



# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #13

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

November 14, 2024

**Key West High School Mission Statement**  
*To empower all students to maximize their potential and prepare them with the skills and experiences necessary to be college or career ready and to develop those character traits that will enable them to be productive members of society.*



Key West High School student, Jack Bridger, who is a 10th grader, scored a perfect score, for the 2nd consecutive year, on the PSAT Math

section. This is an amazing accomplishment and we are very proud of Jack. Congratulations!!!!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS NOV 2024**

- ◆ **November 20th**— Herff Jones will be on campus during lunch and then in the library from 4:30-7:00pm to take class ring orders and senior announcements orders
- ◆ **November 21st**— Herff Jones will be on campus during lunch and then in the library from 4:30-7:00pm to take class ring orders and senior announcements orders
- ◆ **November 21st**— Club Pictures will take place in the auditorium all day. Club sponsors have the schedule
- ◆ **November 25th—29th**— No School— Thanksgiving Break

### **KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Instagram— [kwhs\\_news](#)  
Facebook— Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities  
Twitter— [@kwhsnews](#)  
Website— [www.keyschools.com/kwhs](http://www.keyschools.com/kwhs)



Students must show their KWHS ID when entering the campus and when a staff member asks to see it. Thank you for your support and effort in keeping our school safe! Please see the next 3 pages for our Fortify Florida information.



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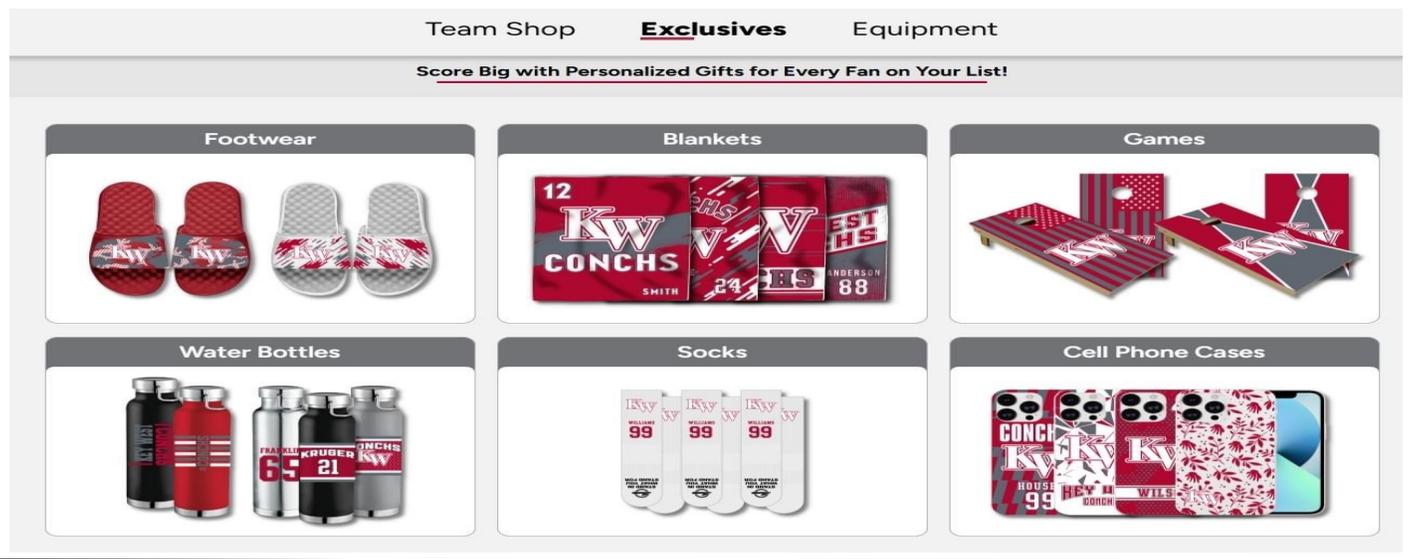
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Have you started your holiday shopping yet?? Or do you need some new Conchs gear? Please see the attached link to a small shop the athletic dept is putting on.

Make sure to take a look through all the tabs on the site., Team Shop, Exclusives, and Equipment. The store is open until November 21st – anything bought will ship when the store closes.

<https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/CoHMnLd7U7>



The SNAPPER is the school newspaper. It has been around for over 100 years. We have gone digital due to print costs. The link to the SNAPPER is [kwhsthesnapper.org](http://kwhsthesnapper.org).



