



Knightly News



**BE SURE TO PAY YOUR DUES
BY MAIL IN JULY!!! Form enclosed...**

Tentative Calendar: July 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
						Mail in 2023-24 Dues & Fees BEGINS
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		INDEPENDENCE DAY				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Free Sports Physical Day – 8a-3p Castle High	Freshmen Summer Bridge July 18-22				HI-5 Donations Drive 9-11a Audi. Parking Lot.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
FRESHMAN – PICK UP YOUR CHROMEBOOKS 7/24-25 * 8a-3p in Library. Sign up for “Free & Reduced Lunch Program” at this time!						Mail in ‘Dues & Fees’ ENDS

Tentative Calendar: August 2023

30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		TEACHER Work Day	TEACHER Work Day	Admin Day	Admin Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	FRESHMEN ORIENTATION “Families & Friends of Castle” (PTSA) 6p* Lib	FIRST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS	2025 (Jr.) Parent Team Mtg. 6p Lib		School Spirit Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		2024 (Sr.) Parent Team Mtg. 6p Lib		2026 (Soph) Parent Team Mtg. 6p * Lib.	HOLIDAY STATEHOOD DAY	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		FRESHMAN PARENT INFO KNIGHT 6p Cafe				HI-5 Donations Drive 9-11a Audi. Parking Lot.
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Class Color Day – Knight Pride	



FREE MONEY & OPPORTUNITIES TO SUCCEED!

Check to see if your Child Qualifies To Receive The “Free & Reduced Lunch Program”
And ALL The Additional Benefits!

50% of Castle High's population qualifies for this program! Online application will only take a few minutes. Information and applications are available at www.ezmealapp.com. Your child’s ID is scanned at the cafeteria like everyone else; his/her status remains confidential. Please do NOT submit a paper application if an online application is submitted.

If your child qualifies they will benefit individually by receiving:

- ❖ Free or reduced lunch and breakfast price daily;
- ❖ Advance Placement (AP) Exam reduction in cost;
- ❖ SAT Test: Two waivers (College Admissions Test) one each for your junior & senior year;
- ❖ ACT Plus Writing Test: Two waivers (College Admissions Test) one each for your junior and senior year;
- ❖ Some colleges/universities provide waivers for free application with proof student took SAT/ACT Test using a waiver (Potential estimated saving of \$50-\$80 per application)
- ❖ NCAA Clearinghouse: free cost of registration.



Based on the number of students who qualify, Castle High will qualify for Title I money for ALL students from the Federal Government to be used for student support services from colleges / community and needed supplies -materials & text books for classes.

Students who were eligible for either free or reduced-price meals at the end of the last school year will have that status carried over until Sept. 13, 2023, or until a new application is processed.



DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE FUTURE NEWSLETTERS VIA HARDCOPY, EMAIL, OR WEBSITE LINK?



We are launching a new website in July and it contains a pop up for important updates such as the newsletter. As much as possible we want to encourage parents, community to access the newsletter electronically via website, email, or text.

We sent out via SchoolMessenger a link for those parents wanting a hardcopy of future newsletters mailed home. You can request this continued service at <https://forms.gle/bt3RVhKLtKe3PCaKA>. Our school website will continue to offer posted newsletters and other important information. Please check it often - <https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/>. -Kathy Martin, PCNC

PARENTS & STUDENTS - GRADE-LEVEL SPECIFIC INFO



ALL GRADE-LEVEL STUDENTS...

