



WAIĀKEA HIGH SCHOOL

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# KA NUHOU NO NA MAKUA

## NEWS FOR PARENTS

A PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2013

### A Message from the Principal

Aloha Warrior Community,

The first semester has drawn to a close and the holiday season is upon us. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the entire WHS faculty and staff for your hard work and dedication to Waiakea High School. It is through all of your efforts that help our students become great.

As we look forward to 2014, there are many exciting events on the horizon; culminating in graduation at the end of the school year. As you set goals for the New Year, always strive for the best, and realize that you are an important part of sustaining Waiakea High School's commitment to greatness.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a well deserved break.

Sincerely,  
Kelcy Koga



## Waiakea High School AVID College Study Tour October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2013

A group of 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders from Waiakea High School's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program traveled to Oahu this past October for the annual college study tour: "this is a chance for students to really get a feel for what it's like to be on a university campus away from home," explained one of the AVID elective teachers. The group, who stayed overnight in Honolulu, was able to visit Chaminade University, The University of Hawaii at Manoa, and both campuses of Hawaii Pacific University. "I wasn't expecting it to be so huge," remarked Chelsea Lee, an AVID junior, when speaking of the UH-Manoa campus. "I never really thought about having to worry about getting across the island just to get to my dorm or my next class," reflected Zoey Chang, another AVID junior, when considering Hawaii Pacific University's Downtown and Hawaii Loa campuses.

The AVID students spent the two day study tour meeting with admissions & financial aid counselors, touring campuses, checking out the latest in post-secondary class offerings, chatting about potential majors, checking out dorms, and

having an up-close and personal taste of college life at several campus-center dining halls. Enthusiasm, curiosity, and excitement could be heard in the energetic conversations as participants made their way from place to place. Especially valuable was the time AVID 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders spent walking the grounds, talking with real college students and considering what a day in the life of an undergraduate might actually be like.

Upon return to Waiakea High, AVID students continued to explore post-secondary opportunities by engaging in college research. Students presented their findings to classmates: "I think UH-Manoa is right for me," Melvin Peter, an AVID junior shared with members of his college-prep elective class who were not on this year's study tour. These are just the kinds of conversations and realizations trip organizers had hoped students would have. The effort toward college and career readiness moves forward as students at Waiakea High continuing their Advancement Via Individual Determination!



Waiakea High AVID College Study Tour 2013 Participants at HPU Hawaii Loa Campus

## Dates to Remember

<b>December 11</b>	AIM Class, 2:00pm-6:20pm, cafeteria
<b>December 14</b>	AIM Class, 8:00am-12:20pm, cafeteria  Winter Ball “A Night in White”, doors open at 6:30pm, WHS gym
<b>December 20</b>	last day of school for 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester
<b>Dec 23- Jan 4</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break
<b>January 6</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher Work Day
<b>January 7</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Professional Development Day
<b>January 8</b>	Students return to school
<b>January 20</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Holiday Martin Luther King Day
<b>February 17</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Holiday Presidents Day

## **From Waiakea High School Office: (located upstairs of A building)**

### **Office Hours:**

7:00 am - 4:30 pm  
(School Days only)

7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
(Vacations, Intercessions, Breaks)



### **Early release of students:**

Note signed by parent. Include telephone number for verification. Note should be presented to the office before school starts or during recess. If you elect to call in to release your child, please call the main office at 974-4888 and NOT the attendance office.

### **Deliveries:**

Waiakea High School will **NOT** accept any deliveries of flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, food, etc. for students. These items will be turned away if brought to the office for students.

### **Messages to students:**

Messages to students should be by parent/guardian and for emergency purposes **ONLY**. After-school arrangements and reminders for appointments should be done prior to coming to school. Students are **NOT** allowed to leave campus for lunch.

*Wishing you a safe and wonderful  
holiday season!  
From the staff and faculty of Waiakea  
High School*



# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

## **BUS PAYMENTS**

Students who ride the bus must make payments at the Main Office. Quarterly, yearly and bus coupons can be purchased. Checks should be made payable to the Department of Education. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 974-4888.



