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Dear Parents,

Math Team Wins 26th Consecutive Championship



Led by perfect scorers Jason Cho '18, Connor Kojima '20, Brandon Lai '20 and Ian Oga '18, the varsity Raiders amassed 276 points to place first at meet 7 held at Farrington High this past Saturday. Punahou, McKinley, Roosevelt and Kamehameha rounded out the top 5 with 252, 216, 216 and 162 points, respectively. Our other team members were Seobeen Chang '20, Chenyi Hu '19, Haeri Kim '20, Joshua Park '21, Roy Song '19 and Jonah Yoshida '21. Perfect scores from Darren Do '21, Jeein Hong '21, Ashley Kim '20 and Gabriel Kwock '20 propelled the JV team to victory. Punahou, McKinley and Kamehameha rounded out the top 4 with 111, 95 and 74 points, respectively. Also participating were Tyson DeCastro '20, Dylan Kaneshiro '21, Sonny Nguyen '21 and Jake Song '21.

After the meet, awards were given to the top ten scorers in the league, and Iolani captured 6 of them. Jason Cho was number 1 with a perfect average of 30. Ian Oga was 3rd with 29.0, Haeri Kim was 4th with 28.4, Norton Kishi was 5th with 28.0, Brandon Lai was 7th with 26.4 and Seobeen Chang was 9th with 26.2.

In the overall standings, both the varsity and JV teams won every meet this year to end the season with a perfect 7.0 league points. In the varsity division, Punahou, Kamehameha, Roosevelt and McKinley rounded out the top 5 with 14.0, 23.0, 29.5 and 30.5 league points, respectively. In the JV division, Punahou, Kamehameha, McKinley and Waipahu rounded out the top 5 with 18.0, 23.0, 24.5 and 39.5 league points, respectively. This is the 26th consecutive title for the varsity, and the 18th consecutive championship for the JV. Remarks from head coach Michael Park: "This year's team worked very hard throughout the entire season and earned all the accolades bestowed upon them. I enjoy their enthusiasm for mathematics and their competitive spirit. A big mahalo to coaches David Masunaga, Lance Takeuchi, Kathy Nirei, Alan Yeh, Ryan Sasaki, Erin Nagoshi and Jessi Saylor!"

Fair Week



To kick off the 2018 'Iolani Fair, Dino Days, lunchtime festivities were held in the Center Courtyard. On Monday, the Dino Toss game challenged students to toss a ball into the milk can. First 50 won a pack of Hi-Chews. Tuesday's food eating contest featured faculty contestants Mr. Yeh, Mr. Nakoa, Ms. Tamashiro, Mr. Wong, Mr. Tano, Dr. Kusao, Mr. Among, Ms. Otsu, Ms. Catuthen and Ms. Ta. Wednesday's relay race included contestants from 7-12th grade. Then The Fair itself. The weather cooperated and it was a wonderful community event. A big One Team thank you to all the volunteers and participants.















Lifesmarts Nationals

[Lifesmarts](#) is billed as the “Ultimate Consumer Challenge as a consumer education competition for teens in grades 6-12. The competition tests students on their knowledge of Personal Finance, Health and Safety, Environment, Technology, Consumer Rights and Responsibilities.” [Here is the page with our state champion 'Iolani team.](#)



Here the team is working with their sister team from the state of Georgia on a crossword puzzle of fraud topics.



Team photo at the hotel. You can follow their progress on the event mobi site: eventmobi.com/lifesmarts2018. Good luck on their first 5 rounds tomorrow!

4th Grade Big Island Trip

The fourth graders participated in their grade level's annual trip to the Big Island of Hawai'i on April 11-13. This long anticipated journey was the culmination of their yearlong studies on Hawaiian geology, culture and history. It all started off with a plane ride to Hilo with the first stop at the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park where they viewed firsthand the beauty and power of Kilauea Volcano and Hawaiian endemic plants and animals in surrounding areas. They walked through a lava tube and searched for Pele's tears and hair at a recent lava flow. They even took a night walk out to the lip of the caldera to view the glow and activity of Halema'uma'u Crater. With their iPads in tow to document their experiences and to take photos, the fourth graders also visited places such as Akaka Falls, Kamehameha the Great's Pu'ukohola Luakini, and were given a personal talk at Waikoloa Petroglyph Field by an expert speaker, Ski Kwiatkowski. They ventured back in time to the home of the Uchidas, who grew coffee and macadamia nuts in the early 1900's, now a living museum, and a country store that served the Kona community.





The most important thing the students learned was the experience of being with their classmates, forging friendships and making new and deeper ones. They learned what it is like to be on their own and being independent and responsible for themselves. The Big Island trip was truly a fun and unforgettable experience for class of 2026.

French 4 Field Trip - Honolulu Museum of Art

On April 10, the French 4 class from 'Iolani visited the Honolulu Museum of Art to discover the rich collection of works by French artists. Students were able to make connections between the French history they learned in class this year and the Reformation, Renaissance and Impressionist paintings and sculptures on display.





Everyone then enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Museum Café before returning to school.

9th Grade Arizona Memorial Field Trip

The 9th graders visited Pearl Harbor on the morning of Fair Day in conjunction with their History of the Modern World classes, where they are studying about World War II. They were treated to a quick reception and sharing session with Mr. Jimmy Lee '49, a witness to the Pearl Harbor attack.



Students visited the Arizona Memorial, and many were able to browse through the museum. The trip reminded us all of the sacrifice that so many made on our behalf.

6th Grade Field Trip

The sixth graders explored three areas of the He'eia ahupua'a as a part of their unit on sustainability. They visited the lo'i kalo of Kāko'o 'Ōiwi, learned about "he wa'a he moku, he moku he wa'a" with the sailing canoe Kānehunamoku and helped to restore the He'eia stream estuary next to Paepae O He'eia loko i'a.



