



LAHAINA INTERMEDIATE

JANUARY 9 2026 NEWSLETTER

REMINDERS

Aloha and Happy New Year!

Welcome back LIS Ohana!

All students must be in uniform & have their school IDs

Parents please check your daughters shorts if they are too short they will be calling home to bring a different pair or wear our gym loaner shorts

If your child arrives after 7:45 please have them report to the office

Please remind your child to plug in their chromebooks everynight!

UPCOMING DATES

**JAN 19- No School
(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi

R.E.A.C.H SPORTS INFO

**CROSS COUNTRY & FLAG FOOTBALL (GIRLS & BOYS) PRACTICE WILL BE STARTING SOON.
CONTACT MR. GRIFFITH FOR DETAILS**



LIS New Year, Fresh Start: Quick Reference Guide 🌸

Please review these reminders with your student to ensure a successful semester!

1. ATTENDANCE: Be Here!

Goal: We are aiming for a 95% school-wide attendance rate.

- **Action:** Please send students to school every day on time, unless they have a fever or contagious symptoms. Every day counts!

2. ELECTRONICS: Unplugged & Focused

- Bell-to-Bell: Phones must be turned off and placed in backpacks from the first bell at 7:45 until the last bell at 2:10 (or 12:05 on Wednesdays).
- What's Included: Cell phones, AirPods, Bluetooth headphones, and Smartwatches must be powered off and put away in backpacks.
- Emergencies: Call the front office to reach your child; please do not text them during class.

3. UNIFORM CHECK: Dress for Success

Daily Wear: Students must be in proper uniform. Order forms for new gear are available in the office.

Shorts Guidelines:

- Must have finished/sewn hems (no cut-offs).
- No spandex or biker shorts.
- Ensure appropriate length for school.

4. BACKPACK CHECK: Essentials Only

YES: Stick deodorant and items needed for education.

- **NO:** Body sprays, perfumes, cologne (due to allergies), makeup, toys, or gaming devices.

5. BEHAVIOR: Seek a "Safe Adult."

Navigating Conflict: If students are having issues or "drama" with friends, encourage them not to escalate it.

Action: Seek out a counselor, administrator, or teacher to help solve the problem safely.

Mahalo for your partnership in creating a safe and focused learning environment!

Subject: Your Voice Matters: Please Complete the 2026 School Quality Survey

Aloha Parents and Guardians of Lahaina Intermediate School,

We are reaching out to ask for your valuable feedback. As we continue to move forward together as a community, understanding your perspective is more important than ever.

We invite you to complete the **2026 School Quality Survey (SQS)**. This survey is a critical tool that helps our school administration and the Hawaii Department of Education understand how we are doing and where we need to improve.

Why is this survey important?

- **Safety & Well-being:** It measures your perception of your child's safety and emotional well-being at school.
- **School Improvement:** Your responses directly influence our planning and decision-making for the upcoming school year.
- **Confidentiality:** All responses are anonymous and confidential. We want your honest feedback.

How to participate: Please take a few moments to click the link below and complete the survey. It acts as a report card *for the school*, grading us on our culture, satisfaction, and engagement.

Link to Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026SQSParent>

QR Code:



Deadline: Please complete the survey by **March 5, 2026**

Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us make Lahaina Intermediate School a better place for all our students.

Mahalo,

Lesley Vierra

Vice Principal, Lahaina Intermediate School

LIS IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR HONORS PROGRAM

From January 7th - 22nd, 2026, Lahaina Intermediate School is accepting nominations for students into its Honors Program for the 2026-27 school year. The program includes Honors Math for grades 6-8, Honors English Language Arts for grades 6-8, Honors Science for grades 7-8.

Parents, students, educators and community members are invited to nominate students. Acceptance into the program is based on meeting a criteria that includes: teacher evaluations, writing samples, teacher-developed assessments, standardized reading and math scores, and report card grades.

Nomination forms are available at King Kamehameha III School, Princess Nahienaena Elementary, and Lahaina Intermediate School, also a form is attached below.

Students currently in an honors class/es: Automatic Continuation in honors classes for the 2026-2027SY will be granted to those currently enrolled in honors and finish the year with a final year grade of A or B. Nomination forms are not required to continue.

