



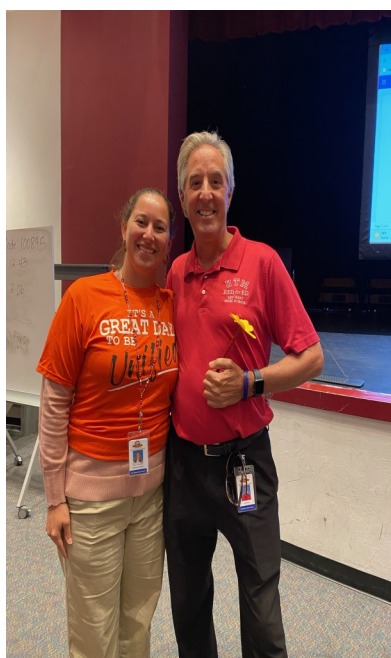
Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #10

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

October 20, 2023

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 our very own Scott Paul for being selected Key West High School's Teacher of the Year!! Thank you for all you do for our students and our staff!!



**KEY WEST
CONCHS**



UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER 2023

- October 23rd— Homecoming Parade with Spirit Night in the Backyard
- October 25th— Student Council hosts the annual Trunk or Treat in the KWHs parking lot at 6:00pm
- October 26th— Homecoming Pep Rally at 2:00pm in the gym
- October 27th— Homecoming Game at 7:00pm in the Backyard. Crowning of the Homecoming Queen will be during halftime
- October 28th— Homecoming Dance in the KWHs courtyard from 7:00pm—10:00pm

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!



The KWHS
NJROTC color guard
placed 4th out of 11
teams at the Key
West HS NJROTC
Color Guard
Challenge held on
October 14th.
Bravo Zulu cadets!!!



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Online Score Release</u>	<u>Format</u>
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	December 15, 2023	Paper
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	March 22—29, 2024	Digital
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	May 17—24, 2024	Digital
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	June 14—21, 2024	Digital



ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Photo Upload Deadline</u>
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023	December 1, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024	February 2, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024	April 5, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 31, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024	July 5, 2024



Georgette Robertson, our beloved cafeteria manager with 37 years of service, has retired. She worked with our staff and students throughout many changes throughout the decades, including the building of the new KWHS. She lead her team through Covid and always ensured that students were fed with a trained staff. When food was provided for weekend and after-hours meals, she didn't hesitate to rally her staff to prepare and distribute the meals. She used innovative ways to deliver breakfast, lunch and after school– the outdoor window, food carts and special food days – and helped provide support to the staff and athletic teams for special events. KWHS appreciates with a HUGE thank you for her long commitment to the school and wishes her the best in her next chapter!



Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:26	1
8:30 - 9:20	2
9:24 - 10:17	3
10:21 - 11:11	4
11:11 - 11:46	Lunch 1– Crimson (Bldgs 4, W1rm, Auto)
11:50 - 12:40	5 Crimson
11:15 - 12:05	5 Grey
12:05 - 12:40	Lunch 2– Grey (Bldgs 1,2,3 & Portables)
12:44 - 1:34	6
1:38 - 2:30	7

Wellness Wednesdays	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:22	1
8:26 - 9:12	2
9:16 - 10:05	3
10:05 - 10:35	30+
10:39 - 11:25	4
11:25 - 12:00	Lunch #1
12:04 - 12:50	5A
11:29 - 12:15	5B
12:15 - 12:50	Lunch #2
12:54 - 1:40	6
1:44 - 2:30	7

Final Exam Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 9:10	Exam
9:10 - 9:51	Lunch
9:55 - 11:30	Exam

Pep Rally Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:28	1
8:32 - 9:17	2
9:21 - 10:06	3
10:10 - 10:55	4
10:55 - 11:30	Lunch #1
11:34 - 12:19	5A
10:59 - 11:44	5B
11:44 - 12:19	Lunch #2
12:23 - 1:08	6
1:12 - 1:57	7
2:00 - 2:30	Pep Rally

Early Release Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:00	1
8:04 - 8:28	2
8:32 - 8:59	3
9:03 - 9:27	4
9:31 - 9:55	5
9:55 - 10:33	Lunch
10:37 - 11:01	6
11:05 - 11:30	7

7th Period Exam Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 9:10	7th Exam
9:14 - 9:56	1
10:00 - 10:42	2
10:46 - 11:30	3
11:30 - 12:16	Lunch
12:20 - 12:58	4
1:02 - 1:44	5
1:48 - 2:30	6



This design represents the necklace Mike always wore, along with his big smile.

