

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 a fun week, full of spirit, energy and joy. Welcoming students each morning, I am inspired by the creative efforts and time spent making Spirit Week special. Parents, I so appreciate how Spirit Week can impact the morning routine. I have been a part of more than a few botched crazy hair days in my time, and we are grateful for your support and participation.

In the academic calendar, the beginning of November calls us to begin to narrow our focus. Our students are hopefully finding themselves in a comfortable place in their school routines. While this is important and intentional, there is also something to be said for a bit of discomfort. This can often lead to our best learning opportunities. We are in the part of our semester where taking some academic risks and stretching ourselves in order to learn with more depth is a critical part of the learning process. This often comes in the form of projects, tests, and presentations. These are special opportunities and push our students to get out of their comfort zone. Our final six weeks of the semester will move quickly, and with challenges. Let's prepare to stretch, learn, and grow.

It has been a busy week for everyone. Thank you for giving your all in supporting our students and programs. As you'll see in the following divisional messages, we are just getting started.

Halloween weekend can present opportunities for fun with family and friends. Please continue to be mindful of all the efforts in place to keep everyone safe. I wish you a joyful, safe weekend.

Happy Aloha Friday!

Gratefully,

Fred Wawner
Interim Head of School

Important documents:

[HPA Upper School COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy 2021](#)

[HPA Village Campus COVID-19 Travel and Quarantine Policy 2021](#)





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Lower School

From the desk of your Division Principal, Dora Kwong

Aloha Lower School families! My first Spirit Week at the Village Campus certainly lived up to its reputation! From Pajama Day to Seeing Multiples to today's beautiful, wacky, creative costumes — the week was a fun-filled time of community, collaboration, and creativity. The Halloween tents organized by our 'Ohana Association certainly delivered — the students' anticipation fulfilled by themes such as "Boo at the Zoo," and "Nightmare Before Christmas." Mahalo nui loa to all our hardworking and thoughtful volunteers for putting together a safe and fun Halloween event!

As you enter into the Halloween weekend, please be reminded of our Student Council's fundraiser with the aim of making a donation to The Queen's North Hawai'i Community Hospital to thank them for all their hard work and dedication in caring for COVID-19 patients. Many students have already decorated repurposed containers to collect coins, ready to return to school on Tuesday, November 2. Our Student Council leaders look forward to tallying up the coins to gift to our frontline hospital workers. What a wonderful way to show Malama Kaiāulu.

On October 20, Fred, Glenn, and I [emailed a survey](#) to gather your thoughts on COVID-19 vaccinations in the 5-11 age group. If you have not already sent in your feedback, please do so before we close [the survey](#) on Tuesday, November 2. Your thoughts are important and most appreciated.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and fun weekend.

Warmly yours,
Dora Kwong
Lower School Principal

Capstone Update from K-8 Capstone Coordinator, Dagan Bernstein

Aloha! Grade 5 students have officially launched into their individual capstone projects during the past month. Students utilized the "Head & Heart" activity to explore the intersection between skills and passions, and identify a topic of interest. This was followed up with a systems-thinking exercise that helped students make connections between their topic and our community. Early ideas include ocean photography, sports and wellness, sustainable buildings, and kapa making. This framework helps students make connections to our school-wide sustainability model of Mālama Kaiāulu. By grounding students in community, they better understand the important role they play to create, lead, and thrive in tomorrow's world.

Schedule

As a reminder, **Monday, November 1, is a K-12 Faculty Work Day and there are no classes.** Our K-5 classes continue with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Tuesday, November 2.

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](#).

Coming Up

- Monday, November 1: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes for all divisions
- Wednesday, November 3, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, November 3: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Wednesday, November 10, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, November 10: 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! It's been a spirited week at the VC, with great participation from students and teachers alike. We started Monday in what felt like a fitting fashion by staying in our weekend pajamas for an extra day. The week culminated with a Halloween celebration full of costumes and treats. A big Mahalo to the 'Ohana Association for their work to create a spooky scavenger hunt for all K-8 students.

