

AAST NEWSLETTER



October 23 - October 27, 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spirit Week, con'td

Monday - Soccer Mom vs BBQ Dad

Tuesday - Character Day

Beta Club Induction
November 2
5:30

School Improvement
Council Meeting
November 9, 5:00pm

Veterans Day
Assembly
November 10

Safety Info

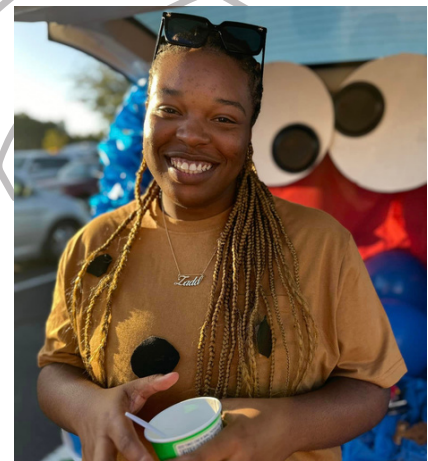


Click the links below to learn more about AAST's plans to keep our koi safe!

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

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

Trunk or Treat at AAST



AAST on the Web!
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On Thursday, AAST held their annual Trunk or Treat. Thank you to all the clubs, sponsors, and organizations who decorated cars and donated candy. Also a big thanks to all of the parents and kids that came by!



AAST Hosts All County Theater

AAST students in Ms. Penn's Technical Theatre class competed in the 2023 All-County Theatre Festival on Thursday, October 25th, 2023. The class created the lights, sound, costumes, props and set, as well as acted in a production of the comedic one-act play, *Reflex Action*, by Douglas Craven. The students received an overall Superior rating for their performance. Steele Sission and Brooklyn Dickson won All-Star Cast Awards for their performances as the main characters of Itchy & Knee. The Sound Design Team, consisting of Marissa Myers, Quinn Zavodny, Ethan Watson, Tyson Bracey, and AJ Tucker won Best Sound Design. Autumn Chapman, Rowan Gutovitz, and Joshua Williams-Hollis won Best Stage Management. Not only did they manage the stage for the AAST production, but they also ran the entire day, which included supporting five other high school productions. AAST is proud to have hosted the All-County Theatre Festival and thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with theatre programs from across Horry County Schools.

STEM Night at Myrtle Beach Elementary



Several AAST students and faculty members presented science activities and information to Myrtle Beach Elementary School students on Tuesday evening at the Myrtle Beach Elementary Science Night.

AAST Students who participated were members of the Computer Science, Biomedical Science, Aerospace Engineering, and Pre-Medicine Majors, along with the AAST National Science Honor Society.

Fall Spirit Week at AAST

Barbenheimer Day, Throwback Thursday and Freaky Friday



Monday: BBQ Dads vs. Soccer Moms
Tuesday: Character Day

Remember ALL costumes must be dress code compliant. This includes no masks or inflatable costumes.



Tidelands Waccamaw Field Trip

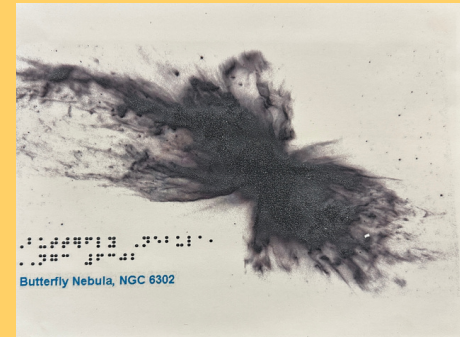
On Thursday and Friday, Mrs. Watson's Pharmacology for Medical Careers Honors students toured Tidelands Waccamaw Hospital and interacted with medical professionals who described what is involved in radiology, medical laboratory, the operating room (including a demonstration of laparoscopic surgical procedures), and inpatient care. Students also learned about current and future career opportunities, the qualities and knowledge necessary for a successful career in healthcare (especially pharmacology knowledge!), and opportunities for professional growth within the Tidelands network.



Guest Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Sembach, Director of the Space Telescope Institute

On Thursday, AAST Students had the honor to meet with Dr. Kenneth Sembach, renowned astronomer and former Director of the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI), an 800-person multi-mission operations center for NASA's flagship astronomical observatories and a world-class astronomical research center. Dr. Sembach has been deeply involved with the James Webb Space Telescope and the Hubble Telescope operations. Dr. Sembach is a passionate advocate for inspiring the next generation of scientists and explorers. We are grateful to Dr. Sembach for sharing his enthusiasm for the mysteries of space and the joy of exploration.

Dr. Sembach presented to a larger group and then visited classrooms where he engaged with Aerospace Engineering, Advanced Art, and Digital Communications students. Lindsey Beam, Advanced Art student, said, "It was great to learn about the fusion between art and science and how it can be integrated into all walks of life." Ms. Franklin, Advanced Art teacher, added, "When Dr. Sembach came into the art room, he wasn't just a scientist; he was an artist."



Pictured above: Example of artwork that has been printed with texture for the visually impaired.



NEED TO KNOW @ AAST

Energy Efficiency PSA



During Energy Awareness Month, the Clean Energy students undertook an energy audit of their own homes and compiled a detailed report. To spread awareness, they also collaborated to create a public service announcement video, which can be accessed via the link above. This initiative showcases their efforts in promoting energy efficiency and sustainability.

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.



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!

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.

NEW @ THE AAST LIBRARY



The Lake House by Sarah Beth Durst

Claire's grown up triple-checking locks. Counting her steps. Second-guessing every decision. It's just how she's wired—her worst-case scenarios never actually come true.

Until she arrives at an off-the-grid summer camp to find a blackened, burned husk instead of a lodge—and no survivors, except her and two other late arrivals: Reyva and Mariana.

When the three girls find a dead body in the woods, they realize none of this is an accident.

Someone, something, is hunting them. Something that hides in the shadows.

Something that refuses to let them leave.