



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #4

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

September 13, 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.



Congratulations to our 2024 Homecoming Court! All of these ladies represent KWHs with Conch Pride. We hope they enjoy every moment of this beautiful and unique tradition. Picture below: (Left to Right) Monica Bueno, Shilah Carey, Principal Rebecca Palomino, Jacquelyn Stubblefield, Tricia Desroches, and Kaitlyn Piloto.



UPCOMING EVENTS **SEPT/ OCT 2024**

- ◆ September 30th— ASVAB test....please see Mrs. Estenoz for any information
- ◆ October 14th— Professional Day—No Students
- ◆ October 16th & 17th— Senior Pictures in the auditorium....Mrs. Saunders will make all the picture appointments for each senior. She will email the seniors with their appointment day and time.
- ◆ October 18th— Senior and Underclassmen Retake Picture Day in the auditorium.....students need to email Mrs. Saunders if they wish to have a retake.

KWHs SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram— kwhs_news

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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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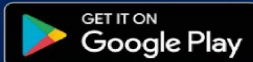
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KEY WEST CONCHS VS CLEWISTON TIGERS
AUGUST 23, 2024 | 07:00 PM



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024	Digital
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024	Digital
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024	Digital
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025	Digital
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	Digital
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	Digital



Key West High School

SAC Meeting Dates—2024-2025

September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th
December 3rd
January 7th
February 4th
March 4th
April 1st
May 6th



All meetings are at 5:30 in the library and online.

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.mcscd.link/bell-schedule



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) = <i>Priority #2 Hurricane Makeup</i>
November 1	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #3 Hurricane Makeup</i>
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) = <i>Priority #4 Hurricane Makeup</i>
February 17	President's Day Holiday - No School
March 13	End of the 3rd Marking Period (45 Days)
March 14	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #1 Hurricane Makeup</i>
March 17-21	Spring Break - No School
March 24	Classes Reconvene
April 18	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #5 Hurricane Makeup</i>
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



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SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 2

RACE STARTS AT 8:30AM

BIG PINE PARK

31009 Atlantis Drive
Big Pine Key, FL 33043

BigPineKeyRun@t2t.org



FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION,
VISIT US AT T2T.ORG



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Donate New Diapers & Formula to Help those in Need.

All diaper sizes needed, especially sizes 4, 5, & 6 needed the most.
Make sure the formula won't expire within 6 months.

Drop-off Locations:

Wesley House Family Services
1304 Truman Ave., Key West
- and -

Key West Woman's Club
319 Duval St., Key West

Collection Dates:
Now thru October 9th

Let's make a difference
for our community.

**Diaper
& Formula
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for **Wesley House**



**Thank You for
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Key West #41 Ambassador Class









Start with Hello Campaign

September 16th – 20th

Key West High School



Please join in for the daily activities!

<u>Monday,</u> <u>September 16th</u>	<u>Tuesday,</u> <u>September 17th</u>	<u>Wednesday,</u> <u>September 18th</u>	<u>Thursday,</u> <u>September 19th</u>	<u>Friday,</u> <u>September 20th</u>
Welcome Monday  All students are asked to wear green to promote awareness and attention to Sandy Hook Promise's Start with Hello Campaign. Pictures will be taken and a bulletin board will be created with all photos from this special day.	Hey Day   Students will be given colorful name tags to wear during lunch. We ask that everyone greet each other by first names and say HELLO to at least ONE STUDENT who you do not already know.	Kindness & Cookies Day  Students are asked to give examples of ACTS OF KINDNESS to place on the KINDNESS WALL and in return will receive a special treat. Cookies made by the KWHs Culinary Cookie Crew.	Favorite Shirt Day  Students are asked to wear a shirt that displays something important to them. They are encouraged to reach out to others they wouldn't normally talk to and learn more about their clothing choice.	Acts of Kindness Day  Students are asked to perform random acts of kindness all day. Teachers will nominate students who demonstrate the MOST AWESOME KIND acts. Student's names will go into a raffle and one student will receive a gift card for their ACTS of Kindness.

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

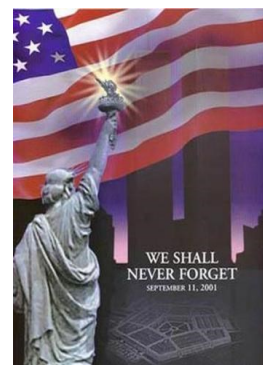
Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

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





Mrs. Phillips, Miss.
Dannacker, and Mrs.
Leblanc's Classes
showed their respect for
everyone who was
affected during 9/11.



Kennedy's Cafe
surprised Miss
Dannacker's Class
with special treats.
Thank You
Kennedy's
Cafe!





Mrs. Nelson's Chemistry Honors made a rainbow by mixing colored waters; all while practicing lab safety, precise measurement, and significant figures.



