

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (12/04/20)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN
UPDATES FROM A.M. BULLETINS, FLYERS, ETC.

IMPORTANT DATES...

Grades 9 – 11 : 1st Quarter Learn From Home Distance Learning

Continues until end of 1st semester

Seniors are back in school – in person classes (hybrid) for the rest of the semester

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| 1) Monday, December 7 | Regular Bell Schedule (odd classes – Seniors A-L in person) |
| 2) Tuesday, December 8 | Regular Bell Schedule (even classes – Seniors A-L in person) |
| 3) Wednesday, December 9 | Regular Bell Schedule (odd classes – Seniors M-Z in person) |
| 4) Thursday, December 10 | Regular Bell Schedule (even schedule – Seniors M-Z in person) |
| 5) Friday, December 11 | Regular Bell Schedule (odd schedule – Seniors A-L in person) |
| 6) Monday, December 14 | Regular Bell Schedule (even schedule – Seniors A-L in person) |
| 7) Tuesday, December 15 | Regular Bell Schedule (odd schedule – Seniors M-Z in person) |
| 8) Wednesday, December 16 | Regular Bell Schedule (even schedule – Seniors M-Z in person) |
| 9) Thursday, December 17 | Regular Bell Schedule (odd schedule – Seniors A-L in person) |
| 10) Friday, December 18 | Regular Bell Schedule (even schedule – Seniors A-L in person) |
| 11) Friday, January 15 | Quarter 2 Report Card Mailed Home |
| 12) Tuesday, January 26 | PSAT Test |
| 13) Thursday, April 1 | Quarter 3 Report Card Mailed Home |
| 14) Monday, June 14 | Tentative : Quarter 4 Report Card Mailed Home |

Winter Break : December 21 – January 1

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Vision: Character. Compassion. Community.

Mission : We at Kalani High School create opportunities to discover our passions, purpose, and personal pursuits.

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Congratulations

Chengdu Debate Competition (virtual)

Madison Frisbie and Monica Mau

Congratulations to Madison and Monica for doing an outstanding job competing in the Chengdu Debate Competition.

After winning their first two debate rounds, the girls were edged out by ½ of a point in the third round.

The purpose of this virtual competition is to encourage cultural and educational communication between Chengdu’s sister cities and to provide Chinese and American youth with opportunities for growth, learning, and greater understanding of the many different cultures in this global society.

Mahalo Falcons : 2173 pounds donated to Hawaii Foodbank - awesome!

Robotics News

If you are interested in learning how to use a 3D printer or laser printer, handle electric tools, program a robot, write grants, or film videos come to the Robotics Team info meeting on **Wednesday December 16 @ 6 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/95109278480?pwd=eFFndzZjeDkrRFg3UVZpL041Z29udz09>

Meeting ID: 951 0927 8480

Passcode: 3008

Jeju International Youth Forum

Congratulations to the following students for their participation in the Jeju International Youth Forum.

Stacie Bae Jacob Nakasone Jing Zheng

Held each year since 2010, Jeju Island's International Youth Forum is an international forum and a youth exchange program between the Jeju's local students and the students from cities around the world. The Forum this year invited youth to participate (virtually) in peace-building activities centered around the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

Since October 2010 when it was held under the title Asian Youth Forum, the forum has continued to expand its scope to the world beyond Asia, as well as change the title to Jeju International Youth Forum. Over the years, student participation in the forum has significantly improved the depth of discussion on sustainable development which, in turn, has fostered greater global awareness among students and has helped to solidify Jeju Island's status as an Island of Peace.

Jeju International Youth Forum hopes that Jeju's natural beauty and unique culture will continue to provide a rare opportunity for our future leaders to broaden their understanding of Jeju Island, engage in international cultural exchange and establish an international network of relationships, all while collaborating to address some of the most challenging issues facing the world today.

100% Distance Learning

Students on 100% Distance Learning : Continue Plato for the rest of the school year

Please contact counselor to register for 2nd semester Plato courses

Students on 100% Distance Learning that want to return to campus for the second semester. Please email your counselor

Students not on 100% Distance Learning but want to do 100% Distance Learning during the second semester

Please contact your vice-principal.

2022 National Merit Scholarship Program

The 2020 PSAT / NMSQT [offered on Tuesday, January 26, 2021](#) is the qualifying test for entry to the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition for college undergraduate scholarships and is open to all U.S. high school students who meet published participation requirements. Approximately 1.5 million high school students enter the program each year.

