



Class of 2020 Parent Newsletter

Aloha parents and guardians of the Class of 2020,

I would like to welcome you back to Kamehameha Schools for our final year! We would not have been able to make it this far without all of your undying support, sacrifice, and hard work. I would personally like to thank all parents for your kindness and generosity over the last three years. Please know that you are appreciated so very much.

This year, we will need parent volunteers to help with the organizing of some major student events such as Senior Lū'au, Senior Picnic, Senior Prom, and Project Graduation. Along with these class activities, we will also be participating in other school functions such as school dances, the Ho'olaule'a, Ice Cream Distribution and Song Contest.

The Senior Board will be helping to plan and implement many of these activities. As Class Advisor, I am again looking forward to working closely with the class officers, the homeroom representatives, the class parents, the ATP parent representatives, the Dean of Student Activities and the other class advisors to ensure safe and enjoyable activities for the class and school. I would again like to thank all of you for your hard work and cooperation thus far. I also would like to thank you ahead of time for your continued support and efforts towards the Class of 2020 during our final school year.

Parent Meetings

All of our parent meetings this year will take place up at the Konia Building, Room 202. The following is our general parent meeting schedule for this 2019-2020 school year (all parent meetings will take place on a Wednesday.)

Special parent meetings will be scheduled for all parents volunteering at Senior Lū'au and Project Graduation. These special parent meetings will be taking place separately from the general parent meetings listed below. Special parent meetings will be announced via the PAR email blast.

Wednesday, August 21 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202
Wednesday, September 11 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202
Wednesday, October 16 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202
Wednesday, November 20 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202
Wednesday, December 11 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202
Wednesday, January 15 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202
Wednesday, February 19 @ 9:00 AM, Konia Rm. 202
Wednesday, March 18 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202 (Song Contest Workshop)
Wednesday, April 15 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202 (Senior Picnic meeting)
Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:00 PM, Konia Rm. 202 (Senior Prom meeting)

Class activities for the year:

Senior Social: Friday, September 13, 2019; Konia Lawn; 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Senior leadership students are currently in the process of planning this activity. Approximately 20 – 25 parents will be needed at this activity. Parents are asked to arrive at 3:30 to help with check-in, food prep and distribution, and general supervision duties. Food and drink will be provided for all parent volunteers.

Senior Lū'au: Saturday, October 26, 2019; Kekūhaupi'o Gym; 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Senior Lū'au is the one and only fundraising event for the Senior Class. Our goal is to raise \$45,000 for Project Graduation, which will take place immediately after the commencement ceremony on May 24, 2020. Senior Lū'au is also a wonderful time for family and friends to enjoy good company, 'ono food and awesome entertainment. In order to successfully put together an event of this magnitude, we will need your help. We invite all of you who want to help with Senior Lū'au to our first volunteer meeting on *Monday, August 19 at 6pm in Konia 202*.

This year, all Senior Lū'au information will be available through our website: <https://www.imuaksk2020.com/>. Please utilize our website to stay up to date with all Senior Lū'au.

Parent Volunteers:

We will need assistance in the following areas:

Check-in (8-10 parents)

Silent Auction (20 parents)

Country Store (10 parents)

Set up (25 parents)

Clean up/breakdown (25 parents)

Food Service (20 parents)

If you are available to volunteer at the Senior Lū'au, we have sign-ups available on our website at <https://www.imuaksk2020.com/>. Please keep in mind that KS requires all volunteers to be cleared prior to volunteering. If you are NOT cleared yet but would like to volunteer, please be sure to complete *and* submit your volunteer paperwork. KS has implemented a new process which can take up to two weeks to complete, so if you haven't already submitted your application, please do so as soon as possible. Volunteer applications can be downloaded at: <https://apps.ksbe.edu/par/volunteering/>.

Student Volunteers:

Because all monies raised at Senior Lū'au will be used for Project Graduation in May, all senior students will be **required** to assist at the Senior Lū'au with food service or breakdown for 2 hours in order to participate in Project Graduation activities. A sign-up sheet will be distributed via student homerooms in October.

Lū'au Ticket Sales:

Lū'au ticket order forms will be available on our website: <https://www.imuaksk2020.com/>. A hard copy of the order form will also be distributed via Senior homeroom classes. Tickets will be \$25 each and will include a delicious Hawaiian meal, dessert and drink courtesy of Pomai Kūlolo. Accompanying the delicious food will be live music and performances by senior class

members in Concert Glee, Hawaiian Ensemble and Kamehameha Dance Company. We will also feature a fabulous silent auction and a country store filled with 'ono KS brownies, kūlolo, t-shirts, cookbooks, canned soft drinks, bottled water, and much more.

1st round of Senior Lū'au Tickets will be sold at 'Akahi Student Center during student lunch periods from **Tuesday, September 3rd to Friday, September 6th**. Purchasing procedure will be as follows:

Each student may purchase up to 3 tickets from September 3-6. This is to ensure that every family has an opportunity to attend this fun-filled event.

2nd round of lū'au ticket sales from **Monday, September 23rd to Friday, September 27** at 'Akahi Student Center during the lunch period on a first come, first served basis. Students will be able to purchase as many tickets as they want during this 2nd round of ticket sales.

A maximum of 1500 tickets will be sold. Please plan to purchase your tickets EARLY. In previous years, tickets have sold out by the middle of the second round of sales. We will accept checks or money orders only. NO CASH PLEASE! Mahalo nui loa for your support!

