



Saint Mark Lutheran School

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Learning is a pleasure on Saint Mark Lutheran School's safe, quiet and surprisingly large tree-lined 2.5-acre campus. The K-8 school has created a caring 'ohana since its founding in 1956 as part of Saint Mark Lutheran Church's educational ministry, and now welcomes more than 200 students.

"Saint 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



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efforts to ensure that our graduates learn to think critically to make informed decisions; to practice the importance of respecting oneself, others and property; and to utilize their talents to glorify God and serve others," says Dr. Gaudi.

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 24 percent of that aid with another 24 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 is in the middle of a multimillion-dollar 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 3- and 4-year-olds, we can ensure that our students early on are prepared to excel intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually," says Dr. Gaudi.

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and three-generation families return for our strong academics and safe, loving environment."

With 60 years of academic excellence, the coed school has consistently prepared its graduates to be lifelong learners, well-equipped with 21st-century skills to transition successfully to the high school of their choice.

Diverse offerings in art, band, choir, 'ukulele, technology and competitive sports 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."

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