

AAST NEWSLETTER

September 25th - September 29th, 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PSAT Prep Session
(Juniors)
October 2

Ed-Op Day
October 4

Schools Closed
October 9-10

PSAT
October 23

Spirit Week
October 25-31

Trunk or Treat
October 26

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](#)

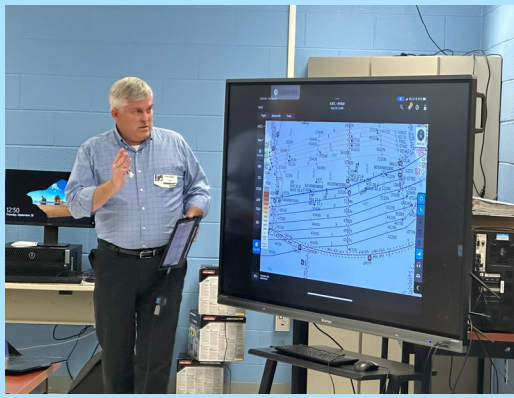
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South Carolina STEM and Computer Science Showcase



In order to commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15), the AAST World Language department has organized a series of events throughout the school. The library showcases a display of Hispanic authors, while the hallways and rotunda are adorned with awareness posters featuring notable Hispanic figures. Mr. Hernandez also gave dance lessons in the rotunda during lunch that featured traditional Hispanic dances such as the salsa, merengue, and bachata. Additionally, during the month, students will be informed about influential Hispanic Americans through daily announcements. To add to the celebrations, every Tuesday, the cafeteria staff have offered a delightful nacho/taco/burrito bar for students to enjoy. With these initiatives, the school aims to honor and appreciate the contributions of Hispanic culture and individuals during this special month.

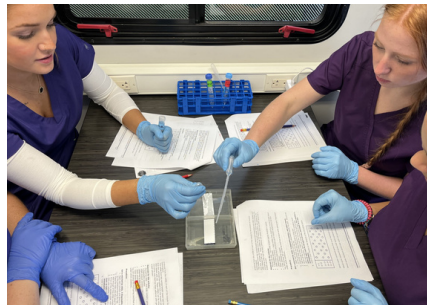


Guest Speaker: Jim Mumma, Delta Airlines Captain

Jim Mumma, a Captain with Delta Airlines, spoke with students in the Aerospace Engineering major on Thursday. Senior students are currently working on a project about flight planning, which requires them to do pre-flight planning, read the control instruments in the flight simulator, and successfully fly a leg of the flight path in certain weather conditions. Junior students just completed a project on CAD design of a pilot seat. Mr. Mumma gave a first-hand account of all aspects of piloting for the students, including flight planning, flight rules, instruments and comfort in the cockpit, and benefits to being a pilot.



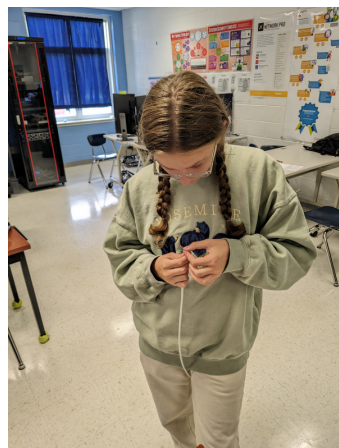
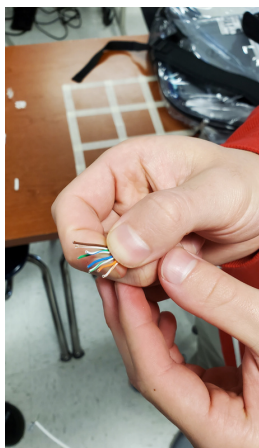
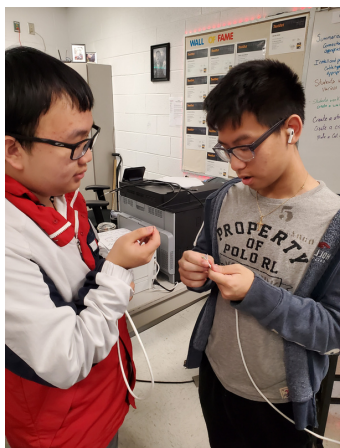
Greenwood Genetic Center Mobile Lab at AAST



