



Moanalua High School

The Word

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I wanted to inform all of you of an important assembly held on November 6, 2014. I met with the entire student body to reemphasize what it means to be a Moanalua High School student. The message to the student body and to staff included the following reminders:

- We take pride in Moanalua and want everyone who attends our school to have positive experiences.
- Students should not be harassed, hurt or intimidated in any way – this will not be tolerated. Should any student feel this is happening to anyone – it should be reported to an adult on campus.
- Should there be a disturbance or conflict on campus, those who encourage or incite such occurrences will also receive consequences.
- Failing to disperse and listen to adults on campus during a disturbance or altercation is considered insubordination under Chapter 19.
- Cyberbullying or inappropriate posting on social media, which negatively impacts students and the educational environment is also punishable under Chapter 19 rules.

Please have discussions with your children regarding the importance of the above. We want Moanalua High School to always be a safe and special place.

Please take note of the following very **important** November dates:

- Our Na Menehune Marching Band will be featured in the following events:
 - Monday, Nov. 10 – Rainbow Marching Band Invitational @ Aloha Stadium
 - Friday, Nov. 14 – Mililani Bandfest @ Mililani HS
- Tuesday, November 11 is when we will observe Veteran's Day Holiday. We will have our **annual campus beautification** on that day.
- Thursday-Friday, November 27-28 are Thanksgiving Day Holidays.

The **2015 Kinaole Awards Dinner** will honor outstanding representatives and supporters of Moanalua High School and our school community. The important PTSA fundraising dinner and silent auction will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Honolulu Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please save that date on your calendars! This year we will honor Mock Trial advisors Brian Kang and David Suzuki as well as former Moanalua Class Advisors Sharon Mahoe and Ray Fujii. This is always such a memorable night filled with the spirit that makes Moanalua High School so special. Please plan to attend and honor our recipients. All proceeds go to raise funds for our students, teachers, and important school needs. For tickets or to make donations, please call chairperson Andrea Iwamoto at 221-7448 or email mohs.kinaole@gmail.com

Applications for Geographic Exceptions for SY 2015-2016

MoHS will accept Geographic Exception (GE) applications for school year 2015-2016 from January 1, 2015 to March 1, 2015. In accordance with Section 8-13-7, a chance selection or lottery will be held in April, 2015 if the number of applications exceed the number of available spaces.

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Mrs. Apana (Fe-K)
Mrs. Yamamoto (L-Ra)
Mr. Sakamoto (Rb-Z)

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SSC: 305-1016

Mealtracker/
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Applications for Geographic Exceptions for SY 2015-2016 (continued from page 1)

It is important to remember that a new GE application must be submitted for a student who is interested in moving from a middle school to a high school. For example, if you presently live outside of the Moanalua geographic area, have a child in grade 8 attending Moanalua Middle School on a GE, and are interested in your child attending Moanalua High School next year, a new GE application must be submitted to Moanalua High School. However, if your child already attends Moanalua High on an approved GE and wishes to continue here, a new GE application will not be required. In accordance with Section 8-13-7, "Priority 1" reasons for a geographic exception include: DOE programs with admission requirements. "Priority 2" reasons for geographic exceptions include: a desire to study a curriculum program offering (not available at a home school), a sibling already attending school as an underclassmen, a child of staff member, and an authorized physical residence. All other reasons are considered "Priority 3" reasons. Once again, the **deadline for GE applications is March 1, 2015** and should the number of applications exceed the number of available spaces, a lottery will be held in April, 2015. It is essential that applications are turned in before the March deadline for a request to be considered as part of the chance selection process. Please be informed that (1) an approved geographic exception will later be revoked if any information included in the application is found to be false and (2) falsification of a G.E. form is a misdemeanor offense (H.R.S. Section 710-1063)." Applications are available at all schools. For more information, please call 305-1000.

Important December Dates:

December 4, 2014	Music Department Winter Concert
December 13, 2014	Winter Craft Fair
December 15-19, 2014	Exam Week
December 18, 2014	Winter Fantasy @ Pacific Beach Hotel
December 22-January 9	Winter Recess (No School)
January 12, 2015	Students Return to School / Classes Resume
January 19, 2015	HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Maria Bernard-Reantaso-! She was recently recognized as our 2014 Oceanic 16 Outstanding Educator. Watch for Ms. Bernard-Reantaso during commercial breaks on various television stations. She's truly an advocate for all kids!

