

AAST NEWSLETTER

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AAST Students Recieve Patient Care Certification

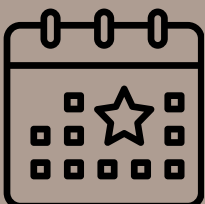


Dec. 9 - Dec. 13, 2024



AAST would like to introduce its first Patient Care Certificate class! Students have been working with Mr. Cyganiewicz and Mrs. Zanelli since August on achieving their goal of becoming Patient Care Technician Certified. These students passed a rigorous certification exam provided by the American Medical Certification Association. Having this certification allows our students to now be active participates in providing safe and effective patient care to those in need. Congratulations, students, on a job very well done!

Upcoming Events



WINTER DANCE
DECEMBER 13

HOLIDAY BREAK
DECEMBER 23-
JANUARY 3

SENIOR TRIP
PARENT MEETING
JANUARY 8
5:30PM

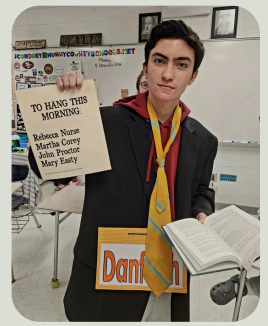
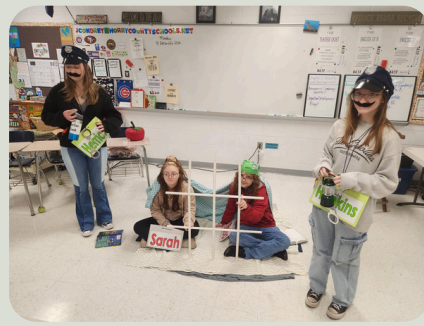


OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 | 6:00PM TO 7:00PM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025 | 6:00PM TO 7:00PM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 | 6:00PM TO 7:00PM

Applications will open on January 22, 2025. You may apply on the Horry County Schools or AAST website. Application deadline is February 14, 2025.

The Crucible in English III



Students in Ms. Condrey's English III class performed parts of Arthur Miller's play, *The Crucible*, to better understand its allegorical meaning concerning McCarthyism in 1950s America. They also focused on the universal theme of fear and how it caused characters to make difficult decisions. Students will use the play to practice writing a literary analysis, per English 3 SC State Standards.

Tidelands Waccamaw Hospital



Students in Mrs. Watson's Pharmacology for Medical Careers Honors classes visited the inpatient pharmacy at Tidelands Waccamaw Hospital. Students toured the pharmacy, observed the sterile compounding of IV medications in the IV room, visited a nursing floor to learn about point-of-care medication storage in a Pyxis machine and listened to a presentation on the opportunities in pharmacy from one of Tideland's pharmacists. This experience provided a connection between the didactic instruction in the classroom and real-life pharmacy practice.

Health Science Career Fair



On Friday, Horry County Schools and local healthcare providers sponsored a Health Science Career Fair. AAST students were able to speak to representatives and learn more about opportunities available to them in our local healthcare industry.

Web and Digital Students Receive Adobe Certification



Congratulations to our Web and Digital Design Juniors who are now Adobe Certified Professionals in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop!

AAST CyberPatriot Team

Meet the members of our two CyberPatriot Teams, poised to compete in the State Round of the competition. After participating in the initial two rounds, their combined scores placed them sixth in the state, qualifying as a Platinum team, and seventh in the state, qualifying as Gold for the State Rounds. Both teams have demonstrated exceptional skills in cybersecurity, showcasing their ability to work collaboratively under pressure. As they prepare for the State Round, the teams are focused on honing their strategies, analyzing past performances, and learning from experts in the field. With a strong foundation in teamwork and problem-solving, they are ready to face the challenges ahead with confidence and determination. Good luck to both teams!



Medical Terminology Practice



Mrs. Zanelli's Med-Term class practiced read-learn-practice during a respiratory system lesson. Students practiced using stethoscopes to auscultate lung sounds. Med-Term isn't just about terminology, it is about putting terminology into action!

AAST Hosts Successful Open House



It was great meeting all the families who visited AAST during Tuesday's Open House! Thank you to all who attended and to all of our teachers and student ambassadors who made the night a success! If you know a rising junior interested in joining our Koi Family, please encourage them to see what AAST offers!

