



Weekly

NEWSLETTER

<http://kwh.monroe.k12.fl.us>

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Fall. We've all been enjoying the beautiful weather over at the high school as I'm sure you're doing a swell. During the beginning of the school year, I felt that I was going to melt into my shoes as I supervised students on the patio during lunch shifts – it's much more pleasant now for all of us.

Last weekend, I had initial training in implementing an International Baccalaureate Program at Key West High - It was very interesting to say the least. The International Baccalaureate exists twenty-seven countries throughout the world and features a rigorous curriculum which is developed and tested by the International Baccalaureate team. The program is mission driven and requires a specific set of skills to be successful. The main mission statement is that the program aims "to develop, inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect." In addition to a clearly focused mission, a learner profile is established for students which include many of the Skills, Tony Wagner, in his book, "The Global Achievement Gap," establishes as 21st requirements for success such as being inquirers, thinkers, communicators, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. I held a coffee hour last Wednesday to talk to our teachers about the program, they are very interested in pursuing training that is being offered this year. This week Neda Preston (Math Department) and Nora Laubenstein (Social Studies) are attending training and in December, we have several more participants. Students who graduate with an IB Diploma are often admitted to college to their sophomore rather than freshman year and they are admitted to the most prestigious schools because the diploma program uses a testing program which is scored by IB officials in Geneva and is recognized internationally for its high quality. For more information about IB, go to their website at IBO.org. There is an interesting Video on the Diploma Program that you may want to see. I'll keep you posted on our progress with this throughout the year.

On another note, Neda Preston, our Athletic Business Manager is maintaining a fabulous Facebook page with stats on games and photos of events. You will really enjoy seeing it. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#!/pages/Key-West-High-Athletics-Student-Activities/107456709311099> to see all the exciting things happening in Key West High School Sports. I attended the County Swim Meet on Wednesday afternoon and evening. It was an exciting event. And not bad that we placed #1 in the event. What was nicest about the swim competition was the show of good sportsmanship and respect for the other teams in the meet. Congratulations go to Coach Lori Bosco and Judd Wise for an outstanding win.

I'm looking forward to our game with Booker T at Curtis Park in Maim tonight. I am traveling to see another Conch win (fingers crossed). See you next week again at Tommy Roberts for our game against South Dade. If you aren't traveling with us tonight, watch the Conchs on First State Bank's Community Webpage. Go to KeysBank.com and click on Community to watch the game.

Yours in education, Terri Axford

October 8, 2010



Important Dates

10/11	Professional Day
10/13	PSAT Test all 9th, 10th, & 11th grade students.
10/13	Choir Concert 7:00
10/18-10/22	FCAT Retakes 11th & 12th grade
10/21	Senior Pictures - Final
10/26	End of the Grading Period

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email please send your Name, Email address, and grade level of your child to Leslie.Holmes@keysschools.com

PSAT Testing

The PSAT Test will take place campus wide on Wednesday October 13th. All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be taking this test. The purpose of the PSAT is to prepare the students for the SAT and provide information for course selection for the following school year as well as AP Potential. During this testing day Seniors will be in the auditorium. At that time they will order their Cap & Gowns and receive important grade and senior information.

ALL SENIORS MUST ATTEND.

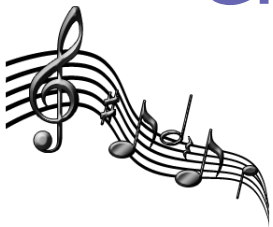


Seniors



**Turn in your immunization forms to the
Clinic.**

Choir Concert



Wednesday October 13th
starting at 7pm. Admission is
\$5.00 per person.

KWHS Auditorium

Dress rehearsal Tuesday night 7:00.

Sports News



- ⇒ Football - 10/15 Home playing South Dade kickoff 7:30.
- ⇒ Volleyball - Away on 10/12 traveling to Westland. Home on 10/14 vs. Mater 4:00 JV 5:30 Varsity. Florida Christian School Tournament 10/15-10/16.
- ⇒ Golf - 10/14 at the Biltmore to take on Columbus, Belen, Bishop McCarthy & Gulliver. 10/15 Home 4:00 vs. Palmer Trinity.
- ⇒ Swimming - Home 10/13 5:00 vs. Marathon.
- ⇒ Cross Country - 10/16 Pre-State Invitational at Little Everglades Ranch, Dade City.

9th & 10th Grade Parent

Information Night

Presented by the

Key West High Guidance

Department

Please join Mrs. Spencer and Ms. Hach from the Key West High Guidance Department to discuss graduation requirements, Bright Future Scholarship information, college admissions, and career resources on Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. This is the parents chance to receive the same presentation that has been presented in the classroom to all 9th & 10th grade students.

Following the presentation, a question and answer session will be available for those who are interested.

Senior Pictures

The final opportunity to take senior pictures will be on October 21st. Pictures are by appointment only, to schedule see Mrs. Holmes in room 1-132 or email - leslie.holmes@keysschools.com.