

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (12/20/2024)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

- 1) Wednesday, December 25 Christmas
- 2) Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day
- 3) Monday, January 6 Teacher Workday : No students
- 4) Wednesday, January 15 PC Day : No students
- 5) Monday, January 20 Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 6) Sunday, February 16 Freshman/Sophomore Banquet
- 7) Monday, February 17 Holiday : Presidents' Day
- 8) **Tuesday, February 25** **ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory)**
- 9) Wednesday, March 26 Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day
- 10) Friday, April 18 Holiday : Good Friday
- 11) Monday, May 26 Holiday : Memorial Day
- 12) **Tuesday, May 27** **Tentative : Graduation (subject to availability of Stan Sheriff Arena)**
- 13) 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>

Merry Christmas

As we approach the holidays, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and dedication of our students, families, staff, and friends. Together, we've fostered a vibrant, compassionate, and inspiring community of learners. May this holiday season bring joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. Rest, recharge your batteries and make time to spend with family and friends. Here's to a wonderful year ahead, filled with growth, learning, and success. Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

Mitchell Otani

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 Kalaniana'ole Highway
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

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

**Hainan Cultural Exchange
Trip sponsored by the Chinese Government**

Atona Chan Zhoulin Chen Haley Ching Sora Del Rosario
Ryder Goto Samantha Morinaga Andrew Oshiro Annilis Ung
Chaperone : Mrs. Young-Chan



Congratulations to Team 3008

Congratulations to Team Magma for their outstanding performance at the First Tech Challenge (FTC) at Le Jardin Academy. Kalani had three teams competing this year out of the 34 state-wide. Only 20 teams advanced to States the following day and all three Kalani Teams advanced. Two teams made it as alliance captains and one team made it as finalists.

Six awards were given to recognize teams. Kalani won three and we also have a Dean's list Finalist. Katie Ta is one of two selected from of the entire state. She will now compete at the international level against 200 amazing students for 10 spots in April.



***Congratulations to Kalani's newest National Board Certified Teacher
Mr. Scott Melemai***

Congratulations Bryan Silver

On behalf of ITEEA and sponsor Siemens, we would like to congratulate you on Kalani's selection as an ITEEA 2024-25 **STEM School of Excellence**. You are joining an outstanding group of professionals, impacting, and making a significant difference in the lives of their students and their development of engineering & technological literacy.

ITEEA's STEM Center for Teaching and Learning™ (STEM CTL) annually recognizes outstanding schools for their commitment to providing a robust Integrative STEM education experience through the STEM School of Excellence Recognition Program. This special designation was created to celebrate those schools whose teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders are providing a meaningful STEM education experience for students and to inspire others to learn effective best practices and instructional strategies to enhance their own programs.

Our reviewers were particularly inspired by this highlight from your application, "Girls in Technology, Engineering, and Computing (GTEC) is an all-girl annual camp that promotes and encourages young girls to get excited about computer science, which have historically been male-dominated fields. GTEC's motto is "By Girls, For Girls". This is run by the young women of the robotics teams."

You will be recognized with a STEM School of Excellence Banner at the Closing General Session of the ITEEA 2025 Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on Saturday, April 5, 2025, which begins at 10:30am.

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

Host Family Needed for Frida!

Frida, a 17-year-old Rotary Youth Exchange student from Malmö, Sweden, arrived in Honolulu this past August. She's attending Kalani High School as a junior and is a proud member of the Kalani swim team, where she has embraced the team ohana and is showing her love for the sport.

