

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (11/15/2024)

# KALANI High School

## WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

### IMPORTANT DATES...

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1) Saturday, November 16        | Oahu Math League @ Kalani   |
| 2) Saturday, November 16        | <b>Kalani Canned Food Drive Drop-off (more info to follow)</b>                |
| 3) Thursday, November 21        | Coast Guard Ceremony  |
| 4) Friday, November 22          | Kalani Falcon Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament                           |
| 5) Thursday, November 28        | Holiday : Thanksgiving  |
| 6) Friday, November 29          | No School : Day after Thanksgiving  |
| 7) Monday, December 9           | Blood Drive (tentative)   |
| 8) Wednesday, December 25       | Christmas   |
| 9) Wednesday, January 1         | New Year's Day  |
| 10) Monday, January 6           | Teacher Workday : No students   |
| 11) Wednesday, January 15       | PC Day : No students  |
| 12) Monday, January 20          | Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day   |
| 13) Sunday, February 16         | Freshman/Sophomore Banquet  |
| 14) Monday, February 17         | Holiday : Presidents' Day   |
| 15) <b>Tuesday, February 25</b> | <b>ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory)</b> |
| 16) Wednesday, March 26         | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day  |
| 17) Friday, April 18            | Holiday : Good Friday   |
| 18) Monday, May 26              | Holiday : Memorial Day  |
| 19) Tuesday, May 27             | <b>Tentative : Graduation</b>   |
| 20) 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=5MPVjhw2yDM>

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### 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.

*Japan Super Science Fair 2024*

Kalani Delegation returns safely from the Japan Super Science Fair (Kyoto, Japan)



*Marching Band  
Mililani Festival*



*Mililani video*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DH4OjSgfV0U>

Marching Band Performances

Nov. 29 - 7:00pm

Waikiki Holiday Parade

**Congratulations**

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**Congratulations**

Kalani Surf Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in First Competition

**Congratulations**

**OIA Champions**

Boys Varsity Soft-Tennis  
Boys Junior Varsity Crosscountry

**Eastern Division Champions**

Girls Varsity Bowling  
Boys Varsity Soft-Tennis  
Girls Varsity Crosscountry  
Girls Varsity Soft-Tennis  
Boys Varsity Air Riflery  
Boys Junior Varsity Crosscountry

**Congratulations**

Kalani High School has been recognized as a Hawai'i School of Democracy.

**Congratulations**

Kalani High School's Bryan Silver named 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year

**Congratulations**

Bryan Silver  
Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

**Congratulations**

Mauna Kea Scholar  
Leilani Phan

**Congratulations**

Kleenex Heroes of the Classroom  
Dr. Ida

**School Community Council Members**

Please email Principal Mitchell Otani if you are interested in serving on Kalani's School Community Council.  
[mitchell.otani@k12.hi.us](mailto:mitchell.otani@k12.hi.us)

**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.

## Alumni Spotlight

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*Globally competitive, locally committed*

**Keaka Lee**

**Occupation: Chef-Owner**

**What school you grad? Kalani High School '03**

**College: Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Kapi'olani Community College**

**Location: Honolulu, HI**

After graduating from Kalani High School in 2003, Honolulu native Keaka Lee was curious about the medical field and was interested in a career as a medical technician or a microbiologist. He eventually found his passion in cooking – his part-time jobs at the time were working as a cook in restaurants and he really enjoyed the hands-on, quick-paced environment.

He received his culinary and pastry arts degrees from the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Kapi'olani Community College in 2009 and worked with local chefs Russell Siu, Alan Wong and Roy Yamaguchi. Lee has worked in kitchens at 3660 on the Rise, Alan Wong's and Pig and the Lady, and later continued his training in San Francisco and New York City. He worked two years at Gramercy Tavern and helped to open Untitled Restaurant and Studio Cafe at the Whitney Museum.



In December 2020, Lee opened Kapa Hale, a neighborhood eatery located in Kahala, just a mile away from his alma mater. He works with local farmers to create unique dining experiences highlighting modern Hawai'i Regional Cuisine. In 2021, Kapa Hale won the Hale 'Āina Award for Best New Restaurant. In 2022, the restaurant won the Honolulu Star-Advertiser's Publisher's Choice Award followed by the 'Īlima Award for Best of East O'ahu in 2023. Lee has also been nominated as a 2023 James Beard Award Semi-Finalist.

**Q: What are you up to these days?**

**A: I opened Kapa Hale restaurant in December 2020. After returning home from New York City, and reconnecting with the community through working with the Le Family at Pig and the Lady, I thought it was time. The space at the Kahala Korner (previously Central Bakery, Wahoo Tacos, etc.) had just become available and it seemed to be the perfect spot in the community I grew up in.**

**Q: What makes you #PublicSchoolProud?**

**A: I am proud to be a graduate of Kalani, a public school. Kalani gave me the opportunity to express my creativity and try so many different things. From sports to student government, it was always fun trying new things.**

**Q: Name of a teacher or mentor you'd like to thank?**

**A: Dennis Ohta, my physics teacher. He talked to us like adults and called us out on our nonsense. He was always honest, straight to the point and you could tell he cared.**

**Q: Favorite subject in school?**

**A: Student government. I surprised myself by becoming a class leader my senior year. It was fun planning class and school events and to have the opportunity to be a voice and make change for my classmates. I challenged the norm and shook up a lot of things.**

**Q: What advice do you have for students?**

**A: You don't have to figure out what you want to do today or tomorrow. Trust in the process and your journey. Continue to be honest, kind, and support others.**



*Superintendent Keith Hayashi, left, and Kalani High alum Keaka Lee are pictured with Kalani High School culinary students. Chef Lee and the students made vegetarian tacos and chicken tikka masala using local ingredients at the "Eat Think Drink" event on Oct. 29 at the Prince Waikiki hosted by the Hawai'i Agricultural Foundation. Credit: Nanea Ching / HIDOE Communications Branch*

## 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](mailto:jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us).

### ASVAB Testing

The ASVAB test (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a standardized assessment that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. The ASVAB will be offered at Kalani High School on November 26, 2024 from 8:00am-12:00pm and is open to all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. To register, students can email their name and grade to Test Coordinator Jaime Edwards at [jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us](mailto:jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us).

### Academic Help

Quarter 1 Report Cards were distributed on October 24th. If your child needs academic help, the first place to go is his/her teacher. After that, have him/her check out [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com)! It is a free resource available to our students this year. Live tutors are available 24/7 in over 250 subjects including SAT prep. Study Hall is available to all students in the cafeteria on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 pm. It is a quiet place to study, and there are chromebooks available to use.

## 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)  
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)  
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)

### 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/>

### **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!"

### **Online Dual Credit Information**

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.

Email [mike.zane@k12.hi.us](mailto:mike.zane@k12.hi.us) for more information

### **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 their period 3 teacher as soon as possible.

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 – Travel to China in November

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

### **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). Chaperone : Mr. Erickson

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Season completed**

**Football**

**Air Riflery**

**Crosscountry**

**Cheer**

**Soft-Tennis**

**Volleyball**

**Softball (JV)**

### **Bowling**

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## SPORTS OFFERINGS 2024-25

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

### 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)

### 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

### Grade Check Dates

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

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

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Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

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