

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 2014

A Message from the Head of School

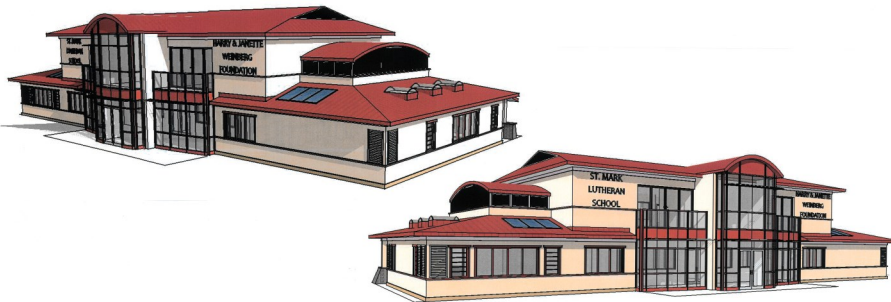
the Gala

With the first quarter and fall break in our rear view mirror, much of our attention has now turned to our very important **5th Annual Benefit Gala** scheduled for **Saturday, November 8** at 5:30 p.m. at the *Pacific Club*.

The Gala committee, under the leadership of event coordinator **Cissy Shaner**, along with the PTC lead by **President Cheryl Chang** and

Vice President Miki Henriques are working overtime collecting donations, selling tickets, and planning the entertainment.

Monies raised from this year's gala go in support of two very important needs - our **Capital Campaign** to build an **Early Education Facility** and our **Financial Aid Program**. With the help of the gala proceeds, we are hoping to meet our goal of raising **\$100,000** for the early education facility by the end of 2014. Furthermore, with the increasing numbers of Saint Mark families requesting financial help, the success of the gala is extremely important.



This is our one major fundraiser of the year, so we encourage our families to please get involved. If you have not done so already, please know that there is still time to purchase tickets or make a donation to the silent auction - but you have to hurry!

Mahalo to all who have generously given so much (time, talent, and financial contributions) in support of this important event!

OPEN HOUSE for Prospective Parents

We are planning our annual Open House for prospective Saint Mark Lutheran School parents.

Place: Saint Mark Lutheran School Gym

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2014

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Please join us in welcoming prospective Saint Mark families!

Dates to Remember

October 29 - 31: Grades 5 and 7 Outdoor Education at Camp Erdman

November 6 & 7: Schools of the Future Conference for teachers - No School

November 8: 5th Annual Benefit Gala at *The Pacific Club*

November 11: Veterans' Day - No School

November 16: Grades K-2 sing in church at 9:30 a.m.

November 19: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

November 20: Open House for Prospective Parents at 5:30 p.m.

November 27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 12: K-2 Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m.

December 16: Grades 3-4 Choir and Beginning Band Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 18: Grades 5-8 Choir and Advanced Band Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 19: 2nd Quarter Ends 11:30 a.m. Dismissal with No Aftercare

December 22 - January 2: Winter Intercession



Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: The kindergartners jumped right into the second quarter after their fall break, and are ready to learn! This quarter promises to be a very busy and fun one. The kindergartners will be swimming at the Kokokahi YWCA with their chapel buddies, visiting the Waimanalo Pumpkin Patch, listening to a guest speaker teach them about ocean animals and their habitats, and walking to the Kaneohe Fire Station to learn more about fire safety, all in the month of October! The kindergartners are also looking forward to learning about how their bodies work and being healthy as they begin a new unit in science.

First Grade: The first graders ended their first quarter with their first open market. It was a huge success. The students have been working hard to earn their "play money" all quarter. It was a great oppor-



Mrs. Gibo, Miss Courtney, and Mrs. Venegas dressed appropriately for their trip to the Pumpkin Patch

tunity to bring in gently used toys or homemade items for others to purchase. We will have an open market at the end of each quarter. We are looking forward to our visit to the Kaneohe Fire Station to learn about fire safety. Also, the K-2 classes are looking forward to visiting a local farm. We have been busy

tending to our 1st - 2nd garden as our corn grows tall and our squash takes over the outside of our garden. We are anticipating learning about places all over the world as our Flat First Graders start coming back to us in the mail.