- FREE MONEY!...Be sure to check the 'Free & Reduced Lunch' website www.ezmealapp.com. and apply.
- COLLEGE & CAREER...Related info (C & C Newsletters, upcoming events, scholarships, AP courses, Early College courses – dual credit, etc.). Check out our webpage: <https://castleccrc.wixsite.com/website>. -- Eric Takemoto, Post High Counselor/AP & Early College Coord.
- FALL SPORTS...Air Riflery; Bowling; Cheerleading; Cross Country; Football; JV Softball; Volleyball, Soft Tennis. Signup: <https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/athletics-1>; fill out compliance forms. –Laynie Sueyasu, AD
- YOU NEED A PHYSICAL...If you're planning on playing sports during the 2023-24 school year! Totally FREE to any HIDOE student. July 17 * 8a-3p @ Castle High. Go to: (<https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/>) homepage to register and learn more info. –Laynie Sueyasu, AD
- JOIN...'Families & Friends of Castle' our non-profit PTSA / Ohana. All moneys remain at Castle High to support our students, and faculty. Dollar amount is up to you! See form insert; go to ffc.castle@gmail.com.

UNDERCLASS STUDENTS:

- PICTURE TAKING...Tentative schedule September 13-15 in the library.

JUNIORS – Class of 2025:

- 2025 PARENT TEAM...Meets the 2nd. Wednesday of the month in the library from 6-7p. Next meeting August 9th. They will brainstorm how to continue to support the class prom, activities, and fundraisers to pay for their graduation ceremony costs in 2025. –Natalie Gaspar

SOPHOMORES – Class of 2026:

- 2026 PARENT TEAM...Meets the 3rd. Thursday of the month in the library from 6-7p. Next meeting is August 17. They will brainstorm how to support the class dance, activities, and fundraisers to pay for their graduation ceremony costs in 2026. –Kathy Martin, PCNC

FRESHMEN – Class of 2027:

- TENTATIVE 'Freshman Parent Info Night' * Tuesday, August 22 in the cafeteria 6p. Class council, advisors, counselors, admin, and parents will cover everything from freshman events to college & career planning to organizing a 2027 Parent Team to support the class over the next 4 years. Watch for more info!
- All Freshmen - PICK UP YOUR CHROMEBOOKS & CHARGERS! * July 24 - 25 from 8-3p in the library.

SENIORS – Class of 2024:

- 2024 PARENT TEAM...Meets the 3rd. Tuesday of each month in the library from 6-7p. Next meeting August 15th. Concentrating this school year on Project Graduation 2024, including fundraising to lower costs so more seniors can attend event graduation night. Watch for more info. –Lara Kong & Luana Yoshikawa
- SCHEDULE YOUR SR. PICTURE...This summer contact Ace Portrait Studio -808-5921-9220. Book your appointment NOW. Later you wait, more expensive it will be! Failing to get it done between these times will result in not being featured in the yearbook. Questions, Isabella Young (youngi24@knights.k12.hi.us / castlehighschoolyearbook@gmail.com). Bring a personal outfit of choice (IN DRESS CODE) & baby photo (printed / virtually emailed to the photographer).

SENIOR PARENT INFO NIGHT

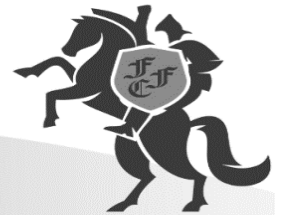
Thurs., September 14, 2023

6 pm * Cafeteria

Learn more about your child's senior year – important deadlines, senior luau, senior prom, graduation, Project Graduation 2024 – and how you can support these activities and more! Hear from the 2024 Parent Team AND a report from senior student council, too.



FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF CASTLE



YOUR CHS PARENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

FFC is a non-profit organization for the benefit of Castle High School, and the parent organization for Project Graduation. Our mission is to support the students and staff by providing financial and volunteer help to the school and its programs and activities.

BECOME A MEMBER



bit.ly/FFCMembership2324

Membership Dues:

Any monetary donation
All dues go towards supporting the CHS community
Donations of \$100 or more receive a free pair of CPAC tickets to one show in the 23/24 Season.

WHY JOIN?

Support your Castle 'Ohana
Keep up to date on Class activities, Project Grad, Academies, school events, how to help, and concerns.

