

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**

August 2018

A Message from the Head of School

Now that the 2018-19 school year is well under way, I am happy to report that the students seem to be settling in beautifully. We are excited to welcome two new team members to the Saint Mark 'ohana this year. We welcome **Mrs. Dawn Somera** (Kindergarten) and **Mrs. Carrie Tharpe** (Grade 2). Please join me in extending them a warm aloha as they join our family.

The complete 2018-2019 Saint Mark faculty and staff are listed as follows:



Kindergarten - **Mrs. Somera**
Grade 1 - **Mrs. Venegas**
Grade 2 - **Mrs. Tharpe**
Grade 3 - **Mrs. Sitler**
Grade 4 - **Mrs. McMillian**
Grade 5 - **Mr. Fosket**



Middle School Science, Math & Bible - **Mrs. Kuster**
Middle School English, Math & Bible - **Mrs. Schroppel**
Middle School Social Studies, English & Bible - **Mrs. DeMello-Kuntz**
Art, Gr 2 Educational Assistant & After Care Director - **Mrs. Gibo**
Assistant Head of School, Director of School Programs & Athletics - **Mrs. Kong**
Band, 4 & 5 Ukulele, K-6 Choir, and 7 & 8 Music - **Mr. Bauchle**
Kindergarten Educational Assistant & Before Care Worker - **Mrs. Akaka**
Middle School P.E., Gr 1 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Ms. Kauai Dias**
Gr 1 & 2 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Ms. Courtney Gibo**
Library, Gr 3 & 4 Educational Assistant & After Care Worker - **Mrs. Manu**
After Care - **Mrs. Gibo, Mrs. Manu, Ms. Courtney Gibo** and **Ms. Keaka**
Administrative Assistant/Admissions Coordinator - **Mrs. Kaha'ulelio**
Business Manager - **Mrs. Lawrence**
Pastor - **Rev. Matthew Hilpert**
Head of School - **Dr. David Gaudi**

As is customary at Saint Mark, in addition to the new staff, we also want to welcome all of our new school families and welcome back our returning families. We know that you have many choices when it comes to your children's education, and we thank you for putting your trust in us. You continue to be our most important ambassadors, and we greatly appreciate your commitment!

Construction Continues as We Work to Meet Our ELC Fundraising Goals



Construction continues on Saint Mark's new 11,000 sq. ft. Early Learning Center. The hope is to have the building completed in the spring and fully open by fall of 2019. **The final stage is to meet a few more fundraising goals.**

The building will include three pre-school classrooms, a collaborative learning space, technology/robotics center, meeting rooms and administrative offices.

We need everyone's help to bring our plans to fruition. 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. Mahalo Nui Loa!



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Dates to Remember

August 28: Mid-Quarter Reports go home

September 2: Grades 3 & 4 Sing in Church at 9:30 a.m.

September 3: Labor Day No School

September 7: Fall Family Night - Movie Night

September 12: Kindergarten Grandparents' Day

September 16: Grades 5 & 6 Sing in Church at 9:30 a.m.

September 17: PTC / Fun Fair Planning Meeting at 5:30pm

September 17-19: Grades 5 & 7 Camp Erdman

September 20: Fall Picture Make-up Day

September 28: 1st Quarter Ends - 11:30am Dismissal

September 29: All Report Cards mailed home over the break

October 1 - 12: Fall Break

October 15: School Resumes

October 18 & 19: 11:30am dismissal due to Parent Teacher Conferences

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten:

Happy 2018-2019 school year from the kindergarten classroom! We have enjoyed the first few weeks of school together. The kindergarteners have been hard at work learning new names and faces. We took a campus tour and learned where all



Kindergarten students got to know their chapel buddies

the classrooms are along with hallway and walking rules. Their favorite spot is the playground and the field! We have been working on reviewing our numbers, letters, phonetic sounds, and counting skills. They have all been working very hard and earning 'moolah' to redeem at the Treasure Box. We have had a few birthdays in August and it has been great celebrating with new and old friends. It is going to be a fantastic year!



