

Dear Parents,

September 24, 2010

One of the most important things we need to work on this year is school attendance. Students need to be in school every day to stay on track. Teachers' lesson plans are carefully constructed to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, and then move on to new skills and ideas. When students are not in school, they fall behind. And the more days they miss, the harder it is to catch up. That's where you come in. We are required to track attendance of every child in every classroom every period. It is essential that you always contact the school if your child going to be late for class, will need an early dismissal or will be absent. Then you must follow up the call with a note.

It is inevitable that some families' important religious observances will fall on school days. Let us know early in the year precisely which days your student will not be attending or will need to leave early.

Schedule your student's doctor and dental appointments for after-school or weekend hours unless there is an emergency. Schedule your students' twice yearly dental appointments during winter and summer breaks, and schedule school physicals, immunizations and other routine care for school holidays or summer break.

Together we can work to make school attendance a priority and we will definitely improve our school performance.

It is extremely important that we have a partnership with you in delivering instruction to our students. If your student is having difficulties a face to face conference is the best first step to take. Don't worry that raising issues with teachers will "hurt" your student in the classroom. While educators are in positions of authority, they're also adults just like you who are interested in your student's education and eager to make the situation better. Leaving problems unresolved can become more problematic. If you are unable to attend the conference during the times your teacher is available, we will do what is necessary to meet in person with each of you.

Before the conference make sure to the get the facts from both sides. Sit down with your student and write down his or her version of the situation. If it's a problem with grading or schoolwork, bring along examples of papers that illustrate your points. Then go through the issues with the teacher and listen to his or her perspective.

Follow-up on your end. If the teacher has asked you to work on some issues with your student at home, it's important that you do so. You certainly expect the teacher to follow-through with what he or she has promised, and it's only fair that you do the same.

Yours in education,

Terri Axford

Important Dates

9/28	Senior Parent Night 6:00 Media Center
9/29	Freshmen/ Sophomore Parent Night 6:45 Audito- rium
9/30	Junior Parent Night 6:00 Media Center
9/29	Voting for Homecoming Court
10/7- 10/9	Keys Kids - Dear Edwina
10/11	Professional Day

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

Parent Night!

KWHS Guidance Department will be hosting 3 Parent Nights. During these nights guidance will be going over important curricular information.

Schedule:

- Seniors Tuesday, September 28th 6:00 Media Center. Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Holmes will be hosting.
- Freshmen and Sophomores Wednesday, September 29th 6:45 Auditorium. Ms. Hach will be hosting.
- Juniors Thursday, September 30th 6:00 Media
 Center. Mrs. Spencer will be hosting.

For questions please contact the guidance department.

Seniors and Lunch

Seniors must have a signed form to leave campus for lunch. Once your application has been reviewed a pass will be made. Seniors must have a pass to leave campus. Seniors are not permitted to bring food back to campus.

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH



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OCTOBER 2 - 31

AVID Night

Key West High School will be hosting an AVID night for students and parents involved in the AVID Program. For more information please contact Anne Murphy at 293-1549 ext. 54342.

- * The 11th grade will meet on 9/29 in room 2-204 from 6-7:30.
- * The 10th grade will meet on 9/30 in room 2-204 from 6-7:30.
- * The 9th grade will meet on 9/30 in room 4-229 from 6-7:30.

Progress Reports go home on Friday, September 24th. Your child will receive it during 1st period.

Sports News





- ⇒ Football KWHS will host Marathon on Friday, September 24th. Kick-Off is at 7:30pm.
- ⇒ Volleyball Key West Invitation Tournament on September 24th and 25th. The team will travel to Jackson on September 28th.
- ⇒ Golf Ida S. Baker and Port Charlotte will come down to Key West to play on October 1st and 2nd.
- \Rightarrow Swimming No meets this week.
- ⇒ Cross Country Key West XCursion Invitational Home at 7:30am.



