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Dear Parents,

Math Team starts the season



Update from the coaches: "Led by perfect scorers Jason Cho '18, Norton Kishi '18 and Ian Oga '18, the Raider varsity team amassed 262 points to win meet 1 held at Hawaii Baptist Academy this past Saturday. Punahou, Kamehameha and McKinley rounded out the top 4 with 183, 136 and 124 points, respectively. Our other team members were Seobeen Chang '20, Chenyi Hu '19, Phuong Huynh '18, Haeri Kim '20, Neopold Ko '17, Brandon Lai '20 and Roy Song '19.

The team of Tyson DeCastro '20, Darren Do '21, Jeein Hong '21, Ashley Kim '20, Sonny Nguyen '21, Joshua Park '21 and Jonah Yoshida '21 scored 90 points to place first in the JV division. Kamehameha, Punahou and McKinley rounded out the top 4 with 70, 67 and 44 points, respectively. Also participating were Dagny Brand '21, Hana Ko '21 and Kelly Nakamatsu '21.

A big thank you to coaches Michael Park, David Masunaga, Lance Takeuchi, Alan Yeh, Ryan Sasaki and Erin Nagoshi. Meet 2 will be held on October 21 at Mililani High."

'Iolani's Tam & Young Quartet



'Iolani's Tam & Young Quartet played for the annual Hawaii Council on Economic Education, on Thursday September 21. In addition to the quartet, a group of 'Iolani students and faculty represented the school. The quartet was extremely well received and everyone was impressed with the group's professional sound.

Destination Homecoming

Destination Homecoming was fun-and spirit-packed week with activities that culminated with the *Burning of the "I"* following our Homecoming game against Damien. Congratulations to our proconsuls, homecoming and publicity committee members for their great planning, with special thanks to Mrs. Kelly Weaver and Ms Michelle Morioka, Co-directors of our Student Activities Office, for their support of our students. Additional thanks to our faculty advisors, AV department, physical plant, cafeteria and entire faculty and staff for the extra One Team support provided for these special events.

Homecoming - Lip Sync

The Lip Sync routines this year were EPIC! Thank you to all the student planners for putting in incredible effort, and to our faculty judges Ms. Yuki Basso, Mrs. Dena Ono, Mr. Nathan Zee, and Mr. Todd Fleming, who had the difficult task of choosing just one winner.









Points were deducted for handing in music late, going over time, and leaving props in the gym, but these deductions did NOT affect the rankings. Here are the results:

- 1st Place: 7th Grade
- 2nd Place: 10th Grade
- 3rd Place: 11th Grade

Congratulations!!!

Homecoming - Cheerfest

We had some awesome cheers for Cheerfest!





Here are the results from our judges, Mrs. Jackie Okumura, Dr. Carey "Doc" Inouye, Mr. Eddie Lee, and Mr. Kirk Uejio:

- 1st Place: 12th Grade
- 2nd Place: 11th
- 3rd Place: 10th

Congratulations!!!

Homecoming Game 'Iolani vs. Damien

'Iolani and Damien played an extremely exciting, well attended game with Raider fans decked out in red, black and white throughout and school spirit soaring. The entire team, as always, played admirably and put forth great effort and skill, demonstrating One Team spirit and led by dedicated coaches, many who played football for 'Iolani themselves.





The game went into overtime with 'Iolani losing 42-35 in this thrilling match. [Here is a link to a story in Scoring Live written by alumnus Brandon Ching '07](#)

Homecoming - Burning of the "I"

Following the football game and Ho'olaule'a, the band, cheerleaders, and hundreds of students and their families gathered for our longtime tradition of the *Burning of the "I."* Representatives from our 'Iolani community and the senior Class of 2018 promenaded from the chapel to the center courtyard to light the "I."



The lighting ceremony was capped off with the singing of our alma mater.

Homecoming Week - Dress Days and Festivities

Our Homecoming committee worked hard to create a fun and school spirited K-12 Homecoming from September 18-22! Students in K-12 and faculty and staff participated in the administrative approved dress days and joined in for the lunchtime activities!





- Monday, September 18 was Fashion No-No Land

- Winning class: CONGRATULATIONS JUNIORS, for 94% class participation!
- Tuesday - September 19 was Time Travel Tuesday
 - Winning class: CONGRATULATIONS JUNIORS, for 94% participation!
- Wednesday - September 20, was When-on a plane-day
 - Winning class: CONGRATULATIONS 8th Graders for 99.4% participation!
- Thursday - September 21, was Take a Trip Thursday
 - Winning class: CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS for 100% participation!
- Friday, September 22 was Raider Republic Day to dress in 100% red, white and black!
 - CONGRATULATIONS on a 3 way tie: Seniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen for 100% participation!!

Literature of the Ocean Clears Invasive Species

Juniors and seniors from Ms. Michelle Knoetgen's Literature of the Ocean class ventured into a closeby waterway with stream Biologist Mr. Cory Yap to see firsthand the health of the water as it flows into the ocean.

One of the goals of this service learning field trip was to clear invasive species that are disturbing the ecosystem in our watershed. Based on previous experiences at this site, the expectation was that students would see the usual 2 to 3 native fish out of hundreds of invasives, but instead, this group caught and released 51 natives! These gains suggest that Mr. Yap's program, which has cleared over 13,000 invasives since it began, is making a difference to restore the native population of O'opu and Āholehole.





"The work we did is important because it helps the Hawaiian ecosystem to regain its endemic and indigenous species, and by doing this work, we can inspire others to help as well." -Nathan Hue '18

I 2 Challenge

'Iolani students Eason Nishioka '18, Jarod Okamura '18, Kellie Okamura '18, Kayla Malta '18, Marley Dyer '18, Chenyi Hu '19, and Naia Lum '20 were invited to take part in the "I 2 Challenge: Innovation and Imagination" this year.

This challenge, sponsored by the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, Hawai'i Forest Institute, Waimanalo Woods, Pacific American Lumber and Craig's Creations, accompanies the Hawaii Wood Show which annually showcases the best work from Hawaii's professional woodworkers. For the 18 and younger category, Eason Nishioka received first place for his piece "Ripples." Kayla Malta received 2nd place for her piece "Explosion."

Ripples by Eason Nishioka '18



The student's their artworks displayed at the Honolulu Museum of Art School, Linekona Gallery from September 23 - October 8, 2017.

All the best in health and happiness,
Tim

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