



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #10

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

October 25, 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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS **OCT 2024**

- ♦ **October 28th**— Homecoming Parade-6:00pm from KWHs to Tommy Roberts stadium
- ♦ **October 29th**— Student Council Trunk or Treat in the KWHs parking lot 6:00pm
- ♦ **October 30th**— Homecoming speeches in the auditorium
- ♦ **October 31st**— Homecoming voting in the auditorium
- ♦ **November 1st**— Homecoming Game at 7:00pm at Tommy Robert Stadium



Chess Club members meet every week!!

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! Please see the next 3 pages for our Fortify Florida information.



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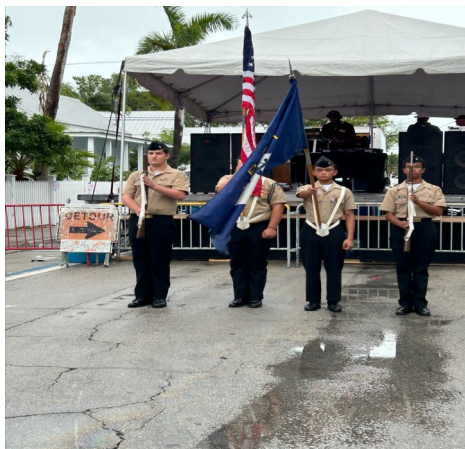
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Congratulations to our Marching Conchs for receiving a Straight Superior rating at the annual Florida Bandmasters Association Marching Band Music Performance Assessment!



KWHs Steel Pan entertained the students during lunch this week!!



KWHs NJROTC presents colors at the Goombay Festival to begin the Fantasy Fest festivities!





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



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
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



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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Race for INCLUSION

Unified Champion Schools



Tuesday, December 3

Unified Champion Schools across Florida will unite for the Race for Inclusion – celebrating ALL abilities and raising funds for Special Olympics Florida athletes.



Plus, 50% of the funds raised by each school will directly benefit your school's Unified programs.

This means that every dollar raised helps provide your school with resources for inclusive sports, leadership programs, and activities that empower students of all abilities to come together and thrive.

Get Started Now!





KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

Late Bus departs at 4:45- Must have a late bus pass
AFTERNOONS (SEE BELOW)– 2:45 TO 3:45
(REPORT TO THE CLASSROOM DIRECTLY)

Science	Cerkleski 4-225	Thurs
Science STEM	E. Smith 2-102 J. Smith 4-109	Tue/Thur Tue/Thur
ELA /SAT Prep	Estenoz 1-115	Tue/Thur
ELA Recovery/ FAST Prep	Kinnune 4-209	Tue/Thur
Math/Chemistry & AP Chem/Physics	Nelson 1-208	Mon/Thur
AP Writing	Laubenstein 4-201	Mon/Thur
Math	Castro 4-118 (ELL) Hutman 4-234 (Alg 1 & Geo) Blackwell 4-204 (Alg 1 & Alg 2)	Thurs Tue Tue/ Thur
ESE/ Career Support	Berenz 4-106	Mon/Thur
Essay Writing	Rein Media Center	Mon/Tue/ Thur
Cosmetology Students only	Oropeza 1-133B	Mon (2:45-4:45)

