



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #4

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

September 8, 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.



KWHS

2023-2024 Homecoming Court

Pictured left to right— Detra Dor, Siena Wardlow,

Principal Rebecca Palomino, Yani Nodal,

Daniella Barroso, and Monaya Carey



We are extremely proud of these young ladies!! They are the best candidates to represent Key West High School!! Go Conchs!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS **SEPTEMBER 2023**

- September 11th— Please wear Red, White and Blue to celebrate Patriot Day
- September 11th- Key West High School Softball Program will have a meeting at 6:00 pm at the Backyard Softball field for any student athlete interested in playing for the upcoming 2024 season

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!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

WEAR ORANGE

to show unity for kindness, acceptance,
and inclusion and to send a visible
message that no child should ever
experience bullying.

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

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

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

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

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

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.
- ⇒ Order your 2024 Key West High School yearbook using the website yearbookorder-center.com and job #: 17196



Key West High School

SAC Meeting Dates—2023-2024

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

January 9th

February 6th

March 5th

April 2nd



All meetings are at 5:30 in the library.

KWHS TESTING INFORMATION

Date	Test	Grade Level
September 8 th	ELA FAST PM#1	9 th (Group A)
September 11 th	ELA FAST PM #1	9 th (Group B)
September 12 th	ELA FAST PM #1	10 th (Group A)
September 14 th	ELA FAST Retakes	11 th & 12 th
September 18 th	ELA FAST PM #1	10 th (Group B)
September 21 st	BEST Algebra EOC Retakes	11 th & 12 th
September 22 nd	BEST Algebra EOC Retakes	10 th
September 26 th	BEST Geometry EOC Retakes	10 th –12 th
September 29 th	ASVAB	11 th & 12 th
October 2 nd	Biology EOC Retakes	
October 3 rd	Civics EOC Retakes	
October 4 th	US History EOC Retakes	

If you are testing, you will receive an email from Dr. Veldheer notifying you of the day and location for testing.



All students testing must bring their CHARGED chromebook to testing. Testing begins AFTER 1st period.



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

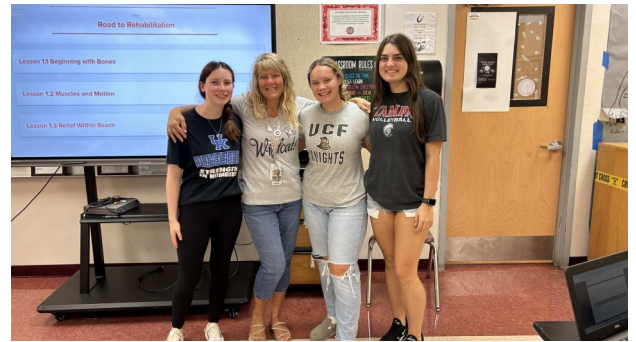
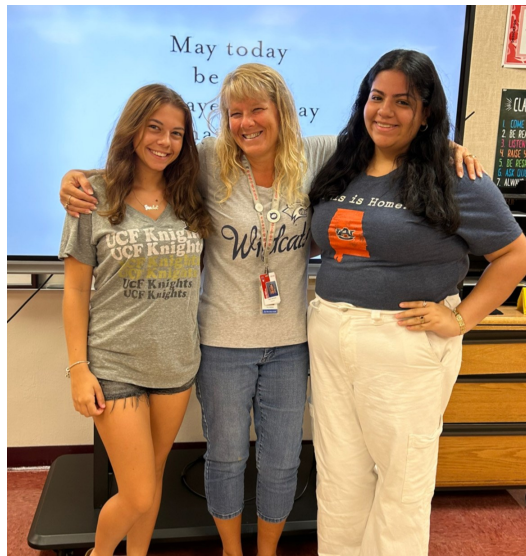
Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

Keys FCU will create and provide all Conch Pride marketing materials. KWHS must distribute, hang, communicate, and publish them.

Activities



College Colors Day



Activities



**KWHS Proudly
Supports this
AMAZING Club!!**



The “Start With Hello” Campaign starts
September 25th through the 29th!

Please participate each day by:

- ⇒ **Monday, September 25th**— Stop by the SAVE table during the lunch shifts to say “Hello”!
- ⇒ **Tuesday, September 26th**— Stop by the bulletin board near the office to keep or give a kind gesture!
- ⇒ **Wednesday, September 27th**— Wear **Green** to show support!!
- ⇒ **Thursday, September 28th**— Start a conversation with someone new!!
- ⇒ **Friday, September 29th**— Share a positive message using chalk during the lunch shifts!