Be Like Mike

A project by United Way of Collier and the Keys

Continue the legacy of
"Mangrove" Mike Forster
 and Pay It Forward



Friday, October 20, 2023
FEED THE KEYS

DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOODS
 Such as: Canned fruits and vegetables, dry/canned beans and rice, peanut butter, canned meats including tuna and chicken, canned soup, pasta sauce, and cereal.
 Monetary donations also help sustain our local food pantries year-round!

DROP OFF 2:00PM-6:00PM AT:

Burton Memorial United Methodist Church 93001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070	KAIR (Keys Area Interdenominational Resources) 3010 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050	SOS Callahan Community Kitchen 1020 United St., Key West, FL 33040
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Our volunteers will see you there!

 **#BeLikeMike**
UWCollierKeys.org/BeLikeMike/



Key West High School

SAC Meeting Dates—2023-2024

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

January 9th

February 6th

March 5th

April 2nd



All meetings are at 5:30 in the library.



Homecoming is weeks away!!!

Come see all the free beautiful dresses available to students who are in need of looking spectacular at Homecoming! The dresses are on display in front of the front gate and also by Ms. Dannacker's room. If any student is needing help with Homecoming attire, please see Ms. Dannacker in room 1-136



Senior Links Worth Checking Out

Bright Futures Course Table

*Identify which courses meet BF eligibility



Florida Bright Futures

Scholarship Program 2023-24

*PDF view if Initial Eligibility Requirements



Federal Student Aid | FAFSA

*Complete the FAFSA Form through the U.S. Department of Education



Key West High School

College & Career Planning

*College & Career info from Mrs. Estenoz



Florida SUS 2023-2024

Counselor Guide

*Current details about the 12 FL universities



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

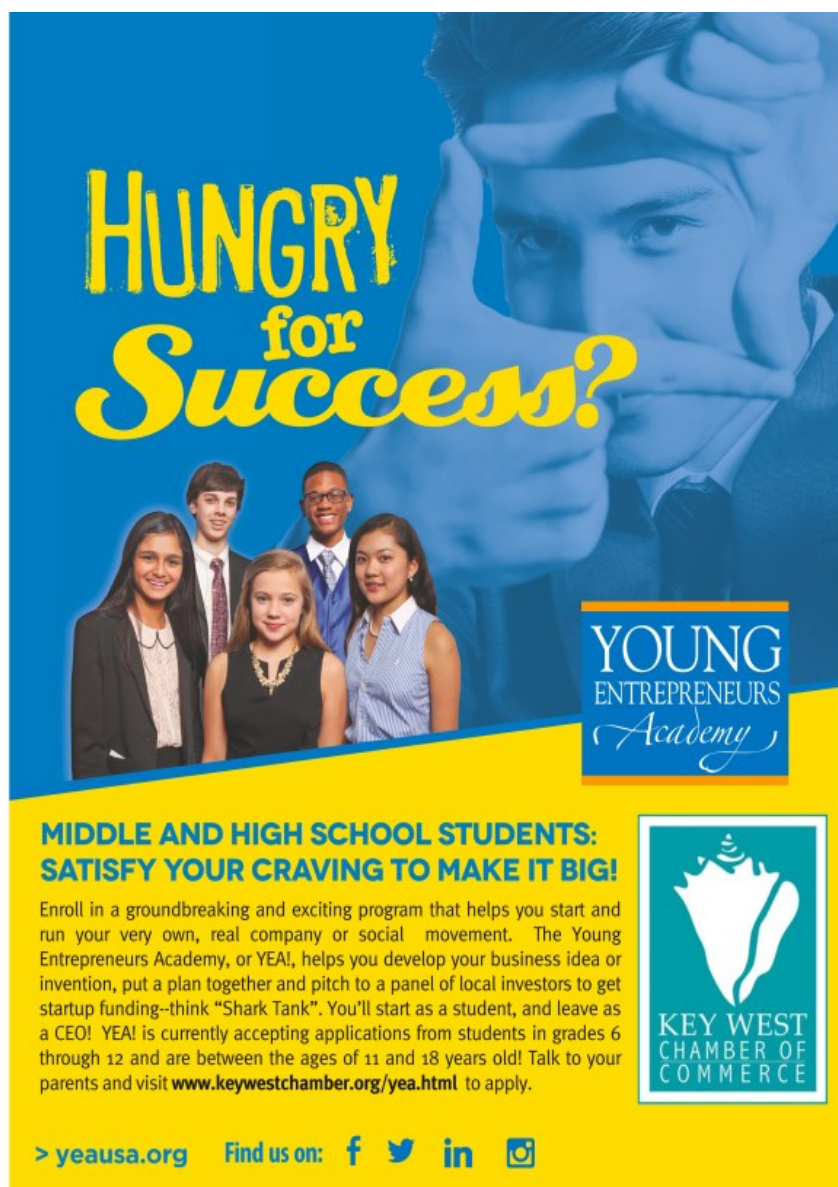
Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- 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.