Lahaina Intermediate School Honors Program

Lahaina Intermediate School offers an Honors Program to its high achieving students in academics (English Language Arts, Math and Science) in grades 7 and 8. Students are identified through a nomination process. In addition to self-nomination by students, other sources are peers, parents, teachers and community members. After nominations, students are selected based on criteria established by the core departments.

Criteria for English Language Arts

i-Ready Reading
Writing Assessment
Teacher Evaluation
Semester 1 ELA Grade

Criteria for Math and Science

i-Ready Math
i-Ready Reading
Teacher-Developed Assessment
Teacher Evaluation
Semester 1 Math or Science Grade

Lahaina Intermediate School: Nomination Form for Honors Program, 2026-2027

Please Print

Today's Date _____

Nomination for School Year : 2026-2027

Name of Nominee (last, first) _____ Current Grade Level _____

Name of Person Nominating Student (last, first) _____

Check relationship to nominee:

Parent Peer Community Member
 Educator Self Other (describe) _____

Check subject area(s) you are nominating student:

English Language Arts Science
 Math

Reason(s) for your nomination. Please be specific.

Please return the bottom portion of this form to the main office or email to 6th grade counselor, Mrs. Koyama (Cindy.Koyama@k12.hi.us) or 7th grade counselor, Mrs. Navarro-Balagso (Iverly.Navarro@k12.hi.us)), by Thursday, January 22, 2026.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR LIS Ohana!

Please join us for our next PTSA meeting on
Tuesday, January 13th at 3pm in the LIS
library!

Parents, guardians, teachers, and students
are all invited to attend. We will be
discussing the school dance we'll be hosting,
as well as other Spring activities. 🌐

Questions? Please reach out to Stefanie
Hegrenes at 808-214-8114 or
LISPTSA@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

Chromebook Charging Reminder: Ready for Learning!

We would like to send a friendly reminder to all students and parents about the importance of being prepared for the school day, particularly when it comes to technology.

A fully charged Chromebook is essential for engaging in lessons, completing assignments, and accessing necessary resources throughout the school day. When devices are not charged, valuable instructional time is lost as students search for outlets or wait for devices to power up.

Key Reminders for a Successful Day:

⚡ Charge Overnight: Please ensure your student's assigned Chromebook is plugged in and charging every evening at home. Starting the day with a 100% charge is the best way to guarantee full functionality.

🔌 Bring the Charger: Students must bring their official school-issued Chromebook charger to school every day in their backpack. While we encourage overnight charging, bringing the charger ensures that if any issue arises, they can quickly top up during an appropriate time.

🚫 Keep Chargers Safe: Please remind your student to keep their charger safe and organized in their backpack to prevent loss or damage.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure every student is prepared and ready to learn from the moment they step into the classroom! Consistency in charging habits is key to maximizing learning time.

TUTOR.COM

Use tutor.com at home for Classwork help!

LIS Students now have 24/7 access to online, in-person, one-to-one help for classwork and enrichment at TUTOR.COM.

All LIS students can access the program through the LIS website under “For Students” in the “Clever Login” section.

Parents, you can learn more about how to support your child at-home by viewing this short film (Tutor.com for k-12 parents/ guardians) or visiting [tutor.com/hawaii](https://www.tutor.com/hawaii).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5BQzkEgT9I&authuser=0>

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Welcome

Are you worried about your child? We offer education and therapeutic support to empower and give you hope as you support your child's mental health. [View Courses Search Parenting is \[...\]](#)

Parent Guidance

Click on the link or scan the QR code for more information!



