KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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 Senior Prom : Date Confirmed

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=5MPVjhv2yDM

Kalani High School Track and Field Improvements Project

Notice to Proceed for Construction Issued

Kalani High School Track and Field Improvements

Contractor is authorized to proceed with the contract for the subject project as of **December 7, 2023** and must complete all work in accordance with the plans and/or specifications within 294 consecutive calendar days. The contract completion date is September 25, 2024.

The contractor may commence jobsite work on or after December 22, 2023 and must complete the mandatory jobsite construction by July 26, 2024



Mahalo to Rep. Mark Hashem, Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi and Sen. Stanley Chang for securing the necessary funds

Congratulations Eric Wong Matched with the University of Chicago

2,242 High School Seniors Are Awarded Full Scholarships to Top Colleges through QuestBridge

QuestBridge is proud to announce the results of the 2023 QuestBridge National College Match, a program that connects high-achieving high school seniors with full four-year scholarships to 50 of the nation's best colleges. Out of over 20,800 applicants, QuestBridge selected 6,683 Finalists to be considered for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship (Match Scholarship). This year, QuestBridge's 50 college partners matched with 2,242 Finalists, who are recognized as Match Scholarship Recipients. This is the highest number of Match Scholarship Recipients to date for QuestBridge. "We are thrilled to welcome this historic number of QuestBridge Scholars," said Ana Rowena Mallari, Co-Founder and CEO of QuestBridge. "These Scholars will bring a depth of thought and range of experiences to our college partner campuses that will surely enrich their new communities."

Match Scholarship Recipients are admitted early to QuestBridge college partners with full four-year scholarships provided by the colleges and universities, ensuring for these students and their families that an education at a top college is affordable. QuestBridge's partners include top colleges and universities such as Brown, Claremont McKenna, Columbia, MIT, Northwestern, Swarthmore, Vanderbilt, and Williams. The Match Scholarship is made up of a generous financial aid package provided by the college that covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, housing and food, books and supplies, and travel expenses. The Match Scholarship does not include loans or a parental contribution. This year's Match Scholarship Recipients come from 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

These outstanding high school seniors have an average unweighted GPA of 3.94, and 93% are in the top 10% of their graduating class. The majority of this year's Match Scholarship Recipients — 82% — are among the first generation in their families to attend a four-year college in the United States.

Since 2003, the QuestBridge National College Match has successfully connected over 14,500 students with full scholarships at college partners. These 2023 Match Scholarship Recipients become the first QuestBridge Scholars for the Class of 2028. Based on an estimate of prior years, 40% of non-matched Finalists were admitted to at least one college partner through QuestBridge Regular Decision or other admissions rounds.

All Finalists who ultimately matriculate to QuestBridge college partners join the QuestBridge Scholars Network, which connects students to a community of like-minded peers. QuestBridge also provides enriching programs for its Alumni, including the opportunity to apply for full-tuition scholarships to top business schools through the Graduate School Match: MBA. The QuestBridge Scholars Network and Alumni Association now include over 25,000 current college students and graduates worldwide.

Congratulations Team Magma (3008)

On December 2nd, 12 robotics students volunteered at the State First Lego League tournament in Waialua. Our students did an excellent job and contacted other schools to provide the necessary manpower to run this event.

On December 3rd, Team Magma competed in a Drone competition at Ewa Makai Middle School.

Three teams qualified for regionals

Tournament champs Kalaheo High School ROTC Ewa Makai Middle

Kalani High School Excellence Award Winner.

The Regional is May 30 to June 3 in Salt Lake City, Utah. We will be hosting a tournament here at Kalani January 21st

Good students, good hearts, doing good things. Go Kalani!!

Ronan Laciste

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Hawai'i (ALAHI)
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 recognized for his work with Breast Cancer Hawaii.

Congratulations

OIA Eastern Division 1st Team Volleyball All-Stars

Haylee Lyons

Ayre Takemoto

OIA Eastern Division 3rd Team Volleyball All-Star *Shyanne Yamada*

OIA Eastern Division Volleyball Honorable Mention

Kiera Kanoa-Faalafua Kailee-Lei McKee Jaci Miyasaki

Congratulations Ryan Kaneko

Kalani Class of 2022



Cal Lutheran National Champions NCAA DIII Women's Soccer

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) or Ms. Greeley (kalei.greeley@k12.hi.us) if you have any questions. Thank you!

Kalani High School Blood Drive

Congratulations to Beatrice Haak for organizing a very successful Blood Drive.

