



# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #17

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

December 19, 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    DEC 2024**

- ◆ **December 23rd—January 6th**— No School... Christmas Break



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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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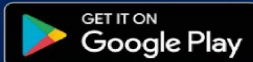
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Semester Exams starting on Monday, December 16th!  
See the schedule below!

# 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)





Don't miss out on KWHS yearbooks!! Purchases will be accepted now till December 22nd!! Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter job# 17196



## SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

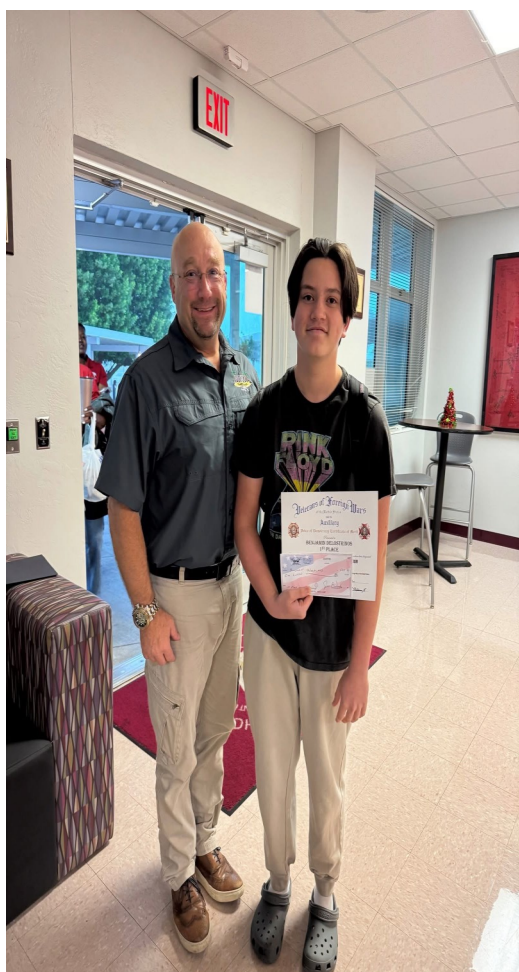


<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025	Digital
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	Digital
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	Digital



KWHS is proud to recognize Nathaniel Bergh as our Sunshine State Scholar for the 2024-25 school year. Sunshine State Scholars represent the top 11th grade students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics (STEM). Nate has excelled in numerous STEM courses such as AP Chem & AP Physics. He was recently selected for an internship at the Fleming Key Research Center. He is passionate about coding and conducting his own science projects/experiments in his spare time. According to Mrs.

Nelson, "his natural ability is only matched by his work ethic, desire to learn and willingness to help other." Nate aims to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering! Congratulations Nate on this prestigious recognition!



The Southernmost VFW Post 3911 Commander Jim Wende recognized KWHS students (pictured left) Ben Delostrinos (1st Place) and (pictured right) Jack Bridger (2nd Place) for their patriotic essays on the Voice of Democracy: "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" As 1st Place Winner, Benjamin will move on to the VFW District 5 Florida competition wherein he can compete to win the \$35,000 scholarship and trip to Washington D.C.! KWHS is so proud of both students and wish Ben luck at the next level!







## 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

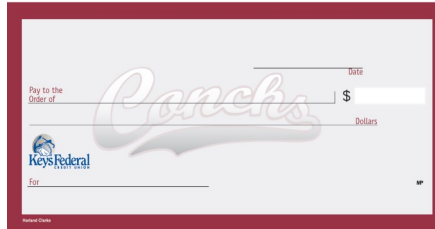


# KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

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.





## Athletics



KWHS Girls Soccer  
played Marathon on  
Tuesday and Somerset  
Silver Palms on  
Thursday!!  
Go, Lady Conchs!!



KWHS Boys Soccer  
played Marathon on  
Tuesday, St. Thomas  
Aquinas on Friday!  
Go, Conchs!



KWHS Girls  
Basketball did not  
have games this week.



KWHS Girls  
Weightlifting had  
a meet on  
Wednesday!!

Girl Power!!



KWHS Boys  
Basketball played  
Coral Shores on  
Tuesday, Somerset  
Pembroke Pines on  
Friday and  
Archbishop  
McCarthy on  
Saturday!



The KWHS  
Wrestling have their  
tournament on  
Friday and  
Saturday!!  
Lets 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:



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Assistant Principal  
Ja-Ronika Veldheer

## Key West High School Spring Testing Season Dates

as of 12/03/24 Student Copy

### January

Date	Assessment
Wednesday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> ELA FAST PM2

### February

**NO TESTING (Enjoy the month off!!)**

### March

Date	Assessment
Tuesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	PSAT 9 <sup>th</sup> & PSAT 10 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	SAT 11 <sup>th</sup> Gr.
Tuesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SAT 12<sup>th</sup> Gr. (Reportable- Sign up)</b>

### April

Date	Assessment
Tuesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Gr. FAST Writing
Thursday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Gr. FAST Writing

### State Testing Windows

ACCESS for ELLs: January 20<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>

FAA-Performance Task: March 10<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>

FAST Writing 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>: March 31-April 11<sup>th</sup>

Florida Civics Literacy Exam: March 31<sup>st</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup>

(Algebra, Geometry, US Hist, Biology) Retake: May 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

PM 3 FAST State Testing: May 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>



