



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #8

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

October 6, 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.



Great Schools have
Great Principals and
KWHs is one of
them!!! ➡
CONCH PRIDE!



UPCOMING EVENTS **OCTOBER 2023**

- October 6th— College Fair for students during the school day
- October 9th— Professional Day—No students
- October 23rd— Homecoming Parade with Spirit Night in the Backyard
- October 25th— Student Council hosts the annual Trunk or Treat in the KWHs parking lot at 6:00pm
- October 26th— Homecoming Pep Rally at 2:00pm in the gym
- October 27th— Homecoming Game at 7:00pm in the Backyard. Crowning of the Homecoming Queen will be during halftime
- October 28th— Homecoming Dance in the KWHs courtyard from 7:00pm—10:00pm

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!



We congratulate the Marching Conchs for performing their best show so far this season at the Falcon Sound Invitational Marching Band Competition in Pembroke Pines this past weekend. Ensemble band, Percussion, Color Guard and Drum Majors all scored well. Congratulations on all of your hard work!



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Online Score Release</u>	<u>Format</u>
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	December 15, 2023	Paper
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	March 22—29, 2024	Digital
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	May 17—24, 2024	Digital
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	June 14—21, 2024	Digital



ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Photo Upload Deadline</u>
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023	December 1, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024	February 2, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024	April 5, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 31, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024	July 5, 2024

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





Congratulations to Alex Vega for being our 1st winner for answering the SAT problem of the day correct. The answer to October 2nd problem was C. Thank you to all the students who participated.

Keep trying the problems everyday. PSAT is next week for 10th & 11th graders and SAT for seniors who need concordant scores.

The Cheryl Cates Memorial Foundation are excited to support the Key West High School Band's efforts to go to London and perform in the New Year's Eve parade there. What an exciting opportunity for these young people!



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.



Homecoming is weeks away!!!

Come see all the free beautiful dresses available to students who are in need of looking spectacular at Homecoming! The dresses are on display in front of the front gate and also by Ms. Dannacker's room. If any student is needing help with Homecoming attire, please see Ms. Dannacker in room 1-136



Senior Links Worth Checking Out

Bright Futures Course Table

*Identify which courses meet BF eligibility



Florida Bright Futures

Scholarship Program 2023-24

*PDF view if Initial Eligibility Requirements



Federal Student Aid | FAFSA

*Complete the FAFSA Form through the U.S. Department of Education



Key West High School

College & Career Planning

*College & Career info from Mrs. Estenoz



Florida SUS 2023-2024

Counselor Guide

*Current details about the 12 FL universities



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

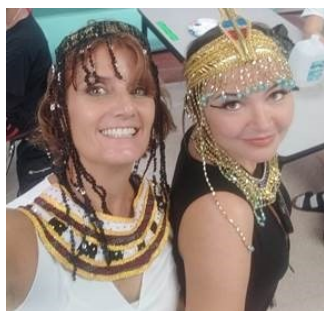
Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- 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.

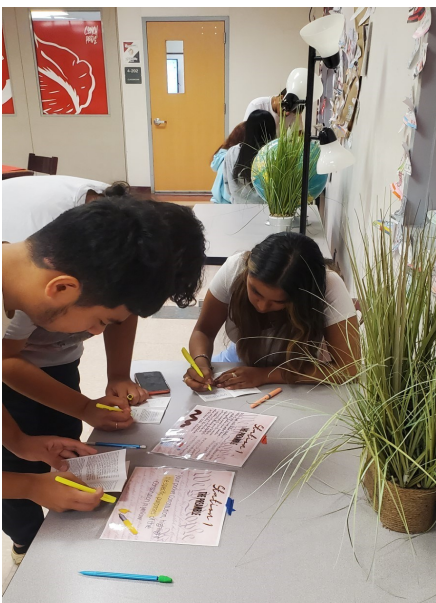
Info/Activities



Egyptian Art
Day with
Mrs. Shannon!!



It was a busy week celebrating freedom in Mrs. Mercer's class! The Eagle shared the Declaration of Independence, Students recited the Preamble to the Constitution and highlighted personal copies of the Constitution as they rotated around stations.



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



Spanish classes celebrated Spanish Heritage month with activities and students playing dominos as part of the culture.

Ms. Kugeares' students had fun learning about Island Biogeography in AP Environmental Science.