Kalani staff and students donated 56 pints. This generous donation will save many lives

Student organizer Beatrice Haak at s119-beatrice.haak@k12.hi.us

Ms. Takayesu at synthetics.hyangestaff

Music Concerts

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

Hailee Choi, Violin Hope Bayudan, Flute 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.

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/

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.

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Winter Sports			
Boys Basketball			
December 23	Kalani vs. Kalaheo	December 28	Kalani @ Kaimuki
December 30	Kalani vs. Kahuku	January 3	Kalani @ Kailua
January 5	Kalani vs. Roosevelt	January 9	Kalani @ Kaiser
January 17	Kalani vs. Farrington	January 19	Kalani vs. Castle
January 24	Kalani @ McKinley	January 27	Kalani @ Moanalua
Girls Basketball			
December 15	Kalani vs. Kailua		
December 19	Kalani @ Kahuku	December 22	Kalani vs. Roosevelt
December 27	Kalani @ Kaiser	December 29	Kalani vs. Moanalua
January 4	Kalani @ Farrington	January 6	Kalani @ Kaimuki
January 10	Kalani vs. McKinley	January 12	Kalani vs. Anuenue
January 16	Kalani @ Castle	January 18	Kalani @ Kalaheo
Boys Soccer			
December 9	Kalani @ Kaimuki	December 13	Kalani @ Farrington
December 16	Kalani @ McKinley	December 20	Kalani @ Castle
December 23	Kalani @ Kalaheo	December 27	Kalani @ Moanalua
December 30	Kalani @ Kahuku	January 3	Kalani @ Roosevelt
January 6	Kalani @ Kailua	January 10	Kalani @ Kaiser
January 22-27	OIA	February 5-10	HHSAA
Girls Soccer			
December 9	Kalani @ Kaimuki	December 13	Kalani @ Farrington
December 16	Kalani @ McKinley	December 20	Kalani @ Castle
December 23	Kalani @ Kalaheo	December 27	Kalani @ Moanalua
December 30	Kalani @ Kahuku	January 3	Kalani @ Roosevelt
January 6	Kalani @ Kailua	January 10	Kalani @ Kaiser
January 15-20	OIA	January 29-February 3	HHSAA

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December 9	OIA / ILH Crossover
December 16	@ Nanakuli
December 22	Officials Tournament @ Leilehua
December 27	Paani (Girls) @ Punahou
December 28	Moanalua Dual @ Moanalua
December 29	Waialua Battle of the Pacific
January 6	Round Robin Tournament @ Waipahu
January 13	OIA JV @ Radford
January 20	Round Robin Tournament @ Farrington
January 27	Dual Championships @ Mililani
	Round Robin @ Aiea
February 3	Eastern @ Kailua
February 9/10	OIA @ Leilehua

HHSAA @ TBD

Swimming

February 23/24

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December 9	Preseason	@Kalani	2:00
December 16	Preseason	@Kalani	10:00
December 22	Kalani Invitational	@ Kalani	2:00
December 23		@Kalani	12:00
	Bye Week	December 30)
January 6	OIA Relays Diving	@Kaiser	10:00
January 6	OIA Relays	@Kalani	2:00
January 13	OIA JV Diving	@Kaiser	10:00
January 13	OIA JV	@Kalani	2:00
January 18	Eastern Diving	@Kaiser	4:00
January 20	Eastern Division	@VMAC	1:00
January 26	OIA Trials	@VMAC	3:15
January 27	OIA Diving	@VMAC	10:00
January 27	OIA Finals	@VMAC	2:00
	Bye Week	February 3	
February 9	HHSAA Trials	@Maui	
February 10	HHSAA Finals	@Maui	
February 10	HHSAA Diving 1	@Maui	

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December 16
December 23
December 30
January 6
January 13
January 20
January 27
OIA JV
OIA
JANUARY 27

January 27 Make-up Day February 10 HHSAA @ Hilo

JV Baseball

Schedule forthcoming

JV Girls Tennis

Kalani 5 – Kalaheo 0 Kalani 3 – Kaiser 2 Kalani 5 – Roosevelt 0 Kalani - Kahuku

December 9 Kalani vs. McKinley Kalani vs. Farrington December 16 Kalani vs. Moanalua Kalani vs. Castle

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 SPRING

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)

B/G TENNIS (V)

Girls TENNIS (JV)

B/G WRESTLING (JV/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

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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.