to remain close to God. Sixth graders also learned that there are very important spiritual principles that apply to Christians today in relation to the "Tabernacle of God."

Seventh grade wrote research papers. The topic was on the reformation of Christianity and the role of Martin Luther in this very important event in history during the

1500's. Through this study students have seen how important it is to understand that "faith alone in Christ" is the way to salvation.

Student Council Elections
Watch for results!

Mr. Annis' News:

Mr. Annis' eighth grade social study class is working on reports on the battles of the American Revolution as extra credit projects.

The seventh grade drama students did a great job on the chapel play they presented for the school on September 17 and 25.

Parents are always invited and strongly encouraged to attend the performances.



Mr. Annis performs in a recent chapel with Mrs. Kong.

Saint Mark Lutheran School is on-line!



The website is a wonderful way to keep up with all school activities.

Saint Mark Website
www.smls-hawaii.org

Teachers can be contacted, class assignments and the daily lunch menu can be viewed, and much more. Please check it out.



Athletics



Congratulations to the varsity boys **volleyball** team. They won the Lutheran Schools Sports League tournament championship! The girls came in fourth in the tournament. Next up are the all star games which will be played on Saturday, November 1. Congratulations to all for a great season!

**VARSITY BOYS
CHAMPIONS!**



Cross country will be practicing with Coach Weber during the Fall Intersession in preparation for the meet on Thursday, October 23. Girls and boys **JV volleyball** will start practicing after the Fall Intersession. Their first game will be on Monday, November 3.



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC had their first meeting of the year in early September, and the turn out was great. Please join us at the next PTC meeting on **Tuesday, October 21st, 3:00pm.**



This & That

Thank you for your support of the "Great American Opportunities" **school fundraiser**. Your efforts resulted in a profit of \$5,000 for Saint Mark. Purchased items will be available for pickup on the lanai in front of the school office on **Friday, October 25, after 1:30 p.m.** If you are interested in helping us sort the boxes as they arrive, please let us know!

Our **family movie night** was a great success with approximately 200 people in attendance. Families were able to get an early look at our Scholastic Book Fair, eat dinner, watch a movie and get to know each other.

Chapel offerings for August totaled \$408 and went to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) World Relief. Mahalo for the generous donations! The offerings collected in September are going to Family Promise of Hawaii - a program which helps families with children escape homelessness.

Due to low enrollment, we have been forced to cancel the **Fall Intersession Program**.

We have resurrected our **Box Tops for Education** fundraiser!

The 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.

The **K-3 students** are presenting their fall concert "**Singing Throughout the Year**" on **Sunday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m.** It will be followed with a potluck supper.



"Singing throughout the Year"