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Conchs Issue #7

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

October 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.





We want to THANK our custodial staff for always keeping our campus and classrooms clean!! They are also so sweet and caring! We hit the jackpot with our custodial staff!!





UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT/ OCT 2024

- October 14th— Professional Day—No Students
- October 16th & 17th— Senior Pictures in the auditorium....see the info inside this newsletter
- October 18th -- Senior and Underclassmen Retake Picture Day in the auditorium.....students need to email Mrs. Saunders if they wish to have a retake.

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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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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FortifyFL es una herramienta para reportar actividades sospechosas que te permite enviar información a las agencias del cumplimiento de la ley apropiadas y a oficiales escolares.



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Fortify FL se yon zouti pou rapòte aktivite sispèk ki pèmèt ou transmèt enfòmasyon soulechan bay ajans fòsdelòd apwopriye yo ak responsab lekòl yo.



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We're seeking current high school sophomores who are eager to grow as future leaders!



For inquiries, email district6990RYLA@gmail.com



Students at KWHS have collected donations to help those affected in Asheville, NC by Hurricane Helene. More donations to come from various clubs and classrooms!!



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	Registration Deadline	Late Registration	Format
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024	Digital
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





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 I	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		

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	

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	



KWHS 2024-2025 Bell Schedule

Managed by Sebastian Dietrich Updated 8/6/2024 8:31 AM

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 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



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



TUNNEL TO TOWERS NATIONAL RUN, WALK & CLIMB SERIES



RUN. WALK. HONOR.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

RACE STARTS AT 8:30AM

BIG PINE PARK

31009 Atlantis Drive Big Pine Key, FL 33043

BigPineKeyRun@t2t.org



FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION, VISIT US AT T2T.ORG









@TUNNEL2TOWERS #T2TRUN

Donate New Diapers & Formula to Help those in Need.

All diaper sizes needed, especially sizes 4, 5, & 6 needed the most.

Make sure the formula won't expire within 6 months.

Drop-off Locations:

Wesley House Family Services
1304 Truman Ave., Key West
- and -

Key West Woman's Club 319 Duval St., Key West Collection Dates:
Now thru October 9th

Let's make a difference for our community.

For Wesley House

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Thank You for Your Donation

Key West #41 Ambassador Class

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	Tue/Thur
	J. Smith 4-109	Tue/Thur
ELA /SAT Prep	Estenoz 1-115	Tue/Thur
ELA Recovery/	Kinnune 4-209	Tue/Thur
FAST Prep		
Math/Chemistry & AP Chem/Physics	Nelson 1-208	Mon/Thur
AP Writing	Laubenstein 4-201	Mon/Thur
	0-1-110 (511)	T.L.
Math	Castro 4-118 (ELL) Hutman 4-234 (Alg 1 & Geo)	Thurs Tue
	Blackwell 4-204 (Alg 1 & Alg 2)	Tue/ Thur
ESE/	Berenz 4-106	Mon/Thur
Career Support		
Essay Writing	Rein Media Center	Mon/Tue/ Thur

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 class-rooms
- 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, <u>orientation</u>, <u>college</u> 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.





Mrs. Tara Jackson's Human Body Systems classes built arm muscles on their Manikens today. Some of these guys and gals have spent some time at the gym!







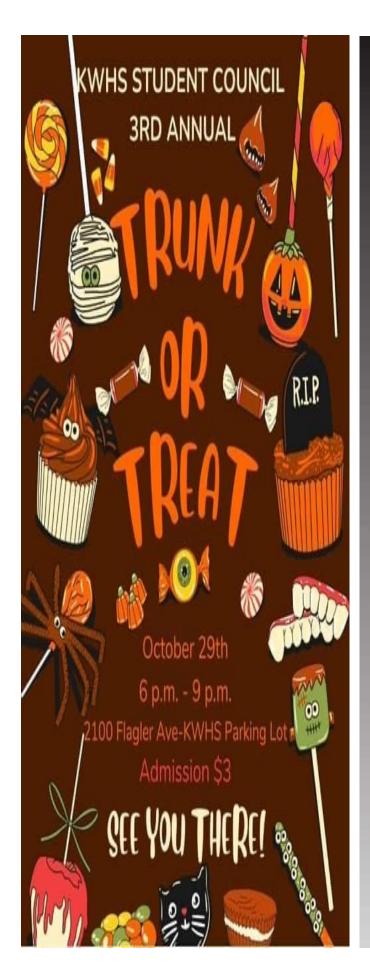


Mrs. Rivard's Advanced Culinary classes prepared pizza dough yesterday and the Intro Culinary classes made pizza for Fun Food Friday! Way to go, Culinary Conchs!! Collaborating in Culinary!!

Zaikee Lopez (pictured right) has a free period, but he would rather help Mrs. Rivard in the Culinary class than go off campus!! Proud Conch!!!



