

# 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**

**September 2009**

## A Message from the Principal

*Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." (John 5:17)*



**Long lines at the recent PTC  
Sponsored Rummage Sale**

We are fortunate to have a wonderfully dedicated group of hard working parents who have graciously volunteered to serve our school through their work with the 2009-2010 Parent Teacher Committee (PTC). Now that the school year is well underway, we take a moment to introduce and thank them.

The entire group of returning and new members is as follows: Jamie Kekaulike, Kaniala Kekaulike, Malia Clemons, Liz Stone, Nalani Nelson, Rachel Hilpert, Frandee Lum, Grace Pakele, Mele Manu, Cissy Shaner, Gloria Hamada, Lila Marantz, Jesselyn Oketani, Kristen Souza, Kathleen Funk-Linton, Robin Kaha'ulelio, Cheryl Chang, Leah Rorie, and Victoria Flores.

I am thrilled to report that the PTC has already been hard at work raising over \$1,200 at the Fall Rummage Sale. We are extremely grateful to the entire PTC for their commitment to SMLS and look forward to their valuable assistance in the future. Saint Mark is a much better school when the faculty, staff and parents work in harmony for the good of God's children.

Mahalo for your efforts!



### Dates to Remember

**September 23:** "Great American Opportunities" Fund-raiser Ends

**September 25:** 1st Quarter Ends, Fall Intersession Begins

**September 26-29:** Grades 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

**October 12:** School Resumes

**October 12:** K-5 Report Cards go home with students

**October 14-16:** Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

**October 21:** Flu Vaccinations 8:30 a.m.

**October 24:** Family Work Day at 9:00 a.m.

**October 25:** Grades K-3 Concert & Potluck at 5:00 p.m.

**October 28-30:** Grades 5 & 8 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman

**November 1:** Grades 4-6 Sing at the 11:00 a.m. church service

**November 5 & 6:** Lutheran Teachers' Conference  
No School

**November 8:** Church Lu'au at 4:00 p.m.

**November 11:** Veterans' Day  
No School

**November 12:** Open House for Prospective Parents at 5:30 p.m.

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## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergartners** have been keeping busy. Everyone is reading and has reading homework every day. After Labor Day the kindergartners brought things from mom's and dad's work. We had a police officer's shirt, fireman's helmet, stethoscopes, tape measurers from carpenters, and cooking utensils from chefs. The children had a great time at Grandparents' Day. There were 42 proud and happy tutus and papas; they especially enjoyed the children singing "Grandma's House." Pool fun is over soon, on our last trip we will go with our 8th grade chapel partners.

**First Grade** students have been learning about the community we live in and the community helpers that make it so great. We made a visit to the Kaneohe Police Station and are looking forward to a visit to the library, fire station and grocery store. We will culminate our unit of study by creating a 3D map of Kaneohe.

**Second Grade** students had fun swimming at the pool with the kindergartners! We are having fun learning about money, different types of communities, and learning how to write a complete paragraph. Shurley grammar is new to us this year and we are enjoying learning all of the jingles and labeling the different parts of speech in a sentence.



## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

### **Third Grade**

What's the Scoop in Third Grade? We are busy working away until our break at the end of the month. One focus has been getting all of our AR points for the quarter. We have started the "I'm An A.R. Star" club. Students who exceed the minimum number of A.R. points will be treated to lunch provided by Mrs. Hinton. This has been a great incentive for many students in our class. We have also started our timed math tests to help improve our math facts. Several of our students are already working the multiplication timed tests and it's only the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Way to go third grade. We have

started a unit on Living Things in our Science books. We enjoyed swimming with the kindergartners early in the month. Mahalo to the parents who drove.

### **Fourth Grade**

The fourth graders really enjoyed their month, and they found out more about each other from their Pride Projects. Students were asked to share interesting unknown facts about their "animal personality", ancestral background, qualities they look for in a friend, and one exciting event that took place in their life. Best of all were the guest speakers. Moms, Dads, Aunties, Uncles and Tutus shared entertain-

ing stories about our classmates. We traveled to the Bishop Museum to watch a planetarium show on the voyage of The Hokule'a and learned how to use the stars to navigate. As the students walked through the newly renovated Hawaiian Hall, they recognized words, places, people and artifacts from our Hawaiiana Studies. The students showed off their newly acquired knowledge of our Hawaiian culture. Thank you to all the staff that volunteered their time to make the Fall Family Night a huge success. I would not have been able to do it without all of their hard work. Big Island, here we come.

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

### **Fifth Grade**

Our fifth grade class visited Honolulu Art Academy to begin our study of Colonial America. Sitting inside a replicated colonial house with real objects from New England, we learned all about how the colonists lived and what their



lives were like. The students really enjoyed learning about how cups, spoons, and even books were made from animals' horns. It was fun weaving on the large loom and getting dressed-up in colonial clothes. We discovered that it was very difficult and time-consuming getting dressed each day!

We also went to the art gallery and compared the different styles of colonial portraits, landscapes, and furniture. We ended our tour by receiving a free pass from the Art Academy so our whole family can return another day for free. Thank you, we can hardly wait!



# Classroom News - Junior High

## Mrs. Hantel's News:

The **sixth grade Bible** students are continuing their adventurous journey through the Old Testament. They are currently wandering for 40 years in the desert with the grouchy Israelites.

The **sixth grade science** students are spending the remainder of the quarter exploring many different rocks and minerals.

The **seventh grade pre-algebra** students are beginning to experiment with solving equations that include decimals.

The **seventh & eighth grade science** students just finished their unit on cells. They are spending the remainder of the quarter learning about different current events in science and possibly writing their own scientific news article.

**Eighth grade algebra** students are learning to solve multi-step equations with variables. It is challenging, but they love the satisfaction of solving a long, hard problem.