Majors Spotlight

Entertainment Technology

The **Entertainment Technology** major is designed for students who are interested in the study of television and video production, advertising, broadcast or print journalism, digital photography, film appreciation, and/or creative writing. Students will have the opportunity to work with state of the art TV and video production equipment. Students will learn multiple production techniques taught by an industry professional with a concentration on scriptwriting, lighting, audio, special effects, and editing. Former Entertainment Technology students are currently working on television shows such as *The Blacklist*, *90 Day Fiance*, *The Walking Dead*, and *Stranger Things*. Former students have also worked on major films such as *The Post*, *Hidden Figures*, *Trolls*, and many more.

As juniors, students will spend time researching, writing, learning how to use classroom equipment, acquiring industry related vocabulary, studying film history and digital photography, as well as learning how to take a video or TV project through the three phase of production (pre-production, production, and post-production).

In their senior year, students will focus heavily on television production, critiquing and mastering the skills they have learned to produce a required senior exhibition of mastery project centered around a topic of their choosing. They will also have the opportunity to complete an internship/job shadowing experience with a local entertainment or business establishment,. In addition, seniors will also have special projec tassignments to complete within the school, producing and taping performing arts projects, and local community video related projects.



You can find the ET major and some of their recent productions on their YouTube channel @HCSAAST!

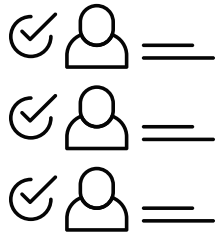


Career Pathways	Median Salary
Audio and Video Tech	\$54,000
Broadcast Technician	\$54,200
Camera Operator	\$61,800
Script Editor	\$69,000
Film and Video Editor	\$68,000
Sound Engineering Tech	\$67,000
Producer and Director	\$82,500
Talent Director	\$81,700

Attendance Recovery Information

See below for the Attendance Recovery Options available at AAST and/or students' base schools across the district.

- AAST:** Tue, Wed, Thurs after school, student must sign-up in advance.
- AHS:** Contact an administrator for approval & info.
- LHS:** Every Tues/Thurs after school
- NMBHS:** Tuesday 3:30-4:30 with Mrs. Chandler,
Thursday 3:30-4:30 with Mr. Mundy.
NMBHS Saturday School Dates
12/14/24 8:00am-12:00pm
01/11/25 8:00am-12:00pm
- CHS:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:30-4:30
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- SHS:** Saturday School Dates, see Mrs. Grant for permission form
12/14/24 8:00am-12:00pm
1/11/25 8:00am-12:00pm
- SJH:** Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-5:30
Saturday Dec 14, Jan 11 (8:00am-11:00am)
- GSF:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:15
- MBHS:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-4:30

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Parents of Seniors - Scholarships

Please make sure your students are checking the scholarship information posted in the Senior Schoology page and on the website. They should also check their base school for scholarships.

**GUIDANCE
INFO**

**Attention:
Junior IGP
meetings will
start after
winter break.**

**SAT/ACT
SIGN UP**



SCAN ME!!
Deadline to
complete form:
DECEMBER 16TH, 2024
MORE INFO ON YOUR GRADE LEVEL'S SCHOLOGY!

Holiday Spirit Week Dec 16-20th

Monday



Holiday Sweater Day

Tuesday

Elves (Juniors) vs.
Reindeer (Seniors)



Wednesday



Holiday Socks and
Hats

Thursday

Holiday in Hawaii



Friday



Flannel Friday



**New HCS
Electronic
Device
Policy**

**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](#)

Final Exam Schedule

January 16, 2025

- 1st Block - 8:15 to 9:00 AM
- 2nd Block Exam - 9:05 - 11:00 AM
- Advisory - No change
- 3rd Block Exam - 11:55 to 1:50 PM
- 4th Block - 1:55 to 2:40 PM

January 17, 2025

- 1st Block Exam - 8:15 to
10:10 AM
- 4th Block Exam - 10:15 to
12:10 AM

Grab & Go Lunch on the way to 4th block (stations in the 400 hallway, rotunda, and 500/600 hallway)

*All bus riders will be dismissed at 12:10 AM. We will make an announcement to dismiss car drivers and car riders. The times will be dependent upon the departure of our buses.