



WAIĀKEA HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWS FOR PARENTS

A PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2014

A Message from the Principal

Aloha Warrior Community,

It's already March! Soon the third quarter will be a memory and the fourth quarter will be 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 WHS. We encourage all students who need credit recovery to enroll early. The catalog and registration forms should be out in the next coming weeks.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Best wishes,
Kelcy Koga, Principal

Target will donate 1% of all REDcard purchases (debit & credit) to **Waiakea High** when you sign up for 'Take Charge of Education' and designate **Waiakea High** as the recipient school. It takes only a few minutes to enroll, and is a painless way to support WHS. Just go to www.Target.com/tcoe, and sign up by entering the City, State, and School Name. As part of Target's goal of donating up to one billion dollars to schools by the end of 2015, Target thus far has donated \$1,147.34 to WHS and \$588.96 is accumulated towards the next donation. Please, please, enroll your REDcard in 'Take Charge of Education,' so we can greatly increase Target's donations to **Waiakea High**. And, as always, thank you very much for your continued support!

Dates to Remember

March 14	3 rd quarter ends
March 17- 21	NO SCHOOL Spring Break
March 26	NO SCHOOL Kuhio Day
March 29	Junior Country Fair, 9:00am- 2:00pm, WHS cafeteria
April 5	Junior Ball, “Counting Stars”, doors open at 6:00pm, dance from 6:30pm- 10:00pm, UHH Sodexo Dining Hall
April 18	NO SCHOOL Good Friday
May 24	Commencement, 6:00pm (doors open at 5:00pm), Edith Kanaka’ole Tennis Stadium
May 26	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
May 29	Last day of school for students
May 30	Last day of school for teachers

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

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(School Days only)

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(Vacations, Intercessions, Breaks)



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Waiakea High School SkillsUSA

Seven students from Waiakea High School's SkillsUSA participated on Oahu in the Hawaii State CTSO Conference on February 19 – 20, 2014. The events took place at the Hawaii Convention Center and Leeward Community College on February 19 and the awards luncheon was held the next day on February 20. Waiakea's SkillsUSA students participated in various technical and leadership events with other high school SkillsUSA students from across the state.

Congratulations to the following students that participated and/or placed in the following SkillsUSA Events: **Kody LaGuire** and **Christopher Wung** – Participants in the Television Video Production Event. **Jake Ebesugawa** – 3rd Place Participant, **Jun Hao Li** – 2nd Place Participant, and **Thomas Lee** – 1st Place Participant in the Related Technical Math Event. **Nicolaus Minami** - Participant and **Austin Stroh-Akina** – 1st Place Participant in the Automotive Service Technology Event. **Austin** received a \$15,000 scholarship from UTI and a socket set from Snap On Tools. **Austin** and **Thomas** both qualify to represent Hawaii and compete in the Automotive Service Technology and Related Technical Math Events at the National SkillsUSA Conference and Competitions in Kansas City, Missouri in June.



Picture: From left to right: Jake Ebesugawa, Austin Stroh-Akina, Nicolaus Minami, Kody LaGuire, Christopher Wung, Jun Hao Li, Thomas Lee

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

BUS PAYMENTS

Students who ride the bus must make payments at the Main Office. Quarterly and yearly passes 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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CHECK AND CLEAR YOUR OBLIGATIONS

The WHS Library is the central clearing house for all *overdue* library books, textbooks, WHS student dues, course supply fees, class and club ticket sales, and any other obligations owed to the school. Students who have obligations are not eligible to run for class office and court elections; attend dances and prom; or receive their yearbook in May.

Seniors must clear their all obligations to participate in commencement ceremonies. Seniors will receive an obligation list at the end of 3rd quarter or they can check with the library at any time.

This year, all textbooks are due back to the course instructor by **Friday, May 16**. After that date, textbooks will become an obligation, so make sure to get all textbooks back to the course instructor on time!

****After April 1, 2014, any SENIOR obligations must be paid in cash.****

If you have any questions, please contact the WHS library for assistance! Thank you!

Junior Class Steak Fundraiser

Please help out the Junior class as they fundraise for their graduation next year. They are selling frozen steaks from Suisan at \$6.00 a piece. They will be available for pickup on March 29 at the WHS cafeteria during the Junior Country Fair. Tickets can be purchased from any Junior student or **Mrs. Sheri Kojima** and **Mrs. Louann Kimura**. Thank you for your support!



Garbage bids for school year 2014-2015 will be accepted from April 1- April 11, 2014 closing at 4:30 PM. Bids are accepted **only** in the school main office from 7:30am until 4:30pm for the allotted dates. The administration will open bids on Monday April 14, 2014 and will notify the highest bidder. If you have any questions, you may call the main office at 974-4888. Thank you.

The 2014 Japan Wizards Competition sponsored by the non-profit, Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) was held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 and Waiakea High School sent two teams. Team A consisted of Japanese Level 2 students **Jin Woo Nam**, **Junhao Li** and **Jamie Ikeda**. Team B consisted of Japanese Level 3 students, **Karren Gonong**, **Angela Laureta** and **Ashlynn Shiraishi**. Team A won third place overall out of 25 schools (public and private) in the state of Hawaii. They missed the top public school score and Japan trip by 10 points (1 question, but it was the first time Waiakea High School placed within the past two years of the competition and the first time the students had a tie breaker and won against MaryKnoll High School. Team B challenged Iolani High School and missed the top overall public school score by 30 points (3 questions). For 11 years, JASH has done this competition to promote awareness to Japanese language and culture and to enable students to build bridges between Japan and Hawaii. In 2012, WHS Team A members **Yan Ying Huang**, **Isaiah Jumila** and **Gavin Sako** also placed 3rd overall, but being the only public school to place a high score in the Level A group, won the trip to Japan and had the opportunity to travel to Ehime Prefecture and Tokyo all expense paid through JASH.

