



KA NUHOU NO NA MAKUA

Message from the Principal

Aloha Warrior Parents:

It's already April! The third quarter is a memory and the fourth quarter is amongst us. I encourage all students to keep up the great work and not lose momentum as we enter the last part of the school year.

Just a reminder that summer school will be offered at Waiakea High School. We encourage all students who need credit recovery to enroll early.

Best wishes,
Kelcy Koga, Principal

Parents please sign up for escrip with Safeway. Waiakea High School will receive proceeds from the purchases that you make at any Safeway store using your Safeway Club Card. You can access www.escrip.com for more information.

Dates to Remember

- April 30** AIM Class, Cafeteria, 8am-12:20pm
- May 2** May Day
SGA/Class Installation
- May 6** Seniors Retreat
- May 7** AIM Class, Cafeteria, 8am-12:20pm
- May 10** Senior Awards
- May 14** AIM Class, Cafeteria, 8am-12:20pm
- May 17** Athletic Awards
- May 21** Commencement, doors open at 5:00pm,
Edith Kanaka'ole Tennis Stadium
- May 26** Last day of school for students

From Waiakea High School Office:

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.

Deliveries:

Waiakea High School will not accept any deliveries of flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, food, etc. to students.

Messages to students:

Messages to students should be by parent/guardian and for emergency purposes only. Afterschool arrangements and reminders for appointments should be done prior to coming to school.

Students are **NOT** allowed to leave campus for lunch.

Attendance Concerns

Does supplying a doctor's note for an absence automatically excuse it? Believe it or not, it does not. If you don't know what type of absences are considered excused, please refer to the attendance policy in the 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 please call the main office and a message can be taken and sent to your child. If you need to personally speak to your child, please do so during non-instructional time. Thank you.





COMMENCEMENT 2011



Where: EDITH KANAKA'OLE STADIUM

When: SATURDAY, May 21, 2011

Time: Ceremony begins at 6:00 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm

General seating. Admission by ticket only (including babies)

No balloons, air horns or large signs/posters in stadium during ceremony.

Please bring flowers and/or lei in bags please, not boxes.

Theme: "We Will Be Stronger"

Song: "Wavin' Flag"

Attire: Blue gown for boys

White gown for girls

Boys: White, collared shirt, black pants and shoes, no slippers. School dress code applies for attire under gowns.

Girls: White dress or white shirt/skirt and white shoes, no slippers. School dress code applies for attire under gowns.

Attachments to cap and gown are NOT allowed.

Tickets: Admission to the Commencement Ceremony is by ticket ONLY. Enter through one of two general admission gates that will open at 5:00 pm. Gates close at 6:00 pm for the processional. The gates will again open for all ticket holders following the processional.

In accordance with the American With Disabilities Act we provide access to our activities without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex religion, or disability. If you require reasonable modifications due to disability, please call (808) 974-4888 ext. 353 by May 6, 2011. **Commencement Cap and Gown Order Information:** The Balfour Company ~ Sales Representative: Mr. Keenan Goo ~ 1-800-395-7677.

PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT!!

The Board of Education Policy 4540 states: "A high school may revoke a student's privilege of participating in the commencement exercises after determining that a chapter 8-19 offense was committed by a student during the fourth quarter of the school, as follows:

1. Class A or B offense
 - a. First offense during the fourth quarter: revocation of privilege.
2. Class C or D offense
 - a. First offense during the fourth quarter: warning that the privilege will be revoked if a second offense is committed.
 - b. Second offense during the fourth quarter: revocation of privilege.

Other Requirements for Participation in Commencement Exercises:

1. Completion of graduation requirements.
2. Clearance of all financial obligations. Financial obligations include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - a. Student fees/senior class dues
 - b. Lunch fees to cafeteria
 - c. Costs of assigned textbooks/classroom materials that are lost or damaged
 - d. Library books/materials that are lost or damaged
 - e. Restitution agreements between student/parent and school for vandalism or negligence.

HAWAII STATE DECA CONFERENCE

The 2011 Hawaii State DECA Career Development Conference was held on February 23-24, 2011 at the Honolulu Convention Center on Oahu. DECA conferences are targeted, highly-focused learning experiences for business students. DECA conferences bring student members into the larger DECA community while providing unique opportunities to extend classroom learning. The Hawaii State DECA Conference connects with corporate professionals to engage students in learning industry-related trends and content.

Five Waiakea High DECA students competed in various competency-based role playing and written test events in business services marketing and retail merchandising. **Rochelle Acasio** and **JJ Zhang** both competed in the Retail Merchandising role play and written events. **Nick Jack**, **Scott Miyake** and **Dane Sako** competed in the Business Services Marketing role play and written events; all students met competency in their respective areas.

Congratulations to **Scott Miyake** who won a role play medal and Top 6 State Finalist medal in the Business Services Marketing Event. Great job DECA Warriors!



