

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**

April/May 2018

A Message from the Head of School



This is the time of the year where many of us at Saint Mark are filled with mixed emotions. For me, I am sad because this is the time of the year that we say good-bye to many wonderful students and families, but I am excited to see all the new faces and welcome the new families to our school `ohana.

Besides bidding farewell to some terrific students and families, we also say good-bye to two Saint Mark teachers. We bid a warm aloha to **Mrs. Ng** and **Ms. Camit** as they transition to the next phase of their lives. We profoundly thank them both for their years of service while wishing them all the best in their future endeavors.

But as is often the case, as we say "Good-bye" we also say "Hello". We are thrilled to welcome two experienced and talented educators to the Saint Mark `ohana. We welcome **Mrs. Dawn Somera** in kindergarten (a graduate of Saint Mark) and **Mrs. Carrie Tharpe** in grade 2. Both educators have master's degrees in education and come with a combined 15 years of teaching experience. We are excited to have these skilled educators joining the Saint Mark team.

As is customary, I bid the school year good-bye by saying:
"To those of you who are moving on from Saint Mark, we wish you all of God's blessing in the future. Please come back and visit. To those returning, we look forward to seeing you in August And, to all of you, we wish you a safe, relaxing, and altogether refreshing summer!"

ELC is Coming Along Nicely!

Construction continues on the Early Learning Center; however, support is still needed.

Please call the school office to set up a meeting with **Dr. Gaudi** to learn more about how you can support this very important project!



Latest Rendering of the ELC

Vacation Bible School at Saint Mark



Vacation Bible School at Saint Mark will be here before you know it! Join us **June 18-22 from 9am to 12pm**, as we learn about God's amazing love at our Babylon VBS. Registration is \$5 per participant which covers the cost of daily snacks and crafts.

Registration for children age four through entering fifth grade is now open. Youth entering sixth grade and above as well as adults are invited to join us as volunteers as we share God's love with our keiki.

If interested, please contact **Pastor Matt Hilpert** at pastormatt@stmarkhawaii.org or call the church office at 247-4565. You can also register online at www.vbspro.events/p/events/914cf9

Dates to Remember

May 25: Kindergarten Graduation at 6:00 p.m.

May 28: No School - Memorial Day

May 31: Grade 8 Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

June 1: Last Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal with **NO AFTERCARE**

June 1-15: All Report Cards mailed home

June 18-22: Summer Mailing Packets go home

June 18-22: Vacation Bible School at Saint Mark

August 1: First Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal with **NO AFTERCARE**

August 8: K-5 Back-to-School Orientation at 6:00 p.m.

August 9: Grades 6-8 Back-to-School Orientation at 6:00 p.m.

August 10: Fall School Pictures

August 17: No School - Hawaii Statehood Day

September 3: No School - Labor Day

September 7: Fall Family Night

September 17-19: Outdoor Education/Camp Erdman

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: Oh no! Kindergarten is almost over? How is this possible? It seems like we've just begun! We had an AMAZING May Day where we showed off our dancing and singing skills with *Eia Makou*. Thank you SO MUCH to **Andy Honda** and **Rachelle Rogan** for helping with the performance and all of the parents who helped us with outfits and lei. Also, thanks so very much for coming out to see us perform! We had our Spring Concert last Friday, May 18th and know you were impressed with our amazing voices! Kindergarten graduation will be held on May 25th, and we'll laugh & cry together as we realize that this kindergarten journey is almost over! Our last day of school is on June 1st. Please have an amazing summer and a great first grade year! We've come so far this year. It's almost time to say Aloha!!

First Grade: The first graders are looking forward to all the special

end-of-the-year activities planned. We are counting the days to receiving our class book that we published last month called *When I Grow Up*. We will hold a special celebration as official authors and illustrators. We hope to have a successful garden sale with our first and second graders selling produce and herbs from our garden. We enjoyed bringing the food we grew to the table with pesto spaghetti and cucumber kim chee... a special thanks to Kevin Mau for cooking it up for us. YUM! We were busy planning and preparing for our Mother's Day Tea on May 16th. The children had some very special surprises planned for their mothers. The first and second graders thoroughly enjoyed the final open market of the year on May 21st. The children have worked hard all year to earn "play money" and this will be a great way to spend it. The K-5 teachers are planning an end of the year celebration on May 31st! It will be a great

way to come together as our year together comes to a close!

