



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #28

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

April 4, 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 **APRIL 2025**

- **April 4th**— Pep Rally in the gym at 2:00pm
- **April 10th-12th**— KWHS Drama Club “Mama Mia” production in the auditorium at 7:00pm (see flyer in the newsletter)
- **April 12th**— Spring Craft Fair at KWHS parking lot (see flyer in the newsletter)
- **April 14th**— Junior Ring Ceremony in the auditorium at 1:30pm. Families are welcomed
- **April 17th**— Jr/Sr Field Day from 8:30am-2:30pm
- **April 18th**— No School—Professional Day
- **April 26th**— Conchette Capers in the auditorium at 1:00pm and 7:00pm

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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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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APLIKASYON POU RAPÒTE AKTIVITE SISPÈK

Fortify FL se yon zouti pou rapòte aktivite sispèk ki pèmèt ou transmèt enfòmasyon soulechan bay ajans fòsdelòd apwopriye yo ak responsab lekòl yo.



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CRAFT FAIR & COMMUNITY YARD SALE

APRIL 12TH | 8AM- 12 PM

KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT
2100 FLAGLER AVE.

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

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



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PROCEEDS FROM SPOTS SOLD SUPPORT THIS
YEAR'S OPERATION GRADUATION

FOR SENIORS:



**Tuesday
April 15th
3rd Period
Auditorium**

***Attendance will be taken
in the assembly*

FINAL SENIOR ASSEMBLY

with Mrs. Nicklaus, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. Brindisi

FOR SENIOR PARENTS:



- **Graduation Eligibility**
- **Graduation events & timeline**
- **Operation Graduation**
- **Volunteer opportunities**
- **Final transcripts**

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

with Mrs. Nicklaus, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. Brindisi

**Tuesday, April 15th
6pm in the Cafeteria**

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF CLASS OF
2026 JUNIORS

KWHS 2026
Ring Ceremony

Purchase an ad to share
your well wishes to a
KWHS junior

15\$ FOR EACH AD

CLICK ON QR CODE BELOW.

DUE BY APRIL 8TH BY 10AM

[HTTPS://WWW.VANCOEVENTS.COM/US/49536](https://www.vancoevents.com/us/49536)



Ring Ceremony in
KWHS Auditorium
April 14, 2025 1:30 PM



WILLIAMS HALL PRESENTS THE KWHS DRAMA CLUB IN

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENNY ANDERSSON
BJORN ULVAEUS
SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY
CATHERINE
JOHNSON

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
& ARRANGEMENTS
MARTIN KOCH



STARRING THE MEMBERS OF THE KWHS DRAMA CLUB DIRECTOR JEREMY ZOMA
PRODUCER EMILY GALVAN TECHNICAL DIRECTORS REBECCA BERTUCCI & BRANDON BEACH
CHOREOGRAPHER LAUREN THOMPSON COSTUMES SUSHI PRODUCTION

APRIL 10-12, 2025

KWHS AUDITORIUM - 2100 FLAGLER AVENUE, KEY WEST, FLORIDA

7:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM)

Mamma Mia! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



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Recently, students from our ACCESS program were given the opportunity to tour the ACCESS program at the College of the Florida Keys. We had a wonderful day seeing the different programs the college has to offer. Thank you CFK for the informative tour and all your hospitality!





Paula Mercer won the first ever Ed Lange Legal Professional and Service award, which honors the work that coaches of trial teams do to encourage and coach students to not only persevere legal careers, but to reach their full potential as students, professionals, and human beings.

Paula was nominated by the team, and the competition directors chose the winner based on recommendations that the team wrote. This shows how much respect and appreciation that the students have for all of the hard work that Paula puts into ensuring that the students have a successful experience!! Way to go, Mrs. Mercer!!

The KWHS Mock Trial Team along with their amazing sponsor, Paula Mercer travelled to Orlando to compete in the **Florida High School Mock Trial State Competition** on Thursday March 27-Sunday March 30, 2025.

The competition took place at the Orange County Court house, where the team argued four rounds as either the prosecution or defense in the case *State of Florida v. Cohen Grey* involving the crimes of Grand Theft, Fraud, and Conspiracy to Commit Forgery of a priceless piece of art called *The Steps of the Chapel Rhone*. There were 18 teams from every judicial district in Florida.

As a newer trial team, they did not rank in the top 5 but they were certainly strong competition due to the effective coaching by local public defenders Blake Shillinger and Adreanah Eberly and state prosecutor Colleen Dunne.



