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Principal's Message

Happy New Year to all parents and students! Best wishes to everyone in 2012 for a new year filled with success, prosperity, and peace!

We are extremely pleased to announce that construction has begun on Phase 1 of the Performing Arts Center. Please note that there may be major changes including restricted parking, prohibited access to areas that were used by spectators for sports events in the past, changes to traffic flow in the Student Parking Lot (next to the Moanalua Fire Department) and changes to walking routes as a result of new fenced off areas for safety reasons. These changes are needed to ensure everyone's safety on campus. Please allow for more time for walking, parking, or driving in these areas. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during the construction period.

Please take notice that the 2012 summer school registration for Moanalua High will again be by lottery. Parents and students will not need to stand in line for registration – registration will be based on a lottery. More information will be provided.

The 2012 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 23, 2012 at the Honolulu Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please save that date on your calendars! Early bird dinner tickets are priced at \$65 until December 31 and then prices increase to \$75.00. This year we will honor **Mr. Eric Tom**, Chief Operating Officer of International Gaming Technology (a five billion dollar company) and a MoHS graduate of the Class of 1976, **Mrs. Judy Kaya**, recently retired and award winning educator of Salt Lake Elementary, and **Mr. Randy King**, President and CEO of Seawind Tours and Travel. Please plan to attend to honor our recipients. All proceeds go to raise funds for our students, teachers, and important school needs. To purchase tickets or make donations please call Teri Wong at 561-5417 or email MoanaluaKinaole@gmail.com.

In partnership with Data House, Moanalua High School has been given a great opportunity to pilot a program to improve communication between our school and parents/guardians. According to a recent study, over two thirds of parents would like schools to use technologies such as text messaging and the internet to communicate more frequently. Currently, only 8% of schools use these methods and only 2% of schools use text messaging. Beginning in November 2011, the Moanalua High administration implemented a pilot program to provide communications through text messaging to parents and guardians. As of this date approximately 260 parents / families are participating. We are hoping to significantly increase this number. **Important - this is an optional program and parents/ guardians who choose to participate in this pilot should already have a text messaging package as part of their cell phone service or be advised that parents will need to pay their cell phone companies for any fees for any text message received from Moanalua High School as part of the pilot.** Plans call for text messages to be limited in number each month and will be for topics that we feel are of high importance to parents. For example, text messages will be sent on the following: informing parents that report cards have been sent home, reminders on major school events, information on critical deadlines (registration deadlines), information on possible school closures due to weather or emergencies, and other communications that will be important to parents and guardians. Please note that these will be

one-way announcements, and parents will not be able to respond or reply to the announcements. HOW TO PARTICIPATE - To participate in this text messaging service, parents are to text "mohs" to phone number 80850

Please keep in the mind the following important dates:

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| December 19-January 3 | Winter Recess (No School) |
| January 4, 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Quarter Begins - Students Return to School / Classes Resume • Moanalua High School begins accepting GE applications for 2012-13 |
| January 11, 2012 | Parent Forum 6:30 p.m. in Library |
| January 21, 2012 | Accreditation Information Meeting for interested parents/community 9:00 a.m. in the Library |
| January 16, 2012 | HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |

Applications for Geographic Exceptions for SY 2012-2013

MoHS will accept Geographic Exception (GE) applications for school year 2012-2013 from January 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012. In accordance with Section 8-13-7, a chance selection or lottery will be held in April, 2012 if the number of applications exceed the number of available spaces. It is important to remember that a new GE application must be submitted for a student who is interested in moving from an elementary school to a middle school, or 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 having your child attend Moanalua High School next year, a new GE application must be submitted for consideration. If your child already attends Moanalua High on an approved GE and wishes to continue for the same reason, 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, 2012** and a lottery will be held in April, 2012 if the number of applications exceed the number of available spaces. 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 information included in the application is found to be false and (2) falsification of a governmental form is a misdemeanor offense (H.R.S. Section 710-1063)." Applications are available at all schools. For more information, please call Mr. Darrel Galera, Principal, at 837-8455.

Darrel Galera
Principal



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Rb-Z ext. 1126

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STATE OF HAWAII
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December 9, 2011

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 December 9, 2011 and will complete the next surveillance on June 8, 2012.

