

# 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 2015**

## A Message from the Head of School



I hope and pray that you all were able to enjoy some quality time with your loved ones over the Christmas break. I am very happy to report that the faculty/staff appreciated the break, and is now recharged for the busy semester ahead.

As we pass the mid-point of the school year and in preparation for our upcoming accreditation visit in the spring of 2016, we are pausing to formally solicit your feedback. We do this periodically because your opinion means a great deal to us and is critical to our overall success. Your feedback helps ensure that we have the most accurate and up-to-date information to better server your needs.

Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is very dynamic, and Saint Mark must work diligently to understand and meet the needs of our families as we endeavor to fulfill our mission and prepare our students for the rigors of high school and the ever-changing challenges to follow. And your voice communicated to us through our survey will help us to better do this.

In the coming weeks a letter will be sent home inviting you to participate in our on-line parent survey. We know that you are very busy, and we humbly ask you to take a few minutes to complete it.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your help!

**We Want  
YOUR  
OPINION**  
(Please take our Survey)

**SPEAK UP**

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## 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 25 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 **Thursday, February 12.**

### Dates to Remember

**February 1:** Grades 3&4 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service

**February 5:** Mid-Quarter Reports go home with students

**February 9:** PTC Meeting at 5:30pm in room 201

**February 16:** Presidents' Day - No School

**February 18:** Ash Wednesday Lent Begins

**February 20:** Re-enrollment contracts due to office

**February 20:** Spring Family Night at Ice Palace at 6:00 p.m.

**February 21:** PTC Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m.

**February 23-27:** Scholastic Book Fair

**February 25:** "Get Active" for Saint Mark and Potluck

**February 28:** All Lutheran Schools' Music Festival at 7:00pm

**March 1:** Grades K-2 sing at the 9:30 a.m. church service

**March 9-13** Spirit Week

**March 13:** End of 3rd Quarter

**March 16-18:** Grades 6-8 Report Cards mailed home

**March 16- 27:** Spring Break - No School

**March 30:** School Resumes K-5 Report Cards go home with students

**April 3:** Good Friday - No School

## Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

**Kindergarten:** The kindergarteners had a fantastic winter vacation with their families and were anxious to return to school. As they looked back on the first half of the year, they were amazed at how much they have learned as they prepared for first grade. January is a very exciting month in kindergarten. The students enjoyed celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of kindergarten with lots of fun activities involving the number 100. They were also excited about Wheel Week, learning about bicycle safety, and practicing their riding skills.

**First Grade:** 2015 has begun with an eager group of children ready to learn new things. They started the New Year off by setting New Year

goals and celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with some very special activities. A few of those activities were sharing what 100 looks like with our 100<sup>th</sup> day collections, walking 100 steps, planting 100 seeds in our garden and sharing a snack of 100 things. We also enjoyed our field trip to the Honolulu Theatre for Youth to see "Suzette Who Set To Sea."



*The kindergartener class paused for a group photo to help celebrate the 100th day of school*

**Second Grade:** The second graders hit the ground running in the third quarter. They began by writing about their 2015 resolutions. Some students want to become better at sports, others want to do better at school and a few just want to have fun! They only had a week to pre-

pare for their student led chapel. They worked very hard and did an amazing job. They also went on a field trip with the first graders to the Honolulu Theatre for Youth's "Suzette Who Set to Sea". This quarter they are taking a break from regrouping and having a little fun with geometry! They are also learn-



*Dr. Gaudi and a brave Grade 1 volunteer do a demonstration during a recent chapel*

ing Shurley English for the first time and have begun a science unit on "weather". So far the quarter has been very busy...and it has only just begun!

## Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

**Third Grade:** The third graders have jumped into Multiplication and are going strong. They love drawing arrays with sidewalk chalk as well as singing skip counting songs. For grammar, they have several new ways of learning grammar which keep it exciting and fun. And they enjoy practicing adding details to bland sentences to make them more enjoyable to read.



