

# 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**

**January 2014**

## A Message from the Head of School

The months of January and February mark a very important time in the school calendar. It is admission's season - the time of the year when parents are deciding where to send their children to school during the following year. For Saint Mark, January marks the cutoff for priority consideration for new student applicants and is also the time of the year when we send out our re-enrollment contracts for our current students.

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For obvious reasons, the admissions process is integral to the long-term success of a school. We at Saint Mark want all of our families to know that we do not take any of you for granted and are very thankful for your support. We understand that you have many choices when it comes to schools and do greatly appreciate you choosing us.

We work hard to provide our students with a high-quality educational experience that not only imparts in your children the academic, spiritual, physical, social and emotional skills they need to thrive in today's complex society, but also instills in them a respect for self and others as part of God's miraculous creation. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. Saint Mark will continue to work to find ways to best serve you!

Please be sure to call Leilani Lee or Melelani Lawrence in the school office if you have any questions regarding the applications and/or re-enrollment process for the 2014-15 school year.

## Get Active & Support SMLS



Saint Mark is happy to again be participating in "Get Active" - a push to get students moving and physically active. The students are being asked to promote physical activity and collect donations in support of Saint Mark athletics. Monies collected will go towards the purchase of new P.E. equipment, recess balls, athletic equipment and travel, etc.

Our "Get Active" hour will be held on **Wednesday, February 19 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** and will be followed by the annual all-school **potluck lunch**. We are asking that each family provide one small food dish that will feed 4-5 students.



Sponsor pledge forms and monies are due by **Friday, February 6.**

### Dates to Remember

- February 4:** PTC Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- February 6:** Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students
- February 7:** Staff Professional Development Day - No School
- February 15:** PTC Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m.
- February 16:** K-2 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service
- February 17:** Presidents' Day - No School
- February 19:** "Get Active" for Saint Mark and Potluck
- February 20:** Re-enrollment contracts due to office
- February 21:** Spring Family Night at Ice Palace at 6:00 p.m.
- February 24-28:** Scholastic Book Fair
- March 5:** Ash Wednesday Lent Begins
- March 9:** All Lutheran Schools' Music Festival 3:00 p.m.
- March 11:** PTC meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- March 10-14:** Spirit Week
- March 14:** End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17 - 28:** Spring Break - No School
- March 31:** School Resumes K-5 Report Cards go home with students

## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergarten:** The kindergartners were happy to see each other in the new year. They made "fireworks," New Year resolutions, and now are making snow pictures and learning about the season of winter. Special activities were enjoyed on the 100th day of school and we celebrated Chinese New Year with an excursion to Chinatown and a dragon dance around our campus. They enjoyed "Martha and the Nene" presented by HTY, and learned about Martin Luther King, Jr and his plea for everyone to be treated with respect. The class will culminate a study of "Life on the Coral Reef" with a docent-guided visit to the aquarium. We are having so much fun in January.



*Grade 1 students celebrating the 100th Day of School*

**First Grade:** 2014 has begun with an eager group of children ready to learn new things. We started the New Year off by setting New Year goals. We celebrated the 100th day of school with some very special activities. Those activities included sharing what 100 looks like with our 100th day collections, walking 100 steps, reading 100 words and sharing a snack of 100 things. We enjoyed an exciting field trip to Chinatown this past Monday in celebration of Chinese New Year. We had a blast!

**Second Grade:** The second graders had a fantastic winter vacation with their families and were anxious to return to school. As the students look back on the past semester, they are amazed at how much they learned as they get prepared for third grade. January is a very exciting month in second grade! The students enjoyed an exciting learning trip to Chinatown, enjoyed celebrating the 101st day of school, and also enjoyed learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



*Grade 2 students celebrating the 101st Day of School*



## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

**Third Grade:** The third graders have jumped into multiplication. Memorizing multiplication facts is high on our priority list for January. We have also been busy writers as we create our own Fairy Tale. We are learning how to edit our writing as well as provide suggestions for other student writers. Our reading centers continue to go well as we work in groups to expand our vocabulary, grammar, discussion techniques, and comprehension. The third graders are working hard this winter!