Waiakea High School SkillsUSA

Seven students from Waiakea High School's SkillsUSA competed on Oahu in the Hawaii State SkillsUSA Competitions on February 23 – 24, 2011. The competitions took place at the Hawaii Convention Center, Woodcraft, and Leeward Community College on February 23rd and the awards luncheon was held the next day on February 24th. Waiakea's SkillsUSA students competed in various technical and leadership competitions with other high school students from across the state.

Congratulations to the following students that competed: **Jessica Bailey** – Job Skills Demonstration Contestant, **Rhys Grace** – Related Technical Math Contestant, **Malia Souza** and **Krystolyn Onitsuka-Cabral** – Architectural Drafting Contestants, **Morgan Kamalei Kim** – Third Place Automotive Service Contestant, **Pedro Okamoto** – Second Place Cabinetmaking Contestant, and **Grace Pacheco** – First Place Job Interview Contestant. **Grace** qualifies to represent Hawaii and compete at the National SkillsUSA Competitions in Kansas City, Missouri in June.



Picture: From left to right: Back row – **Rhys Grace**, **Krystolyn Onitsuka-Cabral**, **Pedro Okamoto**. Front Row – **Kamalei Kim**, **Grace Pacheco**, **Jessica Bailey**, **Malia Souza**

Musical Moments at Waiakea High School

The Waiakea High School Music Programs will present several showcases for our talented student musicians during the final months of the 2010-2011 school year. The Waiakea High Orchestra, Choir and Ensemble groups will present their joint Spring Concert on April 20th, beginning at 6:00 PM at the WHS Library. Next, on April 30th, our Waiakea High School Warrior Marching Band will combine with the Waiakea Intermediate School Marching Band to participate in the annual Merrie Monarch Festival Parade through Downtown Hilo.

In the month of May, the Waiakea High Concert Band will be one of several East Hawaii school bands performing at the Big Island Band Directors Association's Band Festival. This year's Festival will take place on May 14th, 4:30 PM at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium. Then, on May 16th, the Concert Band will present their Aloha Concert. This Monday night performance, beginning at 7:00 PM at the University of Hawaii –Hilo Performing Arts Center, will be the final showcase for our graduating seniors in the band. Besides these concerts, the band will be providing the music for the University of Hawaii's spring commencement at the Edith Kanakaole Tennis stadium.

All performances are free of charge. Finally, our busy school year concludes with the band taking part in the WHS Commencement Program, on Saturday evening, May 21st.

All of our wonderful musical groups are taught and directed by **Mr. William Sever**. Under his capable leadership, the various performing ensembles have developed and polished their musical talents. We invite everyone to attend these events, to enjoy the wonders of live musical performance and to show your support for our music programs here at Waiakea High School.

School Renovations

WHS started its Whole Renovation Project on March 1st. Part of this renovation will involve some minor demolition and preparation what will require abatement for potentially hazardous building materials. The procedures for this work will follow strict rules and be monitored by certified technicians. Air testing will be done before occupancy of renovated spaces to ensure safety. Workers and technicians will be sealing off work areas and be dressed in safety apparel when doing this work. Rest assured that the safety of the students, staff and workers is paramount and this project will provide a safer and cleaner school environment when the project is complete. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Waiakea High School at 974-4888.

Pacific Rim Cultures and Natural Resources

The Pacific Rim Cultures and Natural Resources Academy is pleased to announce an exciting trip coming up during our spring vacation 2012 for any interested students. From *March 10 to March 29, 2012*, we will explore *Australia, New Zealand and Fiji* on an EF Educational Tour.

During our tour, we will visit many famous landmarks, such as Sydney Harbour, the Blue Mountains, and Katoomba. Local guides will give us behind-the-scenes looks at Rotorua, the Maori Village and the world famous Agrodome. All interested students should see **Ms. Kaleohano** in C102 for more information.

The STAR Academy is taking another amazing trip abroad for Spring Break 2012!

The Artist's Journey will be a life changing trip.

We will spend our days exploring France and Italy, learning history, culture, language, life skills, and leadership.

We use NETC for its high quality tour services that ensure the safety and comfort of our groups. We stay in 4 star, centrally located hotels, eat authentic food in local restaurants, and use rigorous curriculum to allow students to understand what they are seeing and experiencing. All of our associates are trained tour directors, local academics, and experts in their field and they each contribute to outstanding educational outcomes.

If you are interested in enriching your child's education, this trip will focus on expanding their self confidence, sense of personal responsibility, and having fun while learning about history and other cultures.

Here is the sample itinerary, including supplementary workshops and activities:

PARIS, FRANCE. Fall in love with the romantic City of Lights. A local guide introduces the imposing Arc de Triomphe, Napoleon's tomb under the golden-domed Les Invalides, the Champs-Élysées, and the cathedral of Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower. See Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* and many other incredible works of art in the Louvre Museum.

VERSAILLES. Visit Louis XIV's immense Palace of Versailles including the Hall of Mirrors and the gardens. Board an overnight train to Italy.

