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Aloha Kamaile Parents and Guardians,

Today was an amazing first day of school year 21/22. We had many bright moments and enjoyed seeing our haumāna back for in-person learning. I commend our entire Kamaile Academy school community for their enthusiasm for learning and attention to safety. We all worked together to navigate to success today and I am confident that this level of cooperation will continue as we move forward.

Here are a few important announcements for the start of the year.

Kamaile Academy has the appropriate mitigation measures in place to keep our school community safe.

- Our school has **consistently collaborated and partnered** with the WCCHC, University of Hawaii, and the [Pacific Alliance Against COVID19 \(PAAC\)](#), to offer innovative responses throughout the pandemic.
- **One of our mitigation strategies is weekly COVID testing for our staff.** We are able to test weekly and get immediate results. We know that testing helps keep our Kamaile bubble safe. If we test frequently, we will from time to time have a positive case. **On Monday, August 2nd, we had our first positive case.** Because we tested, we were able to immediately identify the employee and stop any spread on campus or in the community. **All possible close contacts were contacted in a timely manner, none of which were students.**
- **Soon we will begin COVID testing students (with parent/guardian consent).** We will be having a [virtual town hall meeting with WCCHC this Thursday at 5:30PM](#) for families who may be interested in learning more about this free program to keep our school bubble safe.
- We also focus on wearing masks, washing hands, disinfecting high touch areas, and physically distancing.

Final Distance Learning inquiry/ application window will close on Thursday, August 5 at 8 am.

- Kamaile Academy believes that face to face instruction allows opportunity for the most growth in our students academically, as well as socially and emotionally.

- With the first day of school behind us, I feel very confident that any student that may require distance learning due to extenuating circumstances has already informed the school and we are currently in the process of communicating with those individuals to discuss learning options
- Here is the [recording of the informational distance learning meeting](#) that was held on August 2nd for families that met the initial deadline.
- In response to community need, the initial distance learning deadline was extended past July 28th, however this **final deadline of Thursday August 5, 8 am will be firm as the school must plan and allocate appropriate resources.**
- Distance learning requests should be submitted to info@kamaile.org.

Beginning of the Year (BOY) Packets Deadline is Thursday, August 19, 2021

- Elementary - Students can return the BOY documents to their teachers.
- Secondary - Students can return documents to the front office (not to their teachers).
 - Secondary students can return their completed BOY to the office this Thursday and Friday, August 5th & 6th, after school to pick up their school issued chromebook.

Operations Updates

Morning Drop off

- Location - admin (mauka) parking lot.
- The earliest time a student should be dropped off to the campus is 6:45am.
- Only park cars in marked stalls.

Afternoon Pick Up

- Location - admin (mauka) parking lot and faculty parking lot
- Only park cars in marked stalls

Breakfast

- Kamaile aims to serve 100% of our students breakfast daily.
- 6:45am - 7:29am - Students will enter the campus through the three gates, elementary students will receive a breakfast and then report to their designated zones. (Note: 3rd grade students will eat in the cafeteria and then move to the field at 7:40am)
- 7:30am -7:45 am- Elementary students that arrive within this time frame will receive a grab and go breakfast and go straight to their classrooms to prepare for Piko. 3rd grade students will move to the open field for Piko.
- Secondary students will eat Wiki Breakfast.

Staff Parking Lot

- A friendly reminder that the staff parking is for staff parking only. We appreciate your cooperation.

Mahalo for your continued support and cooperation!



Paul Kepka
Principal