



WAI'AKEA HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWS FOR PARENTS

A PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Aloha Warrior Parents-

We have come to the end of the first quarter. We have a lot to look forward to. We are very proud of the gains that we have made and hopefully look forward to another year of academic prosperity.

As in all other school years, this great Warrior staff remains dedicated towards promoting high levels of student achievement and creating the best learning environment for your child. It is our sole desire to see your student thrive in our Smaller Learning Communities and in essence, become lifelong learners. A positive relationship with your child and this great school will help us create a successful partnership which benefits everyone.

Sincerely,
Kelcy Koga
Principal

COMPASS Test

The COMPASS is a computerized and adaptive test which determines a student's competency level in reading, writing and mathematics. It is used as a placement tool at all of the community colleges in the state as well as many schools on the mainland. Waiakea High School has developed a project with the Hawaii Community College Learning Center whereby students may be tested on the WHS campus as opposed to the usual procedure of making an appointment at the college and taking the test at the HawCC Center. An additional benefit of this agreement is that not only grade 12 students are eligible but the school is also able to test students in grade 11. The results of the test indicate the classes and programs the WHS students qualify for at college. Appropriate follow up counseling and guidance is also administered by WHS COMPASS counselors. For further information or to sign up to take the COMPASS Test students can stop by C102 at any time during the school day from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Parents may also call the school at ext. 248. There is NO COST to the students to take the test. There IS a cost to re-test.

Running Start

Running Start at Hawai'i Community College (HawCC) is a program designed to provide academic opportunities for qualified high school juniors and seniors. Students are able to enroll at HawCC and earn both college and high school credits. Interested students must take the COMPASS placement tests in reading, writing and math and meet the pre-requisite levels for the course. The UH System Application Form and Running Start Enrollment Form must be completed with the student's grade level counselor. College tuition and fees apply. Interested students can begin testing in the spring semester of their sophomore year of high school and should see their counselor for more information.

Waiākea High School Resource Room Q104

The Resource Room is available to ALL students!

Need help preparing for a test?
Can't understand your homework?
Want guidance on a project?
Need to do research?
Need a current events article for an assignment?
Want to use a word processor?
Need to print a report/paper to turn in today?

Monday	7:30 – 3:30
Tuesday	7:30 – 3:30
Wednesday	7:30 – 3:30
Thursday	7:30 – 3:30
Friday	7:30 – 3:30

Come to the Resource Room - We can help you with all of this and more!!!



- **Free tutoring** for all students, regardless of Free/Reduced Lunch status.
- Additional **academic/attendance monitoring** provided through referrals by the Counseling Department.
- **Student laptop access** for all students, regardless of Free/Reduced Lunch status.

**For additional information, you may also visit our school's website:
waiakeahigh.k12.hi.us**

Summer Bridge 2014

Our 5th annual Summer Bridge Program was held this summer for 80 incoming 9th graders. Focusing on college and careers, students worked on science, math and language arts skills. In addition, students also set goals, established team building and became familiar with the campus. Some of the highlights of the program were Career Technical Education classes with the Auto Shop, Building & Construction, and Agriculture teachers. They also visited University of Hawaii-Hilo (and ate a buffet lunch in the student cafeteria on campus - yay, all the soda they could drink!!) as well as Hawaii Community College where they visited with the Hawaiian Studies, Forestry, and Nursing programs. Assisting Waiakea High teachers: Kari Sato, Layne Takahashi, Gordon Mau, Kristie Calicdan, Kim Castillo, and Tiana Higa, were VISTA Volunteer Summer Associates.



Annual Notification of Privacy Rights

Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) student record information; 2) directory information; 3) surveys and other information collection; and 4) military recruitment information. For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit <http://bit.ly/FERPAHI>.

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 in June 2014 and the next periodic surveillance will be scheduled during December of 2014. 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

**WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL
A.I.M. (Attendance Is Mandatory) Classes
1st SEMESTER 2014-2015**

Saturday, October 25, 2014	8:00am-12:20pm
Saturday, November 8, 2014	8:00am-12:20pm
Saturday, November 15, 2014	8:00am-12:20pm
Wednesday, December 3, 2014	2:05pm-6:25pm
Wednesday, December 10, 2014	2:05pm-6:25pm
Saturday, December 13, 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	2:05 – 3:05pm	Period 1
	3:05 – 4:05pm	Period 2
	4:05 – 4:25pm	BREAK
2 nd Session	4:25 – 5:25pm	Period 3
	5:25 – 6:25pm	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.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

BUS PAYMENTS

Students who ride the bus must make payments at the Main Office. Quarterly, yearly and bus coupons can be purchased. 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 blue 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.



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 ext 224 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.

Welcome to Edline!

