

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (07/03/2026)

Kalani High School

Where the Winds of Knowledge Carry You to a Brighter Future

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

Fall Sports Schedules on Pages 4 and 5

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| 1) Friday, July 3 | Holiday : No Summer School |
| 2) Wednesday, July 8 | Last Day of Summer School |
| 3) Thursday, July 9 | 1 st Day of Summer Bridge (for Freshmen that signed up) |
| 4) Friday, July 24 | Last Day of Summer Bridge |
| 5) Tuesday, July 28 | Teacher Report |
| 6) Monday, August 3 | First Day for Freshmen (only report) |
| 7) Tuesday, August 4 | First Day of School for ALL Students |

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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=5MPVjhw2vDM>

Congratulations

National Merit Recognition

Congratulations to the following juniors who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in October and met the requirements to enter the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program. With a Selection Index Score of 208 or above, these high performers have shown outstanding academic potential. These students are among the 50,000

highest-scoring participants and will be recognized in the fall as either a Semifinalist or Commended Student

Summer Hall Mu Seong Kim Andrew Li John Phillips Cathy Tran

Summer School

Dates : June 3 – **July 8**

Time : 8:00am – 1:00pm

1st semester : June 3 – June 19 [Holiday : June 11] 2nd Semester : June 22 – July 8 [Holiday : July 3]

Drive-thru Packet Pick-up

Drive-Thru Fee Payment, Schedule Pick Up, Yearbook Photo, Meal Payment, and Forms

Siblings are encouraged to come on the same day with their older sibling.

Students who drive themselves will be asked to park in the upper parking lot after making payment to take their photo.

1. Place child's name (first and last) on the passenger side dashboard in blue or black ink.

2. Have payment ready, check written payable to Kalani High School

July 21 (Tuesday)	Grade 12	8:30AM-12:00PM	
July 22 (Wednesday)	Grade 10 and 11	8:30AM-12:00PM	
July 23 (Thursday)	Grade 9	8:30AM-12:00PM	
July 24 (Friday)	Make-Up Day	8:30AM-11:30AM	Make-Up Day for those who did not attend

If you are unable to make any of the dates above, go to the Main Office, beginning July 27 until August 3 between 8:30am-11:30am to pick up schedule and pay for fees. Photo make-up day will be announced on a later date.

New Board of Education Cell Phone Policy to be shared and will be enforced

STUDENT SECTION

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>

SAT Information:

SAT registration is now open! Spots go QUICKLY so be sure to sign up for the test if you are interested in taking it.

We do NOT offer any SATs at Kalani.

Do you HAVE to take the SAT? The answer to this question is...it really depends on what you want to do and where you are aiming to apply for. Many schools are still test optional and do not require the SAT/ACT to apply to their schools. Some schools, especially the competitive schools or programs such as UH Nursing, international schools will REQUIRE the SAT/ACT. Do your research! Look at the requirements at the schools and programs you are interested in to see if you should take the SAT/ACT and what score you should aim for.

More information can be found on their website: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

HIDOE Honors Diploma + Valedictorian Information

Seniors: As you start looking into your PTP and Off Campus opportunities, keep in mind the following requirements if you are aiming to be a HIDOE Recognized Honors Recipient and or a Valedictorian. Below are the requirements for it. The "Kalani High School Honor Graduate" is NOT part of this HIDOE honors recognition and therefore will NOT count towards Valedictorian status. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU ARE IN THE CORRECT COURSE SELECTIONS FOR YOUR SENIOR YEAR. 3rd quarter grades during your senior year will be factored into the selection of valedictorian.

Honors Recognition Certificate Requirements

In addition to meeting the requirements for the Hawai'i high school diploma, students must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above to qualify for an honors recognition certificate in one or more of the honors described below

Academic Honors

4 credits of math: The four credits must include one credit for Algebra 2 and one credit beyond Algebra 2. The credit beyond Algebra 2 must be earned via the following courses or equivalent Running Start math courses: Algebra 3, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Precalculus, Probability, Statistics, Introduction to College Mathematics, Calculus, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Math Studies, or IB Math Standard Level, AND 4 credits of science: Of the four credits, one credit must be in Biology 1 or equivalent IB Biology; or AP Biology courses, AND 2 credits minimum must be from AP/IB/Running Start courses (equivalent to credits for two college courses).

CTE Honors : Complete two courses in a program of study.

Earn a B or better in each required program of study (coursework).

Meet or exceed proficiency on performance-based assessments for corresponding programs of study.

