

CANES COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

April 2025

Finish the Year Strong: A Reminder for Students and Parents

As we approach the end of the school year, it's essential to stay focused and finish strong. The final stretch is crucial, and students have important tests ahead that will impact their academic success.

This month, all 9th and 10th-grade students will take the FAST Writing test. It's an important opportunity to showcase your writing skills, and doing your best on this assessment will help you stay on track for success. Looking ahead to May, there will be a lot of testing to prepare for, including the end-of-year FAST tests and End-of-Course (EOC) exams for Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and U.S. History. Additionally, AP testing will take place, offering students the chance to earn college credit while demonstrating their academic abilities.

With so much on the line, attendance is crucial. Being present in school ensures you don't miss important lessons and test prep. If students have questions or need extra help, remember our after-school tutoring program is available on Mondays and Thursdays. Whether you need help with test prep or general support in a subject, this is a great opportunity to get assistance. Let's all finish the year strong—stay focused, stay present, and make the most of these final weeks!

Important Dates

- April 8th - FAST Writing (9th Grade)
- April 10th - FAST Writing (10th Grade)
- April 16th - SAC 6PM Media Center
- April 18th - Professional Day (No students)
- April 29th - Progress Reports Posted

Scheduling Updates

For students in grades 9 through 11, one-on-one meetings with your counselor have officially begun. These meetings are a key part of reviewing your course requests, graduation requirements, and postsecondary plans.

There's no need to worry about scheduling an appointment with your counselor. They will be reaching out to each student individually to arrange these important meetings.

By this point, all students should have submitted their completed and signed course request sheets. If you have not yet done so, please make sure it's handed in as soon as possible to ensure your course selections are processed.

These meetings are an excellent opportunity to ask questions and get personalized guidance, so be prepared to discuss your interests and goals with your counselor. We look forward to helping each of you plan for success in the upcoming school year and beyond!

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College and Career News

Scholarships are being posted daily and application deadlines are rapidly approaching. Make sure you are checking the 24-25 Canes Counselor Google Classroom or the CSHS College and Career website for all scholarship opportunities!

If you have not done so already, make sure you complete the FAFSA application! April 9th will be the second signing day! CSHS is asking all seniors who have committed to a university, college, military branch, or trade school to show their spirit and wear their organizations shirt, colors, or pennant. Students can see Mrs. Haddad if they have any questions!

Important Senior Information from Mrs. Fry

Attention Seniors! Mrs. Fry has some important reminders to help you stay on track as we approach the end of the school year:

FLVS Classes: If you're taking Florida Virtual School (FLVS) classes, make sure to complete all coursework by May 1st. This is the final deadline, so be sure to finish everything on time!

Attendance & Final Exams:

Attendance is crucial, especially if you've been absent. If you have 10 or more days absent, you **MUST** pass your final exams in order to receive credit for your second-semester courses. Don't let absences hurt your grades!

Prom Eligibility: Prom is just around the corner, and attendance plays a big role in whether or not you can attend. If you have 4 or more absences, you will **NOT** be allowed to attend prom. Be sure to keep track of your attendance and avoid missing school.

Obligations: Be sure to clear any school obligations (like fines, fees, or missing materials) by May 15th. Taking care of these obligations will ensure a smooth finish to your senior year.

Stay focused and take care of these important tasks. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Fry!

Let's finish strong, Seniors!



HELP US APPRECIATE OUR CORAL SHORES STAFF!

We're looking for local businesses or individuals interested in providing a meal, treat, or raffle item for the 2025 Coral Shores Staff Appreciation Week.

For more information or to donate, contact Mrs. Lozano at (305) 853 - 3222 ext 56303 or catherine.lozano@keysschools.com.

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FALSE REPORTING
ON SOCIAL MEDIA, SCHOOL TEXT TIPS, OR FORTIFY FL



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ATTENTION CORAL SHORES PARENTS!
PLEASE VISIT THE NEW

CANE'S COUNSELORS PARENT RESOURCES WEBSITE

<https://www.keysschools.com/Page/7300>



Monthly Newsletters,
Family Resources,
Tutoring Information
& More!

Hear something? See something?
DO SOMETHING!

STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Help Keep Our School Safe



CORAL SHORES
SCHOOL

How you can help:

Hear about any threats of violence to the school? Drugs on campus? Bullying? Suicide thoughts or talk?

Simply text a message to school officials with any information you think they should know.

Your name and number will be blocked so you will remain anonymous. If you do wish to be contacted, be sure to include your name and phone number in your text.

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No tip is too small, but remember that it is a crime to intentionally send in a false or misleading tip. For more information visit <http://schooltexttips.com> or speak to your school officials.

CORAL SHORES

After School Tutoring

Mondays & Thursdays
2:35-4:15

STARTS
SEPTEMBER 30TH

SUBJECTS AVAILABLE:

- Math
- English
- Science
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- SAT/ACT Test Prep
- Study Hall

Bus transportation provided
No registration needed



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STAY CONNECTED THROUGH FOCUS PARENT PORTAL

MCS's FOCUS Parent Portal provides parents and guardians a real-time view of their child's grades, attendance information and progress monitoring results.

HOW TO REGISTER:

GO TO KEYSSCHOOLS.COM

In the right-hand corner, click **Parents**. From the menu, select **Parent Resources**. Under **Other Parent Resources**, click **FOCUS Parent Portal Registration**.

CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

If you are creating an account for the first time, click the orange box that says "I DO NOT HAVE A FOCUS Parent Portal Account and would like to create one (even if my child is already enrolled)" link at the center of the page.

ENTER PARENT INFORMATION

Enter your First and Last Name exactly as it appears on your identification. Then enter your active email address and create a password.

LINK YOUR CHILD

You will now click "I would like to ADD A CHILD who is already enrolled" to link your child to your account. Enter your child's Student ID number (begins with 44000) and Birth Date for MM/DD/YYYY then click **add student**. Repeat these steps to add any other children.

FINISH

Once you have successfully added all desired children, click "I am FINISHED adding students. Please take me to the Portal."

*Note in the future you will need to use the username provided and the password you create to access your portal again.



Already registered?
Login to the Portal
directly from our
District site under
the "Parents" tab.



Monroe County School District (305) 432-3364 201 Thunder Road Key West, FL 33440



SHINE A LIGHT ON THE
YOUTH VAPING EPIDEMIC!



FREE Parent/Caregiver 1-hour Virtual Workshop

CATCH MY BREATH

Speakers

**Bronte
Walsh**

Prevention Coordinator

**Sharon
Williams**

Prevention Specialist

The workshop will provide parents with the latest information on:

- The toxic ingredients in vapes and how vapes work
- How to spot a vape
- Short and Long-term negative health, legal, social, and emotional consequences of vaping
- spot the signs and symptoms of vaping
- understanding the youth vaping epidemic
- how to effectively talk with your child about vaping
- ways to engage in the community to help stop underage vaping

3 Different Dates & Times

Wednesday, May 7th from 12 PM - 1 PM

Monday, May 12th from 9 AM - 10 AM

Wednesday, May 14th from 4 PM - 5 PM

Free Entry

Register to attend via
link or QR code

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentVapeWorkshop>



For more information, please contact Bronte Walsh bronte.walsh@westcare.com