

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (12/27/2024)

# *KALANI High School*

## WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

### IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Monday, January 6           | Teacher Workday : No students   |
| 2) Wednesday, January 15       | PC Day : No students  |
| 3) Monday, January 20          | Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day   |
| 4) Sunday, February 16         | Freshman/Sophomore Banquet  |
| 5) Monday, February 17         | Holiday : Presidents' Day   |
| 6) <b>Tuesday, February 25</b> | <b>ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory)</b>   |
| 7) Wednesday, March 26         | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day  |
| 8) Friday, April 18            | Holiday : Good Friday   |
| 9) Monday, May 26              | Holiday : Memorial Day  |
| <b>10) Wednesday, May 21</b>   | <b>Confirmed : Graduation (based on the availability of Stan Sheriff Arena)</b> |
| 11) 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 New Year***

*Here's to a wonderful 2025.*

*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.**

***Congratulations to Kalani's newest National Board Certified Teacher***

***Mr. Scott Melemai***

### ***Congratulations - OIA Girls Junior Varsity Tennis Champions***

Keira Oba - Sydney Lin - Binta Sawo Mattes - Cameryn Credo - Breydi Nuibe - Jasmine Uyesono - Eunice Kim - Haley Smith

### ***Record Setting Swim Relay Team***

Waterhouse Invitational : 400 Freestyle Relay : Time of 3:20.97  
Jayden Tran, Marshall Bataluna, Otoyu Homma, and Nicholas Xu

### 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

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>

### 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



### Dean's List Finalist

Katie Ta is one of two selected from the entire state. She will now compete at the international level against 200 students for 10 spots in April.

### 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."

**He 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**

### ***Congratulations : LifeSmarts***

Congratulations to the Kalani 5.1 team. They qualified (one of the top 4 teams) to compete in the LifeSmarts State Competition on February 21, 2025, at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center.

Team Members : Jiaorong (Michelle) He, Zhoulín Chen, Leila Florendo, Aileen Kong and Kouki Oda. By qualifying for the State Final, Kalani can defend the State LifeSmarts Championship we won last year.

LifeSmarts tests students on their knowledge of Consumer Rights & Responsibilities, Personal Finance, Health & Safety, Environment & Technology.

### **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](mailto: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.

### 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>

### 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](mailto: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

**Visited Korea July 14-21 2024** – Will host in January 2025

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

**Visited Kyoto Nov. 2024** – Will hosted in July 2025

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**

GreatSchools announced the winners of our [2024 College Success Award](#), which recognizes and celebrates public high schools that excel at preparing students to enroll and succeed in college.

Kalani is one of only 1,436 public high schools in the nation to win this year's Award, which is based on college preparation and postsecondary data shared by your state. (students attending universities in Japan and Korea not counted)

<https://www.greatschools.org/hawaii/college-success-award/>

### **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
- **Jiaorong He, Zhoulin Chen, Leila Florendo, Aileen Kong and Kouki Oda** : LifeSmarts State Qualifier

### 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

Kalani 45 – Moanalua 54  
December 30 @ Farrington  
January 8 vs. Anuenue  
January 14 @ Roosevelt  
January 16 vs. Kailua  
January 21 @ Kahuku  
January 23 vs. Kaimuki  
January 28 @ Kalaheo

December 27 vs. McKinley  
January 3 @ Castle  
January 10 vs. Kaiser

## Girls Basketball

Kalani 36 – Kailua 49  
Kalani 27 – Moanalua 54  
January 2 @ Kaimuki  
January 7 @ Kalaheo  
January 9 vs. Anuenue  
January 11 @ Farrington  
January 15 @ Castle  
January 17 vs. Kaiser

Kalani 31 – Kahuku 57  
December 28 @ Roosevelt  
January 4 vs. McKinley

## Boys Soccer

Kalani 11 – Kaimuki 0  
Kalani 12 – McKinley 0  
Kalani 3 – Kalaheo 0  
December 28 @ Kahuku  
January 2 vs. Roosevelt  
January 4 @ Kailua  
January 8 vs. Kaiser

Kalani 6 – Farrington 0  
Kalani 2 – Castle 3  
Kalani 4 – Moanalua 0

## Girls Soccer

Kalani win by forfeit over Kaimuki  
Kalani win by forfeit over McKinley  
Kalani 1 – Kalaheo 2  
December 28 vs. Kahuku  
January 2 @ Roosevelt  
January 4 vs. Kailua  
January 8 @ Kaiser

Kalani 7 – Farrington 1  
Kalani 0 – Castle 4  
Kalani 0 – Moanalua 3

## 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

## Swimming and Diving

January 4 OIA Relays  
January 16/18 OIA Eastern Division  
January 31/1<sup>st</sup> OIA Championship  
February 14/15 HHSAA

January 11 JV Championship  
January 24/25 Kalani (Dorothy Aki) Invitational  
February 8 Bye

**Paddling** - pending

## Girls Tennis JV – Eastern Division Champions

Kalani 4 – Roosevelt 1

Kalani 5 – Moanalua 0

Kalani 5 – McKinley 0

Kalani win by forfeit over Kahuku

Kalani win by forfeit over Kailua

Kalani 5 – Castle 0

Kalani 5 – Farrington 0

Kalani 5 – Kalaheo 0

Kalani win by forfeit over Kaimuki

Kalani 3 – Kaiser 2

## Baseball JV

Kalani 12 – Kailua 7

Kalani 5 – Moanalua 0

December 21 @ Roosevelt

January 2 @ Kaiser

January 8 @ Castle

Kalani 18 – Kaiser 10

Kalani 3 – Castle 2

December 28 vs. Kailua

January 4 vs. Moanalua

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 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

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96804  
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