



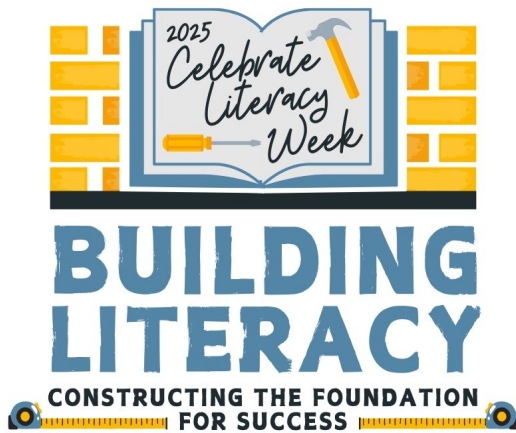
# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #20

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

January 24, 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 FEB 2025**

- ◆ **February 3rd**— Incoming Freshmen Orientation (8th graders from HOB, Sigsbee, Sugarloaf and Montessori )in the auditorium 9:30-10:45am
- ◆ **February 4th**— Senior Panoramic in the gym at 8:30am. This is for seniors only—seniors need to wear **red**
- ◆ **February 5th**— Showcase “Curriculum Night” in the courtyard from 5:30-6:30pm
- ◆ **February 14th**— No School—Professional Day
- ◆ **February 17th**— No School—President’s Day
- ◆ **February 27th**— Career Fair in the gym from 9:00am-11:00am

## **KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Instagram— kwhs\_news

Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities

Twitter— @kwhsnews

Website— [www.keysschools.com/kwhs](http://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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KWHS Students— If you are interested in earning community hours, the below event would be a great place to receive those hours. The event is in need of help in several areas. You can reach out to Kristie Artigue at 305-304-8959 for any details or questions.



The poster features a central action shot of a female flag football player, Kelly McGillis, running with the ball while being tackled. She is wearing a grey jersey with 'BARNEYS ALARM SYSTEMS' and 'KELLY MCGILLIS' printed on it. In the top left corner, there is a QR code. The top right corner displays 'The Florida Keys Key West' logo with the tagline 'Close To Perfect - Far From Normal'. The bottom left corner contains a circular logo for the 'INTERNATIONAL FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS'. The bottom right corner shows a portion of an American flag.



The Florida Keys  
**Key West**  
Close To Perfect - Far From Normal

**KELLY MCGILLIS**  
**CLASSIC**

INTERNATIONAL FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025  
JAN 21 - 27, FULL WEEK EVENTS, 23 - 27 JUST GAMES  
KEY WEST, FLORIDA







# Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition DIAPER DRIVE

Help us collect  
**15,000**  
diapers for families in  
need in the Florida Keys.

**Current Need: Over 120,000  
diapers annually!**

**To make a difference in a Keys  
baby's life, scan the QR codes below!**

Donate diapers through  
our Amazon wish list!




Donate through Zeffy



Learn how you can  
support our programs



Visit our website  
**[www.keyshealthystart.org](http://www.keyshealthystart.org)** or contact us at  
**305-293-8424** for more information and  
donation drop off locations!

 : @flkeyshealthystart

 : Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition



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).



When Pigs Fly!!! This is always a fun lesson as Mrs. Melissa Nelson's students measure rotational motion!

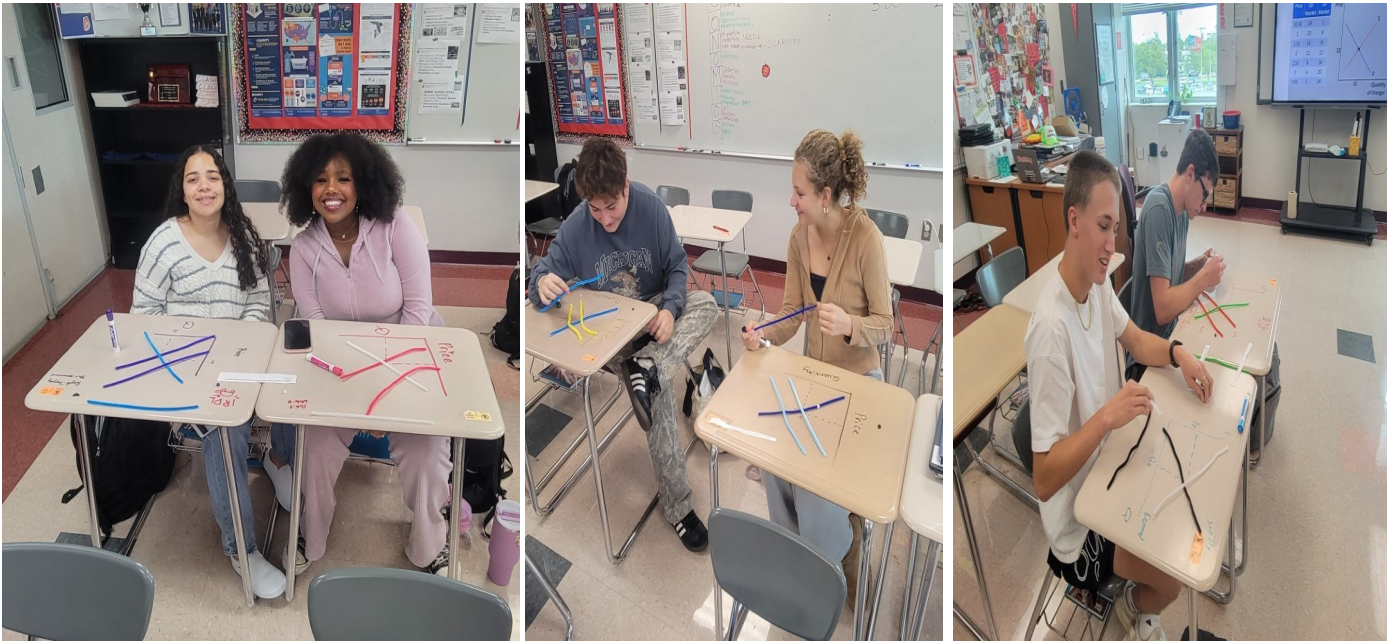


Welcome back to the second half of our 24-25 school year, Team Monroe. Let's make this the best semester yet!

