



# Weekly NEWSLETTER

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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.*



Key West High School wishes you and  
your family a Happy Thanksgiving!  
We are a blessed school and  
community!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS **NOVEMBER 2023**

November 20th-24th— No School—Thanksgiving  
Break



Thank you to the amazing Culinary Conchs for  
preparing the staff Thanksgiving Lunch!!  
It was fabulous!!

## KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram— [kwhs\\_news](#)

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!



Key West High School made the AP School Honor Roll for the 2022-23 school year with Bronze Recognition! Only 30% of eligible schools (private, public, and charter) across the US (including US territories) and Canada “are being recognized for their work creating AP programs that are delivering results for students while broadening access” and we are one of them!!! Congratulations to our students and teachers! Keep up the amazing work!



#### 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



Don't miss out on  
KWHS yearbooks!!

Purchases will be  
accepted now till the  
end of January!! Go to  
[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)  
and enter job# 17196



**The KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL sends their gratitude and many blessings to The Key West Rotary Club, Sigsbee Charter School, KWHS Clubs and classes, as well as everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are extremely grateful for all of you. Happy Thanksgiving from your family at Key West High School!**



KEY WEST ROTARY AND  
THE PERRY HOTEL & MARINA PRESENT

# The Holiday Lighted BOAT PARADE OF STOCK ISLAND

**DEC 8TH**  **5:30-9PM**

**AT THE PERRY HOTEL**

**BOAT SIGN UP**  
To register your boat for the parade or sponsor this event, contact Danielle at (845) 742-3843 or visit [keywestrotary.com](http://keywestrotary.com)

*Free Entry!*  
Enjoy live entertainment, taste holiday treats, take photos with Santa, and watch the lighted boat parade!

CASH PRIZES AND SUPRISE GIVEAWAYS FOR PARTICIPANTS!  
BEST BOAT UNDER 30': \$500 | BEST BOAT OVER 30': \$500 | BEST BOAT OVERALL: \$1000



A huge THANK YOU to The Rotary for their gift card donations to our Families receiving Thanksgiving baskets!!

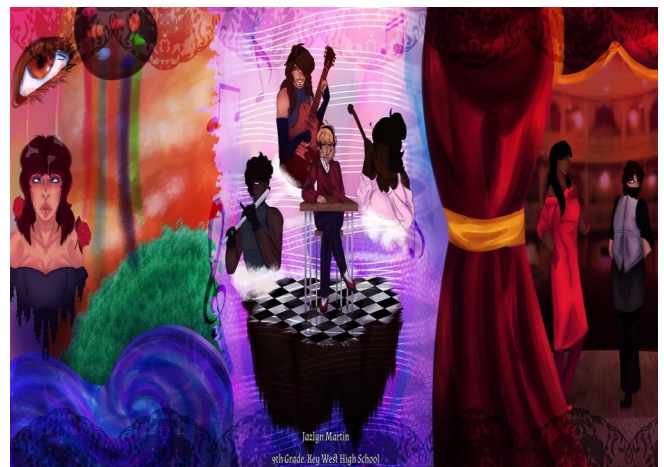
**KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL  
IN-STORE BOOKFAIR**  
@ Books & Books  
533 Eaton Street

**Saturday Dec. 2nd, 2023**

*View KWHS wishlist*

 Present this coupon at checkout on 12/2/23 and 10% of your purchase will go directly to Key West High School.



Key West High School, Conch 5 Studios Freshman, Jazlyn Martin Was awarded ALL FLORIDA for Digital Illustration. There were 1,216 entries across the state!!! Congratulations, Jazlyn!!

# *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



The girls cross country team placed 11th at Regionals, competing against the always tough competition in Region 2A. The girls ran incredibly well and accomplished seasons bests all around.

Caylaa Makimaa placed 12th overall with an incredible time of 19:53 and will be heading off to States in Tallahassee next week!!!



KWHS Boys Soccer play Somerset Silver Palms today!

KWHS Girls Weightlifting competed with Marathon on Wednesday! Get em, Girls!!



KWHS Girls Basketball played SLAM on Wednesday and Thursday!! Great start, Girls!!

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KWHS Girls Soccer play Fort Myers today and Lemon Bay on Saturday!



KWHS Cross Country will compete in States today!!



What an awesome Day it was for Conch Baseball! Today 4 Seniors, pictured left to right, Felix Ong, Jacob Burnham, Hunter White, and Anthony Lariz got to sign their Letters of Intent to their Future Colleges with all their Families, Teammates, Coaches, and Teachers in attendance.



## 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

# 2023-2024 SENIOR DATES



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
August 15, 2023	ALL DAY	Senior Pictures	Auditorium	Herff Jones
August 18, 2023	2:00pm	1st Pep Rally	Gym	Student Council
September 1, 2023	ALL DAY	College Color Day--wear college shirts or colors	Campus	n/a
August 28--September 1, 2023	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 5, 2023	ALL DAY	Voting for your Homecoming Court	History Classes	Mrs. Saunders
October 23, 2023	6:00pm	Homecoming Parade	KWHS	Mrs. Saunders
October 26, 2023	ALL DAY	Homecoming Queen Voting	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
October 26, 2023	2:00pm	Homecoming Pep Rally	Gym	Student Council
October 27, 2023	7:00pm	Homecoming Game & Crowning of the Queen	Backyard	Mrs. Saunders
October 28, 2023	TBD	Homecoming Dance	TBD	Student Council
November 14 & 15, 2023	lunch time & 5:30pm	Order Senior Announcements	Library	Herff Jones
November 8, 2023	ALL DAY	Senior Pictures--Make ups and Retakes	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
November 9, 2023	ALL DAY	Club Pictures and Sports Pictures	Gym/Courtyard	Mrs. Saunders
TBD	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	TBD	Junior/Senior Luau	TBD	Mrs. Carnetra /Mrs. Condella
TBD	ALL DAY	Junior/Senior Field Day	Backyard	Mrs. Carnetra /Mrs. Condella
May 16, 2024	ALL DAY	Last Day for Seniors	Campus	n/a
May 16, 2024	7th period	Ring of the Bell for Seniors	Courtyard (Bell)	KWHS
May 16, 2024	6:00pm	Senior Banquet	Cafeteria/Auditorium	Mrs. Carnetra/Mrs. Saunders
May 17, 2024	8:00am	Investiture Practice-- Cap & Gown Distribution	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
May 17, 2024	7:00pm	Investiture Ceremony-- Dress Code	Auditorium	Mrs. Saunders
May 19, 2024	11:00am	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	St. Mary's Church	n/a
May 19, 2024	11:00am	Baccalaureate-- Dress Code	5th Street Baptist Church	n/a
May 20, 2024	TBD	Prom	TBD	Mrs. Carnetra
May 22, 2024	6:00pm	Class Night-- Dress Code	Auditorium	Mrs. Estenoz
May 23, 2024	6:00pm	Graduation Practice	TBD	Mrs. Saunders
May 24, 2024	7:00pm	Graduation-- Dress Code	TBD	Mrs. Saunders

<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 due by the end of 2023. The 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 or by check made payable to "KWHS".