Academics

SENIOR WILLS 2024

What is your legacy?

DEADLINE Is September 27

Please use this form to detail the legacy you leave behind as you graduate from Key West High School. Please remember that this will be printed in the yearbook and will represent you for the rest of your life. It must be appropriate. The yearbook staff reserves the right to omit anything that it deems inappropriate.

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

WILL (NO LONGER than 75 words, yearbook staff reserves the right to edit for length). If you are naming people, use their first AND LAST names:

ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE WHEN YOU PARTICIPATED: ie: FRESH, SOPH, JUNIOR ETC.):

Example: I, Jane Doe, do hereby bequeath my cap and gown to my sister Amy, my Spanish ability to my best friend Patrice and my best wishes to the class of 2016. Activities: Golf, 1,2,3,4; Track, 3,4 Wake Board Club, 1 etc

TO SUBMIT:

Email your completed will to kwhsyb@keysstudents.net with your NAME + WILL in the subject line (IE: JOHN SMITH, WILL)

DEADLINE Is Septemeber 27

Attention SENIORS:: “Senior Will” pages are now available. They can be completed on the page above found outside of room 2-202..... or simply written out and sent to kwhsyb@keysstudents.net.

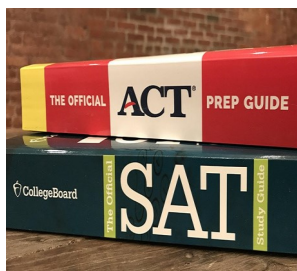
The deadline for submission is September 27th.

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!



SCHEDULE A TIME



TO MEET WITH YOUR

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

YOU PICK THE TIME AND DAY.

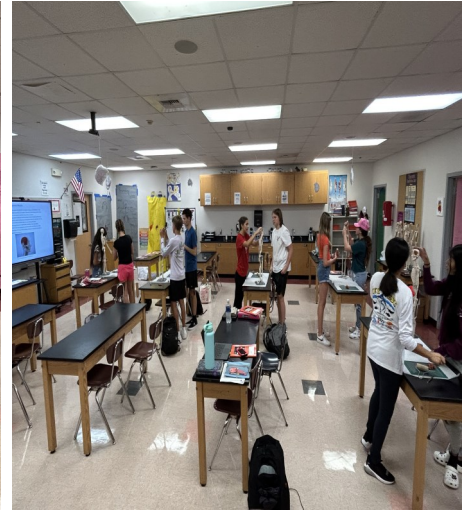
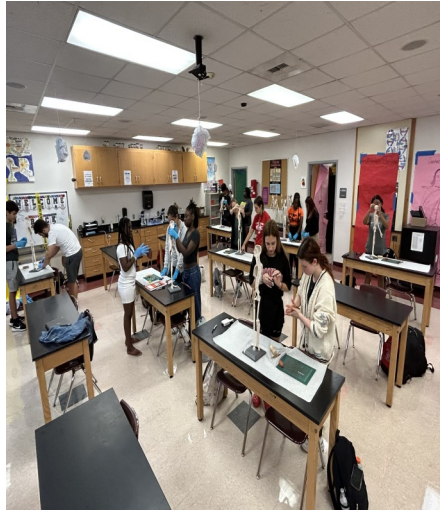


*Counselors may be with other students during certain time periods, which could impact appointment availability.

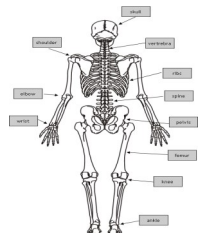
KWHS School Counselors are now accepting student appointments. They may access the booking site via the QR code below and select their counselor and meeting type from a dropdown menu. This flyer has been posted throughout campus for ease of access. School counselors continue to be available for walk-ins before and after school, as well as during student lunches.

Please be mindful of unforeseen circumstances that may require appointments to be rescheduled, which will be communicated with as much notice as possible.

Academics



Mrs. Tara Jackson's Human Body Systems classes learned about facial muscles and bony landmarks of the skull, and were able to put that knowledge to work in modeling faces for their Manikens. They'll continue to build body systems on their Manikens throughout the year as they learn about them.

