



What's Happening at HPA This Week?

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Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

Since the start of school in August, HPA has provided weekly COVID-19 screening testing for every student in each division, along with all faculty and staff who interact with students, at no cost to our families.

This screening testing will continue weekly on our Village Campus for all Middle and Lower School students, faculty, and staff until further notice.

However, starting next week Monday, October 11, our Upper School will move to twice a week random screening testing for our Upper School students, faculty, and staff every Monday and Thursday*. We are pleased to announce this shift as a result of our Upper School population reaching our community immunity goal of 90%. As a result, the school will be revisiting several mitigation policies, including the following changes to our surveillance testing program.

Upper School screening testing
Selection and notification

Each week all Upper School student, faculty, and staff names will be drawn at random. Students and their families, along with faculty and staff, will be informed that they have been selected for random screening with an email the day before testing. They will also be reminded when they arrive the next morning for student check-in.

We ask all families to please be mindful and check their emails each Sunday and Wednesday evenings so that they may plan accordingly.

Results will continue to be communicated through our COVID-19 Response Team with 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](#).

Schedule

Screening testing will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 am in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office, every Monday and Thursday*.

Ideally, students will arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of their first commitment on campus in order to complete testing before their class or meeting begins. However, should students still be in line for testing when classes begin their tardiness will be excused.

Test Positivity Rate	Population Tested
≥ 6%	100%
5.0-5.9%	50%
4.0-4.9%	25%
≤ 3.9%	10%

Population Tested	*Days of week
100%	50% Monday 50% Thursday
50%	25% Monday 25% Thursday
25%	12.5% Monday 12.5% Thursday
10%	5% Monday 5% Thursday

*Testing days of the week may vary due to observed school holidays.

HPA reserves the right to return to 100% student, faculty, and staff screening testing at any time during the remainder of the school year. However, our intention is to screen a certain percentage of students based on the weekly test positivity rate of the island. HPA also plans to conduct 100% student, faculty, and staff testing following extended school breaks. For example, Monday, November 29, (the Monday after Thanksgiving break) will be a 100% Upper School population screening testing date.

Unvaccinated individuals

As a reminder, all unvaccinated individuals will need to be tested twice weekly, regardless of medical or religious vaccine exemption status, starting Monday, October 18, unless they are student-athletes — in which case, twice weekly testing will begin on Monday, October 11. Families will be billed for required testing for unvaccinated individuals, at a cost of \$42 each week.

To clarify, vaccinated students, faculty, and staff who are selected for random screening will not be charged for any of their tests.

Mahalo

While the current rate of infection on Hawai'i Island has begun to drop in recent weeks, we are asking that everyone routinely assess themselves for symptoms — which could be mild, so please pay close attention. If you or your child(ren) develop symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider and HPA Health Services at infirmiry@hpa.edu.

We want to reassure all our HPA 'ohana that we are continuing to carefully monitor the COVID-19 situation, as it continues to evolve each day. We kindly ask for your continued support of all the health and safety protocols we have implemented — even while you're off-campus — as each individual's actions impact our collective effort within the HPA community and across our island home.

Wishing you all a happy Aloha Friday. Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,
Fred Wawner
Interim Head of School

Important documents:

[HPA COVID-19 Testing Policy 2021-2022](#)



[Edit gallery](#)

Lower School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families, Happy October! This new month brings a crispness in the air, and excitement for all that autumn brings. From holidays such as Halloween and Thanksgiving, to activities on campus and at home — autumn is a time for connection and togetherness. Core academic classes delve into deep learning as students develop their writing, explore math concepts, meet in reading circles, and so much more.

This week, we are proud to announce our Lower School Student Council met for the first time this term. While this is later than in some prior years, they eagerly hit the ground running with plans for Halloween, K-8 Spirit Week, and all related activities. Spirit Week this year will start Monday, October 25, with themes each day through Friday, October 29, which will be Halloween costume day. We are quite excited for our Halloween tents this year, with 'Ohana Association leading the way in preparations for all our keiki. More details to come!

K-8 Garden Coordinator

After an extensive search, we are thrilled to welcome Lauren Prutow-McKenna to our Village Campus team as our new K-8 Garden Coordinator and Educator! Lauren is ecstatic to be a part of the VC 'ohana.

Lauren brings a passion for sustainable practices, the natural environment, and gardening combined with experience working with students of all ages in a number of capacities. As a leader and educator for Dolphin Quest for the past 15 years, she empowered her team to be thoughtful and engaged guides working with student groups to highlight marine biology on the island.

