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.

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!
**Kindergarten:** It has been a busy quarter finishing up our class curriculum. We had a great quarter reading and working on 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, touring 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 Kahului 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.

**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 performed 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 Kahului Beach Park! This event will be a great way to join together as families as our year comes to a close.

**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!

**Fifth Grade:** As the fifth grade teacher, I am sad and proud to have to say goodbye 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 performing 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.
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 that 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.

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 are 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

**Honor Roll**
(GPA 3.0—3.75)
- Kailen Tolentino
- Dane Anderson
- Emalia Dalire-Hoohuli
- Jacob Gaudi
- Kahea Sablan-Lee
- Isabelle Schippers
- Mehana Watanabe
- Rachael Williams

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

**Principal’s Award**
(Improved GPA by 0.3)
- Shane Correa
- Micah Harrell
- Calvin Jenkins
- Maila Freitas

**Great Job**
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!

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

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.

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.

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

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

Please stay safe & enjoy your Summer Break!!