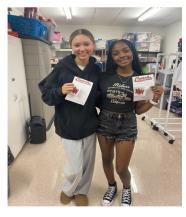




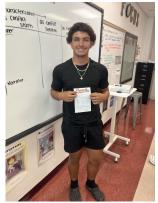


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CONCHS OF THE MONTH—SEPTEMBER CONCH PRIDE!!





























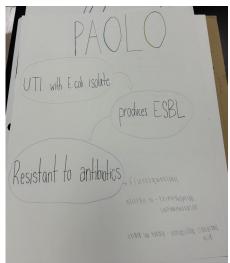




Students in Mr.
Bickings' Auto
Mechanics class
do lots of hands on
learning
each day!!







Mrs. Tara Jackson's Medical Interventions students were grouped into 3 groups, each group assigned to a case study for a patient infected with an antibiotic resistant strain of bacteria. They had to come up with a theory of how the bacteria were resistant and then present the case study and theory to the class, in a slightly modified gallery walk/jigsaw fashion.







The following students represented KWHS and earned community service working with the Special Olympics Paddle Board team (Conch Republic Paddlers) at the Paddle Classic event at Higgs Beach on Saturday. They did an amazing job of serving lunch to the visiting athletes that paddled the 12 miles around the island: Lexi Finigan, Sophia Ngov, Milana Li Berzina, Violet Jangraw, Jillian Cullum, Jacob Simpson, Dewan Islam, Rayan Barrios, and Jaelynn Morgan.

Key West High School Class of 2025

Senior Photos will take place on October 16th & 17th



TUXEDO

Please wear a white t-shirt under your uniform shirt on this day. We will take pictures in a tuxedo shirt, jacket and bow-tie which will be provided for you.

DRAPE

Please wear any strapless top or tanktop under your unform on this day. A formal drape will be provided and placed over it for the portrait.



CAP AND GOWN ADD ON

On picture day you will be able to upgrade your session to include Cap & Gown photos for \$25





SCAN TO UPGRAD

PRIVATE, ONLINE POSTING OF PORTRAITS:

You will receive your private code to view your gallery online this day. You will also have the ability to select which of the 4 yearbook poses will be used in next year's book. Final date for selection will be announced by the Yearbook Advisor. If not selected, HJPhoto reserves the right to select your pose for submission to the yearbook publisher





Attention Seniors and their Families,

Senior Pictures will take place on Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th in the auditorium. Mrs. Saunders has given each senior an appointment time. She will send the date and appointment time to each senior starting next week through their keysstudents email.

Seniors, please check your emails from Mrs. Saunders next week.

Families, please remind your senior to check for an email from Mrs. Saunders next week!

If you chose to take a cap and gown picture, there is a \$25.00 fee. The QR code is above on the flyer. Mrs. Saunders will also have this QR code during picture day. If you wish to pay with cash or check, there will be a receipt book to issue receipts. Please make checks payable to "HJMiami".

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Saunders at Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com

Athletics



KWHS Volleyball play Basilica on Thursday then the Florida Christian Tournament this weekend!!

KWHS Golf
played on
Wednesday and on
Thursday against
Mater Lakes!
Go Conchs!!



KWHS Cross Country does not have a meet this week.



KWHS Swim Team had a meet on Tuesday against Miami Springs!! Way to go, Conchs!!!







The KWHS Fighting Conchs play Miami
Killian on Friday home at Tommy
Roberts!!
Kick off is at 7:00pm!!





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:



Key West High School

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Assistant Principal David Perkins

Assistant Principal Yanelys Ballard

Assistant Principal Ja-Ronika Veldheer

Key West High School Fall Testing Season Dates as of 10/2/24

October

Date	Assessment	
Wednesday, October 2 nd	Algebra 1 Retake Biology	
Friday, October 4 th	Geometry/Biology & US History Retake	
Tuesday, October 8 th	All Retake Make ups	
Wednesday, October 9 th	All Retake Make ups	
Wednesday, October 16 th	10 th & 11 th PSAT/NMSQT	
Friday, October 18 th	10 th & 11 th PSAT/NMSQT (Make up)	
Tuesday, October 22 nd	12 th Gr. SAT (Concordant Only)	
Thursday, October 24 th	12 th Gr. SAT (Make up)	

November

Date	Assessment
Wednesday, November 20th	Florida Civics Literacy Exam
Thursday, November 21st	Florida Civics Literacy Exam (make up)

December

Date	Assessment
Wednesday, December 4	Algebra 1 Retake
Friday, December 6	Geometry Retake
Monday, December 9	ELA Retake
Wednesday, December 11	Biology & US History Retake
Thursday, December 12	All Retake Make up
Friday, December 13	All Retake Make up

Biology & US History Sign up:

https://forms.gle/ZuGsLm74pKcZQtro7 (counselors will share this with students)

State Testing Windows

PM 1 FAST State Testing Window: August 12 – October 4 (Extended) (Alg, Geo, US Hist, Bio) Retake Window: September 9 – October 11 (Extended)

Florida Civics Literacy Exam: November 4-December 20 (Alg, Geo, US Hist, Bio) Retake Window: December 2- 20 PM 2 FAST State Testing Window: December 2 – January 24





Key West High School Thursday, October 17 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

All donors will receive*:

- Refreshments
- Halloween T-shirt
- 2 Slices of Pizza and Beverage at Lunchtime
- Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

16 & 17 Year Old Donors are required to have a Signed Consent Form to donate. Return Signed Consent Forms to Ms. Jackson by Tuesday, October 15th.

