

# AAST NEWSLETTER

May 6 - May 10, 2024

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

New Junior Orientation  
May 16

Senior Exams  
May 20 - 21

Senior Ceremony  
May 29, 7:00 pm  
MBHS Auditorium

Senior Awards  
May 23, 6:00 pm

Senior Day  
May 23

US History EOCT  
May 30

Junior Exams  
June 4-5



## Mastery Season In Full Swing

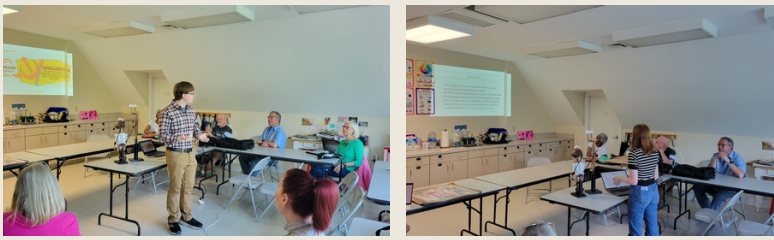


Senior Mastery season at AAST is underway this week. Seniors from every major have demonstrated dedication and accomplishments during their tenure at the Academy. The AAST experience culminates in a Senior Exhibition of Mastery, where students present their research findings and innovative projects to a panel comprising teachers, peers, and community members.

AAST on the Web!  
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## Arts and Craft Guild Presentations



Advanced Art seniors Lindsey Beam, Drew Bellah, and Allison Colquett presented their Senior Mastery projects to the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild.



## AAST Students Acting at Their Base Schools



At AAST, we encourage our students to participate in activities at their base school. Recently, a number of our students acted in *Beauty and the Beast* at NMB High and *Bright Star* at Conway High. Great job!

## Art Fields in Lake City, SC

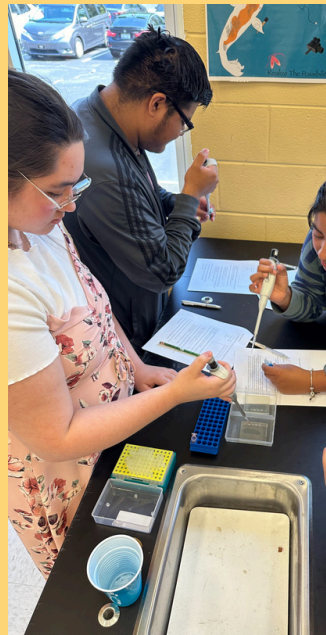
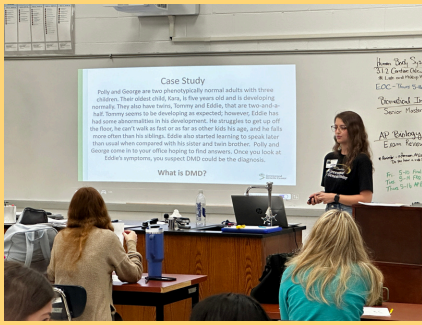


Students in Advanced Art, Web and Digital Design, and Global Logistics visited Lake City for the yearly Art Fields art show and competition. Drew Bellah was awarded Third Place in the secondary division (9-12) and Jasmine Wedge the Student's Choice Award (9-12). Congratulations!



Mrs. Watson's Pharmacology for Medical Careers Honors class students completed a sterile compounding lab, creating an IV Piggyback (IVPB). Students "garbed up" to practice withdrawing liquid from a vial and ampule, injected it into IVPB bags, and used filter needles and various sizes of syringes. IVPB is a method of medication administration commonly used for medical treatments, especially antibiotics; small volumes of intravenous solution are given by intermittent infusion. IVPB Medication is administered via secondary IV tubing connected to the primary tubing.

## Greenwood Genetics Mobile Science Lab



Greenwood Genetics Mobile Science Lab visited AAST this week. Students tested crackers labeled non-GMO to see if they did contain GMOs (Creating and Detecting GMOs). Also, students diagnosed a patient with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and created a pedigree to show the inheritance pattern (Diagnosing Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy).

## HCFD Visits AAST



On Wednesday, Mrs. McCallum's EMS 2 class gained a first-hand look at life-saving careers with guest speakers from the Horry County Fire Department (HCFD) EMS unit. The students explored ambulance equipment, learned about daily operations, and discussed career opportunities within emergency medical services. The visit, aimed at enhancing their understanding of EMS roles and responsibilities, highlighted the extensive training and dedication required to work in this vital field.