Frida is currently residing with a single older woman in Hawaii Kai, and would enjoy a home with a larger family. We are looking for a new host family for Frida starting at the end of December / beginning of January for three or six months. As a host family, you'll provide her with a safe and welcoming home, a private or shared bedroom, meals, and the chance to experience daily life as part of your family. A small stipend from the Rotary club of East Honolulu is available to help cover hosting costs. Frida is very competent in the home and also able to take The Bus. The Rotary Youth Exchange program connects young people from around the world, promoting cultural understanding and personal growth. Hosting a student like Frida is a unique opportunity to share Hawaiian culture, enjoy Swedish traditions, and build a lifelong connection. If you or someone you know can welcome Frida into your home, please reach out today and we will get you started on the process. Your support can make all the difference in ensuring her exchange year continues to be an incredible success! Let's help Frida stay part of our Kalani swim ohana!

Please contact Dailyn Yanagida at 808-387-5794

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)
Environmental Science Club (Mr. Sumida)
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)
KEY Club (Mrs. Takayesu)
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)

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.

Dual Credit Information

If you are new to Dual Credit and are interested in taking Dual Credit courses this coming Summer and/or Fall you are invited to attend our **virtual** Dual Credit Informational Meeting on January 9th, 2025 at 6:00pm. At the meeting you will learn the options you have with Kalani's Dual Credit Program and how to apply to our college partners to be able to participate in the program. To login to the meeting you must use your Kalani Google account. The login information is provided to you below. Wishing you a Very Happy Holiday Season. Hope to see you at the meeting. -Mr. Zane

Dual Credit Orientation Thursday, January 9, 2025 · 6:00 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/kdr-zmee-hfj> or dial: (US) +1 304-935-5238 PIN: 868 729 202#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/kdr-zmee-hfj?pin=1656381066857>

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>

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!"

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 the office.

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

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 – **Visited Kyoto Nov. 2024**

Osaka Gakuin University / High School

Will host in September 2025

Bihoku High School – Nagoya

Will host in February 2025

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

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

Congratulations

- **Bryan Silver named 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year**
- **Scott Melemai named Nationally Board Certified Teacher**
 - **Bryan Silver : Harbor Freight Tools for Schools**
 - **Dr. Mike Ida : Kleenex Heroes of the Classroom**
 - **Leilani Phan : Mauna Kea Scholar**

Schools of the Future Conference

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 - Innovation Station

Anson Li was a part of a group of students on Students and AI use in school.

Sydney Melemai presented with Punahou students on her ongoing Sustainability Project started last summer

ATHLETICS

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

Kalani 36 – Kailua 49
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

Kalani 11 – Kaimuki 0
Kalani 12 – McKinley 0
December 21 @ Kalaheo
December 26 vs. Moanalua
December 28 @ Kahuku
January 2 vs. Roosevelt
January 4 @ Kailua
January 8 vs. Kaiser

Kalani 6 – Farrington 0
Kalani 2 – Castle 3

Girls Soccer

Kalani win by forfeit over Kaimuki
Kalani win by forfeit over McKinley
December 21 vs. Kalaheo
December 26 @ Moanalua
December 28 vs. Kahuku
January 2 @ Roosevelt
January 4 vs. Kailua
January 8 @ Kaiser

Kalani 7 – Farrington 1
Kalani 0 – Castle 4

Wrestling

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 28 JV / ILH Crossover
February 7 Eastern Division
February 21 HHSAA

January 18 Round Robin
February 1 Dual Championship / Round Robin
February 14 OIA Championship

Paddling - pending

Swimming and Diving

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 31/1 st	OIA Championship		
February 8	Bye		
February 14/15	HHSAA		

Girls Tennis JV – Eastern Division Champions

Kalani 4 – Roosevelt 1	Kalani 5 – Castle 0
Kalani 5 – Moanalua 0	Kalani 5 – Farrington 0
Kalani 5 – McKinley 0	Kalani 5 – Kalaheo 0
Kalani win by forfeit over Kahuku	Kalani win by forfeit over Kaimuki
Kalani win by forfeit over Kailua	Kalani 3 – Kaiser 2

Baseball JV

Kalani 12 – Kailua 7	Kalani 18 – Kaiser 10
Kalani 5 – Moanalua 0	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

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2024-25

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

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)

Grade Check Dates

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

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