Second Grade: The second graders enjoyed their fall break and were eager to share all of the exciting things that they did. The students came back and shared maps, pictures and souvenirs from the places they had been to. In math, the students were excited as they began adding two-digit numbers by two-digit numbers! They also practiced writing friendly letters. One letter asked them to write to Dr. Gaudi and ask him to change one thing at Saint Mark. Some responses were: add a hot tub to the classroom, a swimming pool in the gym and make class days shorter. This is going to be an interesting quarter!

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: Third graders have been working hard at reading comprehension this month. We really like discussing the books we read. One of the activities we enjoy doing in reading is drawing a character



from our book. Then we write something interesting about that character. We display our characters for others to read about and learn. In grammar and writing we are learning about adverbs and adjectives.



Grade 4 students showing off their hand made ancient Hawaiian canoes

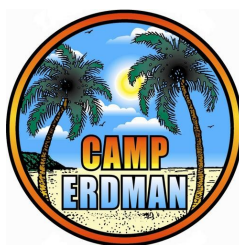
Fourth Grade: Fourth graders have a fun-filled busy quarter ahead of them! We will continue our studies on Hawaiian history and culture, focusing on the different plant and

animal species in Hawaii. How did they get here? Are they native or introduced to our islands? Were they important to early Hawaiian life? We'll also learn more about the characteristics of plants and animals. The fourth graders are lucky to have a number of field trips and special guests this quarter to provide learning experiences that will strengthen their learn-

ing. This includes Bishop Museum, Hanauma Bay, a visit from Professor Tako, etc... We're looking forward to an exciting and exhilarating second quarter!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: Fifth grade is looking forward to spending three days at Camp Erdman along with students from other Lutheran Schools. Archery, swimming, and campfire top the list of the events that our students are antici-



pating. During camp our students will participate in group activities, cooperative challenges, and learn how to preserve their environment. They will also take part in an engineering activity and

use their imaginations to solve problems. Best of all, they will be making new friends and enjoying the ones they already have. Camp Erdman is sure to be a wonderful experience which they will always remember!

Classroom News - Middle School

Miss Pelletier's News:

Sixth grade Bible students are studying Jesus' ministry and learning how to apply His teachings to their own lives.

Sixth graders in science are learning about plate tectonics, and the formation of mountains, volcanoes, ocean ridges, trenches, and valleys.

Seventh grade math students are working with estimating, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. They are also learning to be precise in their measurements.

Seventh grade science students are studying the fascinating subject of genetics and heredity. They are doing activities to determine their own genotype and phenotype.

In **eighth grade algebra** students are solving multi-step equations and equations with variables on both sides. Next they will move on to ratios and proportions.

In **eighth grade science** students are learning about the elements in the periodic table.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

Seventh graders look forward to Leadership Camp at Camp Erdman. They will spend three days learning to work together, pushing themselves in challenges outside their comfort zones, and studying God's word in Bible study.

In **religion seventh graders** are studying heroes of the faith., such as King David and Martin Luther, who teach us that heroes are not

perfect, they are just courageous people doing the difficult tasks God calls them to do!

The **seventh** and **eighth pre-algebra** students are exploring concepts of divisibility and factors. Do you know the rules of divisibility? How about the difference between prime and composite? If you're interested, ask one of the middle school kids!

English eighth graders are reading the novel Animal Farm and seventh graders are taking a closer look at Shakespeare. "To be or not to be.....That is the question!"

Mrs. Souki's News:

Eighth grade Bible students are studying events around the time of Moses in the Old Testament. We will also prepare for our December chapel presentation with our kindergarten chapel buddies.

Eighth grade U.S. history students have a tough decision this quarter. Are they a Loyalist or a Patriot? They will participate in debates, essay writing, and reading to learn the dual perspectives that arose during the American Revolution. They are reading the novel My Brother Sam is Dead, a historical novel about two brothers finding themselves on very different paths during the Revolutionary War.



A few eighth graders paused for a picture during a recent P.E. class

Sixth grade English is doing some fun projects. We will be producing an iMovie, music, and videos using our Shurley Method jingles, and will be reading our first class novel.

Sixth grade world history is studying Ancient Egypt and the mysterious King Tut. We learned the mystery behind his death and the search for his biological parents. This helps students to understand the work of historians and archeologists using carbon dating, DNA, and MRI scanning tools.