PSAT/NMSQT Registration

Registration is now **CLOSED** for the PSAT/NMSQT on January 26, 2021. Registration information was emailed to parents and students last week and can also be found on the school website. If you have any questions, please email Test Coordinator Jaime Edwards at jedwards@kalanihs.org

REGISTRATION CALENDAR FOR 2021-2022

December 1st through December 9th

- On-line course registration
- Students will register online through Infinite Campus through their portal accounts

January 14

- Students to receive verification letter of courses they have selected for their 2020 schedule.
- Verification to be distributed with Quarter 2 Report Card
- Verification to be returned and signed by parent by January 30

April-May

- Counselors to work with students that have conflicts with their schedules
- First week of May will be last chance for students to drop AP class(es) and make elective change
- Departments with multi-level classes to submit failure list for adjustment of student's schedule

***STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO COMPLETE A REGISTRATION CARD (SIGN UP FOR COURSES) WILL BE PROGRAMMED BY THEIR COUNSELOR OR THE REGISTRAR AND WILL FORFEIT THEIR RIGHTS TO PROGRAM CHANGES!**

STUDENT SECTION

Class Information

Seniors (Parents and Students of the Class of 2021)

In-Person Graduation Ceremony

Tentative Date: May 25, 2021 (TUESDAY)

Tentative Location: UH Manoa Stan Sheriff Center

Alternate Ceremony Plan

Date TBD: Drive-Thru Diploma Pick Up

Date: Virtual Graduation Ceremony Video

Whatever platform of graduation ceremony we choose, we need to make sure that everyone orders a cap and gown.

If you have any questions, please contact Graduation Advisor Rei Akasaki.

KAS Drive Thru Food Drive Results

1st – Freshmen (666 points) 2nd – Juniors (561 points) 3rd – Sophomores (335 points) 4th – Seniors (311 points)

Mahalo for your donation. Hawaii Food Bank will make sure that your donation goes to needy families.

Yearbook Announcements for Seniors

Senior Quotes : For seniors who have taken senior pictures, senior quotes can be emailed to Mr. Kawamura (tkawamura@kalanihs.org) using the form attached **as a guide** by **Friday, 12/4**.

Senior Page Sales : Senior page sales are open from Tuesday, 11/17 through Tuesday, December 1st. Cost is \$100 per page; \$150 for two pages next to each other. Please email Mr. Kawamura (tkawamura@kalanihs.org) if interested.

Yearbook Advisor : Mr. Kawamura

Federal Impact Aid Survey

Forms are available online from October 14 - December 4. Please make every effort to fill out and return these forms as soon as possible. Federal law requires that we have a form for **each student enrolled in school**. The information requested on this form helps to determine the amount of federal dollars we, as a school system, receive for each child. This is very important. All forms are due no later than December 4. **Thank you for helping us reach 100%!**

Early College/ Manoa Academy Dual Credit

The Kalani High School Dual Credit Program enables students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously while completing a college course with Kapiolani Community College or UH Manoa. Kalani students could earn between 12-24 college credits by the time they graduate high school. That is a significant leg up on their college education as well as a **significant financial savings** for their families. For more information, have your son/daughter contact Mr. Zane at mike.zane@k12.hi.us or have them login to our Counselors website to view the "Dual Credit Opportunities" slide presentation. (A Kalani Google account must be used to view.) Click on to the Counselors web page then the "College and Career" link. Then click on the "Early College/ Dual Credit" link.

Kalani Life Smarts Competition Team

Kalani High School will be participating in this year's LifeSmarts, the Ultimate Consumer Challenge, it is a FREE consumer education competition open to teens in grades 6-12. We will be meeting regularly afterschool. The competition tests students on their knowledge of Personal Finance, Health and Safety, Environment, Technology, and Consumer Rights and Responsibilities. LifeSmarts, the nation's premier consumer program, has never been more relevant. Entering its 27th year, Lifesmarts provides real-world education for students who learn about core consumer topics and develop critical thinking skills. Participants focus on five key topic areas: consumer rights and responsibilities, the environment, health and safety, personal finance, and technology. The goal of LifeSmarts is to create consumer savvy young people who will be well equipped for adult life in today's complex, global marketplace. LifeSmarts provides scholarship opportunities to students, and offers a variety of community service projects that students can use to make a positive impact in their communities. View the slide presentation for more about registering for Life Smarts and to sign up for Kalani's Life Smarts Team. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Hori or Mr. Zane

Club Information

Laulea

Laulea is an inclusive, school-based club for students of all abilities. With the support of Special Olympics Hawaii School Programs, students with and without intellectual disabilities have the opportunity to participate together in social and recreational activities. Due to the pandemic, activities will be done online via google meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month during lunch. For more information, email 2021lauc@kalanihs.org

Science Club

Interested in joining Kalani's Science Club? In the club, we compete in Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, and Ocean Bowl. Additionally, we will play virtual buzzer games, explore virtual labs, and go on virtual field trips. We meet at 2:30 every other Thursday on Google Hangouts. Our next meeting will be on October 29. If you're interested or if you have any questions, please email 2021lubeckel@kalanihs.org or 2021ejercitok@kalanihs.org

Pacific and Asian Affairs Club

Are you interested in participating in projects about various global issues like world hunger, quality education and climate action? PAAC club has a Google classroom and we are working on virtual projects.

