

# AAST NEWSLETTER

February 19 - February 23, 2024

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

ACT Test  
February 27

Robotics  
March 7 - 9 Anderson  
March 21 - 23 N. Charleston

HOSA SLC  
March 13 - 15

Art Show  
March 14

CyberPatriot Finals  
March 15

TSA State Conference  
March 22 - 24

Beta Club Talent Show  
March 26

WIN Testing  
March 26

HCS Tech Fair  
March 27

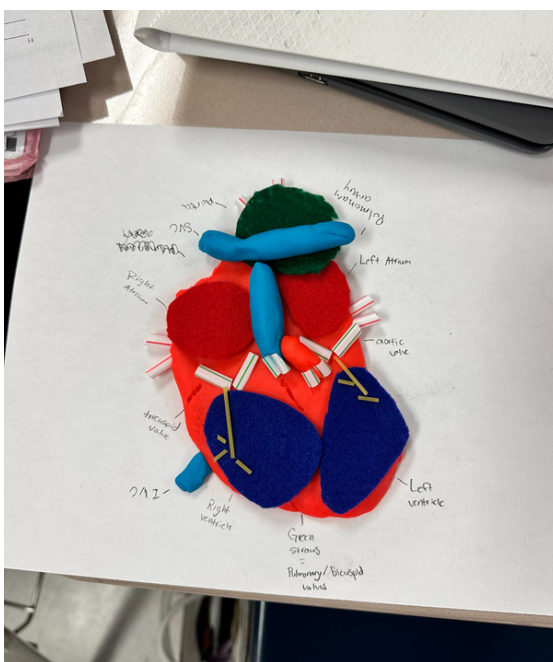
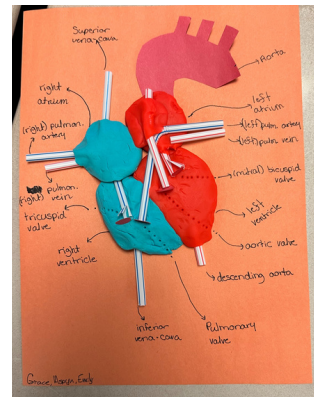
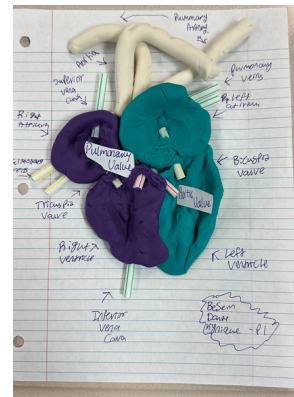
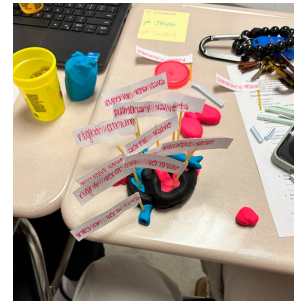
Teddy Bear Clinic and Koi Fest  
March 28

Spring Break  
March 29 to April 8

Spring Gala  
April 19

Senior Ceremony  
May 29, 7:00 pm  
MBHS Auditorium

## Health Science Students Create Heart Models



Ms. Fletcher's Health Science 3 students created models of the heart using Play-Doh, pasta, construction paper, printer paper, and felt. This allowed them to be able to create a visual representation of the heart and understand how blood flows through it. They also labeled each part of the heart, including valves and chambers, to reinforce their learning!

AAST on the Web!  
Stay Connected!



## AAST Students Named National Merit Semifinalists



Two AAST students have been named National Merit Finalists! Congratulations to (from left) Dylan Foster and Isabella Markunas!

## AAST Rookie Teacher of the Year, Stephen Sodano!



Congratulations to AAST's Rookie Teacher of the Year, Mr. Stephen Sodano!

