

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 2018

A Message from the Head of School

Now that we have all had some time to process the missile alert false alarm on January 13th, I am taking a few moments to reach out and reassure our families that the safety and well-being of your children has been and continues to be our number one priority. The events of last week, while incredibly unfortunate, have facilitated a broader discussion about the potential threats that we face in Hawai'i in these increasingly turbulent times.

While I, like many others, believe the likelihood of a nuclear missile attack on Hawai'i to be extremely remote, it is important that our families know that we have a set of clearly articulated procedures for this type of emergencies. The procedures are posted on the school web-

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(and regularly updated) procedures as well as many other are in each classroom and site.

In addition to having a clear Saint Mark recently upgraded platform to allow us to rapidly voice messages, and emails. So in the event of a school-related emergency, all parents will quickly receive a message (via text, voice, and/or email) alerting them to the situation. Updates will also be posted on our social media.

set of emergency procedures, its Gradelink administrative blast out text messages, all parents will quickly receive a message (via text, voice, and/or email) alerting them to the situation. Updates will also be posted on our social media.

Furthermore, we have purposely maintained our landline phone system (rather than migrating to an Internet-based system) in order to preserve our phone's intercom capabilities (allowing us to communicate between classrooms) in the event of a power outage.

And finally, I think it's safe to say that there is a fair amount of uncertainty surrounding the threat of a ballistic missile attack and the appropriate steps necessary to properly prepare for one. As such, Saint Mark continues to stay engaged in the community conversation as we investigate thoughtful and prudent ways to remain vigilant while balancing the developing risks.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions.

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, travel, etc.



Our "Get Active" hour will be held on **Wednesday, February 21 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 9.**

Dates to Remember

January 24-31: Scholastic Book Fair

February 1 & 2: Professional Development - No School

February 4: Grades 3 & 4 sing in church 9:30am

February 6: Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

February 14: Ash Wednesday Lent Begins

February 16: Spring Family Night at Ice Palace at 6:00 p.m.

February 19: Presidents, Day No School

February 21: "Get Active" for Saint Mark and Potluck

February 22: Re-enrollment contracts due to office

March 3: PTC Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m.

March 3: All Lutheran Schools' Music Festival at 7:00pm

March 4: Grades K-2 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service

March 12-16: Spirit Week

March 16: End of 3rd Quarter 11:30 am dismissal

March 19-30: All Report Cards mailed home over the break

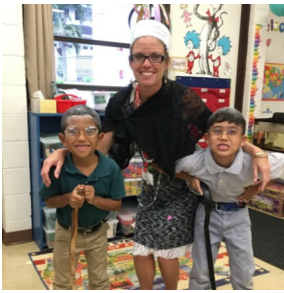
March 19-30: Spring Break - No School

April 2: Easter Monday No School

April 3: School resumes

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: Kindergarten students are amazing! We have jumped back into the New Year with our own personal New Year's Resolutions! On top of that, we are resolute to learn as much as possible! We have been reading harder and harder books and working with harder and harder math! We are working on rhyming (sometimes making our own class poems) and we are doing great starting word problems for addition AND subtraction. We have had a great time with Frank DeLima coming to visit, starting the "Get Active" program, and we had a crazy day on January 23rd for our 100th Day of School! We are 100 Days BIGGER, OLDER, and SMART-ER! Thanks for your support!



Mrs. Venegas celebrated the 100th day of school

dove into Accelerated Reader (AR) like the big kids. They will start slow and begin surfing through AR in no time! We celebrated the 100th day of school by sharing a 100th day snack, STEM activity, and a few came dressed as a 100-year-old person. We had a splendid field trip to HTY to see *The Red Balloon*. We are looking forward to another large harvest from our elementary garden with squash stew and eggplant parmesan. We kicked off "Get Active" this month and are challenging each other to "Raise Money, Get Active, and Have Fun!"

the growth that occurred over winter break. They are excited to harvest the many squash that are growing. The students are also hard at work creating books using research they did on an animal of their choice. They learned so much about the different animals we have on our Earth and are excited to share their knowledge with others through their books. All year long



Grade 2 harvested some huge squash from their garden

we learn about God's love for us and we were lucky enough to share this with the school during our chapel

First Grade: 2018 has begun with an eager group of fabulous first graders ready to learn new things. We started 2018 off by setting New Year's Resolutions. The first graders

Second Grade: The second graders are getting back into the swing of school! We came back to our squash plant almost taking over our classroom. The students were shocked at

el services. The second graders practiced for a few weeks to perform a skit showing how we are all made and loved by God. We are off to a great start of third quarter!

