



What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

I am excited to write to you in this more predictable format. I so appreciate everyone's support and patience through a communication and update-filled first few weeks of school.

We have a lot to celebrate. There is so much optimism in our young people and in our school community. Every day at drop-off, or at morning check-in, you can feel the energy and appreciation for being together. Walking on the classroom lanai's you can hear learning, sometimes from a good distance away! Learning is loud. Our afternoons have now added exercise and play, which then brings joy. The consistency and rhythm of these activities make our school what it is: special.

In a time when each day is more challenging to plan for and we use the term pivot to refer more often to school life and life in general than a fundamental basketball skill — holding a continuous week of school, and being together, is worth taking a quick pause and a deep breath of appreciation. We know that the social-emotional side of this pandemic takes its toll on everyone. Please look through that lens when checking in with your children, family members, and yourselves. How we feel is a critical part of our ability to be and stay well.

It is just so much fun to see our students on campus doing their thing. Our faculty are energized and our kids fuel their inspiration. While the intensity of our daily challenges appears to have increased in the last month, the discipline in our approach and ability to adapt must also be consistent and timely in order to appropriately align. We will persevere. There may be times ahead that we need to stop, evaluate, and then make changes. We will have the confidence and courage to do this. Your support is so critical to our success. We have had COVID-19 cases in our school community. Current metrics suggest it will continue to happen. Supporting our policies and safety measures often present some initial hardships. Thank you for hanging in there with us as we navigate through seas that continue to be unpredictable. We will find calmer waters through preparedness and togetherness. We will thrive.

Thank you for taking the time to review the notes below from our school leaders. Our communications team has worked to make messaging more efficient for your child's division. Have a wonderful weekend.

Happy Aloha Friday!

Gratefully,
Fred Wawner
Interim Head of School

Important documents:

[HPA's Return to Campus, Plans and Policies 2021-2022](#)

[HPA's Vaccination Policy](#)

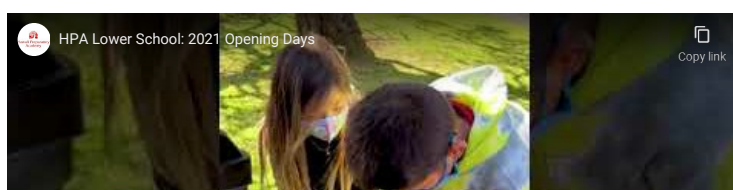
[HPA's Testing Policy](#)

[HPA's Travel and Quarantine Policy](#)

[HPA's Health and Safety Protocols](#)

[HPA's COVID-19 Decision Tree](#)

[HPA's Community Safety Pledge](#)





Lower School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families! How wonderful to bring our first full week of school to a happy close. The children returned to campus eager and energized to dive into their classes and fall into the rhythm of school life. With so much uncertainty in the air during these challenging times, Lower School faculty and staff are making every effort to maintain Village Campus as a safe haven, a place of joy, comfort, learning, discovery, and friendship. How wonderful to see our happy students explore and learn on our campus with its enhanced outdoor spaces! The new picnic benches and additional tents have been filled with activity ranging from lively lunches, quiet reading, thoughtful project work, and morning circles. As part of our efforts to have students outside in the free-flowing air, we will continue to provide comfortable spaces for students to play, work, rest, and discover. Next up: comfortable, portable, and sustainable individual outdoor seating mats to be used even when the lawn is wet! Please continue to pack your child with extra layers and a waterproof jacket to support our indoor/outdoor learning style.

This week, we were also thrilled and thankful to have gone through our first round of screening testing with all negative results! There is no replacement for face-to-face instruction, and we do our best to be vigilant with our safety protocols. This allows our faculty and staff to focus on what they do best: providing exceptional learning opportunities for all our young learners. We thank you for your continued partnership, understanding, and support as we stay abreast of the ever changing conditions of this pandemic and respond in kind.

Please review our [updated Lower School and Middle School Guidelines for Pickup/Dropoff](#). If your child arrives after 8:00 am, please send them to the office for a tardy slip. Kindergarten families, please note that next week begins car drop offs at the roundabout for all students. Also, thank you to many families who have posted a sign in their window with their child's name and grade for fast and easy dismissal.

Lastly, please remember to take care of yourselves, so that we can take care of each other. Have a wonderful, restful weekend!

With much aloha,

Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal

Schedule

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, August 30.

In observance of Labor Day, there will be no classes on Monday, September 6.