Also, teacher Austin Zavala was recently awarded the Farmers Insurance Hawaii "Thank a Million Teachers" Grant. He received a grant for \$2500 dollars and was the first teacher in Hawaii to win. Way to go Mr. Zavala!

Finally and most importantly, I would like to honor two of our students:

Mariah Justine C. Gairan who received a Letter of Commendation for outstanding performance on the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Cara M. London was named an Outstanding Participant in the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Although they will not continue in the 2014 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, are among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million who entered. What an honor!

Best wishes to all for a safe and peaceful holiday season! Happy Holidays!
Robin Martin
Principal

College & Career Center

Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman should be attending college presentations in the College and Career Center. Students can sign up for these presentations in T3. This is the perfect time to learn more about colleges and to get to know their admissions representative/counselor.

Special Dates: **There will be College Planning Nights for students on Friday, January 30th at 6:00 pm.** Ms. Ishida and other college counselors will be presenting important information about college to students and parents.

Parents cannot apply for FAFSA until January 1, 2015. We will conduct two night-time meeting about financial aid in November and January when we will work through the FAFSA process. *College Goal 808*, will be held in January as well. This workshop will give families a chance to get one-to-one assistance filling out and submitting their FAFSA applications.

Please email Ms. Ishida at aishida@moanaluaHS.k12.hi.us if you have questions

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2015 -2016

Registration for next school year will begin on January 15th, 2015. In an effort to improve planning and student learning, there are several new procedures and policies being implemented this year. Please review all of the registration materials (registration cards and catalogs) very closely. Registration cards are due no later than January 29th, 2015.

Students will then receive a printout during quarter 4 to verify their courses and make any necessary changes. We are asking all families to discuss and carefully review all course selections and to adhere by the January 29th due date. At the start of next school year, **NO CHANGES** will be allowed without administrative approval. Mahalo for your kokua and cooperation.

REGISTRATION NIGHT 2015

Registration night is scheduled on January 20th, 2015, and will begin at 6:00 pm in our school cafeteria. All students and parents are highly encouraged to attend and learn more about electives, new courses, and new graduation requirements. This will also be a good opportunity for students to collect their elective labels and signatures.

AP NIGHT 2015

This year we will be hosting our first ever Advanced Placement Night on January 22nd, 2015, in our school cafeteria. The night will begin at 6:00 pm. We will be discussing the advanced placement expectations, requirements, and changes for next year. Students will also be given an opportunity to meet with the A.P. teachers to discuss specific course expectations and to collect their labels and signatures. We encourage all students and families to attend whom are interested in enrolling in any advanced placement courses for school year 2015-2016.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Quarterly bus pass riders need to make their next payment for student transportation before **Friday, December 19, 2014 at the Administrative Office**. Students who fail to make their payment on time may be subject to interrupted bus service and will need to provide their own transportation.

*** Reminder: All riders must present a valid ID/bus pass each time to ride the bus**

NO BUS SERVICE on Make-Up Exam Days: **Friday, December 19, 2014.**

Bus Fares: Coupons: \$12.50 per sheet (10 coupons on a sheet)

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
Roundtrip	\$270.00	\$72.00
One-Way	\$135.00	\$36.00

**All bus passes & coupons are
NON-REFUNDABLE**

check payable to: **Department of Education**

OPERATION SEARCH

Operation SEARCH helps identify children having a difficult time learning from birth to age 22.

For more information, call Operation SEARCH:
Statewide:(808) 305-9810 or 1-800-297-2070
Oahu: Honolulu 733-4977 Central 622-6432
Windward 233-5717

Leeward(Campbell, Kapolei, Waianae) 675-0335
Leeward (Nanakuli, Pearl City, Waipahu) 675-0384

For children under the age of 3, call Hawaii Keiki Information Service System (H-KISS)
(808) 594-0066 or 1-800-235-5477
www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/Pages/home.aspx

ALLOWABLE TRANSFERS FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT (MVA) NOTIFICATION

Parents and guardians of students who are or were eligible for MVA services between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, have the right to have student transfer to a previous school of attendance if the following criteria are met:

- 1).The student is **or** was eligible for MVA services between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, **And**
- 2).The student transferred schools between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, for any reason.

