

ALL-SCHOOL BULLETIN

## What's Happening at HPA This Week?

LOWER SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL UPPER SCHOOL ALL-SCHOOL

### Message from the Head of School

Aloha HPA 'ohana,

It is with great appreciation and admiration for our faculty that I write this week. It is well documented that Zoom meetings are considered more taxing mentally, and even physically, than meeting face-to-face. We knew this going into conferences, but still felt it was the best path forward from a safety standpoint. Most of our teachers have been in Zoom conferences almost every minute for two solid days. The information they are sharing and the opportunities to meet with our parents is priceless. We are so grateful for their efforts to make this happen.

I got the opportunity to speak at our K-5 assembly this week. What a great curriculum they have! We discussed the current Core Value they are focused on, pursuit of excellence, and I emphasized the journey and all that comes with it. We are not excellent, but we are striving every day to be the best we can be. As I read from one of my favorite children's books, Heroes, Heroes, Heroes!, it was important for me to emphasize we all have an important role to play. Without spoiling too much of the story, the general message is around how we do what we do. Excellence can only come when we've put in the time and effort, made some mistakes, and adjusted in order to then improve. Pursuing excellence is doing our work to the best of our abilities.

As parent-teacher conferences are wrapping up today, it is healthy for us to hear the feedback from our teachers that can support our students to be their best selves. Getting this feedback now is timely in their academic journey, as there is plenty of time and room for improvement and adjustments. With a positive outlook, the willingness to make necessary changes, and the resolve to keep putting in the effort — our students will experience the valuable lessons of academics and life.

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

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](#)
- [HPA's Community Safety Pledge](#)

### Family Weekend Welcome 2021-2022



## Lower School

### From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families, what a beautiful week it has been! Enrichment Day set the tone for the start of our week with our exploration of Ikaika — finding harmony within ourselves and our community. Through books, visual arts, music, Hawaiian studies, and physical education, our Lower School students engaged in a full day of learning and inquiry. It was a short week for our young learners, but these busy days were joyful, rich, and bountiful.

At our Lower School assembly on Monday, our special guest, Mr. Wawner, highlighted one of our Core Values, pursuit of excellence, and the way this pursuit drives us each and every day. We seek to instill this drive — the desire to bring our best selves forward in all we do — in all our students. We certainly witnessed excellence as students K-5 engaged in the musical performance of the Swahili song, Jambo Bwana, led by Mrs. Di Bartolo. Such beautiful voices and talented instrumentalists! Mahalo, Mrs. Di Bartolo, for supporting our students in the pursuit of excellence!

Likewise, we hope you have been finding the time spent connecting with our teachers to be fruitful and informative, a window into your children's pursuit of excellence at the Village Campus. Our home/school partnership is such an important element of education here at HPA. Please know that you are always welcome to reach out to teachers to talk further about your child's experience and our partnership to support their learning and wellbeing.

Mahalo also for participating in this year's Scholastic Book Fair! It was a great success and our students had an excellent time browsing, connecting over new books, and recommending familiar favorites. How wonderful to have an in-person book fair again and all the excitement that comes along with it! Many thanks again to our 'Ohana Association for helping make it all happen.

Please note that if your keiki charged their purchase, there has been a change in the school's accounting systems and we are no longer able to charge the student account. Please send either cash or a check in the amount of the book(s) payable to Hawaii Preparatory Academy with your child to drop off at the Village Campus office. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please let us know if you have any questions.

We hope you and your keiki are enjoying this long weekend as a time to connect and rest. As a reminder, should you be traveling this weekend or anytime soon, please take a look at our travel policy and communicate your itinerary with us so we can plan how to best support your child(ren) when they are out on quarantine. We thank you for helping us to keep our community safe and allow for continued in-person instruction and learning experiences.

As always, thank you for choosing HPA as the place for your child to learn, grow, and thrive. It is a privilege to partner with you.

Warmly yours,  
Dora Kwong  
Lower School Principal





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#### Schedule

Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Monday, October 4.

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](#).

#### Lower School Student-Parent Handbook

As Family Weekend comes to a close, we want to call your attention to our updated [Lower School Student-Parent Handbook](#) for the 2021-2022 academic year. We're asking that at least one parent or guardian sign the acknowledgment form on [myHPA](#) by **October 15, 2021**. If you have any questions about the content of the handbook, please direct them to your division principal. If you have any questions about filling out the acknowledgment form on [myHPA](#), please contact [marcomm@hpa.edu](mailto:marcomm@hpa.edu).

#### 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](mailto:rbaydo@hpa.edu) and Mr. Ludes (K-8 Learning Specialist) [jludes@hpa.edu](mailto: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, October 6, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, October 6: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Thursday, October 7, at 8:00 am: Village Campus photo retake day

#### Capstone Update from K-8 Capstone Coordinator, Dagan Bernstein

Aloha Grade 5 students have launched into the capstone experience with an introduction to planning and design. Breaking down common everyday tasks such as washing clothes, cooking a meal, or repairing a flat tire on a bike, students see actions as a series of connected nodes. This serves as a foundation for learning how to strategize planning for a larger capstone project. Additional lessons have centered on how to use interviews as a way to be active empathizers of important needs within their community. In the coming weeks students will be introduced to the practices of the Mālama Kaikulu sustainability model as a lens for project design.

#### 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'.

#### myHPA

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](mailto:help@hpa.edu).

#### Pick-up/Drop-off

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.