Second Grade: We've been busy here in second grade! The second graders worked very hard on their May Day performance! They were excited to show off their drumming and dancing skills. We had the pleasure of enjoying some meals using produce from the first and second grade garden. We had pesto made from basil that the students harvested and cucumber kim chee from Japanese cucumbers growing on our trellis. Thank you, Kevin Mau, for preparing these dishes with the second graders! The second graders are looking forward to their last Open Market and getting their summer started! It's been a great year here in second grade!

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: Third grade is wrapping up a wonderful year! We have started book clubs in reading, which allows us to use all of the reading strategies we have learned throughout the year. Recently, each student chose a biography and we will use the Chromebook lab to create a slideshow about the person each student chose to research. In math, we have been doing all sorts of measurement! We are learning how to measure length, capacity, and weight in customary and metric units. In social studies we wrapped up a unit on national, state, and local government by visiting our state capitol. We met with Representative Jarrett Keohokalole who spoke with the students about

the legislative process. We are ending the year with earth science talking about weather & climate and the sun, moon, stars, and planets. Finally, we had a wonderful May Day celebration! The students worked very hard and were excited to share their performance.

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders had a three day educational trip to the Big Island. In Kona, they learned about the Hawaiian monarch at Hulihe'e Palace. They also visited the famous Pu'uuhonua O Honaunau National Park, otherwise known as the City of Refuge. The students then trekked 9,000 feet up Mauna Kea where they saw silverswords, and drank hot cocoa in



Grade 4 visiting Pu'uuhonua O Honaunau National Park on the annual Big Island Trip

the cold weather. They were also very fortunate to visit the field offices of the Subaru and UH telescopes. The fourth graders culminated their trip by visiting the Mokupapapa Museum and learning more about how the Hawaiian Islands formed. They also performed a bolus dissection from a native Laysan Albatross bird. It was a memorable trip for all and a great way to culminate the end of the school year!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: Fifth Grade has been working hard to finish the year off well. Even with LOTS of May Day practices, we have been able to find time to get a lot of work done in the classroom. Our goal has been to take the material we have been learning, and seeing how we can apply it to engineering and architect-

tural sides of life. In math, we have taken our entire classroom with all of the desks inside and made a scale drawing. In science we have spent a good chunk of time looking at the engineering of bridges. We then took what we learned about different properties of bridges to construct our own bridges. We also

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have been looking at magnetism as students had to critically figure out how magnets work and how they are helpful to us today. Outside of math and science, we also have been working on creating creative comic strips. This year has been an absolute blast, and we are sad to see the school year coming to a close.

Classroom News - Middle School

Mrs. Kuster's News:

In **sixth grade Bible**, we are finishing up our unit on the spread of the Gospel. Our next unit will focus on individuals who helped the Early Christian Church grow.

In **sixth grade earth science**, we are learning about different energy resources. We will debate which energy resource(s) the students think are best for Hawaii. Next, we will be studying astronomy and our solar system.

We just started the final chapter of our body systems unit - *The Reproductive System* in **seventh grade life science**. Students will be required to care for a "rice-bag baby" for a few days while we learn about the development stages of infants, toddlers, and children.

In **eighth grade physical science**, we are finishing up our chapter on energy. Next, we will be studying waves, their general characteristics, and then specifically sound and light waves.

We are learning about arithmetic and geometric sequences, patterns and rules, and simple and compound interest in **seventh grade math**. In **eighth grade algebra**, we are learning about adding, subtracting, and multiplying polynomials, factoring trinomials, and factoring by grouping.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

Seventh grade bible is in the final unit: Witnessing: *Faith for Life*. It is wonderful to know we have eternal

life through Jesus, and even better to share that good news with others!

In **eighth grade English**, we are on a historical fiction theme. Students researched an event from history and wrote an original short story. Now, they are creating presentations for the historical fiction novels they read.

In **sixth grade math** and **seventh and eighth pre algebra**, students are doing some final lessons from the book and also putting finishing touches on projects.

The sixth graders are making up original strategy games, and the seventh and eighth graders have been enjoying the beauty of tessellations. And we are ALL looking forward the beauty of summer vacation!

Mrs. DeMello-Kuntz's News:

With eighth grade graduation quickly approaching, the **eighth grade Bible** class has been sharing their Bible period with graduation business, such as choosing two class songs and rehearsing it. We've also selected our class verse, and are almost ready to end the year.

Our **sixth grade English** class has just completed our class novel, *The One and Only Ivan*, and are working on book reviews. Most of them highly recommend it!

