



WAIĀKEA HIGH SCHOOL

155 W. KAWILI STREET

HILO, HI 96720

# **KA NUHOU NO NA MAKUA**

## **NEWS FOR PARENTS**

A PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Aloha Warrior Parents:

The end of school year has quickly drawn to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire Waiakea High School community in supporting all of our efforts to make our school one of the best around. It has always been our goal to provide our students a quality public education that we all can be proud of.

As we close the school year, we are especially proud of our senior class, the Manta Rays. Seniors, WHS is truly proud of you for all that you have accomplished over the past four years. To our staff, a huge thanks to all of you.

Have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes,  
Kelcy Koga, Principal

## Message from the Registrar's Office

**Final Year-End Transcript** for Seniors: SENIORS requiring a final transcript to the college/university of choice must submit a transcript request form with the mailing address to the Registrar's Office (A202) by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is \$1.

**Report Card Pick-Up:** End of the year report cards will be available for pick-up on Thursday, June 13. Students requesting a report card to be mailed home must submit a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope to the Registrar's office. The student's name must be printed on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

**Transferring Students:** A student **not** returning to Waiākea High School next school year must have a parent/legal guardian come in to sign a release form to authorize the transfer of student records to the forwarding school. A Release Packet will be available for pick-up after June 13, 2013.

**Schedule Pick-Up for 2013-14 school year:** **Course schedules** will be available for pick-up on Monday, July 29, from 9:00am – 1:00pm. **Payment for yearbook** (\$50), and **student fees** (\$25) will be collected at this time. Separate payments by cash or check are requested, payable to Waiākea High School. **ID pictures** for all NEW incoming students will be taken at the main office. Campus tour guides, student credit union and PTSA information/sing-up will also be available.

**Class Schedule Changes for 2013-14:** Schedule changes due to summer school enrollment and scheduling errors are ongoing at the Registrar's office and will continue until 4:00 pm, Friday, July 26, 2013. Thereafter, schedule changes will be through the student's respective academy counselor. Students with a confirmation for summer school should process a schedule change as soon as possible.

**New Incoming Students:** Students transferring from schools outside of the Waiākea complex (public or private), must have a Release Packet from the previous school which includes a transcript, current report card and health record. A birth certificate or passport and two proofs of residency verification (i.e. most recent utility bills, escrow or tenant agreement, etc.) are also required. If applicable, an approved GE, legal guardianship document, and/or a notarized Power of Attorney may be required. When all documents are available, please call the Registrar's office at **974-4888 ext 241**, to schedule an appointment.

## **WHS Foundation and WHS Robotics Presents the Bipedal Robotic Sumo and Soccer Tournament Fundraiser on June 15**

Businesses, families, and friends are encouraged to form teams to compete in the Bipedal Robotic Sumo and Soccer Tournament Fundraiser sponsored by Waieakea High School and the WHS Robotics at Prince Kuhio Plaza in Hilo on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHS Robotics has developed tiny walking robots which are approximately 2 ½ inches tall and 2 inches wide which teams will use to participate. Teams can purchase a robot for \$300 or can rent one for the fundraiser for \$250.

**Dale Olive**, WHS Foundation director, science teacher and robotics advisor, notes that “this is a friendly competition where the robots can be operated by anyone, including a designated student from Waiakea High or anyone associated with your company.”

For those unfamiliar with tournament rules, **Olive** noted that the “bipedal Sumo Grand Basho” contest will feature one robot versus another, while the team soccer tournament requires teams of three. Only one robot is allowed per team, but businesses are allowed to purchase additional robots and enter as many teams as they want. Each team can enter both contests. The robots can be controlled with a remote control.”

**Henry Nakamoto**, President, WHS Foundation, notes that “the funds raised will be used for two purposes, to help continue the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at Waiakea High School, and to build the Endowment Fund. “

**Gloria Kobayashi**, Secretary, WHS Foundation, encourages WHS alumni, friends, and family “to join in the fun while cheering on your favorite robot.”

