

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (08/08/2025)

# KALANI High School

## WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

### IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Friday, August 15     | Holiday – Statehood Day                                 |
| 2) Wednesday, August 20  | Retake Day (for those that missed packet pickup day)    |
| 3) Monday, September 1   | Holiday – Labor Day                                     |
| 4) Friday, October 3     | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter                          |
| 5) Tuesday, November 11  | Holiday – Veterans’ Day                                 |
| 6) Thursday, November 27 | Thanksgiving  |
| 7) Friday, November 28   | No School   |
| 8) Friday, December 19   | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester                         |
| 9) Thursday, December 25 | Christmas   |
| 10) Monday, January 5    | No Students – Teacher Work Day                          |
| 11) Monday, January 19   | Holiday – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day                |
| 12) Monday, February 16  | Holiday – Presidents’ Day                               |
| 13) Friday, March 13     | End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter                          |
| 14) Thursday, March 26   | Holiday – Kuhio Day                                     |
| 15) Friday, April 3      | Holiday – Good Friday                                   |
| 16) Monday, May 25       | Holiday – Memorial Day                                  |
| 17) Thursday, May 28     | Last Day for Students – End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester |
| 18) Friday, May 29       | Last Day for Teachers                                   |

October 6-10 : Fall Break  
 December 22 – January 2 : Winter Break  
 March 16 – 20 : 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=5MPVjyv2yDM>

### *Welcome Back*

*On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to  
 Kalani High School - Home of the Falcons.*

*This year, we continue our mission to inspire and empower every student, providing them with tools  
 and opportunities to succeed. With your help, let us plan activities that will foster friendship and  
 create memories for our students that will last a lifetime. Thank you (in advance) for your help and  
 support as we craft an environment second to none*

### **Congratulations**

Mia Nishiguchi  
 Selected to Hawaii Board of Education - Student Member

### **Picture Taking for ID and Yearbook**

Date: August 20, 2025 (Wednesday) Location: Gym-2nd Floor

For those wishing to RETAKE (you already took a photo, but do not like it), will need to wait for RETAKE day that will be scheduled in September TBD. In order to take your ID and/or yearbook photo, you will need to have an appointment. Last day to make an appointment will be TUESDAY (AUGUST 19) at 12:00PM. Email sent out to students.

## Mahalo – Parents / students

Thank you to all of the parents and students for the very smooth registration / packet pickup.  
A big mahalo to Student Services Coordinator Rei Akasaki and all of the staff volunteers for their help.

## School pictures are ready

To order, log in to your account on [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) or create an account using your student's student ID number.  
All families can also log on and order a FREE Digital SmileSafe card.  
More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).

## Clubs / Sports



**KALANI SOFT TENNIS SOCIAL**

**FREE FOOD AND DRINKS**

Come learn about soft tennis and play some games!

📅 Thursday, August 7th @ 2:30pm

📅 Monday, August 11th @ 2:30pm

📍 Room D-10

**Recruiting for Boys and Girls Varsity Team**

Soft tennis<sup>®</sup> is a Japanese form of tennis, requiring special racket and ball (students may borrow from the school but need their own tennis shoes). Players use the same strokes and rules as tennis so the soft tennis coaches highly recommend this sport for off-season tennis players!

The OIA version of soft tennis matches include **three boys and three girls doubles per match**. This matches are a 5-game set each. This fun, FALL, OIA only sport ends with an OIA individual tournament where students can meet players from around the island.

**INTERESTED PLAYERS (NEW AND RETURNING) SHOULD COME!**

## Center for Tomorrow's Leader

CTL-Want to level up your leadership, confidence, and impact at Kalani? CTL (Center for Tomorrow's Leaders) isn't just another class—it's a statewide movement. You'll take on real-world challenges, lead projects that matter, and create change in your home, school, and community. Along the way, you'll learn and grow alongside students from schools across Hawai'i who care, think big, and take action. If you're ready to lead with purpose (and have fun doing it), CTL is for you. Let's go!

