



Makua Lani Christian School

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Newsletter

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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."

"Freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8

Dear Friends,

Recently, our spiritual leadership group, the XTRAS (Christ truths reaching all souls), presented in chapel. I think, perhaps, this was my all time favorite chapel and we have had some wonderful speakers. But the reason this was so precious to me was 1) I feel that the Lord has been speaking to me about the poor of the world—which was the basis of the chapel and 2) the chapel was student lead. We have nine prayer groups on campus. Each group has a leader and each group is same gender. These groups remain together for the entire year. This year they have each chosen a ministry to support. Each prayer group leader presented. These are the ministries that they have chosen.

Group 1. This group will practice loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Group 2. This group will support Compassion International an organization to help 3rd world children.

Group 3. This group will support "The Water Project" an organization to get clean drinking water to African tribes.

Group 4. This group will support Zimbabwe: Five to Z project. This is a project to help the people of Zimbabwe. Send \$5, pray 5 minutes, and fast 5 days, and tell 5 other people about the project.

Group 5. This group will support "Surfing the Nations." This is a surfing outreach that uses surfing as a forum to share the gospel.

Group 6. This group will support Tom's Shoes. If you purchase a pair of Tom's shoes, the organization gives a pair of shoes to a child in need.

Group 7. This group will support feeding the community. The leader shared about freerice.com where you can go and answer questions to help in your studies, but as you get the answer correct, rice is donated to a third world country.

Group 8. This group will support "Make a difference" this is a service organization.

Group 9. This group will support "The Call" which is a right to life organization-- its goal saving the unborn.

As I listened to each of the prayer groups present, I saw a depth in our student body declared in their hearts for the Lord. I was moved as I saw teenagers rise into a group that truly wanted to help those in need.

Please continue to pray for each group and each organization as the Student body stands tall for Jesus.

In His Service, Thaddea



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Chapel Update

Thank you to our faculty sponsor, Jonny Buell, for leading us in praise and worship during our chapels.

September 2

Brian Boshard from Mokuaikaua Church presented to the student body. He shared the meaning of the song, "O Oe Io" —a Hawaiian song which has been adopted by Makua Lani as her school song.

September 9

Our History teacher, Miss Christiana Pitts, lead her entire US History classes in a presentation of Remembering 9-11. Though Miss Pitts presented, it was a chapel given by students. Each student took a part of the 9-11 tragedy and shared with the student body. Miss Pitts had her room changed into a 9-11 Memorial. Classes from all over the school went to pay their respects. A wall of Remembrance is still up in her room where those students that visited her room could write journal entries of the impact this day had on them. "Let us never forget the 2700 that perished on our shores during that dreadful day."

September 16

The Xtras presented as shared on the cover page.

September 23

Atuang Tuthang from India was our key note speaker for all of GIG (Getting into God) week I.

GIG (Getting Into God) Week

Getting into God week was held on September 21st-25th. Each day we had prayer groups, JAM (Jesus and Me)time, and chapel with Atuang Tuthang. Our chapels started with Praise and Worship lead by Jonny Buell. Then over the week, each prayer group presented their own dramatic presentation of their version of a Bible story. Some made up a rap with their Bible story, the birth of Christ was shared in pigeon, and vernacular slants were put on just about all of the presentations, but no one will forget them. They were great!

Atuang Tuthang, our key note speaker, is from Manipur, India. He had a vision to start a Christian School for the poor and homeless children of his village. He started the school with \$10 and lots of prayer. Presently, the school has over 500 children with 100 of them orphaned and residing at the school full time. Atuang shared some of the hardships he went through to get started, but he also shared how God encouraged him. He shared about courage and perseverance when times get very tough. Thank you to Randy, Nancy and Kanoa Reid for helping make Antuang's visit to Makua Lani a reality.

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 car insurance card to the office. This needs to happen right away in order for them to continue to drive to school.