## Miss Maddick's News:

**Sixth, seventh & eighth graders** are all reading books in a flurry! With class novels coming to a close, the book fair to tempt our reading appetites, and AR points due September 24, the library has been busy, and students are enjoying a variety of books.

**Seventh grade Bible** students are investigating the 10 Commandments, and the eighth grade Bible

class is sorting out how to define and be assured of our salvation through Christ.

**Sixth grade world history** has been exploring Mesopotamia, and have now moved on to Egypt.

## Mr. Annis' News:

The **sixth grade math** students are working on all operations involving decimals and solving equations with decimal integers.

The **seventh grade math** students are learning how to find perimeter and area of various polygons.

**Seventh grade drama** students put on a play and helped conduct a chapel for the school on Wednesday, September 16.

The **eighth grade pre-algebra** students are solving equations and inequalities involving negative integers.

**Eighth grade drama** students are finalizing the plays that they wrote and will perform for their classmates.

## Mr. Johnson's News:

The junior high students are starting the football unit in P.E. Please make sure your son or daughter is bringing their P.E. uniform to class! Thank you!

In additions to teaching P.E. it has been a pleasure getting to know the students here at Saint Mark as a DCE! There is a real sense of ohana here and I love it!

As a **Director of Christian Education** intern (DCE), I'm focused on the spiritual well-being of the students and teachers. The weekly chapels, classroom devotions and religious instruction help our students to grow in their Christian faith. Just recently, Mr. Annis' seventh grade class did a drama during chapel about the armor of God (Ephesians 6:11-18). They did a wonderful job!

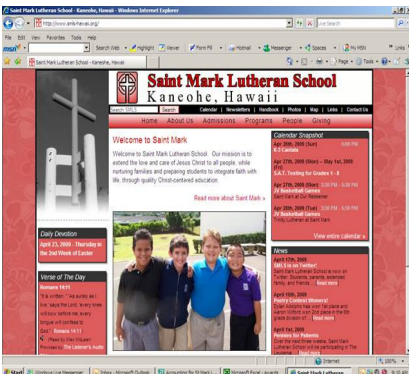
I'd like to encourage parents to continue to pray with your kids, read the Bible with them, and go to church as a family. Nurturing children's faith happens in the home, school and church.

**Saint Mark Lutheran Church** is back to two services: traditional service at 8:30 a.m., and contemporary service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible class start at 9:45 a.m. There are lots of ways your family can get involved at Saint Mark Lutheran Church and School!



**The Boys Varsity Volleyball team following the victory over Hanalei on September 17**

# 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](http://www.smls-hawaii.org)

Saint Mark Lutheran School is now on **Facebook & Twitter!** Please check out our fan page and become one of our followers!



## Athletics



The **varsity volleyball** regular season has come to a close. Both the boys and girls played hard and continued to improve both as individual players and as a team throughout the season. They are now in the midst of the post season tournament and we wish them well. Thanks to Coach Kim for a job well done! Go Warriors!

All stars for the boys team are **Casey Takahashi** and **James Chaffin** and for the girls team **Hokulani Keohokapu-Meria** and **Nicky Aihara**. Most valuable player on the boys' team was **Casey Takahashi** and for the girls, **Hokulani Keohokapu-Meria**.

The **JV volleyball** season will begin after the Fall Intersession.

## Box Tops & Labels

You Can Make a Difference for Saint Mark with **Box Tops AND Labels for Education!** We will be collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education this year! Our goal is to raise \$500 for the purchase of a video projector for the school.

**Clip Box Top coupons** and **Labels for Education** from favorite products and send them to our school.

Your child's class can earn **special treats** by turning in the most Box Tops coupons and Labels for Education! The first treat, an ice cream party will be awarded to the class that turns in the most Box Top coupons and Labels for Education by Wednesday, October 28! Please visit the school website at [www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org) for more information.

## School Fundraiser



Tick-Tock-Tick-Tock! The clock is counting down to the end of our annual school fundraiser.

The Great America Opportunities school fundraiser ends on **Wednesday, September 23**. Please do your best to support our efforts to raise much needed funds for Saint Mark. The more products sold, the more money that is raised for the school. If we meet our goal of raising \$10,000 in profit, Mr. Gaudi, Pastor Matt Hilpert and DCE Mr. Johnson will be camping out on the school roof for an entire night.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC extends a warm mahalo to all who helped support the fall Rummage sale. With the help of many dedicated workers, the PTC raised over \$1,200 for the school. The PTC is currently planning to purchase tetherball poles with some of the monies raised.



The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 19 at 3:00 pm**.

## This & That

The recent **Fall Family Night** was an enjoyable evening for all. Families gathered on the school lawn at twilight, ate great dinner provided by the 4th graders, and then enjoyed the movie, "Bolt" under the stars. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and share a fun evening of food and family. The 4th graders thank everyone for supporting their fund raiser for their Big Island trip.



**Fall Intersession** is upon us! It's hard to believe that we are near the end of our 1st Quarter!

September 25 is our last day of classes, with school resuming on October 12.

**Report cards** for students in grades 6-8 will be mailed home during Fall Intersession. Students in grades K-5 will receive their report cards when they return to school on **Monday, October 12**.

It is still not too late to turn in your **Vaccination Consent Form**. Students will receive their vaccinations on October 21, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Just a reminder that **Lunch Tickets** are sold in strips of 5 tickets for \$20.00. Students have been coming in wanting to purchase just one lunch ticket, but tickets are not sold individually.

Big mahalo to the many moms and dads who worked so hard at the **Rummage Sale**. Besides raising valuable money for the school, it gave the PTC great opportunity to fellowship with one another.