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

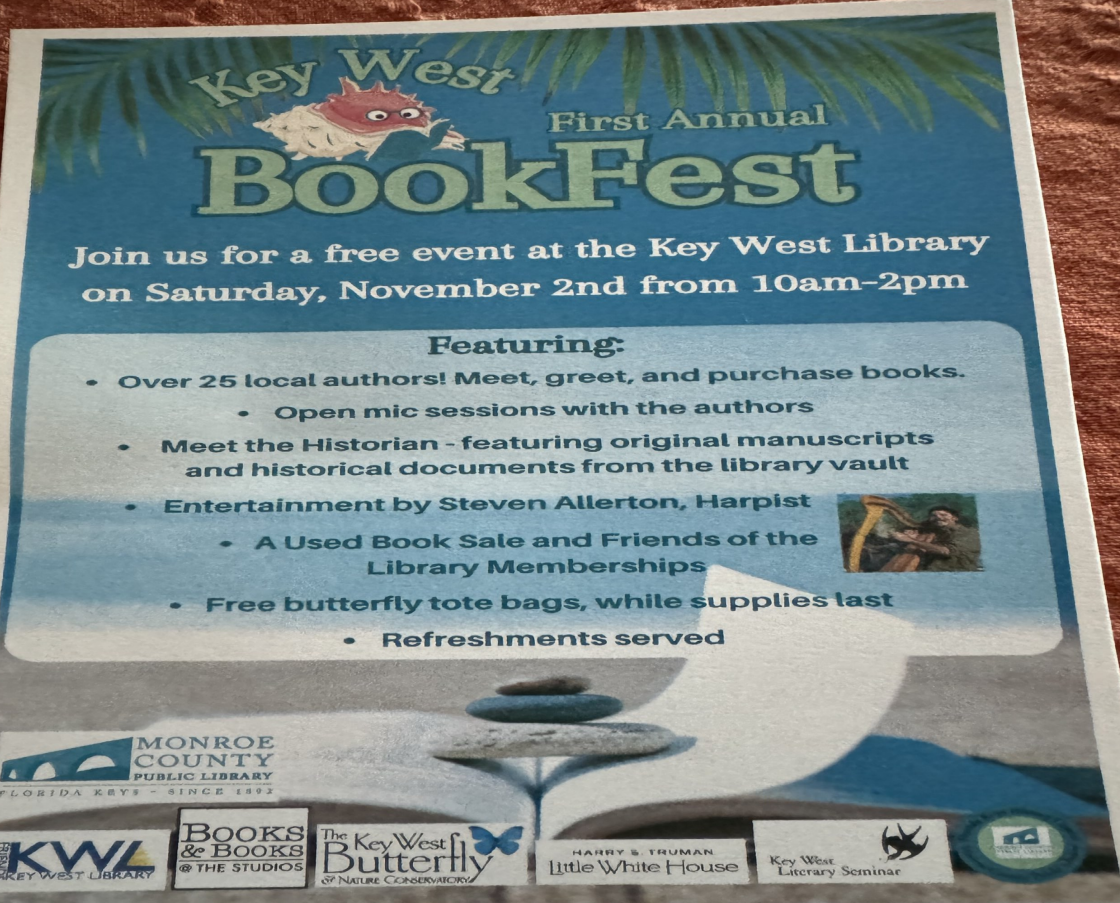
Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- 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.





Key West
First Annual
BookFest

Join us for a free event at the Key West Library
on Saturday, November 2nd from 10am-2pm

Featuring:

- Over 25 local authors! Meet, greet, and purchase books.
 - Open mic sessions with the authors
- Meet the Historian - featuring original manuscripts and historical documents from the library vault
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Homecoming Spirit Week

OCTOBER 28- NOVEMBER 2

Monday	Twin Day/Tuesday
Senior Toga Day Homecoming Parade	Duo Day/ Twin Day Trunk or Treat 6-9pm
Wednesday	Thriller/Thursday
Wild West	Each class will dress in costumes Pep Rally @ 2:00
Friday	Saturday
No School Football Game @ 7pm	Homecoming Dance 7-10pm

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The SNAPPER is the school newspaper. It has been around for over 100 years. We have gone digital due to print costs. The link to the SNAPPER is kwhsthesnapper.org.



Red Ribbon Week

Wednesday Rally in Red

October 23



Dress up in red and join us at lunch to take a pledge against drugs!

Thursday

October 24

Peace Out to Drugs

Wear Tie-Dye and take a spin on the drug trivia wheel!



Friday

October 25



Life's a Movie, Film Drug Free

Got any favorite tv shows or movie shirts? Wear them! Today's lunch activity will show how impaired driving can severely impact the lives of many.

Monday

October 28

Sock it to Drugs

Put on your craziest socks and get ready to write positive messages for your fellow peers!



Tuesday

October 29

Don't Duo Drugs!

Twin out this Tuesday! Come learn about the dangers of performance drugs and the negative effects.