Info/Activities




HUNGRY for Success?

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS Academy

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: SATISFY YOUR CRAVING TO MAKE IT BIG!

Enroll in a groundbreaking and exciting program that helps you start and run your very own, real company or social movement. The Young Entrepreneurs Academy, or YEA!, helps you develop your business idea or invention, put a plan together and pitch to a panel of local investors to get startup funding—think “Shark Tank”. You’ll start as a student, and leave as a CEO! YEA! is currently accepting applications from students in grades 6 through 12 and are between the ages of 11 and 18 years old! Talk to your parents and visit www.keywestchamber.org/yea.html to apply.

> yeausa.org Find us on: [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [i](#)



The KWHS Book Club will be hosting a book fair at Books N Books on Saturday, December 2nd!!



SCHEDULE A TIME



TO MEET WITH YOUR

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

YOU PICK THE TIME AND DAY.



*Counselors may be with other students during certain time periods, which could impact appointment availability.

KWHS School Counselors are now accepting student appointments. They may access the booking site via the QR code below and select their counselor and meeting type from a dropdown menu. This flyer has been posted throughout campus for ease of access. School counselors continue to be available for walk-ins before and after school, as well as during student lunches.

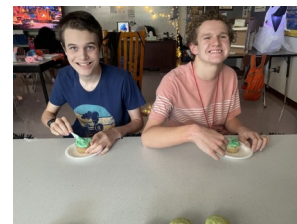
Please be mindful of unforeseen circumstances that may require appointments to be rescheduled, which will be communicated with as much notice as possible.

Info/Activities

#EndPolioNow



On Oct. 24, our students will have the option to participate in a Rotary International Service project to help eliminate polio. We are asking students to help by donating \$1.00 to Rotary to help vaccinate people worldwide against this disease. Students will have a chance to have their pinkie marked with a purple magic marker as a symbol of one child immunized. Permission forms are being sent home and only need to be returned if you do not want your child to participate.



Ms. Dannacker's class Monster Cupcake Bake!! The students are having fun celebrating Halloween all month.

Activites



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Congratulations to the Key West Marching Conchs who participated in The Lightning Tournament of Bands and won three top awards, including Best In Music, Best General Effect, and First Place for the entire 4A Division! The Marching Conchs performed their "Hits Across The Pond" set at the Lehigh Senior High School Center for the Arts, the same songs they will perform in London during the 2024 London's New Year's Day Parade. Job well done!

