

AAST NEWSLETTER

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AAST Club Rush



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August 25 - August 29, 2025



AAST held its Club Rush in the rotunda during lunch. It allowed new and returning students to get information about the many wonderful clubs that AAST has on offer!



Upcoming Events



LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 1, NO SCHOOL

BIOMED WHITE COAT CEREMONY
SEPTEMBER 4, 5:30 PM

SIC & CTE ADVISORY DINNER
SEPTEMBER 18, 5:00 PM

COLLEGE APP DAY
SEPTEMBER 26

SENIOR PICTURE MAKEUP DAY
OCTOBER 7

ED OP DAY
OCTOBER 8

FALL BREAK, NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 13-14

FALL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION
OCTOBER 16, 6:00PM

JUNIOR MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 22

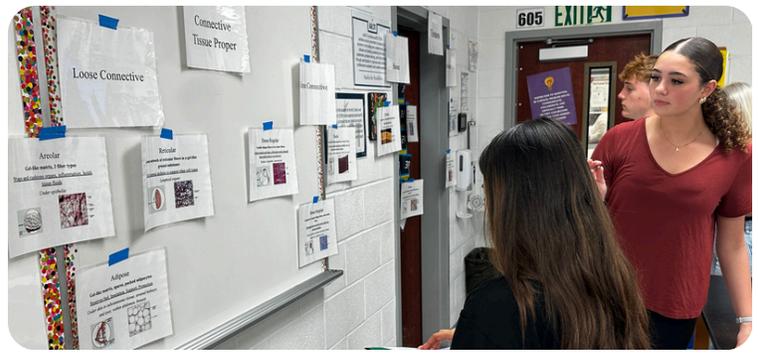
BLOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 24

SPIRIT WEEK
OCTOBER 27-31

FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 30, 5-7PM

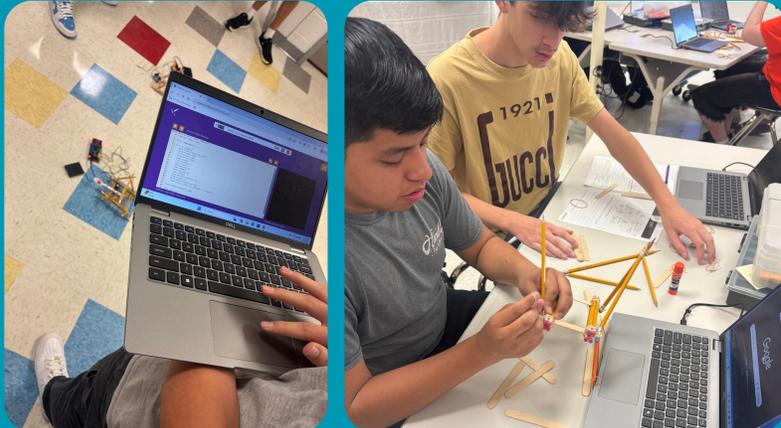
Anatomy and Physiology Identifying Tissues

Anatomy and Physiology students in Ms. Ford's classes were working on literacy skills, not only learning and identifying tissues but also making connections where in the body those tissues are found, what functions they have and making connections how all of the body tissues are specialized and interconnected. They are then creating concept maps to reflect the broad tissue types and the gradual specialization of tissues found throughout the human body. Knowing the tissue types, where they are found is a basic component of college level anatomy and physiology courses and is one of the foundations to facilitate greater understanding of physiology as they go through the Anatomy and Physiology course. [#risewithreading](#)

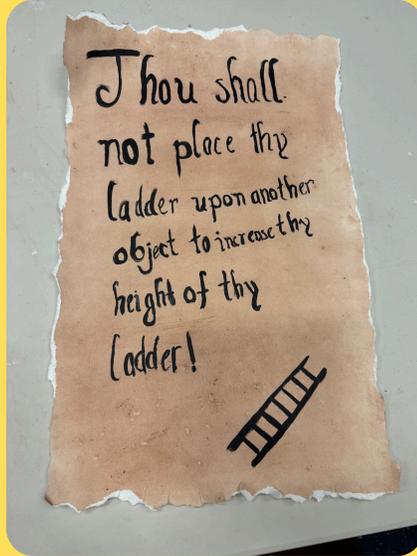
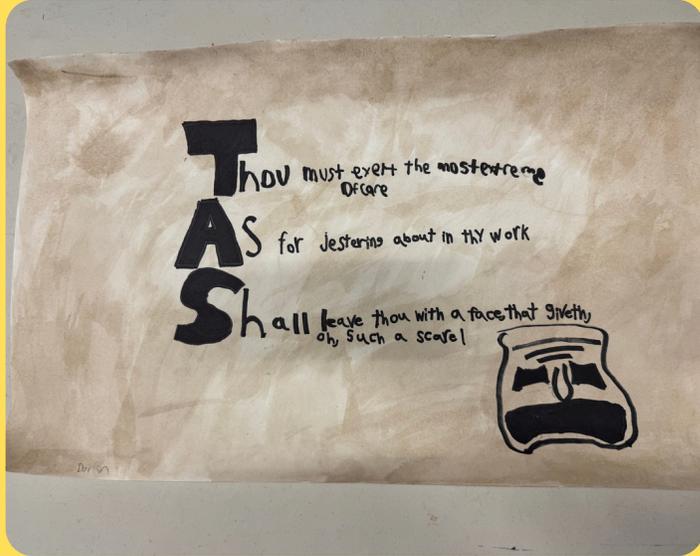


Happenings in Computer Science

Juniors in Computer Science constructed catapults and utilized Hummingbird Robotics kits & microbits to program the position servo & LED light indicators to launch the payload.



