



Weekly NEWSLETTER

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Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

November 22, 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.



Congratulations to Mr. Marc Pierre for being selected as our Inclusion Teacher of the Year!! We are so blessed to have Marc at Key West High

School! The school, students, parents and community extend our heartfelt thanks to Marc for all he does!!

UPCOMING EVENTS NOV 2024

- ◆ **November 25th—29th**— No School— Thanksgiving Break

HAPPY Thanksgiving



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Instagram— kwhs_news
Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities
Twitter— @kwhsnews
Website— www.keysschools.com/kwhs



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Semester Exams starting on Monday, December 16th!
See the schedule below!

KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

2024-25 First Semester Exam Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 th NO EXAMS STANDARD DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 8:25	1
8:29 – 9:18	2
8:22 – 10:14	3
10:18 – 11:07	4
11:07 – 11:51	Lunch
11:55 – 12:44	5
12:48 – 1:37	6
1:41 – 2:30	7



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 th 2 nd PERIOD EXAM BELL SCHEDULE FULL DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 9:15	2 nd Period Exam
9:14 – 9:56	1
10:00 – 10:42	3
10:46 – 11:30	4
11:30 – 12:16	Lunch
12:20 – 12:58	5
1:02 – 1:44	6
1:48 – 2:30	7

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 th 3 rd & 4 th PERIOD EXAM BELL SCHEDULE EARLY RELEASE DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 9:10	3 rd Period Exam
9:10 – 9:51	Lunch
9:55 – 11:30	4 th Period Exam

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 th 5 th & 6 th PERIOD EXAM BELL SCHEDULE EARLY RELEASE DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 9:10	5 th Period Exam
9:10 – 9:51	Lunch
9:55 – 11:30	6 th Period Exam

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 th 1 st & 7 th PERIOD EXAM BELL SCHEDULE EARLY RELEASE DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 9:10	1 st Period Exam
9:10 – 9:51	Lunch
9:55 – 11:30	7 th Period Exam

SEMESTER EXAM POLICIES:

- Semester Course Final Grade (100%) = Quarter 1 Grade (40%) + Quarter 2 Grade (40%) + Semester Exam (20%)
- If a student misses more than 9 days during the semester, the student *must* pass the semester exam in order to pass the course.
- Students will receive an F for the semester if a semester exam is *not* taken.



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.



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



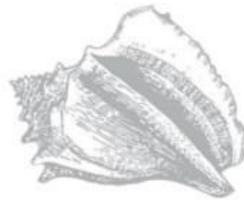
All meetings are at 5:30 in the library and online.

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

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

7th Period Exams	
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3 rd	10:46—11:30
Lunch	11:30—12:16
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6 th	01:48—02:30

Early Release	
1 st	07:35—08:00
2 nd	08:04—08:29
3 rd	08:33—08:58
4 th	09:02—09:27
5 th	09:31—09:56
6 th	10:00—10:25
7 th	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

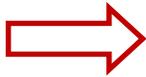


Scan for latest or visit
kwhs.mcsd.link/bell-schedule



KWHS BETA club put together Thanksgiving items to feed 4 families!!

What a wonderful feeling to help others!
 BETA wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!!



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)

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

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.

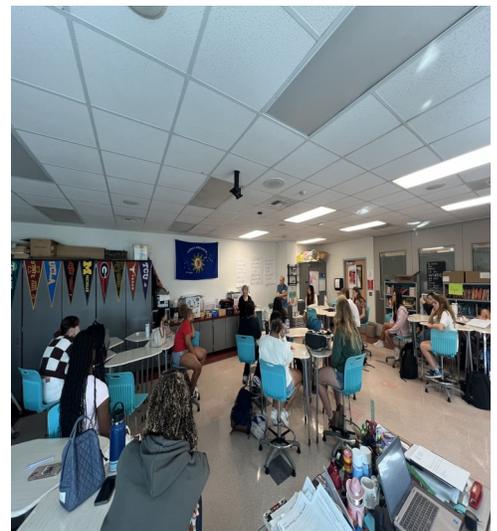




Congrats to Jacob Boeskool (left) & Colin Christie (right) For scoring an “All Florida” In the Florida scholastic Press Association’s Fall State competition!