Please mark your calendars for our school photos, which will be taken on Wednesday, September 8. For more information, please visit the [featured news tile](#) on [myHPA](#). We encourage all families to check the [School Calendar](#) in [myHPA](#) for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of [Key Dates](#) (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Lower School Family Resources](#) tile located in [myHPA](#).

Student Support

Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing a clean mask every day and also has an extra mask available. Please send your child with a rain jacket to school every day, no matter what the morning weather may be.

Ms. Baydo (K-8 School Counselor) rbaydo@hpa.edu and Mr. Ludes (K-8 Learning Specialist) jludes@hpa.edu are available to discuss and support social-emotional and academic concerns for your child(ren). Please connect with them via email.

Coming Up

- Wednesday, September 1, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: K-5 screening testing
- Wednesday, September 1: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Monday, September 6: Labor Day holiday, no school
- Wednesday, September 8: Village Campus school photo day
- Wednesday, September 8, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: K-5 screening testing
- Wednesday, September 8: Early release for Lower and Middle School students

After School Program, K-5

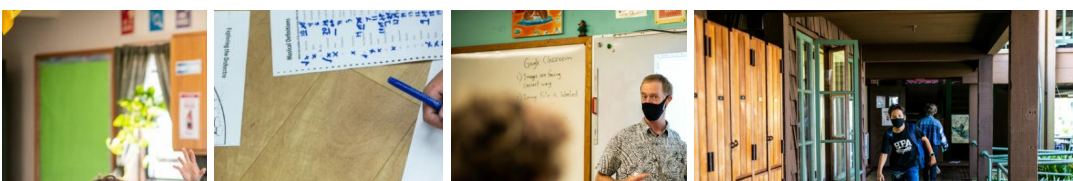
Please email our Director of After School Programs, Mrs. Mele DeMille (mdemille@hpa.edu) if you would like your child to attend. You may refer to [this email for more information](#).

Past Email Communication

All past email communications can be accessed by visiting the [Lower School Family Resources](#) tile on [myHPA](#) and scrolling down to 'Past Parent Email Communications, 2021-2022.'

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In addition to Seesaw, many important resources can be located on our community portal, [myHPA](#). Two key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the 'Lower School Family Resources' and the 'Return to Campus 2021-2022 Plans and Information'. For [myHPA](#) concerns, please contact help@hpa.edu.





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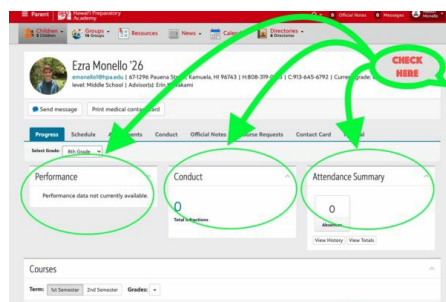
Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! We've had a great week settling into our schedule and engaging more deeply with our academic and elective classes, getting started with Project Wayfinder in our Advisories, and launching our After School programs. Students are bonding with new friends and everybody had a great time exploring our island during last week's class retreats.

We were thrilled to have gone through our first round of testing with all negative results and will continue to be vigilant in our safety protocols. We recently installed HEPA air filters in each classroom. These past few weeks have been a great reminder of how much we all love the opportunity for us all to be together on campus, so let's all do our best to stay safe.

Speaking of our programs, please remember that you always have a window into your child's progress through [myHPA](#). This visual shows you where to look.



Our Project Wayfinder program will begin by building community norms and identifying how we can best work together with HPA's core values at the heart of what we do. As Project Wayfinder focuses on building belonging, some lessons will look at identity to help students see how others see themselves and how we can all best work together. These lessons will build through the year to help students understand how they can bring their best selves to their communities.

Please be sure to review our [updated Lower School and Middle School Guidelines for Pickup/Dropoff](#).

Have a safe, wonderful weekend!

Mahalo,
Glenn Chickering
Middle School Principal

Schedule

Our [Middle School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, August 30.

In observance of Labor Day, there will be no classes on Monday, September 6.

Please mark your calendars for our school photos, which will be taken on Wednesday, September 8. For more information, please visit the [featured news tile](#) on [myHPA](#).

We encourage all families to check the [School Calendar](#) in [myHPA](#) for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of Key Dates (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Middle School Family Resources](#) tile located in [myHPA](#).

Student Support

Please remember that we will be outside as much as possible during lunch and recess, so a rain jacket for light rains and a pareo or small beach towel for picnicking will be great to have at school. Students should also bring a water bottle to school each day.

Ms. Baydo (K-8 School Counselor) rbaydo@hpa.edu and Mr. Ludes (K-8 Learning Specialist) jludes@hpa.edu are available to discuss and support social-emotional and academic concerns for your child(ren). Please connect with them via email.

Coming Up

- Wednesday, September 1, from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm: Grades 6-8 screening testing
- Wednesday, September 1: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Monday, September 6: Labor Day holiday, no school
- Wednesday, September 8: Village Campus school photo day
- Wednesday, September 8, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: K-5 screening testing
- Wednesday, September 8: Early release for Lower and Middle School students

After School Program, Grades 6-8

There is still room in our After School Program, which has gotten off to a great start. Please email our Director of After School Programs, Mrs. Mele DeMille (mdemille@hpa.edu) if you would like your child to attend. You may refer to [this email for more information](#).

Past Email Communications

All past email communications can be accessed by visiting the [Middle School Family Resource](#) tile on [myHPA](#) and scrolling down to 'Past Email Communications, 2021-2022'.

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[myHPA](#) is where you can find [all the resources](#) related to your child's learning. Three key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the 'Middle School Family Resources', 'Middle School Student Resources', and the 'Return to Campus 2021-2022 Plans and Information'.

Additional Information

We have postponed the start of Middle School Clubs to mitigate student mixing across grades while the COVID-19 case numbers on our island remain high. We will monitor the results of our weekly testing and the trends on island, and look forward to getting clubs started in the near future. In the meantime, we will use this period for students to check in with teachers about school work and to sometimes step outside for a breath of fresh air.



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Upper School

From the desk of your Po'ō Kumu (Division Principal), Ka'ai Spencer

Aloha e nā 'ohana o ka makani! It is so fulfilling to feel the excited energy that our students bring to school. Smiles are shining through masks and new friendships are being forged. Times like these are why educators love being on school campuses. Students have been sharing great feedback about being together again as well as other areas of school life. Everyone has been very stringent about following our safety protocols on campus and there is a positive sense of safety all around.

With so much positivity in the air, it is necessary to also acknowledge the tough start that many of our students and faculty have had to endure. The nature of the times and the safety measures in place mean certain aspects of school life will be tricky. Maintaining in-person classes during a pandemic, especially during a time of high community transmission rates, adds nuances that may require people to quarantine for a window of time, which is a recognized challenge. With that said, everyone is encouraged to live each day to the fullest and enjoy every moment. As our former star student Malcolm Davis once said, "Every day is a blessing!"

Aloha,
Ka'ai Spencer
Upper School Po'ō Kumu

Schedule

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as a Mamo day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, August 30.

Upper School Assembly will be held on Monday, August 30, in Castle Gymnasium. Grades 9 & 10 will run from 8:30 to 8:55 am and grades 11 & 12 will run from 9:05 to 9:30 am. Day students must check-in at the Student Life Center before heading to Assembly.

In observance of Labor Day, there will be no classes on Monday, September 6.

Please mark your calendars for our school photos, which are scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, for all freshmen and sophomore students, and Wednesday, September 8, for all junior and senior students. For more information, please visit the [featured news tile](#) on [myHPA](#). We encourage all students and families to access the [School Calendar](#) in [myHPA](#) for the most up-to-date information. In addition, a list of [Key Dates](#) (school opening and closures) can also be located on the [Upper School Family Resources](#) tile located in [myHPA](#).

Student Support

We are doing our best to maintain appropriate physical distancing on campus, per CDC and Department of Health recommendations. We ask for your support in continuing that effort even when off-campus. Our hope is that students traveling together to and from school, or spending

time with friends or extended family in the evenings or over the weekend, will all do their best to maintain proper physical distances and mask-wearing, when appropriate. These efforts will help us to protect each other and the rest of our 'ohana and community.

Should your child need additional learning support, we encourage you to reach out to JoAn Canning, our Upper School Learning Support Center Director, by emailing jcanning@hoa.edu. In addition, our counselors are ready to assist any student who needs additional support to navigate these unusual and unprecedented times. Please feel free to reach out to the Upper Campus counseling team of Steve Furchner at 808-640-4441 or sfurchner@hpa.edu, and Tiffany Freitas at 808-345-8869 or tfreitas@hpa.edu.

Coming Up

- Monday, August 30, from 11:05 am to 12:25 pm: Grades 9-12 screening testing
- Wednesday, September 1, from 8:00 to 09:50 am: Grades 9 & 10 school photo day
- Monday, September 6: Labor Day holiday, no school
- Tuesday, September 7, from 11:05 am to 12:25 pm: Grades 9-12 screening testing
- Wednesday, September 8, from 8:00 to 09:50 am: Grades 11 & 12 school photo day
- Wednesday, September 8, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm: Vaccine clinic, second dose

Ka Makani Athletics

Fall season competitions will start up on October 15. Final schedules for football, girls volleyball, and cross country will be finalized soon.

A couple of dates to highlight:

- BIF XC Championship at HPA on Saturday, November 20, at 9:00 am
- Football vs Kamehameha at HPA on Saturday, November 27, at 2:00 pm
- HHSAA XC Championships at HPA on Saturday, December 4, at 8:30 am

Student Life

Any day students wishing to park on campus must fill out the [2021-2022 Student Vehicle Registration](#) form. All student pick-ups and drop-offs are at the Rutgers Tennis Center parking lot. Upon arrival to campus, all students must stop by and check-in at the Student Life Center before heading to class, regardless of whether they are late. If a student needs to leave campus before their last school commitment, including sports and co-curriculars, they must receive parental permission sent to attendance@hpa.edu beforehand and they must sign out at the Student Life Center before leaving campus.

Residential Life

With all of our boarding students having finally arrived on campus, we can begin to fire up many of the traditions that boarding students at HPA cherish. In the next few weeks ahead, we will have elections for Dormitory Representatives to Student Council, the beginning of our annual Dorm Wars competition, and the introduction of some new traditions that we are excited to try out!

Boarding students can also expect that as our vaccination rate continues to climb, there will be more opportunities for different activities, both on and off-campus. This semester will be full of opportunities to roll out many familiar things that we are looking forward to bringing back, as well as using creative solutions to make new and fun traditions that work within our new context.

College Counseling

The PSAT will be administered on the Upper Campus on Saturday, October 16, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. All HPA sophomores and juniors are required to take this standardized test. College Counseling has already registered the 10th and 11th graders and covered their testing fees. If freshmen are interested in registering to take the PSAT, they should contact our test coordinator, Monica Hattoon-Green, at testing@hpa.edu by Friday, September 3. Please see [this email sent on August 23](#) for more information.

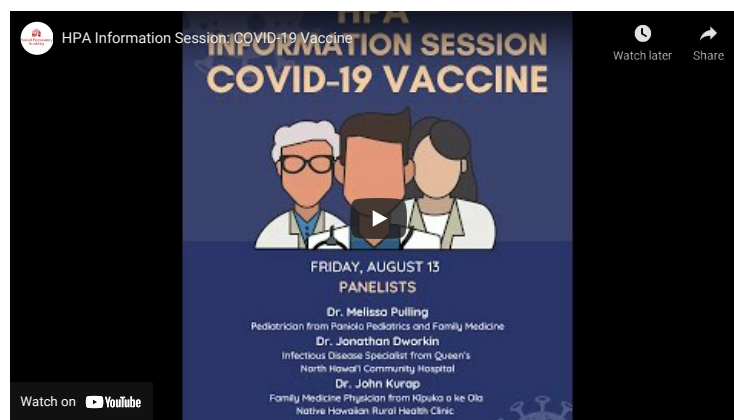
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HPA Information Session: COVID-19 Vaccine



All-School News

Health and Wellness

Mahalo nui to everyone for their diligence in following our health and safety guidelines — from wearing a mask to washing your hands and sanitizing the areas you pass through, along with maintaining proper physical distances and reviewing our symptom checklist before entering either of our campuses. **If you're not feeling well, please be sure to stay home.** It is everyone's responsibility to keep us all well, and your efforts make a difference.

In addition to the multitude of safety measures in place, we have established isolation rooms on both campuses in the event we have a person under investigation for COVID-19 (or any other contagious disease) during the academic day. We'd like to reassure you that we are following (and at times, even exceeding) all CDC and Department of Health guidelines and continuously monitoring any changes that are being made on their end to ensure that our [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#) remains current.

As a reminder, all Magnus Health Requirements forms are now past due. If you need assistance with access or help with completing the information and uploading forms, please feel free to reach out to infirm@hpa.edu.

Thank you to those who attended our "HPA Information Session: COVID-19 Vaccine" Zoom Webinar last Friday. We hope the information from our expert medical advisors was helpful. We will continue to provide opportunities for our school 'ohana to access COVID-19 informational resources as the year progresses.

COVID-19 Communications

For those families who are new to our HPA 'ohana, we want to reassure you that we will communicate with you as soon as possible if a student, faculty, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19. For those families who are returning, we want to reiterate our dedication to maintaining the health and safety of our community, and our commitment to keeping you informed. We also want to recognize that it is equally important to us that we not overwhelm our families with too many emails.

