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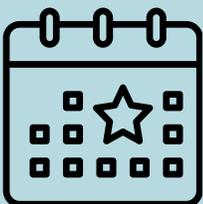
September 16 - 20, 2024



AAST Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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. In Mr. Barrineau's Spanish classes, students assist in making his world famous guacamole. 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.

Upcoming Events



BOEING FIELD TRIP
SEPTEMBER 24

BE PROUD BE PRO
SEPTEMBER 25

SENIOR MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 8

ED OP DAY
OCTOBER 9

STATE FAIR/USC FIELD TRIP
OCTOBER 11

NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 14-15

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS
OCTOBER 17 @ 5:00

UNDERCLASSMEN MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 23

FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 29

PSAT
OCTOBER 30

ELECTION DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
NOVEMBER 5

College App Day @ AAST



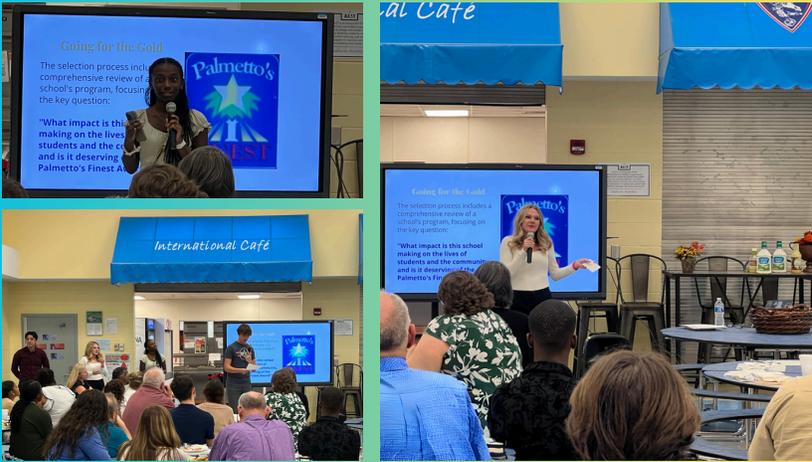
Representatives from colleges around the Southeast visited AAST to talk with students about the college application process. Students were encouraged to apply and were provided with fee waivers for several college applications.

Santee Cooper Lunch and Learn



Thank you Santee Cooper for visiting AAST for a Lunch and Learn! Santee Cooper representatives answered questions from students and were led by student ambassadors on a tour of our amazing school.

AAST Advisory Board/SIC Dinner



On September 19, AAST hosted the Fall AAST Majors Advisory Boards and School Improvement Council (SIC) dinner and meeting. AAST Advisory Boards and School Improvement Council are composed of community members, business and industry leaders, and parents who support AAST efforts to improve STEM teaching and learning. The Advisory Boards meet formally twice yearly and SIC meets monthly.

Psychology Sensation Fair



Ms. Weaver's AP Psychology class participated in the Sensation Fair this week. Their current unit is focused on the theories of sensation and perception and how each of our seven senses works. The Sensation Fair has different stations to test six of those senses. A few examples include: To demonstrate kinesthetic sense, students tested how well they could accurately touch the tip of their nose with their finger while their eyes were closed. The vestibular sense focuses on balance, so students spun around baseball bats several times and tried to balance on one foot. Overall, it was a great time with many laughs as students got into hilarious situations when their senses failed.

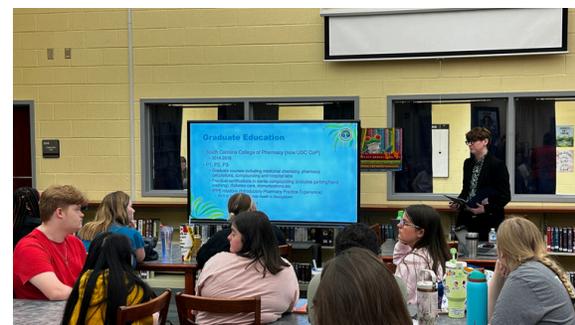
Teacher Cadets Visit Coastal



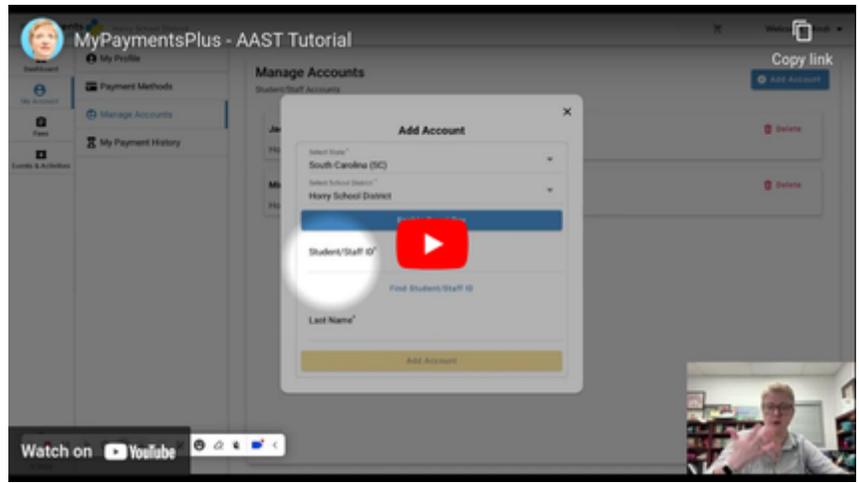
The Education 101 class, also known as Teacher Cadet, spent Wednesday on CCU's campus learning about Teaching Fellows, possible career opportunities, and tools for success. They were joined by other Teacher Cadet classes from Horry County Schools. CCU's Teaching Fellows shared the realities of college life as an education major. If you are a senior who wants to major in teaching, Teaching Fellows can help. See Ms. Condrety for further information.

Guest Speaker: Nikita Morse, PharmD

Nikita Morse, PharmD, LEO, a pharmacist and law enforcement officer with the Bureau of Drug Control and Healthcare Quality at the SC Dept of Public Health, spoke with Mrs. Lewis' Public Health classes and Mrs. Watson's Pharmacology for Medical Careers Honors classes about her educational path, regulatory and law enforcement career experiences and opportunities in these fields. Dr. Morse, a Conway native and HCS graduate, described her pharmacy job shadow experience in Peru and educated the students about international opportunities as well.



Did you know you could pay for all of your school needs online through MyPaymentsPlus? It's a safe and secure way to manage all of your payments without needing cash. For guidance on how to use MPP, please see the video above.



Please review the AAST Student Handbook linked below: AAST Student Handbook

SAFETY FIRST

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](#)

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.

League of Women Voters



The League of Women's Voters visited AAST to get our students registered for the upcoming election!



REMINDER:

STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO SUBMIT A NOTE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY FOR EARLY DISMISSAL WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED TO LEAVE BY THE REQUESTED TIME. NO STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED EARLY FROM SCHOOL AFTER 2:00PM. THIS PROCEDURE IS IN PLACE TO PREVENT CONTINUAL DISRUPTIONS DURING THE LAST INSTRUCTIONAL BLOCK.

HCS Cell Phone Policy

In accordance with Horry County School District policy, cellular phones, video cameras, other electronic devices, and any sound-producing devices that are deemed disruptive should be turned off and not visible from **8:15 AM until 2:45 PM.**

Cell phones and other electronic devices should remain silent and be out of sight during instructional time unless directed by the teacher. To ensure campus safety, students should not walk the campus or hallways while actively talking on a cell phone or with earbuds in their ears.