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Dear Parents,

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

**Athletics Video Short**

Athletics, the fourth in our series of videos about 'Iolani is soon to be released. The series is produced by alumnus Johnathan Walk '05 and his company [1001 Stories](#). As a teaser, Jonathan released this ['Iolani Athletics short](#).

The other videos in the series are:

[Together as One](#)

[Innovation and the Sullivan Center](#)

[The Arts at 'Iolani](#)

**K-1 Community Groundbreaking Ceremony**

On Wednesday, over 200 attendees comprised of donors, dignitaries, Board of Governors and the 'Iolani community, came together to break ground at the future K-1 community in Lower School. The ceremony was opened with a blessing by Bishop Fitzpatrick, followed by performances by Hālau 'Iolani and Lower School music students. Lead by Kumu Lehua Carvalho, Hālau 'Iolani opened with the Oli "He Mele no 'Iolani", composed by Jon Nouchi '93 and performed by Megan Kawamura '18, and danced to Ka'iulani.



Lower school music students, under the direction of Megan Ellis, sang and played ukulele to Eia Makou.



The buildings are expected to be completed in the second semester in time for summer programs and to welcome our next incoming kindergarten and first grade classes next fall.



The entire ceremony was live streamed. Here is [a link to see the facebook live recording](#) of the entire ceremony.

#### The Wiz



The Ron Bright Foundation is producing another musical at Paliku Theatre this fall, directed by our very own Mary Hicks. The Wiz features our own 'Iolani students: Madison Kusumoto '20, Hailey Akau '20, Joshua Guillou '22 (and his MOM!), and Michael Hicks '23, as well as several 'Iolani Alumni. Please consider coming out and supporting them. Opening Friday, September 7th, with performances Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 and Sundays at 4pm.

Here is a link to tickets: <http://our.show/imabrightkidwiz>

#### Kālewa Film Premier



On September 7th, Kalewa, a film by our very own Audio Visual Department's Mitchel Viernes, will be premiering at the 'Ohina Short film Showcase at the Hawaii Theater. [Here is the trailer.](#)

A year ago, Mitchel had the opportunity to be a part of 'Ohina's first filmmaker's lab where he and 5 other local filmmakers worked on scripts one-on-one with Joe Robert Cole, a writer for Marvel's "Black Panther". As part of the lab, his film, "Kālewa", was selected for the Greenlight Award, giving him full financial and production support to get the film made.

"Kālewa" will have its world premiere at the showcase on the 7th before additional screenings on Maui, Lana'i, and the Big Island. It will also be a part of the Hawaii International Film Festival in the fall and it will also be submitted to other large festivals on the mainland.

You can follow the link below to purchase tickets for the event. You may even see a few familiar faces on the screen. Cyrenne Okimura and her daughter Chloe '21 were extras in one of the scenes as well as Dane Kurihara and his wife Trisha. Doc Inouye and Scott Weaver also helped with one of the props for the film.

[Purchase Tickets for the Film Showcase here](#)

### Varsity Girls Volleyball

Our nationally ranked girls volleyball team (No. 21 by USA Today) opened the ILH season on Thursday, sweeping Maryknoll, 25-9, 25-13.







Our Raiders followed that up with a come-from-behind victory (20-25, 25-12, 25-16) over Punahou.





Their next match will be versus the other local nationally ranked team, No. 15 Kamehameha, on Saturday in the Warriors' gym at 4:15 pm.

#### Varsity Football

Our football team lost its first game of the season on Friday, dropping a 7-0 decision to Clackamas High School, which visited Eddie Hamada Field from Oregon.





The first three games of the season were all impressive victories, but this loss was just as impressive, if not more. Although clearly undersized by comparison, our Raiders stood tall versus the defending Oregon 6A (top level) state champions, staying in the game until the final seconds. The team learned a great deal from the experience and it'll likely serve them well during the remainder of the season.

If you missed the game, you can view the archived version of the [webcast](#) produced by our 'Iolani Live crew, which included five students

#### **Cross Country**

The cross country teams kicked off their ILH season on Saturday at Mid Pacific Institute.





The Raiders put on a strong performance with the boys intermediate and JV teams setting the tone and winning their respective races.

All the best in health and happiness,  
Tim

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