VENICE, ITALY. Discover the beauty of Venice with a local guide: the opulent gold mosaics of St. Mark's Cathedral, the Doge's Palace with its Gothic facades of white Italian stone and pink Verona marble, the palaces along the Grand Canal, and the Bridge of Sighs. Create a festive disguise in an optional We will create a Venetian mask inspired by the Italian Carnival, the Commedia dell'Arte - or by your imagination! Learn the meaning of the mask and its historical significance, then decorate yours using professional techniques..

PISA. Journey across Tuscany. Discuss the Patron of the Renaissance. Imagine you're a Medici. Suppose you're a Sforza. Use this innovative activity to explore the motives of the patrons of the Renaissance.. Visit Pisa to see the Leaning Tower.



FLORENCE. Florence is home to some of the most astounding pieces of art in the world. Join a local guide for a sightseeing tour to experience "the Cradle of the Renaissance" up close: the beauty of the Duomo, the magnificence of Ghiberti's bronze Baptistery doors, the Church of Santa Croce, and the Accademia, home to Michelangelo's *David*. Opt to spend the afternoon exploring the famous Uffizi Gallery, one of the most popular attractions in Florence. With works dating back to the 16th century from artists such as da Vinci, Michelangelo and Botticelli, there is plenty of beautiful artworks to observe and discover. Create delicacies tonight in cooking school! Cucina Fiorentina is where we will cook up a three-course traditional meal with a local chef using fresh local produce. Get a taste of Tuscan life and zesty flavors! Mangia!.

ROME. We journey south to the Italian capital. This afternoon, follow in the footsteps of ancient Romans as you explore the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, and Trajan's Column. And finally, a Waiakea Warrior favorite, we will train as one of Caesar's Gladiators **and** discover the ancient secrets of the Roman gladiator games and master the basics of hand-to-hand combat at the gladiator school..

THE VATICAN. Discover the artistic legacy of Catholicism in the Vatican City with a local guide. Admire the religious art in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest Christian church.

We will be having an informational meeting for students in April TBA. For questions you can call **Mrs. Shellie Naungayan** or **Mrs. Audrey Kelly** or log on to <http://www.educationaltravel.com/Home> at NETC to find out more about our trip, "The Artist's Journey".

Big Island Students make a splash in Europe!

Over the Spring Break, students from the Big Island traveled on a study tour to France and Spain. Leading the group was Waiakea High School teachers, **Joel Mateo** and **Lisa Kamalani**. The students spent 12 days learning about the culture, geography, and history of Paris, Barcelona, and Madrid. Aside from the beautiful scenery, incredible architecture, and fantastic food, the students also had some time to meet and interact with other students from across the United States and Canada. The trip was a great success and represented a major milestone in the lives of our Big Island students, most of who had never traveled outside of the United States. "There is nothing like a trip abroad to challenge a person's perspective," Mateo said. Some of the tour highlights included the Notre Dame Cathedral, The Eiffel Tower, The Mona Lisa at the Louvre, the Basilica at Zaragoza, La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, and the Spanish Royal Place and Prado Museum in Madrid. What a great way to spend Spring Break 2011.



Waiakea High Students on PBS Hawaii

Students in Mr. Donn Yamamoto's Directed Studies Arts & Communications class are participating in PBS Hawaii's Hiki No program. Hiki No means "can do" in Hawaiian, and is the nation's first ever state-wide student news program. Over 60 schools from across the state (public, private and charter, middle and high schools) are participating, and are given the opportunity to tell stories from their communities. Visit the Hiki No website for more information, broadcast schedule, and past episodes:

<http://pbshawaii.org/hikino/>

Students REACH for success!

Students enrolled in Hospitality & Tourism classes at Waiakea High School are taking a hands-on approach to learning. The REACH Program, which stands for: Real life Explorations and Awareness of Careers in Hospitality, was created this school year by Waiakea High School teachers, **Joel Mateo** and **Yvette Bright-Poi**. Mateo is also the chairperson of the Public & Human Services Academy, one of several career-focused *smaller learning communities* at Waiakea High. The REACH Program was funded in part through a grant from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and with the support and collaboration from industry businesses like Jack's Tours, Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, Naniloa Volcanoes Resort, and the Hilton Waikoloa Resort. In preparation for the field experience, students completed an analysis of current Big Island hospitality occupations and trends. Students spent two days of intensive career shadowing and mentoring with industry professionals. "One of the program goals is to nurture the interest students have in the tourism industry while at the same time affording them real world hands on experiences in the field," Mateo said. Another element of the REACH Program is centered on providing opportunities for students to engage in direct investigation and research of tourism on the Big Island. With the knowledge gained both in and outside of the classroom, students have developed a sense of what it takes to be successful in the industry, as well as what makes the Big Island a unique visitor destination. "Of course we have these fantastic goals and we work hard at accomplishing them... but ultimately we really want to plant seeds... to encourage exploration and cultivate their interest and curiosity. We want our students to REACH for their aspirations!"