Concert of Prayer

Jonny Buell, our praise and worship leader, put together a fantastic Praise and Worship team for our concert of prayer on Thursday night on September 24th. Jesse Cuaresma was on guitar, Jason Formanack was on piano, Andrew Dong was on drums, Dylan Hardie-Jordan was on the ukulele, Doug McClure

was on guitar and our vocalists were Tatiana Kaumatule and Naomi McCracken. What a wonderful group! We appreciated all of the guests that came. Parents, we truly love having you be a part of this. A very special thing happens when students, parents, and teachers are all praying together. We will have another Concert during GIG 2. Please plan to attend.

Back to School Night - Questionnaire

On back to school night, I shared our Continuous School Improvement Plan with you. I asked for feed-back on the plan as well as strengths and areas of needed improvement in the school. If you have not returned them, please do so. I truly appreciate your thoughts. Please see page 5.

TUITION

Tuition payments are due on the 10th of each month. Please contact Debbie Mabuni at KCA (329-3093) if you have any questions. Please keep your account current.

Advanced Placement Exam Fees

Students taking AP Literature or AP US History will be charged \$86 per exam taken in May 2010. This will be added to your tuition. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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Advisors

By now you should have been contacted by your child's advisor. Each student at Makua Lani has a teacher advisor that is of the same gender as the student. This has been initiated with the desire to give each student an adult they know that they can go to in time of need. This may be for prayer, for academic help, or just to know there is someone to call on. Should you want more information about your student's advisor, don't hesitate to call.

Advisors

Grade	Girls	Boys
8	Ms. Page	Mr. Bauer
9	Ms. Stephens	Mr. Robinson
10	Mrs. Sugiyama	Mr. Andrews
11	Miss LePage	Mr. Bricken
12	Miss Pitts	Mr. Buell

Accreditation Needs

During the Accreditation visit, four individuals will come from California to take us through the accreditation process. We need places for our team to stay. Each member of the team needs their own room and there also needs to be a place where they can gather and compile their work.

During the visit, there will be a need for help with lunches and breakfasts. This can be considered a work day. So please let me know at your earliest convenience if you can help us in these areas.

MAJOR NEED: A place to house the team from January 10th-January 13th. Please let the office know if you can help in this area. You will be blessed by meeting these wonderful people.

College Corner

Mrs. Kim Dong is our college counselor. You may contact her directly at makualanicounselor@gmail.com with your questions. You can go online to the college board website- 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: **ACT Test Dates**

Nov. 7, 2009	Dec. 12, 2009
Dec. 5, 2010	Feb. 6, 2010
Jan. 23, 2010	Apr. 10, 2010
Mar. 13, 2010	Jun. 12, 2010
May 1, 2010	
June 5, 2010	

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please mark your calendars for October 21, 22 & 23. School will be out at 12noon each of these days and report cards will be given out at the conferences. We will be sending home a conference time request form in the next week or so, please return it to the office ASAP as we will give first choice to those who turn in their requests immediately. Thank you!!

Shop at KTA and Raise Money for Makua Lani

The Kokua i Na Kula school fundraising program has begun. Shop at any KTA and as you check out they will give you a little slip to write a school number on it. Please write number 38 for Makua Lani and we will get a portion of the donated funds for our school. Thank you!

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Bibles

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

Tardy Reminder

All students are allowed 5 tardies in the morning to their homeroom per quarter...(this does not include tardies during the day to class.) After the 5 tardies have been used, detention will result. The sixth 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.

Silent Auction/Dinner

We will have our annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 21st at Hale Halawai. We are asking each family to contribute at least one item for the silent auction and to sell tickets for the dinner. More information will come soon. We will be asking for sign-ups during our parent/teacher conferences in a few weeks.

Parent / Student Handbooks

Our 2009-2010 Parent / Student Handbook is available on our website at www.makualani.com. Each student has read through the handbook in homeroom and has signed off on each section saying that they have understood it. We will be giving you a hard copy at your parent/teacher conference in a few weeks. Please read and review the handbook with your child (ren). There are some new policies we have updated and good information to be aware of.

