



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #1

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

August 18, 2023

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
WELCOMES YOU TO AN
AWESOME 2023-2024
SCHOOL YEAR!!**

*Conch Pride Rooted in a Tradition of
Excellence!*



KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram— [kwhs_news](#)

Facebook—Key West High School
Athletics & Student Activities

Twitter— [@kwhsnews](#)

Website— www.keysschools.com/kwhs

UPCOMING EVENTS **AUGUST/SEPT 2023**

- August 18th— Pep Rally in the Gym at 2:00pm
- August 31st— Open House and Bonfire at KWHS 5:30-7:30pm
- September 1st— College Color Day at KWHS— wear your college colors or college shirts!!

KWHS Staff are ready for the new year!!



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!

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVER LICENSE

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023
9 AM - 3 PM

Key West Driver License Office
Marathon Branch Office
Key Largo Branch Office

CALL TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Presented by
SAM C. STEELE, CFC
Constitutional Tax Collector
Monroe County, Florida

Open to Monroe County residents with a Learner's Permit only



**KEEP
CALM
AND**

**HAVE A GREAT
SCHOOL YEAR**

Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:26	1
8:30 - 9:20	2
9:24 - 10:17	3
10:21 - 11:11	4
11:11 - 11:46	Lunch 1- Crimson (Bldgs 4, Wt rm, Auto)
11:50 - 12:40	5 Crimson
11:15 - 12:05	5 Grey
12:05 - 12:40	Lunch 2- Grey (Bldgs 1,2,3 & Portables)
12:44 - 1:34	6
1:38 - 2:30	7

Wellness Wednesdays	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:22	1
8:26 - 9:12	2
9:16 - 10:05	3
10:05 - 10:35	30+
10:39 - 11:25	4
11:25 - 12:00	Lunch #1
12:04 - 12:50	5A
11:29 - 12:15	5B
12:15 - 12:50	Lunch #2
12:54 - 1:40	6
1:44 - 2:30	7

Final Exam Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 9:10	Exam
9:10 - 9:51	Lunch
9:55 - 11:30	Exam

Pep Rally Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:28	1
8:32 - 9:17	2
9:21 - 10:06	3
10:10 - 10:55	4
10:55 - 11:30	Lunch #1
11:34 - 12:19	5A
10:59 - 11:44	5B
11:44 - 12:19	Lunch #2
12:23 - 1:08	6
1:12 - 1:57	7
2:00 - 2:30	Pep Rally

Early Release Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:00	1
8:04 - 8:28	2
8:32 - 8:59	3
9:03 - 9:27	4
9:31 - 9:55	5
9:55 - 10:33	Lunch
10:37 - 11:01	6
11:05 - 11:30	7

7th Period Exam Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 9:10	7th Exam
9:14 - 9:56	1
10:00 - 10:42	2
10:46 - 11:30	3
11:30 - 12:16	Lunch
12:20 - 12:58	4
1:02 - 1:44	5
1:48 - 2:30	6



~Student News~

- ⇒ If a senior missed Picture Day and needs a make up senior picture, they will have the opportunity to do so on November 8th. Mrs. Saunders will send out an email to these students so please encourage your child to check their emails.
- ⇒ If any student is requesting a retake, they will have the opportunity to do so on November 8th. Students are to email Mrs. Saunders requesting a retake. There will be a retake fee.
- ⇒ If you wish to purchase a senior page in the yearbook, those forms are in the front office. The forms look like the picture to the right ➡ If you have any questions about that, please email the Yearbook Sponsor Dina Kinnune at Dina.Kinnune@keysschools.com
- ⇒ Homecoming nominations for senior girls start on August 28th. The forms will be in the front office. The nomination forms will be available from August 28th—September 1st. Please see Mrs. Saunders with any questions.

Senior Page Information/Contract

Total Price with payment plan: \$300 OR Paid in Full price by September 6 : \$250
Make checks payable to Key West High School. All items are to be handed in to Ms. Kinnune

	PAYMENT PLAN	PAID IN FULL
SEPTEMBER 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 due This completed paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$250 due This completed paper
OCTOBER 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 due 	
NOVEMBER 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 due All photos due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All photos due

There are no refunds. Photos not submitted by November 8 could be cause for your senior page to not be created in the yearbook.

Page Design:

Senior name: _____

Describe where you would like your big picture: _____

Where on the page would you like your name to be placed: _____

Background color of your page: _____

Do you want borders around your pictures? (circle one) YES NO

Color of picture borders: _____

Font choice: _____

Do you want a certain person next to your page? (circle one) YES NO Who?: _____

Would you like a quote or a message on your page? (circle one) YES NO

What would you like to say? _____

Who will be signing off on the page? (circle one) student parent

Best way to reach person signing off (include email and phone number) _____

recommend no more than 25-30 pictures on a page. If we have issues with formatting based on picture number we contact you for decision making needs.

Actual pictures can be turned in, and we will scan them.

Mail photos to KWHSYB@KEYSSSTUDENTS.NET with student's name + SENIOR PAGE in the subject line (ie: JOHN SMITH, SENIOR PAGE)

By signing the line below you are acknowledging that you are aware of all the deadlines and all possible fines.

Student Signature: X _____ Phone #: () - _____

Parent Signature: X _____ Phone #: () - _____



**KWHS
Freshmen
Orientation
was a success!**

**Our new principal,
Rebecca Palomino did
an amazing job getting
our incoming Freshmen
ready! A big thank you
goes out to all that
attended.**



**We hope
EVERYONE had
an amazing 1st
day of school!!**



**If you are interested in
receiving the weekly
newsletter of KWHS,
please email:**

Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com

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.

