



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #15

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

December 6, 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 hopes that your Thanksgiving Holiday was filled with peace, love and rest!! Attendance is so important this month as mid-terms are taking place Tuesday, December 17th through Friday, December 20th. Please see the schedule in this newsletter!

UPCOMING EVENTS DEC 2024

- ♦ **December 12th**— Holiday Concert in the auditorium at 7:00pm featuring Band, Steel Pan, Colorguard, and Conchettes!
- ♦ **December 17th—20th**— Mid Terms....see schedule in newsletter
- ♦ **December 18th—20th**— Early Release days due to mid-terms (see schedule in newsletter)
- ♦ **December 23rd—January 6th**— No School... Christmas Break

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Website— www.keysschools.com/kwhs



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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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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.

KWHS RETAKE TESTS



ALGEBRA EOC



■ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH



GEOMETRY EOC



■ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



11TH & 12TH ELA FAST



■ MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH



BIO/US HISTORY EOC



■ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

TESTING STARTS 2ND PERIOD

CHECK YOUR EMAIL
FOR TESTING ROOMS

YOU MUST SIGN-UP FOR THE
BIOLOGY & US HISTORY EOCs

KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

SIGN UP ONLY

BIOLOGY & US HISTORY EOC RETAKE

SIGN UP NOW

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR GRADE?

WHEN

DECEMBER 11TH AND/OR
DECEMBER 12TH AT 8:30 AM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

ANY QUESTIONS..... ASK
DR. VELDHEER



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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1 st	09:14—09:56
2 nd	10:00—10:42
3 rd	10:46—11:30
Lunch	11:30—12:16
4 th	12:20—12:58
5 th	01:02—01:44
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



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kwhs.mcscd.link/bell-schedule



Don't miss out on KWHS yearbooks!! Purchases will be accepted now till December 22nd!! Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter job# 17196



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) = <i>Priority #2 Hurricane Makeup</i>
November 1	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #3 Hurricane Makeup</i>
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) = <i>Priority #4 Hurricane Makeup</i>
February 17	President's Day Holiday - No School
March 13	End of the 3rd Marking Period (45 Days)
March 14	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #1 Hurricane Makeup</i>
March 17-21	Spring Break - No School
March 24	Classes Reconvene
April 18	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #5 Hurricane Makeup</i>
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

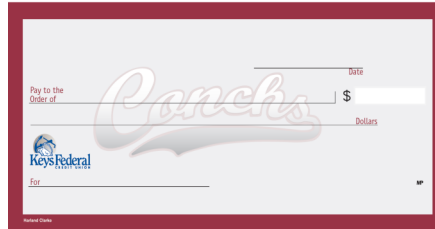


KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

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.



TRUE DEFINITION OF CONCH PRIDE!!!!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

KWHS Athletics Gives Back

CONCHS VS NORTH PORT

Girls Basketball 1:00

Boys Basketball 2:30

Boys Soccer 2:30

Girls Soccer 5:00



Everything that is made from our gates will be donated directly to the families involved in this week's fire. Please come out and support not only our athletes, but the families in our Conch community that need it the most. We will have cash gates open at the games, all donations are accepted and greatly appreciated.





The KWHS Music Department
Invites you
To Our

Holiday Band Concert

Key West High School Auditorium -
Thursday, December 12th - 7:00 pm

Featuring:

KWHS Jazz Band
KWHS Steel Drum Band
KWHS Colorguard
KWHS Conchettes
KWHS Concert Band

JUST ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL PLAY



LOCATED AT
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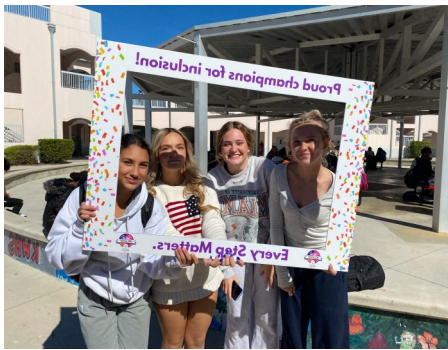
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 5 AND
FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2024
AT 7:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT
6:30PM)**

OVERSEEN BY: REBECCA BERTUCCI

STUDENT DIRECTED BY: SAMANTHA TORNA

WRITTEN BY: BRIAN STARCHMAN WITH PERMISSION BY: ELDRIDGE PUBLISHING

ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARDS THE KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE CLASS



Key West High School's Race for Inclusion 2024



Awesome performances by the KWHS Theater Classes in Just Another High School Play! If you missed last night's performance, don't miss the encore tonight at 7 pm!!!



A group of Mrs. Rolison's juniors and seniors went to listen to author Jan Gangsei speak at Books and Books last night. In addition, many of the students purchased copies of her book which she then autographed.

Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer
play North Port on
Saturday!
Go, Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Boys Soccer
played Boca Raton on
Tuesday and North Port
on Saturday!!
Go, Conchs!



KWHS Girls
Basketball play North
Port on Saturday!!
Go Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Girls
Weightlifting do
not have a meet
this week.