WE PROUDLY SPONSOR
Key West High School





2023

**4 ALL AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL
OFFICIAL SELECTIONS!**
**HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CONCH 5 STUDIOS!**

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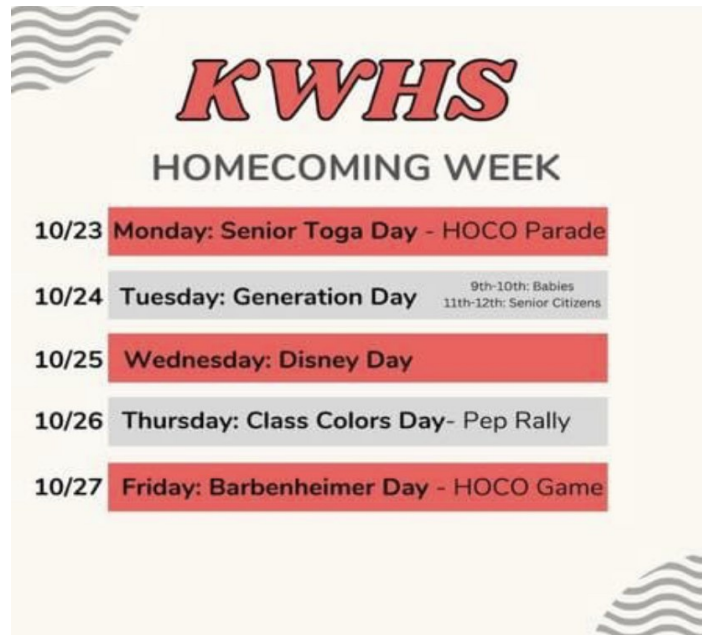
2024

DIRECTOR: WILLIAM FORBES, TAYLOR LARSEN, CLAYTON HILL, NICHOLE D'AMICO, ANGELINA DEAN, JACOB MULLIGAN, SHARONNE NICHOLS, NIKKI DELACAY, JAMIE THURSTON, TATE CARL, MONTY AMERSONCZAK, JUSTIN BOAL

Mr. Ed Smith will be traveling with a group of 11 talented students to New York City for The All American High School Film Festival this week!!! All of the students will be walking the red carpet in Time Square at the World's busiest movie theater "The AMC Time Square"! At this festival, the students are eligible for over \$500,000 in awards and scholarships! We have 4 Finalists!

We wish them luck and safe travels!!!

Information



Attention KWHS Students!

Homecoming Spirit Week has been planned!! See the schedule to the left ← on the themes each day! Let's celebrate a week of fun and spirit leading up to the BIG Homecoming Game and crowning of the Queen!!!



Important Dates for KWHS students!

If you have any questions about these dates, please email
Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com



- ◇ **November 6th**— Herff Jones will be presenting class ring information to Juniors during 4th period, and senior announcements information to Seniors during 3rd period in the auditorium
- ◇ **November 8th**— Herff Jones will be here for make up pictures/retakes for all students. There will be a \$15.00 retake fee. If a student needs a make up picture, they are already signed up. If a student wants a retake, they will need to email Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com to request a retake. All pictures will be taken in the auditorium. Mrs. Saunders will send out emails to all make up and retake students giving them their appointment time. Please tell students to check their emails at the beginning of November. Performance Groups will be taking their pictures also.
- ◇ **November 9th**— Herff Jones will be here to take Club Pictures in the gym. They will also take sports pictures in the courtyard for Fall and Winter sports.
- ◇ **November 14th & 15th**— Herff Jones will be on campus during the lunch shifts to take orders for class rings and senior announcements. They will also be taking orders in the library on both days from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

Information

KWHS HOMECOMING PARADE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 6:00PM

PLEASE COME OUT TO
SUPPORT OUR
BEAUTIFUL
HOMECOMING COURT,
OUR AMAZING
STUDENTS AND THE
FIGHTING CONCHS!!



The parade route will be different this year due to Tommy Roberts stadium under construction during this time. The staging of the flatbeds and the parade participants will be on Kennedy Drive in front of the stadium and the Aqueduct. The four lanes of Kennedy Drive will be shut down starting at 5:00pm to ensure safety to all high school students.