JANUARY 25 BREAKFAST

1 cup of fruit offered and low fat milk - Menu items subject to changes without notice

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY	2 WINTER BREAK
5	6	7	8	9
TEACHER WORKDAY NO STUDENTS	WAIVER DAY NO STUDENTS	PORTUGUESE SAUSAGE STEAMED RICE PINEAPPLE CHUNKS ORANGE WEDGE	PANCAKE SAUSAGE & CHEESE APPLE WEDGE STRAWBERRY FRUIT GEL	PLAIN BAGEL W/CREAM CHEESE STRAWBERRY SLICES DICED PEARS
12	13	14	15	16
BREAKFAST CHICKEN PATTY STEAMED RICE APPLESAUCE FRUIT JUICE ASST	PANCAKES BITES BANANA DICED PEARS	UALA YOGURT BOWL STRAWBERRY SLICES VEGGIE JUICE VARIETY	HAM & CHEESE CROISSAINT ORANGE WEDGE PINEAPPLE CHUNKS	CINNAMON BREAD PUDDING TURKEY SAUSAGE LINKS RED GRAPES SLICED PEACHES
19	20	21	22	23
MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY	PORTUGUESE SAUSAGE STEAMED RICE PINEAPPLE CHUNKS VEGGIE JUICE VARIETY	FRENCH TOAST W/MAPLE SYRUP BANANA BLUEBERRY APPLE CRUNCH	PANCAKE SAUSAGE & CHEESE APPLE WEDGE STRABERRY FRUIT GEL	PLAIN BAGEL W/CREAM CHEESE STRAWBERRY SLICES DICED PEARS
26	27	28	29	30
CHEESE BREADSTICK MARINARA SAUCE PINEAPPLE CHUNKS SOUR RAISINS ASST	MINI BLUEBERRY PANCAKE W/MAPLE SYRUP BANANA SLICED PEACHES	ULU PUMPKIN BREAD TURKEY SAUSAGE PATTY APPLE WEDGE DICED PEARS	CHICKEN & WAFFLES W/MAPLE SYRUP STRAWBERRY SLICES FRUIT JUICE ASST	CINN BREAD PUDDING TURKEY SAUSAGE LINKS RED GRAPES APPLESAUCE

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JANUARY 25 LUNCH

1 cup of fruit offered and low fat milk

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			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY	2 WINTER BREAK
5 TEACHER WORKDAY NO STUDENTS	6 WAIVER DAY NO STUDENTS	7 SWEET SOUR MEATBALLS STEAMED RICE EDAMAME AND BROCCOLI MANDARIN ORANGES FORTUNE COOKIE	8 CHEESEBURGER BAKED POTATO WEDGE LETTUCE AND TOMATO SOUR RAISINS WATERMELON	9 CHEESE BITES MARINARA SAUCE CELERY STICKS FRUIT SLUSHIE ASST
12 ROASTED CHICKEN BURRITO TOSS GREEN SALAD PICO DE GALLO/SALSA CUP SLICED PEACHES	13 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH BAKED POTATO WEDGE LETTUCE AND TOMATO ORANGE FRUIT GEL	14 KALUA PORK & CABBAGE STEAMED RICE LOMI TOMATO SWEET POTATO PINEAPPLE CHUNKS	15 ULU BEEF CURRY STEW STEAMED RICE ASIAN COLESALW EDAMAME CANTALOUPE CHUNKS	16 CHICKEN POTSTICKERS CUCUMBER NAMASU BROCCOLI FLORETS FRUIT JUICE ASST
19 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY	20 PEPPERONI PIZZA BABY CARROTS VEGETABLE STICKS FRUIT SLUSHIE ASST	21 CHICKEN TENDERS MAC & CHEESE CRINKLE CARROTS EDAMAME MIXED FRUIT	22 OVEN BAKED CHICKEN STEAMED RICE BROCCOLI FLORETS CORN MANDARIN ORANGES	23 FILET OF FISH SANDWICH BAKED POTATO CHIPS VEGETABLE STICKS STRAWBERRY FRUIT GEL
26 PLANT POWERED BITES STEAMED RICE BAKED BEANS BROCCOLI FLORETS STRAWBERRY CREAM CUP	27 BBQ PORK SANDWICH SWEET POTATO MASH BABY CARROTS CELERY STICKS APPLE WEDGE	28 CHICKEN ALFEDO FLORENTINE TOSS GREEN SALAD TOMATO BITES CUCUMBER STICKS CANTALOUPE CHUNKS	29 CHILI CHEESE NACHOS SHREDDED LETTUCE SALSA CUP REFIED BEANS SLICED PEACHES	30 HOT DOG ON BUN BAKED TATER TOTS CUCUMBER STICKS FRUIT JUICE ASST

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