

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (11/22/2024)

Kalani High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

1) Thursday, November 28	Holiday : Thanksgiving
2) Friday, November 29	No School : Day after Thanksgiving
3) Monday, December 9	Blood Drive (tentative)
4) Wednesday, December 25	Christmas
5) Wednesday, January 1	New Year's Day
6) Monday, January 6	Teacher Workday : No students
7) Wednesday, January 15	PC Day : No students
8) Monday, January 20	Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
9) Sunday, February 16	Freshman/Sophomore Banquet
10) Monday, February 17	Holiday : Presidents' Day
11) Tuesday, February 25	ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory)
12) Wednesday, March 26	Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day
13) Friday, April 18	Holiday : Good Friday
14) Monday, May 26	Holiday : Memorial Day
15) Tuesday, May 27	Tentative : Graduation
16) Friday, May 30	Last Day for students
December 23 – January 6 : Winter Break	
March 17 – 21 Spring Break	

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Vision: Character. Compassion. Community.

Mission : We at Kalani High School create opportunities to discover our passions, purpose, and personal pursuits.
A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.

Ne'epapa: Stronger Together

Kindness 101 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MPVjlv2yDM>

Happy Thanksgiving

As Thanksgiving approaches, please take a moment to reflect on the importance of gratitude and giving back to our community. This season is a wonderful opportunity to cherish time with family and friends, create lasting memories, and show kindness to others. We wish you a safe and joyful Thanksgiving break filled with warmth and togetherness.

Chengdu Debate Challenge

Latasha Hui and Chloe Ho are representing Kalani High School and Honolulu in the Chengdu Debate Challenge. The China (Chengdu) U.S. Sister Cities Youth Debate Challenge was launched in 2016 in an effort to enhance the friendship and partnership between Chengdu and its U.S. sister cities (Honolulu). Chaperone : Mr. Erickson



Potential Student Misconduct

Parents : We ask for your support in encouraging open conversations with your child about maintaining a respectful and safe campus environment. Remind them that student altercations and misconduct affect our entire school community. If they hear of any potential conflicts or concerning behavior, please encourage them to notify their counselor right away. Working together, we can foster a positive and secure atmosphere for all students. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Schools of the Future Conference

Kalani was well represented with students presenting.

- The Robotics team did demos and shared the programs they run at Kalani.
- Sydney Melemai, Katie Ta, Reese Sekiya, Sarah Lee, Susan Zheng, and Tina Au held a breakout session for teachers and presented the Innovation Station, including a demonstration of what they do for a PD with teachers.
- Anson Li was a part of a group of students on Students and AI use in school. He shared about how he used AI to design his t-shirt company and his first t-shirt design.
- Sydney Melemai presented with Punahou students on her ongoing Sustainability Project started last summer

Canned Food drive

Thank you for supporting our Canned Food Drive. Together, we donated 1,240 lbs of food which is equivalent to 1,033 meals provided to families facing hunger. Your efforts make a huge difference in the fight against hunger in Hawai'i.

A big mahalo to the Football team who came out to assist.

Here's the winning department: Library



Marching Band Rainbow Festival



Marching Band Performances



Nov. 29 - 7:00pm



Waikiki Holiday Parade

School Community Council Members

Please email Principal Mitchell Otani if you are interested in serving on Kalani's School Community Council.

mitchell.otani@k12.hi.us

Lottery for Geographic Exemptions for School Year 2025 – 2026

From January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025, Kalani High School will accept Geographic Exception (GE) applications for next school year (SY 2025-26). Please mail completed applications with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

Kalani High School
4680 Kalanianaʻole Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

Applications received after the March 1, 2025 deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Congratulations

Kalani Surf Club – 1st Place

Please congratulate your Kalani Surf members (2nd meet) for their outstanding performances at Sandy's. They placed 1st out of 12 schools against Kamehameha, Punahou, Iolani, Kaiser, Le Jardin, Kalaheo, and others. Our next competition will be at Makaha on December 7 from 8am-11:45am. Please stop by to cheer them on if you happen to be in the area.

STUDENT SECTION

AP Exam Fee Payments

An email was sent to all parents with information about this year's AP exam fee payments and all current AP students were emailed their personalized invoices for this year's AP exam fees. Please review these documents for details about payment. If you have any questions, please contact AP Coordinator Jaime Edwards at jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us.

ASVAB Testing

The ASVAB test (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a standardized assessment that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. The ASVAB will be offered at Kalani High School on November 26, 2024 from 8:00am-12:00pm and is open to all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. To register, students can email their name and grade to Test Coordinator Jaime Edwards at jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us.

Clubs

Anime Club (Daphne Miyashiro)
Ceramics Club (Ms. Berenzi)
Center for Tomorrow's Leaders (Mr. Iwanaga)
Chinese Club (Ms. Young Chan)
Computer Club (Dr. Ida)
Core Club (Ms. Kaaua)
DECA (Ms. Potterton)
Future Farmers of America (Ms. Doran)
HAAEA - Hawaii's Aspiring Aerospace Engineers Academy (Ms. Sato)
Health and Fitness (Mr. Melemai)
Interact Club (Ms. Tateyama)
Japan Club (Ms. Klein)
Korean Club (Dr. Kim)
Laulea Club (Ms. Yagi)
LEO Club – connected with Lions Club (Ms. Uemura / Mr. Lee)
Model United Nations (Mr. Melemai)
National Honor Society (Dr. Ida)
Oahu Math League (Dr. Ida)
Robotics (Mr. Silver)
Science Club (Ms. Hamasaki / Mr. Okawa)
Smash Ultimate Club (Mr. Nakano)
Surf Club (Ms. Yang)

Academic Help

Quarter 1 Report Cards were distributed on October 24th. If your child needs academic help, the first place to go is his/her teacher. After that, have him/her check out tutor.com! It is a free resource available to our students this year. Live tutors are available 24/7 in over 250 subjects including SAT prep. Study Hall is available to all students in the cafeteria on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 pm. It is a quiet place to study, and there are chromebooks available to use.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

SUMMER INTERNSHIP/OTHER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Lisa Hayashi College and Career Counselor lisa.hayashi@k12.hi.us 808-305-0556

[SCHEDULE A MEETING \(Students only\)](#)

[Visit our Kalani HS College & Career Site](#)

Check our website for more information – <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career>

Ongoing events:

Many colleges visit Kalani High School to share more information about their school. Please visit our ongoing calendar of visits. These visits are open to Kalani students only.

<https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career/college-visits-presentations-meetings-slides?authuser=0>

Upcoming events:

Financial Aid Virtual Workshops - sponsored by Hawaii P20

Who: open to the general public geared for seniors and their families

When: Weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm starting August 21

Register here: <https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/upcoming-events/>

Project Grad 2025

"Class of 2025 Parents.....if you are interested in being on the committee and helping to plan Project Graduation 2025 for your seniors, please email kalanipg2024@gmail.com, thank you!"

Online Dual Credit Information

Dual Credit is a program where a student can take college courses from our college partners and use the earned college credit to also satisfy high school graduation credit requirements.

Email mike.zane@k12.hi.us for more information

Federal Impact Aid Survey

The Hawaii DOE Federal Impact Aid Survey began on September 4.

We kindly ask all parents to complete the survey promptly

and have your child return it to their period 3 teacher as soon as possible.

All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid. Mahalo for completing the survey!

Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima

Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido

Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture

Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School

Osaka Gakuin University / High School

Bihoku High School – Nagoya

Hosted in January 2024 – **Visited Korea July 14-21 2024**

Hosted in August 2024– Travel to Hiroshima in January 2025

Host in March 2025 – Travel to Hokkaido in July 2025

Host in January 2025 – Travel in March 2025

Hosted in March 2024 – **Visited Kyoto Nov. 2024**

Will host in September 2025

Will host in February 2025

Chengdu Debate Competition – **Visited China Nov. 2024**

Jeju International Youth Forum – **Visited Korea Nov. 2024**

Congratulations

- **Kalani High School has been recognized as a Hawai'i School of Democracy.**
 - **Bryan Silver named 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year**
 - **Bryan Silver : Harbor Freight Tools for Schools**
 - **Leilani Phan : Mauna Kea Scholar**
 - **Dr. Mike Ida : Kleenex Heroes of the Classroom**

ATHLETICS

Season completed for all Fall Sports

Congratulations

OIA Champions

Boys Varsity Soft-Tennis
Boys Junior Varsity Crosscountry

Eastern Division Champions

Girls Varsity Bowling
Boys Varsity Soft-Tennis
Girls Varsity Crosscountry
Girls Varsity Soft-Tennis
Boys Varsity Air Riflery
Boys Junior Varsity Crosscountry

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2024-25

JV = junior varsity, V = Varsity, B = Boys, G = Girls

WINTER

Boys BASEBALL (JV)
B/G BASKETBALL (JV/V)
B/G PADDLING (JV/V/COED)
B/G SOCCER (JV/V)
B/G SWIMMING & DIVING(JV/V)
Girls TENNIS (JV)
B/G WRESTLING (JV/V)

SPRING

BASEBALL (V)
B/G GOLF (V)
B/G JUDO (JV/V)
G SOFTBALL (V)
B/G TENNIS (V)
Boys VOLLEYBALL (JV/V)
Girls WATER POLO (V)

Boys Basketball

December 23 vs. Moanalua
December 27 vs. McKinley
December 30 @ Farrington
January 3 @ Castle
January 8 vs. Anuenue
January 10 vs. Kaiser
January 14 @ Roosevelt
January 16 vs. Kailua
January 21 @ Kahuku
January 23 vs. Kaimuki
January 28 @ Kalaheo

Girls Basketball

December 18 vs. Kailua
December 20 @ Kahuku
December 26 vs. Moanalua
December 28 @ Roosevelt
January 2 @ Kaimuki
January 4 vs. McKinley
January 7 @ Kalaheo
January 9 vs. Anuenue
January 11 @ Farrington
January 15 @ Castle
January 17 vs. Kaiser

Boys Soccer

December 7 vs. Kaimuki
December 11 vs. Farrington
December 14 @ McKinley
December 18 vs. Castle
December 21 @ Kalaheo
December 26 vs. Moanalua
December 28 @ Kahuku
January 2 vs. Roosevelt
January 4 @ Kailua
January 8 vs. Kaiser

Girls Soccer

December 4
December 7 vs. Kaimuki
December 11 @ Farrington
December 14 vs. McKinley
December 18 @ Castle
December 21 vs. Kalaheo
December 26 @ Moanalua
December 28 vs. Kahuku
January 2 @ Roosevelt
January 4 vs. Kailua
January 8 @ Kaiser

Paddling - pending**Wrestling**

November 30 Preseason
December 7 Preseason
December 14 Preseason
December 20 Officials Tournament
December 27 Kaiser Novice Tournament / Paani (Girls) / Moanalua Dual
January 3 Waialua Battle of the Pacific
January 11 Round Robin
January 18 Round Robin
January 28 JV / ILH Crossover
February 1 Dual Championship /Round Robin
February 7 Eastern Division
February 14 OIA Championship
February 21 HHSAA

Swimming and Diving

November 23 Preseason
November 30 Preseason
December 7 Preseason
December 14 Preseason
December 21 Preseason
December 28 Bye
January 4 OIA Relays
January 11 JV Championship
January 16/18 OIA Eastern Division
January 24/25 Kalani (Dorothy Aki) Invitational
January 31/1st OIA Championship
February 8 Bye
February 14/15 HHSAA

Girls Tennis JV

November 23 McKinley – Kalani - Kalaheo
November 30 Kalani – Castle - Moanalua
December 4 Kalani – Kahuku - Farrington
December 7 Roosevelt – Kalani - Kaimuki
December 11 Farrington – Kalani - Kailua
December 14 Kaiser - Kalani

Baseball JV

December 7 @ Kailua
December 11 vs. Kaiser
December 14 @ Moanalua
December 18 vs. Castle
December 21 @ Roosevelt
December 26 Bye
December 28 vs. Kailua
January 2 @ Kaiser
January 4 vs. Moanalua
January 8 @ Castle
January 11 vs. Roosevelt

ASET FEE \$80.00

Once your child has been selected to a team, parents will receive an email asking you to log into your child's account to pay the \$80.00 Athletic Supply Equipment & Transportation (ASET) fee. The amount of money allocated by the DOE for Athletic Transportation is much less than is needed considering the current cost of buses. This fee (pays for buses and other transportation costs) is charged once per school year regardless of the number of teams your child gets selected for. A \$3.00 convenience fee is applied to online payments.

Department of Education requirements for athletic participation:

- Current Department of Education Athletic Physical
- Department of Education Consent and Assumption of Risk form per sport. (1 sport per form)
- Concussion Management Student Consent
- Need a physical? We encourage you to take your child to their regular doctor. Those who want a physical quicker please contact your nearby Urgent Care facility to inquire about walk-in physical appointments. (Fee may be charged). Don't forget to download and take the physical form with you.

Kalani High School requirements for athletic participation:

- Completion and submission of Athletic Registration (New to Kalani? Create a new account and remember your password. Returnees log in with their password.
- Sign up and try out for a team.
- Once selected to a team, student-athlete will pay the \$80.00 ASET Fee

Grade Check Dates

Monday, November 25, 2024

Monday, December 9, 2024

Friday, December 20, 2024 End of 2nd Quarter

Friday, January 17, 2025

Monday, February 3, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Monday, March 3, 2025

Friday, March 14, 2025 End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, April 4, 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, May 19, 2025 End of 4th Quarter

Continuous Notice

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Civil Rights Compliance Branch
Hawaii State Department of Education
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
(808) 586-3322 or relay
CRCB@k12.hi.us

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