

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 2019

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 **Miss Courtney** as well as three Saint Mark teachers. We bid a warm aloha to **Mrs. Venegas, Mr. Fosket** and **Mrs. Kuster** as they transition to the next phase of their lives. We profoundly thank them for their years of faithful service while wishing them all the best in their future endeavors. We will miss you!



But as is often the case, as we say "Good-bye" we also say "Hello". We are thrilled to welcome three energetic and talented educators to the Saint Mark `ohana. We welcome **Mrs. Kaleigh Stover** in grade 1, **Mrs. Rose Ortiz** in grade 5, and **Mrs. Melissa Sanborn** in middle school. We also have **Mrs. Margaret Carpenter** and **Mrs. Kristin Sorrell** joining us in the ELC. We are excited to have these highly recommended and 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!"



Dates to Remember

May 24: Kindergarten Graduation at 6:00 p.m.

May 27: No School - Memorial Day

May 29: Box Tops Due

May 30: Grade 8 Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

May 31: Last Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal with **NO AFTERCARE**

June 1-15: All Report Cards mailed home

June 17-28: Summer Mailing Packets go home

July 31: First Day of School 11:30 a.m. dismissal with **NO AFTERCARE**

August 7: K-5 Back-to-School Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

August 8: Grades 6-8 Back-to-School Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

August 9: Fall School Pictures

August 16: No School - Hawaii Statehood Day

September 2: No School - Labor Day

September 13: Fall Family Night

September 16-18: Outdoor Education/Camp Erdman

Early Learning Center is almost Pau!



Rendering of the ELC

As the final touches are being put on Saint Mark's all new Early Learning Center, it is important that everyone realize that this amazing building is not just for pre-school students but is for the entire school to enjoy. Besides being home to the school offices, the upstairs of the ELC will be for K-8 usage beginning next school year.



Recent Photo of the ELC

Please contact the school office at 247-5589 or rkahaulelio@smls-hawaii.org to set up a meeting with **Mrs. Kaha`ulelio** or **Dr. Gaudi** to learn more about the building or to schedule a tour to see the classrooms and the beautiful collaborative learning space!

Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergarten: It has been a busy quarter finishing up our class curriculum. We had a great quarter reading and doing projects with our third grade reading buddies. Spending time with our chapel and reading buddies has helped us form friendships with students in other grades this year. They have been mentors and have helped to shape the kinders into the excellent students that they all are. We enjoyed displaying all of our artwork at the Fine Arts Display and wrote animal poems to add to our art collection. The kindergarteners also enjoyed watching *Pinocchio* at the Honolulu Theatre for Youth. Singing at the Spring Concert was also a highlight for the kindergarteners. They were all so excited to share the story of *Jonah and The Good Samaritan* with family and friends. As our school year comes to a close, we will be focusing on friendship and making kindergarten memories. Mahalo to all of the kinder families for all of your support this year!

First Grade: The first graders have been very busy this quarter and they

can't believe we are counting down the days to summer! Last month, they were very proud to present their art pieces in the K-8 Art Display! They invited a special date to our "Mother's Day Tea" to celebrate Mother's Day! They will begin researching and writing about an endangered animal of their choice and our classroom will transform into a Rainforest. The final weeks of the year are filled with visiting their new class and teacher in second grade, spending all their "play money" at our final auction, celebrating the accomplishment of their success at becoming published authors and illustrators in our class book entitled *When I Grow Up...*, harvesting the vermicast from our school worm bin, tending the elementary garden, performing in the K-2 Spring Concert, and coming together with second and fifth grade to celebrate the close of another amazing year! Our end of the year celebration will be held on May 30th at Kailua Beach Park! This event will be a great way to join together as families as our year comes to a close.