Students cleared and rebuilt lo'i, weeded out invasive species and planted native species and discussed the choices facing island residents, while enjoying the mud and water.



Guys & Dolls

On Friday, April 6, Musical Theater 3 students had their final performance, Guys and Dolls, at Mamiya Theater.





For ten seniors, Heidi Park, Xiao Yi Wang-Beckvall, Kimmie Seif, Landon Wong, Trevor Tamura, Bethany Lum, Aiyana Adams, Erica Cheung, Paris

Yamamoto and Camryn Yee, this was their last performance at 'Iolani. Directed and Choreographed by Andrew Sakaguchi, the full length musical was a huge success!

Hokuloa Singers

Last weekend, the Hokuloa Singers were quite busy. On Friday night, they sang to a very appreciative crowd at Arcadia Retirement Residence. Following the concert, no one could leave for a while because it was raining and gusting so hard, the security guard wouldn't open the front door!



On Sunday, the Hokuloa Singers got up at the crack of dawn to join forces with the Hawaiian Choir of St. Andrew's Cathedral. Apparently the congregation enjoyed the anthem, because there was thunderous applause afterwards.



Normally, there is a respectful silence following the anthem, but not today! They may have *looked* tired, but they sounded completely awake and angelic.

Family Promise

Last week, students in 'Iolani School's Boy Scouts Troop 325, Family Promise Club, and Critical Service Learning classes prepared and served meals for families currently in the [Family Promise of Hawaii](#) program. Family Promise helps homeless, working poor families with young children transition into long-term, affordable housing. Since opening in 2006, Family Promise of Hawaii has assisted hundreds of families with much-needed programs and services that help them make this important transition. Each week, the program shelters up to 28 people (8 families) in local churches, synagogues and temples around the island. On Sunday night, the Boy Scouts served pizza, salad and dessert. During the week, upper school students prepared teriyaki chicken and rice, beef stew and rice, and chicken and pork souvlaki with Greek pasta salad and almond baklava! In addition to preparing the meals, students volunteered every night at Wesley United Methodist Church in Kahala. They ate dinner with the families, provided activities for the younger children, played games, and talked story.

Boys Three-peat as ILH Intermediate Golf Team Champions

The 'Iolani Boys Intermediate Golf Team made it a three-peat as ILH champions on Saturday, April 7, by closing out the season with a convincing 10 stroke win at Hawaii Kai Golf Course. The season was challenging as weather cancelled two team tournaments and the individual championship. The boys ended up winning three of four ILH tournaments and played with the One Team spirit throughout the season. Team members include Jordan Sato '22, Trey Abe '23, Noah Scherman '23, Reece Shiraishi '23 and Dane Watanabe'23. Because the championship tournament was cancelled due to the heavy rains and flooding, individual medals were awarded to players based on the average of their best two regular season scores.







In the girls division, Nicole Tanoue '23 tied for first with a 56.5 scoring average (2.5 strokes over par) and was awarded a gold medal. For the boys, Jordan Sato '22 took first (gold) by one stroke with a 58 average and Dane Watanabe '23 (60.5) and Reece Shiraishi '23 (61) were awarded bronze medals.



Congratulations to the boys and girls golf teams on a great season!

Varsity Tennis ILH Championships

Congratulations to both the boys and girls 'Iolani tennis teams for what was a very successful ILH Clay Benham Postseason Tennis Championships. The tournament was held at Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP) April 16-18. Both boys and girls were able to qualify 5 entrants into the HHSAA State Championships May 3-5 at CORP. All the players have come such a long way as students and athletes, making parents and coaches very proud. The boys are looking to defend their 2017 HHSAA State Champion team title, while the girls are legitimate contenders for the title this year. We wish the teams the best of luck in what should be an exciting end of season State Championships. Listed below are the participants and results in the ILH Postseason Championships.

'Iolani Boys Team

- Phuc Huynh '18 (ILH Singles Champion) Qualified
- Jordan Azuma '18 (ILH Doubles Champion) Qualified
- Joey Hu '18 (ILH Doubles Champion) Qualified
- Cody Ching '20 (ILH Doubles Finalist) Qualified
- Robert Chang '20 (ILH Doubles Finalist) Qualified
- Sean Yamamoto '18 (ILH Doubles 3rd place) Qualified
- Scott Yamamoto '21 (ILH Doubles 3rd place) Qualified
- Genki Kadomatsu '19 (ILH Singles Playoff for 6th place to be held on Maui Tuesday, April 24 for HHSAA State qualification)
- Gabriel Kwock '20 (ILH singles participant)







'Iolani Girls Team

Xiao Yi Wang-Beckvall '18 (ILH Doubles 4th place) Qualified

Mari Kwee '19 (ILH Doubles 4th place) Qualified

Gabriela Siasoi '19 (ILH Doubles 5th place) Qualified

Sabrina Loui '21(ILH Doubles 5th place) Qualified

Celeste Inouye '19 (ILH Singles 5th place) Qualified

Alyssa Watanabe '19 (ILH Singles 6th place) Qualified

Kylie Pham '19 (ILH Singles 8th place) Qualified

Teshera York '18 (ILH Doubles participant)

Cynthia Nagano '19 (ILH Doubles participant)





Varsity Softball

After winning three of its last four games to close out the regular season, our girls varsity softball will host an ILH Tournament first-round game vs. Mid-Pacific on Tuesday at 4pm. The winner will advance on to face regular-season champ Punahou on Thursday in the semifinals.





All the best in health and happiness,
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