## DECA

All students in the entrepreneurship pathway are encouraged to join DECA. DECA, formerly known as Distributive Education Clubs of America, is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management through a variety of activities, projects, and competitions. These experiences allow members to apply their business knowledge in real-life situations, benefiting them in college, their careers, and beyond. Additionally, DECA instills a sense of professional responsibility and community-mindedness. For more information, visit [deca.org](http://deca.org) or follow @DECAInc on Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Vime

## The Health and Fitness Club

The Health and Fitness Club focuses on promoting physical wellness and healthy lifestyles. Activities include fitness-related competitions such as body showcases and food challenges, as well as community engagement through volunteering at local marathons and athletic events.

**LEO Club – connected with Lions Club (Ms. Kaneko / Mr. Lee):** The Kalani LEO Club promotes service among the youth at Kalani High School and the community, which helps to develop the individual qualities of leadership, experience, and opportunity. Also, to unite its members in friendship, fellowship, and mutual understanding.

## **Japan Club**

Officer meeting on Monday, August 11

## **Key Club**

Key Club is an internationally--recognized club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs, that focuses on community service, providing a great opportunity to learn how to give back to the community. The club often works with Key Clubs from other schools, allowing students to meet new people. It is a great way to form bonds, learn how to become a leader, and make a difference. Some past projects that Kalani's Key Club have enjoyed are passing out water to participants at the Honolulu Marathon, helping out at Bingo Night and Breakfast with Santa events at Wilson Elementary School, gardening at the zoo, and various beach clean ups. If interested, there will be general club meetings during lunch in A12 every other Tuesday starting on Tuesday, August 12th." Thank you!

## **Model United Nations Club**

The Model UN Club offers students the opportunity to learn about international relations, diplomacy, and global policy through simulated United Nations conferences. Members research global issues, represent assigned countries, and participate in structured debates and negotiations that mirror actual UN proceedings.

## **Computer Science/Technology and Service Club**

The Technology and Service Club promotes interest in computing and provides opportunities to serve the community through technology. All students are welcome—no prior experience is necessary. For more information, please see Dr. Ida in Room E-15.

## **National Honor Society (NHS)**

The Kalani High School chapter of the National Honor Society encourages scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Members engage in service projects both on campus and in the broader community. Membership is by invitation and is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who demonstrate academic excellence. For more information, please see Dr. Ida in Room E-15.

## **Oahu Math League (OML)**

Kalani's Oahu Math League team fosters mathematical interest and problem-solving skills through fun and spirited competitions with public and private schools across the state. All students are welcome to join. For more information, please see Dr. Ida in Room E-15.

## **Spanish Club**

Spanish Club offers a space for students to explore Hispanic culture and the Spanish language in a fun, engaging way. We explore the culture and language through films, music, games, snacks and more!

## **FFA**

All students in the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) pathway are encouraged to join FFA. FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Currently known as the National FFA Organization, FFA is the largest student-led organization in the country, with over a million members across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. FFA is for students who want to engage in agriculture and aspire to be farmers, teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet new and continuing challenges by helping its members develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. Our motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve," and our members rise to the challenge of service, embracing individuals from all walks of life, united through FFA. Kalani FFA chapter dues are \$15 per student. Please see Ms. Doran in J4 for the meeting schedule.

## **CORE Club**

CORE club meets on Wednesdays during lunch in the chorus room (K-16). Our purpose is to help discover the core of who you are. To reach every student at Kalani, discuss everyday problems in teenagers' life and ways to cope and help come up with better solutions. To go to students where they are, and to reach the lonely, the rejected, the desperate. To make disciples and to empower and equip student leaders to reach their peers. The desire is to give hope – a place to call home and a reason to keep going, to see the transformation of students, our school, and community, and to create a movement that changes culture. We hope to enrich the culture that we have at Kalani and the community.

**PARKING GUIDELINES :** To ensure safety, and security for our faculty, staff and students, all student vehicles are required to have a parking permit. Student vehicles parked on campus without a parking permit will result in the following actions: parent/student meeting, student's vehicle will not be allowed on campus.

**Student Parking is around the track (lower campus)**

**Students are NOT allowed to park in the teachers' parking lot.**

**Student Parking is on a First Come/First Serve basis.**

**Once the spaces allocated for student parking are filled, students will need to park on the street.**

### **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

As a parent/guardian of a Hawaii Department of Education student, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) who instruct your child. Federal Law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s) and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teacher(s).