Most recently she created and managed a small sustainable flower farm, partnering with the community and sharing her flowers with others. Among the many goals of her flower farm, Lauren sought to reduce overseas flower importation, support local operations by sourcing from local vendors, and used succession planting for optimal and sustainable flower production. From testing and amending the soil, to planting and starting seeds, Lauren exhibits the traits of lifelong learning and inspired doing that we aim to pass on to our own learning community.

Ultimately, Lauren feels strongly that there are endless connections to concepts that students learn in their other classes that can be incorporated and strengthened with hands-on lessons in the garden. She looks forward to evolving curriculum and collaborating with other teachers to inspire students — all while connecting to Mālama Kaiāulu.

Our students have already begun classes with her and have been enjoying getting to know her. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Prutow-McKenna to our Village Campus 'ohana!

Finally, as part of our ongoing efforts to keep our students safe, all children participated in a previously-scheduled campus wide emergency lockdown drill today. Our teachers communicated to our students that, similar to a fire drill or earthquake drill, this was a way to practice being safe and use our listening skills for directions. As always, we take care to use age appropriate language to communicate care, intention, and safety to all our keiki. We are proud of our entire VC 'ohana for taking part in this drill safely and with care for our community.

Warmly yours,
Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal

Lower School Student-Parent Handbook

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Schedule

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Coming Up

- Monday, October 11, Lower School Assembly
- Wednesday, October 13, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, October 13: Early release for Lower and Middle School students



[Edit gallery](#)

Middle School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! We hope that you enjoyed talking to your children's teachers last week. We are always happy to talk about our students' progress and partner with parents for optimal growth. Please remember that you always have a window into your child's progress on myHPA and we will always be in touch if we have any concerns. You should feel free to reach out to us with questions anytime.

We were thrilled to get started with our Middle School Clubs this week. Students were able to choose from 14 different club offerings — ranging from sports to arts to investing to world games, chess, journalism and more. The students were certainly happy to engage with their clubs.

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Our students have already begun classes with her and our 6th and 7th grade students welcomed her into the role with a big team effort to help clean up the garden and make way for Lauren's visions.

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Prutow-McKenna to our Village Campus 'ohana!

Mahalo,
Glenn Chickering
Middle School Principal

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Our [Middle School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, October 11.

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Upper School

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

Aloha e nā 'ohana o ka makani! In a recent morning assembly, hula was used as a metaphor to connect students with the opportunities they have during their time in school. To do this, I told a story about a hula workshop that I attended years ago where an explanation was shared that describes the difference between an experienced hula dancer and a novice hula dancer. In essence, the experienced dancer is able to connect movements in a way that is seamless and elegant, while the novice dancer may connect their movements in a way that shows more thought and hesitancy. The skill to connect movements with grace and refinement can make a world of difference.

This example was used to focus on the "spaces in between". In a school day, week, year, or career, there are many opportunities to capitalize on the spaces in between. The Upper School schedule has long passing times between classes, extended lunch periods, relaxed transitions to after-school co-curricular activities, and opportunities to get involved with clubs. All of these moments provide the freedom to meet new people and explore new interests. When people reflect on their time in high school, the memories that often come to mind first are the ones that took place during moments of downtime. I personally have many memories of moments that took place on bus rides or off-island trips for athletics, before school, class competitions, and otherwise.

The phrase 'A'a i ka hula, waiho ka hilahila ma ka hale means to get up and dance, leave any shyness at home. Like most Hawaiian idioms, we have to allow ourselves to see past the literal translation to see that the reference of getting up to dance may not be talking about dancing at all — but then again, it could be talking exactly about dancing. Our students at HPA have so many opportunities to experience new things and expand their horizons. All that is needed is to 'a'a i ka hula. Life is too short to withhold an inner desire to try something new or make new friendships.

Now that we are about a quarter of the way through the first semester and the daily flow has gotten familiar, I would like to encourage all of our students and 'ohana to capitalize on the spaces in between. Be present, be in the moment, and try something new. Dance through life's moments by maximizing the spaces in between like the most dignified hula dancer. 'A'a i ka hula, waiho ka hilahila ma ka hale.

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Ke aloha nō,
Ka'ai Spencer
Upper School Po'o 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, October 11.

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.