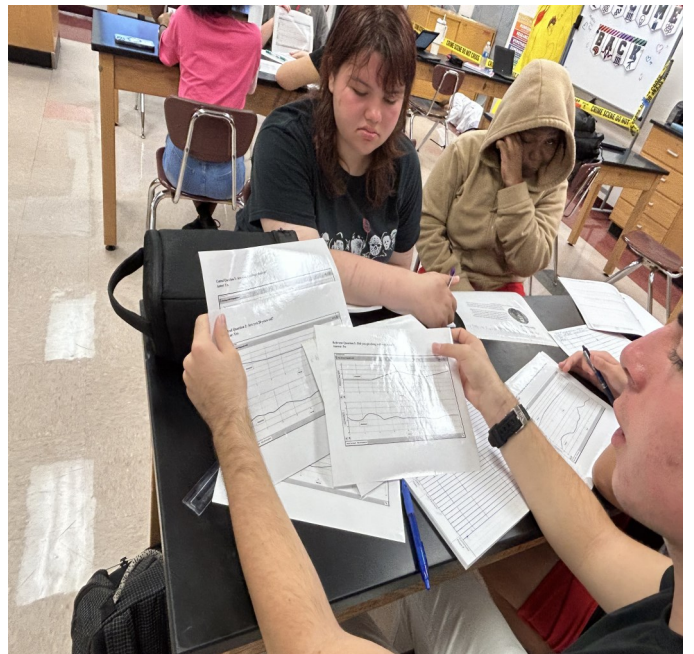
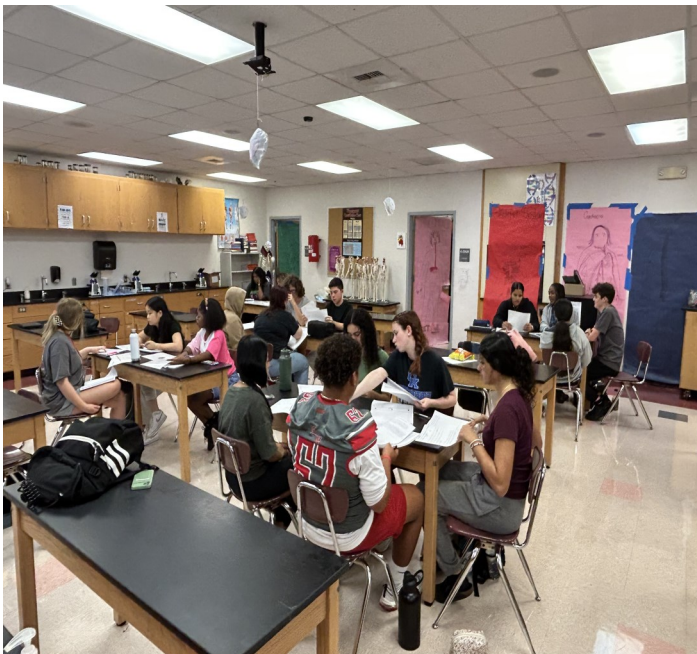


Mrs. Tara Jackson's Senior Medical Lab Assisting students were certified in CPR last week, courtesy of Mr. Keith Harris of Keys AHEC.



Academics

Mrs. Tara Jackson's Principles of Biomedical Science classes got to see first-hand how unreliable lie detectors are and why they are inadmissible in courts; first, by observing their own heart rates during "Two Truths and a Lie", and second, by applying that knowledge in analyzing polygraph data for persons of interest in our untimely death investigation.





Class of 2024

SENIOR DATES

Events

Senior Classroom Visits

Thursday, Sept. 7th
Friday, Sept. 8th

**During Social Studies*

Topics:

- Review Graduation Requirements
- College & Career Important
- SUS Conference Updates

Senior Parent Night

Tuesday, Sept. 12th
6:00 - 7:30 PM
KWHS Auditorium

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SENIOR WORKSHOP SERIES

College Resume
Sept. 19th

2:30 - 3:30 PM

KWHS Media Center

**Seniors*

Essay Help

Sept. 27th

2:30 - 3:30 PM

KWHS Media Center

**Seniors*

Financial Aid

Oct. 12th

6:00 - 7:00 PM

KWHS Auditorium

**Seniors & Parents*

English Learner Senior Parent Night

Thursday, Sept. 14th
7:00 - 8:00 PM
KWHS Media Center

Topics:

- Review Graduation Requirements
- College & Career Important
- SUS Conference Updates

****Spanish & Creole Support****

Jr/Sr College Fair

Friday, Oct. 6th
1:00 - 3:00 PM
KWHS Gymnasium

**Students & Parents Invited*

Topics:

- Meet Admissions Representatives
- Receive College Brochures & Info

Senior Advocacy
PRESENTED BY



We are so excited that the Class of 2024 is gearing up for a season of graduation and college readiness. We look forward to working with each of you on your current and postsecondary goals.

Mrs. Lindsay Moore (Senior Counselor)
& Mrs. Lydia Estenoz (College & Career Advisor)

2100 Flagler Avenue,
Key West, FL 33040

Athletics



KWHS Fighting Conchs will be playing Oxbridge Academy!! The game starts at 7:00pm.

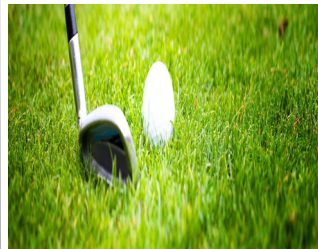
Let's Go, Conchs!!!



KWHS Swim competed against Westminster Christian on Thursday and Archbishop McCarthy on Saturday!

KWHS Golf Team played Mater Lakes on Wednesday!

Go Conchs!!



KWHS Cross Country has a FNU Invitational today!!



Good Luck to ALL!



KWHS JV & V Volleyball play in a Dr. Joaquin Garcia Tournament and a East Coach Challenge today!!

Activities

STAY INVOLVED!!!

SENIORS

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

President— Daniella Barroso
Vice President— Monaya Carey
Secretary— Siena Wardlow
Treasurer— Scarlet Niles
Historian— Yani Nodal

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— Monaya Carey
Vice President— Daniella Barroso
Secretary— Siena Wardlow
Treasurer— Brooke Biskupich
Historian— Yani Nodal

Student Council sponsor: Ayesha Osborne

#CONCHSTRONG!!

JUNIORS

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

President— Deanna Mercier
Vice President— Skye Sterling
Secretary— Haylee Brogli
Treasurer— Jada Franco
Historian— Peyton Zubieta

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— Jake Ferguson
Vice President— Whitney Nervilus
Secretary— Ava Rivera
Treasurer— Chloe Blackwell
Historian— Audrey Smith

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— Jordan Greene
Vice President— Victoria Gray
Secretary— Lily Smith
Treasurer— Josephine Clapp
Historian— Pilar Rivera

Class sponsor: Ms. Melissa Hargis

PROJECT SUCCESS



PREVENTION KWHS CONCHS

Project Success
Counselor—
Shain Cormack
Room 1-109

Parent Sign up—
Bronte.Walsh@Westcare.com

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 6th— SCHOOL WIDE MENTAL
HEALTH SCREENING

Sept. 11th—SUICIDE CHALK WALK
DURING LUNCHES

Project Success

A Partnership Program with KWHS

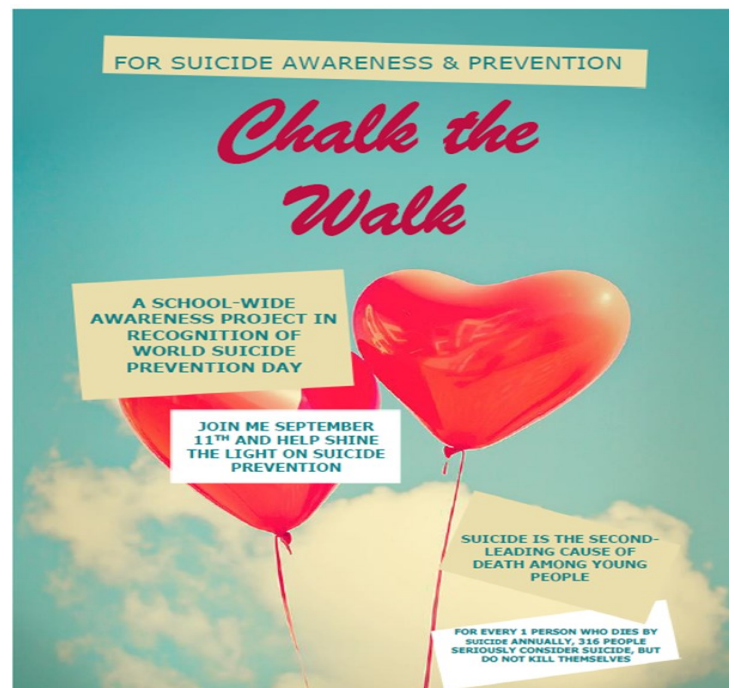
An evidence-based, school-based intervention focused on preventing and reducing substance abuse and other related high-risk behaviors among high-risk middle school and high school aged youth.