1. Whether the teacher has met licensing criteria and has earned the designation of Highly Qualified for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches. Core academic subjects include :
  - a. English-Language Arts
  - b. Mathematics
  - c. Science
  - d. Foreign Languages
  - e. Civics and Government
  - f. Economics
  - g. History
  - h. Geography
  - i. Art
2. Whether the teacher is under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees and
4. Whether any teacher's aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact our school office.

### **Campus Safety**

The Hawaii Department of Education Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Branch is responsible for the security of Department campuses. Our schools and state offices are secured as best as possible to prevent theft, vandalism, trespassing and acts of violence. Annual training is provided for all security personnel with continued research into security best practices and the latest technology.

School and student safety is a responsibility for all involved — administrators, staff, teachers, students, families, law enforcement and the broader community. Safety and security are necessary in order for learning to take place.

### **Closed Campus**

Kalani is a closed campus. The Hawaii Kai entrance to our campus is locked from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Security is posted at the Ewa entrance and the back parking lot and we will monitor all cars entering campus. **Uber Eats and other food delivery companies will be stopped and turned away (School Food Services Guidelines).**

### **Kalani High Surveillance Cameras**

Kalani High School installed surveillance cameras on the outside of buildings throughout our campus in 2017. The surveillance cameras are used to provide for the safety of our staff and students and to maintain the security of our buildings and personal property. The intent of the use of the video surveillance cameras is to provide a safe environment for our student by deterring outsiders from entering out campus for inappropriate reasons and to monitor our campus for vandalism and student misconduct. Our cameras are placed in public places, areas where there is no expectation of privacy – school entrances, hallways, exterior of buildings and other open areas on campus. The cameras are NOT placed in areas where students, staff or visitors may have a reasonable expectation of privacy – classrooms, offices, teacher workrooms, restrooms, locker rooms or other designated dressing rooms. The surveillance cameras are just one of the ways that we use to create a safe and secure learning environment at Kalani High School. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding our surveillance cameras, please call any of the administrative staff at 305-0500.

## Chapter 19

In order to keep our schools safe, rules have been established relating to student misconduct; these rules also govern searches of students and seizures of property. Hawaii Administrative Rules, [Chapter 19](#), are derived from state law. It's important that students and parents review this information to be aware of the consequences of a Chapter 19 violation

### Cafeteria Meals

To purchase meals, students must have money in their lunch account. Families are highly encouraged to make meal deposits and view balance of account online at [www.ezschoollpay.com](http://www.ezschoollpay.com).

### Biometric Scanning

Kalani High School will continue to use biometric scanning for purchasing lunch. Students will sanitize their hands before scanning. Please read attached letter and submit only if you would want to opt-out of scanning.

### School Year 2025-2026 Meal Price Changes

Effective for the school year 2025-2026, students who qualify for reduced-price meals will receive one breakfast and one lunch daily at no charge, in accordance with Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025. While these students will still be categorized as reduced-price eligible under federal guidelines, their meals will be scanned as Reduced - No Charge

If a student would like to purchase a second meal or a la carte items such as milk, funds will need to be deposited into their account. Online payment is available at [ezschoolpay.com](http://ezschoolpay.com).

Prices for student second meals and adult meals at breakfast and lunch, have increased to \$3.50 for breakfast and \$7.50 for lunch.

#### School Year 2025-2026 Meal Prices

##### Student Type I Price

##### Breakfast

Secondary student (9-12) \$1.10

Reduced-price student (PreK-12) No Charge      Free student (PreK-12) No charge  
Student Second Meal \$3.50      Adult Meal \$3.50

##### Lunch

Secondary student (9-12) \$2.75

Reduced-price student (PreK-12) No Charge      Free student (PreK-12) No charge  
Entree \$2.25      Student Second meal \$7.50      Adult Meal \$7.50

Sale prices for a la carte items remain the same as listed below.

