



I'OLANI PERFORMING ARTS

Dear parents of students in grades 4-6:

Aloha! This is Kevin Pease, 'Iolani School's Director of Performing Arts, and I am writing to share information about the many exciting opportunities that your student will have to participate in the performing arts this coming school. In addition to the performing arts learning already offered as part of the Lower School curriculum, Lower School students in grades 4 – 6 choose a performing arts elective in Band, Chorus, Contemporary Jazz Dance, Hula, Musical Theatre, Orchestra or Theatre taught by members of the Upper School faculty.

On August 21st, your student will attend a presentation given by the performing arts faculty that will assist them in choosing their performing elective. The information in this letter is provided to assist you and your student in making that decision. Following the presentation, all students in grade 4-6 will be given a form on which to indicate, in order of preference, the course in which they would like to enroll. This form will require your signature. Please note that **not all PAD classes are available at all grade levels**. While we make every effort to place students in their top choice, we ask that you carefully consider your second and third choices.

Growth in the performing arts *is* cumulative, and if your student is entering grades 5 or 6, has already participated in an 'Iolani PAD class and enjoyed their experience, we strongly recommend they continue their study in that discipline.

Grade Level	Available Courses	Instructor/s	Important Information
4	Chorus	Mr. John Alexander	
	Contemporary Jazz (Dance)	Mrs. Lisa Simon and Mr. Andrew Sakaguchi	Open to 4 th graders with instructor's permission
	Hula	Mr. Ku Souza and Mrs. Lehua Carvalho	Limited enrollment of 60 students (grades 4-6)
	Orchestra (Beginning Intermediate and Advanced)	Mr. Alexander Pena Mrs. Joan Wehrman Ms. Louise Ching Mr. Colin Belisle	Beginning Orchestra requires no previous experience. Advanced Orchestra is open to fourth graders who are studying

			with a <u>private teacher</u> . For a 4 th grader to be considered for Adv. Orchestra, the student's private teacher must have provide a recommendation to the 'Iolani faculty.
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Grade Level	Available Courses	Instructor/s	Important Information
5	Band	Mr. Manny Dayao Mrs. Lynn Muramaru	
	Chorus	Mr. John Alexander	
	Contemporary Jazz (Dance)	Mrs. Lisa Simon and Mr. Andrew Sakaguchi	Limited enrollment of 16 students. (grades 5-6)
	Hula	Mr. Ku Souza and Mrs. Lehua Carvalho	Limited enrollment of 60 students (grades 4-6)
	Orchestra (Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced)	Mr. Alexander Pena Mrs. Joan Wehrman Ms. Louise Ching Mr. Colin Belisle	Beginning Orchestra requires no previous experience. 5 th grade students may sign up for Adv. Orchestra with prior experience and instructors permission. Please contact the instructors with questions about placement.

Grade Level	Available Courses	Instructor/s	Important Information
6	Band	Mr. Manny Dayao Mrs. Lynn Muramaru	
	Chorus	Mr. John Alexander	
	Contemporary Jazz (Dance)	Mrs. Lisa Simon and Mr. Andrew Sakaguchi	Limited enrollment of 16 students. (grades 5-6)
	Hula	Mr. Ku Souza and Mrs. Lehua Carvalho	Limited enrollment of 60 students (grades 4-6)
	Musical Theatre	TBD	Limited enrollment of 30 students (grade 6 only)
	Orchestra (Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced)	Mr. Alexander Pena Mrs. Joan Wehrman Ms. Louise Ching Mr. Colin Belisle	Beginning Orchestra requires no previous experience. 6 th grade students may sign up for Adv. Orchestra with prior experience and instructors permission. Please contact the instructors with questions about placement.
	Theatre	Ms. Sarah Halford	Limited enrollment of 18 students (grade 6 only)

Our Performing Arts faculty will be available to speak with you on the night of August 23rd at the 1st-5th Grade Back to School Night and to answer any questions about the different PAD offerings prior to your student submitting their preference sheet.

I hope that the information above will help you and your child make an informed decision, and I encourage you to contact the Performing Arts Department or one of our faculty members if you have additional questions about a specific course/s.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Pease". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and the last name "Pease" clearly distinguishable.

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