STEM Honors

4 credits of math: The four credits must include one credit for Algebra 2 and one credit beyond Algebra 2. The credit beyond Algebra 2 must be earned via the following courses or equivalent Running Start math courses: Algebra 3, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Precalculus, Probability, Statistics, Introduction to College Mathematics, Calculus, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Math Studies, or IB Math Standard Level, AND 4 credits of science: Of the four credits, one credit must be in Biology 1 or equivalent IB Biology; or AP Biology courses. Successful completion of a STEM Capstone Project (Google Docs) in one of the approved ACCN courses.

Grade Point Average

This cumulative grade point average applies to all graduates. Learn more about how GPAs are calculated.

Cum Laude GPA of 3.0 to 3.5 Magna Cum Laude GPA of 3.5+ to 3.8 Summa Cum Laude GPA of 3.8+ and above.

Valedictorian Designation

Effective beginning with Class of 2016 , graduating seniors will be declared valedictorian if the following criteria are met: GPA of 4.0; *and* earned and met the requirements of one of the Honor Recognition Certificates stated above.

Valedictorians will be named after the third quarter.

<https://hawaiipublicschools.org/academics/graduation-requirements/>

Marching Band Schedule

Oct. 17	Menehune Classic Moanalua HS	5:30pm
Oct. 24	Kapolei Band Festival Kapolei HS	5:30pm
Oct. 31	Mililani Bandfest Mililani HS	5:00pm
Nov. 2	Oahu MB Festival Pearl City HS	6:00pm
Nov. 7	Kamehameha Tournament Kamehameha Sch.	4:30pm
Nov. 11	Rainbow MB Festival Ching Field UHM	TBD
Nov. 27	Waikiki Holiday Parade Waikiki	7:00pm

Kalani High School Athletic Awards : Most Valuable Player

Air Riflery : Kalea Santos -----Anson Li
Baseball : Vaughn Simon Softball : Naomi Stremick
Basketball : Jordin Baker ----- Keisen Takamiya
Bowling : Peyton Fujiwara ----- Colton Takai
Cheer : Katie Kokata-Tabar
Crosscountry : Ashlyn Wang ----- Seita Takinishi
Football : Isabelle Baker - Chrisarah Kuratsu – Halia Kaaua ----- Elau Hoopai-Waikaloa – Nick Segawa
Golf : Sora Kishida – Ashlyn Yorimoto -----Isacc Kim
Judo : Hina Sano ----- Navi Kageyama
Soccer : Riley Asato ----- Desmond Maurer
Soft-Tennis : Isabella Lee ----- Yuya Shiragami
Surfing : Kaipo`I Koa ----- Max Peters
Swimming : Kimi Kitada ----- Hugo Lum Diving : Wyatt Kawagishi
Tennis : Tracy Kha ----- Eric Topacio
Volleyball : Samantha Niide ----- Ashton Takuma
Wrestling : Tia Hotema -----Gracesen Tecson

KALANI FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Kalan Falcons Football is looking for BIG MEN!

Are you ready to represent Kalani and be part of something bigger than yourself? The Kalani Falcons Football Program is actively recruiting students interested in playing Offensive Line (OL) and Defensive Line (DL). We are also looking for athletes of all sizes to be a part of our football program. No football experience necessary.

If you're willing to work hard, be coachable, and commit to your team, we want to talk to you.

Build strength and confidence - Be part of a brotherhood

Compete and represent your school - Develop leadership and discipline

If you are interested, **contact Coach Labuguen** or stop by practice for more information.

ONE TEAM. ONE STANDARD. #KalaniFootball #FalconPride #BigMenWanted #ProtectTheNest

English Language Learners Opportunities (sponsored by McKinley Community School for Adults)

English Language Acquisition Class and / or Financial Literacy Class

Are you interested in improving your English Language skills?

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

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

English Language Acquisition Class @ Kalani High School

Classes will be held 4:30 to 6:30pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays September 9th through December 17, 2026

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

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

Financial Literacy Course @ Kalani High School

Classes will be held 4:30 to 6:30pm

Mondays and Wednesdays September 8th through December 16, 2026

Registration cost of \$20.00 includes textbook

Course covers budgeting, saving, and investing skills to help build a positive relationship with one's finances. The class will also teach strategies to build wealth and financial security.