***Key West High School***  
**SAC Meeting Dates—2024-2025**

**September 3rd**  
**October 1st**  
**November 5th**  
**December 3rd**  
**January 7th**  
**February 4th**  
**March 4th**  
**April 1st**  
**May 6th**



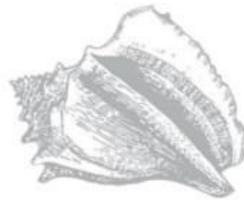
All meetings are at 5:30 in the library and online.

Pep Rally Bell Schedule	
1 <sup>st</sup>	07:35—08:20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	08:24—09:08
3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:12—09:59
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:03—10:47
Lunch	10:47—11:31
5 <sup>th</sup>	11:35—12:19
6 <sup>th</sup>	12:23—01:07
7 <sup>th</sup>	01:11—01:55
Pep Rally	02:00—02:30

Standard Day	
1 <sup>st</sup>	07:35—08:25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	08:29—09:18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:22—10:14
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:18—11:07
Lunch	11:07—11:51
5 <sup>th</sup>	11:55—12:44
6 <sup>th</sup>	12:48—01:37
7 <sup>th</sup>	01:41—02:30

7th Period Exams	
7 <sup>th</sup> Exam	07:35—09:10
1 <sup>st</sup>	09:14—09:56
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00—10:42
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:46—11:30
Lunch	11:30—12:16
4 <sup>th</sup>	12:20—12:58
5 <sup>th</sup>	01:02—01:44
6 <sup>th</sup>	01:48—02:30

Early Release	
1 <sup>st</sup>	07:35—08:00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	08:04—08:29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	08:33—08:58
4 <sup>th</sup>	09:02—09:27
5 <sup>th</sup>	09:31—09:56
6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00—10:25
7 <sup>th</sup>	10:29—10:54
Lunch	10:54—11:30



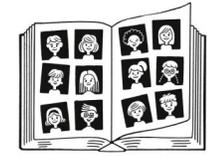
**KWHS**  
**2024-2025**  
**Bell Schedule**

Managed by Sebastian Dietrich  
 Updated 8/6/2024 8:31 AM

Early Release Exam	
Exam	07:35—09:10
Lunch	09:10—09:51
Exam	09:55—11:30



Scan for latest or visit  
[kwhs.mcsd.link/bell-schedule](https://kwhs.mcsd.link/bell-schedule)



**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

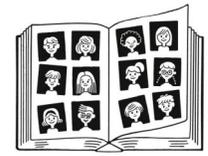
**YEARBOOKS & SENIOR ADS ON SALE**

**JOB #17196**

Photos can be sent to [kwhsyb@keysstudents.net](mailto:kwhsyb@keysstudents.net) or brought to Ms. Kinnune on a thumb drive in room 4-209

**SENIOR AD PURCHASE AND PHOTOS ARE DUE BY NOV. 21ST**

[YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](http://YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM)



**SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines**



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024	Digital
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025	Digital
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	Digital
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	Digital



## Monroe County School District 2024-2025 Calendar

August 5-6	New Teachers Report - BLPT Reports
August 7-9	All Teachers Report (Professional Days)
August 12-13	All Teachers Report (Professional Days)
August 14	Students Report
September 2	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
October 11	End of First Marking Period (42 Days)
October 14	Professional Day (No Students) = Priority #2 Hurricane Makeup
November 1	Professional Day (No Students) = Priority #3 Hurricane Makeup
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday - No School
November 25-27	Non-work / Non-Paid Days (No School)
November 28	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
November 29	Non-work / Non-Paid Day (No School)
December 20	End of 1st Semester (84 days) - Early Dismissal Day
December 23- January 6	Winter Break - No School
January 6	Professional Day (No Students) - Full Day for Grading
January 7	Classes Reconvene
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday - No School
February 14	Professional Day (No Students)- Priority #4 Hurricane Makeup
February 17	President's Day Holiday - No School
March 13	End of the 3rd Marking Period (45 Days)
March 14	Professional Day (No Students) = Priority #1 Hurricane Makeup
March 17-21	Spring Break - No School
March 24	Classes Reconvene
April 18	Professional Day (No Students)- Priority #5 Hurricane Makeup
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
May 30	End of Second Semester (93 Days)- Early Dismissal Day
June 2	Professional Day (No Students) - Full Day for Grading
June 3	Professional Day (No Students) - School Based PD

# Race for INCLUSION

Unified Champion Schools



## Tuesday, December 3

Unified Champion Schools across Florida will unite for the Race for Inclusion – celebrating ALL abilities and raising funds for Special Olympics Florida athletes.



