



# Makua Lani Christian School

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Newsletter

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## Makua Lani Christian School

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### Mission Statement

Makua Lani Christian School will work together with the parents and church to provide a Christ-centered spiritual, academic, and physical foundation that will produce individuals who will be Biblical thinkers capable of serving the world for Christ.

### Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you . . . Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

**"As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered."** James 5: 11a

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2012. We can put 2011 behind us and look with anticipation for what the Lord will do in our lives in the coming days. If you are like me, there is excitement, trepidation, and the feeling that this year will be the best yet.

I was able to visit my son, a 2002 Makua Lani graduate, who now lives in Oahu and is in his first year of being a medical doctor. He has told me that he has been climbing Koko Head in Oahu for some time now and since we hiked Pill Box in Kailua on an earlier trip, I decided that I should try Koko Head with James. Little did I know what was ahead.

KoKo Head rises 1200+ feet above sea level. Living in Alaska for 20 years, I wasn't that impressed with that fact. A railroad was constructed probably in the 30's or 40's to carry military personnel and supplies to the top of this crater where it was used as a look out. The railway ties are what make the trail. When I started looking at what was in front of me, I realized that this would be a steep climb. It seemed more like rock climbing than hiking. However, I love having memories with my children and this was to be a special one. And so we started. From reading about it -- not counting it myself-- there are over 1000 steps to get to the top. Once there a spectacular view awaits. I noticed there were children and older people—at least my age—beginning the hike so I figured that I was choosing a reasonable hike and memory. Things were going pretty well until I realized I was beginning to hit a 45 degree incline. Then things got a little bit hairy when I realized that I would be walking on railroad ties that had a steep drop underneath it—very little margin for error. What I truly love was everyone—and there were lots of hikers—were huffing and puffing as much as I was. There were also the amazing super jocks that were running up to the top and back down only to run up again. Crazy people. My son would walk ahead of me but would never get so far ahead that I lost sight of him. He would wait for me with great patience. I was probably about three quarters of the way up when my son suggested that we had gone far enough. I actually told him I thought I could go further, but he pressed the point and we began to descend. That's when I realized that my son was right about turning around. The descent was in some ways more difficult than the ascent. My legs felt like they were made of jelly and the slope downhill was more frightening than I anticipated. One wrong step and I could keep falling. Once we got to the bottom I realized that I was spent...But oddly enough, I knew I would tackle Koko Head again in the future.

My hike with my son reminded me of my walk with the Lord. I will set goals for myself, but the Lord knows what is best and when I need to redirect myself. And like my son, my heavenly Father is ever so patient with me. What I realized was I needed to put myself out there. I could have just done nothing, but what an amazing memory I have and what a goal I have ahead of myself when I tackle Koko Head yet again.

May the Lord give us exciting goals to conquer for Him in this new year of 2012.

Blessings

Thaddea

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## Chapel Update

### Praise & Worship:

Thank you to our NEW Praise and Worship Team: Sina Easley, Allie Freitas, Maleya Creitz, Melody Navarro, Kylie Keliia'a, La'akea Vogelgesang, and Beau Hesketh on guitar.

### January 11<sup>th</sup> Gideons

The Gideons came to share Bibles and their testimony with us. Steve Kerkhoff, Bill Buckingham and Dr. Bob Meyers were on campus. Steve shared about the history of the Gideons and how lives have been changed from those picking up Bibles in hotel and motel rooms and God doing the rest. We were given quite a few Bibles to give out. If you would like one, let us know.

## Student Intent Forms for 2012-2013

Student Intent forms for the upcoming school year will be mailed home in February.

## Student Drivers

All student drivers MUST turn in a driving permission form, a copy of their driver's license and a copy of their current insurance card to the office. This needs to happen right away in order for them to continue driving to school.

## Spring Sports Update

Spring sports will begin soon! All sports paperwork and physicals should be completed and turned in to Mr. Johnson ASAP. Spring sports include Boys and Girls Tennis and Boys and Girls Golf.

## Tuition Issues

As you have seen in a recent newsletter, the school will be tighter on tuition payments this year. Myvanwy Brunner is now on board as the financial tuition overseer at Makua Lani and Kona Christian Academy. If tuition issues arise, she will be the one to contact you.

## Tuition Update

Tuition payments are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. You can mail a check to: (PO Box 1179 Kailua-Kona, HI 96745) or you can call Debbie in our financial office at 329-3093 if you would like to pay with a credit card (there is a 2 ½ % charge).

## Bibles

All students must have a Bible here at school. We use them in Chapel every Wednesday and in various classes throughout the week. Please ensure that your child has one everyday. Thank you!

## College Corner- FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Mrs. Kim Dong is our college counselor. You may contact her directly at [makualanicounselor@gmail.com](mailto:makualanicounselor@gmail.com) with your questions. You can go online to the college board website- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for more information and to register your child. Most of our students take the SAT at Kealakehe High School. **You usually have to register about a month before the exam** so you do not have to pay a late registration fee. Makua Lani's school code is 120064.

