

AAST NEWSLETTER

August 21st - August 25th, 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Underclassmen
Makeup Picture Day
August 28

Labor Day Weekend
No School
September 4

College Application
Day
September 22

Senior Makeup
Picture Day
September 26

Safety Drills will be
conducted next week.
This includes an
intruder drill on
Friday, September 1st.

Safety Info

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](#)

Welcome Back!



Welcome to the 2023-24 academic year at AAST! We extend a warm welcome to both the incoming junior class and the returning senior class. We are thrilled to have you all join us and are excited to witness the amazing possibilities that each of you will achieve. Your journey at AAST will be filled with growth, learning, and opportunities to shine. We look forward to supporting you every step of the way.

AAST on the Web!
Stay Connected!





Lindsey Poston - Math



Patricia Bean - Bookkeeper



Alexander Davenport - Science



Kristi Tuzenew - Technology Support Assistant



Scott Cyganiewicz - Pre-Medicine



Madison Baldwin - ML Teacher



Jonathan Tedeton-Johnson - Curriculum Coach



Helen Jefferson - Custodial



Pam Jackson - Math



Tabitha Barnes - Job Coach

AAST Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

There are many new faces around the koi pond this year as AAST welcomes 13 new faculty and staff members. We're so excited for them join our already amazing group of educators!



Susan Knight - Nurse



Stephen Sodano - Science



Jennifer Hewitt - English

In Case You Missed It...

Right: Aerospace Engineering Team POTATO traveled to the Kennedy Space Center for the Awards Ceremony and presentation of their Plant the Moon Project. This was their prize for being the Overall High School Winner for the southeast region! They even got to meet astronaut, Kathryn Thornton!



From left: Julia Cortese, Daniel Aldana, Jackson Sauls, and Joseph Angelino



From left: Ross White, Matthew Ing, Drake Rhoades, Isla Kirton, Jaelyn Shelley, Grace Hains, and Chloe Scarborough

Left: From June 20-25, seven AAST Class of 22-23 Pre-Med seniors traveled to Dallas to compete in the HOSA International Leadership Conference. They competed in their events and had a great time visiting the city of Dallas. They even took a tour of the Dallas Cowboys stadium! Congratulations!

Right: The AAST Technology Student Association traveled to Louisville, Kentucky this past week for the annual TSA National Conference. Four AAST students competed in multiple events throughout the 4 day conference and participated in leadership training. Congratulations to Tristan Blackmon (fourth from left) for finishing in the top 10 in the nation for Audio Podcasting.



From left: Aiyanna Green, Cameron Bell, Tristan Blackmon and Brayden Liesfeld

AAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

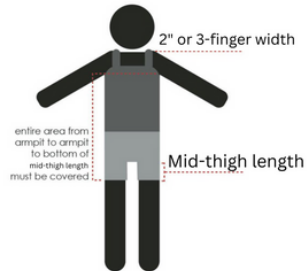
Need to Know @ AAST

AAST DRESS CODE

- Hats, hoods, and sunglasses are prohibited inside school buildings.
- The possession of all gang related bandanas and beads are prohibited at AAST.
- Blankets, full body suits, pajamas and bedroom slippers are not allowed.
- Tops must have straps of no less than two inches in width (3-finger width).
- Clothing should be worn so underwear is not visible. Pants and shirt must overlap at all times.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times at school.
- Attire (includes clothing, face coverings, hats, shoes, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs) should not interfere with the educational process, cause disruption, or damage school property.
- The entire area from the armpit to the mid thigh must be covered in the front and the back of the body.
- Clothing promoting alcohol, drugs, weapons, sexual behavior, clothing with sexual innuendos, and/or ethnic derogatories is not allowed.
- Items such as spiked jewelry (including body piercing), padlocks, chains, and metal heel plates are not allowed.

Consequences for violating Dress Code may include the following:

- Students may call parents to bring appropriate clothing.
- If no alternative clothing is available, student will go to ISS.
- Absence or tardy due to dress code violation will be unexcused.



Student dress should be confined to clothing that is reasonable, practical and in good taste for school. School attire should reflect proper decorum, cleanliness, and comfort. The school will make judgments and decisions as needed to preserve the health, safety, and propriety of students. Student cooperation is expected even during Spirit Week and other school related events.

Clear Backpacks @ AAST

We strongly encourage our students to carry clear book bags. A clear bag for all students ensures the safest environment for our student body. A clear bag allows students to get through the safety check quickly and will help our staff with morning search procedures. Clear bags are available free of charge for students at the front desk. We ask for your support in encouraging students to bring a clear bag. This is one small way that our families can support our priority for a safe campus. Thank you for helping our school stay safe and efficient.

From the AAST Attendance Office:

- Please report your child's absence to Mrs. Grant (cgrant@horrycountyschools.net)
- For Early Dismissals: Parent Notes must be turned in to Mrs. Grant in the morning. No students will be dismissed early from school after 2:00 PM. This procedure is in place to prevent continual disruptions during the last instructional block.
- Excused absences: Documentation should be brought upon return to school. Give to Mrs. Grant at the front desk in the morning or put in the attendance mailbox outside the office.
- Parent notes for absences are unexcused. Absences can only be excused with medical, bereavement or legal documentation.
- Students must sign in when late to school and must sign out when leaving early. This is a required school policy.
- Parents can access attendance records through PowerSchool under the AAST tab.
- Truancy is a state law and states any student under the age of 17 with 3 consecutive unexcused absences or 5 total unexcused all-day absences for the school year will be considered truant and an attendance plan will need to be completed.

Attention: [Click here for the new advisory schedule](#)

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ THIS YEAR? JOIN THE 23-24 HCS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS! CHECK OUT THESE TITLES!



A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness



The Bone Houses by Emily Lloyd-Jones



This Poison Heart by Kalynn Bayron



Warcross by Marie Lu



XOXO by Axie Oh



Beasts of Prey by Ayana Gray



Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang



Girl From Nowhere by Tiffany Rosenhan



Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys



Skyward by Brandon Sanderson