

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (09/12/2025)

KALANI High School

Where the Winds of Knowledge Carry You to a Brighter Future

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

- 1) Friday, October 3 End of 1st Quarter
- 2) Tuesday, November 11 Holiday – Veterans’ Day
- 3) Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving
- 4) Friday, November 28 No School
- 5) Friday, December 19 End of 1st Semester
- 6) Thursday, December 25 Christmas
- 7) Monday, January 5 No Students – Teacher Work Day
- 8) Monday, January 19 Holiday – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 9) Monday, February 16 Holiday – Presidents’ Day
- 10) Friday, March 13 End of 3rd Quarter
- 11) Thursday, March 26 Holiday – Kuhio Day
- 12) Friday, April 3 Holiday – Good Friday
- 13) Monday, May 25 Holiday – Memorial Day
- 14) Thursday, May 28 Last Day for Students – End of 2nd Semester
- 15) Friday, May 29 Last Day for Teachers

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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=5MPVjyv2vDM>

US News 2025 Best High Schools

Kalani High School is ranked first within Hawaii (non-charter public schools).

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/hawaii>

Congratulations

National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist

Ivan Tse

On September 10, 2025, officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of the more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,930 National Merit Scholarships worth \$26 million that will be offered next spring. In October 2024, Ivan took the PSAT/National Merit Qualifying Test and met the requirements to enter the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program.

SBA, HSA, EOC Score Reports

This week, all students received an email with directions to access their SBA, HSA and/or EOC Score Reports through the HSA Family Portal. If your student participated in one or more of these assessments last year, their new score reports will be available. If your student did not participate in any of these assessments last year, you can still access any score reports from prior school years through the Family Portal.

Please ask your student to share the access information with you. If you have any questions, please CONTACT Assessment Coordinator Jaime Edwards at jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us.

*Congratulations
Homecoming Court*

Queen- Naomi Stremick King- James Jimmy Gaupp

<i><u>Class of 2026</u></i>	<i>Lana Sakai</i>	<i>Donovan Nguyen</i>
<i><u>Class of 2027</u></i>	<i>Lainee Ono</i>	<i>Junyu Blas</i>
<i><u>Class of 2028</u></i>	<i>Sunnie Ho</i>	<i>Mason Quaccia</i>
<i><u>Class of 2029</u></i>	<i>Elizabeth Huang</i>	<i>Jake Hwang</i>



Congratulations

Youth Symphony (alphabetically by first name)

Youth Symphony I

Andrew Li Brandalyn Tran Brian Lim Ellei Obara Evangeline (Evie) Tjoeng Hope Bayudan Ian Park
 Jake Miyakawa Jaden Kim Jeannie Kim Jessica Wiemer Kainoa Alcain Kobe Miyamasu Leala Florendo
 Mani Kovacich Nick Chim Sherry Taguchi Yuto Kawaguchi

Youth Symphony II

Airi Choy Anna Motohashi Aria Chan Claire Ito-Saysamon Elizabeth Huang Erin Wong Eunice Kim
 Ian Cho Ian Taira Lacey Park Lucas Chew Morten Kjos-Hanssen Otto Ferguson Princeton Co
 Rui Han Yijia Wang

Concert Orchestra

Atsushi Harada-Collier Jayden Lamayo Kento Wong Liv Gomez Vincent (Leo) Lassoff Yinyi Chen

Chengdu Debate Challenge

Bryce Hara and Anson Li 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). Kalani High participated in 2019 and again the last two years. No event from 2020–2022 because of the global pandemic.

Jeju International Youth Forum

Kalani has once again been selected to participate in Jeju International Youth Forum to be held from October 26 to November 1, 2025. The forum introduces a variety of topics that allow for student leaders from all over the world to discuss solutions and ways to improve their respective countries. Students problem solve solutions to real-life problems.
Chaperone : Mr. Melemai Students : Tamar McMillan-Zilberman + Mirah Levine + Qian Chen + Jeannie Kim

Traffic Safety

Just because you see them doesn't mean that they see you.

Be careful when crossing any street on or off campus. Oftentimes, parents are looking at their phone or waving to their child and they might not see you if you are crossing in front of their car.

English Language Learners (ELL) Acquisition Classes (sponsored by McKinley Community School for Adults)

Cooking Course

Are you interested in improving your cooking skills?

Kalani High School will be offering a cooking course for parents of current Kalani High School students

Classes will be held 4:30 to 6:30pm At Kalani High School

Mondays and Wednesdays September 15th–December 17th, 2025

This is a great opportunity to learn English, earn a food handlers certificate, and learn cooking skills.