As a reminder, we will send COVID-19 Communication emails to the specific class, division, or group identified as needing immediate notification. Otherwise, all updates will appear in the 'COVID-19 Communications' section of the ['2021-2022 COVID-19 Plans & Information' Resource Board on myHPA](#). Students and families will always have access to this resource board to check daily, should they wish to. This decision was made in an effort to balance our commitment to transparency and accountability with COVID-19 notifications and our desire to limit the number of correspondence families receive daily that may not personally impact them.

Campus Access

During this time, **campus access is limited to current students, employees, essential contractors, and approved guests** — all of whom have completed a daily thermal/symptom check and a screening questionnaire.

Should a family member of a student need a meeting with a faculty, staff, or administrative team member, kindly contact them so that they can apply to have you come to campus. If approved, they will then send you a COVID-19 questionnaire. From that point, security team members will be alerted to your appointment date and time, and let you onto campus.

At the Upper School, please do not park in the Day Student Parking Lot (DSPL) and walk-in without an appointment. Similarly, at the Village Campus, kindly call or email for an appointment so that arrangements can be made. Please remember, masks are required on campus at all times when indoors. As a visitor, on either campus, you will be asked for a temperature check. Mahalo for your understanding and respect for this process.

CrisisGo for Parents

It is important that all families are set up with CrisisGo, HPA's school emergency communication tool. To set up CrisisGo SMS/Email subscription, please click on this [invitation link](#) and complete the form by adding your name, email, and cell number (this is an important step if you would like to receive SMS message) and click on the Subscribe button. Should an emergency occur you will be alerted by email and SMS messaging. You can also locate these instructions by logging into [myHPA](#), clicking on the resource tab, and selecting the CrisisGo Safe2SpeakUp tile.

Safe2SpeakUp for Middle and Upper Students

Similarly, Middle and Upper School students received instructions during orientation on how to upload the Safe2SpeakUp app. This is a companion app to CrisisGo. It will allow the school to alert students of emergencies and enable students to communicate with us should there be any behaviors they are concerned about. Students can also locate instructions on setting up Safe2SpeakUp in [myHPA](#).

All students can also submit an Online Bully/Harassment report by [clicking on this link](#), which can also be located on the CrisisGo Safe2SpeakUp tile on [myHPA](#).

Advancement & Alumni

Family Giving (and Fun) Takes Center Stage – Together for HPA!

Each fall, dedicated parent volunteers come together as "class captains" to spearhead our annual family participation drive in support of the HPA Fund. It's a fun and engaging way to deepen our connections and celebrate our special school.

This year's class captain drive kicks off on September 21, and runs through November 1, 2021. During that time you will be hearing from our fabulous Class Captain Parent Co-Chairs Michele Sullivan (Parent, HPA Classes of '29 & '32), and Yvonne Everett (Parent, Classes of '17 & '25), and the class captains in your child's (or children's) grade.

Together, our goal is to encourage 100% family participation in support of the HPA Fund. Every gift, any size, makes an impact. By joining in and making a gift, you make it possible for HPA to provide every student with innovative programs, outstanding faculty, and exceptional campus facilities. Together we make the magic happen!

[You can learn more or make your gift here.](#) Keep an eye on your inboxes for more. Mahalo nui for joining us!

'Ohana Association

The 'Ohana Association is a parent volunteer organization, which is affiliated with and coordinates closely with the school. Every HPA parent is a member of the 'Ohana Association and all are welcome to join us at our 'Ohana Association Board meetings, which will be announced on the 'Ohana Association [myHPA resource page](#) and can be located on the [myHPA school calendar](#). Our mission is to support a great experience for every HPA student, as well as to foster a sense of community within the student body, parents and families, the staff and faculty of HPA, and the local community.

Isaacs Art Center

[Isaacs Art Center](#) is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on Saturdays by appointment. Gallery works for sale may also be viewed on our [website](#). Be sure to also visit our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for highlights from ongoing exhibitions. Sales from gallery artwork have supported the HPA Financial Aid program since opening in 2004.



2021-2022 COVID-19 Plans & Information

Past HPA communications and other important information can be found on [myHPA](#). We are continuing to make updates to our student and parent resource boards, so please be sure to visit them regularly. For a complete directory of all our health and safety protocols, please review our [2021-2022 COVID-19 Plans and Information](#) tile.



Mahalo to all our students, families, faculty, and staff for everything you did to keep our campuses and community as safe as possible during the 2020-2021 academic year. Together we are #KaMakaniSTRONG!

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