Mrs. Nelson's AP Chemistry observed the properties of ionic and covalent compounds such as melting point, solubility, and conductivity.





Mrs. Shannon's Art class created their own tie-dye shirts!! So creative and beautiful vivid colors!!



Almost 700 students, most from 11th and 12 grade, attended the Annual College Fair at Key West High School held in the Gymnasium.

The college fair is organized by college and career counselor Mrs. Lydia Estenoz. This year, the fair included 34 universities and colleges as well as local law-enforcement agencies and Fire Academy representatives. Students spoke with admissions specialists from various universities and state colleges as well as military recruiters and academy officers.

Top trending schools attracting Conch graduates over the last couple of years include Florida State University, Florida Atlantic University, University of Florida, University of Central Florida and College of the Florida Keys.

Students were on their best behavior as they visited the booths, browsed college brochures, picked up promo goodies and inquired about admission requirements and scholarships.

“Today is not only an exciting day, but an important one as well. Seeing all the colleges in one room and engaging them is step one to imagining yourself in college.” It’s often the catalyst to applying for college,” said Mrs. Estenoz

On Aug. 17 and 18 Special Olympics Florida State Standup Paddle Game was canceled due to Hurricane Debbie, causing server flooding at Nathan Benderson Park.

All participants who were to have competed, were issued a Gold Medal. Stash Jackowski and Daniella Ortueta received theirs on Sept. 9 given by Mr. Perkins.

Their coaches are very proud of their accomplishments this season. Stash would have paddled the 800m distance and Daniella would have paddled the 100m distance.

On Sept. 28-29, India Hall will be representing Monroe County at Special Olympics Florida State Swim Game in Sebastian. She will be swimming the 25m freestyle, an event that she received a Silver Medal for at Regional Games. Attached photo is of India carrying the Special Olympics Flag in Opening Ceremonies at the Regional Game. (she will travel and not be in school on Sept. 27)

On Sept. 22, Christopher Gregory will be competing in his first Pickleball Game with Special Olympics Florida. He will be demonstrating his skills at Area Games in Naples. Christopher has been working hard at this new sport every Wed. evening at the Key West Pickleball courts, assisted by some partners from Key West High C-Salt Club. Attached photo is of Christopher, his pickleball team and the KWH C-Salt club volunteers.





ASVAB TEST

Monday, Sept. 30th
in KWHS Auditorium
7:45am - 11am

Designed to help students:

- Learn more about themselves and the world of work.
- Explore occupations in line with their interests and skills.

The ASVAB is not just a military entrance exam. It tests a student's knowledge in eight areas: general science, mathematics, word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, electronics information, auto and shop information, and mechanical comprehension.

Open to 11th and 12th Graders

SIGN UP REQUIRED

SPACE IS LIMITED

To Sign up, email

or see Mrs. Estenoz:

Lydia.Estenoz@keysschools.com



IT'S TIME FOR TESTING!



KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL TESTING INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH—9TH & 10TH GRADE FAST ELA PMI
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD—11TH & 12TH GRADE FAST ELA RETAKE
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH—B.E.S.T. ALGEBRA 1 RETAKE
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH—B.E.S.T. GEOMETRY RETAKE

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND—BIOLOGY & US HISTORY EOC RETAKE
 (SIGN-UP ONLY) <https://forms.gle/ZuGsLm74pKcZQtro7>
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH—10TH & 11TH PSAT/NMSQT

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH—B.E.S.T. ALGEBRA 1 RETAKE
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH—B.E.S.T. GEOMETRY RETAKE
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH—11TH & 12TH GRADE FAST ELA RETAKE
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH—BIOLOGY & US HISTORY RETAKE

**CHROMEBOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS FOR TESTING.
TESTING LOCATIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO STUDENTS.**

ELA & MATH TEST PREP BOOT CAMP



Mr. Reiner Room 4-221, 2:45-3:45
 September 9th, 10th, 12th, 16th,
 17th, and 19th
11th & 12th Grade Retake
 September 23rd

ALGEBRA—Mrs. Hutman 4-234, 2:45-3:45

September 9th, 10th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 23rd, & 24th

