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Dear Parents,

Senior Camp at KMC

The senior class enjoyed the weekend at Kilauea Military Camp on the Big Island.



Thursday began with the class dividing into various activities including horseback riding, hiking and paddling at the beach.



Friday saw the class compete and bond in a day full of games, smiles, laughs and cheers. After a day full of good natured rivalry, the class came together to film an ambitious lip dub and class dance before taking part in the closing ceremonies.







Congratulations to the class, camp co-chairs (Nick Arima '18, Miki Kawahara '18, Kenny McKinlay '18, James Pentland '18, Raymie Shimokawa '18, and Trisha Zukeran '18) SAO directors, college counselors, and chaperones for putting on this amazing retreat. [Here is a link to a camp video](#) featuring animation by Remi Jose '18.

30th year of Pumpkin Patch

The 30th Annual Pumpkin Patch Day for kindergarteners and first graders took place last Thursday. The classes of 2030 and 2029 marched to the Lower Gym and enjoyed some square dancing and an exercise routine, under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Simon and Mrs. Shari Smart, while Mrs. Megan Ellis led the group in a Halloween song.



The program was followed by pumpkin picking on the center courtyard Pā, where Dr. Cottrell and Mrs. Look welcomed students, parents and grandparents to this cherished portion of the festivities.





[Here a link to Pumpkin Patch short video recap](#)

Class Day

On Thursday, October 19, students in grades 9, 10, and 11 enjoyed Class Day at Waimanalo, Sherwood, and Bellows beaches. Despite the wind, everyone had a great time swimming, playing games, and bonding with their classmates.





Math Team keeps rolling



From faculty member Michael Park, "Led by perfect scorers Seobeon Chang '20, Jason Cho '18, Haeri Kim '20 and Ian Oga '18, the varsity Raiders amassed 259 points to place first at meet 2 held at Millilani High this past Saturday. Punahou, Roosevelt, Kamehameha and McKinley rounded out the top 5 with 244, 161, 149 and 118 points, respectively. Our other team members were Chenyi Hu '19, Norton Kishi '18, Brandon Lai '20, Kenneth Nguyen '19, Roy Song '19 and Jonah Yoshida '21.

The team of Tyson DeCastro '20, Jeein Hong '21, Dylan Kaneshiro '21 and Ashley Kim '20 scored 88 points to win the JV division. Kamehameha, Punahou and McKinley rounded out the top 4 with 63, 61 and 57 points, respectively. Also participating were Darren Do '21, Jayson Guo '21, Kunwoo Kim '21, Sonny Nguyen '21, Takao Oba '20 and Jake Song '21." Meet 3 will be on November 18 at Kaiser High.

Cross Country ILH Varsity & JV Championship

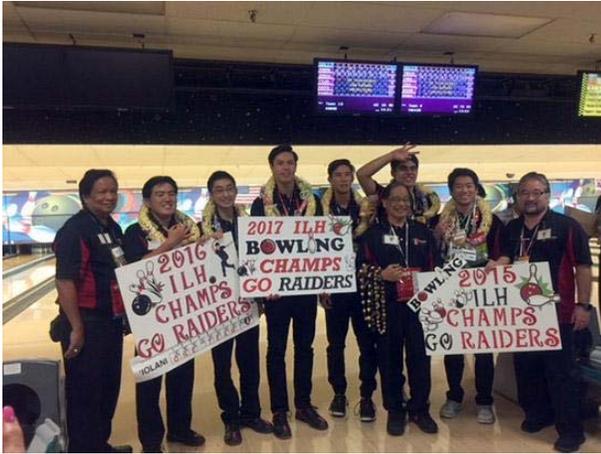
The cross country teams competed in the ILH JV and Varsity Championships on Saturday morning. The Girls JV and Varsity teams finished 2nd placed overall while qualifying for States. The Boys Varsity team successfully three-peated their ILH Championship by placing 5 runners in the top 10, and the Boys JV team capped off their strong season by also placing 5 runners in the top 10.