Our grade 6 students continued work on the Waimea Trail, as well as helping to clear land on the north side of the stream that will be used by a 12th-grade Capstone student as a location for their project based on growing traditional Hawaiian medicinal plants. Meanwhile, our grade 7 students went for a hike to the top of Lae Lae on the upper campus.

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Have a great weekend and be safe out there!

Mahalo,
Glenn Chickering
Middle School Principal

Capstone Update from K-8 Capstone Coordinator, Dagan Bernstein

Aloha! The capstone journey continued this past month as students formally proposed their projects to their peers and advisors. Students used a tuning protocol to collaborate in groups in order to ask questions about their proposals and provide valuable feedback. The capstone advisory team reviewed each submission and individually conferenced with students to make suggestions about final edits. Once the proposal is approved it signals to students that they are ready to dive into researching their topic in depth. Our core value of wonder will be in full force as students explore ways to solve the complex problems they have committed to addressing.

Schedule

As a reminder, Monday, November 1, is a K-12 Faculty Work Day and there are no classes. Our [Middle School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) continues with in-person instruction on our Village Campus on Tuesday, November 2.

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](#).

Safe2SpeakUp for Middle and Upper Students

A reminder that Middle School students have access to 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 in 'Resources' 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 in 'Resources' on [myHPA](#).

Coming Up

- Monday, November 1: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes for all divisions
- Wednesday, November 3, from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, November 3: Early release for Lower and Middle School students
- Monday, November 8, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm: Virtual Session with Middle School Student Support Services
- Wednesday, November 10, from 12:45 to 1:45 pm: Screening testing
- Wednesday, November 10: Early release for Lower and Middle School students



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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! Spirit week is always an exciting time here on campus and this year’s participation seems very strong. There were many pajama-wearers on Monday, which was funny because it looked like many people rolled into school wearing what they slept in. Tacky Tourist Tuesday always highlights a bunch of loud-colored, floral-print shirts, excessive sunscreen (hopefully reef safe), and fanny packs. The black-tie Wednesday was a pleasant surprise. It looked like everyone was headed to a big gala event and it was so festive! One of my personal favorites is Twin-day Thursday. The collaborative creativity between students and faculty is fun to watch and I am always surprised with who joins together to coordinate their attire. We wrapped up the week with Friday’s Halloween costume day.

These themed days were a perfect way to give a little shake-up to the school year. There has been some exciting buzz surrounding the Haunted Walk that is happening on Friday evening. The senior class reps and faculty leaders have been working hard to create an experience that will keep all visitors on their toes and I am sure there will be no shortage of screams. I hope everyone is able to enjoy a fun, exciting, and safe Halloween over the weekend. Try not to eat all your candy in one sitting!

Ke aloha nō,
Ka‘ai Spencer
Upper School Po‘o Kumu

Schedule

As a reminder, **Monday, November 1, is a K-12 Faculty Work Day and there are no classes.** Our [Upper School 2021-2022 Daily Schedule](#) will resume as an ‘Ula day with in-person instruction on our Upper Campus on Tuesday, November 2.

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](#).

Parking/Drop Off – New “Cell Phone Lot”

With the increase in the number of student drivers and with athletics coming back into full swing, the day student parking lot is very busy during

the sports period. Please consider using the grass lot as a "cell phone" lot to wait in until your student(s) are ready for pick up. The area is accessible as you first enter the campus. It is between the track and baseball field.

Coming Up

- Monday, November 1: K-12 Faculty Work Day, no classes for all divisions
- Tuesday, November 2, from 7:30 to 9:30 am: Random screening testing in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office
- Thursday, November 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 am: Random screening testing in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office
- Monday, November 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 am: Random screening testing in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office
- Thursday, November 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 am: Random screening testing in Kennedy Square, in front of the Auxiliary office

Ka Makani Athletics

As of Saturday, October 23, the following guidelines will be in place, for all guests of athletic events:

- ALL spectators MUST BE vaccinated. (No exemptions or exceptions)
- All spectators will need to present their vaccination card and ID at the gate.
- No one under the age of 12 will be allowed at BIIF events (which requires all in attendance to be vaccinated).
- Spectators will need to be masked at all times.
- No concession stand will be available.
- No outside food/beverage will be allowed.
- Any spectator not following proper guidelines & protocols will be asked to leave.