## HCS Immunization Information

### HCS IMMUNIZATION REMINDERS for 2024-25



**PROVIDE UPDATED RECORD TO SCHOOL**  
You **MUST** provide your child's school with a copy of their updated SC Certificate of Immunization or SC Exemption.

Per SC Law, this document must be provided within 30 days of enrollment for your child to attend school. After 30 days, your child will not be allowed to remain in school (these are unlawful absences).

#### UPCOMING IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

**WHO:** DHEC is offering clinics for students in grades 5K-12 to receive vaccines that are needed to attend school.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 7 - Thursday, May 16  
Tuesday, June 4 - Tuesday, June 18 - Tuesday, June 25  
Tuesday, July 2 - Tuesday, July 9 - Tuesday, July 23

**HOW:** Call 1-855-472-3432 (SC DHEC appointment line) to make an appointment for your child.

**WHERE:** Myrtle Beach Health Department, 700 21st Ave N, MB, SC 29577

**WHAT TO BRING:** Any previous Immunization Records, if available. Insurance information, if applicable.



#### SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT WITH PEDIATRICIAN

Schedule an appointment with your child's healthcare provider **NOW** to avoid the back-to-school rush if your child needs a well-visit or vaccine ahead of the upcoming school year.

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#### RIISING 7th GRADE STUDENTS NOTICE

Attention Parents of rising 7th Grade Students: All students entering 7th grade are required to have a Tdap Booster administered at age 10 or older.

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Please contact your child's healthcare provider with questions regarding immunizations and medical records.

For questions about your child's Immunization Record on file at school, please reach out to your child's school nurse.

More info @ [www.scdhec.gov/health/vaccinations/childcare-school-vaccine-requirements](http://www.scdhec.gov/health/vaccinations/childcare-school-vaccine-requirements)

## Teacher Appreciation Week

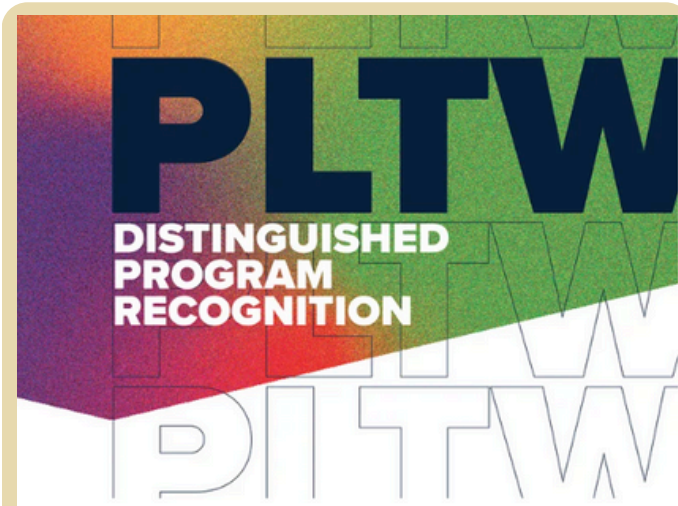


Thank you to our wonderful Parent Involvement Committee and Student Council for the morning breakfast and treats as part of Teacher Appreciation Week!

# AROUND AAST



**"If you see something, say something.@"**  
HCS is committed to providing our students and staff members with a safe and secure learning environment.



**Congratulations AAST on being recognized as a 2023-24 PLTW Distinguished High School!**



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](#)

## School Nurse Appreciation Day



May 8, 2024 was National School Nurse Day! We honor more than 95,000 school nurses in the US and our dedicated school nurses in HCS, including our very own Susan Knight, who makes a difference in the lives of children every day! School nurses lead the way to advance health and support education by ensuring that students are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Thank you to Nurse Susan Knight who works daily to keep our students and staff safe and healthy at AAST. We appreciate you!

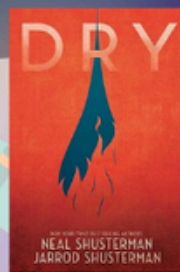
## Important Attendance Information

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. Many students have exceeded the allowable number of unexcused absences. Check your Power School Parent and Student accounts!

Attendance recovery begins April 15th, 2024. Sessions will be from 2:45 - 3:15 pm in the Media Center after school. Two sessions = 1 block attendance recovery.

Many base schools also offer attendance recovery options and opportunities.

For questions, please contact Connie Grant [cgrant@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:cgrant@horrycountyschools.net)



**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ THIS SCHOOL YEAR? JOIN THE 24-25 HCS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!**