## May (Get ready for the ride....)

Date	Final Exams	State Test	AP Test	8 AM	12 PM
Thursday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>		ELA Retake			
Friday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Algebra Retake			
Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>			Biology	X	
			European History		X
Tuesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>			Chemistry	X	
			Human Geography	X	
			US Gov't		X
Wednesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>		10 <sup>th</sup> Gr. ELA FAST PM3	English Lit.	X	
Thursday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>			World History: Modern		X
Friday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>		9 <sup>th</sup> Gr. ELA FAST PM3	US History	X	
			Macro		X
Monday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>			Calculus AB	X	
			Seminar		X
Tuesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>			French Lang. & Culture	X	
			Precalculus	X	
			Environmental Science		X
Wednesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>		US History EOC	English Lang. & Comp.	X	
Thursday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>			Spanish Lang. & Culture	X	
			Computer Sci. Principles		X
Friday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Exam Period 4	Biology EOC	Physics 1	X	
			Psychology		X
Monday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Exam Periods 3 & 5	Algebra EOC			
Tuesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Exams Periods 2 & 6				
Wednesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Senior Exams Periods 1 & 7	Geometry EOC			
Thursday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>					
Friday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>					
Monday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day</b>			
Tuesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Underclass Period 2				
Wednesday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Underclass Periods 3 & 4				
Thursday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Underclass Period 5 & 6				
Friday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Underclass Period 1 & 7	<b>Last Day of School</b>			

# 2024-2025 SENIOR DATES



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
August 16, 2024	2:00pm	1st Pep Rally	Gym	Student Council
August 30, 2024	ALL DAY	College Color Day--wear college shirts or colors	Campus	n/a
September 3--September 9, 2024	ALL DAY	<u>Homecoming Nominations</u> --in order to be nominated, senior girls must have been in 3 clubs or performance group during her Junior AND Senior year	Nomination forms will be in the front office. Please submit the completed Nomination form back to the front office.	Mrs. Saunders
September 10, 2024	ALL DAY	Voting for your Homecoming Court	History Classes	Mrs. Saunders
October 16 & 17, 2024	ALL DAY	Senior Pictures	Auditorium	Herff Jones
October 18, 2024	ALL DAY	Underclassmen & Senior Pictures--Make ups and Retakes	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
October 28, 2024	6:00pm	Homecoming Parade	KWHS	Mrs. Saunders
October 31, 2024	ALL DAY	Homecoming Queen Voting	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
October 31, 2024	2:00pm	Homecoming Pep Rally	Gym	Student Council
November 1, 2024	7:00pm	Homecoming Game & Crowning of the Queen	Tommy Roberts Stadium	Mrs. Saunders
November 2, 2024	TBD	Homecoming Dance	TBD	Student Council
November 13th & 14th	lunch time & 5:30pm	Order Senior Announcements	Courtyard & Library	Herff Jones
November 21, 2024	ALL DAY	Club Pictures and Sports Pictures	Gym/Courtyard	Mrs. Saunders
February 7, 2025	8:30am	Senior Panoramic--please wear your red Senior shirt	Gym	Herff Jones
TBD	7th period	National College/Military/Vocational Signing Day	Courtyard	Mrs. Estenoz
TBD	ALL DAY	Junior/Senior Field Day	Backyard	Mrs. Carey /Mrs. Condella
TBD	6:00pm-9:00pm	Junior/Senior Luau	Stock Island Yacht Club	Mrs. Carey /Mrs. Condella
May 22, 2025	ALL DAY	Last Day for Seniors	Campus	n/a
May 22, 2025	7th period	Ringin of the Bell for Seniors	Courtyard (Bell)	KWHS
May 22, 2025	6:00pm	Senior Banquet	Cafeteria/Auditorium	Mrs. Condella /Mrs. Saunders
May 23, 2025	8:00am	Investiture Practice-- Cap & Gown Distribution	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
May 23, 2025	7:00pm	Investiture Ceremony-- Dress Code	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
May 25, 2025	10:30am	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	St. Mary's Church	n/a
May 25, 2025	11:00am	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	5th Street Baptist Church	n/a
May 25, 2025	12:30pm	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	Trinity Presbyterian Church	n/a
May 27, 2025	TBD	Prom	Southernmost House	Mrs. Kristen Condella
May 28, 2025	6:00pm	Class Night-- Dress Code	Auditorium	Mrs. Estenoz
May 29, 2025	6:00pm	Graduation Practice	Tommy Roberts Stadium	Mrs. Saunders
May 30, 2025	8:00pm	Graduation-- Dress Code	Tommy Roberts Stadium	Mrs. Saunders
May 30, 2025	10:00pm	Operation Graduation	KWHS	Mrs. Brindisi

<b>Dress Code for Graduation Ceremonies, Yearbooks and Graduation Fees:</b>			
<u>Boys</u> -- white button up shirt (long or short sleeve), black pants, black socks, black shoes, black clip on tie	<u>Girls</u> -- white dress (no color on the dress), white shoes	Yearbooks are \$85.00. You can purchase a yearbook by going to <a href="http://www.yearbookordercenter.com">www.yearbookordercenter.com</a> and enter KWHS code #17196	Graduation fees are \$80.00 and it includes the cap and gown, tassel, and diploma cover. Please see Mrs. Saunders to make your payment. You can pay with cash, check or credit card. Please use the QR code to the right to pay using a credit card.



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