**Plus, 50% of the funds raised by each school will directly benefit your school's Unified programs.**

This means that every dollar raised helps provide your school with resources for inclusive sports, leadership programs, and activities that empower students of all abilities to come together and thrive.

**Get Started Now!**



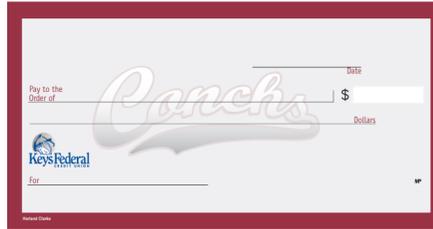


# KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

Late Bus departs at 4:45- Must have a late bus pass  
**AFTERNOONS (SEE BELOW) – 2:45 TO 3:45**  
**(REPORT TO THE CLASSROOM DIRECTLY)**

<b>Science</b>	Cerkleski 4-225	Thurs
<b>Science STEM</b>	E. Smith 2-102 J. Smith 4-109	Tue/Thur Tue/Thur
<b>ELA /SAT Prep</b>	Estenoz 1-115	Tue/Thur
<b>ELA Recovery/ FAST Prep</b>	Kinnune 4-209	Tue/Thur
<b>Math/Chemistry &amp; AP Chem/Physics</b>	Nelson 1-208	Mon/Thur
<b>AP Writing</b>	Laubenstein 4-201	Mon/Thur
<b>Math</b>	Castro 4-118 (ELL) Hutman 4-234 (Alg 1 & Geo) Blackwell 4-204 (Alg 1 & Alg 2)	Thurs Tue Tue/ Thur
<b>ESE/ Career Support</b>	Berenz 4-106	Mon/Thur
<b>Essay Writing</b>	Rein Media Center	Mon/Tue/ Thur
<b>Cosmetology Students Only</b>	Oropeza 1-133B	Mon <b>(2:45-4:45)</b>

# Show your Conch Pride!



## What are Conch Pride Accounts?

They are free checking accounts with Conch debit cards help raise money up to \$1,000 per month for Key West High School. Keys FCU donates:

\$5 to [KWHS for each account opened.](#)

- \$2 to KWHS for each box of checks ordered.
- 1% of each account holder's debit card transactions, up to \$15 per month to KWHS during specific promotional periods like Back to School, Spring Break and Christmas season.

**Conch Pride accounts include free adult and teen online & mobile financial education programs that teach them how to save and manage their checking account and credit history and more.**

## Who can get a Conch Pride Checking Account?

Conch Pride Checking Accounts and Debit Cards are perfect for KWHS students- 14 years and older, parents, teachers, staff, alumni, and fans-that live or work in the Florida Keys.

## Where can you open a Conch Pride account?

In Keys Federal Credit Union at 3022 N. Roosevelt Blvd. in Key Plaza, 514 Southard St., and 5300 Overseas Hwy. in Stock Island.

## How can KWHS raise more money?

Create awareness of, and encourage students, staff, parents, and fans to open a Conch Pride checking account by:

- Announce/socialize account at staff meetings, school assemblies, pep rallies, sporting events, parent encounters and in classrooms
- Send flyer out in weekly newsletter and Peach jar email service
- Hang posters and banners in school/visible areas

Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- Identify promotional/sponsorship opportunities on school materials/areas
- Circulate donation photos and information

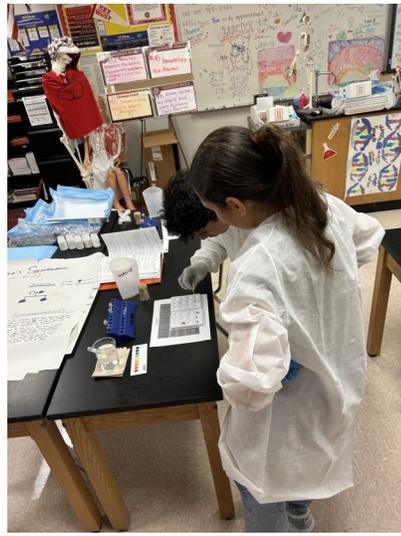
## Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

Keys FCU will create and provide all Conch Pride marketing materials. KWHS must distribute, hang, communicate, and publish them.