CastleHS FFC
@Castleffc-44



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Meetings held on the 1st Monday of the month
FIRST MEETING OF SY 23/24
AUGUST 5TH, 2023
6-7 PM
CASTLE LIBRARY

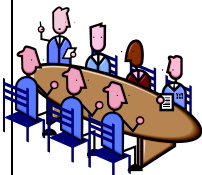


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Prefer mail? Mail this lower portion and your donation to
James B. Castle High School, Attn: Families and Friends of Castle - Box 109
45-386 Kaneohe Bay Dr, Kaneohe, HI 96744

Name	Volunteer?	Yes	No
Phone	Skills/Talents?:		
E-mail	Would you like to stay updated with news from FFC?	Yes	No
Address:	Interested on being on the Board or helping to organize events?	Yes	No

Families & Friends of Castle's PURPOSE:



- *To plan, organize and support programs and activities that promote and encourage parent, student, teacher, Administrator, staff, and community involvement.
- *To promote cooperation among and between parents, students, teachers, staff, and administrators of Castle High School and between Castle High School and our community.
- *To provide financial assistance for programs and special activities.

Castle Parents & Ohana...Aloha mai kākou! I wanted to take a quick moment in the business of this season to express gratitude on behalf of the FFC Board and our PCNC Kathy Martin. Thank you for the donations. The Teacher Appreciation Happy Hour was very well received and well attended. The teachers enjoyed the entertainment, refreshments, massages, and gift cards. We appreciate you. --Deb Sagers, "Families & Friends of Castle" (PTSA)



SAVE-THE-DATE!
Sunday, December 3
Cafeteria & Surrounding Grounds

Annual 'Windward Christmas Craft Fair'

Watch for more specific information how you can reserve a booth, participate in the "Taste of Castle", volunteer to help, or come SHOPPING!

Hi-5 RECYCLING MONTHLY @ CASTLE HIGH

Donate your HI-5 recyclable cans and bottles on the 4th Saturday of every month from 9-11am in the auditorium parking lot. A different school club, class, or sport team monthly utilizes these 'drop off' opportunities to fundraise for their graduation costs, class activities, supplies, equipment, etc. Watch for more specific info 'who' is fundraising monthly





J. B. Castle High School
45-386 Kaneohe Bay Drive
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Kaneohe, HI

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pay Mandatory Dues By Mail (July)! Form Enclosed
Future Newsletters – E-copy or Hardcopy Mailed Home?
FREE ‘Lunch & Breakfast’ – Check it out! (Page 1)
Join “Families & Friends of Castle” (PTSA)

Teachers Generate 2023-24 ‘Wish Lists’



‘Community Helping Schools’ is ready to help our school again this coming 2023-24 school year by helping to fill teacher “Wish Lists”! **Parents / Ohana - We need your help fulfilling CHS teacher wish-lists too!**

We are asking our teachers to generate wish lists before over the summer and when they return from summer break so YOU and Community Helping Schools can take advantage of the summer school supplies sales. Watch for our teacher donation requests on our school website - <https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/>. In the past we have received marble notebooks, laser printers, 65” TV, fans, pianos, golf clubs, etc. throughout the school year! Volunteer opportunities may also be advertised!

Items requested from our teachers will be inputted on www.communityhelpingschools.org; advertised in the Windward Mid-Week newspaper from time-to-time; and shared with parents, legislators, and our community at large in our E-bulletins, Knightly Newsletter mail outs, and on our website.

Save Money for the School & PTSA!



Help the school & “Families & Friends of Castle” save paper and postage by receiving future issues of the ‘Knightly News’ via e-mail link. A form was sent out via SchoolMessenger in June for you to continue receiving a hardcopy of the newsletter; to continue a hardcopy being mailed home go to <https://forms.gle/bt3RVhKLtKe3PCaKA>. Please include your Castle student(s) name(s) and grade-level(s).