## **Attendance Concerns**

Does supplying a doctor's note for an absence automatically excuse it? Believe it or not, it doesn't. Are absences due to cold and flu, dental appointments and receiving physicals for sports excusable? Under the Attendance Policy, no they are not. If you don't know what type of absences are considered excused, please refer to the Attendance Policy in the brown student handbook given to students at the beginning of the year, or on the school website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Attendance Coordinator, **Lori Kiyonaga**, at 974-4888 ext. 233.

Please **DO NOT** call your child(ren) on their cell phones during classroom hours. If you need to get a message to your child or if you need to personally speak to your child, please do so during non-instructional time such as before school, recesses and after-school. Thank you.



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Dear Faculty, Staff, and Parents:

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires our school to notify the faculty, staff, and parents of the presence and status of asbestos containing materials in our school buildings. The law further requires a management plan based upon the findings of the initial inspection.

We have completed the required six month asbestos surveillance on June 28, 2013 and the next periodic surveillance will be scheduled during December of 2013. A copy of our school's management plan as well as the inspection reports are available for your review in the school administration office during regular school hours.

Sincerely,  
Kelcy Koga, principal

### **ROBOTICS AND SCIENCE FAIR IN JAPAN**

Twelve students and three teachers returned in November from two different endeavors in Japan. Five students were participants in the Ritsumeikan Super Science Fair in Kyoto, Japan. **Graeme Thistlewaite, Junhao Li, Aaron Roth, Riley Baird** and **Genzo Namikawa** represented Hawaii, along with five students from Iolani, at this week-long event that brought 40 schools from 18 countries together to share in science events and presentations followed by a two-night home stay. The students presented their project "using spectroscopy to analyze lava flows" and several won competitions held during the week. **Mr. Olive** and **Mr. Murphy** taught a robotics workshop to a group of International students using push button programmable robots and **Mr. Olive** did his science demonstrations for over 100 students at the fair and for the middle school students at Ritsumeikan middle school.

At the same time these students were participating in Kyoto, **Mr Hagiwara** was taking 7 students (**Tre Soultz, Abraham Sylvester, Olivia Murray, Erin Morikawa, Calvin Uemura, Adam Kaneshiro** and **Wataru Hayashi**) to the International Micro robot contest at Nagoya University, our 7<sup>th</sup> time competing in this event. In the cubic centimeter category **Tre** and **Wataru** won the "Best design" award. In the cubic centimeter hill climb event **Erin Morikawa** won 1st place. For the cubic inch autonomous category **Calvin, Wataru** and **Abe** won 3<sup>rd</sup> place while **Abe** took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the cubic inch remote control category, **Calvin** took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **Tre** and **Wataru** won a "good performance" award. In the bipedal performance category **Erin** took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with her robots hula performance. Once again, we were the only high school in this International event.

After finishing in Nagoya, the team then went by bullet train to Tokyo where they where they participated in the "American School in Japan" VEX robotics tournament. The team led by **Abraham** won the semi-finalist award while the team led by **Olivia Murray** finished as quarterfinalist. **Abe** also won a "best design" award at this event.

They all represented Waiakea High and the United States at a very high level.

## SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Santa's Workshop was held on Thursday, December 5 from 3:30-5:30pm in the WHS cafeteria. This is an annual Warrior Service Project sponsored by SGA that involves the Key Club, the Interact Club, the Leo club, Public Services Academy as well as representatives from each class and staff volunteers.

Students from Waiakea Elementary and Waiakeawaena Elementary Schools are invited to come and purchase items for family members and friends at very reasonable prices. Their items are then gift wrapped for them at our gift wrapping center.

All proceeds collected for this year's Santa's Workshop will be donated to Easter Seals. Thank you to the WHS staff and Waiakea Elementary and Waiakeawaena Schools for their generous donations of items and gifts. A heartfelt thank you for your continued support of this wonderful service project that brings so many smiles and joy to our youth in the Waiakea community.



