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Attendance Matters

As we move deeper into the second nine weeks, we want to remind our families about one of the most critical factors in academic success: consistent, on-time attendance. With the holiday season fast approaching, life gets busier and the temptation to take early days off grows. However, the weeks leading up to the end of the semester are essential. Our students are diving into key coursework, hands-on labs, and major assessments that directly impact their semester grades and Florida graduation requirements. Missing just two days a month adds up to missing nearly 10% of the school year, making it easy to fall behind in fast-paced high school classes. Punctuality is just as vital as daily attendance. Arriving late to first period disrupts learning, as students miss essential morning instruction and announcements that set the tone for the entire day.

How You Can Help:

- Protect Instructional Time: Please plan holiday travel and non-urgent appointments around official school break dates.
- Keep Morning Routines Steady: Maintaining consistent bedtimes and morning schedules helps students arrive on time and ready to learn.
- Communicate Early: If your student is facing transportation, health, or personal challenges, reach out to our office—we are here to support you!

Important Dates

10/28 - College Fair
10/30 - Blood Drive
11/10 - Progress Reports Posted
11/11 - Veterans Day - No School
11/17 - ASVAB - Sign up in Office
11/23-27 - Thanksgiving Break

College & Career Corner

The first round of college applications deadlines has already passed! The next ones are coming up quick, so make sure you are keeping up with all your deadlines!

The Bright Futures and FAFSA Applications are open! Don't miss out on these scholarship opportunities!

Interested in a Military Career? CSHS is offering the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery), a career and aptitude test that helps students explore their strengths, identify potential career paths, and determine eligibility for military service. Students interested in taking the ASVAB can sign up in the Front Office!

Job and community service opportunities, and scholarships are being posted to the Canes Counselor Google Classroom. Make sure you join so you don't miss out!

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Supporting Our Families: Holiday Resources & Year-Round Community Services

As the holiday season approaches, we know that this time of year can bring unique joys as well as additional financial and emotional strains for many of our local families. Our top priority is ensuring that every student and family in our school community feels supported, nourished, and cared for. If your family is currently navigating difficult times, please know that you are not alone and that there is no shame in reaching out for help—we are here for you.

Thanksgiving Meals

To help support our families this season, Island Community Church is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner on Tuesday evening, November 24. Their church family will be preparing and delivering individually boxed Thanksgiving dinners directly to homes throughout the Upper Keys, from mile marker 110 down to mile marker 50. This service is open to any family who may not have access to a holiday meal or who would simply be blessed by receiving one. Please be assured that your family's privacy and dignity are fully respected—all information submitted is strictly confidential and used solely for meal coordination. If you or a family you know could benefit, please submit a request by Thursday, November 20 by visiting islandcommunitychurch.org, scanning the QR code below, or emailing churchinfo@islandcommunitychurch.org (please get permission before submitting on behalf of another family).

Year-Round On-Campus Food Pantry

In addition to holiday assistance, our school maintains an active on-campus food pantry to support students and families throughout the entire school year. Participating students are provided with a weekly bag of groceries to take home. If your family would like to receive pantry services or learn more about the program, please contact Catherine Lozano directly at catherine.lozano@keysschools.com.

Additional Family Support & Resources

Challenges come in many forms, and we want you to know that help is always available. If your family is experiencing other needs beyond food assistance—whether related to clothing, school supplies, housing, or seasonal resources—please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We will always do our absolute best to connect you with community partner organizations and local support networks to ensure you get the assistance you need.



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Hurricane Spotlights

Congratulations to the 26-27 Competition Cheer Team!

Kaylee Alana
Khloye Baker
James Blanco
Jyoti Butler
Valeria Correa
Maya Garcia
Cici Jimenez
Lily Macheado
Kaelyn McMahon
Scotland McNew
Aimee Paez
Aubree Rodriguez
Milliany Rodriguez
Lilliany Rodriguez
Emely Sanchez
Evelyn Sanchez Corona
Tsunami Sumlin

Coral Shores High School Teacher of the Year

Please join us in celebrating Kelsey Shannon, our Media Specialist, who has been named the Coral Shores Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Shannon was selected for her dedication to making our media center an engaging, fun, and safe welcoming space for everyone on campus. From leading hands-on lessons for students to training staff on the latest classroom technology, her support touches every corner of our school community. Thank you, Mrs. Shannon, for all you do to support, empower, and inspire our students and staff every day!

Coral Shores Lady Canes Varsity Volleyball UNDEFETEAD!!! Great job Lady Canes!

Alejandra Aguila
Alex Burson
Marina Daniel
Coralyn Frimpter
Lela Goodrich
Addison Grady
Madelynn Jordan
Abby Leigh
Eliyana McLeod
Kyla Myers
Jillian Thiery
Bella Villalba
Miracle Woods



Monroe County School District Celebrates Statewide Academic Excellence!

The Monroe County School District has been named an Academically High-Performing School District by the Florida State Board of Education, a prestigious distinction awarded to just 18 of Florida's 67 school districts. This honor recognizes districts that demonstrate strong academic achievement, sound financial practices, and a continued commitment to student success.

Special Olympics Power Lifting team competed at Regionals!