Cross Country Race Schedule

Oct. 3 – 10am @ HPA
Oct. 10 – 3:30pm @ Kamehameha
Oct. 24 – 2pm @ Kamehameha - BIIF Championships
Oct. 31 – 9am on Kauai - State Championships

Prayer Time

We would like to start a weekly prayer group for parents. We have one mom interested. Please contact the office for more information.

Bowling Game Schedule

Oct. 3 – 10am @ Hilo Bowl - BIIF Team Championships
Oct. 24 – 10am @ Hilo Bowl - BIIF Team Championships

PSAT Testing

We will be giving the PSAT to all students in grades 9-11 on Wednesday, October 14. Seniors DO NOT come to school that day. 8th graders will be at KCA from 8am until 12noon with their buddies.

Large Roll Top Desk for Sale

Please contact the office if you are interested. We are asking for at least a \$50 donation that will go toward our senior class. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for 1 or 2 parents to take old paint cans to the Kealakehe Transfer station on Saturday, Dec. 12 during the paint recycling event. There are about 50 – 1 gallon cans that we need to dispose of. Please contact the office if you can help with this. It will count as a workday!

IMPORTANT DATES

October

14 PSAT Testing for grades 9-11
16 End of 1st quarter
21-23 Parent/Teacher Conferences - school out at 12 noon on each of these days

November

11 **NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day Holiday**
20 College Fair for 11th and 12th graders
21 Silent Auction & Dinner Fundraiser
26, 27 **NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday**

December

16-18 1st Semester Final Exams
18 School out at 11:30am
Dec. 19 - Jan. 8 **NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**

January 2010

7 & 8 ACSI Teacher's Conference on Oahu
11 School Resumes
18 **NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Continuous School Improvement Plan

- I. The staff will be committed to integrate a distinctively Christian perspective in all aspects of the educational process.
- II. The school board will define the nature and responsibilities of the board on an ongoing basis. This will include a systematic step process for problems, conflicts or questions.
- III. The school will communicate with like minded churches on a regular basis.
- IV. Makua Lani is revising and has an ongoing confidential student record keeping plan for security reasons.
- V. The curriculum at Makua Lani Christian School takes steps to insure that curriculum and instructional programs are based on state and national standards but maintain a Biblical base.
- VI. Curriculum review is ongoing to insure that Biblical truth and sound educational practice are being met.
- VII. Math scores need to be stronger. Investigation into our Math Curriculum is necessary.
- VIII. Technology training for our staff needs to be ongoing.
- IX. There is a continuing education of the student concerning the guidelines of crisis situations.
- X. Strategic planning of large and small group prayer experiences should have an organized thematic structure.
- XI. Expected School wide Learning Results is an ongoing goal.

PARENTS – PLEASE REVIEW THE CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND E-MAIL US WITH:

- 1. Recommendations and suggestions**
 - 2. Strengths of the school**
 - 3. Alumni feedback**
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ESLRs - Expected Schoolwide Learning Results

Students should leave Makua Lani as:

Committed Christians

- Having accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
- Having developed a Christian Worldview
- Having gained a deeper knowledge of and respect for God's word
- Demonstrating the reality of their faith by doing good works, either in their school, church, or community
- Shall be people of character

Effective Communicators

- Able to assimilate information and communicate it clearly through the use of speaking, writing, and technology
- Able to read and listen critically and respond appropriately to oral and written communication
- Able to understand the need and value of working together and maturely resolving interpersonal conflicts

Critical Thinkers

- Able to analyze, evaluate and synthesize information through independent and/or cooperative effort in order to reach resolution.
- Able to transfer learned skills to a new setting
- Able to identify and analyze arguments or underlying assumptions

Self-Directed Learner

- Who have a vision for their future and have set appropriate goals to realize that vision.
- Who know which learning strategies work best for them and how to apply these strategies to learn new concepts and skills
- Who understand the value of being a life-long learner