



Weekly NEWSLETTER

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Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

January 10, 2025

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS JAN 2025

- ◆ January 17th— Pep Rally in the gym starting at 2:00pm
- ◆ January 20th— No School-Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday



Happy Law Enforcement Appreciation Week! Thank you to Officer Malgrat and Officer Caldwell for keeping our campus safe!

KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram— [kwhs_news](#)
Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities
Twitter— [@kwhsnews](#)
Website— www.keysschools.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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Superintendent Theresa Axford has announced that assistant principal Nanette Murray will move to Key West High School to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Ja'Ronika Veldheer to the College of the Florida Keys Academy. Murray is currently an AP

at Horace O'Bryant School and will take her expertise in math, coaching and testing to KWHS. The administrative and leadership teams at HOB will absorb Murray's responsibilities. Murray will complete this week at HOB with her first day at KWHS being Monday, January 13.



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



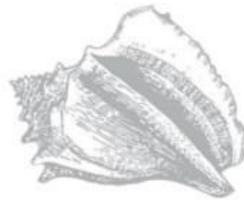
All meetings are at 5:30 in the library and online.

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	
7 th Exam	07:35—09:10
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



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



**OPERATION
GRADUATION
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

JANUARY 8, 2025

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL
MRS. BRINDISI'S ROOM 1-115
PLEASE GO TO THE FRONT OFFICE

305-942-9646 (call or text)
shayne.brindisi@keysschools.com

Senior parents, join us for the first Operation Graduation Committee meeting this Wednesday, January 8th at 5 pm. Let's come together to plan an unforgettable celebration for our graduating seniors.

During this meeting, we'll brainstorm event ideas, discuss logistics, and explore fundraising opportunities. Your input and support are invaluable to making this event unforgettable for our students.



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
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

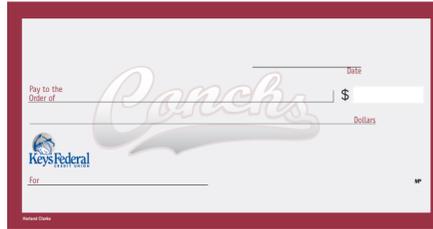


KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

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.



Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer played Mater Academy on Thursday, Keys Gate on Friday, and Ransom Everglades on Saturday!
Go, Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Boys Soccer played Somerset Cantons on Tuesday, Coral Shores on Thursday, and Bolles on Saturday!
Go, Conchs!

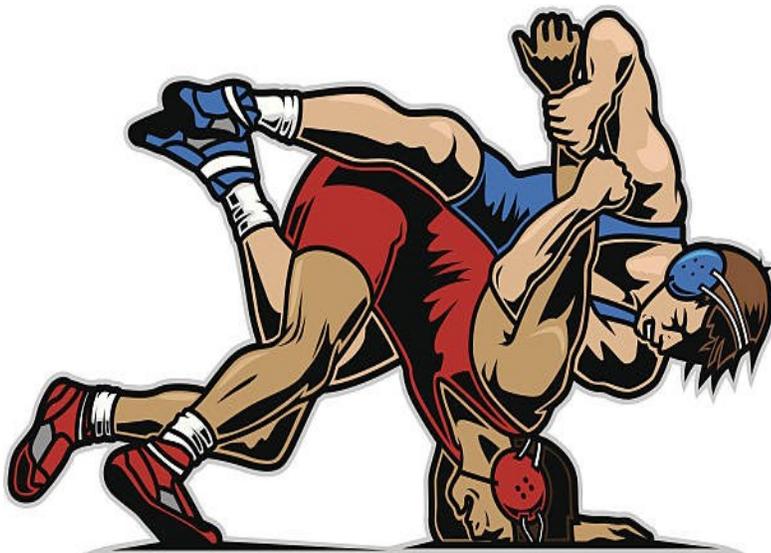
KWHS Girls Basketball play Coral Shores on Friday and St. Brendan on Saturday!!
Go, Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Girls Weightlifting had a meet on Wednesday with Marathon!!
Girl Power!!



KWHS Boys Basketball play Coral Shores on Friday!!
Go Conchs!!!



The KWHS Wrestling had a Girls meet on Wednesday with Coral Reef, their District Duals was on Thursday and their Conch Scramble is on 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— Jalynn 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 4, 2025	8:30am	Senior Panoramic--please wear your red Senior shirt	Gym	Herff Jones
April 17, 2025	ALL DAY	Junior/Senior Field Day	Backyard	Mrs. Condella/Mrs. Mercer
May 1, 2025	7th period	National College/Military/Vocational Decision Day	Courtyard	Mrs. Estenoz
May 9, 2025	6:00pm-9:00pm	Junior/Senior Luau	Lagerheads	Mrs. Condella/Mrs. Mercer
May 22, 2025	ALL DAY	Last Day for Seniors	Campus	n/a
May 22, 2025	7th period	Ringing 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	<p>Yearbooks are \$85.00. You can purchase a yearbook by going to www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter KWHS code #17196</p> <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 style="text-align: right;">   </div>