Hawaii Career and Technical Student Organization

(CTSO)- Culinary Results

Three Culinary students went to Oahu, February 19-20, 2014 to compete in the annual CTSO Convention.

The students, **Maileen Nakashima**, **Isaiah Pavao-Daly**, and **Miykah Borling-Smith** (as seen in the photo), were challenged to prepare a special menu in 1 hour.

The menu consisted of Poached Salmon with a Beurre Blanc sauce, Pan Roasted Potatoes, Ratatouille, and Chocolate Bread Pudding w/Strawberry Compote. Even though they participated as a team, were all scored independently, and all were presented with a **Silver** recognition.



Foodland's Shop for Higher Education Program

Foodland's Shop for Higher Education Program is in full swing and will run until March 18, 2014 at all participating stores. The scholarship program allows the shopper's Maik'ai points to be added to the shopper's selected high school of choice, which we hope is Waiākea High School. The more points Waiākea High School receives, the more opportunities for our seniors to receive college scholarships. Currently, Waiākea High School is in fourteenth place with over 800,000 points, thus, we would be eligible for three \$2,000 scholarships. Let's get a higher standing so we can make certain that our seniors get a chance to win a scholarship!

Applications for the Foodland Shop for Higher Education Scholarship are available in GRAC. The deadline to submit the application is Friday, March 14, 2014 to **Mrs. Laurie Higa**.

Waiākea High School Variety Show 2014

Glitz and glamour were overflowing at Waiākea High School's 35th annual Variety Show, "Putting on the Glitz" on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at our Warrior Gym. With over one hundred and twenty five students involved in the production, the show was dedicated to English teacher, **Mrs. Shellie Naungayan** who will be retiring at the end of the school year after 33 years of teaching. In earlier years, she was instrumental in many of the school's Variety Show productions.

Performances ranged from piano and ukulele instrumental numbers, singers, jazz dancers, and a rock and roll group, not to mention the spirited class acts. Winners in the talent competition were: **Jake Ebesugawa**, **Dayva Escobar**, and Silver Lining composed of band members, **Brennen Kamai-Desamito**, **Gabe Lopez**, **Nick Minami**, **Kyle Sabate**, **Isaiah Tao** and **Elias Yadao** in first, second, and third place, respectively. In the class competition, it was the Class of 2014 Wolves who took top honors.



Prior to intermission a special presentation was made. In December of 2013, Waiākea High School's Student Government Association held its 7th Annual Santa's Workshop. New or like-new items were collected and then sold to elementary school students from Waiakeawaena and Waiākea Elementary Schools at discounted prices. These gifts were wrapped and tagged and given to their friends and family at Christmas. Annually, the proceeds raised from this event are donated to a non-profit organization. This year, Waiākea High School's SGA presented a \$1,000 check to **Cheryl Jackson** and **Michele Costa-Rocha** from Easter Seals of Hawaii, Early Intervention Program.

Special thanks to **Glenn Yafuso** of Yafuso Sound and **Henry Makizuru** of Volcano Town Productions for their professional expertise with sound and lighting for the annual Variety Show.

Think Yellow, Go Green Telephone Book Recycling Campaign

Classes, get ready for the annual Think Yellow, Go Green Telephone Book Recycling Campaign.

Students may start collecting old telephone books and turn them in to your respective class advisor from April 15 thru May 15, 2014. This annual contest between grade levels is a friendly competition with the class winning \$100 from SGA.

More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead and publicized in the morning bulletin.

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SPRING BREAK





COMMENCEMENT 2014

EDITH KANAKA'OLE STADIUM ~ SATURDAY, May 24, 2014

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: The World is Waiting

Song: Today My Life Begins (by: Bruno Mars)

Attire: Blue Commencement gown for boys

White Commencement gown for girls

Boys: White, collared shirt, black dress pants and black shoes, no slippers.

School dress code applies for attire under gowns.

Girls: White dress or white shirt/skirt and white shoes or sandals with straps in back (maximum 2 inch heels), 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 2, 2014.

Commencement Cap and Gown Ordering 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.
3. Mandatory attendance at Commencement rehearsal on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium from 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Non-attendance at Saturday rehearsal will result in revocation of privilege.

WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL
A.I.M. (Attendance Is Mandatory) Classes
2nd SEMESTER 2013-2014

Wednesday, February 26, 2014	2:00pm-6:20pm
Saturday, March 1, 2014	8:00am-12:20pm
Saturday, March 8, 2014	8:00am-12:20pm
Saturday, May 3, 2014	8:00am-12:20pm
Saturday, May 10, 2014	8:00am-12:20pm
Wednesday, May 14, 2014	2:00pm-6:20pm
Saturday, May 17, 2014	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 st Session	2:00 – 3:00pm	Period 1
	3:00 – 4:00pm	Period 2
	4:00 – 4:20pm	BREAK
2 nd Session	4:20 – 5:20pm	Period 3
	5:20 – 6:20pm	Period 4

SATURDAY

1 st Session	8:00 – 9:00am	Period 1
	9:00 – 10:00am	Period 2
	10:00 – 10:20am	BREAK
2 nd 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.