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: Third grade is excited to be back for the second semester! We have been reviewing our procedures and jumping right back into learning. We are trying to recognize a character's point of view of the story as we read. We have also started our division unit and students have been working hard at memorizing their math facts. In science we are



Grade 3 learning division during math stations

talking about matter and have gotten to do some fun experiments to see physical and chemical changes in matter.

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders are beginning long division in math. It has been difficult for some but they are up for the challenge! The fourth graders have also been busy learning about the water cycle both in English and Hawaiian. Each group designed their own water cycle poster. Last week, they learned about traditional Hawaiian navigation at Kualoa Regional Park with the Kanehunamoku Voy-



Grade 4 spent an educational day with the Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy

aging Academy. The students were able to sail and steer a double hulled canoe around Chinaman's Hat. Last but not least, the students are busy with their novel study as they finish their book, *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. They are excited to be able to compare the movie to the book.

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: The three primary words to summarize fifth grade during the third quarter are government, space, and persuasion. In social studies, we finished looking at how the 13 colonies separated themselves from Great Britain to create the United States. Now, we are looking at how the first United States government was created. One

way we are doing this is by learning about the importance of voting by doing an activity called "Icon Survivor." This is where each student chooses a cultural icon that they look up to. Then we take each day of the entire quarter to vote for the class' favorite icon by using a variety of voting techniques. In language arts, we are going through the art of

persuasion. Whether it is by persuasive essays, individual debates, or group discussions, our goal is to be able to take an important topic in society or our school, and properly persuade others of our case. In science, we are going through a large space unit, and in math, our focus is on fractions.



Classroom News - Middle School

Mrs. Kuster's News:

In **sixth grade Bible**, we are studying the events during Holy Week. We'll look at Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and of course, Easter Sunday!

Sixth grade earth science finished building our earthquake resistant houses and are now studying volcanoes.

Seventh grade life science students studied the theory of evolution and compared it to what the Bible says about creation. We are now studying different body systems, starting with the skeletal, muscular, and integumentary systems.

In **eighth grade physical science**, we finished our chapter on acids, bases, and solutions. That was the last chapter in our chemistry unit. Our next chapter about motion, starts our physics unit.

Seventh grade math students finished ratios, rates and proportions and are now studying percents.

Eighth grade algebra students are studying linear equations and their graphs. We'll next look at slope-intercept, standard, and point-slope forms.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

The **seventh grade Bible** class is studying the redeeming work of Jesus, the second person in the Trinity. We continue with class led devotions and prayers, and these students are really growing in their ability to share their faith with others.

The **sixth grade math** students are getting into ratios, rates and proportions. Unit rates can be really helpful to figure out which product is the best price when shopping.

Seventh grade pre-algebra is beginning a new unit solving more advanced equations and inequalities. While it will present challenges, they will realize they are capable of solving complex problems.

Eighth grade math students are working on a financial literacy program sponsored by *Banza!* It will help them get prepared for the future.

Eighth grade English chose which novel they would read this quarter: *Rifles for Watie*, which tells the story of 16 year old Jeff Bussey during the American Civil War, or *Shabanu*, the story of a young Pakistani girl.

The annual Saint Mark Spelling Bee was held after chapel on January 10, and seventh graders **Ha`eha`e Kahana** and **Rachael Williams** will be representing Saint Mark in the district bee at Hongwanji on Tuesday, February 6. Congratulations, spellers!

Mrs. DeMello-Kuntz's News:

In **eighth grade Bible**, we are preparing for our first chapel as a class. Our director is busy getting a script together, while the rest of his classmates are gathering props and materials for our Jonah-themed chapel message.