If the student meets **both** criteria, parents and guardians have the right to request that the student transfer to a previous school of attendance. The request for transfer will be granted provided that it is feasible for the student to attend the school requested. Principals of the receiving schools will determine feasibility.

November 2014

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 conducted the required six months surveillance on Nov 7, 2014 and will complete the next surveillance on May 7, 2015. The results of the recently completed surveillance indicated there have been no changes in the condition of the asbestos containing materials in our school buildings.

A copy of the inspection report and the Asbestos Management Plan is available for your review in our school office or at the Safety and Security Services Section of the Department of Education (DOE). Please contact ph. 586-3457 for additional information.

Sincerely, Flora Nash, Vice Principal

Cc: Safety & Security Services Section, OSFSS

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>.

REMINDERS:

- Student IDs must be visible at all times and must use their ID cards with prepayments made to purchase meals.
- *To assure prompt attention in case of an emergency, notify the school of any changes in telephone numbers and/or addresses throughout the school year.*
- Parents are to notify the Attendance Director in cases of legitimate absences by a telephone call during the absence or by a written note within two days upon the student's return to school. The Attendance Office opens at 7:15 a.m. daily. The telephone number is 305-1006.
- *Parents will be notified through the automated calling system for any unexcused absences from 1 or more periods.*
- Off-Campus passes will be issued through the Attendance Office. Please allow 24 hr. courtesy notice to release your child. **Emergency notification allowed with 1 hour notice, however please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate your request immediately.**

Student Bus Transportation/Free & Reduced Meals:

Please be aware that the *DOE policy requirement for students to present a valid bus pass to the bus driver in order to board the bus will be strictly enforced.* Some families may be eligible for bus subsidies depending on their income. Please refer to the "Letter to Households – National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program"

School Alerts via Text Messages

The school may, periodically, send notifications via text messaging. These may include general school announcements and/or emergency announcements. In order to receive text messages from the school, text the word **Join** to the number **56360**. You will receive a confirmation message thanking you for joining school alerts. Create a contact on your phone with the school's name, or another meaningful name, and the phone number 56360. Then, when you receive a text from this number, you know who is sending it.

At any time, you can unsubscribe by texting **Stop**. Please be aware that standard text-messaging rates may apply.

MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Moanalua High School Athletics supports the vision and mission of Moanalua High School by providing students with opportunities that will lead to excellence in academics, personal development and self-fulfillment through participation in athletics.

A student's participation in athletics enhances his/her skills for living and learning by offering different learning experiences outside the classroom. We encourage all students at Moanalua High School to try out and participate in inter-scholastic sports.

Fall Sports (Aug.-Nov.) Winter Sports (Nov.-Feb.) Spring Sports (Feb.-May)

Air Rifery	Boys Basketball	Varsity Baseball
Bowling	Girls Basketball	Varsity Softball
Cross Country	Paddling	Golf
Football	Soccer	Judo
Sideline Cheerleading	Swimming	Varsity Tennis
Girls Volleyball	JV Girls Tennis	Track & Field
Soft Tennis	Wrestling	Water polo-Girls
JV Softball	JV Baseball	Boys Varsity Volleyball
Competitive Cheerleading		

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ON-LINE

Our web site is a great way to find information, get calendars and schedules, or the photo gallery. Check out the new additions at:

<http://www.moanaluaathletics.com>

Check out our online store for all your Na Menehune gear at:

<http://www.sidelinestores.com>

Follow MoHS Athletics on Twitter: @mohsathletics

STUDENT ACTIVITY PASSES

Students at Moanalua High School can purchase an athletic pass. **This pass allows entry to all regular season football, boys and girls basketball games, boys and girls volleyball games, wrestling and judo matches throughout the year.** The cost of the activity book is \$25.00 and the savings are incredible! **You save over \$300.00 off sport admission fees when you purchase an activity pass.** Activity passes may be purchased from Paula Kaiura (837-8066) in the Athletic office or at the parent athlete mandatory meetings.