KWHS Boys
Basketball played
Miami Christian on
Monday, Somerset
Silver Palms on
Friday and North
Port on Saturday!
Go Conchs!!!



The KWHS
Wrestling have their
meet on Friday and
Saturday!!
Lets go, Conchs!!!

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— Jalyann Morales
Treasurer— Kaleaya Dickerson
Historian— Hailey Morales

Class sponsor:

2024-2025 SENIOR DATES



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
August 16, 2024	2:00pm	1st Pep Rally	Gym	Student Council
August 30, 2024	ALL DAY	College Color Day--wear college shirts or colors	Campus	n/a
September 3--September 9, 2024	ALL DAY	<u>Homecoming Nominations</u> --in order to be nominated, senior girls must have been in 3 clubs or performance group during her Junior AND Senior year	Nomination forms will be in the front office. Please submit the completed Nomination form back to the front office.	Mrs. Saunders
September 10, 2024	ALL DAY	Voting for your Homecoming Court	History Classes	Mrs. Saunders
October 16 & 17, 2024	ALL DAY	Senior Pictures	Auditorium	Herff Jones
October 18, 2024	ALL DAY	Underclassmen & Senior Pictures--Make ups and Retakes	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
October 28, 2024	6:00pm	Homecoming Parade	KWHS	Mrs. Saunders
October 31, 2024	ALL DAY	Homecoming Queen Voting	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
October 31, 2024	2:00pm	Homecoming Pep Rally	Gym	Student Council
November 1, 2024	7:00pm	Homecoming Game & Crowning of the Queen	Tommy Roberts Stadium	Mrs. Saunders
November 2, 2024	TBD	Homecoming Dance	TBD	Student Council
November 13th & 14th	lunch time & 5:30pm	Order Senior Announcements	Courtyard & Library	Herff Jones
November 21, 2024	ALL DAY	Club Pictures and Sports Pictures	Gym/Courtyard	Mrs. Saunders
February 7, 2025	8:30am	Senior Panoramic--please wear your red Senior shirt	Gym	Herff Jones
TBD	7th period	National College/Military/Vocational Signing Day	Courtyard	Mrs. Estenoz
TBD	ALL DAY	Junior/Senior Field Day	Backyard	Mrs. Carey /Mrs. Condella
TBD	6:00pm-9:00pm	Junior/Senior Luau	Stock Island Yacht Club	Mrs. Carey /Mrs. Condella
May 22, 2025	ALL DAY	Last Day for Seniors	Campus	n/a
May 22, 2025	7th period	Ring of the Bell for Seniors	Courtyard (Bell)	KWHS
May 22, 2025	6:00pm	Senior Banquet	Cafeteria/Auditorium	Mrs. Condella /Mrs. Saunders
May 23, 2025	8:00am	Investiture Practice-- Cap & Gown Distribution	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
May 23, 2025	7:00pm	Investiture Ceremony-- Dress Code	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
May 25, 2025	10:30am	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	St. Mary's Church	n/a
May 25, 2025	11:00am	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	5th Street Baptist Church	n/a
May 25, 2025	12:30pm	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	Trinity Presbyterian Church	n/a
May 27, 2025	TBD	Prom	Southernmost House	Mrs. Kristen Condella
May 28, 2025	6:00pm	Class Night-- Dress Code	Auditorium	Mrs. Estenoz
May 29, 2025	6:00pm	Graduation Practice	Tommy Roberts Stadium	Mrs. Saunders
May 30, 2025	8:00pm	Graduation-- Dress Code	Tommy Roberts Stadium	Mrs. Saunders
May 30, 2025	10:00pm	Operation Graduation	KWHS	Mrs. Brindisi

Dress Code for Graduation Ceremonies, Yearbooks and Graduation Fees:			
Boys-- white button up shirt (long or short sleeve), black pants, black socks, black shoes, black clip on tie	Girls-- white dress (no color on the dress), white shoes	Yearbooks are \$85.00. You can purchase a yearbook by going to www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter KWHS code #17196	<p>Graduation fees are \$80.00 and it includes the cap and gown, tassel, and diploma cover. Please see Mrs. Saunders to make your payment. You can pay with cash, check or credit card. Please use the QR code to the right to pay using a credit card.</p>  <div>SCAN ME</div>

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- Pre-K hasta el 12° grado
- Reaplique cada año escolar
- 6-12 semanas de tiempo de procesamiento

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- Revni ki ba
- Pre-matènèl rive nan filo
- Ou kab enskri ankò chak ane lekòl
- 6-12 semèn tan pwosesis

Heiken PA bay lòt ajans enfòmasyon pèsònèl elèv yo.

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- Estudantes da Florida
- Baixa renda
- Do pré-k ao 12°
- Reaplicar todo ano letivo
- 6-12 semanas de tempo de processamento

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Experience the Magic of Japan

Traveling July of 2026

Informational meeting in the KWH media center on Dec. 12th. You may attend in-person at 6PM, or register for a virtual link for 6:30PM on the 12th. We will go over the itinerary, costs, and fundraising. You MUST RSVP for both the in-person and online meetings. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can request more information as well.

To RSVP: www.explorica.com/rein-3256

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