



# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #12

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

November 8, 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 NOV 2024**

- ◆ **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.keyschools.com/kwhs](http://www.keyschools.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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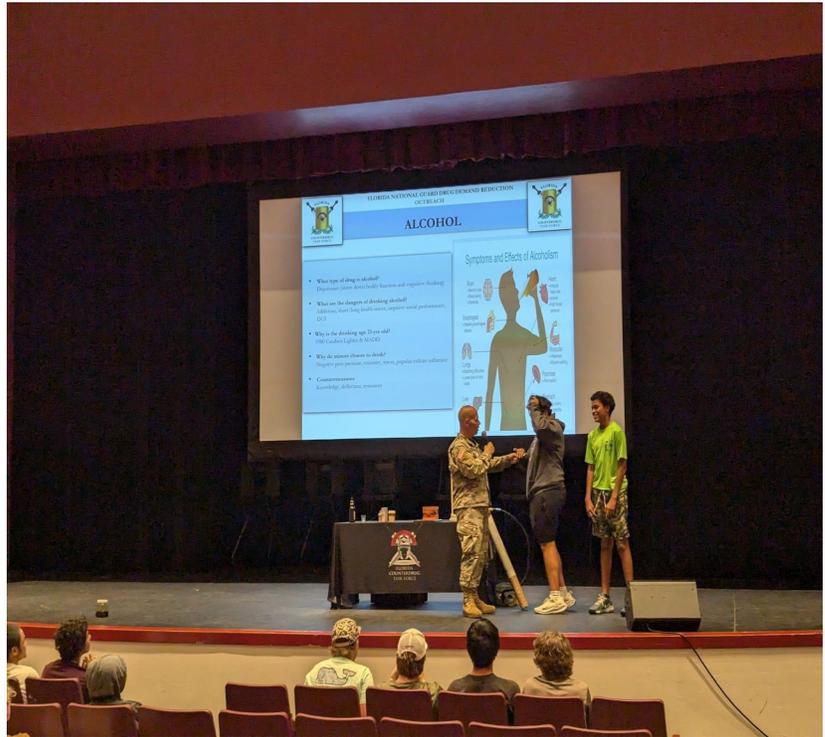


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Thank you Sgt. Pierce, FL National Guard, for speaking with our students today on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Substance abuse and prevention is one of the state mandated Resiliency Education topics to be covered through our Healthy Living Initiatives. The presentation was closed with KWHS's GCC Prevention Specialist Brooke Foley sharing info and resources on how students can seek support for themselves or others.



Thank you, voters, for passing the referendums and showing a vote of confidence in our school district!



**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 <sup>st</sup>	07:35—08:20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	08:24—09:08
3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:12—09:59
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:03—10:47
Lunch	10:47—11:31
5 <sup>th</sup>	11:35—12:19
6 <sup>th</sup>	12:23—01:07
7 <sup>th</sup>	01:11—01:55
Pep Rally	02:00—02:30

Standard Day	
1 <sup>st</sup>	07:35—08:25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	08:29—09:18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:22—10:14
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:18—11:07
Lunch	11:07—11:51
5 <sup>th</sup>	11:55—12:44
6 <sup>th</sup>	12:48—01:37
7 <sup>th</sup>	01:41—02:30

7th Period Exams	
7 <sup>th</sup> Exam	07:35—09:10
1 <sup>st</sup>	09:14—09:56
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00—10:42
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:46—11:30
Lunch	11:30—12:16
4 <sup>th</sup>	12:20—12:58
5 <sup>th</sup>	01:02—01:44
6 <sup>th</sup>	01:48—02:30

Early Release	
1 <sup>st</sup>	07:35—08:00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	08:04—08:29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	08:33—08:58
4 <sup>th</sup>	09:02—09:27
5 <sup>th</sup>	09:31—09:56
6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00—10:25
7 <sup>th</sup>	10:29—10:54
Lunch	10:54—11:30



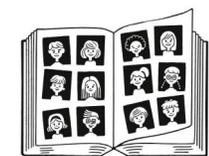
**KWHS**  
**2024-2025**  
**Bell Schedule**

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.mcsd.link/bell-schedule](https://kwhs.mcsd.link/bell-schedule)



**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

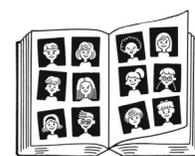
**YEARBOOKS & SENIOR ADS ON SALE**

**JOB #17196**

Photos can be sent to [kwhsyb@keysstudents.net](mailto:kwhsyb@keysstudents.net) or brought to Ms. Kinnune on a thumb drive in room 4-209

**SENIOR AD PURCHASE AND PHOTOS ARE DUE BY NOV. 21ST**

[YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](http://YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM)



**SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines**



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



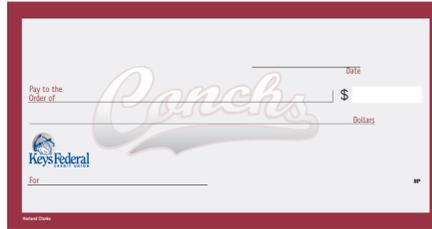


# KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

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)**

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

# 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.





The KWHS DRAMA CLUB Presents

# FALL SHOWCASE

- THROUGH THE DECADES -

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

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE KWHS DRAMA CLUB

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**WILLIAMSHALL**

729 Fleming Street, Key West, FL

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

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\$15 STUDENT/TEACHER

(WITH VALID SCHOOL ID)

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# Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer play Coral Shores on Wednesday and Palmer Trinity on Friday!!  
Get em, Girls!!



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KWHS Boys Soccer played Ransom Everglades on Wednesday and Palmer Trinity on Friday!  
Go, Boys!