## Guest Speaker: John Antonetti



On Wednesday, John Antonetti visited AAST to work with our wonderful staff on student engagement. John Antonetti is the best-selling author of *17,000 Classroom Visits Can't Be Wrong*. He has spent the better part of his career studying and researching what increases cognitive and intellectual engagement for students in real-world classrooms through direct observation and interviews with students. We were blessed and privileged to have such a dynamic educator share his work and research with us!

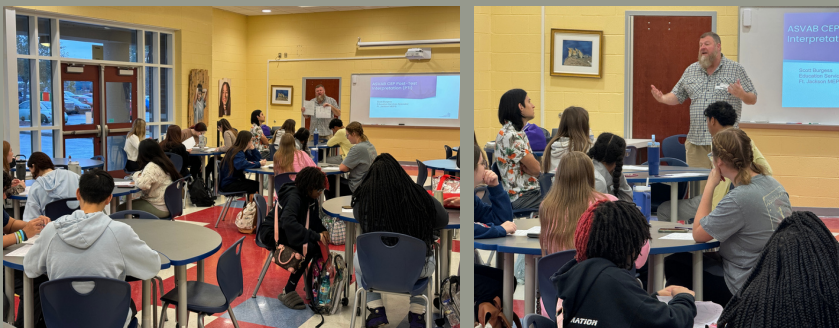
## Students Compete in AviCom Aviation Competition



Four Aerospace Engineering students, Albert Carter, Aiden Dean, Wyatt King, and Noah Lester, recently visited the Challenger Learning Center in Columbia, SC. They participated in the AviCom aviation competition, which encompasses aircraft recognition, airman knowledge, and the creation of a team flight plan to apply the concepts learned during their piloting endeavors.



## ASVAB Interpretation



ASVAB results are in! This week, students received their personalized score sheets, revealing their strengths in areas like math, science, and technical skills. Students worked with a visiting counselor to understand their scores and explore exciting career paths aligned with their unique talents. However, the ASVAB is just one piece of the puzzle used to unlock their potential and map their future success!

# AROUND AAST

## AAST Beta Club Talent Show

March 26th, 2024  
6:00 to 7:30

All proceeds will be donated to the  
Make-a-Wish Foundation



\$5 for 12 and up, \$3 for under.



# ATTENTION

**THE ACT WILL BE  
ADMINISTERED  
ON TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 27.**

SCDNR is planning on doing a controlled burn along International Drive starting at 8 am Monday 2/26 and concluding Friday, March 1. They will be shutting down International Drive from Highway 90 to Ocean Bay Middle School.

## CLASSIC @ THE AAST LIBRARY



## Whalefall by Daniel Kraus

Jay Gardiner has given himself a fool's errand—to find the remains of his deceased father in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Monastery Beach. He knows it's a long shot, but Jay feels it's the only way for him to lift the weight of guilt he has carried since his dad's death by suicide the previous year.

The dive begins well enough, but the sudden appearance of a giant squid puts Jay in very real jeopardy, made infinitely worse by the arrival of a sperm whale looking to feed. Suddenly, Jay is caught in the squid's tentacles and drawn into the whale's mouth where he is pulled into the first of its four stomachs. He quickly realizes he has only one hour before his oxygen tanks run out—one hour to defeat his demons and escape the belly of a whale.

# BUY YOUR YEARBOOK LIKE, NOW

**Yearbooks are on sale until February 23rd . They are \$75 dollars. [Click here to purchase your yearbook online!](#)**

Click the links below to learn more about AAST's plans to keep our koi safe!

[Standard Response Protocol for Parents \(English\)](#)

[Standard Response Protocol for Parents \(Spanish\)](#)

[School Safety Poster](#)

**SAFETY  
FIRST**

## Guidance Information

For up to date scholarship information, [click here!](#) You can also find this link on your grade level Google Classroom!

It is time to schedule your student's Senior Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meeting! During this meeting, we will discuss college applications, post-secondary plans, scholarships, and remaining graduation requirements. The meeting should last no longer than 30 minutes. Please contact your student's school counselor to schedule a meeting. You can also contact Ms. Moore at the front desk to schedule an appointment.