



CFK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Attention Tugas! See flyer for class rings at the end of this newsletter!

Cleaning the Keys

By: Diyari Cooper

On February 20, CFKA junior and senior leadership students and community volunteers gathered at Smathers Beach for the 3rd Annual "Clean the Keys for Fentanyl Awareness" event. Students worked together with "Mona's Light" and Mayor DeeDee Henriquez to collect trash off the beach such as bottles and wrappers, making the beach cleaner and safer. The day was productive. Afterwards, students celebrated with sweets and left proud of the positive impact they had on the community.



Junior class posing with Mayor DeeDee Henriquez



Junior class ladies cleaning the beach.

Upcoming Dates

By: Carmela Liebel



- February 27 - Seaside Soiree (CFK fundraiser)
- March 2 - Florida Youth Survey
- March 6 - NHS Induction Ceremony @3:00 p.m.; CFK Library
- March 9 - PAC Meeting @2:35p.m.
- March 12 - SAT Grades 11/12; End of Quarter 3
- March 13 - No school
- March 16 to 20 - Spring Break
- March 25 - PSAT Grades 9/10
- March 26 - Report Cards
- March 27-CFK 60th Anniversary Party @ Fort East Martello 6-10 p.m.



S.O.S. Foundation Visit

By: Carmela Liebel

On February 18, Grace Burrows from the S.O.S. Foundation came into Mr. Hughes's class and explained to us what they do, and how it helps with increasing equitable food access. This foundation plays a big role in reducing poverty and providing food to many families, seniors and individuals facing financial problems. S.O.S. gives many people access to nutritious foods to help maintain a good diet while providing wellness.



Friday Finale

By: Sophie Herrera

Every other Friday, students are nominated by teachers for “5-minute awards.” Last week’s winners were: Macey Carey, the “James Bond” Award, Catheryn Miller, the “Kindness When Needed” Award, Matthew Gomez, the “Humble Hotshot” Award, and Aaliyah Morffi Gonzalez, the “Positive Attitude” Award. Congratulations students!



Club Updates

By: Isabelle Coller

The **Art Club** attended a watercolor class on February 26 at the Key West Art Center. **NHS** met on February 20 for their tapping ceremony, and they’re meeting again on March 6 for their Induction Ceremony.

The **Drama club** met on February 17, 19, and the 24 to continue rehearsals to prepare for the student showcase.

Academic Challenge met on February 23 to continue practicing.

The **Interact Club** met on February 19 and planned Saint Patrick’s day activities.



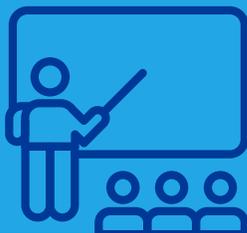
What’s Happening In Our Classes?

By: Jonathan Downing

Digital Media: Students are doing a practice test for their Gmetrix exams. If students pass, they can earn up to \$300!

Journalism: Students are cranking out the bi-weekly newsletter. They will finish the year book in a few weeks. Don’t forget to buy one!

Entrepreneurship: The students in Entrepreneurship are studying for the business exams. If they pass, they can earn up to \$300!



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CREATED BI-WEEKLY IN
JOURNALISM
CLASS

Sports Corner

Upcoming Sports

By: Asia Leatherwood

KWHS Girls Lacrosse

Game Schedule:

2/27 at 4:00 pm

3/3 at 3:30 pm

3/6 at 4:00 pm

KWHS Boys Lacrosse

Game Schedule:

2/26 at 4:00 pm

3/4 at 4:00 pm

3/11 at 4:00 pm



Did you know students Dominik Galaz and Damarla Thompson (Juniors) are participating in track for the KWHS team?



Also, students Ryleigh Shaw and Alex Tolis (Freshmen) are playing softball and baseball for the city leagues.





Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher

Hello CFKA Parents,

As we move further into the semester, we are implementing a new policy to ensure our families are fully supported and informed regarding the Dual Enrollment process. Effective immediately, all new Dual Enrollment students must have a parent or guardian attend a New Enrollment Meeting. We will cover the specific policies, procedures, and long-term academic impacts of college coursework. Understanding these rules early is the best way to protect your student's college GPA. College timelines move much faster than high school schedules. Please be aware of the following:

- Students only have a one-week window at the start of the semester to drop a course without it appearing on their permanent college transcript.
- If a student withdraws after the first week but before the deadline, a "W" appears on their transcript. If this happens due to a specific event (illness or realizing the fit isn't right), it typically will not hurt future university applications. A "W" in a critical prerequisite or major-related course is more concerning to college admission officers than one in a non-major elective.
- Withdrawing outside the window while failing results in a WF. This is viewed as a failing grade (0.0 GPA). This is a major red flag for university admissions, especially if the course is a major-specific prerequisite.

We want our students to persevere when a course gets difficult. Before considering a withdrawal, students should:

1. Talk to the professor immediately if they are struggling with the material.
2. Utilize peer tutoring, professor office hours, and the CFK library.
3. Students must check their CFK email daily. This is the only way the college communicates deadlines and warnings.

Dual Enrollment is a wonderful opportunity to get ahead, but it requires a high level of responsibility. Let's work together to keep our students on the path to success.