Congratulations to all the runners and good luck to the Varsity teams at this week's HHSAA State Championship on Kauai!

'Iolani ILH Bowling Champs!

The Iolani Boys team has won the ILH Title for the past 3 years. This year, the girls also clinched their first ILH title since 2008.



The boys and girls varsity teams claimed ILH titles in bowling this season. The JV boys finished in 1st place as well, while the JV girls placed 2nd among their competition. This is the varsity boys' third consecutive ILH title, and was the first ILH title for varsity girls since the 2008 season. This year's State Championships will be held at Kauai Bowl in Lihue, on October 26-27.

Congratulations to our fine bowlers:

- Varsity boys: Kennan Kaneshiro '18, Trevor Tamura '18, Shane Sasaki '19, Micah Yonamine '19, Cole Mijo '19, and Christopher Tanaka '20.
- Varsity girls: Sarisa Choy '18, Sabrina Kawakami '18, Kayla Malta '18, Marielle Wong '18, Anya Wu '18, Tia-Marie Yee '18, Asia Amii '19, Seobeon Chang '20, Ashlyn Okazaki '20, and Logan Akau '21
- JV boys: Cole Denneau '19, Micah Fujiwara '19, Shane Harimoto '19, Waylon Ho '21, Zane Pink '19, Kobi Tanioka '19, Elliott Hee '20, Andy Nakamura '20, Logan Yamamoto '20, Koby Kai '21, Justin Lee '21
- JV girls: Asia Amii '19, Claire Moriyama '19, Kiana Okamura '19, Emily Osurman '19, Yoo Ra Sung '19, Jordan Luke '20, Erena Yamatsu '20, Rachel Iha '21, and Remy Ohara '21
- Boys Coaches: Jason Egdamin, Alan Acierto, Kevin Kaneshiro
- Girls Coaches: Michelle Jung, Geoffrey Inouye, David Okazaki, Alden Wong

JV Tennis ILH Champs!

The 'Iolani Raiders JV Boys team wrapped up its JV season with a sweep of Maryknoll: 1S- Riley Visaya '20, 6-1, 6-2, 2S- Roy Song '19 by default, 1D-Scott Yamamoto '21/Ryan Higa '21 6-1, 6-0, 2D- Kainoa Bates '21/Koichiro Otake '21 6-1, 6-2, 3D- Max Schermer '20/Joshua Park '21 6-1, 6-2. The boys practiced diligently all season long & did a fantastic job in competition to earn 12 victories & no losses to be the ILH JV Champions!



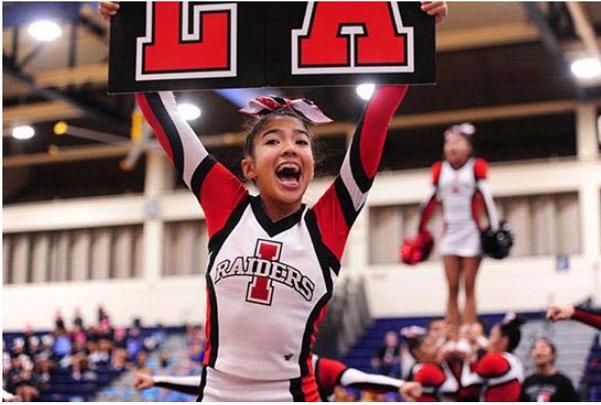
Congratulations to the following players and coaches: Kainoa Bates '21, Preston Gee '21, Jayson Guo '21, Ryan Higa '21, Gabriel Kwock '20, Trevor Lau '20, Trevor Oshiro '20, Koichiro Otake '21, Joshua Park '21, Max Schermer '20, Andrew Somerville '21, Roy Song '19, Riley Visaya '20, Scott Yamamoto '21, Head Coach Alex Aybar, Assistant Coach/ Manager George Asato.