Silent Auction/Country Store/Drink Donations:

Silent Auction:

In order to maximize our funds, we will also be organizing a Silent Auction at our Senior Lū'au. If you are interested in donating items to be auctioned at the Senior Lū'au or know of any vendors willing to make a donation please visit our website for more information at <https://www.imuaksk2020.com/silent-auction1.html>. (A Donation form will be provided for tax purposes.)

Country Store Donations:

We are hoping to offer a wide selection of goods in our Country Store. Please visit our website at <https://www.imuaksk2020.com/country-store.html> if you or know of anyone who would want to donate goods to our Country Store.

Drink Donation:

Times are tight, and I know we are all working hard to make ends meet, so please don't feel obligated to make a donation; however if you are able to make a donation, please feel free to sign up at <https://www.imuaksk2020.com/goods-donation-form.html> or drop off your drink donation with us at the *Konia Circle dropoff* during the dates and times listed below. Student leaders/parents will be there with signs and helpful hands to accept all donations in a sort of moving automobile caravan. We will be accepting bottled water, canned cola or diet colas, and canned lemon-lime/Sprite/7-up type drinks.

When: September 11, 12, 13; October 2, 3, 4; October 22, 23, 24 at 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM

Where: Konia Circle Drop Off

Just bring your items with you to school, and parents/students will be there to grab them and quickly send you on your way with a big "mahalo."

Cookbooks & Apparel

To help raise funds for Project Graduation, we will also be selling Senior Lū'au Cookbooks and a variety of apparel. All order forms can be found on our Senior Lū'au website <https://www.imuaksk2020.com/apparel.html>

Thank you so much for all of your support with our Senior Lū'au.

Ice Cream Distribution: Friday, November 22; 'Akahi Dining Hall; 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Ice Cream will be given to students who meet one or more of the following criteria: 3.5+ GPA, GPA increase of .3, or perfect attendance. Eight-10 parents will be needed to help with this activity. Parents are asked to arrive at approximately 10:45 AM to receive instructions from 'Akahi Staff. Basic duties include distribution of ice cream sundaes to the students. Lunch will be provided to all parent volunteers.

Ho'olaule'a: Saturday, February 29, 2020; Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Campus. This year, the Class of 2020 will be responsible for organizing and facilitating the hamburger and hot dog booth. More information to follow.

Song Contest: Friday, March 20, 2020; NBC; This year we will be using green satin leis and sashes for Song Contest. Thirty parents will be needed to help with this function. Parents are asked to arrive at the NBC at approximately 4:30 PM to help with check-in, distribution of lei and sashes. We will also need a group of parents to assist with washing and ironing our sashes and prepping all of our lei. A Song Contest workshop will be scheduled for the prepping of the lei and sashes at our parent meeting on Wednesday, March 18 @ 6:00 PM in Konia Rm. 202.

Senior Picnic: Friday, April 17, 2020, The Senior Board is in the process of planning this year's picnic. We will need approximately 35-40 parents to assist as bus chaperones and basic supervision duties at the beach. The board has not yet decided on the location of the picnic. More information to follow.

Senior Prom: Saturday, May 9, 2020; Sheraton Waikiki; 5:00 PM-10:00 PM. Twenty-five -30 parents will be needed to help chaperone this activity. Senior Prom ticket sales will take place at 'Akahi Student Center during the lunch period from Monday, April 6 – Thursday, Apr. 9, 2020. Parents and guardians should be aware of their student's plans, if any, after this activity to ensure a safe and pleasant evening. Parent volunteers will be asked to arrive at the Sheraton Waikiki at approximately 4:45 to help with check-in and basic supervision duties. Please see below for dress code guidelines.

[Prom and Banquet Guidelines](#)

This year, girls' dresses must fall at the knee **at all times**. Longer dresses are OK. Should girls be found at any time in the evening with a dress that does not meet this guideline, they will be asked to leave or parents will be asked to bring a dress that meets the guidelines. We will not be allowing girls to leave and return once they've checked in and we will not be providing them with material to help get them into compliance as we have in the past.

This guideline stems from ongoing challenges with the girls in making sure their dresses are of an appropriate length for a high school function. We ask that KS students who will be inviting girls from other schools, share the guidelines with their guests. It would be very embarrassing (and a shame) if they were not allowed in because their KS host failed to share the dress code guidelines with them.

Students will be asked to remain at the function for the duration of the event. Students and their guests **WILL NOT** be allowed to leave prior to the end of the event. We want to ensure that our students are safe and where they are supposed to be. If there is an extenuating circumstance, please contact Denny Ono.

Post Graduation Celebration: Sunday, May 24, 2020 – Monday, May 25, 2020;
The project graduation committee has been meeting and the planning of project graduation is under way. Project Graduation ticket sales will take place at the 'Akahi Student Center Window during the lunch periods on Tuesday, April 14 – Thursday April 16, 2020. A second round of Project Graduation ticket sales will take place on Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 1 during lunch at the 'Akahi Student Center Window for any students still wanting to purchase a ticket. The cost of Project Graduation tickets has yet to be determined. More details to follow in future newsletters.

In closing, let me say “mahalo” for all the hard-working parents who have been supporting the Class of 2020 thus far and for those who have committed themselves to making the high school years a rewarding experience for all.

Patrice Perrin (330-2053, patrice.perrin@hawaiiintel.net) is our class parent. She will be contacting those of you who are interested in helping at various activities. All parents wanting to volunteer at KS events must be cleared to volunteer.

If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact me at 842-8531 or deono@ksbe.edu.

If you would like to volunteer to help an activity, please feel free to contact Patrice Perrin.

Aloha,
Denny Ono
Class Advisor, Class of 2020