**Waiakea High School Santa's Workshop Helpers**



**A fun experience for elementary students in the Waiakea complex to shop for family and friends.**



**Holiday Recipe:  
Baked Crab Sushi**

2 pkg imitation crab, shredded  
6 shitake mushrooms, soaked, squeezed and sliced  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 cup sour cream  
1 bottle furikake (or to taste)  
4 cups cooked white rice  
Nori cut into squares, or individual Korean style nori

Place hot rice in 9x13 pan and press lightly. Sprinkle furikake over rice. Mix remaining ingredients together and spread over furikake and rice. Broil until top is light brown in color. Cut and serve with nori (everyone makes their own sushi)

**WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL  
A.I.M. (Attendance Is Mandatory) Classes  
1st SEMESTER 2013-2014**

Saturday, October 26, 2013	8:00am-12:20pm
Saturday, November 2, 2013	8:00am-12:20pm
Wednesday, November 6, 2013	2:00pm-6:20pm
Saturday, November 23, 2013	8:00am-12:20pm
Wednesday, December 11, 2013	2:00pm-6:20pm
Saturday, December 14, 2013	8:00am-12:20pm

A.I.M. Classes will be held in the school cafeteria. Students must have assigned work from their teacher and a valid WHS ID to enter A.I.M. Classes. All regular school rules apply.

**WEDNESDAY**

1 <sup>st</sup> Session	2:00 – 3:00pm	Period 1
	3:00 – 4:00pm	Period 2
	4:00 – 4:20pm	BREAK
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	4:20 – 5:20pm	Period 3
	5:20 – 6:20pm	Period 4

**SATURDAY**

1 <sup>st</sup> Session	8:00 – 9:00am	Period 1
	9:00 – 10:00am	Period 2
	10:00 – 10:20am	BREAK
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	10:20 – 11:20am	Period 3
	11:20 – 12:20am	Period 4

*Reminder: Students do not have to wait until they have more than five absences to attend A.I.M. Classes.*

## Course Registration for 2014-2015 School Year

Course Registration for next school year is scheduled for December 4, 2013 – January 15, 2014. Each student will receive a registration packet from his/her Advisory teacher on Wednesday, December 4. Parents and students are reminded to review the course offerings and suggested course sequences for specific academic programs. A Graduation Requirement Planning Sheet (goldenrod for 2014-15 seniors and lavender for 2014-15 grade 10-11 students) is enclosed in the catalog packet to chart student's academic progress. The color-coded registration form is to be completed with teacher and parent signature and turned in to the Advisory teacher on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

Current 9<sup>th</sup> grade WHS students must select one of the following academies: Business, Engineering, Science and Technology (BEST) Academy; Health Services Academy (HSA); Public Services Academy (PSA); or Sustainability through Traditions, Arts and Recreation (STAR) Academy. Please refer to catalog pages 13-19 for complete academy descriptions.

*After Hours Registration Counseling Service is available for students and parents Jan 8 & 9 (2 - 4:30 PM) and Jan 13 & 14 (2 - 5:30 PM) in the Waiākea High School library. Please stop by to have one of our staff members assist you in planning your high school coursework.*

**Students who fail to register by the deadline will be programmed by their counselor and forfeit their right to program changes.**

### FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

**SENIORS:** Please pay close attention to deadlines for your college/university or scholarship applications which require official transcripts. During the Winter Break, the Registrar's office will be open during the following days and times only:

Fri, Dec 27	8 AM – 12 noon
Fri, Jan 3	8 AM – 12 noon

**STUDENT TRANSFERS:** Any student NOT returning for semester 2 must have his/her parent or legal guardian come in to the Registrar's office in A202 to sign the school release form (preferably BEFORE Dec. 20, 2013). If your notification is after the 20<sup>th</sup>, please allow 1 week to prepare the release packet.

Happy Holidays!