For a list of athletic fall athletic events, [click here](#).

Student Life

Spirit Week

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Spirit Week. We had an amazing response and students had a blast!



Haunted Walk

Tonight is the Haunted Walk! We are asking all students to adhere to the timeline of being dropped off and picked up. For more details, please review this email.

• Freshman

- 6:45 pm – Drop off and check-in
- 8:00 pm – Exit GPAC area and walk to DSPL
- 8:05 pm – Pick-up

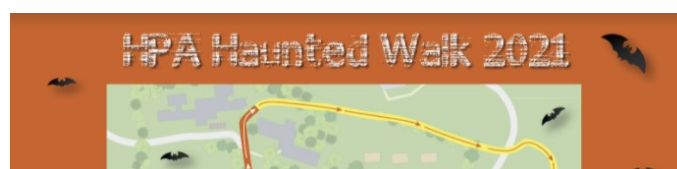
• Sophomores

- 7:30 pm – Drop off and check-in
- 8:45 pm – Exit GPAC area and walk to DSPL
- 8:50 pm – Pick-up

• Juniors

- 8:15 pm – Drop off and check-in
- 9:30 pm – Exit GPAC area and walk to DSPL
- 9:40 pm – Pick-up

Seniors will not be walking the route as they are hosting this event.





Residential Life

Aloha Boarding families! If anyone missed it, on Wednesday, October 20, we sent out some information about new policies in residential life, in honor of the boarding community reaching nearly 96% community immunity through vaccination. Please review [this email from October 20](#) for more information.

Also, with Thanksgiving and Winter Break on the horizon, please make sure to send your child's flight itineraries as soon as possible to travel@hpa.edu, so that we can prepare transportation to and from the airport, and finalize our plans for Winter Break.

SAFE2SPEAKUP App

We continue to encourage all Upper School students to upload the Safe2SpeakUp app so that the school can communicate directly with them during emergencies. Because students have "off" periods, and are not always directly under a teacher's supervision — such as, if they are studying in the union — the school needs to be able to alert them of situations, along with instructions on how to respond. Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to utilize the app on their device. The app also allows for communication from the student to report behaviors anonymously to the school.

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!

- Tuesday, November 2: The American University of Paris (Paris, France)
- Wednesday, November 3: University of Redlands (Redlands, CA)
- Thursday, November 4: Willamette University (Salem, OR)
- Friday, November 5: University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)

College Financial Aid and Scholarships

For more information on college financial aid and scholarship resources, please see [this email sent on October 6](#).



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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

Thank you for supporting the HPA Fund! The Class Captain effort in support of the HPA Fund wraps up on Monday, November 1! If you haven't had a chance to make your gift yet, please join in to support our wonderful Class Captain parent volunteers and show your aloha for HPA. Every gift, any size, makes an immediate impact on the student experience!

Simply [click on the link to give!](#) Mahalo nui!

'Ohana Association

Amazon Smile

All monies raised from Amazon Smile for HPA go to the 'Ohana Association so please make sure that you use smile.amazon.com to do all your Amazon shopping, and designate "Hawaii Preparatory Academy" as your supported charity. There is no additional charge to you, you just help make the school a better place.

How to Set Up Amazon Smile: To get started with AmazonSmile, visit smile.amazon.com on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice ("Hawai'i Preparatory Academy"). Select your charity and start shopping! To join AmazonSmile from the mobile app, open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone. Amazon purchases made using the Amazon app on your phone will then automatically use AmazonSmile for any future purchases.

Please continue to visit the 'Ohana Association section on the [myHPA](#) Resource Page for updates on future events and volunteer opportunities.

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. 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.



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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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