Lucy Barker and her husband Thomas came to Ms. Shoemaker’s 10th grade World Literature class this week. They are finishing their Holocaust unit after reading *Night* by Elie Wiesel and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Having a guest speaker was a great way to end it.

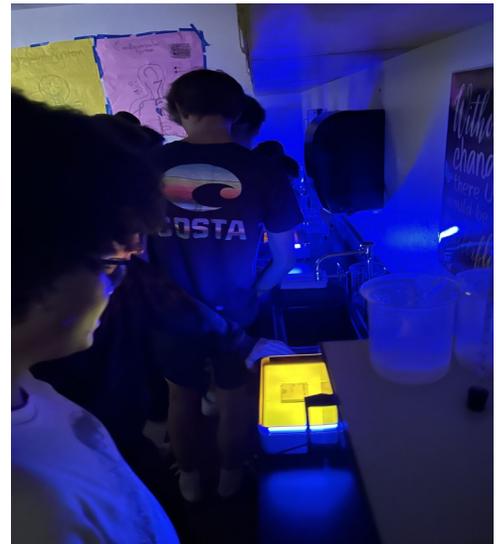
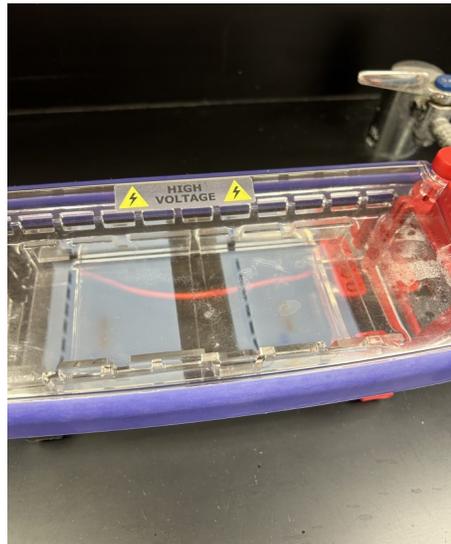


Ms. Shoemaker’s class created the Hexagon Thinking Projects using characters, setting, themes, and symbols from the books *Night* and *The Diary of Anne Frank* . They color coded each type of hexagon by type, cut them out, and then placed them in a way that showed how these things were connected.



A few very lucky KWHs fashion students had the incredible opportunity to attend a screening of Bob Mackie's new documentary *Naked Illusion*. A huge thank you to @tropic.cinema for not only giving us the chance to watch the film but also for arranging a meet-and-greet with a Q&A session with the legendary Bob Mackie himself! The students had an unforgettable experience and were in complete awe hearing from such a fashion LEGEND.