Get ready to dive into the world of technology with our Computer Science seniors! They've checked out a selection of fascinating library books that delve into the latest tech trends and innovations. But that's not all - they'll be creating not one, not two, but four engaging podcast episodes that will take you on a journey of discovery. In each episode, they'll be answering thought-provoking questions about the context and currency of the technologies they've explored, sharing the human side of the story behind the innovations, and examining the significant impacts these tech advancements have had on our world. They'll also be gazing into their crystal balls to predict the future prospects of these technologies and how they might shape our lives in the years to come. [#risewithreading](#)



Technical Theatre Shakespearean Safety

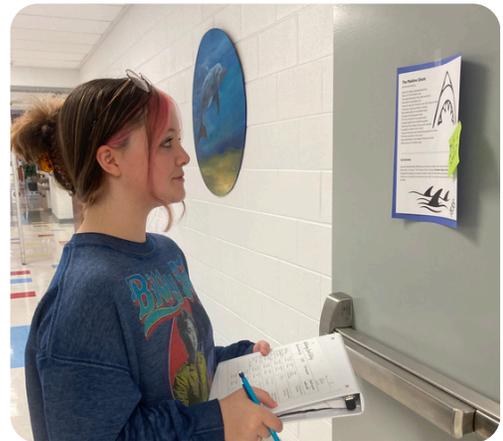
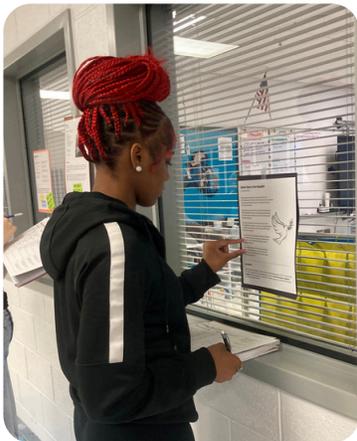
For their first design project, Tech Theatre students researched a theatre safety rule from a credible source and transformed it into a poster “in the style of Shakespeare.” Students employed techniques such as paper distressing, calligraphy, and Elizabethan-inspired imagery to translate the rule into both text and visual form. This project not only emphasized the importance of safety in technical theatre but also addressed literacy skills by requiring students to interpret language, adapt it to a new context, and communicate meaning through design.

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English 3 Poetry Speed Dating

Students in Mrs. Bell’s English 3 classes were speed dating poems today to find their perfect match for the upcoming Poetry Out Loud competition this fall! From dreaming with Langston Hughes to wandering in the ‘midnight dreary’ with Edgar Allan Poe, students explored over 40 poems in search of the one they love.

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AAST SHIRTS



AAST shirts will be available for sale on MyPaymentsPlus until September 10th, 2025. You can purchase short sleeve t-shirts (\$15), crew sweatshirts (\$20), and hoodies (\$26). There is also the option to get one of the school majors/programs on the back.



Join the #RiseWithReading Challenge!

Students are challenged to read 1,000 pages every quarter.

Let’s rise together, one page at a time.



Aluminum Assault Kickoff

Please review the AAST Student Handbook linked below: [AAST Student Handbook](#)

From the AAST Attendance Office For all of your attendance questions, please see our website at the following link: [AAST Attendance Office](#)

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.



Team 1287 kicked off the 2025 season with its annual banquet, celebrating last year's 4th-place state finish and looking ahead with renewed energy. Alumni Quinn Zovdny and Hayes Calhoun (both now in college locally) returned as mentors, joined by alum Kyle Muffley as programming mentor and long-time alum mentor TJ Leishear, who enters his 10th year as drive coach.

Parents Bob Fanny, the Calhouns, and the Princes are also stepping up to support as mentors and volunteers, while teachers and administrators provide leadership and encouragement. Engineering teacher Mr. Matthew Vanesse continues as lead mentor, and theatre/data science teacher Mindi Penn returns to mentor the business, programming, and electrical teams—while also continuing her work as a FIRST Robotics game announcer on the global stage. Principal Kelly Wilson joined the banquet to show her support. With Rachel Hitt stepping into her role as team captain and Nolan Prince returning as both driver and lead programmer, Team 1287 begins the season with the strongest network of mentors and student leaders in years.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ? JOIN THE 25-26 HCS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