ILH Cheerleading Championships

Kamehameha Kapalama's Kekuhaupi'o gym was packed Friday evening with fans ready to cheer on the cheerleaders! With high-flying, exciting routines, all three squads placed among the top in their divisions. The Intermediate team took a close 2nd place, while the Junior Varsity won their first ever ILH championship. The Varsity squad finished with a 3rd place win and will now go on to

compete at the the HHSAA Cheerleading Championships on November 4th at the Blaisdell Center Arena. The Intermediate and JV teams will also be performing exhibition routines.





Congrats to all three Raider cheer teams for an outstanding ILH competition season while also cheering on our football teams. Good luck at States!

Girls Volleyball in States

Our defending state champion girls varsity volleyball team opened this year's state tournament last night, sweeping Waianae, 25-9, 25-17, 25-19, in the Lower Gym. The Raiders advance to the quarterfinals where they will face MIL champion Kamehameha-Maui on Thursday. That match will be played at Moanalua High School, starting at 5 pm. Go Raiders! [Click here for more info](#)

Boys Waterpolo

Tonight's regular-season finale for our boys varsity Division I water polo team will be the subject of an 'IOLANI LIVE webcast. If you aren't able to attend, please tune in. Here is the direct link: <https://youtu.be/lXrU2Qco5O8>

Our Raiders will conclude the season next week with the ILH Tournament, which will be hosted at Punahou on Wednesday, Nov. 1, and Friday, Nov. 3.

Hō'ike

On Monday, October 23, our 8th grade students participated in a hō'ike (exhibition) organized by the upper school History department. This hō'ike "From Olden Ways To Modern Days" highlighted our students' exploration of the many ways in which ancient Hawaiians managed life with great abundance, eco-friendly practices, and ultimately demonstrated sustainability at the highest level. At the heart of our learning, is a growing appreciation for the wisdom of those who came before us, and keen interest to actively seek better methods to address modern issues.







This culminating event provided each student the opportunity to share the fruits of their labor while practicing public speaking and enjoying Hawaiian culture! Thank you faculty members Ms. Albinio, Dr. Brasher, Maka Jones, Mr. Suemori for organizing the hō'ike.

Stories of Kūpuna



Former One Mile Project student Bryson Choy '18 worked on a project this past summer collecting the stories and life experiences from interviews with kūpuna (older adults) both in Hawai'i and on the mainland. He wished to continue his work from the One Mile Project by sharing all of the fascinating stories from Kūpuna with those in the local community. His website, *Stories of kūpuna*, shares all of these stories in one place, featuring anecdotes from kūpuna of many different backgrounds with unique life experiences, as well as words of advice from kūpuna interviews. [Here is a link to the Stories of Kupuna website created by Bryson Choy](#)

Class of 1992 25th reunion in Las Vegas

The Class of 1992 had its 25th reunion in Las Vegas, just 2 weeks after the tragic Las Vegas shooting. Along with celebrating, they decided that they also wanted to do something to help the city of Las Vegas. So they took gifts of coffee and macadamia nut chocolates, and hand delivered them to some of the first responders of the shooting. They collected over \$600 and filled up 4 large bins of omiyage, and visited 2 police stations and 1 hospital. Some of the teachers of the Class of 1992 also had their students write letters of appreciation and encouragement to the first responders.

'Iolani's Economics & Entrepreneurship class students wrote letters (teacher Kimi Frith is a 1992 graduate). One of the police officers who received a letter came to Hawaii a few days after the Class of 1992's visit to Las Vegas. Officer Dominique Davis-Thomas and his wife Ashley had already planned a trip to Hawaii 3 months prior to celebrate their wedding anniversary.



Officer Davis-Thomas contacted Kimi because he wanted to visit the students who wrote the letters, and in particular he wanted to meet Joshua Morisaki '19, the author of the letter that he received. The couple visited 'Iolani and met Joshua to personally thank him for his letter. They also visited the classes and thanked all of the students for their words of encouragement and appreciation. They talked about the impact that a thank you letter has, and how much it meant to them and the other police officers who live thousands of miles away in Las Vegas.

A great One Team story with alumni, teachers, and students involved. [It was covered by Hawaii News Now on October 18](#)

All the best in health and happiness,
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