

Knightly News

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October – December 2024

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		Friends of Castle"		Parent Team Mtg.		
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ALL GRADE LEVELS...

<u>GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT</u>... Financial Aid, Scholarships, Colleges - near & far, Careers, Military, Job postings, Dual credit – college & high school? Go to our College & Career Resource Center website - https://castleccrc.com/ - to learn more about each of these topics PLUS what college representatives will be visiting Castle High this fall! Coming up: Field trip to Honolulu Community College (11/22). –Eric Takemoto, AP & Early College Counselor

<u>HOMECOMING</u>...October 21 – 26: Dress Up Days – Mon. thru Fri, PEP Rally – Wed, (10/23); Powder Puff Class Challenge, Assembly & Football vs. Kalaheo (7p) – Fri, (10/25); Dance – Sat, (10/26) 6-9p in the café.

SENIORS...Check the calendar for other Senior info and deadlines!

Celebrate Your Senior With A Banner!

- Cost is \$30 cash. Order forms can be found in Rm. 6 – Student Gov't. Turn in forms & payment at Rm. 6.
- Banners are 2' x 3' vinyl
- Will be displayed on CHS fence fronting K-Bay
 Dr. in May and can be taken down by families
 during graduation weekend.

DEADLINE: Fri, Dec. 20th.



Got Questions? Email omiyac@knights.k12.hi.us

SENIOR PORTFOLIO DEFENSE... Each year, a Castle High School student's educational journey will culminate in a defense presentation to a panel of three: two faculty or staff members and a family member of the student's choice. These yearly portfolio defense presentations should highlight the student's preparation for success beyond Castle High School. Senior deadline for their portfolios will be Wednesday, November 27 @ 2:05 p.m. Rubrics on our school website: https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/personaltransitionplan

SENIORS & PARENTS... IF you were unable to attend 'Senior Parent Info Knight' in September the info slideshow is now posted on our school website 'home page' https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/ .

SENIORS...Using Your ACT® Results: If you got back your ACT scores online, you can use this link to interpret your scores and how to send your scores:

https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-Using-Your-ACT-Results-English-24-25.pdf.

UNDERCLASSES...

REGISTRATION 2025-26 School Year...Registration Day 1 (Nov. 27 in Advisory) - Explain registration process to current CHS students, Course Description manual, Registration worksheet. Inform parents via email / webpage. Credit checks & update 10-yr plan. Complete Registration Form by Dec 13. Registration Day 2 (Dec. 13 in Advisory) - Assist students with registration worksheet and input into Infinite Campus.

YEARBOOK PICTURES...Wed, October 15 & 16 through their English classes.

JUNIOR NEWS

<u>USING YOUR PreACT or PreACT 8/9 RESULTS</u>: What's Inside • Understanding Your Results • What Your Scores Mean. ACT offers a free official ACT practice test. Each subject can be taken individually with an overall score and links to free resources provided. Go to:

<u>https://classroom.google.com/c/NzAxMjE5NTU3NTM0/m/NzE5NzU2ODI1NTkw/details?pli≡1</u>. Examinees can find the free practice test and other resources at <u>www.act.org/testprep</u>.

Castle Alumni Association

Did you graduate from Castle High? General Alumni Association meeting October 16 * 5p in the CHS library. For more info please go to https://www.chsalumknights.org/.

8th Grade King Intermediate

They'll be visiting Castle High Nov. 12 to tour the campus and learn about their class options, athletic teams and clubs available. They will be registering online for Castle 2025-26 SY in early Dec.

THIS & THAT...

TEACHER 2024-25 'Wish Lists'



Teachers have been generating their wish lists for this school year. Their requests have been inputted on

our school website (https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/).

Take a few minutes to check out some of the new OR gently used donations they're seeking. New requests will be added as they come in so check this site often. In the past we have received marble notebooks, laser printers, 65" televisions for classroom lessons, fans, pianos, golf clubs, etc. Donations can be received throughout the school year!

Items requested from our teachers will also be inputted on www.communityhelpingschools.org; and shared with parents, legislators, and our community at large in our Knightly Newsletter mail outs, and on our website.

Please drop off your donations at the library or main office with your name & contact info so we can thank you personally. Contact Kathy Martin PCNC at martink@knights.k12.hi.us with any questions and further drop off information.

Donate Your HI-5 Cans & Bottles To a Castle High Group Fundraising!

The last Saturday of the month you can drop off your HI-5 donations from **9-11am in the auditorium parking lot** and help support one of our school groups to fund-raise for their class graduation/specific activity costs or for a program or team.

Groups Coming Up You Could Donate Towards:

- Families & Friends of Castle October 26 * 9-11am * Auditorium Parking Lot. All funds raised are utilized for the students benefit or educational needs.
- FRESHMAN November 23 * 9-11am
 Auditorium Parking Lot * Fund-raising towards their graduation ceremony costs
- SENIORS December 28 * 9-11am *
 Auditorium Parking Lot * Fund-raising towards their graduation ceremony costs
- SENIORS January 25 * 9-11am * Auditorium Parking Lot * Fund-raising towards their graduation ceremony costs

Sponsored by "Families & Friends of Castle" (PTSA)

CASTLE PERFORMING ART CENTER

(CPAC)

"Entertaining today's audiences, educating tomorrow's performers, and encouraging the youth of Hawai'i to follow their dreams, no matter what their chosen careers!"