Edline is an easy way for you to keep-up-to-date with your child's progress online. Once you have activated your account you can use **Edline** to:

- Check your child's latest grades (about 90% of regular classroom teachers are using the program)
- Receive email alerts when new grades are posted
- Receive emails with school or class information
- See what homework is not turned in and read notes from your child's teachers
- View your 'Combined Calendar' to see all the events from the school calendar and your child's own classes and activities automatically collected and personalized
- And much more...

To begin using your **Edline** account right now, just follow these easy steps:

1. Make sure you have your personal **Edline** Activation Code. You will get this code from the registrar's office, or your child's counselor.

Registrar's office – Rm. A202

Ph. 974-4826

Counselors' office

Ph. 974-4888

Mrs. Higa (Health)	x	276
Mrs. Lyman-Mandaloniz (PSSAS/ALC).....	x	290
Mrs. Sakai-Kawada (Public Services)	x	353
Mrs. Tagawa (BEST)	x	269
Mr. Vicente (Freshmen).....	x	267
Mrs. Yanagisawa (STAR).....	x	270

2. Go to www.edline.net , fill in your activation code and get started.

If you already have an **Edline** account, continue to use your Screen Name and Password. If you forgot your Screen Name and/or Password, please contact the registrar's office or your child's counselor.

Dates to Remember

October 3	First quarter ends
October 6-10	Fall Break
October 15 & 17	Breast Cancer Activities, in the quad at lunch time
October 18	PSAT, 7:30am-11:00am, cafeteria
October 21	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Institute Day
October 25	AIM Class, 8:00am-12:20pm, cafeteria
November 3	NO SCHOOL PD Day
November 4	NO SCHOOL Election Day
November 8	AIM Class, 8:00am-12:20pm, cafeteria
November 11	NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day
November 15	AIM Class, 8:00am-12:20pm, cafeteria
November 20	Great American Smokeout activities in the quad at lunch time
November 28-29	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday

December 3	AIM Class, 2:05pm- 6:25pm cafeteria
December 4	Santa's Workshop, 3:00pm – 5:30pm, cafeteria
December 6	SAT, 7:30am-1:30pm, cafeteria
December 10	AIM Class, 2:05pm- 6:25pm cafeteria
December 13	AIM Class, 8:00am-12:20pm, cafeteria
	Winter Ball, 6:30pm – 10:00pm, doors close at 7:00pm, gym
December 19	First semester ends



Class of 2018 Officers

As soon as school started, freshmen were encouraged to run for class officer positions.

Speeches were prepared and delivered and voting took place for two days following their Election Rally.

Leading the Class of 2018 is: President **Ann Nakamoto**; Vice President **Marissa Iwahashi** Secretary **Lauren Okinaka**; and Treasurer **Kaitlin Iwahashi**. **Mrs. Zaida Igawa** will serve as their head advisor. The class also selected their class colors as black and silver, and the knight as their mascot.



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KELCY KOGA
PRINCIPAL

August 14, 2014

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As a part of Waiakea High School's effort to assist our students, we are implementing the State of Hawai'i's Common Core Algebra HI performance standards by ensuring students are prepared with 21st century college and career readiness skills. Waiakea High School's primary goal is for graduates to enter post secondary options without the need for remediation.

Algebra 1 is the foundation of high school math. In order to ensure students have a strong foundation for future math courses, a "no D policy" is being implemented in Algebra 1. Students will need to earn a 70% overall grade to earn credit for Algebra 1. This policy allows students to retake any assessment once, which may increase their overall score. In addition, the State DOE athletic grade check policy will be followed.

Students will experience:

- Hawai'i State Common Core Curriculum
- Performance Based Grading System – students' grades [A, B, C or F] are primarily based on the percentage earned on tests and quizzes.
- Opportunities to relearn material and retake an assessment once
- State End of Course Exam (EOC), a comprehensive assessment on Algebra 1 concepts and skills. It is worth 15% of the overall year grade.
- Student Support Services:
 - P8 math tutoring: 7:00am – 3:30pm daily
 - Q104 resource room tutoring: 7:30am – 3:30pm daily
 - Assessment retakes can be done during *closing* with student's math teacher

In order for your child to be successful, cooperation between students, parents and teachers is essential. Students need to be responsible and accountable for their own learning, which means they may have to give up their personal time. The teachers at Waiakea High School are committed to helping your child succeed and we need your support.

We look forward to a successful school year! Please feel free to contact your child's math teacher if you have any questions or concerns

Sincerely,
Kelcy Koga



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August 29, 2014

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Parents/Guardians:

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 1988 and identifies some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct periodic surveillances and 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 974-4888.

Sincerely,

Kelcy Koga

Principal