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 Mr. Randall Higa at 586-3457 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Linda Sadaoka, Vice Principal

Cc: Safety and Security Services Section, DAS

WINTER FANTASY 2011



The Moanalua High School Student Association would like to thank all of the administration and staff chaperones and students who attended the annual Winter Fantasy on December 15, 2011. Special thanks go out to Advisor Stacie Arakawa for organizing the entire event, Shelly Koyanagi who filled in for Ms. Arakawa during bid sales, as well as chairpersons Samantha Clark, Danielle Hipol, and Meshelle Hirashima and their committee members. These people made this year's Winter Fantasy a most memorable event. Get ready for next year's Winter Fantasy once again at the Pacific Beach Hotel in December 2012! (Date TBA)

**FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK
"YES, YOU CAN!" AWARD**

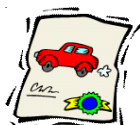
For the twelfth year in a row, First Hawaiian Bank is sponsoring its "Yes, You Can!" Award in partnership with Moanalua High School. The award is presented to a student in each grade level every semester. The award winner must be a student who has worked very hard in voluntary service to his/her class but has not or does not ordinarily receive a great deal of recognition. Each award winner receives a certificate and \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. First semester award winners were presented at the Winter Sports Pep Rally on Friday, January 13, 2012. The winners are:

SENIOR: Nicole Matsunami
JUNIOR: Margaret Lee
SOPHOMORE: Christopher Co
FRESHMEN: Devin Soogrim

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

**Moanalua High School continues to
be recognized for its winning writers...**

Tara Okahara, freshman GT student, has been selected as one of the winners in this year's HAIP Honolulu Association of Insurance Professionals essay contest. Her essay "Moonless Drive" will be read at their Christmas luncheon at the Plaza Club. Tara wins a prize package and cash award up to \$150. She is the student of Mrs. Raynice Messier.



We have two winners in the Hawaiian Humane Society Voice for the Animals writing competition. Elizabeth Shishido's winning poem "The Tails of Mitzi" about the importance of pet adoption wins her a cash reward and a behind-the-scenes campus tour. Elizabeth is the student of Ms. Lauran Ross.

Tabatha Donley has also won a top award for her essay "The Power of Adoption" and a cash prize and tour. Tabatha is the student of Mrs. Liane Voss. Both winning entries are featured on the Hawaiian Humane Society website.





We encourage all students at Moanalua High School to try-out and participate in inter-scholastic sports.

Mark your calendar for the next Parent Forum on January 11 at 6:30 PM in the Library. Learn how to communicate with, and raise financially fit teens.

We invite you to come and be part of our PTSA. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. If you'd like to be involved, or just want information, contact us at the following numbers:
Elton Teshima, President: 224-1533
Cindy Fukunaga, Vice President: 834-4043

Congratulations PTSA Reflections Winners

The Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education. The theme this year is "Diversity Means". School winners move up to the next level of competition until a national winner is named.

Photography

Farin Fukunaga
Diversity Comes in Many Colors
Grade 10

Farin Fukunaga
Green Giant
Grade 10

Farin Fukunaga
Many Trains, One Track
Grade 10



Literature

Tabitha Donley
Diversity on Earth Means...
Grade 11

Tara Okahara
The Field of Flowers
Grade 9

Nathan Salimeda
Hands
Grade 10

Katelyn Sasaki
A Life I've Never Had
Grade 9

Sean Sueno
Diversity in Activities
Grade 10

Congratulations to all of our students and a big thank you to Reflections Chair, Carolyn Kobayashi. Thanks also to Mrs. Raynice Messier for encouraging her students to participate in this great program.



Fall Sports

(Aug.-Nov.)
Air Riflery
Bowling
Cross Country
Football
Sideline Cheerleading
Girls Volleyball
Competitive Cheerleading
JV Softball
Volleyball
Soft Tennis

Winter Sports

(Nov.-Feb.)
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Paddling
Soccer
Swimming
JV Girls Tennis
Wrestling
JV Baseball

Spring Sports

(Feb.-May)
Varsity Baseball
Varsity Softball
Golf
Judo
Varsity Tennis
Track & Field
Water polo- Girls
Boys Varsity Volleyball

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WEB SITE

Our web site is a great way to find out information, get calendars and schedules, or look at pictures. Check out the new additions at: <http://www.moanaluaathletics.com>

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 \$230.00 off sport admission fees when you purchase an activity book.** Activity passes may be purchased from Pat Nitta (831-7922) in the College and Career Center or at the parent athlete mandatory meetings.

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

- Wednesday, February 22, 2011 6:30pm Gym SPRING SPORTS

The RISK video will be shown at this time. 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 break out sessions will be covered.

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE INSTRUCTIONS

All student-athletes must have athletic clearance prior to participation. Athletic Packets are available in the main office during summer months (June & July) and in the College & Career Center during the school year (August-May). Contents of the packets include:

- Moanalua High School Athletic Department Parent Athlete Handbook
- Athletic Participation Procedures
- Parent Consent Liability Form for Participation
- Department of Education Physical Examination Form
- Athletic Department Booster Club Membership Form
- Processing Fee (\$10.00) envelope

Completed forms (Parent Consent and Liability Form, Processing fee of \$10.00, and DOE Physical Form) must be turned in to the Athletic Department tray in the Main Office during the summer and the College and Career Center or Athletic Training Room during the school year. A pink clearance slip will be available for pick up in the athletic training room when the forms have been processed. This pink slip is the athletic clearance to participate. Pink slips must be given to the head coaches 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 additional form
2. Place in athletic tray
3. Pink slip will be ready for pick up on Mondays and Fridays.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION

Thank you to **Pete and Olga Caldwell** for donating time and money to our athletic teams and facilities.

Thank you to **Gabe Canencia** for volunteering and helping with gym renovations

Mahalo nui loa!
Joel Kawachi

Please call Joel Kawachi at 837-8066 should you have any questions regarding the Moanalua High School Athletic Department.

MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION

Only 5 months away from graduation for the Class of 2012. With Project Graduation just around the corner...the planning is well underway to create a safe fun-filled event for the graduates. Project Graduation is here because we know that..GRADS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN....SAFELY!!!



Come and create a life-long memory with your classmates and celebrate without the influence of Alcohol and Drugs.

Who can attend? Any senior or graduating Junior.
When: The Project Graduation event will start after the commencement ceremony.
Where: A secret location filled with activities!
Why: Life appalling statistics reveal nothing positive when mixing alcohol, drugs and a person's life.

Cost for the event is as follows:
• \$200 until 4/30/2012
• Cash only: \$250 from or beginning 5/01/2012 to graduation day

Registration forms are now available. Please contact us.....
Pat Young @ pyoung@fhs.com or **Kathy Higa @ 225-8046**
or higak011@hawaii.rr.com

Monthly PG Meetings: 1st Tuesdays @ 6pm
Next meetings: January 3rd, February 7th, March 6th 2012
@ Moanalua 99 (formerly Ranch 99) – Diamond Head side

PROJECT GRAD "FUN-RAISERS"

Kiawe Grilled Steak- Salt Lake Shopping Center Safeway Parking Lot – DATE CHANGED TO FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IN 2012!!

Kiawe Grilled Steak - \$7.50–January 7th , February 4th, March 3rd at 10:00am-1:00pm. For phone orders call Lynn at 590-6366



Thank you to all the volunteers that made the December Craft Fair a success!

To volunteer contact Kris Miyashiro at MoanaluaPGU@gmail.com. Moanalua students receive community service points for volunteering at PG United activities...



HI-5 Recycling – Jan 14th, February 14th - 8am to 12:30pm
Moanalua HS Parking Lot, Fire Station Side.
Donate your HI-5 aluminum cans, plastic & glass bottles.
To volunteer or for pick up contact: Sharon at 389-8446 or at smiyashiro808@gmail.com



Jamba Juice
Sip to Support our School! Don't forget to use your Jamba Juice Swipe Card to support our PTSA & Project Grad. 10% of every sale benefits our school and 2% goes to the National PTA.



The New PG Cookbook is here and is on sale for \$12
Contact us at MoanaluaPGU@gmail.com



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CLASS OF 2012 SENIORS

Don't forget! We graduate on May 18, 2012!!!

Graduation Accessories

Continue to purchase your cap, gown, and graduation announcements from Balfour ASAP if you did not place your order already. As of December 1st, late fees will apply. Orders received on time will be delivered on February 22, 2012 after school in the MoHS Cafeteria and any adjustments can be done during lunch recess on March 23, 2012 in room M301. Extra order forms are available in M301.



Senior Agreement & Graduation Fee

Senior Agreement forms were distributed in Homeroom on Thursday, October 20th. ALL Seniors should have completed and submitted the second page with a \$10 fee by Friday, November 18, 2011 to the class advisor or counselor. **IF YOU MISSED THIS DUE DATE, YOU MUST SEE MS. BALSIS ASAP!!!** If the form and fee are not submitted, the senior may not participate in the commencement ceremony or receive a diploma upon graduation.



Senior Luau

Senior Luau is on Saturday, January 21, 2012, from 6pm-10pm in our MoHS Cafeteria. This is one of our last BIG casual social events for seniors and it's going to be fun, fun, FUN! The night will be filled with games, music, and CHOKE ONO KINE GRINDS!!! If you purchased a bid to attend, remember to bring your picture ID, adhere to the dress code, and we'll see you there! **DOORS CLOSE AT 7PM, so arrive on time!**



Senior Prom Bid Sales

This year, Senior Prom will be on April 28, 2012, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Bid Sales will take place during LUNCH only on February 6-8 in room P-14. In order to purchase a bid, all obligations and dues must be paid, and for MoHS Seniors, the Senior Agreement and Graduation Fee must be submitted. Permission forms will be available January 23 and must be signed by a parent or legal guardian (even if the senior is 18 years old).

Spring Senior Parent Night

Senior Parent Night is an important, mandatory informational meeting for all SENIOR PARENTS. Information about graduation, including academic and behavior requirements will be discussed. **If you attended the Fall Senior Parent Night, you DO NOT need to attend the Spring Senior Parent Night (date TBA).**

Clear Obligations!

Please, please, please clear ALL OBLIGATIONS! Obligations must be cleared by April 27, 2012. **After April 27, 2012, ONLY CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Class Email List

2012 Students and Parents—If you haven't yet received emails from mohs2012@gmail.com, send us a quick email with a request to add us to our address book. 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!

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Welcome back! Happy New Year! The FAFSA submittal begins on January 1st...no sooner. You will need your last pay stubs and a way to figure out your tax liability (estimates from last year are okay), in order to complete this form. Before you even begin, you AND your student will need a PIN number. Go to www.pin.ed.gov to register for a PIN. Do this process twice to register you both with electronic signatures. This should be done anytime BEFORE you fill out the forms. Help for filing the FAFSA will be on Sunday, January 22nd, at McKinley High School cafeteria in an event called College Goal Sunday. Other sites are Windward Community College, Waianae High School and Mililani High School. Mrs. Yonamine will be at Mililani High School for the event. Feel free to attend.

*We will have our own Filing the FAFSA night on January 18 at 6:30 pm in the library. We will take the FAFSA line by line. We ask that you bring your December pay stubs, last year's taxes, and banking figures (savings and investment). Our computers will be open for you.

Seniors who have NOT finished applying to colleges should 1)use this month to finish up their applications and begin scholarship searches. Begin with www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org or check our school website: www.mohs.k12.hi.us and click on College & Career, open the latest Weekly Bulletin and check out the scholarship applications we have in our office, and begin applying.

Students who have been ACCEPTED into UH Manoa should go to www.star.hawaii.edu.scholarship for scholarships. You must use your Manoa ID number to access this, so you must apply early and use your acceptance information. Most of the scholarships are due on February 1st.

Mark your calendars: A field trip to explore Leeward Community College will occur February 15. Sign up for the field trips in the College & Career Center. Only 20 students for each can be accommodated so please sign up quickly.

The ASVAB test for vocational aptitudes will be given on January 12 at 8:15 am. Students may still sign up. A pass will be given to them on January 9th to attend; please inform Mrs. Mau if your student signed up and did not get a pass.

All students should be mindful that teachers and counselors are doing extra work beyond their assignments when writing letters of recommendations or completing applications for scholarships or colleges. Please be as appreciative as possible and get things to them with PLENTY of time to complete.

Graduation time is nearing pretty fast. If you haven't seen a counselor yet to make sure everything is in order, we suggest you do so. Let's have a wonderful year!



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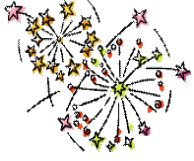
MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 NEW YEAR'S DAY (observed) HSSC Meeting	3 FURLOUGH	4 A SA Executive Council Meeting 7 (AS, SA Room)	5 A	6 A February WORD Deadline CLUB A	7
8	9 A	10 A	11 A	12 B3 Senate Meeting 7 (lunch, library)	13 B4 SPECIAL SCHEDULE Winter Sports Pep Rally (Sit with HR) CLUB B	14 Math Meet at Mililani (8:00 a.m.)
15	16 M.L. KING, JR., DAY	17 B1 SA Executive Council Meeting 8 (AS, SA Room)	18 B2	19 B3 SA Officer Nominees Mtg. (lunch, SA Room)	20 B4 SA Officer Candidate Nominations Due (3:00, SA Room) CLUB C	21
22	23 A Deficiency Week 3 SA Officer Follow-up Mtg. (lunch, SA Room)	24 A	25 A	26 B3 Senate Meeting 8 (lunch, library)	27 B4 Symphony Orchestra Camp (January 27-29) CLUB D	28 SAT I/II Testing
29	30 A Class Advisors' Meeting (lunch, SA Room)	31 A SA Executive Council Meeting 9 (AS, SA Room) CCC Report Due: JAN (AS, SA Room)				

JANUARY STUDENT LUNCH MEETINGS:	January 6	Group A Clubs
Any B3 Day: Reserved for S.A.-Classes	January 13	Group B Clubs
	January 20	Group C Clubs
	January 27	Group D Clubs

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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