Activities



After an extensive band camp, the band performed their new material for their parents. The performance was also followed by a BBQ to kick off the new year!!

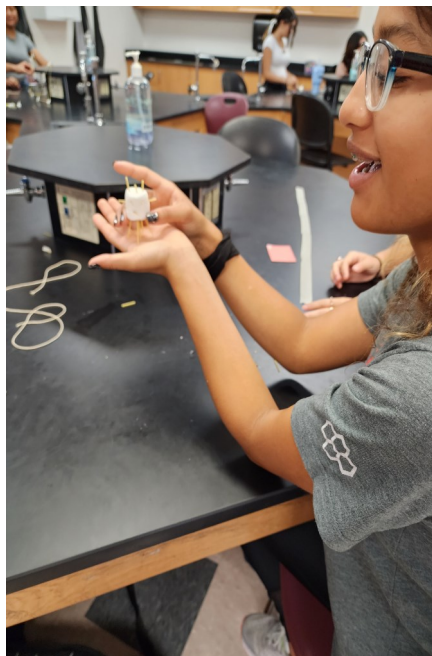
Activities

KWHS would like to thank Terry Huff with The Golden Fleece Foundation for recognizing four of our teachers today. Mr. Ebenson Michelin & Mr. Marc Pierre were recognized as pioneer teachers. Mr. Lawrence Jones and Ms. Anita Linville were recognized as two new teachers with the Monroe County School District.



Academics

Great things are already happening at KWHS!!!



Mrs. Nelson's AP Chemistry Class built spaghetti towers to support a marshmallow. The tallest tower was 17.5 inches! Those who couldn't make the height went for cuteness! The class were divided by chemical formula of earth, wind, fire, and water!



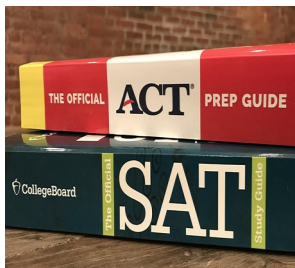
Our KWHS Girls State Delegates were in attendance at the American Legion Women's Auxiliary luncheon talking about their experience this summer. Pictured left to right: Detra Dor, Monaya Carey, and Parker Curry.

Are you planning to take the SAT or the ACT at Key West High School? The first test dates of the academic year are past regular registration, but you can still take either test with late registration if you act soon!

The SAT late registration deadline for the (Saturday) August 26 test is Tuesday, August 15.

The ACT late registration deadline for the (Saturday) September 9 test date is Friday, August 18.

The next test dates are in October (SAT - 10/7; ACT - 10/28). Start planning now!



KWHS culinary classes started off their Fun Friday with Pizza!!! What a treat!! Thank you Chef Rivard!!



Athletics



Join the Fighting Conchs tonight at KWHs's Backyard!! The Conchs will be playing against Trinity Catholic at 7:00pm. Scan the QR code below for tickets!

GO CONCHS!!!!



Activities

This page will be updated as soon as elections are over at the end of August!! Good Luck to all the candidates!! Stay Tuned!!

SENIORS

- Senior Class of 2024 shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Carnetra Carey

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
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian

Class sponsor: TBD

#CONCHSTRONG!!

JUNIORS

Class of 2025 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Junior is welcome to join!

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian

Class sponsor: Mrs. Kristen Condella

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2026 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Sophomore is welcome to join!

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Paula Mercer

FRESHMEN

Class of 2027 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Freshmen is welcome to join!

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian

Class sponsor: TBD

PROJECT SUCCESS



PREVENTION KWHS CONCHS

Miss Bronte
Walsh— Project
Success Counselor
Room 2-209

Parent Sign up—
Bronte.Walsh@Westcare.com



Project Success

A Partnership Program with **KWHS**

An evidence-based, school-based intervention focused on preventing and reducing substance abuse and other related high-risk behaviors among high-risk middle school and high school aged youth.

How youth succeed:

- ♦ Exploring positive coping skills
- ♦ Teaching students refusal skills
- ♦ Promoting healthy dynamics
- ♦ Providing tools for anger management
- ♦ Raising alcohol and other drugs perception of harm


The Format Includes:

- ♦ 7th and 9th grade prevention education series within the classrooms
 - ♦ Individual sessions (6)—45 minute sessions
 - ♦ Referral services for Therapy and Intervention Counseling with Guidance Care Center

PREVENTION PROGRAMS ARE BACK!
**ATTENTION MONROE COUNTY
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

WANT TO EARN AMAZON GIFT CARDS?

**We're offering Amazon Gift Cards for
participating in ONLINE Evidence-Based
Prevention Programs!**
\$10 - \$25 Gift Cards
See back for more info.



**MONROE COUNTY
COALITION • COM**
SAFE AND DRUG FREE
PARTNERSHIPS OF MONROE

REQUIRES PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT
ONE (1) GIFT CARD PER STUDENT PER PROGRAM

Programs sponsored by SAMHSA's STOP Act Grant, Monroe County Coalition, Inc., Thriving Mind South Florida, and the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families

Evidence-Based Prevention Programs

ALCOHOL EDU
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY
\$25.00 Gift Card - 2.5 hrs.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.

ALCOHOL WISE
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.

MARIJUANA WISE
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.

NICOTINE 101
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.