

Saint Mark Lutheran

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AINT MARK HAS A STRONG COMMUNITY FEEL, where every child is known and nurtured to integrate faith with life," says Head of School David Gaudi. "Many two and three-generation families return for our strong academics and safe, loving environment."

Founded in 1956 as part of Saint Mark Lutheran Church's educational ministry, the K-8 school is a caring "ohana" that now includes over 200 students. Diverse offerings in art, band, choir, ukulele, technology, and competitive sports

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teams enhance a rich and rigorous academic curriculum taught by fantastic faculty who make the spiritual, physical, social and emotional growth of their students a priority in developing the "whole child."

Learning is a pleasure on Saint Mark's safe, quiet and surprisingly large tree-lined 2.5-acre campus. With nearly 60 years of academic excellence, the co-ed school has consistently prepared its graduates to be life-long learners, well-equipped with 21st century skills to transition successfully to the high school of their choice.



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Saint Mark continues its strong commitment to its financial aid program as part of the school's ongoing efforts to increase accessibility to promising students and to promote diversity among its student body. Nearly half of the school's students receive some form of financial assistance. Saint Mark provides 23 percent of

that aid with another 23 percent being provided by aid granted from Kamehameha Schools' Kipona Scholarship.

"Saint Mark strives to provide a challenging and disciplined learning environment that is fun, exciting and full of God's love. By sharing and living God's loving and saving grace, we hope to create a caring atmosphere where our students are pushed to do their best yet feel safe enough to take risks and explore their learning and curiosity without a fear of failure. We want our students to be able to make mistakes knowing that God loves them, we love them, and failure is not fatal," says Dr. Gaudi.

Responding to numerous requests from Windward families, Saint Mark has embarked on a multi-million capital campaign to build an Early Education facility, a brand new two-story center to expand its outstanding educational offerings to include high-quality early childhood programs to serve 60 preschoolers. The new facility will house secure classrooms, a tech learning

center and an outdoor play area, among other features.

"We recognize the importance of these early years as a foundation for learning and by extending our mission to families with three- and four-year-olds, we can ensure that our students early on are prepared to excel intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually," says Dr. Gaudi.