The parade will begin at 6:00pm and the route will be down Kennedy to Flagler, turn right on Flagler, head down Flagler towards Key West High School. The parade will end at Key West High School where the Spirit Night will begin in the Backyard. The community is encouraged to come out and support this annual extravaganza!



Activities



KWHS STUDENT
COUNCIL PRESENTS

Trunk or Treat

October 25 6-9pm K-12 AGES

Face Paint

Snow Cones

Best Costume:
\$50

Admission: \$3
2100 Flagler Ave
KWHS Parking Lot

Balloon
Animals

Popcorn

Best Car Prize:
\$100

Activities

Sponsored by:
KWHS Student Council

A Conch Fairytale

Saturday, October 28, 2023

7-10 PM

KWHS Courtyard

TICKETS - \$15 pre-sale & \$20 at the door

*** All KWHS attendees must show student ID at the door**



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Athletics



No Home Game this week!
The Fighting Conchs are
getting ready for next
week!!

KW NCHS ATHLETICS



KWHS Swim
competed against
Gulliver for their
District competition!



KWHS Golf
competed with
Marathon on
Monday!!



KWHS Cross
Country
compete at
the 305
Classic
today!!



Just keep
running!!!



KWHS V Volleyball
played their District
Quarterfinals on Tuesday
and their Semifinals on
Thursday!!

Good Luck Girls!!!

Activities

STAY INVOLVED!!!

SENIORS

- Senior Class of 2024 shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Daniella Barroso
Vice President— Monaya Carey
Secretary— Siena Wardlow
Treasurer— Scarlet Niles
Historian— Yani Nodal

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Carnetra Carey

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— Monaya Carey
Vice President— Daniella Barroso
Secretary— Siena Wardlow
Treasurer— Brooke Biskupich
Historian— Yani Nodal

Student Council sponsor: Ayesha Osborne

#CONCHSTRONG!!

JUNIORS

Class of 2025 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Junior is welcome to join!

President— Deanna Mercier
Vice President— Skye Sterling
Secretary— Haylee Brogli
Treasurer— Jada Franco
Historian— Peyton Zubieta

Class sponsor: Mrs. Kristen Condella

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2026 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Sophomore is welcome to join!

President— Jake Ferguson
Vice President— Whitney Nervilus
Secretary— Ava Rivera
Treasurer— Chloe Blackwell
Historian— Audrey Smith

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Paula Mercer

FRESHMEN

Class of 2027 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Freshmen is welcome to join!

President— Jordan Greene
Vice President— Victoria Gray
Secretary— Lily Smith
Treasurer— Josephine Clapp
Historian— Pilar Rivera

Class sponsor: Ms. Melissa Hargis

PROJECT SUCCESS



PREVENTION KWHS CONCHS

Project Success
Counselor—
Shain Cormack
Room 1-109

Parent Sign up—
Bronte.Walsh@Westcare.com

Upcoming Dates:

Project Success

A Partnership Program with KWHS

An evidence-based, school-based intervention focused on preventing and reducing substance abuse and other related high-risk behaviors among high-risk middle school and high school aged youth.

How youth succeed:

- ◆ Exploring positive coping skills
- ◆ Teaching students refusal skills
- ◆ Promoting healthy dynamics
- ◆ Providing tools for anger management
- ◆ Raising alcohol and other drugs perception of harm

The Format Includes:

- ◆ 7th and 9th grade prevention education series within the classrooms
- ◆ Individual sessions (6)—45 minute sessions
- ◆ Referral services for Therapy and Intervention Counseling with Guidance Care Center

Please see the Online
Prevention for Teens
located at the back of
this newsletter!!





RED RIBBON WEEK® OCT. 23-31 • WWW.REDRIBBON.ORG



PROJECT SUCCESS

Partnership with KWHS
Monroe County
Coalition, and
Guidance Care/Center

EVENTS

OCT. 23 WEAR RED

**SIGNING OF THE PLEDGE
@ LUNCH TO BE DRUG
FREE**

OCT. 27

**TOO BRIGHT FOR
DRUGS**

**Create Anti-Drug
Slogan Book Marks @
Lunch**

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23 – 31st

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23rd - October 31st each year.