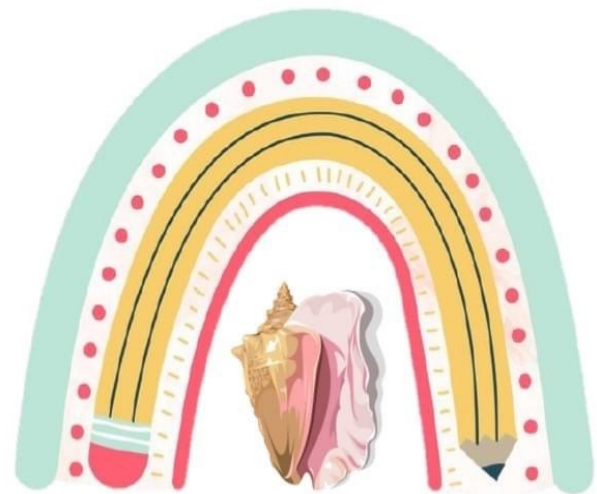
GEOMETRY—Mrs. Rodriguez 2-101G

Lunch on Monday, Wednesday-Friday

B.E.S.T. EOC Retakes

Algebra—September 25th

Geometry—September 27th



Teacher & Staff Recognition

We invite you to nominate a teacher/staff member who has made a significant impact on you or your child's educational experience or the community.

Whether it's through their innovative teaching methods, dedication to student success, or their positive influence on the school environment, we want to hear about it!

[Click Here to Nominate](https://forms.gle/XQqM6Z7xGiZsXvoC9)

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Athletics



KWHS
Volleyball have
their volleyball
tournament on
Friday and
Saturday
Have Fun,
Girls!!

KWHS Golf
played Marathon
on Monday and
Coral Shores on
Thursday!
Good Luck,
Conchs!!



KWHS Cross Country had a meet
with Marathon on Wednesday!!
Way to go, Conchs!



KWHS Swim Team does not have a
meet this week.



The KWHS Fighting
Conchs play away this
week against Belen Jesuit!!
Kick off is at 7:00pm!!

Go CONCHS!!!!



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— Jorge Sanchez
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:

Student
tours

Travel ✈️ with us

**SCOTLAND
& ENGLAND**
(9 DAYS)
JULY 2025



**Stonehenge*

GREECE
(10 DAYS)
JULY 2026



**island cruise*

***FEMALE LEADERSHIP**
BELIZE
(7 DAYS)
JUNE 2026



**White Water Rafting*

EXPLORE THE WORLD!

Informational meeting for all 3 trips. Must RSVP to attend.



Sept. 19th
6-7 pm



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Media Center



Kimberlyrein83@
gmail.com

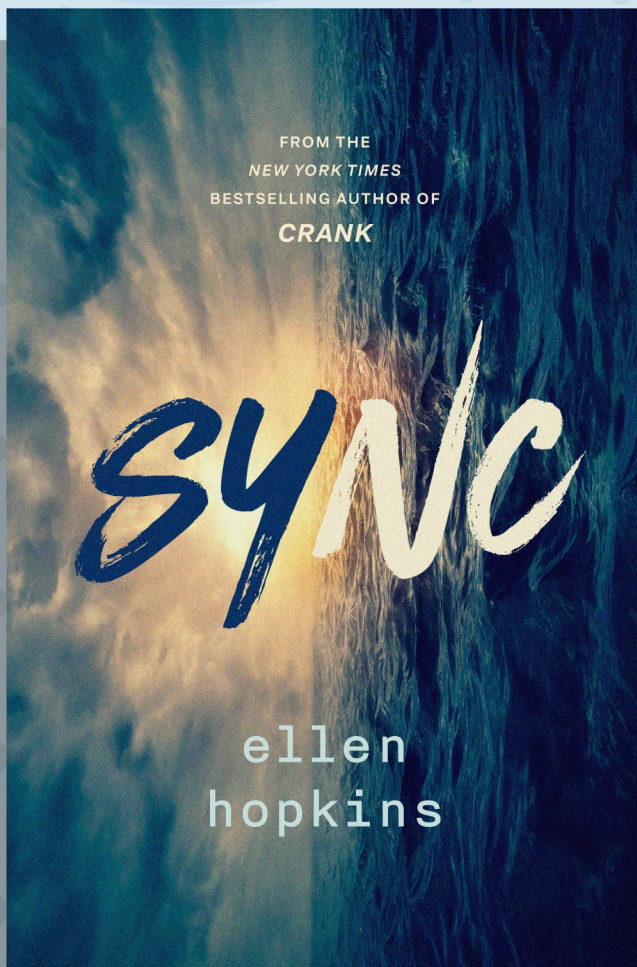
***KEYS COMMUNITY TRIP, NOT AFFILIATED WITH KWHS!**

BOOKS & BOOKS

@ THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST

Ellen HOPKINS

SATURDAY, SEP 28th - 7pm



Saturday
28 Sept. 2024



7:00–9:00 PM



Key West High
Auditorium
2100 Flagler Ave*



*Please note this event takes place
at the Key West High Auditorium



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- Revni ki ba
- Pre-matènèl rive nan filo
- Ou kab enskri ankò chak ane lekòl
- 6-12 semèn tan pwosesis

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- Baixa renda
- Do pré-k ao 12°
- Reaplicar todo ano letivo
- 6-12 semanas de tempo de processamento

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