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



KWHS Girls Weightlifting have a meet on Wednesday with Marathon!!  
Girl Power!!!



KWHS Swim Team had a meet on Monday with Somerset Silver Palms and their Regionals on Saturday!!  
Let's Go, Conchs!!



The KWHS Fighting Conchs have a bi-week this week!



## 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:

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- Low income
- Pre-K through 12th grade
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- 6-12 week processing time



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tableta / computadora



### **PADRES APLIQUEN AHORA!**

- Estudiantes de la Florida
- De bajos ingresos
- Pre-K hasta el 12° grado
- Reaplique cada año escolar
- 6-12 semanas de tiempo de procesamiento

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### **PARAN ENSKRI KOUNYE A!**

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

Heiken PA bay lòt ajans enfòmasyon pèsònèl elèv yo.

## Exames oftalmológicos e óculos GRATIS para crianças [www.floridaheiken.org](http://www.floridaheiken.org)

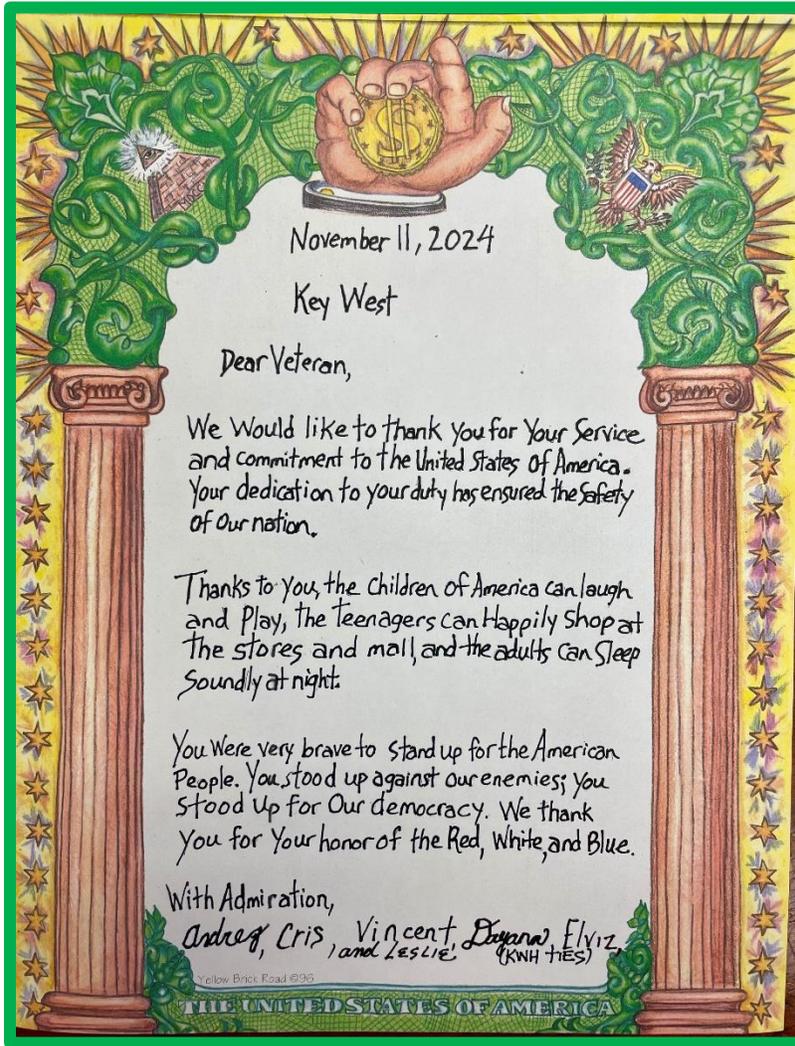
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### **PAIS APLIQUEM AGORA!**

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

Toda informação so aluno é mantido confidencial e não compartilhado com nenhuma outra entidade.



Dear Veteran,

We would like to thank you for your service and commitment to the United States of America. Your dedication to your duty has ensured the safety of our nation.

Thanks to you, the children of America can laugh and play, the teenagers can happily shop at the stores and mall, and the adults can sleep soundly at night.

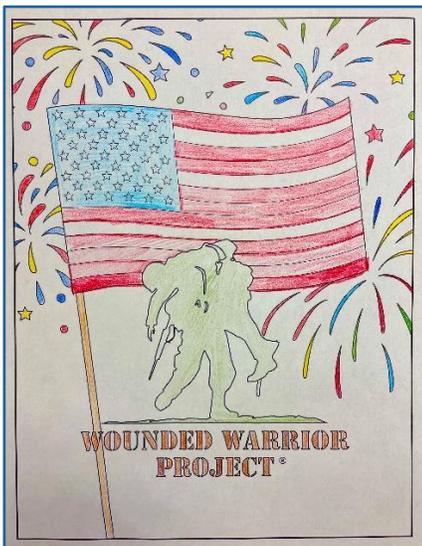
You were very brave to stand up for the American people. You stood up against our enemies; you stood up for our democracy. We thank you for your honor of the Red, White, and Blue.

With admiration,

Andrea, Cris, Vincent, Dyanne, Elizabeth, and Leslie  
(KWH TIES)

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Thank you to all veterans for caring for America and its people.

KWH TIES is grateful for your dedication and service.



UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN

**CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

FLORIDA'S 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



**Cordially invites you and your family to our  
Service Academy Day**



**Saturday November 16th from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm  
G Holmes Braddock Senior High  
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Miami, FL 33185**

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RSVP by November 13 at 5:00 pm at: [lara.Raggio@mail.house.gov](mailto:lara.Raggio@mail.house.gov)***

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or call our office at (305) 222-0160***