*The Grade 3 and 4 students performed beautifully in their Christmas Concert*

**Fourth Grade:** Last quarter the 4th graders did research on a plant or animal from Hawaii. With this information they created an iBook, wrote a riddle, and became an author of an essay! It was a great learning experience for the students. Through this project they built up their knowledge of plants and animals, the early Hawaiians, and the steps in completing a re-



search project. With the fourth grade Big Island trip fast approaching all the students are eager to learn more about our unique island history.



*Grade 5 students did a wonderful job with their Christmas Tree*

## Classroom News - Fifth Grade

**Fifth Grade:** Fifth Grade ended 2014 with a wonderful Christmas party they organized completely by themselves. They formed committees to decorate, plan games, and organize a scrumptious brunch

*"It certainly was a great way to begin our Christmas holiday season!"*

for all to enjoy. In addition, the students had previously selected another student's name in our class, so they exchanged Secret Santa gifts with each other. It certainly was a great way to begin our Christmas holiday season!



# Classroom News - Middle School

**Mrs. Pelletier's News:** Here's what we have been up to in Ms. Pelletier's classes:

**Sixth graders** are studying Jesus' death and resurrection and planning our upcoming chapel in **Bible**. In **science**, they are finishing up an exciting chapter on volcanoes. Our next chapter is about weathering and erosion.

**Seventh grade math students** are working with ratios, proportions and similar figures and have just started a chapter on bones, muscles and skin in **science**.

In **eighth grade algebra** we are solving and graphing inequalities and in **science**, the **eighth graders** are finishing up a chapter on chemical reactions. Our next chapter is about acids, bases and solutions.

## **Mrs. Schroppel's News:**

In **Bible**, **seventh graders** are studying the person and work of God's Son, Jesus. From the second article of the Apostles' Creed we learn that He is true God and true man. He lived the perfect life in our place, and took the punishment that we deserve. Thank you, Jesus!

**Sixth grade math** students read their awesome books to the primary classes before Christmas. Now they are getting into operations with fractions.

**Pre-algebra** students are studying ratios, proportions and percents.

These skills are very useful for calculating mark ups and discounts when out shopping!

**Seventh and eighth grade English** students continue in their studies of the language with Shurley grammar and Wordly Wise. The **eighth graders** are learning new sentence patterns involving object complements, and the **seventh graders** are reviewing sentence styles. In **literature**, both classes are beginning novels that they will turn into movies.

## **Mrs. Souki's News:**

In **eighth grade Bible** students started this year off with love. The memory verses and lessons we will go over this quarter will all be based on love. Since we led chapel on January 21<sup>st</sup> we also made it the theme for our chapel. The students worked very hard on a video about how Saint Mark students can show God's love to each other on a daily basis.

**Sixth grade world History** is continuing the study of the Roman Empire with a look at how Christianity played a role in the fall of Rome. We will be going on our first Webquest. A Webquest is an assignment given to the students where they are directed to a specific website to gather information. They learn the content as well as how to use technology safely.

**Seventh grade world geography** students are finishing up their study of South America with a look



*Grade 8 students and their kindergarten buddies enthusiastically purchased Christmas gifts for some of Hawaii's less fortunate*

at the diverse cultures of the Andes and the Pampas. Soon they will be studying Europe and its peoples during different times like Medieval Europe and Europe after WWII.

**Eighth grade U.S. History** students are studying the westward expansion of America with a specific focus on the Native American population, Andrew Jackson's policies on Indian Removal, and the Trail of Tears. They will examine current events related to each subject this quarter. Next up is the Civil War.

## **Miss Morris' News:**

Great strides are being made in **middle school P.E.** We continue to run and may have some future marathoners in our midst!

**Youth Quest** is finishing up the study of Old Testament people. Next we will start New Testament characters from Mary to Peter to the sheep.