In the end, the team won the **Team Professionalism Award for outstanding professionalism and ethical conduct** and personified Conch Pride!! We are so proud of our Conchs!!

Please congratulate and wish them luck on bringing home a state title to the following **9 FSPA All Florida Selections!** These students are finalists and the top 5% of the state... The overall winners will be announced next weekend:

Videography Demo Reel Key West High School, Conch 5 Studios **William Forster**

Computer-Drawn Illustration Key West High School, Conch 5 Studios **Jazlyn Martin**

Hand-Drawn Illustration Key West High School, Conch 5 Studios **Jazlyn Martin**

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Personality Digital Portrait – Non-Student Key West High School, Conch 5 Studios **Maicey Malgrat**

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Personality Digital Portrait – Non-Student Key West High School, Conch 5 Studios **Alena Tralenko**

Personality Digital Portrait – Student Key West High School, Conch 5 Studios **Alena Tralenko**

Animal/Pet Digital Photo Key West High School, Conch 5 Studios **SabaStain Dubyk**

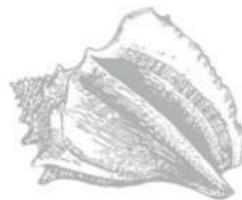


Pep Rally Bell Schedule	
1 st	07:35–08:20
2 nd	08:24–09:08
3 rd	09:12–09:59
4 th	10:03–10:47
Lunch	10:47–11:31
5 th	11:35–12:19
6 th	12:23–01:07
7 th	01:11–01:55
Pep Rally	02:00–02:30

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

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents~~~

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th round of scholarship lists have been posted!



I attached the lists to the end of this newsletter.

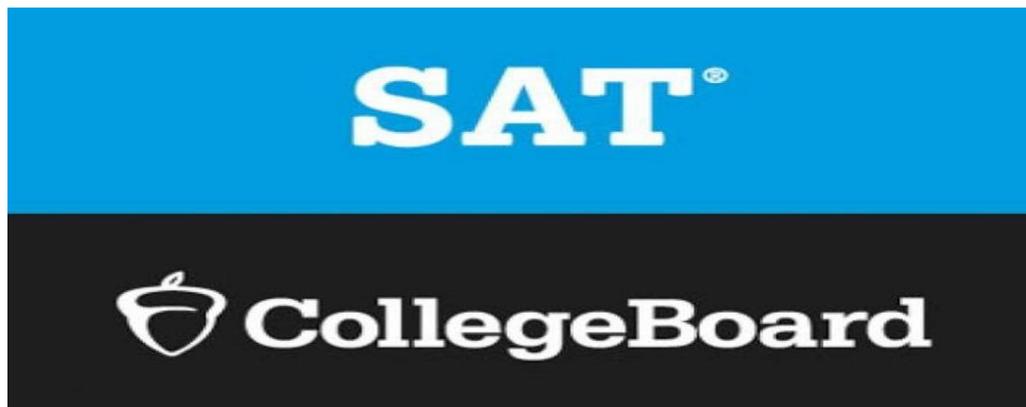
Seniors have been notified through text by Mrs. Lydia Estenoz. Seniors can stop by Mrs. Estenoz's office to pick up the scholarship applications. Stay tuned to this newsletter for weekly updates of the new scholarships offered. What a wonderful opportunity for our Seniors!!! Thank you to all the Local sponsors of these scholarships!!



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



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



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KWHS Track have a meet against Belen on Saturday!!
Go Conchs!!

KWHS Boys Lacrosse played Miami Country Day on Thursday!!
Go Boys!!!!



KWHS JV Baseball played Marathon on Monday and Palmetto on Saturday!

KWHS Varsity played Mater Academy on Wednesday and Miami High on Friday which is their **SENIOR NIGHT!**



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KWHS Girls Lacrosse played Miami Country Day on Thursday!!

Go Girls!!!



KWHS Tennis play Lasalle on Friday!!

Way to go, Conchs!!



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KWHS Varsity Softball played Mater Bay on Wednesday!!
Go Lady Conchs!!!

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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— Jalynn Morales
Treasurer— Kaleaya Dickerson
Historian— Hailey Morales

Class sponsor: Miss Miranda Acevedo

Signature



CURSIVE WORKSHOP

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 8TH**

**KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL
MEDIA CENTER**

2:35 TO 3:45 PM

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING
HOW TO WRITE IN CURSIVE SO YOU
CAN CREATE YOUR UNIQUE
SIGNATURE?**

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