This quarter, our **seventh grade English** students have worked on two projects. They had to choose one person that is from Hawaii and present a biography project about them. They are currently writing their own myths that are from cultures and societies that they have created themselves.

In **sixth grade social studies** we are currently learning about Mesoamerican Societies, specifically the Aztecs, Maya, and Incas. The sixth graders have learned about "The Ice Maiden", an Incan mummy found high atop Mount Ampato in Peru.

Our **seventh grade social studies** class is working hard to ensure we complete our Asian country projects before the end of the quarter. In order to work on our projects, we must first finish our textbook work. Hopefully we meet our deadline!

In **eighth grade social studies**, we've just completed our unit on World War One. We've learned



Some of the May Day Court at the beginning of our 2018 May Day Celebration

about chemical warfare, the earliest tanks, and the Zeppelin, a blimp that was first used to carry weapons and other supplies across the skies. Next, we will look at the Great Depression and the rise of the United

States as a world power after World War Two.



Middle School - 3rd Quarter Awards

Principal's List

(GPA 3.75—4.0)

Steadman Chang
Keira Henriques
Alex Lerner
Jacob Remily
Maddux Springer
Sean Tanji
Dane Anderson
Emalia Dalire-Hoohuli
Jacob Gaudi

Isabelle Schippers
Rachael Williams
Ian Anderson
La`akea Kaonohi

Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0—3.75)

Star Kim
Marley Matsuoka
Sophia McMillian
Aulana Rogan

Austin Seibold
Justin Venegas
Haven Hepton
Maya Nam
Kahea Sablan-Lee
Mehana Watanabe
Nainoa Wong
Erin Camp
Wyatt Elia
Hayden Jenkins
Ryli Kalahiki

Kaiana Lindsey
Ethan Shek

Principal's Award

(Improved GPA by 0.3)

Gabriel Cole
Maila Freitas

**HARD WORK
PAYS OFF**

Athletics



Our last season of the year, varsity basketball, ended with the all-stars games held here at Saint Mark on Saturday, May 12. Participating were our all-stars, Ha'eha'e Kahana, Emalia Dalire-Hoohuli (MVP), Ezekiel Rodrigues (MVP), Jacob Gaudi, and Hayden Jenkins. Many thanks to head coach, David Takaki, and his assistant coaches, Tyson Rodrigues, Jason Sahara, and Bret Williams.

We ended our year of athletics and celebrated all our athletes at our Athletic Banquet. A big mahalo to Miki Henriques and Shawna Kalahiki for planning and organizing this great event.



The varsity boy's basketball team and coaches at the Athletic Banquet

Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



A **BIG Mahalo** goes to the PTC for all of their hard work and generosity throughout the school year. Some of the highlights of their service to Saint Mark include: planning our very first 'Ohana Fun Fair, totally organizing the rummage sale, purchasing numerous supplies for the classrooms, and treating the entire faculty and staff to a wonderful teacher appreciation lunch complete with goodie bags and gift cards. Mahalo to the PTC for their consistent and generous support of Saint Mark!



This & That

Don't forget that our uniform store, Pueo Print is busy during the summer. So do not wait until the last minute to purchase next



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year's school uniforms. Call **Pueo Print** at 784-0758 to inquire or place an order.

Our last day of school is Friday, **June 1st** with an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. and **NO AFTERCARE**.

The **first day of school** for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year is Wednesday, **August 1, 2018**. That will be a half day with **dismissal** at 11:30 and **NO AFTERCARE**.

As we send our **graduating eighth graders** off to high school we are proud of all their accomplishments. Our students will be attending the following schools: Damien, HBA, 'Iolani, Le Jardin, Koolau Baptist Academy, Maryknoll, Punahou, St. Louis, Kalaheo, Kahuku, Moanalua, and Castle. Congratulations!!!



Office hours during the summer break will be Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Students were thrilled to be checking out the police vehicles

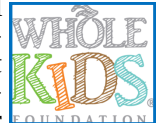


Grade 1 enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day Tea



Congratulations to the middle school students who earned the 3rd quarter Principal's Award or spots on the Principal's List

Mrs. Venegas worked hard to earn a \$2,000 grant from the Whole Kids Foundation to support the garden and expand the worm vermicomposting program that uses worms and recycled vegetable or food waste to create a nutrient rich vermicast.



Please stay safe & enjoy your Summer Break!!



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