



**UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL**  
A Hawai'i Public Charter School

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October 19, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds your family in good health as we head into the second half of the first semester.

Your child's first quarter report card will arrive in the mail this week. Please review this report card with your child and discuss the successes of each class, as well as the areas your child can make improvements for the second quarter. Should you have any specific questions regarding a grade on this report card, please contact your child's teacher directly.

**Parent Contact Information**

Please keep all contact information (phone numbers, email and home/ mailing addresses) updated. If you have any updates, inform the ULS Office staff by email to [info@universitylaboratoryschool.org](mailto:info@universitylaboratoryschool.org) or using the [Student Updated Information Form](#).

**Attendance and Tardies**

Absences and tardies are included as part of the assessment of a student's progress at ULS. Absence indicators are when a student is not in school for the entire school day for any reason. Tardy indicators are when a student is not in school by 7:45am for any reason. Per the ULS Student/Parent Handbook, at the University Laboratory School, attendance is essential to the learning experience. We expect all students to attend classes and to be on time. ULS will adhere to the statutory attendance requirements as indicated in our attendance policy linked [HERE](#). Please review the policy for detailed information. In the State of Hawai'i, a student is labeled chronically absent when they have been absent for **15 days or more. This is regardless of the reason for the absence.** See attendance policy for information on penalties due to chronic absenteeism.

**After School Pick-Up Grades 6-12**

Mahalo to our 6-12 parents for cooperating with the after school pick-up process. We hope the multiple options have helped both students and parents. Linked [HERE](#) is the pick-up zones map for your information. As a reminder, only those with a valid UH ZONE 1 PERMIT are allowed to enter the parking lot per UH Mānoa parking regulations.

**Strive HI, Hawaii State Assessment (HSA), Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA)**

On October 12, 2022, the Hawaii State DOE released the 2021-2022 results of the Strive HI Performance System, Hawaii's public school accountability and improvement system. The Strive HI school reports are posted for public access on the [Hawaiipublicschools.org](http://Hawaiipublicschools.org) website. Measures associated with the Strive HI system include data on student proficiency in English language arts/literacy, math, and science as measured by the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) and the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA); student growth in English language arts/literacy and math; chronic absenteeism; high school graduation rates; college enrollments; and achievement gaps. [ULS Strive HI report 2021-22](#) school results are based on measures from the 2021-22 school year. For more information on the Strive HI system, please visit [StriveHISystem](#)

For students who were in grades 3-8 or 11 last school year, your child's 2021-22 Smarter Balanced Assessments and Hawai'i State Assessment Science (gr. 5 and 8) Score Reports will be mailed home with their report card. These score reports are for your records. If you would like more information about the Smarter Balanced Assessments and HSA test results, you can visit: <http://alohahsap.org/>.

## **Panorama**

Each school year all public and charter school students in grades 3-12 take the Panorama School Quality Survey. The survey's summative data represents the views of the students about their classroom and the learning environment. The survey is anonymous and confidential. If you DO NOT want your child to participate in the survey, please print, sign and return this [form](#) to the school office by November 1, 2022.

## **Breast Cancer Letter**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The HOSA Future Health Professionals student group has planned a number of school activities and events to bring awareness and to educate students and the community about breast cancer. Here is a [LINK](#) to their letter to find out ways you can support and participate in events.

## **Booster Club Cookie**

October is the kickoff for the ULS Booster Club's fall fundraiser. This year friends and family can be treated to delicious cookies from Cookie Corner! The funds raised will go directly towards activities, supplies and events for your child. Here is the [LINK](#) for more information. We encourage all families to take part in this fundraiser to support ULS. Mahalo from the ULS Booster Club!

## **HI-5 Recycling and Campus projects**

The ULS student community service group is planning a HI-5 recycling and campus beautification day to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. They will be accepting HI-5 recyclable aluminum, plastic, and glass containers. The drive through recycling drop-off will be held in the school parking lot for quickness and ease. If you are interested in volunteering with the recycling or campus beautification projects, please [fill out this form](#).

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to ULS seniors Ethan C. and Kevin D. who have been named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit® Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Ethan and Kevin's high Selection Index score places them among the top 50,000 students in the nation, which is the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2023 National Merit Program by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). For more details, see the [ULS website article at this link](#) and on the school website homepage. Go Jr. Bows!

## **Calendar Events - 2022**

October 18-21	K-5 Parent Conferences 12:00pm dismissal
October 22	Recycling and Campus projects
October 28	School In-Service - No school for students K-12
November 8	Election Day Holiday
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 22-23	Panorama Survey Grades 3-12
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday

I want to express our appreciation to all the students, parents, and teachers for all their hard work and achievements during the first quarter of the school year.

Sincerely,



A. Keoni Jeremiah  
Principal