The Mobile Science Laboratory Program along with the technology and expertise of the Greenwood Genetic Center visited AAST this week. Students in Ms. Sellers's AP Bio and PLTW Medical Interventions classes and Ms. Watson's Pharmacology class engaged in fun, entertaining and educational scenarios where they had the opportunity to learn about genetic traits and disorders, understand the lab techniques used in making a diagnosis as well as consider the ethical implications of testing and explore careers in the life sciences.

Creating Copper Cable in Networking

This week, students in the Networking Major delved into the fascinating world of copper cable and its requirements. They gained a clear understanding of the various types of cables and connectors. Students were given the opportunity to apply their knowledge and put their hands-on skills to the test. Using industry tools, they practiced creating and testing Twisted Pair Cat5e T568B Straight-Through and T568A Crossover cables, all while adhering to industry standards.



Parents and Students:

Help the yearbook staff!! Upload your own school-appropriate pictures to our yearbook photo pool through Josten's ReplayIt using this QR code:



Upload as many as you want—just make sure they are school appropriate and that they only show AAST students. This code will be open until April 2024. Questions? See Mrs. Rielly in room 602. Thanks!

NEED TO KNOW @ AAST

AWARENESS @ AAST

In order to show support for World Day of Bullying Prevention, wear blue on **October 2nd**. Another important date to mark on the calendar is **October 18**, which is Unity Day, where wearing orange is a symbol of unity against bullying. Additionally, on **October 20**, wear pink to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. These designated days provide an opportunity to visually express solidarity and bring attention to these important causes throughout the month of October.

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Bullying®**

End The Hate...
Change The Culture



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

COVID-19 Information

If your child tests positive for Covid-19, please call the school nurse to inform her of your child's illness. Please take a photo of your positive test result and fill out the Covid home test form and email both to the school nurse at sknight001@horrycountyschools.net

If you have a doctor's excuse, please forward the excuse to cgrant@horrycountyschools.net, with the expected date of return. Please remember that the CDC requires 5 days quarantine from the beginning of symptoms and return to school on the 6th day, or next business day after.

Example: If a student tested positive on Tuesday, the student would return to school on the following Monday. Please call Ms. Susan Knight, AAST school nurse at 843-903-8470 if you have any questions.

Interim Information

Dear AAST Parents:

To view your child's interim report card, follow these steps:

1. Log into your Parent PowerSchool Portal
2. Left Menu - choose PLS Vault Documents
3. Drop down list, choose Report Card Folder
4. Scroll to the bottom, select 23-24 Q1 Interim Report
5. You can view and/or download

AAST Yearbooks

AAST Yearbooks are now on sale! Click [here](#) to go to the website to purchase your book as well as personalize it and get senior ads. For any questions email Ms. Bonaccorso at kbonaccorso@horrycountyschools.net.

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NEW @ THE AAST LIBRARY

Fat Chance, Charlie Vega by Crystal Maldonado

Charlie Vega is a lot of things. Smart. Funny. Artistic. Ambitious. Fat. People sometimes have a problem with that last one. Especially her mom. Charlie wants a good relationship with her body, but it's hard, and her mom leaving a billion weight loss shakes on her dresser doesn't help. The world and everyone in it has ideas about what she should look like: thinner, lighter, slimmer-faced, straighter-haired. Be smaller. Be whiter. Be quieter. But there's one person who's always in Charlie's corner: her best friend Amelia. Slim. Popular. Athletic. Totally dope. So when Charlie starts a tentative relationship with cute classmate Brian, the first worthwhile guy to notice her, everything is perfect until she learns one thing--he asked Amelia out first.

So is she his second choice or what? Does he even really see her?

Because it's time people did.

