Saint Mark Lutheran School
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Learning is a joy on Saint Mark Lutheran School’s safe, quiet and surprisingly large tree-lined 2.5-acre campus. The Pre-K to 8 (Pre-K opened this August) school has created a caring “ohana” since its founding over 60 years ago as part of Saint Mark Lutheran Church’s educational ministry.

“Saint Mark has a strong community feel, where every child is known and nurtured to integrate faith with life,” says Head of School Dr. David Gaudi. “Many second and third generation families return for our strong academics and safe, loving environment.”

Early Learning Center Now Open
Saint Mark is excited to have just opened the Early Learning Center, a brand new two-story facility to expand its outstanding educational offerings to include high-quality early childhood programs to serve 60 preschoolers. The new facility offers secure classrooms, collaborative learning space, a tech learning center and an outdoor play area. And thanks to a new partnership with Kamehameha Schools, Saint Mark has generous scholarships available exclusively for preschool students.

“We know these early years are a foundation for learning and by extending our mission to families with three- and four-year-olds, we can ensure that early on, they are prepared to excel intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually,” says Dr. Gaudi.

Students Accepted into High School of Choice
With over 60 years of academic excellence, the coed school has consistently prepared its graduates to be life-long learners, well-equipped with 21st century skills to transition successfully to the high school of their choice. In 2019 Saint Mark students were accepted into a variety of Hawaii’s private schools, such as Damien, Hawaii Baptist Academy, 'Iolani, Kamehameha, Le Jardin, Maryknoll, Mid-Pacific, Punahou, Sacred Hearts and Saint Louis.

Diverse Offerings
Diverse offerings in art, band, choir, ukulele, technology and competitive sports teams enhance a rich and rigorous academic curriculum taught by fantastic faculty who make the spiritual, physical, social and emotional growth of their students a priority in developing the “whole child.”

“Our teachers are the heart and soul of our efforts to ensure that our graduates learn to think critically to make informed decisions; to practice the importance of respecting oneself, others and property; and to utilize their talents to glorify God and serve others,” says Dr. Gaudi.

Strong Commitment to Financial Aid
Saint Mark continues its strong commitment to financial aid as part of its ongoing efforts to increase accessibility to promising students and to promote diversity among its student body. Nearly half of its students receive some form of financial assistance from Saint Mark as well as Kamehameha Schools’ Kipona Scholarship.

Safe to Make Mistakes
“Saint Mark strives to provide a challenging and disciplined learning environment that is fun, exciting and full of God’s love. By sharing and living God’s loving and saving grace, we hope to create a caring atmosphere where our students are challenged to do their best, yet feel safe to take risks with their learning and curiosity without fear of failure.

We want our students to be able to make mistakes knowing that God loves them, we love them, and failure is not fatal,” says Dr. Gaudi.