

AAST NEWSLETTER

October 9 - October 13, 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

School Improvement Council Meeting
October 17, 5:00pm

PSAT
October 23

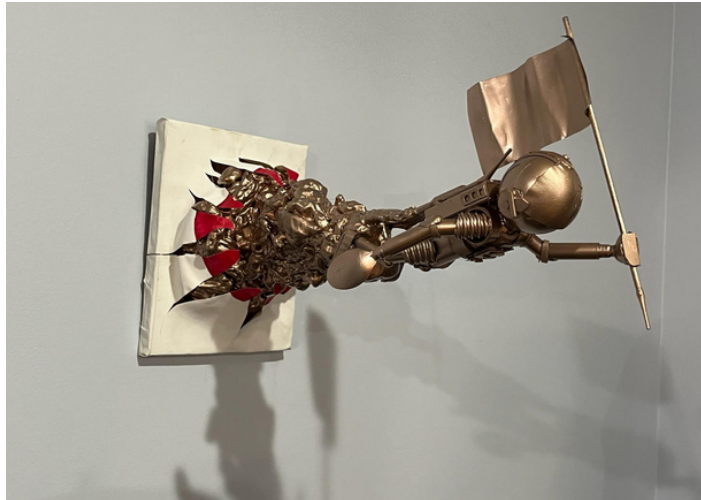
Spirit Week
October 25-31

Trunk or Treat
October 26

Leadership Grand Strand
November 2

School Improvement Council Meeting
November 9, 5:00pm

SC State Fair Student Artwork Winners



1st Place, 3D: Andrew Bellah



Best in Show: Lindsey Beam



Honorable Mention:
Kaden Chewning



3rd Place, 2D: Madison Dorman



3rd Place, Photography: Gordon Cox

Congratulations to the above students for being recognized at the SC State Fair Student Art Show. AAST is proud of all of our students who competed this year. This is one of the largest juried art competitions in the State, and AAST students have consistently received top awards for their outstanding artwork.

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](#)

AAST on the Web!
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Pre-Med Students Visit McLeod Hospital

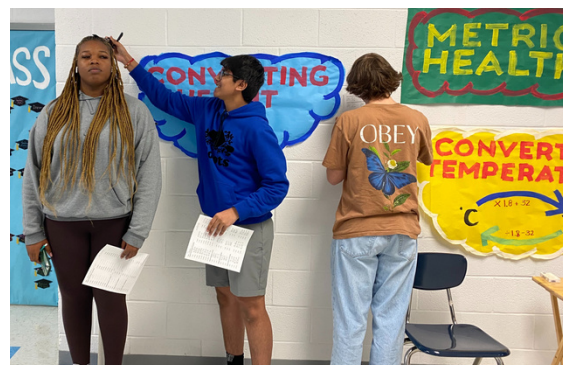
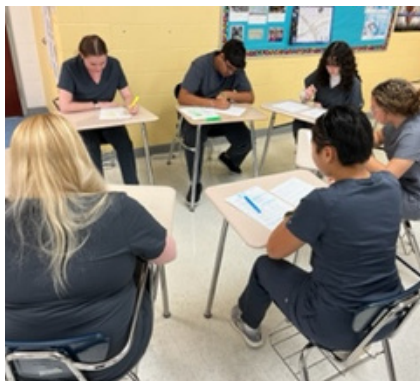
Pre-Med students, with Ms. McCallum and Mr. Cyganiewicz, met with Matthew Peake and other staff members from the Seacoast location of the McLeod Health Network. Students will complete internship hours in several departments of the hospital, including, but not limited to, the Emergency Room, Intensive Care Unit, Labor and Delivery, and Radiology. Students will be shadowing these departments at three different McLeod locations: Carolina Forest, Loris, and Seacoast Medical Center.

Students were provided information about the learning objectives and standards necessary for completing their Health Clinic Study hours and toured the hospital. Mr. Peake also spoke about scholarship and employment opportunities available to them from McLeod.



SC Metric Week

It's Metric Week in SC! Students in Ms. Watson's Pharmacology for Medical Careers class worked on pharmacology calculations between household and metric measurements. In Mr. Cyganiewicz's class, students converted pounds to kilograms, measured their heights in centimeters, and converted fahrenheit to celsius showing the use of metrics in healthcare.



Clean Energy Students Visit CCU Sustainability Fair



Clean Energy seniors had a productive Wednesday afternoon attending CCU's Sustainability and Career Fair. During the event, they were exposed to various local organizations that actively contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. It was an enriching experience for them to learn about the initiatives and efforts to go green that are being made in their community. Additionally, they were able to explore potential career opportunities by visiting the career fair happening at CCU.

Guest Speaker: Sarah Mitchell, AIS, Inc.

Sarah Mitchell from A.I.S., Inc delivered a presentation to Marine Science students, shedding light on the captivating profession of being a fisheries observer for NOAA. In this role, observers collect crucial data on catch and bycatch from commercial fishing vessels. This career opportunity offers an exciting way to contribute to the preservation and sustainable management of marine resources.



Guest Speaker: Simon Williams, WPDE News



On Thursday, Simon Williams, a news anchor from WPDE, visited AAST to engage with students and discuss the role of a journalist and news anchor. During his visit, he spoke with Entertainment Technology majors, Web and Digital majors, and Spanish students, shedding light on his interest in Hispanic heritage and his dedication to introducing the first Spanish-language news recap on the local Myrtle Beach news. Williams shared his experiences and the hard work he has invested to make this significant contribution to the community. His presence was inspirational and provided valuable insight into the field of journalism as well as the importance of diversity in media representation.

AAST Alumni Spotlight: Bailey Johnson, Computer Science



After completing AAST's Computer Science major in 2017, Bailey Johnson went on to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science from Coastal Carolina University. During his time there, he interned with WetStone Technologies, developing cybersecurity and digital forensics software. After graduating from CCU in 2020, Bailey accepted a full-time role as a junior software engineer at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, working on common web services for Mission Control. Bailey then went on to work remotely as a software engineer for Press Ganey, developing AI-based solutions for improving the patient experience. In October 2022, Bailey relocated to Seattle and later joined Flexport as a mid-level software engineer on their Demand Engineering team. Bailey's primary focus is on backend development and managing software integrations. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, longboarding, playing guitar, and exploring the Pacific Northwest.

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Remember to mark the calendar for **October 18**, which is Unity Day, where **wearing orange** is a symbol of unity against bullying.

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



Guidance Information

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

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.



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!

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

Starling House by Alix E. Harrow

Opal is a lot of things— orphan, high school dropout, full-time cynic and part-time cashier—but above all, she's determined to find a better life for her younger brother Jasper. One that gets them out of Eden, Kentucky, a town remarkable for only two things: bad luck and E. Starling, the reclusive nineteenth century author of *The Underland*, who disappeared over a hundred years ago. All she left behind were dark rumors—and her home. Everyone agrees that it's best to ignore the uncanny mansion and its misanthropic heir, Arthur. Almost everyone, anyway.

Opal has been obsessed with *The Underland* since she was a child. When she gets the chance to step inside Starling House—and make some extra cash for her brother's escape fund—she can't resist.

But sinister forces are digging deeper into the buried secrets of Starling House, and Arthur's own nightmares have become far too real. As Eden itself seems to be drowning in its own ghosts, Opal realizes that she might finally have found a reason to stick around. And now she'll have to fight.

Welcome to Starling House: enter, if you dare.