Congratualtions to our Athletes:
Ian Ward
Derick Spells
Gordon Gomila





Coral Shores Sustainability Club

Our new Sustainability Club is making a difference through student leadership and action! Founders Abbie Andersen and Jaida Greenwald are leading the efforts. The club has toured the Pembroke Pines Recycling Center, launched weekly recycling efforts, and educated faculty on proper recycling practices. The club encourages repurposing materials and is working collaboratively with Mrs. DeSantis. Next up, students are taking their environmental efforts even further with a school composting project with culinary food waste! These student leaders are inspiring positive change throughout our school community!

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High School Musical is coming to Coral Shores!

Congratulations to the cast of this Spring's Drama Club Production!
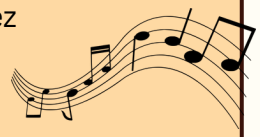


Main Cast

Troy Bolton: Jeremiah Ortiz | **Gabriella Montez**: Shelly Predraza Gonzalez
Sharpay Evans: Kioki Algaze | **Ryan Evans**: Garrett Gomila
Chad Danforth: Troy Register | **Taylor McKessie**: Sophia Ramey
Kelsi Neilson: Kristine Zapata Grullon | **Martha Cox**: Olivia Gonzalez
Zeke Baylor: Xavier Klopp |
Coach Bolton: Nate Garbutt | **Jack Scott**: Gabriel Gonzalez
Jason / Jacey: Jyoti Butler | **James / Jamie**: Emma Stanfill
Susan: Eloise Carter | **Cathy**: Emily Hurt
Alan / Alana: Jahniya Ferrell | **Cyndra**: Charlie Torres
Kratnoff: Emily Wilson | **Ripper**: Aiden Ferraro
Mongo: Bailey Robertson | **Ms. Tenny**: Julia Rusch
Karaoke MC: Ismael Moreno | **Decathlon Moderator**: Alejandro Ravelo Gonzalez
Ensemble: Marin Moody, Peyton Howlett, Bailey Zepeda, Anjali Butler, Stella Sgroi, Kaelyn McMahon, Lily Machado, Passion Canton, Angelina Ravelo Gonzalez

Understudy Cast

Troy Bolton: Troy Register | **Gabriella Montez**: Kaelyn McMahon
Sharpay Evans: Emily Hurt |
Chad Danforth: Garrett Gomila | **Taylor McKessie**: Anjali Butler
Kelsi Neilson: Aiden Ferraro | **Martha Cox**: Peyton Howlett
Zeke Baylor: Nate Garbutt | **Ms. Darbus**: Angelina Ravelo Gonzalez
Coach Bolton: Marin Moody | **Jack Scott**: Ismael Moreno
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Unity Day

Students and staff dressed in vibrant orange to celebrate Unity Day, coming together as a school community to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. By wearing orange, everyone united to send a clear, powerful message that every individual belongs and is supported.









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Halloween Happenings

Supporting Coral Shores Seniors: The Indian Mound Cemetery Haunted House

Coral Shores High School staff members Todd and Lisa Gideon are once again hosting their annual Indian Mound Cemetery Haunted House at their home in Islamorada! Built with the help of a dedicated crew of volunteer teachers, friends, and neighbors, this spooky walkthrough is a beloved community tradition that raises money directly for the Coral Shores High School Faculty Scholarship Fund to help graduating seniors go to college.

Come out, enjoy the frightful fun, and support a great cause for our students!

- Location: 160 Iroquois St., Islamorada
- Date & Time: Halloween Night (Saturday, Oct. 31), beginning at sunset
- Donations: Accepted at the gate or via QR code to benefit student scholarships.

To read the full article about the Gideons and their haunted house, check out the story on Upper Keys Weekly (Page 26).





Trick or Treat for UNICEF

This Halloween, our Coral Shores Key Club members are taking trick-or-treating to a higher level! They will be participating in the annual Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign, collecting monetary donations to support children in Africa.

Every dollar collected helps provide essential, life-saving resources—including clean water, nutrition, vaccines, and educational materials—to vulnerable children and families in need.

Keep an eye out for our Key Club volunteers this Halloween, and please consider contributing to help our students make a global impact!

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Community Food Pantries and Meals

First Baptist Islamorada



Tuesdays
10:00 – 12:00
& 4:45 – 6:00

81201 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036

305-306-7842

Burton Methodist Church



Monday & Wednesday morning
9:00 to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday night
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

93001 Overseas Highway
Tavernier, FL 33070

(305) 852-2581

St. Justins Key Largo run by SOS



Mondays
1:30 – 5:00

105500 Overseas Hwy
Key Largo, FL

305-451-1316 Church
305-292-3013. SOS

School Supports & Resources





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2026 - 2027 VARSITY FOOTBALL

CORAL SHORES VS COCOA BEACH

OCT. 30 • KICKOFF AT 7:00PM

Friendly Reminders:

Elementary and Middle school students MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times.

If you leave the game, you will NOT be allowed to re-enter.

Students may not bring outside food or drinks.

No backpacks or bags allowed.

PURCHASE TICKETS ONSITE, VISIT GOFAN.CO, OR SCAN THE QR CODE: