

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (08/23/2024)

# KALANI High School

## WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

### IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Wednesday, August 28         | PC Day : No students                    |
| 2) Monday, September 2          | Holiday : Labor Day                     |
| 3) Tuesday, November 5          | Election Day                            |
| 4) Monday, November 11          | Holiday : Veterans' Day                 |
| 5) Thursday, November 28        | Holiday : Thanksgiving                  |
| 6) Friday, November 29          | No School : Day after Thanksgiving      |
| 7) Wednesday, December 25       | Christmas                               |
| 8) Wednesday, January 1         | New Year's Day                          |
| 9) Monday, January 6            | Teacher Workday : No students           |
| 10) Wednesday, January 15       | PC Day : No students                    |
| 11) Monday, January 20          | Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day   |
| 12) Monday, February 17         | Holiday : Presidents' Day               |
| 13) <b>Tuesday, February 25</b> | <b>ACT / Pre-ACT Testing</b>            |
| 14) <b>Tuesday, February 25</b> | <b>Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory)</b> |
| 15) Wednesday, March 26         | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day              |
| 16) Friday, April 18            | Holiday : Good Friday                   |
| 17) Monday, May 26              | Holiday : Memorial Day                  |
| 18) Tuesday, May 27             | <b>Tentative : Graduation</b>           |
| 19) Friday, May 30              | Last Day for students                   |

October 7 – 11 : Fall Break

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=5MPVjhw2yDM>**

### Chengdu Debate Challenge

Latasha Hui and Chloe Ho will be 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).

Kalani High participated in 2019 and again last year. No event from 2020 – 2022 because of the global pandemic.

### Jeju International Youth Forum

Kalani has once again been selected to participate in Jeju International Youth Forum to be held from October 29 to November 2, 2024. The forum introduces a variety of topics that allow for student leaders from all over the world to discuss solutions and ways to improve their respective countries. Students problem solve solutions to real-life problems.

Chaperone : Mr. Melemai      Students : Mason Nagata – Skyler Rivera – Caylie Xu – Luna Kodama

### Honoring our Teachers

<https://medium.com/truly-adventurous/victory-687dad91acbc>

**Twenty-three girls who made Little League Baseball History**

**Victoria (Brucker) Ruelas – Kalani Science Teacher**

## **Support for our Cafeteria**

**Please support our cafeteria workers. The amount of breakfast and lunches sold for the next month determines the cafeteria staffing for the year.**

**Thank you (in advance) for supporting Mrs. Nagasawa and her workers.**

## **Traffic Safety**

**Just because you see them doesn't mean that they see you.**

**Be careful when crossing any street on or off campus. Oftentimes, parents are looking at their phone or waving to their child and they might not see you if you are crossing in front of their car.**

### **English Language Acquisition Class**

Are you interested in improving your English Language Skills or to support your child in their education? Kalani High School will be offering a Parent English Language Acquisition Course for interested individuals.

Classes will be held 4:30 to 6:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Classes will start on August 27, 2024 and will end on December 19, 2024.

Cost to register is \$20.00.

English classes will be for beginner and intermediate level students

Registration cost does not include textbook cost

For more information, contact McKinley Community School for Adults @ 808 594-0540 or

Email Vice-Principal Mark Nakamura @ mark.nakamura@k12.hi.us

### **Cooking Course for Adults**

Are you interested in improving your cooking skills? Kalani High School is offering a cooking course for parents of current Kalani students. Classes start of August 19<sup>th</sup> ending on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Monday and Wednesday : 4:30 – 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to learn English and cooking skills at the same time.

Course is for intermediate and advanced English Learners. Registration fee is \$20.00 and does not include lab fees for supplies. For more information, contact McKinley Community School for Adults @ 808 594-0540 or

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### **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

As a parent/guardian of a Hawaii Department of Education student, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) who instruct your child. Federal Law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s) and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teacher(s).

1. Whether the teacher has met licensing criteria and has earned the designation Highly Qualified for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches. Core academic subjects include :
  - a. English-Language Arts
  - b. Mathematics
  - c. Science
  - d. Foreign Languages
  - e. Civics and Government
  - f. Economics
  - g. History
  - h. Geography
  - i. Art
2. Whether the teacher is under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees.
4. Whether any teacher's aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact our school office.

**PARKING GUIDELINES :** To ensure safety, and security for our faculty, staff and students, all student vehicles are required to have a parking permit. Student vehicles parked on campus without a parking permit will result in the following actions: parent/student meeting, student's vehicle will not be allowed on campus.

**Student Parking is around the track (lower campus)**

**Students are NOT allowed to park in the teachers' parking lot.**

**Student Parking is on a First Come/First Serve basis.**

**Once the spaces allocated for student parking are filled, students will need to park on the street.**

### **Campus Safety**

The Hawaii Department of Education Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Branch is responsible for the security of Department campuses. Our schools and state offices are secured as best as possible to prevent theft, vandalism, trespassing and acts of violence. Annual training is provided for all security personnel with continued research into security best practices and the latest technology.

School and student safety is a responsibility for all involved — administrators, staff, teachers, students, families, law enforcement and the broader community. Safety and security are necessary in order for learning to take place.

### **Closed Campus**

Kalani is a closed campus. The Hawaii Kai entrance to our campus is locked from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Security is posted at the Ewa entrance and the back parking lot, and we will monitor all cars entering campus. **Uber Eats and other food delivery companies will be stopped and turned away (School Food Services Guidelines).**

### **Express Program (HOLO Card) Updates**

Starting school year 2024-2025, students must meet transportation eligibility requirements in order to receive a free annual county bus pass for the school year.

Eligibility requirements

Student attending grades 9 – 12 and

Student must attend their home school and

Student must reside 1.5 miles or more from school in their public school attendance area

Families are instructed to complete the online application at <http://iportal.k12.hi.us/EXPRESS>

The following items are required for the application in order to verify the student's information and program eligibility

DOE 10-digit student number

Island

School

Grade

Parent/Guardian Information

### **Kalani High Surveillance Cameras**

Kalani High School installed surveillance cameras on the outside of buildings throughout our campus in 2017. The surveillance cameras are used to provide for the safety of our staff and students and to maintain the security of our buildings and personal property. The intent of the use of the video surveillance cameras is to provide a safe environment for our students by deterring outsiders from entering our campus for inappropriate reasons and to monitor our campus for vandalism and student misconduct. Our cameras are placed in public places, areas where there is no expectation of privacy – school entrances, hallways, exterior of buildings and other open areas on campus. The cameras are NOT placed in areas where students, staff or visitors may have a reasonable expectation of privacy – classrooms, offices, teacher workrooms, restrooms, locker rooms or other designated dressing rooms. Surveillance cameras are just one of the ways that we use to create a safe and secure learning environment at Kalani High School. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding our surveillance cameras, please call any of the administrative staff at 305-0500.

### **Cafeteria Meals**

To purchase meals, students must have money in their lunch account. Families are highly encouraged to make meal deposits and view balance of account online at [www.ezschoolpay.com](http://www.ezschoolpay.com).

## US News 2024 Best High Schools

Kalani High School is ranked first within Hawaii and #796 in the National Rankings

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/hawaii/districts/hawaii-department-of-education/kalani-high-school-6166>.

Kalani High School is ranked first within Hawaii. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Kalani High School is 52%. The total minority enrollment is 91%, and 17% of students are economically disadvantaged. Kalani High School is 1 of 66 high schools in the Hawaii Department of Education.



Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college.

Took at Least One AP® Exam **52%**  
Mathematics Proficiency **55%**  
Science Proficiency **53%**

Passed at Least One AP® Exam **40%**  
Reading Proficiency **76%**  
Graduation Rate **97%**

### STUDENT SECTION

#### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

#### SUMMER INTERNSHIP/OTHER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Lisa Hayashi College and Career Counselor [lisa.hayashi@k12.hi.us](mailto: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/>

Class of 2025 Virtual College & Career Informational Session

Who: Kalani High School Class of 2025 students and families welcome to join!

When: September 12 6:00-7:00 pm

Where: virtual link will be emailed soon

National College Fair

Who: open to the general public

When: October 4 5:00-8:00 pm

Where: Convention Center

More information:

<https://www.nacacattend.org/24Honolulu>

"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](mailto:kalanipg2024@gmail.com), thank you!"

### **NEW DATE\*\*\*\*\*Online Dual Credit Informational Meeting:**

Due to meeting scheduling conflicts, we have changed the date of this meeting. Please join us for an informational meeting to learn about Kalani's Dual Credit Program. 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

#### **Meeting information:**

**WEDNESDAY, August 28th, @ 6 - 7:00pm**

#### **Meeting Link**

[meet.google.com/ukv-fpmw-div](https://meet.google.com/ukv-fpmw-div)

#### **Join by Phone**

(US) [+1 413-591-4142](tel:+14135914142)

PIN: 153031677

#### **Clubs**

Chinese Club Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> one) will be on September 4 in room C16 at lunch.

Laulea Club General education student meeting August 30 at lunch in K16.

#### **Sister School Partnerships – International Travel**

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea

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

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima

Hosted in August 2024– Travel to Hiroshima in January 2025

Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido

Host in March 2025 – Travel to Hokkaido in July 2025

Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture

Host in January 2025 – Travel in March 2025

Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School

Hosted in March 2024 – Will travel to Kyoto in Nov. 2024

Osaka Gakuin University / High School

Will host in September 2025

Chengdu Debate Competition – Travel to China in November

Jeju International Youth Forum – Travel to Korea in November

## **ATHLETICS**

#### **Football**

Kalani 0 – Iolani 48

Kalani 17 – Kamehameha II 34

September 7 vs. Kalaheo @ Kailua 3:00pm

September 14 vs. McKinley @ Roosevelt 6:00pm

September 20 vs. Kaiser 7:00pm

October 5 vs. Castle @ Kaiser 6:00pm

October 12 vs. Waialua @ Kaiser 6:00pm

October 18 @ Roosevelt 7:00pm

October 26 vs. Kaimuki @ Kaiser 6:00pm

#### **Crosscountry**

September 7 Preseason Meet

September 14 Preseason Meet @ Kailua

September 21 Preseason Meet @ Pearl City

September 28 Kalani Invitational @ Kalani

October 5 Eastern Division @ Waialua

October 12 bye

October 19 OIA JV @ CORP

October 26 OIA Varsity @ CORP

November 2 HHSAA @ TBD (Maui)

#### **Schedules pending**

**Air Riflery**

**Bowling**

**Cheer**

**Soft-Tennis**

**Volleyball**

**Softball (JV)**

## SPORTS OFFERINGS 2022-23

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

### FALL

B/G AIR RIFLE (V)  
B/G BOWLING (V)  
B/G CHEER (JV/V) SIDELINE/COMPETITION  
B/G CROSS-COUNTRY (JV/V)  
FOOTBALL (JV/V)  
G SOFTBALL (JV)  
B/G SOFT TENNIS (V)  
Girls VOLLEYBALL (JV/V2/V)

### 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)

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

### 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.

### Grade Check Dates

Monday, September 3, 2024

Monday, September 16, 2024

Friday, October 4, 2024 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

Friday, October 25, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Monday, November 25, 2024

Monday, December 9, 2024

Friday, December 20, 2024 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Friday, January 17, 2025

Monday, February 3, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Monday, March 3, 2025

Friday, March 14, 2025 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Friday, April 4, 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, May 19, 2025 End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

## **Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Statement**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. This requirement extends to all of the Department's programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable. If you have difficulty understanding English, you have the right to receive language assistance at no cost to you. Please contact your school's principal for more information. For the Department high schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study in arts and communications, business, health services, industrial and engineering technology, natural resources, and public and human services, there are no admission criteria. Department high schools will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs and will provide equal access to designated youth groups. The Department does not tolerate acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion is encouraged to report such harassment. Students and parents may report allegations of discrimination or harassment to the school's administrator or to the Department's Civil Rights Compliance Branch at the address listed below. The Department is committed to conducting prompt investigations. Support, including counseling and educational resources, will be available to students who are harassed as well as to students found to have engaged in acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Students found to have engaged in harassment may be disciplined up to and including suspension if circumstances warrant. Students, parents, and Department staff should work together to prevent harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. The Department will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the discrimination or harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies to:

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](mailto:CRCB@k12.hi.us)

Beth Schimmelfinnig, Director  
Rhonda Wong, Compliance  
Aaron Oandasan, Title VI  
Toby Yamashiro, Title VII  
Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX  
Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

Inquiries concerning discrimination and/or harassment may also be referred to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

## **AHERA**

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school. In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rule requires our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in 1958 and identifies some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct periodic surveillances and triennial re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff. An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change. A copy of the management plan is on file in the administrative office and is available for your review during our regular school hours. Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-305-0500.

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