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- Wednesday, October 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 am: Random screening testing in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office
- Wednesday, October 13, from 8:15 to 9:15 am: Photo retake day

Ka Makani Athletics

Football and volleyball get underway this week with preseason action on Saturday, October 9. See below for live stream information and also be sure to check the [myHPA](#) resource board "Live Event" streaming tile. [Final schedules for football, girls volleyball, and cross country are available to review here.](#)

Student Life

The Upper School Student Council has been hard at work planning Spirit Week, Halloween, and our popular Haunted Walk! There will be daily costume competitions (with prizes) throughout the week, and we will end with our Haunted Walk on Friday night. More information to come!

Spirit Week & Halloween at HPA!

- Monday, October 25: PJ & "anything but a backpack" Day
- Tuesday, October 26: Tacky Tourist Day
- Wednesday, October 27: Fancy Dress Day
- Thursday, October 28: Twin Day
- Friday, October 29: Halloween & the Haunted Walk

College Counseling

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

- Monday, October 11: Chaminade University of Honolulu (Honolulu, HI)
- Tuesday, October 12: Pacific University (Forest Grove, OR)
- Wednesday, October 13: Chapman University (Orange, CA)
- Thursday, October 14: Colgate University (Hamilton, NY)
- Friday, October 15: Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.)

NACAC Virtual College Fairs: Student Registration Now Open

Students can get an early start on college planning by signing up to attend free NACAC Virtual College Fairs. The eight fairs happening this fall offer students the chance to interact with hundreds of institutions as they pursue their college dreams. [Sign up here.](#)

PSAT Testing

The PSAT will be administered on the Upper Campus on Saturday, October 16, from 7:30 am to 12:15 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 you have any questions, contact our testing coordinator, Monica Hattoon-Green, at testing@hpa.edu. Please see [this email from October 6.](#)

KA MAKANI ATHLETICS

Upcoming games

- October 9: Football scrimmage vs. Hilo (live stream link below)
- October 9: Preseason girls volleyball at Kamehameha

[WATCH HERE](#)





All-School News

Admissions

For families currently receiving financial aid, the new deadline for priority consideration for a grant for the 2022-2023 academic year is **November 1, 2021**. Please visit [this helpful page](#) to get the process started before the deadline.

The 2022-2023 academic year new student admission application is now [available online](#) via the HPA website! For our families with siblings of current students, we would love to hear from you if you're considering applying next year. In addition, if you have friends or extended family who might be interested in attending HPA next year, spread the word and please let us know how we can help expedite the process by writing admissions@hpa.edu.

For re-enrolling families, there is no need to reapply for admission as you will be offered an opportunity to re-enroll in February 2022.

Advancement & Alumni

Happy Friday! Mahalo nui to all who have already joined in to support the HPA Fund! We are off and running and it's WONDERFUL!! If you haven't had a chance to make your gift yet, you can [do so here!](#) It's easy and makes a BIG difference!

Gifts to the [HPA Fund](#) make an immediate impact on the student experience at HPA, making it possible for the school to remain flexible and innovative. Over the last 18 months, the HPA Fund has helped provide essential health and safety equipment like hand-washing stations, weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing, and classroom air-filters, which has allowed our teachers to continue offering dynamic, in-person instruction. Every gift, any amount, makes a difference.

Join in and help us reach our goal of 100% parent participation in the Fund! Connected, we thrive!

'Ohana Association

We would like to invite all parents to join our "Introduction to the HPA 'Ohana Association" Zoom call with our 'Ohana Association leadership on Thursday, October 14, at 12:00 pm HST. We'll be discussing upcoming parent volunteer opportunities and 'Ohana Association parent events. Register in advance for the meeting [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We look forward to meeting you!

Save the Date for these upcoming events*:

- Tuesday, October 26, from 8:30 to 10:30 am: Ulu Malama Terrace Farm Tour and Aloha Coffee Hour, Upper Campus
- Thursday, October 28, from 8:30 to 10:30 am: Ulu Malama Terrace Farm Tour and Aloha Coffee Hour, Upper Campus
- Friday, October 29: Haunted Halloween Walk & "Trunk-or-Treat"

[CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

We'd also love your feedback, please take a moment to complete our brief survey.

- [Upper School Survey](#)
- [Lower School Survey](#)

Stay connected with us by joining the [HPA Parent Resource Hub on Facebook](#).

Isaacs Art Center

[Isaacs Art Center](#) is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. We invite you to come see 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.

Isaacs Art Center 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. As a reminder, 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: October 1, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 23, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 17, 2021](#)

[All-School Bulletin: September 10, 2021](#)

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