Join Parent Ohana...“Families & Friends of Castle”

FFC is our school’s PTSA with a non-profit 501C3 status; all moneys donated / raised stay at CHS to support our teachers, students, and learning environment. To learn more about FFC check out the form enclosed. Contact FFC via ffc.castle@gmail.com.



Castle Alumni Association

Has renewed its scholarship program by presenting scholarships to (2) seniors. For more info about joining our alumni association and events coming up please go to <https://www.chsalumknights.org/>.

CONGRATS CASTLE STUDENTS...

ProtoKnights Shine In Robotics Battle... Here is a link to an article about our robotics team and their performance at the International Competition this past season: <https://midweek.com/pdf/Windward/2023/0614/>. The overall hope is to help prepare the robotics participants to develop 21st century skills of problem solving, collaboration, communication, and perseverance. –Rylan Saito, Coach (*Midweek 6/14/23*)

CyberStart America ...is a free, immersive online learning resource for students in the US, acting as an onramp to a career in one of the world’s fastest-growing industries. The following students studied the CyberStart Cyber Security training, and for their efforts have each won \$3,000 towards higher level training making them eligible for an additional \$9,000 award: Elias Arroyo, Dylan Char, Jacob Flores, Kate Hamada, Luke Kaneshiro, James Mansinon, Chevy Moulden, Paige Namahoe-Maeda, Natalia Nyza, Graysen Oumi, Diego Shepherd, Claire Sorge, Walker Sun, Pookela Switz, Mao Taulii, Jarrett Usui, Ralph Uy, Alana Wesly, and Tyler Yoshimura. (*BTW both Alicia Daraban and Jon Crabtree followed through on that last year*). –Daniel Mr. Johnson, Innovation Academy

Congratulation to... CHS students Jackson Darnell, Roderick Graf, Zachary Fujinaka, Logan Gibbons, and Duke Decosta in winning the e-sports 2023 State Championship in the Valorant category! All credit goes to these boys. They put in the hours practicing line ups, bettering their accuracy, and figuring out different strategies without any scheduled practice times. This is what happens when students truly find something they love and will dedicate any number of hours to be the best at what they do. We now have UH and HPU emailing us to schedule scrimmages against their teams! --Jordyn Yahata, Coach

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Castle High School

Student Dues & Fees Payment Form

SY 2023-2024

Mail-In Payments will be accepted between: July 1-29, 2023

(Avoid long lines and be ready to participate in school activities)

- Personal check, money order, cashier checks. Payable to: **Castle High School**
- Include your child(ren)'s name on 'memo' section of your check
- Please write 'separate' checks for Dues payments & Lunch deposits (Online Lunch payment option: www.EZSchoolPay.com)
- May include more than one student's payment per check. (Please One form per student)
- **Only exact amount will be accepted**
- **Athletic passes: Only paper passes will be accepted.**

Please complete form and mail in with payment to:

Castle High School – Business Office, 45-386 Kaneohe Bay Dr., Kaneohe HI 96744

(Complete one form per student)

Name of Student: _____ Grade Year: _____

Student Legal First Name and Last Name

(Check one box below)

Option 1: Mandatory Dues Only

(For ALL Grade Levels)

*Class Dues: \$8.00

*Gov't Dues: \$10.00

Total: \$18.00

Enclose: \$18.00 Ck# _____

Option 2: Mandatory Dues & Athletic Pass

(For ALL Grade Levels)

*Class Dues: \$8.00

*Gov't Dues: \$10.00

Athletic Pass: \$25.00 (no refunds)

Total: \$43.00

Enclose: \$43.00 Ck# _____

*Mandatory Dues not received will become an obligation, which will prevent participation of any extra-curricular activities. (Dues are used for class & gov't activities such as class competitions, homecoming, graduation & student planner etc.)

Yearbook information to be posted on website once it becomes available at castlehs.k12.hi.us or questions may be directed to Yearbook Coordinator, Kana Naipo email address: naipok@knights.k12.hi.us

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____