

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (01/03/2024)

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) Tuesday, February 25 | ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory) |
| 7) Wednesday, March 26 | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day |
| 8) Friday, April 18 | Holiday : Good Friday |
| 9) Monday, May 26 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 10) Wednesday, May 21 | Confirmed : Graduation (based on the availability of Stan Sheriff Arena) |
| 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=5MPVjhv2yDM>

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

Kalani LifeSmarts Team 5.1

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, Zhoulin 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.

Congratulations

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 High School 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.

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

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. - 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>

Congratulations

International Technology and Engineering Educators Association 2024-25 STEM School of Excellence – Kalani High School

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."

Bryan Silver will represent Kalani High School at the ITEEA 2025 Conference on Saturday, April 5, 2025

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 jaimedwards@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

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!

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 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>

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

Visited Korea July 14-21 2024 – Will host in January 2025
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
Visited Kyoto Nov. 2024 – Will hosted in July 2025
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**
Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip – **Visited China Dec. 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
- **Kalani High School** : **ITEEA 2024 – 2025 STEM School of Excellence**
 - **Leilani Phan** : **Mauna Kea Scholar**
- **Jiaorong He, Zhoulin Chen, Leila Florendo, Aileen Kong and Kouki Oda** : **LifeSmarts State Qualifier**
 - **Katie Ta** : **Robotics Dean's List Finalist**

Schools of the Future Conference

The Robotics team did demos and shared the programs they run at Kalani.
Sydnie 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.
Sydnie Melemai presented with Punahou students on her ongoing Sustainability Project started last summer

ATHLETICS

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

Boys Basketball

Kalani 45 – Moanalua 54
Kalani 52 – Farrington 51
January 8 vs. Anuenue
January 14 @ Roosevelt
January 16 vs. Kailua
January 21 @ Kahuku
January 23 vs. Kaimuki
January 28 @ Kalaheo

Kalani 62 – McKinley 32
January 3 @ Castle
January 10 vs. Kaiser

Girls Basketball

Kalani 36 – Kailua 49
Kalani 27 – Moanalua 54
Kalani 64 – Kaimuki 19
January 7 @ Kalaheo
January 11 @ Farrington
January 15 @ Castle
January 17 vs. Kaiser

Kalani 31 – Kahuku 57
Kalani 55 – Roosevelt 28
January 4 vs. McKinley
January 9 vs. Anuenue

Boys Soccer

Kalani 11 – Kaimuki 0
Kalani 12 – McKinley 0
Kalani 3 – Kalaheo 0
Kalani 5 – Kahuku 0
January 4 @ Kailua
January 8 vs. Kaiser

Kalani 6 – Farrington 0
Kalani 2 – Castle 3
Kalani 4 – Moanalua 0
Kalani 3 – Roosevelt 1

Paddling - pending

Girls Soccer

Kalani win by forfeit over Kaimuki
Kalani win by forfeit over McKinley
Kalani 1 – Kalaheo 2
Kalani 2 – Kahuku 0
January 4 vs. Kailua
January 8 @ Kaiser

Kalani 7 – Farrington 1
Kalani 0 – Castle 4
Kalani 0 – Moanalua 3
Kalani 5 – Roosevelt 0

Wrestling

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 31/1st OIA Championship
February 14/15 HHSAA

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

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
Kalani win Roosevelt (score pending)
Kalani 10 – Kaiser 0
January 8 @ Castle

Kalani 18 – Kaiser 10
Kalani 3 – Castle 2
Kalani 7 – Kailua 6
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 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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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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