Please copy and paste the link below to view a new important safety message from Superintendent Axford, MCSO Sheriff Ramsay, and KWPD Chief Brandenburg. "School Safety: It Starts With All of Us."

[https://youtu.be/pZk\\_QfDD7LY?si=A04rlf6M-O1cyj1i](https://youtu.be/pZk_QfDD7LY?si=A04rlf6M-O1cyj1i)





Mrs. Mercer's Macroeconomics students had a great lesson with supply, demand, equilibrium, and stock market!!

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**FUN FOOD FRIDAY!!!!!!**







### 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

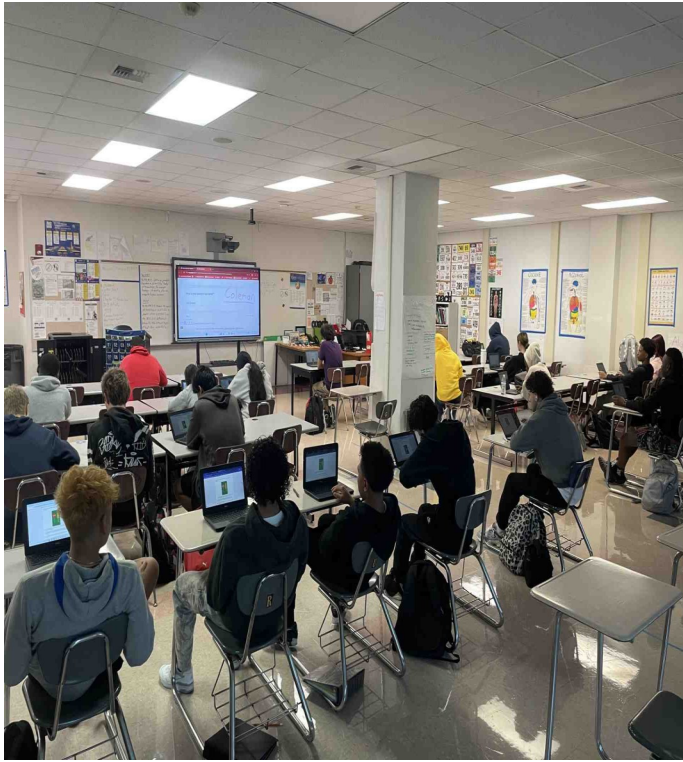
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Early Release Exam	
Exam	07:35—09:10
Lunch	09:10—09:51
Exam	09:55—11:30



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



HOPE classes are completing a bicycle safety quiz online. Next week they will complete a motorist safety quiz online as well. KWHS was awarded this grant from the Florida Bicycle Association, and will receive \$1 for every student who completes the adult cycling quiz and \$2 for every student who completes the motorist safety quiz, which should total about \$500 for our program!



### 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



STARTING SPRING  
SEMESTER 2025 @  
KWHS

# FUTURE EDUCATOR COURSES

*Dual Enrollment Opportunity  
through Miami- Dade College*

2.5 GPA Needed



No PERT Scores necessary



Online Course



Not just for those interested in becoming  
a teacher.



*Contact Us:*

Mrs. Nicklaus or Mrs. Bassett

Key West High School has a special opportunity to offer students a dual enrollment course that focuses on an introduction to the teaching profession.

The course is online, but taught by our very own, Mrs. Shannon Perkins. Students will earn high school and college credit for completion of this course.



## 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)**

<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.





# Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer  
played St. Brendan on  
Wednesday and Friday!!  
Go, Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Boys Soccer  
play Belen today!!  
Go, Conchs!

KWHS Girls  
Basketball played St.  
Brendan on Tuesday,  
Somerset Prep on  
Thursday and  
Hallandale today!  
Go, Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Girls  
Weightlifting had  
a meet on  
Thursday!  
  
Girl Power!!



KWHS Boys  
Basketball play  
Hallandale today!!  
Go Conchs!!!



The KWHS Wrestling go to  
STATES today and  
Saturday!! Let's Gooooo!!!

Girls Wrestling have a meet  
on Saturday against Lake  
Mary!!  
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— Tamika Kelly  
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— Jalyann Morales  
Treasurer— Kaleaya Dickerson  
Historian— Hailey Morales

Class sponsor:

# COMMUNITY YARD SALE & *Market*

SHOP AMAZING DEALS FROM LOCAL VENDORS AND TREASURES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS! FROM GENTLY USED ITEMS TO UNIQUE HANDCRAFTED GOODS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.



**SATURDAY  
MARCH 1, 2025**



**08:00 AM –  
12:00 PM**



**KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL  
PARKING LOT  
2100 FLAGLER AVE.**

**HELP SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2025'S OPERATION GRADUATION**

**INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR STUFF?  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
RESERVE YOUR SPOT**

For More Information Contact:  
Shayne Brindisi  
305-293-1549 ext. 54369  
[shayne.brindisi@keysschools.com](mailto:shayne.brindisi@keysschools.com)




**SCAN ME**



# 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	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

<b>Dress Code for Graduation Ceremonies, Yearbooks and Graduation Fees:</b>			
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 <a href="http://www.yearbookordercenter.com">www.yearbookordercenter.com</a> 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>  <p><b>SCAN ME</b></p>