This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free."

The theme is a reminder that we are all empowered with shaping the communities around us through positivity, bravery, and strength. We hope the theme encourages everyone to express themselves and their feelings no matter what.





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 Kugeares 4-111 Ledbetter 4-217	Mon/ Tues/Thurs Tue/Thur Tue
Science STEM	E. Smith 2-102 J. Smith 4-109	Mon/Fri Thur
ELA /SAT Prep	Estenoz 1-115	Thur/Sat (9:00-10:00am)
ELA	Rolison 4-203 Pitcher 4-230	Tue/Thur Tue/Thur
ELA Recovery/ FAST Prep	Kinnune 2-202	Tue/Thur
SAT Prep/ Chemistry/Physics	Nelson 1-208	Mon/ Thur
ELL Support	Nasser 2-206	Tue/ Thur
Math	Castro 4-220 (ELL) Hutman 4-229 (Alg 1 & Geo) Meeks 4-118 (Alg 2)	Tue Tue Tue/ Thur
ESE/ Career Support	Berenz 1-201	Tue/Thur
Use Your Words (Writing help)	Rein Media Center	Tue/ Thur
Cosmetology Students Only	Oropeza 1-133B	Mon (2:45-4:45)

**TEENS CAN
EARN AMAZON
GIFT CARDS
COMPLETING
ONLINE
PROGRAMS.**



EVIDENCE-BASED ONLINE DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ALCOHOL EDU

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY
\$25.00 Gift Card - 2.5 hrs.**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.**

ALCOHOL WISE

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.**

MARIJUANA WISE

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.**

NICOTINE 101

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.**

**SIGN UP: Bronte Walsh
bronte.walsh@westcare.com**

ALL STARS PREVENTION

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$25.00 Gift Card - 2.5 hrs.**

PARENT WISE PROGRAM

Parent Program \$25 Gift Card

**SIGN UP: Kayla Clark
Kclark@fkcs.org**



Community Day



2023

THE COLLEGE OF THE
FLORIDA KEYS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 10 AM - 2 PM
CFK KEY WEST CAMPUS

Live entertainment | Children's activities
Food & drinks | Academic showcases
Salute to Veterans | FREE t-shirts





EDUCATIONAL
TOURS

Will you join us in Italy & Spain?

Summer 2024

Interested?

Check out our tour enrollment page (a.k.a. home base) to enroll or to find even more information like our detailed itinerary, everything that's included, FAQs and more:

eftours.com/2603120TT

Or use your smartphone to scan the
QR code:



Enrollment deadline: October 6, 2023

Spots available: 10

Questions? Call EF's Traveler Support Team at
800-665-5364

Enroll by October 6 for \$100 off!

Some cool happenings over at the TIES building during the First Quarter....

A big shout of appreciation to **Keys Open Doors Foundation** for sponsoring our class for the entire school year! They are helping us purchase supplies, be out in the community practicing social and vocational skills while learning new things and hone our dining manners and expand our palates!

Another big shoutout to Montana Rose Busche, Bobby Whalen, John and Judy Correa, Lynn Gallagher, the Ramsingh family, Ann-Marie Thurber, and Ruth Coleman for your help getting us up and running. The year has started out smoothly because of your help and guidance. Thank you so very much from all of us at TIES.

Our wonderful nine-week adventures (yes, we really work hard too):



9/11 Memorial Ceremony Field Trip We were surprised and honored with the **Challenge Coin** from the city.



Plogging the Keys with the early birds on Friday mornings to "Pick up litter while jogging!" We happily walk.



Lunch at Azur – **first** olive, tomato and goat cheese tasting! Our **first** collection of spices. Isaiah's **first** pancake.



Conch Train adventure and visit to the Key West Aquarium. What a fun and informative adventure for all of us.



Thanks to Rod DeLostrinos and crew from the City of Key West for the bus presentation and tickets to ride!



Our morning walks bring us *The Star Spangled Banner* at 8:00am, rainbows, and fun places to sit and relax.