Contact **Gloria Kobayashi**, WHS Foundation Secretary, at (808) 959-4060, or email **Dale Olive** at [Scienceguyme@yahoo.com](mailto:Scienceguyme@yahoo.com) for more information. Checks should be made payable to the WHS Foundation, a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization, and mailed to WHS Foundation, 155 West Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720.

The WHS Foundation now has its own website, which also accepts credit card donations. The web address is: [www.waiakeahsfoundation.org](http://www.waiakeahsfoundation.org). Also, please “like” us on Facebook!

## **Waiakea High School Math Bowl Team**

The Waiakea High School Math Bowl Team won third place at the 35th Hawaii State Math Championships at Kamehameha Schools - Kea'au on Saturday, May 4. Our school was well-represented by: **Junhao Li** (10), **Graeme Thistlewaite** (10), **Kylan Sakata** (9), **Hajime Hayano** (11), **Thomas Lee** (10), and **Ryuto Yamada** (9). Waiakea was also acknowledged as the top public school team.

This is the highest ranking that Waiakea High has ever earned in the State Math Championship's history. Many schools took notice that our students were young and have many more years of competition to go, compared to the overwhelming numbers of juniors and seniors on other teams.

Overall rankings were as follows:

1. Punahou
2. Iolani
3. **Waiakea**
4. Mililani
5. Kamehameha - Kapalama
6. Mid-Pacific Institute
7. Roosevelt
8. Radford
9. Campbell
10. Waipahu
11. McKinley

Huge congratulations to **Mr. Gordon Mau**, who is/was the math teacher of all of these brilliant mathematicians and their coach.

## **Waiakea Digital Media Travels to STN Los Angeles**

Waiakea Digital Media, seven students in Mr. Donn Yamamoto's Video Production and Broadcast Video classes, attended Student Television Network's student conference in Los Angeles. The group also included Mrs. Kelly Uyeda, and 11 students and teacher/parents from Waiakea Intermediate. Preparations began in October with fundraising activities and concessions to help raise the \$1500 per student needed to attend the conference.

While in Los Angeles, students were given the opportunity to meet with industry professionals and local sights, including a private tour of Angels Stadium, talk-story sessions with Neil Everett (ESPN Sportscenter—Waiakea got a shout out on that evening's Top Ten), Carl Azuz (CNN), Les Rose (CBS News), Frank Marshall (Raiders/Indiana Jones, Bourne series, Back to the Future). Over 90 breakout sessions were provided to students, who were given the unique opportunity to interact in small groups with people who teach or work with video on a professional level.

Students competed in a variety of contests such as short movie, music video, "Tell the Story," commercial, and PSA. Senior Jayna Jobes was recognized as Honorable Mention for Anchoring. She competed with over 40 other students from across the nation. Overall, attendance at this year's conference was the largest ever, with over 2,400 students and 200+ teachers.

Plans for attending next year's conference in Orlando have already begun!

## Free and Reduced Meals

A new application for free/reduced meals needs to be filled and completed for every school year. Applications may be submitted this year online at **ezmealapp.com**. Applications may be submitted from July 1, 2013. Paper applications will also be available in the beginning of the school year packet.

## Bus Riders

**CURRENT RIDERS** –you should have submitted your application forms to your bus drivers. **NEW RIDERS**- bus application forms are available in the school's main office.



# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

## 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.



**The cafeteria no longer accepts checks for lunch deposits. Cash and money orders only.**

## **Dates to Remember**

<b>May 24</b>	last day of school for 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester for students and teachers
<b>May 27</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> HOLIDAY- Memorial Day
<b>May 28</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher DLWOP
<b>June 13</b>	Report cards available for pick-up
<b>July 29</b>	Schedule Pick-Up, 9:00am- 1:00pm, registrars office
<b>August 5</b>	Freshmen Orientation, freshmen first day of school
<b>August 6</b>	All other students first day of school

**Have a fun and safe summer**

