



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #11

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

November 4, 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
Tricia Desroches,
Homecoming
Queen 2024-25!!
Our court was
beautiful and such a

great representation of Conch Pride.

It was a magical night! ★★★★★



UPCOMING EVENTS NOV 2024

- ◆ **November 1st**— Homecoming Game at 7:00pm at Tommy Robert Stadium
- ◆ **November 11th**— No School—Veterans Day
- ◆ **November 14th & 15th**— Herff Jones will be at KWHS during lunch and from 4:30-7:00pm to take orders for class rings and senior announcements
- ◆ **November 21st**— Club Pictures will take place in the auditorium all day. Club sponsors have the schedule
- ◆ **November 25th—29th**— No School—Thanksgiving Break

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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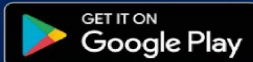
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The AVID Café is open for business! This service project is for our AVID 2 Sophomores. Their mission was to reach out into our school community at lunch to share testimony of how using a planner and take focused notes. This will ensure students to get that grade boost-like coffee, but healthier. AVID Students did an amazing job reaching out and being inclusive to all. A giveaway will be drawn this Wednesday for a Starbucks gift card. Quarter 2 is kicking off AVID strong!



The Key West High School Fashion Marketing class, led by Ms. Lauren Albury, has generously donated 18 Brother sewing machines to the Marathon High School Fashion Program. Ms. Albury, now in her fourth year of teaching the Fashion Program at KWHs, has upgraded her students to newer machines, making the donation possible. Ms. Melody Randolph-Bartnik, Fashion teacher at MHS, and Ms. Rebecca Keenum, Assistant Principal, were present to gratefully accept the contribution on behalf of Marathon High School, which is participating in the Fashion Program for the first time this year.



The PBIS Club would like to thank everyone who made our fundraiser a success! Mrs. Keri Fink raised \$14.28, Mr. Fink received \$18.56, Mr. Wyrwicki pulled in \$19.00 and Ms. Daigle brought in \$25.37 dollars. Our KWHs community donated a total of \$77.21 dollars to reward the students for their kindness, hard work and dedication to Key West High School.





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

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!



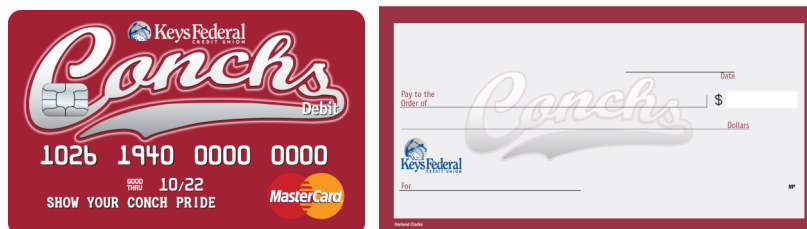


KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

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.



~~Homecoming Spirit Week~~

MONDAY

Toga Day for Seniors & Homecoming Parade



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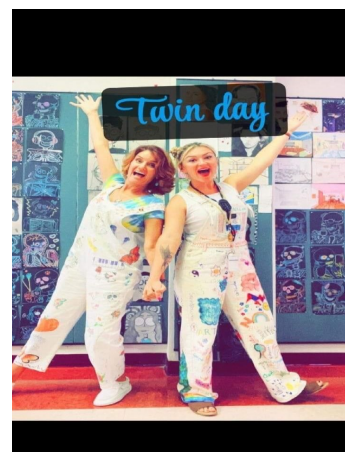
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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

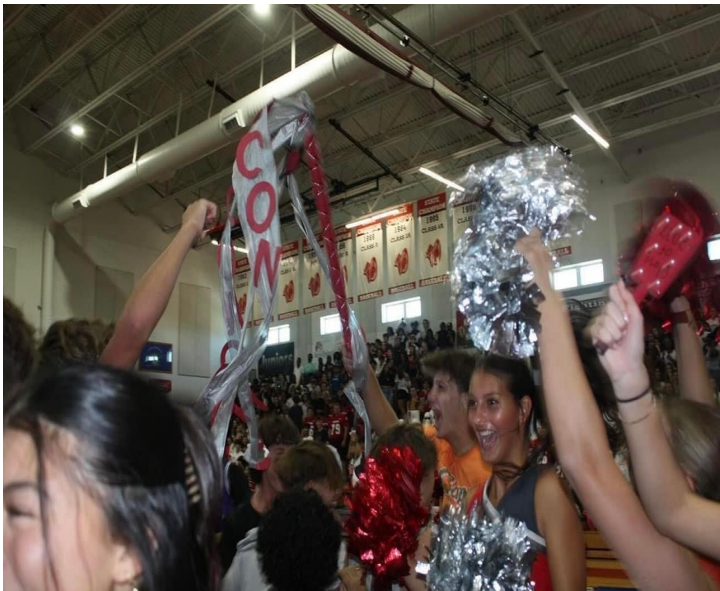
Western Day & Trunk or Treat



~~Homecoming Spirit Week~~

THURSDAY

Thriller Thursday & Pep Rally





The KWHS DRAMA CLUB Presents

FALL SHOWCASE

- THROUGH THE DECADES -

SINGING, DANCING, SKITS,
POETRY, LIVE MUSIC & MORE

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE KWHS DRAMA CLUB

WILLIAMS HALL

729 Fleming Street, Key West, FL

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AND
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2024
AT 7:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM)**

TICKETS

WWW.KEYSTIX.COM

\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION

\$15 STUDENT/TEACHER

(WITH VALID SCHOOL ID)

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Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer play on Wednesday at Eustis and Thursday at Seminole! Get em, Girls!!



KWHS Girls Weightlifting have a meet against Coral Shores on Wednesday! Girl Power!!!

KWHS Golf had their District meet on Tuesday!! Great job, Conchs!!



KWHS Cross Country had their District meet on Wednesday!! Way to Go, Conchs!!



KWHS Swim Team had their District meet on Tuesday!! Let's Go, Conchs!!



The KWHS Fighting Conchs play Coral Shores on Friday!! It's SENIOR NIGHT and Homecoming!!! What a Night!!! Kick off is at 7:00pm!!



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

President— Kaine Dickerson
Vice President— Ben Delostrinos
Secretary— Jalyann Morales
Treasurer— Kaleaya Dickerson
Historian— Hailey Morales

Class sponsor: