



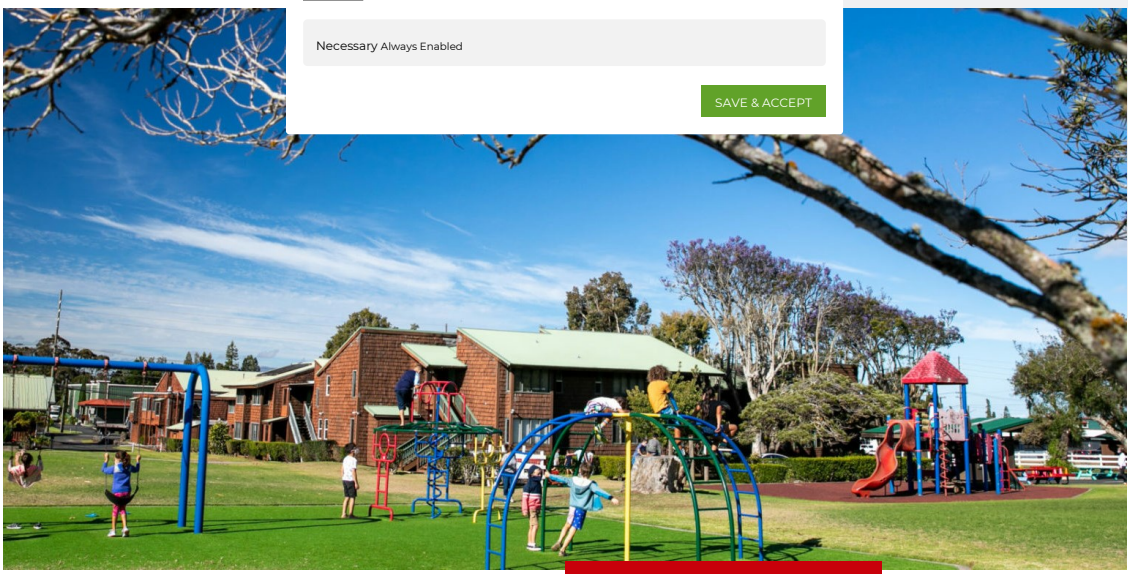
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ALL-SCHOOL BULLETIN

What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

It has been another busy week here on campus. I want to start by recognizing a remarkable friend of HPA and our Hawai'i Island community. Coach Craig "Gig" Kimura passed away last weekend. Gig was so special to our school and local community as a professional, a coach, and an advocate for local families. Gig gave all of himself in everything he did. He was our girls' varsity basketball coach from 1999 to 2018. He led our teams with integrity and pride, winning the B1IF championship in 2007. He and I shared a passion for basketball. When I arrived 13 years ago, he welcomed me into a tight-knit basketball community with open arms, serving as a quiet friend and mentor. We shared time discussing strategy and philosophy around the game and our island and state competitions. Gig is an HPA legend and will always be remembered as a selfless, wise, and caring friend to the many of us who learned with and from him.

I appreciate that [our news regarding COVID-19 vaccinations](#) is landing differently within our community. Thank you each for remaining anchored to our core values regarding how we communicate and interact. This is a complex conversation and sharing our thinking with aloha enables more productivity.

Labor Day weekend represents a time to take a little break after a fast start to the academic year. While I want everyone to enjoy their time, please be mindful of our current challenges by avoiding large gatherings and potential risks related to community spread of the virus. All of our instincts and habits lead us to get together and enjoy others' company. The fact that there are potential consequences four to five days later that may impact not only yourself, but others, isn't fair, but it is our current reality. We have more to do in this fight to keep our community safe. Thank you for supporting these efforts.

With *ka makani* strong here today and throughout the weekend, I hope you have a peaceful holiday break.

Gratefully,
 Fred Wawner
 Interim Head of School

Important documents:

- [HPA's Return to Campus, Plans and Policies 2021-2022](#)
- [HPA's Vaccination Policy 2021](#)
- [HPA's Testing Policy](#)
- [HPA's Travel and Quarantine Policy](#)
- [HPA's Health and Safety Protocols](#)
- [HPA's COVID-19 Decision Tree](#)
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Lower School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families! One of the greatest aspects of being a part of the Village Campus is our ability to seamlessly transition our learning and growing from indoors to outdoors. This week during my classroom visits, I saw public speaking practiced in 5th grade, calendar work in 1st grade, and number exploration in Kindergarten. I then saw Lower School students working in our garden classroom, writers journaling in the nature kingdom, and readers immersed in books under the shade of our beautiful trees. Oh, to be a Lower School student learning at HPA!

Thank you to all families for continuously reminding our young learners to have appropriate layers and a rain jacket.

This week, we also had our first ever all Lower School assembly of the school year. Our physically distanced, outdoor assemblies aim to gather our Lower School 'ohana to share news, exhibit talents and learnings, highlight community members and their roles, showcase our core values, practice mindfulness, sing songs, and more. Under the warmth of the sun and the caress of the breeze, our first assembly reinforced our collective yearning for community, sharing, and togetherness — all with so much aloha. With our COVID-19 safety measures in place, everyone in attendance was able to focus on the celebration of our community and reinforce our *pilina* (connectedness) and care for one another.

Our drop-off and dismissal routines continue to improve. Please be reminded that all families should stay in their cars during both pick-up and drop-off times.

As you know, unfortunately, we had to cancel our "Meet the Principal" coffee talk events, but fear not — next week starts a series of virtual events to provide you with opportunities for us to connect! The first series will take place Monday, September 13, and Tuesday, September 14, which will provide an overview of the Lower School academic scope and sequence, social-emotional program, as well as the COVID-19 safety protocols currently in place.

What: Lower School Information Virtual Event

When: 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Monday, September 13 (K-2nd grade)

Tuesday, September 14 (3-5 grade)

Where: via Zoom; more details to follow

Upcoming virtual events will include sessions about responsible technology and internet usage in the Lower School, student support and social-emotional learning, our HPA capstone program, and more. I look forward to connecting with you.

Have a safe and healthy Labor Day Weekend!

Warmly yours,
Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal

Schedule

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

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Tuesday, September 7.

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

- 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.

Additional Information

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. All families, including Kindergarten families, should remain in their cars during pickup and dropoff. 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.

Lower School Opening Days



Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! As we settle into our first semester, we went into full swing with our Experiential classes. Grade 6 got started with Educational Technology, Library and work in advisories to help with their transition into Middle School. Grade 7 split their time between prep work for their Inter Coastal Clean-Up planned for Thursday, September 16, and work to restore the pathways in our garden. Meanwhile, grade 8 dove into Social Emotional lessons, PE, and a big picture look at their Capstone journeys ahead.

We have also formed our student council who will work to help ensure our community stays strong using our Mālama Kaiāulu model for sustainability as a lens for our meetings and our actions. We use our meetings to identify our *kuleana* (responsibility) to our Middle School student body and our campus and actions we can take to ensure our safety and cohesion. We create activities to foster stronger *pilina* (connections) between our Middle School students, Lower School students, all of HPA, and our Waimea and Hawai'i Island communities. We'll also find ways to bring more *lōkahi* (harmony) to our campus through fun games and contests at recesses and other great ideas sure to come. And we'll share our story, ha'ina, by getting our student council involved in our weekly assemblies and making them a vehicle to highlight student work and a platform for student voices to be heard.

In lieu of our "Meet the Principal" coffee talk events that had to be indefinitely postponed due to the COVID-19 surge on the island, we will be hosting the first of a series of virtual Middle School information sessions on Wednesday, September 15, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. We will be giving an overview of the Middle School academic and social-emotional programs and COVID-19 safety protocols. We will share the link to this session in next week's bulletin.

Mahalo,
Glenn Chickering
Middle School Principal

Schedule

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

Our [Middle School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Tuesday, September 7.

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.

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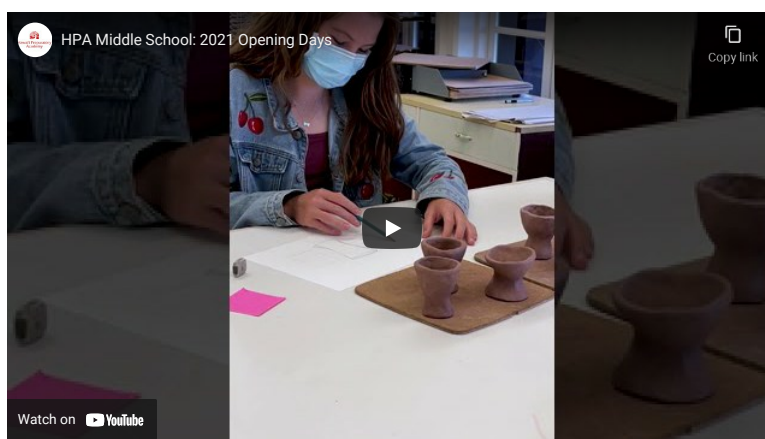
[myHPA](#) is where you can find [all the resources](#) related to your child's learning. Three key resource boards that we would like to draw your attention to are the 'Middle School Family Resources', 'Middle School Student Resources', and the 'Return to Campus 2021-2022 Plans and Information'.

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.

Please be sure to review our [updated Lower School and Middle School Guidelines for Pickup/Dropoff](#). We do ask that parents remain in their cars and wait for students to come to them.

Middle School Opening Days



Upper School

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

Aloha e nā 'ohana o ka makani! We have just completed our first five-day week and routines are being established. The week began with a split assembly where students were welcomed with an *oli* (chant) that begins with the line, *ke welina mai nei ke kini o lalo*. This *oli* was shared to let any and all visitors (students) know they are welcome, safe, and respected. Aloha and respect are reciprocal in nature and leading in this manner was intended to pave the way for these values to be returned in kind. Actions are often more influential than words and aloha is an essence that needs to be felt rather than heard.