** Get a good night's sleep. Eat a Hearty Breakfast. Be Well Hydrated **



– PLUS –



- PLUS -







Appointments are encouraged, please visit **oneblood.org/donate-now** and use **sponsor code 438**

ID REQUIRED

FBC-LEO 2025 Essay Contest



Essay Contest on the Importance of Civic Engagement Among Youth

About

Civic engagement among youth is crucial for the health and vitality of any society. When young people actively participate in their communities - whether through voting, volunteering or activism - they not only help address immediate issues, but also lay the foundation for long-term societal progress. Their involvement brings fresh ideas, challenges the status quo and helps to build a more inclusive and representative democracy. Supporting and encouraging civic engagement among young people can lead to more vibrant, equitable communities and a stronger, more resilient society.

Prompt

In 750 words or less, discuss the "Importance of Civic Engagement Among Youth" and the significance of young people participating in politics, community service and activism. Explore how increased civic engagement can influence societal change and the potential barriers that young people face.

Prize

- First place winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO).
- 2. Second place winner will receive a \$500 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from FBC-LEO.
- 3. Third place winner will receive a \$250 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from FBC-LEO.

Entry Requirements and Instructions

You must be an eleventh or twelfth grader in an FBC-LEO member municipality during the 2024-2025 school year.

- The essay must be typed or legibly printed (no cursive and no pictures).
- The use of AI and ChatGPT software or similar programs is strictly prohibited.
- The essay must not exceed 750 words.
- A completed entry form must be returned with your essay.
- Previous winners may not apply.
- Submit your entry by December 6, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. ET at fbcleo.org/essay-contest.
- Essays received after the deadline will not be considered.

For a list of FBC-LEO member cities, towns and villages, see page 2.

FBC-LEO Online

For more information about the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, visit *fbcleo.org*.

Questions?

Contact Caressa Andrews-Moye at candrewsmoye@flcities.com or 850.701.3621.

Member Municipalities

City

City of Alachua

City of Apopka

City of Bartow

City of Belle Glade

City of Bowling Green

City of Chattahoochee

City of Clermont

City of Cocoa

City of Cooper City

City of Coral Springs

City of Dade City

City of Dania Beach

City of Daytona Beach

City of DeLand

City of Eustis

City of Fort Lauderdale

City of Fort Meade

City of Fort Myers

City of Fort Pierce

City of Gainesville

City of Green Cove Springs

City of Gretna

City of Haines City

City of Hawthorne

City of Hollywood

City of Jacksonville

City of Key West

City of Lake City

City of Lake Wales

City of Lauderdale Lakes

City of Lauderhill

City of Live Oak

City of Madison

City of Melbourne

City of Miami Gardens

City of Midway

City of Miramar

City of Monticello

City of Newberry

City of North Lauderdale

City of North Miami

City of North Miami Beach

City of Ocala

City of Opa-locka

City of Orange City

City of Orlando

City of Pahokee

City of Palatka

City of Palm Bay

City of Palmetto

City of Panama City

City of Pensacola

City of Pinellas Park

City of Plant City

City of Pompano Beach

City of Quincy

City of Riviera Beach

City of Rockledge

City of Sarasota

City of South Bay

City of St. Petersburg

City of Starke

City of Stuart

City of Tallahassee

City of Tamarac

City of Waldo

City of West Palm Beach

City of West Park

City of Westlake

City of Wildwood

City of Williston

City of Winter Haven

Town

Town of Dundee

Town of Greenville

Town of Havana

Town of Haverhill

Town of Lake Hamilton

Town of Oakland

Town of Welaka

Village

I Village of Indiantown

About the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials

The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO) was established in 1985 as a nonprofit, public policy, research and educational institute.

The FBC-LEO creates a positive environment for disseminating, communicating and exchanging ideas and information among members to achieve more efficient and responsible local government administration within Florida's communities.

For more information about the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, visit *fbcleo.org*.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Are you interested in a free weekend getaway in the Florida Keys learning how to learn & expand your leadership skills?

We're seeking current high school sophomores who are eager to grow as future leaders!

Students participate in three days of interactive activities that include thought provoking, challenging and fun activities where they learn communication and problem-solving skills and teamwork.

Who's eligible: High School sophomores Conference dates: February 7-9, 2025

Conference location: Florida Sea Base in Islamorada,

FL Keys.

Charter Bus transportation is provided for Miami-Dade & Broward students

How much does RYLA cost students? \$0- Local Rotary Clubs cover all expenses!

Deadline for applications is 11/15/2024 @ 11:59 PM



APPLY HERE:



For inquiries, email district6990RYLA@gmail.com