#### School Year 2025-2026 A la Carte Sales Prices

Fruit, fresh, Apple, Banana or Orange \$0.95	Fruit, Dried \$0.80	Fruit Slush, 100% fruit \$1.25
Juice, 100% box or cup \$0.70	Juice, 100% box or pkg. \$1.00	
Milk, Aseptic \$1.85	Milk, Fresh \$0.90	Milk, Soy \$1.60
Snacks, packaged \$0.85	Water, bottled \$1.50	Yogurt \$1.20

## STUDENT SECTION

### 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

Osaka Gakuin University Summer Bridge Program – Visited Osaka June 2025

Chengdu Debate Competition – Visited China Nov. 2024 – Invited to participate in November 2025

Jeju International Youth Forum – Visited Korea Nov. 2024 – Invited to participate in November 2025

Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip – Visited China Dec. 2024 – Invited to participate in December 2025

Hosted in January 2025 – Visited Korea in July 2025

Hosted in August 2024 – Visited Hiroshima in January 2025

Hosted in March 2025 – Visited Hokkaido in July 2025

Hosted in January 2025 – Visited Iwakuni in March 2025

Hosted in July 2025 – Travel to Kyoto in November

Will host in September 2025 – Travel to Osaka in November

Hosted in Feb. 1-8 2025 – Travel to Nagoya in October 2025

## *Congratulations*

### **National Merit Recognition**

They will be recognized in the fall as either a Class of 2026 National Merit Semifinalist or Commended Student

*Bryce Hara      Jayden Tran      Ivan Tse*

#### Kalani Association of Students

President- Abby Nii      Vice President- Suzue Shower  
Secretary- Taylor Wong      Treasurer- Naomi Stremick      Historian- Aeda Hasty

#### Class of 2026

President- Ryder Goto      Vice President- Kira-May Nosse  
Corresponding Secretary- Christopher Tam      Recording Secretary- Tia Trinidad      Treasurer- Sadie Nakao

#### Class of 2027

President- David Summers      Vice President- Lainee Ono  
Corresponding Secretary- Jordynn Wong      Recording Secretary- Peyton Nakata      Treasurer- Destiny Nguyen

#### Class of 2028

President- Mia Doma      Vice President- Angela Park  
Corresponding Secretary- Crystal Ko      Recording Secretary- Reia Jumawon      Treasurer- Rex Ho

### **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>

## **ATHLETICS**

### **SPORTS OFFERINGS 2025-26**

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

#### **FALL**

B/G AIR RIFLE (V)  
B/G BOWLING (V)  
B/G CHEER (JV/V) SIDELINE/COMPETITION  
B/G CROSS-COUNTRY (JV/V)  
FOOTBALL (JV/V)  
G SOFTBALL (JV)  
B/G SOFT TENNIS (V)  
G VOLLEYBALL (JV/White/V)

#### **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)  
G 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)  
B VOLLEYBALL (JV/V)  
G WATER POLO (V)  
G FLAG FOOTBALL (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

## Alumni

Haylee Lyons (2024) has been named to the spring 2025 chancellor's list at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Students receiving a 3.9 grade point average or higher are placed on the chancellor's list, while those receiving a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.89 are named to the deans' list.

The lists recognize students' outstanding academic achievements.

## AHERA

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school. In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rule requires our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in 1958 and identifies some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct periodic surveillances and triennial re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff. An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change. A copy of the management plan is on file in the administrative office and is available for your review during our regular school hours.

Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-305-0500.

## Continuous Notice

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HSDOE) and its schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion in its programs and activities. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies as follows:

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Hawaii State Department of Education  
P.O. Box 2360  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804  
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[CRCB@k12.hi.us](mailto:CRCB@k12.hi.us)

Beth Schimmelfinnig, Director  
Rhonda Wong, Compliance  
Aaron Oandasan, Title VI  
Toby Yamashiro, Title VII  
Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX  
Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

## **Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Statement**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. This requirement extends to all of the Department's programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable. If you have difficulty understanding English, you have the right to receive language assistance at no cost to you. Please contact your school's principal for more information. For the Department high schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study in arts and communications, business, health services, industrial and engineering technology, natural resources, and public and human services, there are no admission criteria. Department high schools will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs and will provide equal access to designated youth groups. The Department does not tolerate acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion is encouraged to report such harassment. Students and parents may report allegations of discrimination or harassment to the school's administrator or to the Department's Civil Rights Compliance Branch at the address listed below. The Department is committed to conducting prompt investigations. Support, including counseling and educational resources, will be available to students who are harassed as well as to students found to have engaged in acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Students found to have engaged in harassment may be disciplined up to and including suspension if circumstances warrant. Students, parents, and Department staff should work together to prevent harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. The Department will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the discrimination or harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies to:

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