Course will be for intermediate and advanced English learners.

Registration fee of \$20.00 does not include lab fee for supplies.

For more information contact Mark Nakamura at 808 594-0540 or via email at mark.nakamura@k12.hi.us

English Language Acquisition Class

Are you interested in improving your English Language skills?

Or, looking for ways to support your child in their education?

Kalani High School will be offering an English Language Acquisition Class for interested individuals.

Classes will be held 4:30 to 6:30pm At Kalani High School

Tuesdays and Thursdays September 16th–December 18th, 2025

Course will be for beginner and intermediate level students (English Learners).

Registration cost of \$20.00 does not include textbook cost.

For more information contact Mark Nakamura at 808 594-0540 or via email at mark.nakamura@k12.hi.us

Tutor.com:

Parents, please remind your sons/daughters that if they need help with ANY of their classes, help is available! Tutor.com is a free tutoring resource for all Kalani High School students! Students log in using their Clever credentials. Over 4,000 tutors are available to help in over 250 subjects, for FREE, 24/7. These tutors are LIVE PEOPLE! NOT Artificial Intelligence! There is also standardized test preparation assistance. Get help today!

STUDENT SECTION

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.

Clubs / Sports

Laulea – Ms. Yagi
Anime Club – Ms. Miyashiro
Book Club – Ms. Miyashiro
Spanish Club – Ms. Rivette
Health Occupations Students of America – Mr. A. Kimura
Center for Tomorrow's Leader – Mr. Iwanaga
Ceramics Club – Ms. Berezni
Chinese Club – Ms. Young Chan
DECA – Ms. Potterton
The Health and Fitness Club – Mr. Melemai
LEO Club – connected with Lions Club (Ms. Kaneko / Mr. Lee):
Model United Nations Club – Mr. Melemai
Key Club – Ms. Takayesu
National Honor Society (NHS) – Dr. Ida
Computer Science/Technology and Service Club – Dr. Ida
Oahu Math League (OML) – Dr. Ida
FFA – Ms. Doran
Hawaii Aspiring Aerospace Engineers Academy – Ms. Sato
Japan Club – Ms. Klein
CORE Club – Ms. Kaaua

Project Grad 2026 If you would like to be a part of the fun and be on our parent planning committee for Project Graduation 2026, please come to our 1st meeting on Wednesday, August 27th at 5:30pm. @ Kalani High School. We meet on the red tables on the grass in BACK of the office near the pool. If you have any questions, you can email, Kimber Kahanu- kalanipg25@gmail.com.

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
Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School - Kyoto
Osaka Gakuin University / High School
Bihoku High School – Nagoya

Osaka Gakuin University Summer Bridge Program
Chengdu Debate Competition
Jeju International Youth Forum
Hainan/Beijing Cultural Exchange Trip

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>

College Admission Counselor Visits

During these meetings, you will meet the college admission counselor for Hawaii applicants, learn more about the school, programs and majors offered, the application procedures and requirements, and have a chance to ask questions. Students need to sign up using their SCOIR account. Open to Kalani students grades 9-11.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iz2tLh8e6InR8oa5Za8tLL0Z0q0G6xBqWR15wQnXCM/edit?usp=sharing>

FAFSA Financial Aid Webinars

Sign up for virtual webinars occurring every Wednesday through Hawaii P-20 to learn more about financial aid. Open to all students and families. <https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/Upcoming-Events/>

College Visits

Pick up an activity pass from the College and Career Center in the Library
Ask your teacher for approval (sign up for NO more than 3 visits for the same class period)
****Students who have off campus during a college visit do not need a pass to attend****

Join us for a Mini College Fair

Open to the Class of 2026 Kalani Students and Families

When: September 24

Time: Fair - 5:15-6:00pm

Presentation - 6:15-7:30pm

Where: Kalani High School Cafeteria

Presentation will cover:

- What Kalani's College & Career Center has to offer
- Benefits of...
 - studying here in Hawai'i
 - studying at out-of-state public schools
 - studying at out-of-state private schools

Includes guest speakers from CalPoly SLO, Pacific University, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Hawai'i system schools, UNLV, Washington State University

Space is limited to 100 families from Kalani's Class of 2026

RSVP HERE! <https://bit.ly/kalanicollegenight>

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/WhctKLbmkBXDPkhcBfZfZtHKxhWCQvwmLZxzKPLpNpHMTJvrXRGTKCmLLBdsSZRJvpWZpqV?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

ATHLETICS

Alumni

Falcons in the News

Jaci Miyasaki

Class of 2025

Go Bows!



