



# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #14

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

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**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 Mr. Marc Pierre for being selected as our Inclusion Teacher of the Year!!** We are so blessed to have Marc at Key West High

School! The school, students, parents and community extend our heartfelt thanks to Marc for all he does!!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS NOV 2024**

- ◆ **November 25th—29th**— No School— Thanksgiving Break

**HAPPY  
Thanksgiving**



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Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities

Twitter— [@kwhsnews](#)

Website— [www.keysschools.com/kwhs](https://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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Semester Exams starting on Monday, December 16th!  
See the schedule below!

# KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

## 2024-25 First Semester Exam Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 <sup>th</sup> NO EXAMS STANDARD DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 8:25	1
8:29 – 9:18	2
8:22 – 10:14	3
10:18 – 11:07	4
11:07 – 11:51	Lunch
11:55 – 12:44	5
12:48 – 1:37	6
1:41 – 2:30	7



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> PERIOD EXAM BELL SCHEDULE FULL DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 9:15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Exam
9:14 – 9:56	1
10:00 – 10:42	3
10:46 – 11:30	4
11:30 – 12:16	Lunch
12:20 – 12:58	5
1:02 – 1:44	6
1:48 – 2:30	7

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> PERIOD EXAM BELL SCHEDULE EARLY RELEASE DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 9:10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period Exam
9:10 – 9:51	Lunch
9:55 – 11:30	4 <sup>th</sup> Period Exam

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> PERIOD EXAM BELL SCHEDULE EARLY RELEASE DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 9:10	5 <sup>th</sup> Period Exam
9:10 – 9:51	Lunch
9:55 – 11:30	6 <sup>th</sup> Period Exam

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> PERIOD EXAM BELL SCHEDULE EARLY RELEASE DAY	
Time	Period
7:35 – 9:10	1 <sup>st</sup> Period Exam
9:10 – 9:51	Lunch
9:55 – 11:30	7 <sup>th</sup> Period Exam

### SEMESTER EXAM POLICIES:

- Semester Course Final Grade (100%) = Quarter 1 Grade (40%) + Quarter 2 Grade (40%) + Semester Exam (20%)
- If a student misses more than 9 days during the semester, the student *must* pass the semester exam in order to pass the course.
- Students will receive an F for the semester if a semester exam is *not* taken.



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](http://kwhsthesnapper.org).



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



KWS BETA club put  
together Thanksgiving  
items to feed 4 families!!

What a wonderful  
feeling to help others!  
BETA wishes everyone a  
wonderful  
Thanksgiving Holiday!!



## 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) = <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)**

<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

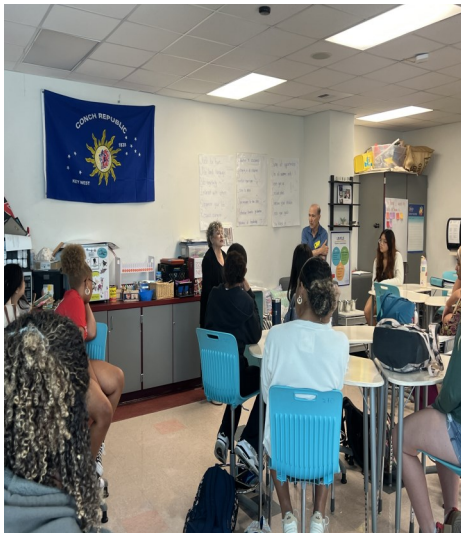
## Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

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





Congrats to Jacob Boeskool (left) & Colin Christie (right) For scoring an “All Florida” In the Florida scholastic Press Association’s Fall State competition!



Lucy Barker and her husband Thomas came to Ms. Shoemaker’s 10th grade World Literature class this week. They are finishing their Holocaust unit after reading *Night* by Elie Wiesel and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Having a guest speaker was a great way to end it.



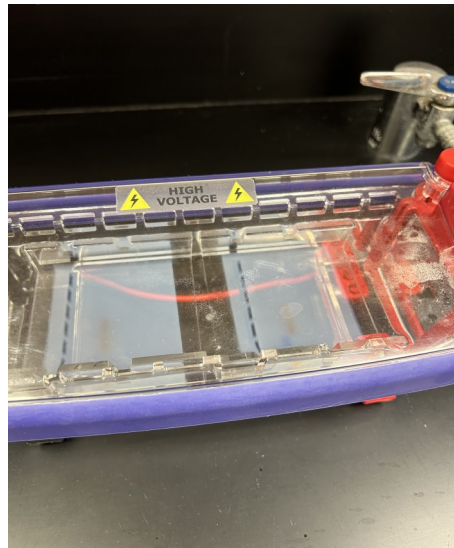
Ms. Shoemaker’s class created the Hexagon Thinking Projects using characters, setting, themes, and symbols from the books *Night* and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. They color coded each type of hexagon by type, cut them out, and then placed them in a way that showed how these things were connected.





A few very lucky KWHs fashion students had the incredible opportunity to attend a screening of Bob Mackie's new documentary *Naked Illusion*. A huge thank you to @tropic.cinema for not only giving us the chance to watch the film but also for arranging a meet-and-greet with a Q&A session with the legendary Bob Mackie himself! The students had an unforgettable experience and were in complete awe hearing from such a fashion LEGEND.

Amazing opportunity for our KWHs Fashion students!  
Thank you, Miss Lauren Albury

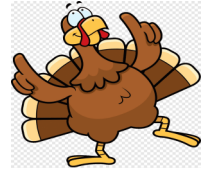


Medical Interventions kids finished off a week-long lab where they isolated their DNA, amplified it using polymerase chain reaction, and visualized using gel electrophoresis to test themselves for the presence of the bitter taste receptor for phenylthiocarbamide (PTC). The taste receptor 2 member 38 (TAS2R38) gene is responsible for the ability to taste PTC, a chemical that some people find bitter, while others lack the gene and do not taste it at all.





A huge “Thank You” to Chef Lisa Rivard and the Culinary Conchs for preparing and serving the staff at KWHS on Thursday!! The Thanksgiving meal was wonderful and the service was amazing!! KWHS is definitely grateful and blessed!!!



We would also like to send a huge “Thank You” to Mr. Adam and his cafeteria staff for preparing and serving a great Thanksgiving lunch to the students!! The students stood in line anxiously waiting to get their tray!! Once again, KWHS is grateful and blessed!!



# Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer played Somerset Silver Palms on Monday, Charlotte High tonight, and Lemon Bay on Saturday!



KWHS Boys Soccer played Westland Hialeah on Thursday! Go, Boys!

KWHS Girls Basketball played Monsignor Pace on Monday, and Barron Collier on Saturday!! Go Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Girls Weightlifting had a meet against Marathon and Coral Shores on Wednesday!! Girl Power!!!



KWHS Boys Basketball played St. Brendan on Thursday and Gulf Coast on Saturday!! Go Conchs!!!



The KWHS Fighting Conchs have another playoff game at Tommy Roberts stadium tonight at 7:00pm It's a **WHITE** out so wear your Conch white!!



## 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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