Congratulations to the cast of 'ELF the
 Musical'! Come celebrate the holidays

with these talented young people! From

NINE Oahu public schools! Shows start Friday,

Dec. 6, 7 and Matinee Dec. 8, and continue Dec,13, 14, and 15!

Stay Connected With Castle High:

- On Instagram and Facebook! Follow us on our (2) 'official' Instagram sites:
 - o @j.b.castlehighschool
 - o @castle.knights.athletics
 - https://www.facebook.com/CastleHS Knights
- Daily Bulletin w/ Lunch Menu link included https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/daily-bulletinregularly.

You'll get the latest news, events, photos, behind-the-scenes glimpses and important announcements.

PROTECTING WATER QUALITY

Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) Program

What is MS-4? Who does it affect? The Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) Program is part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) effort to preserve, protect, and improve the Nation's water resources from polluted storm water runoff. Department of Education (DOE) schools on Oahu will incrementally comply with this requirement by initiating programs such as education, monitoring, enforcement, clean-up, and annual reporting. This program affects everyone who uses a DOE campus on Oahu, including staff, students, and all community users. Although Oahu is currently the only island to initiate this program (due to its urban density and higher concentration of pollution), all schools can benefit from good housekeeping practices.

Why is this important? Clean water is essential to life. When it rains, litter, pesticides, green waste, and other pollutants are washed into the storm drain system and eventually flow into our streams and ocean. Large quantity of debris can clog the drain system resulting in flood damage to our schools and neighbors. Small organic and chemical waste can poison our food chain and contaminate our water supplies. Pollution control benefits the environment, wildlife, and people.

How can we help? The following list suggests a dozen things we all can do to minimize pollution from getting into our water resources. Additional information is available at the EPA's website: http://www.epa.gov/. The contact number for the City & County's Environmental Concern Line is 692-5656.

- * Place litter in trash bins.
- * Recycle cans, bottles, and paper products.
- * Report violators of illegal dumping.
- * Volunteer for litter and stream cleanups.
- * Reduce waste. Buy products with less packaging.
- * Reduce chemical usage such as fertilizers and pesticides.
- * Restrict washing of cars and other vehicles on school campuses.
- * Inform school principal of pollution hazards on campus.
- * Compost green waste. Do it yourself or utilize City green waste collections. * Protect loose stockpile of soil, fertilizers, and other materials from washing away. * Maintain Storm Drain systems. Inspect periodically and clean as needed.





RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. 35 Kaneohe, HI

ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS

The Bell Schedule for 2025-26 SY is being looked at to see how we can offer more student support. Each role group will be asked to take an online survey during Quarter 2. Watch for more information when your survey will be sent out.



Welcome to 'Families & Friends of Castle' monthly meetings – come to one, come to all! What we're up to and could use your help with: Partnering with the school to purchase (2) cold water filling stations on the lower campus; Halloween treats for faculty/staff; Dec. 8 'Windward Holiday Craft & Gift Fair'; Teacher Wish List Donations; and more. Next meetings – Nov. 12, Dec. 3, Jan. 7 @ 6p in the library.

SENIOR PARENTS – Class of 2025

2025 PARENT & STUDENT TEAM... Meets the 2nd. Thurs. of the month; next dates Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9. Come to a meeting; see how to support the class:

- Class booth @ Windward Holiday Craft Fair (12/8).
- HI-5 Donation Collections Sat, Dec. 28, Jan. 25 * 9-11a in parking lot. Need trucks to transport & adults to oversee students. Contact Leila gasparl25@knights.k12.hi.us.

JUNIOR PARENTS - Class of 2026

2026 PARENT & STUDENT TEAM...Meets the 4th. Thursday of the month in the library from 6-7p. 2nd Quarter meetings – Oct. 24 & Dec. 26.

- Looking for a product to sell reusable bags??
- Asking for donation of a Class of 2026 Banner
- Panda or McDonald's Night fund-raisers

SOPHOMORE PARENTS - Class of 2027

2027 PARENT & STUDENT TEAM...Meets the 2nd. Monday of the month in the library from 6-7p. Next meeting - Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 13

• CHS Lavlava / Banner 4-sale \$30

FRESHMEN PARENTS- Class of 2028

2028 PARENT & STUDENT TEAM...1st meeting

Thurs, Oct. 17 * 6-7p in the library. Share purpose of parent teams and how you can help the class. Class of 2025 will share how they have supported their class.

 HI-5 Donation Collections – Sat, Nov. 23 * 9-11a in parking lot. Need trucks to transport & couple adults to oversee students collecting.



Craft & Gift Fair

Presented By
Families & Friends of Castle

Sunday · Dec. 8, 2024 9:00 a.m.-2p.m. James B. Castle High School

Featuring 'Taste of Castle'

which benefits Castle Project Graduation

Crafts • Gifts • Food• Prizes
Enjoy a day of shopping <u>local</u> for holiday
gifts, lunch and snacks while meeting up with
family and friends, and more.

DJ by Alumni Kutmaster Spaz
All supporting Castle High School students and
our local vendors!

For information:

Windwardholidaycraftfair@gmail.com 808-554-9620

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