Instagram : kalani.paac Email : kalani.paac@gmail.com

Officers are working recruiting now. Here is the link. <https://meet.google.com/lookup/fexs7bjewj>

Key Club

"Key Club is a club for dedicated students who want to volunteer and make a difference in their community and world. The club teaches students how to learn from others, build social skills, and discover their leadership skills. Here are some of our most popular volunteering events: Passing out water at the Honolulu Marathon. helping manage games and activities at Wilson Elementary school fairs, packaging food to be delivered to the elderly for Meals on Wheels, cleaning up microplastics at Hanauma Bay (last year, the club also created a mural out of what we collected and it's currently displayed in the Hanauma Bay center), and gardening at the Children Discovery Forest at the Zoo. Due to COVID, the club has been doing all community services from the comfort of their own homes. For information on how to join, please email advisor Ms. Takayesu at takayesu@kalanihs.org."

Anime Club

The anime club is an organization where students can come together and enjoy sharing a common interest in anime/manga. It's also a place where students can learn about Japanese culture. Some different activities we do are kahoot, Jeopardy, watch anime, and participate in games as a whole club together. We also do activities in small groups and compete with each other through the previously said activities. We meet every Friday after school and on Wednesdays we have officer/board member meetings. If you have any questions please contact 808kalanianimeclub@gmail.com.

If you would like to join us please fill out the form: <https://forms.gle/j3caAdftHCxTuJiT8>

College Visitations : Virtual College Informational Sessions

We have also started a spreadsheet for popular colleges that Kalani students have talked about, WUE schools, etc. Many of the campuses have virtual tours and have additional resources listed on their page. Schools such as Puget Sound in Washington have virtual conference sign ups on their webpage. Many of the schools have shared their contact information and are willing to speak with anyone interested in their schools. Please email them if you have any questions. Be sure to be signed into your Kalani email account to view the spreadsheet. We will be updating the sheet as much as we can.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XuTPo-iPGwkbQT92DJCo93SJG-PgaF7hI3DQ4PLgiUU/edit?usp=sharing>

On a final note, please be sure to be an *ethical and safe user of technology*. Have a plain background with no personal information or photos, use appropriate language and be dressed appropriately. **Do NOT give out any personal information.**

FAFSA update:

Many colleges, universities and scholarships from organizations require students to have completed the FAFSA in order to be eligible. Merit based scholarships are not determined by financial need but by academic excellence. Many students lose out on opportunities such as these because they did not complete the FAFSA. The final decision on what to accept from the Federal Government and college is up to your student and family. Please look over the financial aid package from the colleges very carefully. And finally, please be cautious of any organization or individual that approaches you with the promise of finding any additional monies, loan forgiveness, scholarships, or helping you find colleges especially if they charge a fee. Many of the paid services they offer can be done or found for free. Please do not hesitate to contact our College and Career Office at 305-0556 if you have any questions or visit the FAFSA website regarding this topic: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams#dont-pay-for-fafsa>

Thank you,

Lisa Hayashi / Sandra Yoshida – College and Career Guidance Counselors

808-305-0556

Annual Notification of Privacy Rights

"Annual Notification of Privacy Rights" "Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) student record information; 2) directory information; 3) surveys and other information collection; and 4) military recruitment information. For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit

<http://ferpa.k12.hi.us>.

Continuous Notice

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HSDOE) and its schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion or disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups, including the Boy Scouts. Please direct inquiries regarding HSDOE nondiscrimination policies as follows

Section 504 inquiries

Ms. Krysti Sukita
Equity Specialist, Civil Rights Compliance Office
Hawaii State Department of Education
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
(808) 586-3322 or relay
Krysti_Sukita@notes.k12.hi.us

Title VI, Title IX, ADA and other inquiries

Anne Marie Puglisi
Director, Civil Rights Compliance Office
Hawaii State Department of Education
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Student Information

Congratulations **National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists** **Lana Lubecke Max Chan**

On September 9, 2020, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation released the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists to the news media. They will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring. In October 2019, Lana and Max took the PSAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (had perfect scores) and met the requirements to enter the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. [More information regarding this year's PSAT test below.](#)

ACT Test – Perfect Score

Lana Lubecke – ACT Perfect Score of 36

Out of the 1.9 million students who take the test every year, only about 3,700 (0.19%) get the highest possible ACT score.
Kalani Perfect Scores 2015 – Jacob Ly 2017 – Kacie Kajihara 2019 – Shirley Li 2020 – Reina Dreyer 2021 – Lana Lubecke

Katrina Kuo **National Champion**

Agriscience Fair : Plant Systems: Division 5
The National FFA Convention was held virtually this week and Katrina was awarded 1st Place
Katrina is only the 2nd high school student from Hawaii to capture first place at the National FFA Convention.