Alumni Spotlight: Elizabeth T. Ferreira : Class of 2009

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/HIDOE-4193d1d?wgt_ref=HIDOE_WIDGET_2

https://hawaiipublicschools.org/2026-alumni-spotlight-elizabeth-t-ferreira-kalani-high/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

ATHLETICS

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2026-27

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

Fall Sports Schedules

Football

August 14 vs. Waiakea @ Kaiser
September 12 vs. Pearl City @ Kaiser
September 26 vs. Castle @ Kaiser
October 10 vs. Kaiser @ Kaiser

August 29 vs. Kalaheo @ Kailua
September 19 vs. McKinley @ Roosevelt
October 3 vs. Waialua @ Kaiser
October 16 vs. Kaimuki @ Kaiser

Volleyball

August 27 @ Radford
September 3 vs. Aiea
September 10 vs. Kaiser
September 17 vs. Waianae
September 24 vs. Kamaile
October 1 @ McKinley

September 1 @ Kailua
September 8 @ Waipahu
September 15 @ Waialua
September 22 vs. Anuenue
September 29 vs. Kaimuki

Bowling

East @ K-Bay

August 27 – September 3 – September 10 – September 17 – September 24 – October 1 – October 8 – October 15
October 21 OIA October 28-30 HHSAA

Crosscountry

September 5 @ Mililani
September 19 Kalani Invitational
October 3 East JV @ CORP
October 17 East Varsity @ CORP
November 1 HHSAA on Hawaii Island

September 12 @ Castle
September 26 @ Pearl City
October 10 OIA JV @ CORP
October 24 OIA Varsity @ CORP

Air Riflery

September 12 vs. Castle
September 19 vs. Kaiser
September 30 vs. Kailua
October 7 vs. Moanalua
October 17 OIA

September 16 vs. Kalaheo
September 26 vs. Roosevelt
October 3 vs. Kaimuki
October 10 vs. Kahuku
TBD – HHSAA

Soft-Tennis

August 29 @ McKinley
September 12 vs. Roosevelt
September 26 OIA Team
October 10 OIA Individual @ Mililani

September 5 @ Kailua
September 19 vs. Moanalua / vs. Kaiser
October 3 OIA East Individual @ McKinley

Competitive Cheerleading

September 5 @ Radford (all schools)
September 19 @ Kalaheo (all schools)
October 10 OIA East @ Kaimuki

September 12 @ Kalani (all schools)
October 3 @ Kaiser (11 schools)
October 24 OIA @ Radford (for qualifiers)

Softball (Junior Varsity)

September 9 vs. Moanalua @ Kilauea
September 16 vs. Kaiser @ Kilauea
September 23 @ Castle
October 3 @ Kailua
October 10 vs. Kalaheo @ Kilauea
October 20 OIA Semi-Finals

September 12 vs. Kailua @ Kilauea
September 19 @ Kalaheo
September 30 @ Moanalua
October 7 @ Kaiser
October 14 vs. Castle @ Kilauea
October 21 OIA Finals

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 surveillance 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:

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

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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Inquiries concerning discrimination and/or harassment may also be referred to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

Alumni in the News

Emily Yang (Class of 2017)

Presidential Scholar 2017

Matched with Stanford OB/GYN Residency Class of 2030

University of Southern California --- B.S. in Bioinformatics and Sociology

Harvard Medical School

Goldwater Scholar and US Presidential Scholar

Jill Takasaki Canfield (Class of 1984), Hawai'i Literacy executive director

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2025/11/07/editorial/name-in-the-news/5-questions-jill-takasaki-canfield-hawaii-literacy-executive-director/>

Kalani grads from the early-'70s proving to be the school's golden age

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2025/12/15/sports/hawaii-prep-world/curtis-murayama-kalani-grads-from-the-early-70s-proving-to-be-the-schools-golden-age/>

Overcoming racial and Hawaii bias in MLB should mean more than World Series victory for Lenn Sakata

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/01/05/sports/curtis-murayama-overcoming-racial-and-hawaii-bias-in-mlb-should-mean-more-than-world-series-victory-for-lenn-sakata/>

Dr. Kathryn Ko

<https://hawaiipublicschools.org/2026-alumni-spotlight-kathryn-ko-kalani-high/>

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/02/02/sports/curtis-murayama-jabsom-grad-ko-hurdled-obstacles-to-become-rare-gem-in-medical-field/>

Kimchee King Mike Irish has endured in a remarkable journey of survival and success

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/03/09/sports/curtis-murayama-kimchee-king-mike-irish-has-endured-in-a-remarkable-journey-of-survival-and-success/>