### SAT Test Dates:

March 10, 2012  
May 5, 2012  
June 2, 2012

### ACT Test Dates

February 11, 2012  
April 14, 2012  
June 9, 2012

### Helpful Websites as you prepare for college:

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) - The College Board - an organization of colleges and high schools. The site includes advice for students and parents, a college search program, online applications and everything you need to know about SAT testing and you can also register your student for the test. You can also create an account for your 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grader now to help in preparing for the SAT and college ideas. Also for SAT practice you can go to [www.sat.collegeboard.com/practice](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com/practice)

<http://www.actstudent.org> - the official site of the ACT. It includes college searches, online applications, advice and timelines, financial aid information and estimator, and lots of information on the ACT tests.

<https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx> - the official site from which you can download the Common Application, view the list of participating colleges, and get application information.

<http://www.number2.com/> - a helpful site that offers free SAT and ACT test preparation practice.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### February

TBA – Junior Class College Night  
**17 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher’s In-Service**  
**20 – NO SCHOOL – President’s Day**

### March

16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ends  
**19-23 – NO SCHOOL – Spring Break**  
 30-31 – “Pride & Prejudice” Play

### April

**6 – NO SCHOOL – Good Friday**  
 TBA – Prom  
 TBA – SAT’s

### May

10 – AP English Exam  
 11 – AP U.S. History Exam  
 22-24 – Senior Final Exams  
 23 – Senior Chapel  
 26 – Senior Graduation  
**28 – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**  
 29-31 Final Exams (grades 8-11)  
 31 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation

### June

1 – Final Exams  
 1 – Last Day of School – ½ day

### Transcripts for College

Seniors: if you need your transcripts to be sent to a college, please provide a stamped envelope with the college address on it. Ms. Page will mail them out ASAP.

### Advanced Placement Exam Fees

Students taking AP Literature and Composition or AP US History will be charged \$87 per exam taken in May. This will be automatically added to your tuition. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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### Tardy Reminder

All students are asked to be here at 8:00 each morning. They are allowed 5 tardies per quarter for those occasional setbacks. After 5 tardies to homeroom, detention will result. The 6<sup>th</sup> tardy is 20 minutes detention during lunch and each after that is a full lunch detention. This policy has been most effective in dealing with a difficult problem. Thank you for your help in this area.

### Student Prayer Room

The prayer room is open on Fridays during lunch for all students. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy worship & prayer time during the school day.

## Makua Lani Lions Soccer Game Schedule

Date	Day	Location	Boys	Girls
<b>January 14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Joe @ ML</b>		<b>3pm</b>
January 18	Wednesday	@ HPA	2pm	4pm
January 21	Saturday	@ Waiakea	1pm	3pm
January 24-28		Girl’s playoffs & BIIF’s		
February 1	Wednesday	@ Kealakehe	3pm	
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Honoka’a @ ML</b>	<b>3pm</b>	
Feb. 7-11		Boy’s playoffs & BIIF’s		

**Bold games are home games.** All Makua Lani home games are played at the Old Airport field between the pool and the playground.

## Makua Lani Christian School - Helpful Links for Parents:

Christian Education:

<http://www.discoverchristianschools.com>

Helpful website to establish media standards in our homes:

<http://www.pluggedin.com>

A non-denominational, faith based ministry that offers biblical parenting resources and online guidance to parents:

<http://www.parentingbydesign.com>

A community of parents seeking Godly direction:

<http://www.growingkids.org>

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

### SUPERIOR (4.0 + GPA)

12<sup>th</sup> grade

Gage Allen, Joseph Campbell, Grace Choe, Emmanuel Gordon, Beau Hesketh, Liana Jensen, Brandt Mabuni, Keelee Martin, Masaki Nakamura, Tyler Nakamura, Alex Todd

11<sup>th</sup> grade

Keawe Alapai, Mercedes DeCarli, Lilly Dorr, Jason Formanack, Lauren Mabuni, Adora Omodt, Kanoa Reid, Madison Wanner

10<sup>th</sup> grade

Joy Choe, Tyler Dorn, Laura Dowsett, Taylor Kline, Karissa Komo, Amanda Madigan, Savannah Pitts, Kamela Souza, Bailey Wanner, James Whalen

9<sup>th</sup> grade

Aidan Alcos, Keili Dorn, Amanda Jensen, John Kathe, Chase Onaka, Spencer Todd, Rachel Won

8<sup>th</sup> grade

Sarah Cavanaugh, Sina Easley, Amelia Gray, Chasen Jakob, Timothy St.Clair, Sophia Whalen

### 3.50 – 3.99 GPA

12<sup>th</sup> grade

Hope Bradley, Kristen Carlsteen, Ricky Creitz, Andrew Dong, Eric Dong, Catherine Hudson, Jon Nagy, Nick Shaw, Katie Trester

11<sup>th</sup> grade

Chaya Cacal, Kimberly Casino, Nai'a Ilagan Willard, Cullen Muramoto, Kevin Murphy, Tiffany Nakamura, Pono Ng, Lydia Wood

10<sup>th</sup> grade

Andrew Creitz, Genesis Marks, Kanoe Nitta, Alex Stevens

9<sup>th</sup> grade

Kylie Keliia'a, Daniel Kim

8<sup>th</sup> grade

Kalani Alapai, Maleya Creitz, Allie Freitas, La'akea Vogelgesang