Wednesday Western Wednesday

October 30



Show up for lunch ready to wild west work-out! Complete fitness challenges for prizes!



Thursday

October 31

Drugs are Scary

Happy Halloween! Any school appropriate costume pieces encouraged! Get ready to learn about the dangers of party drugs.

What is Red Ribbon Week?

Red Ribbon Week is the largest annual drug prevention campaign in the nation!

Prevention Specialist Brooke Foley will have an educational table set up during lunch for KWHHS students to have fun and learn about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs!

Dress up for the different theme days! Collect Prizes!



Take a Pledge Against Drugs!

25% of high school students engage in binge drinking.
20% have reported using illicit drugs such as cocaine or opioids.
30% of teens admit to using e-cigarettes, often leading to nicotine addiction.

Date: October 23-31, 2024
Time: 11:00-12:00
Location: Center Courtyard

Keep an eye out for the different theme day posters around school!



Progress Reports

will go **LIVE** on

Friday, October 18, 2024

How can you view your child's grades?

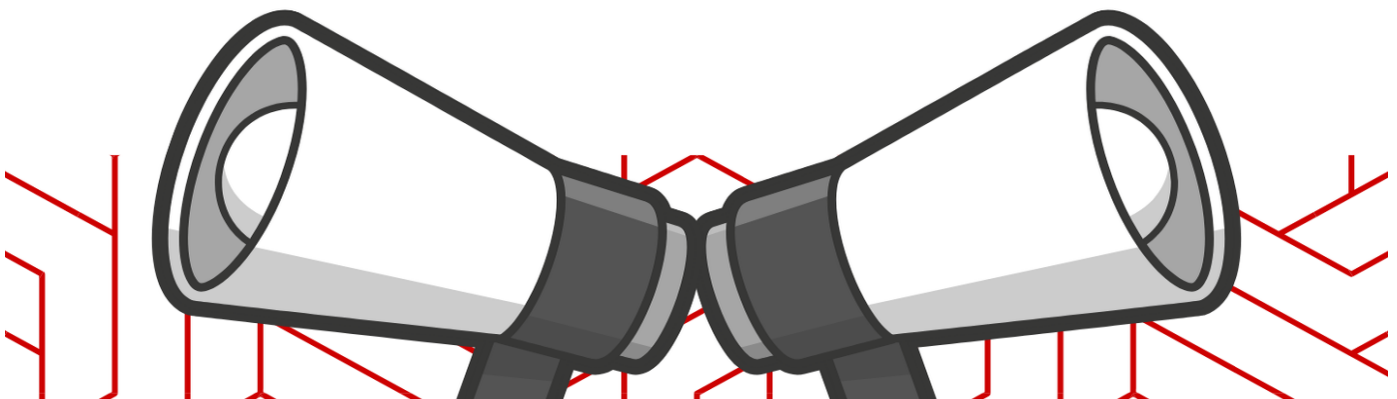
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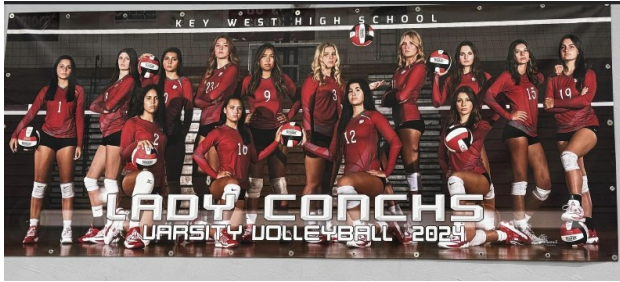
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**Link to FOCUS
Sign-in Page**



Athletics



KWHS Volleyball do not have a game this week!

KWHS Golf had away meets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday!
Great job, Conchs!!



KWHS Cross Country do not have a meet this week!



KWHS Swim Team do not have a meet this week!



The KWHS Fighting Conchs play away against Miami Jackson!! Get em, Boys!!!
Kick off is at 7:30pm!!



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

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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

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Secretary— Jalynn Morales
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Historian— Hailey Morales

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