Second Grade: Second graders have enjoyed a great final quarter of the year! We just wrapped up our fairy tale writing unit and there are many imaginative writers in second grade! We will squeeze in one more writing unit before the year ends. Students will write a personal narrative about predictions about third grade. We thoroughly enjoyed playing fun and engaging review games during SAT week and a favorite was egg roulette! Second grade also continues to enjoy the garden and was able to enjoy fresh pizza for lunch one day along with our first grade friends. We also participated in one last worm vermicast harvest. This final quarter has also been full of great field trips. We visited the Discovery Center and learned more about digestion and enjoyed the Youth Theater's production of *Pinocchio*. We especially enjoyed receiving a personal lesson on coding from the experts at Apple! Our final field trip of the year will be a wonderful beach day, along with first and fifth grades, to celebrate all we have accomplished during this amazing school year.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade: Third grade has had a great ending to our wonderful school year! We have been continuing to work in reading on using our reading comprehension strategies that we have been working on all year. We have also been working on reading and writing about different genres. Each student read a biography and created a slideshow about their chosen person in computer class. We also practiced writing poetry for National Poetry Month in April. As we wrap up math we have been working on fractions, geometry, and perimeter. We have tried to take advantage of the beautiful weather by finding math outside. We have found the perimeter of different polygons on

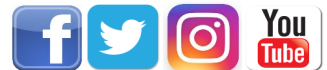
the blacktop and identified different shapes out in the world. In science, we studied force and motion, energy, and simple machines. Each student created a carnival game using those scientific principles and we hosted the other elementary students to play our games. Finally, in social studies we have been learning about finances and businesses. The students have been hard at work creating a business plan that they will present to the "sharks"—similar to the show *Shark Tank*. It has been a joyful year of learning and working hard and it has been wonderful to see our students grow as they prepare to become fourth graders!

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders had a three day educational trip to the Big Island. In Kona, they visited the famous Pu'uhonua O Honaunau National Park, also 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 the cold weather. They were very fortunate to visit the Gemini Observatory telescopes. The trip culminated with a visit to the Mokupapapa Museum. They performed a sand analysis from various beaches in the Hawaiian chain and learned how the islands were born. It was a memorable trip for all and a great way to end a fun and memorable school year!



Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Checkout SMLS on...



Fifth Grade: As the fifth grade teacher, I am sad and proud to have to say good bye to this group of students. All year they have shown the tenacity, hard work, and joy to create a memorable school year. As we finish the year off, we have some last assignments and projects. In social studies, our focus has been on states. Each student has taken

the responsibility of learning about one specific state and teaching the class about all of the different aspects of that state. In language arts, we have been working on creating comic strips that have allowed the class to use their creative abilities to create some very impressive work. We have also been working on readers' theaters that they will be per-

forming to the class. In science, we have been going in multiple directions. We have been working on energy and simple machines, which has culminated in creating large scale domino effects that take up large portions of the classroom. On top of that, we have gone into our gender education class.

Classroom News - Middle School

Mrs. Kuster's News:

In **sixth grade Bible**, we are studying the spread of the Gospel, which includes Jesus' ascension, Pentecost, and the Great Commission.

In **sixth grade earth science**, we are finishing our chapter on energy resources. We went to the Challenger Center for our *Rendezvous with Comet Halley* mission and will finish the year studying astronomy and our solar system. **Seventh graders** are finishing the chapter on the nervous system in **life science**. We will finish the year studying the reproductive system and Mrs. Sitter's new son, **Jackson**, will come to visit our class. In **eighth grade physical science**, we are studying energy, which includes different forms of energy, how to calculate the amount of energy, and energy transformations and conservation.

Seventh grade math is finishing the chapter on measurement. We will finish the year studying patterns and rules. In **eighth grade algebra**, we are finishing our chapter on exponents and exponential functions. We will finish the year studying polynomials and factoring.

Mrs. Schroppel's News:

In **Bible**, seventh grade is in our 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. They are also sad that they are finished with Wordly Wise and Shurley (wink, wink).

Sixth grade math along with **seventh & 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 **Bible** students have 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.

Sixth grade English students are getting ready to do demonstration speeches. We have lots of kids cooking, folding airplanes, and there are even plans to make a table!