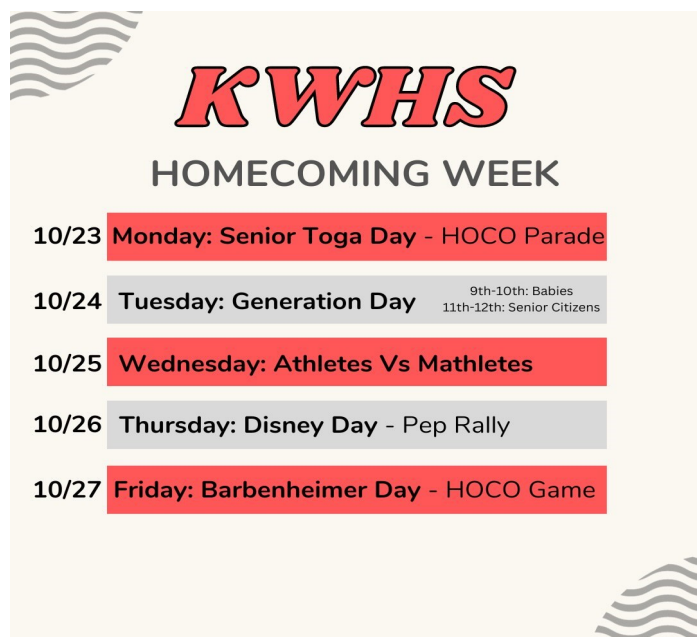


“Ladies on Campus” Club had their first "Dress For Success," for this school year. The club does this every Wednesday and encourage all ladies to participate.



THE
SUCCESSFUL
WOMEN

Information



Attention KWHS Students!

Homecoming Spirit Week has been planned!! See the schedule to the left ← on the themes each day! Let's celebrate a week of fun and spirit leading up to the BIG Homecoming Game and crowning of the Queen!!!



Important Dates for KWHS students!

If you have any questions about these dates, please email
Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com



- ◇ **November 6th**— Herff Jones will be presenting class ring information to Juniors during 4th period, and senior announcements information to Seniors during 3rd period in the auditorium
- ◇ **November 8th**— Herff Jones will be here for make up pictures/retakes for all students. There will be a \$15.00 retake fee. If a student needs a make up picture, they are already signed up. If a student wants a retake, they will need to email Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com to request a retake. All pictures will be taken in the auditorium. Mrs. Saunders will send out emails to all make up and retake students giving them their appointment time. Please tell students to check their emails at the beginning of November. Performance Groups will be taking their pictures also.
- ◇ **November 9th**— Herff Jones will be here to take Club Pictures in the gym. They will also take sports pictures in the courtyard for Fall and Winter sports.
- ◇ **November 14th & 15th**— Herff Jones will be on campus during the lunch shifts to take orders for class rings and senior announcements. They will also be taking orders in the library on both days from 4:00pm-7:00pm.



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

Topics:

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

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 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

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 play South Fork this week in Stuart! We will be cheering them on from KW!!

OFFICIALS NEEDED!

Local Official Association Contacts

- Middle Keys: Casey Sheu
305-360-3054
- Lower Keys: Chad Rodriguez
305-619-0972

Standard Pay Rates

- Football \$111 per game
- Volleyball \$79 per game
- Soccer \$79 per game
- Baseball \$85 per game
- Softball \$85 per game

APPLY NOW!

<https://fhsaa.arbitersports.com/front/103524/Site>

OR SCAN HERE

Without officials, our kids can't play!

If you are interested in becoming an official, you can find all the information you need by clicking the link below.

https://fhsaa.com/sports/2020/5/28/Become_An_Official.aspx



KWHS Swim competed against Wellington on Wednesday!!



KWHS Golf played at the Maverick Invitational on Monday and Marathon & Coral Shores on Thursday! Way to go, Boys!



KWHS Cross Country competed in the Larry Wooten Invitational on Thursday and the Hoka Invitational on Saturday!

Keep it up!!!



KWHS JV & V Volleyball played Marathon on Tuesday and compete in the Florida Christian Tournament today and Saturday!!

Get em, Girls!!!

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:

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

Please see the Online
Prevention for Teens
located at the back of
this newsletter!!



KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR



FRIDAY, OCT. 6th

1-3pm

KWHS GYMNASIUM

Talk to 20 College & Military Recruiters

Seniors	Last Name A-L	release 1:00pm
Seniors	Last Name M-Z	release 1:20pm
Juniors	Last Name A-L	release 1:40pm
Juniors	Last Name M-Z	release 2:00pm
OPEN TO REST OF PUBLIC		2:30-3pm

Ask about admissions requirements, application deadlines, scholarships and financial aid opportunities.

**TEENS CAN
EARN AMAZON
GIFT CARDS
COMPLETING
ONLINE
PROGRAMS.**

EVIDENCE-BASED ONLINE DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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. PARENT**

**SIGN UP: Bronte Walsh
bronte.walsh@westcare.com**

ALL STARS PREVENTION

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$25.00 Gift Card - 2.5 hrs.**

PARENT WISE PROGRAM

Parent Program \$25 Gift Card

**SIGN UP: Kayla Clark
Kclark@fkcs.org**

