

AAST NEWSLETTER

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**Ms. Jodi Rielly Chosen as
HCS Teacher of the Year Finalist**



Jan. 20 - Jan. 24, 2025



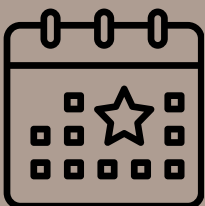
We are delighted to celebrate our very own Ms. Jodi Rielly, who has been named a semi-finalist for the Horry County Schools Teacher of the Year! Ms. Rielly is an exceptional educator and teacher leader whose passion and dedication inspire everyone around her.

As a teacher of Science, English, Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science, and AP Capstone, Ms. Rielly sets the standard for excellence in education. Beyond the classroom, she serves as the Science Department Chair, Yearbook teacher, and a mentor to new teachers, embodying leadership and a commitment to the success of our students and staff.

Her unwavering commitment to excellence in everything she does makes her a cornerstone of the AAST community. We are incredibly proud of Ms. Rielly and wish her the best as she continues in the Horry County Schools Teacher of the Year process!

Let's all take a moment to congratulate Ms. Rielly on this well-deserved recognition!

Upcoming Events



AAST OPEN HOUSE
JAN 30 6-7PM

SENIOR TRIP
JAN 29 - FEB 2

AAST OPEN HOUSE
FEB 11 6-7PM

SPRING SPIRIT WEEK
FEB 10 - 14

SCHOOLS CLOSED
FEB 17 - 18

ACT EXAM
FEB 27



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 30 6:00 - 7:00pm
Tuesday, February 11 6:00 - 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.

New HCS and AAST Cell Phone Policy



On January 22, the Horry County Schools Personal Electronic Device Policy went into effect. Please find the policy linked [here](#). As a result, our school's Personal Electronic Device Policy will be changed as well.

As of January 22, students are required to power off and put away cell phones and electronic devices as they enter the school building. Students are not able to utilize cell phones or personal electronic devices while they are in the building, or from 8:10 through 3:15 p.m. **Students are not able to use cell phones or personal electronic devices during lunches, which is a change from our previous policy.**

The consequences for violating the AAST personal electronic device policy have been changed to align with the HCS Personal Electronic Device Policy. Consequences for violating the personal electronic device policy have been updated in the AAST Student Handbook effective January 22, 2025. Please see the updated consequences below. All violations of this policy will result in confiscation of the device. Cell phones or personal electronic devices that are confiscated will be stored in a secure location until the parent/guardian is able to retrieve it. A parent/guardian must pick up the cell phone or personal electronic device from an AAST administrator.

Disciplinary consequences:

- **1st violation:** Warning
- **2nd violation:** 1 day ISS
- **3rd violation:** 2 days ISS
- **4th violation:** 1 day OSS
- **5th violation:** 3 days OSS
- **6th violation:** 5 days OSS
- **7th violation:** Evidentiary hearing

If a student refuses to give up their cell phone or electronic device, the student will receive a referral for Refusal to Obey and the following consequences will apply:

- **1st violation:** 1 day OSS
- **2nd violation:** 1- 3 days OSS
- **3rd violation:** 3 - 5 days OSS
- **4th violation:** Evidentiary hearing

**New HCS
Electronic
Device
Policy**

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



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.**

Due to the inclement weather, the Open House originally scheduled for January 23 has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 30 from 6:00 - 7:00pm. See you there!