

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (11/24/2023)

## *KALANI High School*

### WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

#### **IMPORTANT DATES...**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Monday, December 25 | Christmas                            |
| 2) Friday, January 5   | Teacher Workday : no students        |
| 3) Monday, January 15  | Holiday : Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| 4) Monday, February 19 | Holiday : Presidents' Day            |
| 5) Tuesday, March 26   | Holiday : Kuhio Day                  |
| 6) Friday, March 29    | Holiday : Good Friday                |
| 7) Sunday, May 19      | <b>Senior Prom : Date Confirmed</b>  |
| 8) Tuesday, May 21     | Graduation : Tentative               |

Winter Break : December 22 – January 4

Spring Break : March 18 – March 22

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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: Educating our Future***

***To move as a whole or unit; moving or working together in unison***

**Kindness 101 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MPVjhw2yDM>**

#### **Congratulations**

***Ronan Laciste***

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Hawai'i (ALAH)  
Award of Youth Good Deed Award for the State of Hawai'i for 2023**

**Awards Ceremony**

**December 5 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**at the Outrigger Canoe Club**

Ronan was nominated for his work with Breast Cancer Hawaii.

He has been a high school intern for Breast Cancer Hawaii since his sophomore year. He is currently a senior at Kalani High School and is continuing to be an integral part of the organization.

Ronan led their first ever silent auction, contacted over 60 businesses for donations, and raised nearly \$3,000. He's currently on a project team to connect the local community with information about cancer and clinical trials. The Youth Good Deed Award is a valued honor that is bestowed across the country in each state every year. The ALA is a national organization of over 600,000 members that is composed of families of United States Military service members & veterans. Congratulations again to Ronan for dedicating his time and efforts for such a worthy cause.

#### **Congratulations**

**OIA Eastern Division 1<sup>st</sup> Team Volleyball All-Stars**

***Haylee Lyons      Ayre Takemoto***

**OIA Eastern Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Volleyball All-Star**

***Shyanne Yamada***

**OIA Eastern Division Volleyball Honorable Mention**

***Kiera Kanoa-Faalafua      Kailei-Lei McKee      Jaci Miyasaki***

### PARENTS/GUARDIANS of SENIORS:

A requirement for all high school graduates, the Personal Transition Plan ([PTP](#)) (0.5 credit) is each student's plan of action to transition from high school to college and careers.

Please check with your (child) senior to see if he/she has completed the PTP. The PTP 0.5 credit will be awarded on the next report card (following Quarter 2/Semester 1), **and if it is not done, your child will be in danger of not graduating.**

Please email Mrs. Sumikawa ([kacy.sumikawa@k12.hi.us](mailto:kacy.sumikawa@k12.hi.us)) or Ms. Greeley ([kalei.greeley@k12.hi.us](mailto:kalei.greeley@k12.hi.us)) if you have any questions. Thank you!

### Kalani High School Blood Drive

Exciting news! There will be an on-campus blood drive on December 4th, 2023

#### Blood Drive Details:

- **Event:** Kalani School Blood Drive
- **Date:** Monday, December 4th, 2023
- **Time:** 7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Behind the gym, look for the Bloodmobile
- **Excused from Class:** Students and faculty will be excused from their class for 15–30 minutes to donate

#### Why Donate?

Hawaii is currently grappling with a blood shortage, and each donation can be a lifeline for patients, creating a life-saving impact. Furthermore, for every blood donation at our drive, the Blood Bank of Hawaii will make a monetary contribution to aid those affected by the wildfire devastation in Maui.

Paperwork for donors will be given to the students to take home to their parents.

**Please note : donors have to be at least 16 years old**

#### Contact Information:

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact

Student organizer Beatrice Haak at [s119-beatrice.haak@k12.hi.us](mailto:s119-beatrice.haak@k12.hi.us), or Ms. Takayesu at [lyndsay.takayesu@k12.hi.us](mailto:lyndsay.takayesu@k12.hi.us).