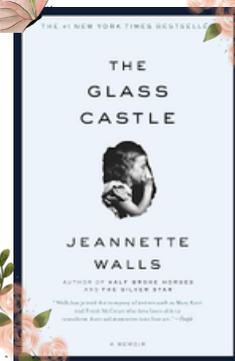
Book Review: *The Glass Castle*

By: Jayla Hobbs

In Dr. Drewel's classroom, several students are reading *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. In this memoir, Walls writes about her nomadic childhood. She reflects on her father, Rex, a smart but unfaithful man, and her mother, Rose Mary, an aspiring artist who rejects the idea of domesticity. Despite her difficult childhood, Walls grew up to be a successful writer and turned her bad experiences into a #1 New York Times best-selling memoir. *The Glass Castle* is recommended to help students understand poverty and resilience.



(Left to Right) Katelynn Norris, Melody McRoy, and Summer Bailey, who are reading Walls' memoir (See review below)



The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls



Student Showcase Notice

By: Maceyva Carey

CFKA's very first student showcase will occur on April 3, 2026. Make sure to save the date to see our auction items and our rising stars!



The Glass Castle: Student Reviews

By: Jayla Hobbs

Sophomores Melody McRoy, Katelynn Norris, and Summer Bailey (see picture above) were asked what they like most about *The Glass Castle*. Melody said, "I like how the chapters build off of each other, without one chapter jumping over to an unrelated topic." Katie said, "I like Rex's invention ideas and how something crazy is always happening." Summer said, "I'm interested to find out how the Walls' persevere."

NHS Tapping Ceremony

By: Macey Carey

On February 20, new members of the National Honor Society were formally invited into the club by being “tapped” by Vice President Carson Crockett. Being tapped is a tradition where current members officially notify, congratulate, and welcome new inductees. Candidates will be formally welcomed into the group by all officers and members on March 6, 2026 in the Induction Ceremony (see information to the right). Congratulations to the tapped NHS Candidates!

CFKA Invites you to the
National Honor Society
 Induction Ceremony

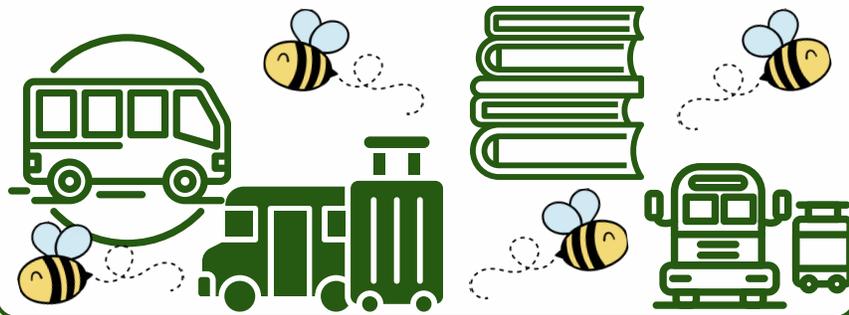
Friday March 6th
 3:00 - 3:45
 In the CFK Library




Field Trip Planning

By: Macey Carey

CFKA has recently expanded its travel capabilities with the anticipated arrival of our three new vans (see article to the right). PAC President Amy Andrade is gathering student interest to determine three possible field trips that will be held on April 10 and 24. Stay tuned for more information!



New Vans

By: Jazzmyn Carr



CFK Academy now has three passenger vans! These vans will be used for field trips and other activities.



CFKA's brand new travel vans.

Sweetheart or Not Dance

By: Macey Carey

On Friday, February 13, CFKA held their annual ‘Sweetheart or Not’ dance party. Students dressed to impress with their extravagant outfits, enjoyed the sweets, and showed off their good moves on the dance floor. The dance was a social success where the students, staff, and guests enjoyed the night. Thank you Student Council for creating this event!



Chaperones posing for their sweetheart picture



(To the left) Koa Quiring and Noelia Perez winning best dressed couple, (To the right) The well-dressed Melody McRoy and her date



Students enjoying themselves at their table



CFK Academy

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YOUR CLASS RING

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*ONLY FOR STYLES THAT INCLUDE SCHOOL INITIALS



CLUBS

March 2026

Mondays

Academic Challenge 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30

Tuesdays

Music 3/3, 3/24

Bible Study 3/3, 3/24

Drama 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31

Thursdays

Interact 3/5, 3/26

Art 3/12

Fridays

Student Council 3/27

NHS 3/6



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CFK Academy

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oceans.

Event Details:

Dates: Saturday , February
14th, 21st, and 28th

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Silent World Dive
Center in Key Largo, Florida

Cost and Gear:

Your spot on the boat is
covered!

Silent World will supply ALL
gear

A \$35 donation per person to
help support our mission



Scan the QR Code to sign up!
Or call Silent World Dive Center
directly at (305) 451-3252 to
secure your spot!

Please note: Silent World crew members work
for tips. Gratuities are always appreciated for
their time and dedication.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

March 7th - 8th, 2026

Oceans Edge Resort & Marina - Key West Florida

- Earn community service hours
- Support a great cause – The National Pediatric Cancer Foundation
- FREE entry to Sunday's event
- Experience some of the best BBQ in the nation
- Meet top BBQ & outdoor social media creators & influencers
- Be part of an unforgettable Key West event!

Spots are limited, so sign up now!

