

AAST NEWSLETTER

October 2 - October 6, 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Schools Closed
October 9-10

Carolina Forest Advisory
Board Meeting
October 11, 11:00am

USC Field Trip
October 13

School Improvement Council
Meeting
October 17, 5:00pm

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](#)

AAST Honor Society Inductions



AAST hosted induction ceremonies on Thursday to welcome outstanding scholars into four honor societies. The Science National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, and Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica all welcomed a new cohort of exceptional students. These academic organizations actively engage students in service and foster the development of leadership skills. Congratulations to the newly inducted scholars!

AAST on the Web!
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Ed-Op Day @ AAST

AAST was pleased to welcome representatives from 37 different colleges and universities during Ed-Op Day on Wednesday. The schools came to share information about the educational opportunities available at their institutions. The event provided a valuable platform for juniors and seniors to learn about the offerings and programs of different schools in our state. AAST extends its gratitude to all those who took time to engage with the students and provide insights into the educational prospects awaiting them after high school .



National Custodian Day



October 2 was National Custodian Appreciation Day, and we love our custodians! These men and women keep our facilities clean and create safe, healthy spaces that allow students to learn and employees to work. Take a moment this week to tell the custodians in your student's building how much you appreciate them!

World Day of Bullying Prevention



AAST took a stand against bullying on World Bullying Prevention Day by donning blue attire. By participating, they showed their support for the cause and their commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment. The act of wearing blue served as a visible reminder that bullying should not be tolerated and that everyone deserves respect and kindness.

Guest Speaker: Tim Anderson, Attest LLC

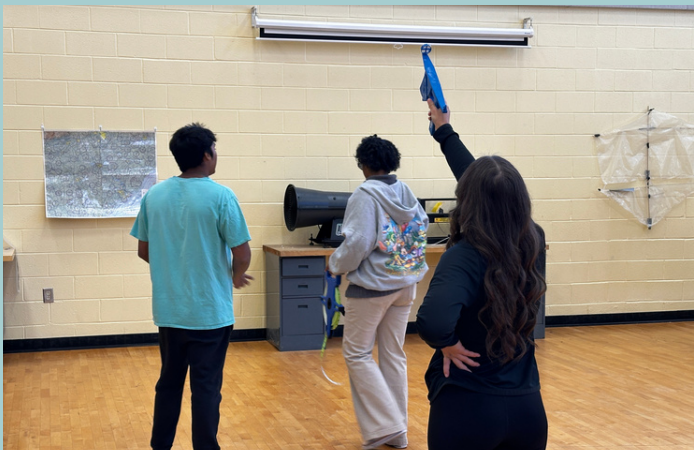


Tim Anderson from Attest, LLC lead a PSAT workshop with our juniors on Monday. Tim's expertise and guidance will be invaluable in helping our juniors navigate the challenges of the upcoming PSAT exam.



In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Dr. Powell's students produced a Periodic Table of Hispanic Heritage, where each element honors a distinct influential Hispanic individual. The atomic weight of each element symbolizes their respective birth dates. Additionally, the use of various colors in the table serves to highlight the different fields in which these remarkable individuals achieved fame and recognition.

KEY	
Red	Activists
Blue	Athletes
Orange	Government/Politicians
Purple	Musicians/Singers
Yellow	Scientists
Red	Actors/Actresses
Green	Artists
Pink	Entrepreneurs
Light Green	Famous Firsts
White	Authors/Journalists



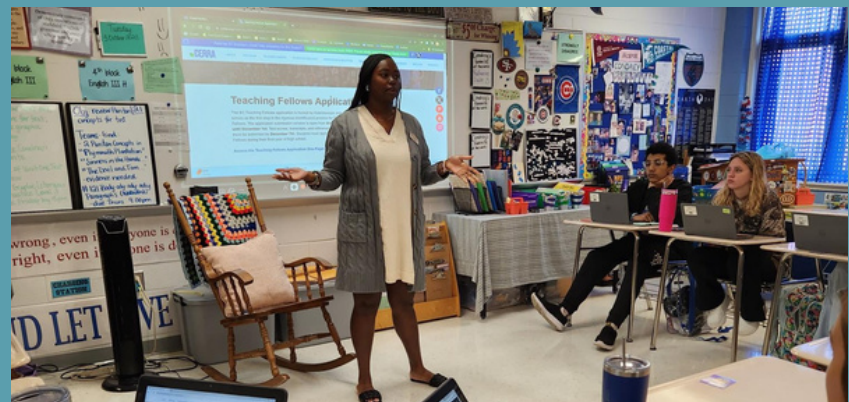
Mr. Gibson's Aerospace Engineering students are investigating how to measure the altitude of a kite. On Tuesday, they honed their skills at using an inclinometer and trigonometric ratios to calculate the height of the aerospace lab walls. Although their estimates differed by as much as seven feet, their measurement skills will improve as they learn.

Aerospace Engineering Measuring Altitude



A yellow and black banner with the text "SCHOOLS CLOSED" in large black letters on a yellow background. Below it, in white letters on a black background, is "Student Holiday". Underneath that, in white letters on a black background, is "Monday, October 9, and Tuesday, October 10, 2023 (Teacher Workday)". At the bottom, there is a logo for "HCS" and the text "INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES".

Guest Speaker: Christina Evans, CCU Teaching Fellow



Ms. Christina Evans, a Teaching Fellow at CCU, recently met with Education 101 students to assist them in their applications for the Teaching Fellows program. During the session, she provided valuable guidance and advice to the students, helping them navigate the application process effectively.

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.

**STOMP
Out
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.



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!

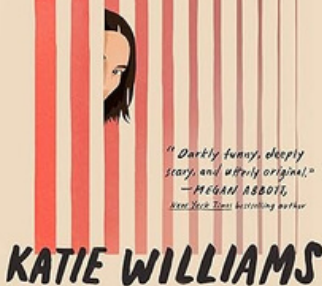
AAST Yearbooks

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

MY MURDER
A Novel



"Darkly funny, deeply scary, and utterly original."
—MEGAN ABBOT,
New York Times bestselling author

My Murder by Katie Williams

What if the murder you had to solve was your own?

Lou is a happily married mother of an adorable toddler. She's also the victim of a local serial killer. Recently brought back to life and returned to her grieving family by a government project, she is grateful for this second chance. But as the new Lou adapts to her old routines, and as she bonds with other female victims, she realizes that disturbing questions remain about what exactly preceded her death and how much she can really trust those around her.

Now it's not enough to care for her child, love her husband, and work the job she's always enjoyed—she must also figure out the circumstances of her death. Darkly comic, tautly paced, and full of surprises, My Murder is a devour-in-one-sitting, clever twist on the classic thriller.