



Knightly News

SENIORS, PARENTS & Graduation Ceremony Guests James B. Castle High School - GRADUATION UPDATES



Blaisdell Arena

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Seniors Check-In 5:30 PM * Ceremony 6:30 PM



[Graduation Information Doc 2025](#)

Please review the document sent out to parents & students via SchoolMessenger every few days as any changes or announcements will be made on this document OR go to our school website:

<https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/graduationceremony> for the same document.

Some of the information you will find includes;

- Official Photography during the ceremony
- Parking
- Lei Giving
- Tickets required for floor seating only – students earn up to (6) floor tickets; upper levels are ‘open’ seating for all!
- Mandatory song practice – check in 7am at the gym; dates 4/25, 5/2, 5/9.
Song: <https://youtu.be/AmOKKNeQX6Q?si=S6hGIRigA3M4cdrA>.
Lyrics: <https://www.musixmatch.com/lyrics/High-Watah-Music/Legacy>
- Graduation rehearsals: 5/15 & 5/16
- Graduation Agreement to participate in ceremony
- Appropriate Dress
- Cap & Gown

Any questions, please contact Renee Omori, at omorir@knights.k12.hi.us

SENIOR OBLIGATIONS

- Seniors will not be allowed in the ceremony if they have outstanding obligations. They need to clear their obligations as soon as possible.
- If they are not sure what they owe, email obligations@knights.k12.hi.us to find out.
- Also, seniors will be returning their chrome books, chargers and hot spots (if they checked one out) to the library. The barcode numbers must match the ones that were issued to them. (If you need to check what your barcode number(s) should be, you can go to the library before and they will let you know.
- If you don't return everything you checked out, it will be an obligation; any damages will also be an obligation.
Chromebooks: \$250 Charger: \$40
Hot Spot: \$250 Chromebook Case: \$40
Damages: Depends on the damages
- **DEADLINE TO RETURN ITEMS...**
*Is Wed, May 14, 2025 * 3pm* – last day for Seniors.



SENIOR Awards Night Tuesday, May 13, 2025 6:00-7:30p * Auditorium.

We will be sending out a Senior exit survey and ask students to self-report outside scholarships, awards or if they won a competition (academic achievement) recognized at the district, state, or national level for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Forms are due by May 1, 2025. Families are welcome to attend Awards Night.



AT CASTLE HIGH

Castle High School's Summer School Program is open to current and incoming Castle High School students. No students from other schools will be accepted. Priority will be given to seniors needing to take courses to meet graduation requirements. Summer school will be taught in person and online. Use this link to find out all the information from courses & sessions offered, dates & times, application, and lots more.

<https://www.castlehs.k12.hi.us/summerschool>

NEW ‘ENRICHMENT’ SUMMER SCHOOL CLASS...Music Tech I! This course is designed for students interested in exploring the medium of music technology. Students are introduced to the various pieces of software, hardware, and system setup procedures. Check out Castle’s instructor’s Video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a4NtCvTOCTKZambi6g1PAQEvw_cs2TvF/view