Seventh grade world geography students are studying the United States of America, its physical features, economy, culture, and immigration. They will look at the different experiences of generations of immigrants, how they have defined success for their families and reflect on how we define success for ourselves and our nation.

Miss Morris' News:

Get ready to shoot some hoops this month in P.E.! Students will be learning basketball skills and challenging each other in some friendly scrimmages.

Students and their families are invited to join the Saint Mark Lutheran congregation for our *Reformationfest*. It is on Sunday, October 26 and will be an evening of fun, games and some great German food. See the *This & That* section of this newsletter on page 4 for more information.

Middle School - 1st Quarter Awards

Principal's List

(3.75-4.00 GPA)
Nathanael Aiu
Casey Barreca
Laura Dart
Abigail Hilpert
Camille McMillian
Ian Stone
Jackie Tucker
Sirena Linton
John Tittel
Lani Warren
Fenua Aiu

Miriam Ha
Joshua Hilpert
Kara Iwamoto-Skelton
Kathryn Koopman
Jenny Tucker
Amy Warrington

Honor Roll

(3.00-3.74 GPA)
Mariah Basques
Kaimana Bueno
Kaila Flores
Noah Gaudi

Noah Hanohano
Sophie Hepton
Keaupono McGee-Lee
Peyton Rapoza
Dane Sumimoto
Hank Warrington
Harvey Welch
Mikeila Beazley
Brynn Denis
Joshua Kemp
Reef Lee
Emma Lindsey
Keeton Manguso

Sophia Sagarese
Logan Aiu
Kuulei Aona
Hunter Mansanas
Justin Pascua
Nani Pegueros
Mackenzie Plunkett
Kaleimakalii Saunders

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Awards (cont.)

Citizenship Award

Nathanael Aiu
Casey Barreca
Mariah Basques
Laura Dart
Noah Gaudi
Noah Hanohano
Sophie Hepton
Abi Hilpert
Camille McMillian
Ian Stone
Jackie Tucker
Hank Warrington
Harvey Welch
Mikeila Beazley
Reef Lee
Emma Lindsey
Sirena Linton

Sophia Sagarese
John Tittel
Lani Warren
Fenua Aiu
Miriam Ha
Joshua Hilpert
Kara Iwamoto-Skelton
Katy Koopman
Nani Pegueros
Mackenzie Plunkett
Kaleimakali'i Saunders
Jenny Tucker
Amy Warrington



Athletics



Congratulations to our volleyball all-stars: **Kuulei Aona, Amy Warrington (MVP), Justice Naehu, Justin Pascua, and Kaleimakalii Saunders (MVP)**. They worked hard all season and represented Saint Mark well in the all-star games.

Excitement is in the air (or at least in the gym) as the 5th and 6th graders start practicing and getting ready for their JV volleyball season. Their first game is on Tuesday, October 28 against Windward Nazarene.



Two eighth graders enjoying volleyball

Check out SMLS on....



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC is busy working on the **5th Annual Benefit Gala** for Saint Mark on **Saturday, November 8** beginning at **5:30 p.m.** at **The Pacific Club**. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact the school office at 247-5589.



Mahalo for Your Meaningful Support!

This & That

In September the students raised **\$278** for the **Aloha United Way** program through their chapel offerings.

On November 20 we will hold an **Open House for Prospective Parents** in the gym. There will be pupus and the opportunity for mingling after which parents can visit the classrooms they are interested in. Current school families are **strongly encouraged** to bring friends and/or family who would like to learn more about our program.

It is almost time for Saint Mark Lutheran Church's annual **Reformationfest!** Join us Sunday, October 26th at 4:00pm for games like the dunking booth, cake walk, and

temporary tattoos. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Brats, hotdogs, sauerkraut, and drinks are provided. If your last name begins with the letter A-Q please bring a potluck side dish. If your last name begins



with R-Z please bring a potluck dessert. After dinner there will be more games including Bobblehead, KaBroom, Junk in the Trunk, and Diet of Worms, with prizes for each winner. Reformationfest is \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families, so save the date! Please RSVP to the school office or Miss Morris by Friday, October 24th.

There will be **no school** on **Thursday, November 6** and on **Friday, November 7**

as the entire Saint Mark faculty will be attending the **Schools of the Future Conference**.



Congratulations to the middle school students who made it onto the 1st quarter Principal's List