PARENT PASSES

The OIA interscholastic Association (OIA) sells parent passes for the following sports with paid admission:

- Football \$30.00
- Boys and Girls Basketball \$40.00
- Girls Volleyball \$40.00

Parent passes may be purchased from Paula Kaiura (837-8066) in the Athletic office, parent athlete mandatory meeting.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WINTER SPORTS PARENT/ATHLETE MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents and athletes on the following dates:

- Tues Nov 9, 6:30pm (Gym-Winter sports 1)
- Wed Dec 3, 6:30pm (Gym-Winter sports 2)
- Wed Feb 18, 6:30pm (Gym-Spring sports)

The RISK video will be shown at the meeting. Both parent and athlete must view the risk video- athletic participation will be withheld until video is seen by both parent and athlete. Information regarding the athletic department rules and policies, athletic trainer procedures as well as individual team breakout sessions will be covered

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Pick up an athletic clearance packet: Athletic Packets are available in the main office, Registrar's Office, College & Career Center, training room and gym.

Contents of the packets include:

- Athletic Participation Procedures
- Hawaii DOE Parent-Athlete Handbook
- Dept of Ed Physical Examination for Athletes Form
- Student Participation and Parent/Guardian Consent, Release & Assumption of RISK Form
- Booster Club Membership Form (optional)

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE

All student-athletes must have athletic clearance prior to participation. Three things must be submitted for processing in order to be cleared for participation:

1. Dept. of Ed Physical Examination for Athletes Form
2. Student Participation and Parent/Guardian Consent, Release & Assumption of RISK Form
3. Processing Fee (\$10.00)

Completed forms (Parent Consent and Liability Form, Processing fee of \$10.00, and DOE Physical Form) must be turned in to the Athletic Directors box in the main office or Athletic Training Room.

A pink clearance slip will be available for pick up in the athletic training room when the forms have been processed. It will be the responsibility of the athletes to visit the training room and check for his/her completed clearance slip. **This pink slip is the athletic clearance to participate.** Pink slips must be given to the head coach(es) prior to participation.

Student athletes who are already athletically cleared and wish to try out or participate in another sport during the school year must obtain another copy of their pink slip (athletic clearance). Process to obtain additional pink slip:

1. Complete information on the pink slip addl form
2. Place in athletic tray, Athletic Trainers office.
3. Pink slip will be ready for pick up on Mondays and Fridays.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION

Mahalo to Paula Kaiura and her Concession Crew: Baron Kaiura, Shawna Kaiura, Carol & Jeff Coloma, Riki & Gay Kawakami, Amy Calicdan, John Miller, Earl Kishimoto, Olga Caldwell and Sheilah Kagehiro for doing an excellent job in raising money for the Athletic Booster Club by running all the football concessions.

Mahalo nui loa!
Joel Kawachi, Athletic Director

Please call Joel Kawachi at 837.8066 should you have any questions regarding the Moanalua High School Athletic Department.

Class of 2015 SENIORS

Senior Luau

DATE: January 31, 2015
WHERE: Hale Koa Luau Garden
WHEN: 5:00pm-10:00pm
Cost: \$55

***Bid Sale Dates - November 17th - 21st in Q202 during non-instructional times. Prices may increase after Nov 21st. See Mrs. Sablan in Q202 if you have any questions*

Senior Agreements

Senior Agreements will be passed out through homeroom in November. All graduating seniors must submit a completed Senior Agreement form and pay a graduation fee of \$10 fee to ensure that he/she will receive a diploma from Moanalua High School, whether or not he/she will be participating in the commencement ceremony. Senior Agreement forms and the \$10 graduation fee are due by **Friday, December 5th, 2014**. You may submit the attached form and money to Mrs. Sablan in Q202 or your Counselor anytime before the due date.

Fall Senior Parent Night

2015 parents are encouraged to attend our **Senior Parent Night on November 19, 2014 from 6pm-8pm in the Café**. Administration, Counselors, and the Senior Class advisor will go over graduation requirements, graduation attire, Senior Agreement, and other important Senior Class announcements. If you have questions, please contact the 2015 Senior Class Advisor Lachelle Sablan at Lachelle_Sablan@notes.k12.hi.us. Thank you.