April 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	2027- Soph. Parent Team Mtg. 6p Lib.			2028 – Fresh. Parent Team Mtg. 6p Lib.	GOOD FRIDAY	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
EASTER		Soph. Portfolio Defense	MANDATORY Sr. Parent Mtg. – Project Grad Attendees 6p Lib Poly Music ‘Panda’ Night code 9002994	2026 – Jr. Parent Team Mtg. 6p Lib Soph. Portfolio Defense	Sr. Song Practice 7a in Gym Spring Dance Concert	Juniors – HI-5 Collection & Hawaiian Plate Pick-up 9a-12p Spring Dance Concert
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> SENIORS: Sign up by April 23 to attend Project Graduation on May 17! </div>						
May 2025						
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
SENIOR PROM Hyatt 6-10p	NO STUDENTS Waiver Day	Junior Portfolio Defense		Junior Portfolio Defense	Sr. Song Practice 7a in Gym Ho’ike 2025 6p Bright Theater	Ho’ike 2025 6p Bright Theater
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SENIOR Banners Go Up!		TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION	KSA Induction Ceremony		Sr. Song Practice 7a Gym Band Aloha Concert	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		SR. AWARDS NIGHT * 6-7:30p Audi.	SENIORS’ LAST DAY!	Graduation Field Rehearsal 2028 – Fresh. Parent Team Mtg. 6p Lib.	Graduation Blaisdell Rehearsal	GRADUATION 6:30p Blaisdell PROJECT GRAD 8:15 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
PROJECT GRAD STUDNT PICK-UP @ CAFETERIA 8a	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> SPAGHETTI PLATE Fundraiser – C/O 2028 Pre-sale 5/1 – 16; pick up 5/22. See pg. 3. </div>			2026 Jr. Parent Team Mtg. 6p Lib Spaghetti Plate Pick p 4-6p Lib		
June 2025						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	MEMORIAL DAY				STUDENTS LAST DAY 4 th Quarter Ends	Going Green Recycling 9-11a * parking
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS	‘Families & Friends of Castle’ Mtg. 6p				
8	9	10	11	12	12	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
July 2025						
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		‘Families & Friends of Castle’ Mtg. 6p	Mail in 2025-26 Dues & Fees Begins July 1	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  PAY STUDENT FEES & DUES BY MAIL! July 1 - 31 </div>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				2026 Jr. Parent Team Mtg. 6pLib		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						HI-5 Collections
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
TENTATIVE JULY CALENDAR DATES →		ADMIN. DAY	ADMIN. DAY	Mail in 2025-26 Dues & Fees End TEACHER WORK DAY	TEACHER WORK DAY	
August 2025						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
TENTATIVE AUGUST CALENDAR DATES →	COMPLEX PC DAY	FRESHMEN ORIENTATION ‘Families & Friends of Castle’ Mtg. 6p	ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO CLASSES			



PARENT & COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Castle’s SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL is seeking parent & community representatives for next school year’s council. Our council provides input on our school’s yearly Academic Plan and Financial Plan. The council also is necessary for the waiver process. Contact our Principal Dr. Tyrell tyrellb@knights.k12.hi.us to learn more information or to ‘sign-on’!

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL?



‘What is Your Relationship With Your School?’ Complex Area Superintendent – Samuel Izumi – is asking **parents & students** to complete the quick surveys below by April 28. He’s seeking your feedback to help him shape the Castle Complex Academic Plan for school wide improvements.

STUDENTS: https://www.research.net/r/CastleHS_STU

PARENTS: https://www.research.net/r/CastleHS_PAR

SENIORS AND PARENTS...

- **C/O 2025** - Party until the sun comes up after graduation night! Live band, dancing, tons of food, games & prizes, surprise location(s), and lots more! Still \$300 until April 23rd! Sign up to attend your 'final' class-of-2025 party - Project Graduation 2025! Pick up your application in Rm. 6 OR email martink@knights.k12.hi.us.
- **PARENTS...**Also on April 23rd * 6-7p in the library: Mandatory parent meeting for those seniors planning to attend / attending Project Graduation 2025 graduation night - May 17. Important information to be shared including where to meet after your graduation ceremony, what special clothing you'll need, when & where to be picked up the next morning, and much more. Payments will be accepted in person 4/23, mail it in, or Rm.6. Registrations forms can be picked up in Rm. 6; handed out at the start of this 4/23 meeting; or email martink@knights.k12.hi.us.

SENIOR BANNERS ON FENCE LINE!

Need ohana to help weed-eat grass, clean up litter along Kaneohe Bay Dr. (front fence line), AND ‘put up’ Senior Graduate photo banners on school fence Sunday, May 4. To help please email Senior parent Natalie Gaspar nmfgaspar@gmail.com.

JUNIORS...

- C/O 2026 - Fundraising towards their graduation ceremony costs for May 2026!
 - Pre-ordering Hawaiian Plates ended 4/11. Pick up your pre-ordered plates on Sat, April 26 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the auditorium parking lot. Questions - mpilialoha@yahoo.com (Parent - Michelle Bogus).
 - Also Sat, April 26 * 9-11a auditorium parking lot...Juniors month for our HI-5 Donation Collections. Remind family & friends to support the juniors and drop off recyclable cans & bottles.
- JUNIOR PORTFOLIO DEFENSE SESSIONS – April 29 & May 1. Students signed up or were manually scheduled. Parents welcome to attend.
- C/O 2026 Parent & Student Team meets the 4th. Thursday of the month; **next meetings April 24 / May 22 / June 26 * 6-7p in the library**. Meetings are open to anyone interested in learning how to support the class.
- 2026 Parent Info Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/castleknightco2026?usp=sharing>
- **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SCHOOL YEAR...**Interested in helping with 2026 Graduation Banner Project, 2026 SENIOR Parent Team or Project Graduation 2026? Please contact Michelle Bogus - mpilialoha@yahoo.com.

