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KE KE'ENA O KE PO'O KULA (OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL)

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Aloha mai kākou,

Kamehameha Schools Maui is pleased to release its calendar for School Year 2019-2020. Much of the calendar remains the same as we work to align our holidays and vacations with the public schools on island. One major change you'll find is the implementation of designated "No Homework Weekends" throughout the school year.

KS Maui recognizes that many of our students in high school juggle after-school jobs and extracurricular activities on top of homework from demanding course schedules. All of that can contribute to heavy stress, which was validated from data of our own high school students through our participation with Challenge Success. As well as an increase in the number of our students seeking social and emotional help from school counselors. A little relief from homework on the weekends could help everyone – students and teachers.

We believe that young children need time to play and experience learning in the world around them with their families. This time feeds imagination, language development, and practical application of learned material.

Also we want to affirm that assigning less homework is not the same as making school easier or less rigorous. We believe that these no homework weekends will not take away from our curriculum and program. What it will do, however is allow us to be more efficient in assigning thoughtful homework throughout the year.

The following dates will be designated as "No Homework Weekends." On these weekends, students will not be assigned or have any homework due.

- August 31 – September 1
- October 5 – 6
- October 12 – 13
- November 9 – 10
- November 30 – December 1
- January 18 – 19
- February 15 – 16
- March 14 – 15
- March 21 – 22
- April 11 – 12

More information about "No Homework Weekends" will be provided in our Student Parent Handbook for school year 2019-2020.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

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