

AAST NEWSLETTER

November 13 - November 17, 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Break
November 20-24
Schools Closed

School Improvement
Council
December 5, 5:00pm

Open House
December 7
6:00pm to 7:00pm



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!
Stay Connected!



AAST Teacher of the Year, Mr. Joey Hernandez!



Congratulations!

Congratulations, Joey Hernandez! We had so much fun celebrating you this week. Teacher of the Year is an honor at any school, but at AAST it is truly special because we have so many exceptional teachers in our building. Thank you, Joey, for shining your light every day, bringing a positivity that is infectious, and teaching with excellence.

AAST Welcomes Principal for a Day, Mr. Robert Dumanois



On Tuesday, AAST welcomed Principal for a Day, Mr. Robert Dumanois! Mr. Dumanois is the Director of Reimbursement and Payer Strategy at Thermo Fisher Scientific. Mr. Dumanois easily engaged with our students and shared his experience and knowledge with students. It was fun to share firsthand the great work happening throughout the school!

CSI: AAST Collaborative Project

This week, Ms. Penn's Technical Theatre class collaborated with Ms. Freeze's Medical Terminology class, and Mr. Poland's & Mr. Davenport's Forensic Science classes. Mr. Poland provided a scenario synopsis of two deaths. Ms. Penn's class scripted two timelines: one for the actual events and one for the order of discovery by the investigating students. Entertainment Technology students created an introductory video and security camera footage, while Biomed Majors created toxicology reports, autopsy reports, and test evidence. An Informatics major created mock budgets and charts for evidence of financial distress.

Students used set, sound, light, costume, and special effects makeup to recreate characters and locations with fake blood, dramatic lighting, and ambient sound.

This week, forensics and med terms students collected evidence, requested tests, and interviewed witnesses and suspects. On Friday, the classes will present their proposed scenarios and timelines to solve the crime.

This is how we do STEM at AAST!



Education Week Snacks



THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful Parent Involvement Committee for the staff breakfast this week and the wide array of snacks for all of our teachers and staff! We are grateful for the support of our awesome parents

Thanksgiving Feast at AAST



The Annual Thanksgiving Feast is a favorite AAST tradition when we share in this special meal showing gratitude for our time together at school. The cafeteria staff do a fantastic job all year round, but Thanksgiving lunch is truly a treat. Every year, AAST teachers and staff serve students a Thanksgiving meal. We are so thankful for each and every one of our koi family!



Guest Speaker: Madison Protzman, MUSC College of Pharmacy

Madison Protzman, Marketing and Student Recruitment Specialist at MUSC's School of Pharmacy spoke with the PreMed and BioMed students regarding the myriad career opportunities in pharmacy, along with information about MUSC's PharmD program and the benefits of choosing MUSC to launch a career in pharmacy.

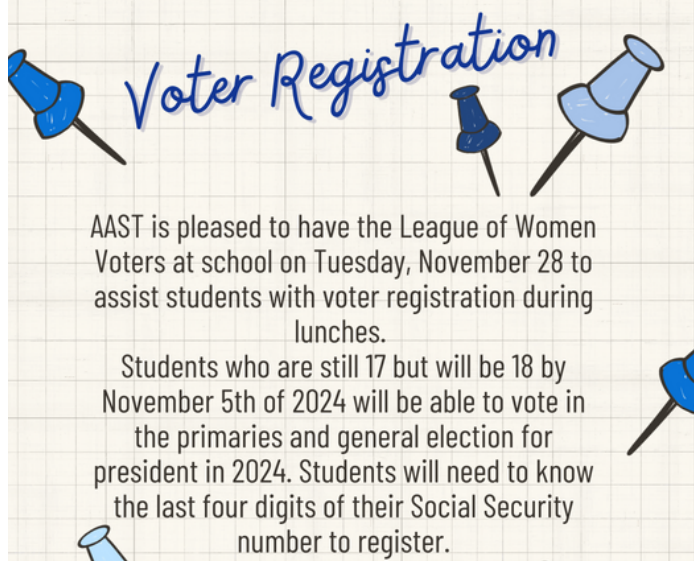


NEHS and NHS Inductions

AAST hosted an induction ceremony to welcome outstanding scholars into the National English Honor Society and the National Honor Society. Congratulations!



NEED TO KNOW @ AAST



Voter Registration

AAST is pleased to have the League of Women Voters at school on Tuesday, November 28 to assist students with voter registration during lunches.

Students who are still 17 but will be 18 by November 5th of 2024 will be able to vote in the primaries and general election for president in 2024. Students will need to know the last four digits of their Social Security number to register.

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.



You're invited to learn more about our exciting STEM career pathways!

Open House Dates:

Thursday, December 7, 2023 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Thursday, January 4, 2024 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Applications will open on January 4th, 2024. You may apply on the Horry County Schools or AAST website. Application deadline is February 2nd, 2024.

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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



Murtagh by Christopher Paolini

The world is no longer safe for the Dragon Rider Murtagh and his dragon, Thorn. An evil king has been toppled, and they are left to face the consequences of the reluctant role they played in his reign of terror. Now they are hated and alone, exiled to the outskirts of society.

Throughout the land, hushed voices whisper of brittle ground and a faint scent of brimstone in the air—and Murtagh senses that something wicked lurks in the shadows of Alagaësia. So begins an epic journey into lands both familiar and untraveled, where Murtagh and Thorn must use every weapon in their arsenal, from brains to brawn, to find and outwit a mysterious witch. A witch who is much more than she seems.

In this gripping novel starring one of the most popular characters from Christopher Paolini's blockbuster Inheritance Cycle, a Dragon Rider must discover what he stands for in a world that has abandoned him. Murtagh is the perfect book to enter the World of Eragon for the first time . . . or to joyfully return.