Grade 1 students doing an exciting science experiment

First Grade: The first graders have experienced a lot of "firsts" in the first month of school. They have completed their first math minute, spelling test, science experiment, art project, and friendly letter. They experienced their first P.E., choir, and computer class. They were amazing audiences to both our guest readers, **Dr. Gaudi** and **Mrs. Manu**. They learned about

Kids A-Z on-line reading program for both home and school. The class

received their very own banks to store their "play money" they will earn throughout the quarter to be used at their first Open Market at the end of September. They are eagerly saving their play money and learning how to count it, too! Parents came to our Back-to-School Night and

learned the ins and outs of first grade. It has been a wonderful start to a new school year!

Second Grade: Second grade is off to a great start! We have spent the last two weeks getting to know each other, learning procedures, and getting used to not being first graders anymore. We have already been on our first field trip to the Hawaii Theater for Youth where we saw, *Filipino Folk Tales and Fables*. We all thoroughly enjoyed the performance and one of our own was able to participate with the cast! The performance also tied right in to our social studies lesson



Grade 2 students joined other grades working in the school garden

on culture. Everyone is fitting in well, and I know it will be a super year in second grade.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: Third grade is off to a wonderful start! We have been busy learning the routines and procedures in our classroom in order to prepare for a successful year. The students have started their first math unit on multiplication and division. In reading, we have been working on visualizing what we read. We've also talked about different genres of literature, including folktales and fables. We recently attended a play at the Honolulu Theatre for Youth called *Filipino*

Folktales and Fables and got to see stories come to life. We have been spending our time in language arts reviewing different parts of speech. In social studies, we have been talking about communities and working to build our class and school community. It looks like it's going to be a great year!

Fourth Grade: Aloha! The new fourth grade class is off to a great start. They have already learned one hula and two 'oli's. Many students



are adjusting to the homework requirements but overall, they are rising to the challenge. The fourth graders also went to a field trip to the Manoa Heritage Center. They learned all about native Hawaiian plants and visited a heiau. They also learned the process of making kapa. In math, the students completed their first unit in place value and rounding. What a busy and exciting start to the year!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade: It has been a great joy during the first couple of weeks of school welcoming a fresh batch of 26 fifth graders. In social studies this year, we will be looking at U.S. history. We are starting off by who was here first, the Native Americans. Each student is taking a separate tribe, and working on PowerPoints that they will

present to the class. In science, we have begun the discussion of cells and the difference between plant and animal cells. In math we are studying place value, and in language arts we are working on autobiographies. Outside of the classroom, we have already begun the discussion for Camp Erdman as that three day camping trip will take place in September.



Classroom News - Middle School

Mrs. DeMello-Kuntz's News:

In addition to adding more to their knowledge of the story of Creation, our **eighth grade Bible** class is going through the Psalms and choosing verses to apply to their daily lives. These "encouragement verses" will be especially helpful to take to heart as high school is quickly approaching. We are also very excited to be spending time with our chapel buddies!

Our **sixth grade English** class is building up their writing and grammar with their Shurley workbook. During their journal writing, they get to write about a variety of topics, some of which they get to choose on their own. Writing about any topic at length will aid all of them.

In **seventh grade English**, our students are working on a book project on their favorite book, and are getting to know their new Shurley program. This week's focus is capitalization and punctuation rules!

The **sixth grade social studies** students have jumped into middle school and their World History class, and has made a big splash in the process. They are currently learning about early hunter-gatherer societies, and the importance of fire to early man.

Although World Geography can be somewhat tedious, our **seventh grade social studies** class have tak-

en it in stride, and have performed very well on all their work. They will soon be starting their studies on North America.

The **eighth grade social studies** students are reviewing note-taking strategies that they've learned last year, and are applying it to US History! Currently, we are studying New Spain and using outlines to take our notes.

Mrs. Kuster's News:

In **sixth grade Bible**, we are making "It's Me!" people to get to know each other better. Next, we will be working our way through the New Testament. Our first unit focuses on Jesus' birth and life.