#### Music Concerts

December 7 (Thursday)	Polynesian Music and Dance	Cafeteria	6:00PM-7:30PM
December 8 (Friday)	Orchestra	Cafeteria	7:00PM-9:00PM
December 10 (Sunday)	Band Concert	Cafeteria	5:00PM-7:00PM
December 13 (Wednesday)	Creative Dance	Cafeteria	5:00PM-6:00PM
	Chorus	Cafeteria	6:30PM-7:30PM

#### Youth Symphony I

Concert on Oahu are on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Concerts on Maui are on Monday, February 19 (Holiday) & Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Dawson Chan, Trumpet    Mani Kovacich, Percussion    Joel Lee, Trumpet    Andrew Li, Trombone  
Daniel Li, Tuba    Zhixian Lu, Horn    Leanne So, Clarinet    Caleb Tamargo, Horn    Luke Watanabe, Trombone  
Jessica Wiemer, Flute    Ayaka Yoshii, Oboe

#### Youth Symphony II

Concerts on Oahu are on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

Hope Bayudan, Flute    Hailee Choi, Violin    Zach (Zachary) Choi, Trumpet    Airi Choy, Violin  
Micah Dijos, Trombone    Leala Florendo, Viola    Duke (Derek) Katayama, Horn    Yuto Kawaguchi, Clarinet  
Jeannie Kim, Clarinet    Kara Kim, Violin    Brian Lim, Violin    Jake Miyakawa, Horn    Breydi Nuibe, Horn  
Jason Sakata, Trombone    Manami Sato, Violin    Sherry Taguchi, Violin    Alicia Tangonan, Clarinet  
Natalia Tangonan, Violin    Brandon Tran, Trombone    Nicholas Xu, Horn

#### Concert Orchestra

Concert on Oahu is on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Cielle Charron, Bass    Anna Motohashi, Flute    Erin Wong, Trumpet

## Chengdu Debate Challenge

Seniors *Kalina Hotema* and *Leyna Ko* returned from representing Kalani High School and Honolulu in the 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 has not participated since because of the global pandemic.



## Congratulations

The **Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH)** and Japan's **Soshi Educational Group (SEG)** are partnering on an Educational and Cultural Exchange program to introduce Hawaii's high school students to educational opportunities in Japan after completing high school. The inaugural program includes all-expense-paid six-day trip to Hokkaido, where students will engage in cultural exchanges with local high school students at the Clark Memorial International High School, Kita-no-Daichi Genki-no-Izumi Campus; explore Hokkaido's capital city of Sapporo, and have chance to experience snowboarding. JASH selected 10 students enrolled in 10th or 11th grade for the 2023-2024 school year to experience Hokkaido and participate in this program scheduled.

*Donovan Morikone* was selected as one of the 10 participants!

## Projects

**Mahalo to Representative Mark Hashem and Senator Stanley Chang  
for their hard work on behalf of Kalani High School staff and students to secure the CIP funds**

**Rubberized Track and Field Turf ----- Tentative Start Date : End of November**

**Replace Gym Bleachers ----- Project completed**

**Re-roof and Termite Treat Locker Room ----- Project completed**

**ADA Improvements ----- Start Date : Ongoing**

## Federal Survey Cards

Students, if you haven't already done so, please have your parents complete the Federal Impact Aid Survey Form and return the form to your period 4 class as soon as possible. More forms are available at the main office.

Your survey = money for schools.

All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid.

## Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima

Hosted in August – Traveling to Hiroshima in January

Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido

Hosted in March – Traveled to Hokkaido in July

Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture

Hosting in January – Traveling TBD

Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School – Kyoto

Hosted in July – Traveled to Kyoto in Nov.

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea

Hosting in January – Traveling TBD

Chengdu Debate Competition – Traveling in November

## Student Crime Stoppers

Students can also use the Student CrimeStoppers number to report crimes anonymously

**(808) 955-8300**

## STUDENT SECTION

### Kalani High School Coast Guard Junior ROTC Program

Congress has mandated that there needs to be at least 1 CGJROTC Unit in every congressional district by 2025. Kalani High School has been approached and has submitted an application for program consideration starting in the Fall of 2024. **We have received tentative approval and Maritime Science 1-4 will be listed in our Manual of Studies for SY24-25.** JROTC is not just for those students who are interested in serving in the military!