Amazing opportunity for our KWHs Fashion students!
Thank you, Miss Lauren Albury



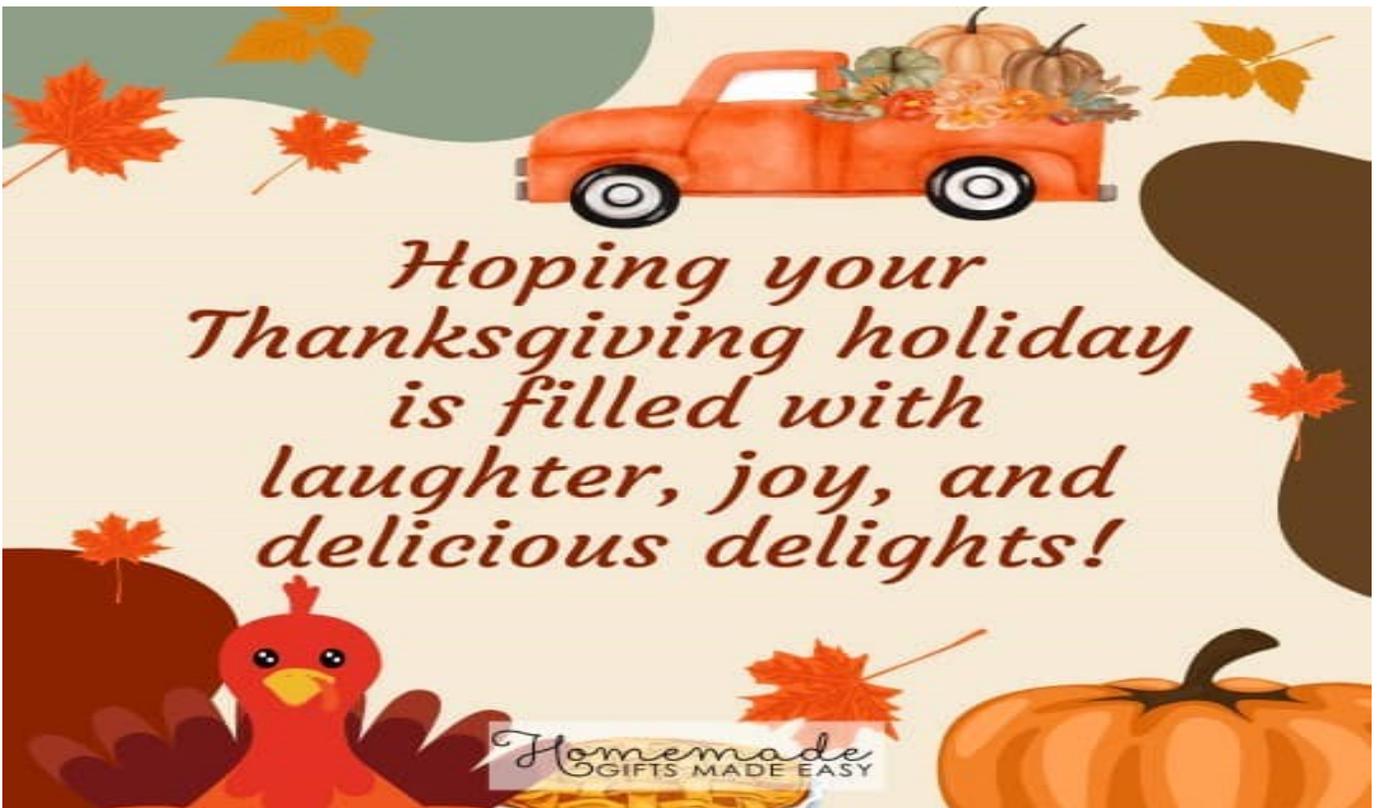
Medical Interventions kids finished off a week-long lab where they isolated their DNA, amplified it using polymerase chain reaction, and visualized using gel electrophoresis to test themselves for the presence of the bitter taste receptor for phenylthiocarbamide (PTC). The taste receptor 2 member 38 (TAS2R38) gene is responsible for the ability to taste PTC, a chemical that some people find bitter, while others lack the gene and do not taste it at all.



A huge “Thank You” to Chef Lisa Rivard and the Culinary Conchs for preparing and serving the staff at KWHS on Thursday!! The Thanksgiving meal was wonderful and the service was amazing!! KWHS is definitely grateful and blessed!!!



We would also like to send a huge “Thank You” to Mr. Adam and his cafeteria staff for preparing and serving a great Thanksgiving lunch to the students!! The students stood in line anxiously waiting to get their tray!! Once again, KWHS is grateful and blessed!!



Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer played Somerset Silver Palms on Monday, Charlotte High tonight, and Lemon Bay on Saturday!



KWHS Boys Soccer played Westland Hialeah on Thursday!
Go, Boys!

KWHS Girls Basketball played Monsignor Pace on Monday, and Barron Collier on Saturday!!
Go Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Girls Weightlifting had a meet against Marathon and Coral Shores on Wednesday!!
Girl Power!!!



KWHS Boys Basketball played St. Brendan on Thursday and Gulf Coast on Saturday!!
Go Conchs!!!

PLAYOFFS ROUND TWO

WHITE OUT

KWHS VS CLHS

NOVEMBER 22 @7PM

TOMMY ROBERTS MEMORIAL STADIUM
KWHS FOOTBALL

The KWHS Fighting Conchs have another playoff game at Tommy Roberts stadium tonight at 7:00pm
It's a **WHITE** out so wear your Conch white!!



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

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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:

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