SOPHOMORES...

- SOPHOMORE PORTFOLIO DEFENSE SESSIONS – April 22 & April 24. Students signed up or were manually scheduled. Parents welcome to attend.
- THANK YOU...to all 2027 families that purchased Hawaiian Plates to support the class fundraiser!
- C/O 2027 Parent & Student Team next meets August 11 * 6-7p in the library. Meetings are open to anyone interested in learning how to support the class of 2027.

FRESHMEN...

- 2028 Parent Info Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/castleknightsco2028parentteam>.
- MORE INFO TO COME...**Spaghetti Dinner Class Fundraiser** in May - Papa Len’s; baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread (\$20) + dessert & drink May 1-16 pre-sale; pick up May 22; 4-6p in library
- C/O 2028 Parent & Student Team next meets April 17 * 6-7p in the library. Meetings are open to anyone interested in learning how to support the class.



PARENTS – HEADS UP IN JULY!
Pay Class Dues & Fees By Mail
July 1 – July 31!

ALL GRADE LEVELS...Expect a newsletter-in-the-mail from CHS in late June to pay class dues & fees by mail again this school year from July 1 - 31! Can also make deposits into your child’s Meal Tracker account, AND buy an Student Athletic Pass!

EAT @ PANDA EXPRESS!



WHEN: Wed, April 23rd. and 28% of your bill will be donated to Castle’s Polynesian Music Program!

WHERE: Available at Panda Express locations nationwide www.pandaexpress.com.

HOW: Online orders only. Apply code 9002994 in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App.



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Project Graduation 2025



Dear Family and Friends of the Class of 2025,

As the crowd begins to thin and tears dry, graduates will gather to prepare for a truly unforgettable evening. After a year of planning and countless volunteer hours, we are thrilled to ensure that Castle High School's graduating Class of 2025 will celebrate this significant milestone in a joyous, alcohol-, tobacco-, vapor-, and drug-free environment.

While our destination is a secret, we invite you to send off our graduates in style! Please join us in safely lining the Blaisdell parking lot and the surrounding area. Our buses will depart the Blaisdell at approximately 9:00 p.m. Bring your banners, flashlights, and cheering voices to show your support!

Safety is our top priority. Please stay on the sidewalks and refrain from throwing items at the graduates or having them throw items at you. Do not approach the buses; they will keep moving through traffic without slowing down. Everyone stay safe to preserve this cherished tradition for future graduating classes. Don't miss the chance to be part of this inspiring moment!

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,
Project Graduation 2025 Committee

"FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF CASTLE" WILL BE HOSTING...



Teacher & Staff Appreciation 'HAPPY HOUR' Tuesday, May 6 @ 1:30p

To celebrate our dedicated faculty and staff we will be sending out a Sign-Up-Genius seeking donations of:

- Pupus, Finger Foods, Desserts
- Gift cards ranging from \$5 - \$25 (*drawing*)
- Monetary donations (*Venmo @castleffc-44 Note: Teacher Appreciation*)
- Help with set up, serving, and hosting

Drop off gift cards and your food donations at the school library – gift cards anytime, foods day before or day of this event.

Questions – contact Kathy Martin (martink@knights.k12.hi.us)

Hō'ike 2025 Hanohano 'o Maui

Friday, May 2, 2025 and
Saturday, May 3, 2025

Beginning at 6 PM, Ronald Bright Theater



Scan the QR code for tickets!!!

CHS Polynesian Music & Dance Classes

SENIORS ONLY - presale tickets 4/7/2025 at 4pm

PUBLIC SALES- (4/8/2025) at 4pm (no code needed)

Before 11 AM on (5/2 & 5/3)

or in person before show at the box office!

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