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



KWHS CLUBS

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Keys to Be the Change	Mrs. Golightly/Ms. Shoemaker	Kyla.Shoemaker@keysschools.com	4-210	weekly	lunch
Student Council	Miss Ayesha Osborne	Ayesha.Osborne@keysschools.com	cafeteria	1st Monday of month	2:35pm
Class of 2024 Executive Board	Mrs. Carnetra Carey	Carnetra.Carey@keysschools.com	cafeteria	1st & 3rd Wednesday	2:35pm
Class of 2025 Executive Board	Mrs. Kristen Condella	Kristen.condella@renaissance.com	library	1st & 3rd Wednesday	2:35pm
Class of 2026 Executive Board	Mrs. Paula Mercer	Paula.Mercer-Fleischmann@keysschools.com	4-205	1st & 3rd Thursday	2:35pm
Class of 2027 Executive Board	Ms. Melissa Hargis	Melissa.Hargis@keysschools.com	4-206	Tuesdays	2:35pm
Project Unify (SOS)	Ms. Tami Dannacker	Tami.Dannacker@keysschools.com	1-136	1st Tuesday of month	2:35pm
Transition and College Club	Ms. Tami Dannacker	Tami.Dannacker@keysschools.com	1-136	2nd Tuesday of month	2:35pm
MATP Club (Special Olympics)	Mrs. Tina Phillips	tina.phillips@keysschools.com	1-135	see Mrs. Phillips	
Zonta Club	Ms. June Walsh	June.Panella-Walsh@keysschools.com	2-206	3rd Friday of month	2:35pm
Ladies on Campus	Mrs. Lynne Casamayor	Adriene.Casamayor@Keysschools.com	2-101E	2nd & 4th Thursday	2:35pm
Chess Club	Mr. Henry Boza	Henry.Boza@keysschools.com	4-218	Mondays & Thursdays	2:35pm
Beta Club	Mrs. Stacy Saunders	Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com	cafeteria	3rd Monday of month	2:35pm
Mu Alpha Theta	Mrs. Neda Jackson	Neda.Jackson@keysschools.com	auditorium	specific Monday's	2:35pm
National Honor Society	Mrs. Nora Laubenstein	Nora.Laubenstein@keysschools.com	4-201	2nd Monday of month	2:35pm
Interact Club	Mrs. Jessica Nasser	Jessica.Nasser@keysschools.com	2-206	1st Monday of month	2:35pm
Future Educators of America	Mrs. Keri Fink	Keri.Fink@keysschools.com	1-213	every Friday	2:35pm
United Community Club	Mr. Jarvis Moore Sr.	1unitedcommunitykwhs@gmail.com		See Jeremiah Harvey	2:35pm
Academic Challenge	Mrs. Joanna Gray	Joanna.Gray@keysschools.com	1-211	Mondays & Wednesdays	2:35pm
KWHS Mock Trial Team	Mrs. Paula Mercer	Paula.Mercer-Fleischmann@keysschools.com	4-205	Mondays & Wednesdays	6:30pm
SAVE Promise Club	Ms. Tami Dannacker	Tami.Dannacker@keysschools.com	1-136	3rd Tuesday of month	2:35pm
Robotics Team Club	Mr. Ed Smith	Edward.Smith@keysschools.com	2-102	Monday	2:35pm
HOSA	Mrs. Tara Jackson	tara.jackson@keysschools.com	4-209	Thursday	2:40pm
French Club	Dr. Nikki Hollis	nikki.hollis@keysschools.com	2-205	3rd Monday of month	2:35pm
Drama Club	Mrs. Rebecca Bertucci	rebecca.bertucci@keysschools.com	1-204	4th Monday of month	2:35pm
Culture Club	Mrs. Rebecca Bertucci	rebecca.bertucci@keysschools.com	1-204	1st & 3rd Mondays	2:40pm
Book Club	Ms. Kimberly Rein	Kimberly.Rein@keysschools.com	library	2nd Wed & 4th Monday	2:35pm
GSA	Mr. Brian Falatko	Brian.Falatko@keysschools.com	4-123	2nd & 4th Thursday	2:35pm
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Ms. Pam Borgert	praiznhim2@gmail.com	courtyard	Mondays	lunch
Automotive Club	Mr. Doug Bickings	Doug.Bickings@keysschools.com	17-122	please email Mr. Bickings	2:35pm
Criminal Justice Club	Mr. Jody Westbrook	jody.westbrooks@keysschools.com	4-122	2nd Tuesday of month	2:35pm
KWHS Spearfishing Club	Mr. Chaz Jimenez	Chaz.Jimenez@keysschools.com	4-202	Tuesdays	2:35pm
Competitive Card Game Club	Mrs. Shannon Duffy	shannon.duffy@keysschools.com	4-222	Thursdays	2:35pm
Team BLU	Mrs. Shannon Duffy	shannon.duffy@keysschools.com	4-222	1st Monday of month	2:35pm
CSALT	Mr. Justin Martin	Justin.Martin@keysschools.com	library	Mondays	2:45pm
Creative Writing Club	Mrs. JL Marshall	Jennifer.Marshall@keysschools.com	4-211	Fridays	2:35pm