# Middle School - 2nd Quarter Awards

## **Principal's List**

(GPA 3.75—4.0)

Nathanael Aiu  
Casey Barreca  
Laura Dart  
Ian Stone  
Jackie Tucker  
Reef Lee  
John Tittel  
Fenua Aiu  
Miriam Ha  
Joshua Hilpert  
Kara Iwamoto-Skelton  
Kathryn Koopman  
Mackenzie Plunkett  
Jenny Tucker

## **Honor Roll**

(GAP 3.0—3.75)

Mariah Basques  
Kaimana Bueno  
Kaila Flores  
Noah Gaudi  
Marc Gonzalez  
Noah Hanohano  
Sophie Hepton  
Abi Hilpert  
Keaupono McGee-Lee  
Camille McMillian  
Peyton Rapoza  
Dane Sumimoto  
Hank Warrington  
Harvey Welch  
Mikeila Beazley

Brynn Denis  
Joshua Kemp  
Emma Lindsey  
Sirena Linton  
Sophia Sagarese  
Eli Warren  
Lani Warren  
Logan Aiu  
Kuulei Aona  
Hunter Mansanas  
Kaleimakalii Saunders  
Amy Warrington  
Justin Pascua  
Nani Pegueros  
Mackenzie Plunkett  
Kaleimakalii Saunders

## **Principal's Award**

(Improved GPA by 0.3)

Sophia Sagarese  
Eli Warren  
Hunter Mansanas

## **Citizenship**

Nathanael Aiu  
Casey Barreca  
Kiara Carvalho-Salazar  
Laura Dart  
Kaila Flores  
Noah Gaudi  
Marc Gonzalez  
Noah Hanohano

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## Awards (cont.)

Sophie Hepton  
Abi Hilpert  
Camille McMillian  
Peyton Rapoza  
Ian Stone  
Jackie Tucker  
Harvey Welch  
Mikeila Beazley  
Brynn Denis  
Reef Lee  
Makena Lemapu  
Emma Lindsey  
Sirena Linton  
Sophia Sagarese  
John Tittel  
Lani Warren  
Fenua Aiu

Kuulei Aona  
Miriam Ha  
Joshua Hilpert  
Kara Iwamoto-Skelton  
Katy Koopman  
Justice Naehu  
Justin Pascua  
Nani Pegueros  
Mackenzie Plunkett  
Kaleimakali'i Saunders  
Jenny Tucker  
Amy Warrington



## Athletics

The varsity basketball season has begun with our first game played on Tuesday. **Coach Kuulei, Coach Curtis** and the athletes are working hard and expect to continue to improve throughout the season. Come and cheer us on! Our game schedule can be found on the calendar on the school website.



Check out SMLS on....



## Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC encourages everyone to save their items for the Rummage Sale on **Saturday, February 21 at 9:00am!**

Please join us at the next PTC Rummage Sale Planning meeting on **Monday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m.**



## This & That

The Saint Mark Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) is sponsoring their **Spring Rummage Sale** on **Saturday, February 21** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please make plans to support the sale with both donations and purchases.



Friday, February 20 is **Family Night at the Ice Palace!** Everyone is welcome to 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 \$500 in cash and lots of wonderful Christmas packages.

February chapel offerings are going to **Pennies for Patients**. The response last year was wonderful and we hope to do as well this year.



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

Congratulations to **Mackenzie Plunkett** who won Saint Mark's National Geographic Bee held in the chapel on December 12. **Mackenzie** competed against nine other semi-finalists from grades five to eight. Semi-finalists were **Kuulei Aona, Mari-ah Basques, Mana Catrett, Sirena Linton, Mia Nakagawa, Kaleimakalii Saunders, Ian Stone, Jackie Tucker, and Eli Warren.** **Mackenzie** will now 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. Good luck, Mackenzie!

The Saint Mark Lutheran School Spelling Bee was held with spellers from grades 4-8. The bee went 15 round before the winner and runner up could be determined. Congratulations are in order for our winner, **Aiyanie Park** (Grade 4) and the runner-up, **Jenny Tucker** (Grade 8). These two students will be representing Saint Mark in the Windward District Bee at Aikahi Elementary on Thursday, January 29. Congratulation and good luck!

**Saint Mark  
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**NOW ENROLLING**  
**247-5589**  
**[www.smls-hawaii.org](http://www.smls-hawaii.org)**

***Saint Mark is still accepting new student applications for the 2015-16 school year and will be distributing Re-enrollment contracts for current students on January 27***