Mrs. Tara Jackson's Human Body Systems classes dissected sheep brains today as they identified the key structures and nerves of the brain.



Mrs. Tara Jackson's Principles of Biomedical Science students did a great job as forensic chemists identifying an unknown substance with chemical tests.



Chess Club enjoying their time together!! These kids are really good and at the same time, willing to teach a peer!

Chess Club meets Mondays and Thursdays in room 4-115 afterschool!! Come join a great club!!



**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**KWHS MARCHING BAND,  
COLORGUARD,  
CONCHETTES, AND  
NJROTC HONORED ALL  
WHO SERVED AND ARE  
STILL SERVING DURING  
THE PARADE!!**



# Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer play Coral Springs Charter on Friday!!  
Get em, Girls!!



KWHS Boys Soccer played Coral Reef on Tuesday and Coral Shores on Friday!!  
Go, Boys!



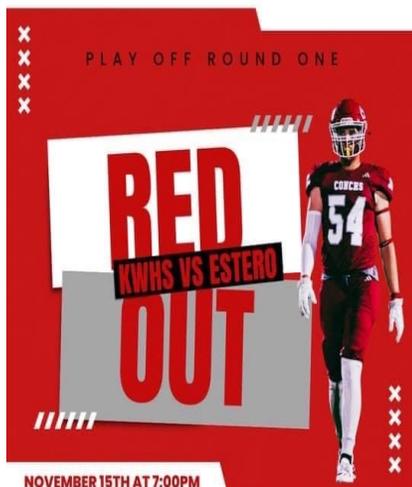
Naima Thomas and Caylaa Makimaa will be running at STATES!!



KWHS Girls Weightlifting have a meet at Coral Shores on Wednesday!!  
Girl Power!!!



KWHS Boys Basketball JV and V have a Marathon Preseason game on Tuesday!!  
Go Conchs!!!



NOVEMBER 15TH AT 7:00PM  
@Tommy Roberts  
Memorial Stadium

Theme: RED OUT

The KWHS Fighting Conchs have their playoff game at Tommy Roberts stadium on Friday at 7:00pm  
It's a **RED** out so wear your Conch red!!



## Activities

### STAY INVOLVED!!!

## SENIORS

Class of 2025 Executive Board would like every Senior to join!!  
Senior Class of 2025 shirts can be purchased at Ramona's.

President— Deanna Gumarova Mercier  
Vice President— Skye Sterling  
Secretary— Pablo Anaya  
Treasurer— Jada Franco  
Historian— Alexa Condella

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Kristen Condella

## Student Council

Please join Student Council to get involved in the planning of our pep rallies, Homecoming, student government activities, Teacher Appreciation and so much more!!!

President— Skye Sterling  
Vice President— Chloe Blackwell  
Secretary— Maya Gray  
Treasurer— Jorge Sanchez  
Historian— Prometheus Delacerda

Student Council sponsor: Miss Ayesha Osborne

**#CONCHSTRONG!!**

## JUNIORS

Class of 2026 Executive Board would like every Junior to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Kieran Smith  
Vice President— Emmy Jackson  
Secretary— Tamika Kelly  
Treasurer— Janelle Rodriguez  
Historian— Prometheus Delacerda

Class sponsor: Mrs. Paula Mercer

## SOPHOMORES

Class of 2027 Executive Board would like every Sophomore to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Jordan Greene  
Vice President— Lily Smith  
Secretary— Jillian Cullum  
Treasurer— Ryleigh Harnish  
Historian— Pilar Rivera

Class Sponsor: Ms. Melissa Thomas

## FRESHMEN

Class of 2028 Executive Board would like every Freshmen to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Kaine Dickerson  
Vice President— Ben Delostrinos  
Secretary— Jalynn Morales  
Treasurer— Kaleaya Dickerson  
Historian— Hailey Morales

Class sponsor:

The Key West Rotary &  
The Perry Hotel and Marina Present

*The Stock Island*  
**HOLIDAY LIGHTED  
BOAT PARADE**

**DECEMBER 13TH, 5:30-9PM • PARADE STARTS AT 7PM**

**FREE FAMILY FUN FOR ALL - PARADE VIEWING AT THE PERRY  
SANTA, SNOW, HOLIDAY CHEER & MORE!**



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