2023-2024 SENIOR DATES



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
August 15, 2023	ALL DAY	Senior Pictures	Auditorium	Herff Jones
August 18, 2023	2:00pm	1st Pep Rally	Gym	Student Council
September 1, 2023	ALL DAY	College Color Day--wear college shirts or colors	Campus	n/a
August 28--September 1, 2023	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 5, 2023	ALL DAY	Voting for your Homecoming Court	History Classes	Mrs. Saunders
October 23, 2023	6:00pm	Homecoming Parade	KWHS	Mrs. Saunders
October 26, 2023	ALL DAY	Homecoming Queen Voting	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
October 26, 2023	2:00pm	Homecoming Pep Rally	Gym	Student Council
October 27, 2023	7:00pm	Homecoming Game & Crowning of the Queen	Backyard	Mrs. Saunders
October 28, 2023	TBD	Homecoming Dance	TBD	Student Council
November 14 & 15, 2023	lunch time & 5:30pm	Order Senior Announcements	Library	Herff Jones
November 8, 2023	ALL DAY	Senior Pictures--Make ups and Retakes	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
November 9, 2023	ALL DAY	Club Pictures and Sports Pictures	Gym/Courtyard	Mrs. Saunders
TBD	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	TBD	Junior/Senior Luau	TBD	Mrs. Carnetra /Mrs. Condella
TBD	ALL DAY	Junior/Senior Field Day	Backyard	Mrs. Carnetra /Mrs. Condella
May 16, 2024	ALL DAY	Last Day for Seniors	Campus	n/a
May 16, 2024	7th period	Ring of the Bell for Seniors	Courtyard (Bell)	KWHS
May 16, 2024	6:00pm	Senior Banquet	Cafeteria/Auditorium	Mrs. Carnetra/Mrs. Saunders
May 17, 2024	8:00am	Investiture Practice-- Cap & Gown Distribution	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
May 17, 2024	7:00pm	Investiture Ceremony-- Dress Code	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
May 19, 2024	11:00am	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	St. Mary's Church	n/a
May 19, 2024	11:00am	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	5th Street Baptist Church	n/a
May 20, 2024	TBD	Prom	TBD	Mrs. Carnetra
May 22, 2024	6:00pm	Class Night-- Dress Code	Auditorium	Mrs. Estenoz
May 23, 2024	6:00pm	Graduation Practice	TBD	Mrs. Saunders
May 24, 2024	7:00pm	Graduation-- Dress Code	TBD	Mrs. Saunders

Dress Code for Graduation Ceremonies, Yearbooks and Graduation Fees:			
<u>Boys</u> -- white button up shirt (long or short sleeve), black pants, black socks, black shoes, black clip on tie	<u>Girls</u> -- 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	Graduation fees are due by the end of 2023. The 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 or by check made payable to "KWHS".