Our **sixth graders** are starting a new class novel, *The Crossover* by

Kwambe Alexander. It is a poetry book about basketball and won the Coretta Scott King award. We have at least two students who have already finished it since receiving it last week! (If they are your children, please remind them not to give out any spoilers. Thank you!)

The **seventh grade** is starting our new class novel, *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry. It is a historical fiction novel about two young girls in 1944 Denmark and the challenges living in a Nazi-occupied country can bring.

We've just completed our Geographic Bee, and are finally finishing China's Empires. The **sixth grade** is finding the work more rigorous and challenging, but have also admitted they're learning more than in sections past. I have no doubt they will be ready for seventh grade in no time!

Seventh grade social studies will be studying their longest unit yet: Europe and Russia. Our study of Europe will not only cover the physical geography of the continent, but the rich history of it as well. We are also learning current events about specific countries in Eastern and Western Europe.

In U.S. History, we are just finishing up the unit on Andrew Jackson and Manifest Destiny. The **eighth grade** has done a great job of drawing parallels between Native Americans and Native Hawaiians as we learn about assimilation into American culture.



Middle School - 2nd Quarter Awards

Principal's List

(GPA 3.75—4.0)

Steadman Chang
Keira Henriques
Sophia McMillan
Marley Matsuoka
Jacob Remily
Aulana Rogan
Maddux Springer
Sean Tanji
Dane Anderson
Emalia Dalire-Hoohuli
Jacob Gaudi
Maya Nam
Isabelle Schippers
Rachael Williams

Ian Anderson
La`akea Kaonohi
Kaiana Lindsey
Emily Reynolds
Ethan Shek

Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0—3.75)

Aidan Camp
Ka`eo Catrett
Jadeyn Ito
Star Kim
Alex Lerner
Chloe Remedios
Maiko Santiago
Austin Seibold

Kailen Tolentino
Justin Venegas
Haven Hepton
Ezekiel Rodrigues
Kahea Sablan-Lee
Mehana Watanabe
Nainoa Wong
Erin Camp
Mana Catrett
Wyatt Elia
Ebony Greene
Hayden Jenkins
Ryli Kalahiki
Eli Sevigny
Brianna Tadaki

Principal's Award

(Improved GPA by 0.3)

Mana Catrett
Ebony Greene
Arona Rogan
Eli Sevigny
Matthew Tanji



Rummage Sale



Please support Saint Mark's annual Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 3 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

We need your support with both donations and purchases.

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STUFF



Athletics

Basketball season has begun! Our JV basketball boys and girls started practice when school resumed following the Winter Break and are already halfway through their very short season. Coach Miki and Coach Tyson, along with Coach Bret, have the athletes working hard, learning lots, and having fun! The eagerly awaited varsity basketball season will begin with practices at the end of January.

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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 Monday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m.



This & That



It is time for the Spring Family Night so please join us on Friday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m. for a fun time at the Ice Palace. Reservation forms will be sent home soon and everyone is welcome.

Our students helped to make the season merrier for those in need with December's chapel offerings going to the Salvation Army Toys-for-Tots program. We collected over 100 new toys and raised over \$275 in cash that the students used to purchase a truck load of additional Christmas gifts.

Our January chapel offerings are going to Pennies for Patients. We hope to be as successful this year as we were last year.



Congratulations to the middle school students who earned the 2nd quarter Principal's Award or spots on the Principal's List

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled from January 24 thru 31. Please be sure to come and see this year's selection of books, games and stationery. As always, your support is much appreciated.

The annual Saint Mark Spelling Bee was held on January 10, and Ha`aha`e Kahana (grade 7) and Rachael Williams (grade 7) will be representing Saint Mark in the district bee at Hongwanji School on Tuesday, February 6.

Congratulations to Maddux Springer (grade 6) who won the Saint Mark's National Geographic Bee held in the chapel on January 24. Maddux competed against nine other semi-finalists from grades four to eight and is now moving on and will possibly compete in the state-level competition. The first place winner from each state-level competition will be sent, all expenses paid, to Washington, D.C. to compete at the national level of the National Geographic Bee.



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Saint Mark is still accepting new student applications for the upcoming 2018-19 school year