KUPU and The Kokua Hawaii Foundations

Sustainability challenge for replacing plastic pots at a nursery.
First Place : The Sus-Attainable Team : **Samuel Kim, Zi Tao Li, Codie Nakamura, Andy Au**
The team used rice and shredded paper to make plant pots to replace plastic pots

College Acceptances

Mikela Ancheta

Mikela was accepted to Creighton University School of Nursing 21k/year scholarship

Congratulations to our new Student Government Officers for SY20-21

KAS

President- Rina Ogino Vice President- Cora Lau
Secretary- Camille Dias Treasurer- Tiana Matsuda Historian- Amanda Le

Class of 2021

President- Domenique Bonifacio Secretary- Monica Mau Treasurer- Alana Nakafuji

Class of 2022

President- Jane Chon Vice President- Enzo Yamagata

Class of 2023

President- Devin Nguyen

Vice President- Kacey Miura

Secretary- Sara Saiki

Treasurer- Taiga Sakai

Juniors

Attention Parents of Class of 2022 – 5 things for parents to do during your child’s junior year

1. Make sure your child meets with the school counselor. This meeting is especially important this year as your 11th-grader begins the college application process. Learn more about the counselor's role in applying to college.
2. Encourage your child to set goals for the school year. Working toward specific goals helps your high schooler stay motivated and focused.
3. Help your junior get ready for the PSAT/NMSQT. This is a test that helps students practice for college admission tests and helps to assess their academic skills. Juniors who score well on the PSAT/NMSQT are also eligible for scholarship opportunities. Find out more about the PSAT/NMSQT.
4. Talk your child about an extracurricular activity to focus on this year. It can be one your child is already involved in or something new. Sticking with extracurricular activities helps students develop their interests and lets colleges see that they can make a commitment.
5. Help your child make a plan. Help your child create a customized step-by-step college plan. Keep on top of the tasks required to get ready for applying to college, track progress and more. Your child may already have created a plan; make sure it's been updated to include his or her junior year goals.

Kalani Athletics

Please contact Athletic Director Greg Van Cantfort for information on how to register your athlete and for information on the paperwork that needs to be done prior to try-outs. This will ensure that your child will have his/her paperwork in order when the DOE gives the okay for athletics to begin.

Athletics Website : <https://www.kalaniathletics.com/>

Email : Gregory.Van_Cantfort@k12.hi.us

CIP Monies for Rubberized Track and Field Turf

Representative Mark Hashem has informed Kalani High School that Governor Ige has released the funds for the construction of the rubberized track and field turf for the football field. The project is currently in the design stage and we hope to see the newest addition to our campus in the not too distant future.

Mahalo to Representative Mark Hashem for pushing the project through.

Thanks also to Senator Stanley Chang, Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Representative Calvin Say, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, and Representative Scott Nishimoto for their help and support.

Congratulations

Letter of Intent

Emily Paulino

Emily was offered and accepted a wrestling scholarship to Menlo College

Jordan Okuhara

Jordan was offered and accepted a soccer scholarship to California State University, Monterey Bay

Staff Information

Congratulations to Band Director Dennis Kaneshiro

Congratulations Mr. Kaneshiro for his recent acceptance into membership in the American School Band Directors Association. Members of the ASBDA must be nominated and sponsored by a peer who is a current member of the ASBDA. Potential members must demonstrate a high level of experience, excellent moral character and quality of musicianship.

Congratulations Bryan Silver - Letter from Lieutenant Governor Josh Green

”It gives me great pleasure to recognize and acknowledge individuals and organizations whose actions make a positive impact in our state. As such, I wish to extend our appreciation to Oahu volunteers for contributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the Hawaii COVID-19 pandemic. You rose to the challenge of leveraging 3D printers to make critical Face Shields and Masks for our hospital medical staff and first responders. I commend you for your commitment of tech expertise and resources that mitigates the COVID-19 pandemic outcome. Mahalo nui loa.”

Josh Green, M.D. - Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawaii

Alumni

Class of 2020 Graduate

Tiara Gomes

Following her dreams, Tiara Gomes has started her music career.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwKjTNZfXpfBQLbxFIDfWnLrZlg?projector=1>