All middle school science classes started the year with a fun gummy bear lab to help us learn the steps of the scientific method. Sixth graders are now studying different types of landforms and how they are represented on maps. Seventh graders are studying the characteristics and classifications of organisms and will be looking at cells and their organelles. And eighth graders are studying the characteristics and states of matter and will soon be starting a project.

In **seventh grade math**, we are adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals and integers. We are also evaluating expressions using the order of operations and the distributive property.

In **eighth grade algebra**, we are reviewing functions and patterns, scatter plots and other ways of displaying data, and how to find the mean, median, mode, and range of sets of data. Our next chapter will focus on rational numbers.

Mrs. Schropfel's News:

Seventh grade is off to a great start! The students are really stepping up to the responsibility of being chapel buddies with the first grade, and are looking forward to doing activities and going swimming with them. In **Bible** we are learning about God and His Word. The focus for our year is 1 Timothy 4:12 ~ "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity."

Sixth grade math has reviewed place value, exponents & estimation and is beginning number sense.

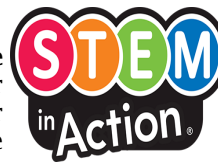
Seventh and eighth grade pre-algebra students are learning the language of algebra as they study algebraic expressions and integers.

The first test is coming up!

The **eighth grade English** class is getting reacquainted with Shurley, while jumping right into journal writing, vocabulary *Wordly Wise* and literature. We are reading the young adult book, *Uglies*, which is about a utopian society where everyone gets to become "pretty" on their 16th birthday. Should be fun!



Students are happy that volleyball has begun



The 2018-19 'Ohana Groups Shirt Design

Saint Mark Lutheran School is On-line!



Check out the School Website as it continues to be updated!

Saint Mark Website
www.smls-hawaii.org

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to receive **automatic e-mail alerts** when new items are posted to the school website. It's a great way to stay connected!



Athletics



Welcome to the 2018-2019 sports year! We belong to the Lutheran Schools Sports League (LSSL), and will be participating in volleyball, basketball and cross country.

The JV (fifth and sixth grade boys and girls) volleyball season has started! Approximately 25 eager athletes are practicing hard under Coach Sheri.



Our first game is on Thursday, August 30 at Pearl Harbor. The game schedule is posted on the school website calendar. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting season!



2018-2019 Faculty and Staff at the Installation and Rededication Church Service on August 5



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash

The PTC is a voluntary parent teacher organization with the goal of helping to improve and enhance the learning environment for the students of Saint Mark.



The PTC is busy at work planning the 'Ohana Fun Fair and Hawaiian Plate Fundraiser...



The 'Ohana Fun Fair and Hawaiian Plate Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 at Saint Mark Lutheran and will include a fun-filled day for friends and family with games, activities, snacks, and delicious Hawaiian food. We will also have a Silent Auction which will include classroom projects handmade by our talented students! The proceeds from this event will be used to support our very important financial aid/scholarship program and our on-going technology expenses.

This & That

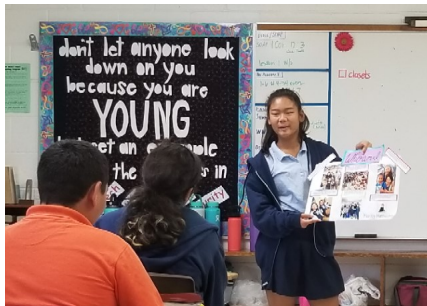
Make plans to attend the **Fall Family Night** on Friday, September 7. It will be a fun-filled movie night with the fourth graders selling food as a fundraiser for their Big Island trip.



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Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

The August Chapel offerings will go to **Lutheran Bible Translators**. September offerings are going to the **Aloha United Way**. Mahalo for your support!



Grade 7 Students Shared some family facts with their classmates

Please be sure to label all jackets, lunch boxes, etc. with your child's name.

If something hasn't made its way home please come and check the **lost and found** in the school office.

Saint Mark is again participating in Foodland's Annual **Give Aloha** program! During the month of September, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person, per organization) at checkout to Saint Mark Lutheran School. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation up to a total of \$300,000 for all organizations combined.



Dr. Gaudi recently spent some time "Guest Reading" to the Grade 1 students

