

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (01/10/2024)

# KALANI High School

## WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

### IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Monday, January 6           | Teacher Workday : No students   |
| 2) Wednesday, January 15       | <b>PC Day : No students</b>   |
| 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</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=5MPVjhv2yDM>

### Welcome

### Iwakuni High School

Iwakuni High School will be visiting Hawaii from Sunday, January 12 to Thursday, January 16.

They will be visiting Kalani High School on Tuesday, January 14.

Please welcome our visitors from Iwakuni, Japan.

### 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, Zhoulun 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.

## FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2025-2026 academic year is OPEN.

### WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO NOW TO PREPARE

Prior-Prior Year (PPY) Tax Information: The 2025-2026 FAFSA will use 2023 tax information for you and your families to determine eligibility for federal student aid. You should ensure that this information is completed and accessible. All students and parents contributing to the FAFSA will need a FSA ID. If you don't already have one, you will need to create an account.

### Kalani High School Student/Parent FAFSA Workshop:

On Wednesday, January 15th we will be having a FAFSA In-person workshop for families in the library. There will be 2 time slots (6:00-6:45pm and 6:45-7:30pm) available which you can sign up for through this link. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pHmBO9hTocfkKGud23oTOUBxyUB08fjIAdw-yxkZwg/prefill>

Space is limited and on a first come first serve basis.

If you are unable to join us, please check out the weekly FAFSA webinars hosted by P-20.

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

## *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/>

## **Free Sports Physicals**

January 22 at Kalani High School Athletic Training Room

Hawai'i Keiki consent form completed & signed by parent/guardian within the past year.

Download & complete the HIDEOE Physical Examination for Athletes form and bring it to the appointment

Ali Spiker, BSN, RN, CPN, NCSN (Kalani Complex RN)



## *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. 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](mailto:jaimedwards@k12.hi.us)

**Kalani Project Grad 2025 : [kalanipg25@gmail.com](mailto:kalanipg25@gmail.com)**

### **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**

We kindly ask all parents to complete the Hawaii DOE Federal Impact Aid 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)**

### **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

Chengdu Debate Competition – **Visited China Nov. 2024** Jeju International Youth Forum – **Visited Korea Nov. 2024**

Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip – **Visited China Dec. 2024**

**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

### 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>

### **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.

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**

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

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

#### ***Congratulations - Eastern Division Boys Varsity Soccer Champions***

#### ***Congratulations - Eastern Division Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Champions***

#### ***Congratulations - Eastern Division Boys Junior Varsity Baseball Champions***

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

#### **400 Freestyle Relay and 800 Freestyle Relay**

Jayden Tran, Marshall Bataluna, Otoy Homma, and Nicholas Xu

#### **Boys Basketball**

Kalani 45 – Moanalua 54

Kalani 52 – Farrington 51

January 10 vs. Kaiser

January 16 vs. Kailua

January 23 vs. Kaimuki

Kalani 62 – McKinley 32

Kalani 56 – Castle 50

January 14 @ Roosevelt

January 21 @ Kahuku

January 28 @ Kalaheo

### **Girls Basketball**

Kalani 36 – Kailua 49  
Kalani 27 – Moanalua 54  
Kalani 64 – Kaimuki 19  
Kalani 56 – Kalaheo 27  
January 15 @ Castle  
January 17 vs. Kaiser

Kalani 31 – Kahuku 57  
Kalani 55 – Roosevelt 28  
Kalani 60 – McKinley 11  
January 11 @ Farrington

### **Boys Soccer – Eastern Division Champions**

Kalani 11 – Kaimuki 0  
Kalani 12 – McKinley 0  
Kalani 3 – Kalaheo 0  
Kalani 5 – Kahuku 0  
Kalani 1 – Kailua 0

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

### **Paddling - pending**

### **Girls Soccer**

Kalani win by forfeit over Kaimuki  
Kalani win by forfeit over McKinley  
Kalani 1 – Kalaheo 2  
Kalani 2 – Kahuku 0  
Kalani 4 – Kailua 1

Kalani 7 – Farrington 1  
Kalani 0 – Castle 4  
Kalani 0 – Moanalua 3  
Kalani 5 – Roosevelt 0  
Kalani 0 – Kaiser 2

### **Wrestling**

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

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

### **Girls Tennis JV – Eastern Division and OIA 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 – Eastern Division Champions**

Kalani 12 – Kailua 7  
Kalani 5 – Moanalua 0  
Kalani win Roosevelt (score pending)  
Kalani 10 – Kaiser 0  
Kalani 3 – Castle 1

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 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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Hawaii State Department of Education

Rhonda Wong, Compliance

P.O. Box 2360

Aaron Oandasan, Title VI

Honolulu, Hawaii 96804

Toby Yamashiro, Title VII

(808) 586-3322 or relay

Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX

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Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

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