*Grade 4 students are exploring various apps on the iPads*

**Fourth Grade:** The fourth grade class will continue to learn about early Hawaiian life. This quarter we are focusing on the many things the Hawaiians made, the wars they fought, and the sports and games they played. The students are enjoying learning about our unique culture. We are so blessed here in 4th grade to be able to study this topic and take full advantage of the many different places we can visit to have first hand experiences.



*Grade 4 students are thrilled to be playing learning games*

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth Grade:** How does the angle of the sun affect temperature? The fifth graders began by observing that the angle of the sun is constantly changing. Working in groups, they set-up a test to measure the temperature of ther-

*"The fifth graders began by observing that the angle of the sun is constantly changing."*

ometers positioned at 90, 45, and 0 degree angles. Their conclusion was the sun shining at a 90 degree angle had the highest temperature. It was an extremely enjoyable and educational investigation for all the students.



*Grade 5 students participating in an outdoor science investigation*

# Classroom News - Middle School

## Mrs. Brooks' News:

**Sixth, seventh and eighth grade Science** students have been working hard on their science fair projects. The **sixth graders** chose an interesting science topic to research. The **seventh and eighth graders** performed an experiment of their choice to demonstrate their knowledge of the scientific method and draw conclusions that they can apply to everyday life. The projects were exhibited in the gym and judged by community experts.

**Sixth grade Bible** students are preparing their own devotions on a topic of their choice to present to the class. We are also working on skits involving prayer life for our first chapel in February.

In **eighth grade algebra** students are working on functions and determining the function rule based on coordinate plane points or a real world problem. We are also identifying direct versus indirect variation.

**Seventh grade science** students completed work on their science fair projects. They have also been learning how genetic diseases are inherited. We have worked through some family pedigrees to determine the likelihood of whether a person will get a certain genetic disease and what happens if the gene is on the X chromosome.

**Seventh grade math** students are solving ratios and proportions and determining unit cost. We have been working on how to figure out which "deal" is the best when considering sale items.

**Eighth grade science** students also completed their science fair projects, and are now learning about different chemical reactions. Students developed cartoons that depict synthesis, decomposition, single replacement and double replacement reactions.

**Sixth grade science** students have been investigating earthquakes, why they occur and how to determine the epicenter. We used playdough and a slinky to demonstrate what occurs at faults and to show P waves and S waves during an earthquake

## Mrs. Schroppel's News:

**Seventh grade Bible** students are deep into a study of the gospel of John and are beginning a closer look at Jesus' comments of the Bread of Life. We know that He truly does meet all our needs: both physical and spiritual.

The **sixth grade math** students, as well as the **seventh and eighth grade pre-algebra** students are finishing up chapters dealing heavily with fractions. Oh the joys of fractions, common denominators, lowest terms, improper fractions, mixed numbers... we could go on and on, but we won't! Look for tests coming home to be signed.

Both the **seventh and eighth grade English** classes are starting new novels. **Seventh grade** will be reading Rifles for Watie, a fascinating look at the Civil War out west, and **eighth graders** will be enjoying Shabanu, the story of a young Pakistani girl coming of age in a place very different from ours. We will



*Middle school students sharing their science fair projects*

also be participating in the Peace Poem project. As always, all students are encouraged to continue to READ for enjoyment!

## Mrs. Pelletier's News:

The new calendar year is off to a wonderful start in the middle school. The **eighth graders** are completing a unit on symbols used in the Bible, along with studying the pre-Civil War era in social studies. The **seventh graders** are involved in a unit on South America in geography. **Sixth graders** are in the midst of learning about the ancient Roman Empire and are beginning a novel, On Wings of Heroes, in English. The entire Middle School is looking forward to a field trip to the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island at the end of the month.