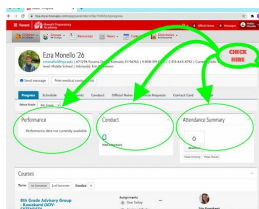


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## Middle School

### From the desk of your Division Principal, Glenn Chickering

Aloha Middle School families! We enjoyed the opportunity to speak with you about your children's progress setting into their classes thus far. Parent partnerships with teachers make all the difference to our students' learning experiences and please know that we are always available if you have questions and we will always reach out to you if we have concerns or important information to share. Remember that you always have a window into your child's progress by going to [myHPA](#), your child's page and then clicking 'Progress'.



We are excited to get started with our Middle School Clubs next week. Students chose from a large selection of activities — including soccer, yoga, journalism, investing, chess, and so much more! We know they are thrilled to get started.

Mahalo for participating in this year's Scholastic Book Fair. It was a huge success and the keiki had a wonderful time! Please note that if your keiki charged a book there has been a change in the school's accounting systems and we are no longer able to charge a student account. Please send either cash or a check in the amount of the book(s) payable to Hawai'i Preparatory Academy with your keiki to drop off at the Village Campus office. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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, October 4.

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#### 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](mailto:rbaydo@hpa.edu) and Mr. Ludes (K-8 Learning Specialist) [judes@hpa.edu](mailto:judes@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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## Upper School

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

Aloha e nā 'ōhāna o ka makani! I want to send a big mahalo to all of our incredible faculty and staff who helped support these past two days of parent-teacher conferences. These check-ins provide an important opportunity for insight into your child(ren)'s academic and social-emotional progress, and are also critical to the relationship-building between our teachers and families. Please know that you are always welcome to reach out to teachers and our counselors to talk further about your child's experience and our partnership to support their learning and wellbeing.

#### Upper School Student-Parent Handbook

As Family Weekend comes to a close, we want to call your attention to our updated [Upper School Student-Parent Handbook](#) for the 2021-2022 academic year. We're asking that all families (the enrolled student and at least one parent or guardian) sign the acknowledgment form on myHPA by October 15, 2021. If you have any questions about the content of the handbook, please direct those to me. If you have any questions about filling out the acknowledgment form on myHPA, please contact [marcomm@hpa.edu](mailto:marcomm@hpa.edu).

Kie aloha nō,  
Ka'ai Spencer  
Upper School Po'o Kumu

#### Schedule

Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as an 'Ula day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Monday, October 4.

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 'ōhāna 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@hpa.edu](mailto:jcanning@hpa.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](mailto:sfurchner@hpa.edu), and Tiffany Freitas at 808-345-8869 or [t Freitas@hpa.edu](mailto:t Freitas@hpa.edu).

#### Coming Up

- Monday, October 4, from 11:05 am to 12:25 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, October 13, from 8:15 to 9:15 am: Photo retake day

#### Ka Makani Athletics

Fall season competitions will start up on October 15. [Final schedules for football, girls volleyball, and cross country are available to review here.](#)

#### Residential Life

Last Friday, we were delighted to host our Dorm Wars Opening Ceremonies in Castle Gym once again! This is a tradition that we re-started after it was lost to us last year due to COVID-19 restrictions that were in place, and the fun and excitement around it were a clear sign that it was missed. The Opening Ceremonies are only the first event in what will be a year-long competition between our three dormitories, battling it out in sporting events, silly games, dance-offs, brain-bending challenges, and more! Dormitories will present challenges every few weeks to the other dorms to answer, accumulating points until the end of the year, when the overall winners will be declared the Dorm Wars Champs, and bring home the Jug of Awesomeness to their dorm!

The residential community is on track to pass and exceed our original 90% vaccination rate in the next few weeks! In preparation for this benchmark, the elected student representatives from each dormitory to student council have been hard at work with our safety committee and their fellow students to better understand how each of our various mitigation strategies acts to protect the student's health, and ability to avoid unwanted quarantine periods in the event of positive cases in our community. As we near the 90% mark, these student leaders will be preparing a proposal of modifications to our residential life program policies that will be aimed at continuing to keep our students safe, while also honoring their school-leading effort to get vaccinated by rolling back some of the restrictions that have been in place since August of 2020. We look forward to sharing the results of their efforts in the next few weeks, and applaud their leadership in this important work.

#### 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 4: University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO)
- Tuesday, October 5: University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, WA)
- Wednesday, October 6: University of the Pacific (Stockton, CA)
- Thursday, October 7: Washington State University (Pullman, WA)
- Friday, October 8: Washington University in St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

#### 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.](#)

#### 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](mailto:testing@hpa.edu) by Friday, September 3. Please see [this email sent on August 23](#) for more information.

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#### ATHLETICS

### Equipped for Success

Generous donation provides Ka Makani football with cutting edge safety equipment, new uniforms.

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## 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.

### 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](#).

### 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](mailto: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

The annual Class Captain effort in support of the HPA Fund is live! Please be sure to check out [this message from your Class Captain with more details](#), and don't forget to [make your gift early!](#) Thank you to those who have already made a gift.

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

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. [Click here to read the latest update from the 'Ohana Association](#).

### Isaacs Art Center

We are thrilled to share that Isaacs Art Center Museum and Gallery has been nominated for the 2021 Travel & Hospitality Awards Travel & Hospitality awards is a global recognition program for the travel industry that honors the very best hotels, tour operators, experience providers, spa & wellness facilities, restaurants, and technology and innovation companies. Awards are given based on the review of customer feedback.

[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



**PREVIOUS ALL-SCHOOL BULLETINS**

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

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

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

[All-School Bulletin: September 3, 2021](#)

[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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