



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #20

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

January 19, 2024

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 JAN/FEB 2024

- January 31st— Early Release-dismissal at 11:30am
- February 5th— Incoming Freshmen (currently 8th graders) orientation at KWHs auditorium
- February 7th— KWHs Showcase in the courtyard for incoming Freshmen (currently 8th graders) from 5:30-6:30
- February 9th— Winter Pep Rally in the gym at 2:00-2:30
- February 9th— Senior Panoramic picture in the gym for Seniors Only at 8:30am. Seniors wear RED!
- February 19th— No School— President's Day
- February 29th— Early Release—dismissal at 11:30am

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!



Calling all volunteers! Poinciana PBIS Festival is in need of high school volunteers to help with our festival Friday, January 26th. We need students to take tickets at rides, monitor bounce houses, work games, face paint, do sno cones,

hand out food and drinks. There are many options of where we can use you. The event is from 5:00-8:00. It would be great to have the bulk of volunteers 4:30-8:30 in either 2 or 4 hour shifts

but we will take you for as long as you can come. A few volunteers could be used from 2:30-4:30 as well. Please contact

Lynly Hill at Lynly.hill@keysschools.com or school number 305-293-1630 ext 52307 or cell phone 305-797-3951. Sponsors of club or coaches can organize you or you can come as an individual as well.



Deadline is January 31st!!



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Online Score Release</u>	<u>Format</u>
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>
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

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:

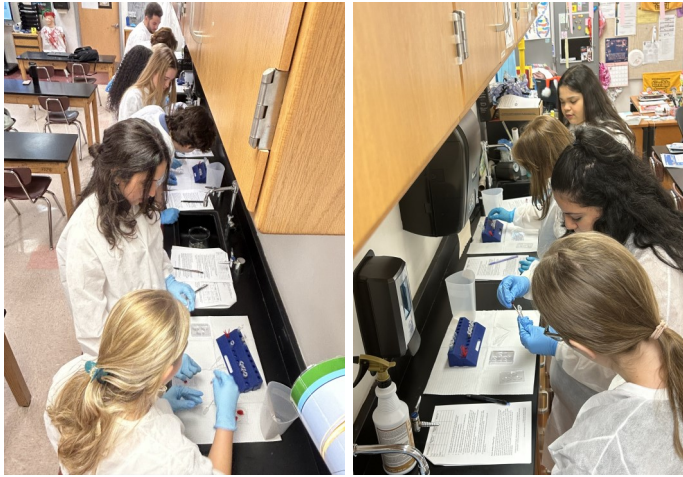
- Announce/socialize account at staff meetings, school assemblies, pep rallies, sporting events, parent encounters and in classrooms
- Send flyer out in weekly newsletter and Peach jar email service
- Hang posters and banners in school/visible areas

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

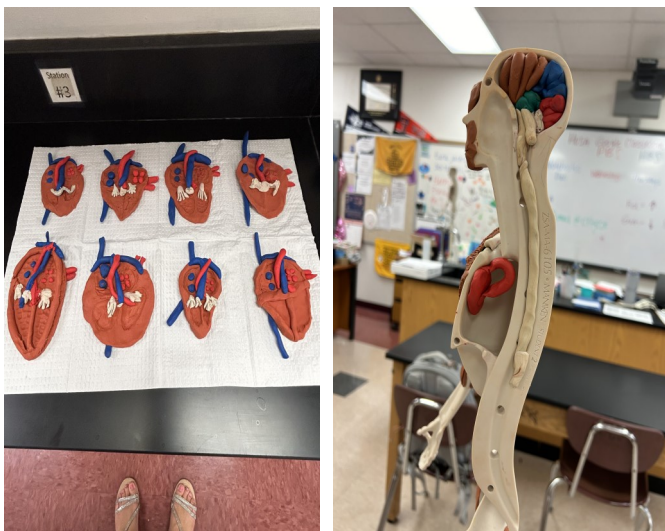
Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

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



Mrs. Tara Jackson's seniors in Med Lab learned how to determine blood types and suitable donor types for transfusion.

Mrs. Tara Jackson's Medical Intervention students have been working with DNA Microarray technology to identify genes of interest as we explore cancer diagnosis and treatment.



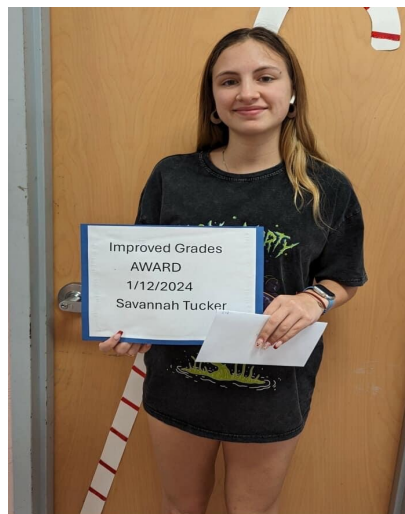
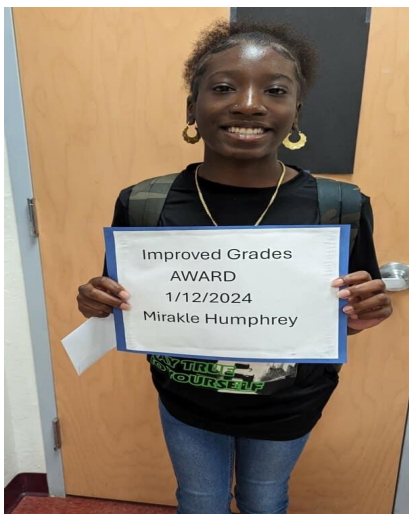
Mrs. Tara Jackson's Human Body Systems students worked with clay this week, first constructing cross section models of the heart and then giving their Manikens a heart.





KWHS students and staff welcomed Carl Hiaasen to speak about him becoming an author and shared his inspiration. 100 students received signed books from Mr. Hiaasen. Thank you for visiting KWHS! Thank you to Mr. Erhard for making this event happen.

PBIS Club
recognized students
for 95% or Higher
Attendance with a
certificate and a gift
card. Great job
KWHS students !!



Congratulations to Mrs. Berenz's Learning Strategies students that achieved the goal of raising their grades.



KWHS Competition
Cheerleaders take 1st
place at the Bobcat Battle
today at Lourdes
Academy. Amazing!!!

Lady Conchs Soccer
Senior Night for
their 5 seniors! What
a great season for
these girls!!
Go Conchs!!



Senior Night for the Lady Conchs!
Coach would like to thank her two
seniors Aubrey Hunter and Olivia
Gibson for their leadership through
out this season. This was a rebuilding
year for the two seniors and the rest of
the team but they stuck together
through it as a team and that's what
counts. To everyone that supported the
girls this season please continue to
support them as they have 5 more
regular seasons games. Go Lady
Conchs!!

Athletics



KWHs JV & V Basketball played Somerset Silver Palms on Wednesday!!
Way to go, Boys!!



KWHs Girls Basketball played Marathon on Monday and it was their SENIOR NIGHT! They play Barron Collier today and Gulf Coast on Saturday!
Go Girls!!

KWHs Girls Weightlifting had their SENIOR NIGHT on Wednesday against Marathon and Coral Shores!



KWHs Wrestling have their MLK Duals on Thursday and the girls have their Lady Indians Invitational on Saturday!



KWHs Boys Soccer played Marathon on Monday and Coral Shores on Wednesday!! Go Conchs!!



KWHs Girls Soccer played Somerset Silver Palms on Wednesday and Coral Springs Charter on Thursday and Lemon Bay on Saturday! What a week of games, 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

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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

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".