## Miss Morris' News:

This quarter in PE we are practicing for our Track and Field meet that is coming up. Even though each student will only be competing in a couple of events, we are going to be practicing all of them so each student can see what they are best at. Don't forget we are still doing our Fitnessgram testing at mid-quarter, so keep doing those push ups, sit ups, and running!

# Middle School - 2nd Quarter Awards

## Principal's List

(GPA 3.75—4.0)  
Kaleialoha Froning  
Sirena Linton  
Moani Manu  
Lani Warren  
Fenua Aiu  
Joshua Hilpert  
Kathryn Koopman  
Seth Denis  
Christian Fee  
Sage Iona  
Kathryn Johnson  
Rhys Kalama  
Melia Manu

Tristan Scharfenstein-  
Montgomery  
Koby Tengan

## Honor Roll

(GAP 3.0—3.75)  
Benjamin Brophy  
Joshua Kemp  
Emma Lindsey  
McKayla McCullah  
Eli Warren  
Miriam Ha  
Kara Iwamoto-Skelton  
Amy Warrington  
Joshua Gonzalez

Kala Kahapea-Aquino  
Kainoa Kawainui  
Alexis Takayama

## Principal's Award

(Improved GPA by 0.3)  
Joshua Kemp  
Christian Fee

## Citizenship

Mikeila Beazley  
Kaleialoha Froning  
Emma Lindsey  
Sirena Linton  
Mckayla McCullah

Moani Manu  
Lani Warren  
Fenua Aiu  
Kuulei Aona  
Miriam Ha  
Joshua Hilpert  
Kara Iwamoto-Skelton  
Katy Koopman  
Kaleimakali'i Saunders  
Amy Warrington  
Seth Denis  
Sage Iona  
Kathryn Johnson

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## Awards (cont.)

Kala Kahapea-Aquino  
Rhys Kalama  
Kainoa Kawainui  
Melia Manu  
Tristan Scharfenstein-  
Montgomery  
Alexis Takayama  
Koby Tengan

Keep up the  
Great Work!!



## Athletics



Ready for some exciting, action-packed, fast-paced basketball games? Come and cheer on our varsity boys and girls. They are already several games into their season, playing well, and showing what they've learned so far. The schedule for the season can be found on the school website.

## Reminder - No School

Please remember that there will be **no school** on **Friday, February 7, 2014** as the faculty will be busy participating in a Professional Development Day.

## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC encourages everyone to save their items for the Rummage Sale!

Please join us at the next PTC Rummage Sale Planning meeting on

**Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m.**



## This & That

The Saint Mark Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) is sponsoring their **Spring Rummage Sale** on **Saturday, February 15** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please make plans to support the sale with both donations and purchases.



Friday, February 21 is **Family Night at the Ice Palace!** Everyone is welcome to join us for skating, fellowship, and fun. A special discount rate of \$8.50 will be given to all skaters. Come and join the Saint Mark ohana beginning at 6:00 p.m. A special reservation form will be sent home.

December **chapel offerings** went towards making Christmas merrier through the Salvation Army and Family Promise programs. We raised \$355 in cash and lots of wonderful Christmas packages.

The response to our February chapel offerings has been wonderful! We've already collected over \$300 for **Pennies for Patients!**



***Congratulations to the middle school students who earned the 2nd quarter principal's award or spots on the principal's list***

Congratulations to **Benjamin Brophy** for winning Saint Mark's National Geographic Bee. He competed against other semi-finalists from grades four to eight. They were **Mikeila Beazley, Sophie Hepton, Rhys Kalama, Katie Koopman, Emma Lindsey, Moani Manu, Keaupono McGee-Lee, Nani Pegueros, and Koby Tengan.** Benjamin has also com-

pleted testing to determine eligibility for the state-level competition. The first-place winner from each state will be sent, all expenses paid, to Washington, D.C. to compete at the national level. Prizes include a \$25,000 college scholarship, \$500 in cash, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands. Good luck, Ben!

Remember to check our school website, Facebook Page, and teacher websites. The student photos are changed frequently and we'd hate for you to miss seeing your cute kids!



Please be sure to check out Saint Mark on Facebook and Twitter