- In fact, less than 5% of students enrolled in JROTC ever join a branch of the service.
- However, we will assist those students who desire to achieve their goal to serve in the military.
- Instructors also assist JROTC students to achieve their post-secondary goals for college scholarships, college enrollments, A+ benefits, and trade schools
- Our main goal is to provide citizenship and leadership development focusing on those Essential Learning Skills (Soft Skills) necessary for today's competitive workforce.

### CGJROTC Program Mission and Goals

The **mission** of CGJROTC is *developing service-minded citizens of character.*

- Building character and values
- Learning about government and military operations from history to present day
- Preparing for a successful career
- Honoring community and country
- Learning to lead self, to lead others, and to be a positive and productive team member

CGJROTC is a strategic investment in our future citizens and leaders with near and long-term benefits for the Service and society.

### College and Career Center Updates

#### Advisory Workshops

12/5 & 12/7 - Last minute, I've procrastinated, I need help! College app workshop  
12//13 & 12/15 - Create the FSA ID + FAFSA/Scholarship workshop

#### Save the Date - In Person FAFSA Completion Workshop

The federal government announced that the FAFSA will open no later than December 31, 2023.

We will be having an in person FAFSA completion workshop at Kalani,  
open to all Kalani seniors and their parents/families to attend on January 23, 2024 from 6pm.

We will be sending out more details and information on how to register for this in person completion workshop soon.

#### AP Exam Fees

AP exam fee collection began on November 15th. If you have any questions, contact AP Coordinator Jaime Edwards at [jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us](mailto:jaime.edwards@k12.hi.us).

Reminders:

Check your emails : Don't miss out on scholarships, deadline reminders, missing documents from your school's admissions or financial aid offices, etc.

Check our website for more information – <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career>

#### Weekly Wednesday Financial Aid Virtual Sessions (September 20 - December 13):

Hawaii P20 with PACFAA will teach students and parents how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), opening December 2023 this year. Sign up here: [CollegeIsWithinReachHawaii.com/Upcoming-Events/](https://CollegeIsWithinReachHawaii.com/Upcoming-Events/)

**Upcoming college visits:** Open to students only.

For details on the times of visits and to pick up an activity pass, stop by the College and Career Center in the library.

## ATHLETICS

### Winter Sports

#### Schedules forthcoming

Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Boys Soccer	Girls Soccer
Wrestling	Swimming	Paddling	
JV Girls Tennis	JV Baseball		

#### ASET FEE \$60.00

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 \$60.00 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) 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.

#### Do you need a physical (free)

Completed sports physical packet (get from athletic trainer)

**January 25, 2024 Time: 2-5pm**

**First come, first served. Capped at 24 Students.**

**Call with any questions: M-F (7:30 AM-4 PM) (808) 291-3921 or (808) 305-0652**

**Pre-registration will close 24 hours before event**

#### SPORTS OFFERINGS 2023-24

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

#### WINTER

Boys BASEBALL (JV)  
B/G BASKETBALL (JV/V)  
B/G PADDLING (JV/V/COED)  
B/G SOCCER (JV/V)  
B/G SWIMMING & DIVING(JV/V)  
Girls TENNIS (JV)  
B/G WRESTLING (JV/V)

#### SPRING

BASEBALL (V)  
B/G GOLF (V)  
B/G JUDO (JV/V)  
G SOFTBALL (V)  
B/G TENNIS (V)  
Boys VOLLEYBALL (JV/V)  
Girls WATER POLO (V)

#### 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 pay the \$60.00 ASET Fee**

#### Continuous Notice

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Civil Rights Compliance Branch  
Hawaii State Department of Education  
P.O. Box 2360  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804  
(808) 586-3322 or relay  
[CRCB@k12.hi.us](mailto:CRCB@k12.hi.us)

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Krysti Sukita, ADA/504



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

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## **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.