Obligations

Please, please, please clear ALL OBLIGATIONS! Just get it out of the way now before you forget! You need to clear all obligations in order to participate in events such as Winter Fantasy, Senior Luau, Senior Prom, AND Graduation!!!

Project Grad Registration

PG is a safe, drug, alcohol and tobacco free event that is a once-in-a-lifetime memorable celebration for your Senior student to enjoy and embrace the friendships they have made over the years. Fee schedule as follows:

Before December 19, 2014\$200.00
After December 19, 2014.....\$275.00

For more details or information, please email MOHSPG201501@gmail.com



Graduation Accessories

Order forms from Balfour for graduation caps, gowns, and announcements were passed out in September through Homeroom periods. Extra packets can be picked up in Mrs. Sablan's room - Q202. **Balfour will be on campus on November 20th, 2014 during lunch in mene square to receive orders with payments.** You may also purchase cap and gown, accessories, etc. online at balfour.com or mail in payments to:

**Balfour Company
P.O.Box 25281
Honolulu, HI 96825**

Purchases starting Dec 1st will be an additional \$20 and additional \$40 starting March 1st (cap and gown may be ordered after this date)

Expected delivery for orders received on time will be on February 25th, 2015 after school.

Class Email List

2015 Students and Parents—if you haven't yet received emails from moanalua2015@gmail.com, send us a quick email with a request to add YOU to our address book. Please include your first and last name, whether you're a student or parent, and if you're a parent, include your child's name in the email too. Thanks!

SENIOR CLASS IMPORTANT DATES

Senior Luau: Bid Sales November 17th-21st in Q202

Senior Agreement: Senior Agreement forms will be passed out November, and will be collecting payments and completed forms. Due December 5th

Senior Parent Night - November 19th 6pm-8pm in Cafeteria

Cap & Gown Orders: Balfour in mene square during lunch on November 20, 2014. Purchases made after Dec 1st will be charged a \$20 late fee.

Project Graduation: \$200 until December 19th, after price increases to \$275. PG forms are available in Q202.

**GRADUATION: FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015
5:30 PM
MOANALUA HIGH ATHLETIC FIELD**



GRADS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN...SAFELY!

MoHS PROJECT GRADUATION

November / December 2014

Project Graduation Updates- Class of 2015!

Sign up NOW for a memorable grad night of FUN.....This will be a night you won't ever forget!

Project Graduation (PG) 2015 Registration Forms are available in Ms. Sablan's Room, Q202, and in the front office. To receive email updates about PG15 please email us at MOHSPG201501@gmail.com

Nov. 1-Dec. 19=\$200

After Dec. 19= \$275

All forms must be completed and payment must be made by the dates indicated in order to receive the discounted prices. Please place payment in the red Project Graduation Box in the front office.

Any questions? Contact Lisa Chan and Lynda Agena at MOHSPG201501@gmail.com

PROJECT GRAD UNITED FUN-RAISERS FOR CLASSES 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

We need your support!!

Without the monthly steak plate fundraisers anymore, we are branching out and looking for other ideas to raise money....here is a couple of our ongoing fundraisers....

EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Check out our Gold Cards (expires July 2015) for just \$10 it is full of valuable discounts at local vendors. Contact MoHSPGU@gmail.com or stop by at our Recycling dates to pick up your supply today!

HI-5 Recycling –Nov. 8 Sat. 8am to 12:00pm
Moanalua HS Parking Lot, Fire Station Side



Donate your HI-5 aluminum cans, plastic & glass bottles

50% of Recycling Donations go to the Graduating Class!!



Save the Date—12/13/14 Saturday

Project Graduation Booth at MOHS Winter Craft Fair

Save the Date—12/13/14 Saturday MOHS Winter Craft Fair Project Graduation Booth

Donations of bottled water or bags of white rice and cans of spam for our fried rice will be collected on Saturday, 11/8 (Recycling Day). We'll also need donations of baked goods on the 12/12 or 12/13.

Volunteers are also needed anytime from 6am -4pm.

Visit our website for more information: www.moanalupgu.weebly.com