Schedules

Football

Kalani 21 – Waiakea 6

Kalani 7 – Kohala 6

Kalani 3 – Pac-5 27

Kalani 50 – Kaimuki 14

Kalani 14 – Roosevelt 65

Friday, September 12	@ Waialua		6:00pm
Friday, September 26	@ Castle		7:30pm
Friday, October 3	@ Pearl City		7:30pm
Saturday, October 11	vs. McKinley	@ Kaiser	6:00pm
Saturday, October 18	vs. Kalaheo	@ Kaiser	6:00pm

Crosscountry

Kamehameha Invitational Results Pending

Saturday, September 13	Iolani Invitational		
Saturday, September 20	@ Mililani		
Saturday, September 27	Kalani Invitational		
Saturday, October 4	JV Eastern Division	@ CORP	
Saturday, October 11	OIA JV	@ Waialua (Kalani Host School)	
Saturday, October 18	Varsity Eastern Division	@ CORP	
Saturday, October 25	OIA Varsity	@ CORP	
Saturday, November 1	HHSAA	@ CORP	

Air Riflery

Girls : Kalani 1891 – Castle 1749 High Scorer : Kalea Santos 521

Boys : Kalani 2013 – Castle 1230 High Scorer – Anson Li 511

Girls : Kalani 2018 – Kalaheo 1577 High Scorer – Kalea Santos 527

Boys : Kalani 2041 – Kalaheo 1582 High Scorer – Noah Wong 517

Saturday, September 13	vs. Kaiser		
Wednesday, September 17	bye	Saturday, September 20	vs. Roosevelt
Wednesday, September 24	vs. Kailua	Saturday, September 27	vs. Kaimuki
Wednesday, October 1	vs. Moanalua	Saturday, October 4	vs. Kahuku
Saturday, October 25	OIA Individual and Team Championship	@ Kaiser	

Volleyball

Kalani 2 – Farrington 3

Kalani 0 – Moanalua 3

Kalani 3 – Castle 2

Kalani 0 – Kahuku 3

Tuesday, September 16	@ Kalaheo	5:00pm
Thursday, September 18	vs. Farrington	5:00pm
Tuesday, September 23	@ Castle	5:00pm
Thursday, September 25	vs. Moanalua	5:00pm
Tuesday, September 30	@ Kahuku	5:00pm
Thursday, October	vs. Kalaheo	5:00pm
October 13-22	OIA Play-offs	
October 27-November 1	HHSAA	

Cheer

Saturday, October 4	Preseason	@ Radford
Saturday, October 18	Eastern Division	Site : TBD
Saturday, October 25	OIA	@ Radford
HHSAA	TBD	

Soft-Tennis

Girls : Kalani 3 – McKinley 0

Boys : Kalani 1 – McKinley 2

Girls : Kalani 3 – Kailua

Boys : Kalani 1 – Kailua 2

Saturday, September 13 vs. Roosevelt	2:00pm
Saturday, September 20 vs. Kaiser	9:00am
Saturday, September 20 vs. Moanalua	9:00am
Saturday, September 27 OIA East Individual Championships @ McK.	9:00am
Saturday, October 4 OIA Championships @ McKinley	9:00am
Saturday, October 11 OIA Team Championship @ Mililani	9:00am

Bowling

Girls : Week 1 – East 1st Place

Boys : Week 1 – East 3rd Place

High Series : Gabby Yasumura 485

High Series : Sage Okumura-Wong 505

High Game : Gabby Yasumura 171

High Game: Rylon Gobutan 176

Thursday, September 11	@ K-Bay	
Thursday, September 18	@ K-Bay	
Thursday, September 25	@ K-Bay	
Thursday, October 2	@ K-Bay	
Thursday, October 9	@ K-Bay	
Thursday, October 16	@ K-Bay	
Thursday, October 23	@ K-Bay	
Thursday, October 30	OIA Individual and Team Championships	@ K-Bay
HHSAA	@ Schofield	

JV Softball

Kalani 14 – Kaiser 4

Saturday, September 13	vs. Roosevelt	11:00am	@ Kilauea Field
Wednesday, September 17	vs. Moanalua	3:00pm	@ Kilauea Field
Saturday, September 20	@ Kailua	11:00am	
Wednesday, September 24	@ Castle	3:00pm	
Wednesday, October 1	@ Kaiser	3:00pm	
Saturday, October 4	@ Roosevelt	11:00	
Wednesday, October 8	@ Moanalua	3:00pm	
Saturday, October 11	vs. Kailua	11:00am	@ Kilauea Field
Wednesday, October 15	vs. Castle	3:00pm	@ Kilauea Field
OIA Play-off	October 21/22		

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)

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

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.

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

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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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