



JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
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**A New Beginning for JFK**

by Mr. Ken Chargualaf, Principal

Hafa Adai and Happy New Year from the John F. Kennedy High School Administrative Team!

First, I am excited to share with you our first newsletter publication for our JFKHS Islander family. JFKHS is committed monthly to providing you first hand information about our school. On December 1, 2008, the JFKHS community officially welcomed me to our islander family as the new School Principal. Serving you as your school principal is an honor and a privilege. It is my personal belief that I, my administrative team, teachers and staff are all connected as stewards to your children.

A warm welcome goes out to all members of our Islander Family as we look toward the future and the many successes yet to come. It is with great pride and much enthusiasm that I welcome to John F. Kennedy High School our students and staff for the 2008-2009 Academic Year. It promises to be an exciting one. Make the most of it!

Many of you are beginning your high school career. For some of you, this year marks the end of your time with us. But whether you are a senior or a freshman, you are embarking on an educational adventure that will leave its mark on you for the rest of your life. The 2008-2009 school year promises to offer you many memories to take with you long after you leave JFKHS.

The most important message I hope to convey is to make the most of each day. High school is not just studying for tests, doing homework, writing research papers, cheering for the athletes and enjoying the activities. It is also a time to set goals, prepare yourself for future endeavors, and a time to make the most of your high school experiences. You live in a country where hopes and dreams can be realized through your own actions. This is a chance to achieve your own highest academic standards.

You have the opportunity to renew your commitment as a fine friend, sharing your character and integrity with others. You can form new relationships with the right people who can assist you in attaining your goals. Your family and adult role models have greatly influenced who you are today. This is the time to maintain and build those relationships. You are part of a District that honors and values each of these characteristics.

A wise man once said, “You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great”. The reason each teacher, support staff member and administrator comes to work every single day, is because we are committed to you and to your success. It is our pledge to you to challenge you every day to be everything you can be, to encourage and support you in all of your endeavors, and to provide personalized learning experiences for you as you prepare for your future.

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**Number of Students Enrolled at JFK as of 9/30/08 is 2098**

Grade	Male	Female	Total
9	523	397	920
10	281	258	539
11	208	189	397
12	110	132	242
TOTAL	1122	976	2098

(JFK Student Support Services Office)

For the past five years, JFKHS has achieved what all school systems strive for— steadily rising academic performance and achievement. JFKHS prides itself in providing a quality educational program for all its students. The GPSS recently released the SAT10 results for the district highlighting that of all the public high schools, JFK outscored the other high schools across all content areas, with the exception of our 9<sup>th</sup> graders who scored third overall. A job well done Islanders!

Push yourself to the limit and experience wonders you never imagined!

Go Islanders & Good Luck!

**Important Dates**

- Jan. 8 PTSA Meeting at the Dededo Senior Citizen Center— 7p.m.
- Jan. 9 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 12 Application deadline for the Gates Millennium Scholarship
- Jan. 14&29 Freshmen Academy Advisory Day 14th– 3rd per. 29th– 5th per.
- Jan. 16 Last day for 9th graders to pick-up B/MS SAT-10 scores
- Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Holiday NO CLASSES

**Reminders**

A tentative graduation list is posted in the Counseling Office B-200.

Complete free application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (Jan. 1 - Feb. 15)

**Congratulations**

**Art-A-Thon Winners**

- Bobbie Macario, 1st Place
- Jordan San Nicolas, 2nd Place

**Western Fishery Calendar**

**Contest Winners**

- Cesario Laroco, 1st Place
- Ralph Espinosa, 3rd Place
- Queensy Jover, Honorable Mention

**Gate Musical**

- Lovelynn Trinidad, Lead Role in the Musical “Hairspray”

**By The Numbers**

The average daily student attendance rate at JFK for first semester was 92.8%

(JFK Student Support Services Office)



**JFK ESLR's: John F. Kennedy High School students will be—  
Responsible Citizens, Problem Solvers, Effective Communicators, and Technologically Literate**

**JANUARY 2009**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PTSA Meeting at Dededo Senior Citizen Center 7p.m.	<b>9</b> <b>End of 2nd Quarter</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Application Deadline- Gates Millennium Scholarship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Freshman Academy Advisory Day (3rd period)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Last day for 9th graders to pick-up BMS SAT-10 scores at the counseling office.</i>	<b>17</b> Luchan School District FAST Conference- Tam Elem. 8-12a.m.  JFK NHS Induction at Westin Resort 7p.m.
<b>18</b> Class of 2009 Carwash East Agana Shell Gas Station 9a.m.-5p.m.	<b>19</b> "Top Business Student" Award Announcement	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> "Celebrating the Arts Gala" at JFK	<b>23</b> "Celebrating the Arts Gala" at JFK	<b>24</b> Class of 2010 "Game Bash" at Rallypoint 5p.m. - 11p.m.
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Class of 2009 King's Night at Harmon Kings 5p.m. -10p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Freshman Academy Advisory Day (5th period)	<b>30</b> "FRESH FRIDAY" by W.A.Y.	<b>31</b> JFK National Forensic League Match at Academy (AOLG) library 8:30a.m.

*Note: Calendar is subject to change. Call JFK at 642-2100 ext. 2611-12 for more information regarding each event.*



**Your W.A.Y. Student Government**

Keana Yamaguchi



W.A.Y. (We Are You) is a proud student government organization that consists of the student body executive councils, class councils, and advisors. We are in charge of planning all monthly student activities. Our goal for school year 2008-09 is to provide the student body with a fun-filled and memorable year.

Student activities are not just for students. Parents and family members are more than welcome to participate. As a matter of fact, one way parents can get involved in our activities is by chaperoning an event. Chaperoning is not only a way to assist a club or an organization, but it is also a great way to actively get involved in your child's education. If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone, you may contact the school at 642-2100. W.A.Y. is always open to new ideas and suggestions to improve the way we conduct our activities.

Help us bring the school spirit back to JFK. Thank you and we hope to see you at our next school event!

**Athletic Accomplishments**

Catherine Aquinde- Guard  
First Team All-Island  
JFK Girl's Basketball Team

Donovan George- Catcher  
First Team All-Island  
JFK Boy's Baseball Team

Jake Padrones- Utility  
Second Team All-Island  
JFK Boy's Baseball Team

**THIRD QUARTER SPORTS- KEY MATCHES**

**Boy's Basketball**

Fri. 1/23 JFK vs. St. Paul at St. Paul 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 1/24 JFK vs. Okkodo at Okkodo 5:30 p.m.  
Tues. 1/27 JFK vs. Sanchez at Sanchez 6:30 p.m.

**Girl's Softball**

Wed. 1/14 GW vs. JFK at TBA 4:30 p.m.  
Wed. 1/21 Notre Dame vs. JFK at TBA 4:30 p.m.  
Sat. 1/31 JFK vs. Academy at TBA TBA

**Boy's & Girl's Tennis**

Mon. 1/19 JFK vs. St. John's at TBA 4:00 p.m.  
Mon. 1/26 GW vs. JFK at JFK 4:00 p.m.

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TBA- To Be Announced