Seventh grade English is working on a research report about World War II in Europe, as a way to close our unit on *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry.

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



Grade 8 students organized & led a wonderful chapel for the school

Maiden", an Incan mummy found high atop Mount Ampato in Peru. Our **seventh graders** students are



Grade 6 students enjoyed a visit to the Challenger Center Hawaii

working hard to ensure we complete our Asia unit before the year ends. Hopefully we meet our deadline! In **eighth grade social studies**, we've just completed our unit on World War II, and will be moving on to the Cold War.



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS For the Early Learning Center

Please spread the word that the new Early Learning Center is almost complete and applications are being accepted for the 2019–2020 school year. Call the school office for more information.

Middle School - 3rd Quarter Awards

Principal's List

(GPA 3.75–4.0)

Michael Ambler
Shaylee-Ann Ferrer
Sadie Hepton
Kala`iku Jay
Calvin Jenkins
Kala`i Watanabe
Jacob Remily
Marley Matsuoka
Hannah Rorie

Kailen Tolentino
Dane Anderson
Emalia Dalire-Hoohuli
Jacob Gaudi
Kahea Sablan-Lee
Isabelle Schippers
Mehana Watanabe
Rachael Williams

Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0–3.75)

Tatum Kalahiki
Kelly Smith
Kaimana Henriques
Jadeyn Ito
Sophia McMillian
Chloe Remedios
Maila Freitas
Haven Hepton
Ha`eha`e Kahana
Maya Nam
Nainoa Wong

**HARD WORK
PAYS OFF**

Principal's Award

(Improved GPA by 0.3)

Shane Correa
Micah Harrell
Calvin Jenkins
Maila Freitas



Athletics



Varsity basketball, our last season of the year, ended with the post-season tournament and all-star games. Congratulations to our boys who ended the season in 1st place and took 2nd place in the tournament. Congratulations, also, to our all-stars: **Simone Callejo, Kaila Chun-Carvalho (MVP), Sophia McMillian, Dane Anderson, Jacob Gaudi, and Ezekiel Rodrigues (MVP)**. Mahalo to Coach Dave and Assistant Coach Jason for a great season.

We ended the year with our annual Athletic Banquet where we recognized all of our athletes. We had a total of 69 students in grades 4-8 who participated in volleyball, cross country, and/or basketball this year! A special thank you to **Shawna Kalahi-**

ki and her helpers, **Sarah Mau** and **Kim Bardon**, for organizing and contributing to this great event!



Congratulations to our two scholar athletes



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 second 'Ohana Fun Fair, completely 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 PTC President, Elena Bryant and the entire 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 year's **school uniforms**. Call **Pueo Print** at 784-0758 to inquire or place an order.



Pueo Print

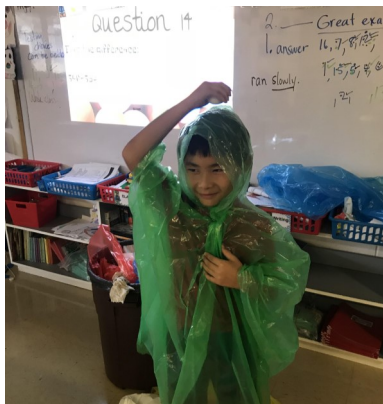
Our last day of school is **Friday, May 31st** with an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. and **NO AFTER-CARE**.

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, Maryknoll, Mid Pacific, Kamehameha, Immanuel High School Virginia, and Castle. Congratulations!!!

The **first day of school** for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year is Wednesday, **July 31, 2019**. That will be a half day with **dismissal** at 11:30 and **NO AFTER-CARE**.



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



Grade 2 Students had a blast playing "Egg Roulette"



Students enjoyed harvesting the worm vermicast



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

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Saint Mark is still accepting new student applications Pre-K to Gr 8 for the 2019-20 school year



Grade 5 - 8 Enjoyed a Fun Day of Physical Fitness at the annual Track and Field Day

Please stay safe & enjoy your Summer Break!!