Starting the first full week with an assembly also means students are getting their first chance to experience a week with three Mamo days (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). The Upper School schedule is divided into two alternate days, 'Ula or Mamo. 'Ula days consist of A, B, C, and D class blocks. Mamo days consist of a morning block for rotated programming followed by E, F, and G class blocks.

Our 'Ula and Mamo Upper School schedule was named with intention. The lehua 'ula and lehua mamo are two prominent flower varieties of the 'ōhi'a tree, the foundation of Hawaii's forests. 'Ula and mamo are colors representative of high esteem and dignity. The lehua has been chosen as a symbol to represent HPA's pursuit of excellence and to represent alternating days on our schedule.

As we navigate these times of challenge with a global pandemic, the 'ōhi'a tree is also experiencing a struggle that has been called Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death, or ROD. The 'ōhi'a is the keystone anchor of Hawaii's rainforests and a very prominent factor in maintaining our watershed cycles. As a way to tie the similarities of being steadfast in this time of adversity against ROD and COVID, it is fitting to highlight the beauty of Hawaii's admired 'ōhi'a lehua 'ula and mamo flowers. The 'ōhi'a, while facing a challenge, is still strong and so are we.

The morning blocks of Mamo days consist of a meeting block (8:30 to 9:40 am) which are tied to a day of the week. If day students do not have any specific morning commitments, they may delay their arrival to campus and check-in at the Student Life office upon arrival.

The nature of each morning meeting block is as follows:

Mamo Mondays or Tuesdays

Assembly

8:30 to 8:55 am – 9th and 10th grade

9:05 to 9:30 am – 11th and 12th grade

Mamo Wednesdays

Faculty meetings

Mamo Thursdays:

Class meetings

8:30 to 8:55 am – 9th and 10th grade

9:05 to 9:30 am – 11th and 12th grade

Mamo Fridays

Office hours & Student clubs

Aloha,

Ka'ai Spencer

Upper School Po'o Kumu

Schedule

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

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as an 'Ula day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Tuesday, September 7.

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, 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:

- BIIIF 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.

On Monday, students will receive a form to start or continue a student-led club. This form will be due on Friday, September 10, and we will host a Club Fair on Thursday, September 16, over both lunch hours. Students will be able to sign up for clubs at the Club Fair. If a student has an idea for a student club past our Friday deadline, please reach out to Ms. Watson, Director of Student Affairs, by emailing lwatson@hpa.edu.

Residential Life

With all boarding students now arrived, through quarantine, and in classes, we are truly up and running as a community! In the next few weeks, students will be voting on Dormitory Representatives to Student Council, kicking off our annual Dorm Wars competitions, and also starting an evening intramural league on Tuesday nights.

We are also on track to reach our initial vaccination goal in the boarding program in the next six weeks, as more students begin the process soon. The newly elected Dorm Reps will have the opportunity to sit with the Administration and members of our Safety Committee to examine policies in the dorms and help us improve the student experience, while still keeping our community safe.

College Counseling

The following virtual college visits are scheduled for the coming week. All visits will take place from 11:15 – 11:45am. Zoom links for each of these visits can be found in your [myHPA](#) calendar. Parents are welcome to join!

- Tuesday, September 7: *University of Connecticut (Mansfield, CT)*
- Wednesday, September 8: *Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)*
- Thursday, September 9: *Lafayette College (Easton, PA)*
- Friday, September 10: *University of California-San Diego (San Diego, CA)*

Testing

The PSAT will be administered on the Upper Campus on Saturday, October 16, from 7:30 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.

Past Email Communications

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

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Senior Hike to Pu'u Laelae



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 infirmary@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

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

Our family participation effort in support of the HPA Fund kicks off on September 21! Our goal is to reach 100% participation in the Fund. Your support helps deliver the HPA experience for every student — from dynamic programming and outstanding faculty to art supplies and Wi-Fi,

the HPA Fund makes it all possible. Every gift, any size makes a difference!

You can [make your gift today](#) and help us kick off this year's effort! Mahalo nui!

'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](#) will be closed from Saturday, September 4, through Sunday, September 12. We will re-open on Monday, September 13, with our landscape show featuring Clemson Lam, a parent of a 2003 alumnus. This special exhibit, *Island Views of the Past and Present*, will run through October 29. Be sure to come by and see it!

As a reminder, Isaacs Art Center is free and open to the public, during normal hours of operation, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. 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.



PREVIOUS ALL-SCHOOL BULLETINS

[All-School Bulletin: August 27, 2021](#)

Mahalo to all our students, families, faculty, and staff for everything you're doing to keep our campuses and community as safe as possible as we navigate the start of our 2021-2022 academic year. Together we are #KaMakaniSTRONG!

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