

AAST NEWSLETTER

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AAST Hosts Fall CTE/SIC Dinner



September 15 - September 19, 2025

On September 18, AAST hosted the Fall Career and Technology (CTE) Advisory Boards and School Improvement Council (SIC) dinner and meeting. Our business partners, community members, parents, and STEM partners serve on AAST CTE advisory boards and AAST School Improvement Council. 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 but teachers are in contact with advisory board members throughout the year for curriculum suggestions, field experience opportunities, and job shadowing and internship placement for students.



Upcoming Events



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

ALL COUNTY THEATRE @ AAST
OCTOBER 22

PSAT
OCTOBER 23

BLOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 24

SPIRIT WEEK
OCTOBER 27-31

FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 30, 5-7PM

AAST Students of the Month

Congratulations to Makenzie Lesley (ET), our Senior Student of the Month!

At Carolina Forest, she is a dedicated member of the Color Guard, and here at AAST she shines as part of the Academy for Christ and the National Honor Society.

In the classroom, Makenzie consistently demonstrates excellence—her strong work ethic, positive attitude, and willingness to support others make her a role model for her peers. She is admired by classmates and teachers alike for her kindness, optimism, and leadership.

We are proud to recognize Makenzie for her outstanding contributions to our school community!



Our Junior Student of the Month, William Fernandes (ET), is truly a ray of sunshine! Always pleasant and positive, he brings an uplifting energy to the classroom each and every day. His eagerness and passion for learning shine through in everything he does, and his optimistic outlook on the future inspires those around him.

Not only does he participate enthusiastically and without hesitation, but he also encourages and supports his classmates, helping to create a welcoming and collaborative environment. His dedication, positivity, and leadership make him an outstanding representative of our junior class!



Students in Mrs. Rielly's forensic science classes began the unit on biological and physical evidence this week. In the lab, they were comparing the effects of height, volume, and speed on the size, shape, and spacing of blood droplets. Later, they will use this information to look at trajectory and spatter patterns.



National Merit Semifinalist, Vivian Xiao

Congratulations to Vivian Xiao, who has been named a National Merit Semifinalist representing AAST. This prestigious recognition reflects her exceptional academic performance, intellectual curiosity, and commitment to excellence in her studies. Achieving semifinalist status places Vivian among the top high school scholars in the nation, a distinction earned through outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT and a strong record of academic achievement. We are proud of Vivian for exemplifying the high standards of scholarship and dedication to learning that AAST strives to foster in all of its students.



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POETRY OUT LOUD[®] 

COMPETITION

1. CHOOSE TWO POEMS YOU LOVE
2. MEMORIZE THEM - WITH FEELING!
3. PERFORM THEM AT OUR SCHOOL COMPETITION LATER THIS FALL

AUDITIONS - NOV. 5
SCHOOL COMPETITION - NOV. 19

  **SIGN UP FORM IN SCHOOLGY**

See Ms. Ceron in Room 615 for more info!

Click here to sign up!

JOIN TODAY!

 **SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPANICA**
SPANISH HONORS SOCIETY

Meetings are the second Friday of every month

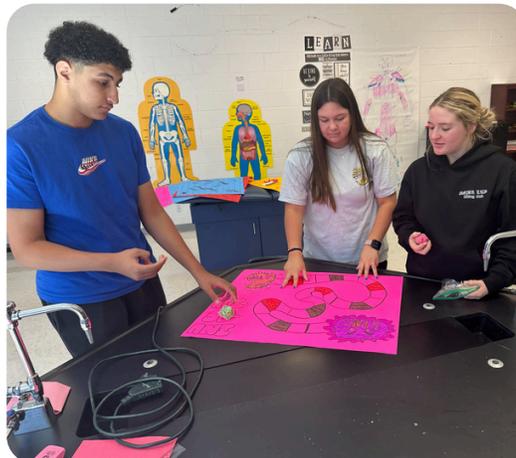
REQUIREMENTS:

- Enrolled in or taken Spanish 3
- 3.8 weighted GPA or higher
- Spanish Average of 85 or more

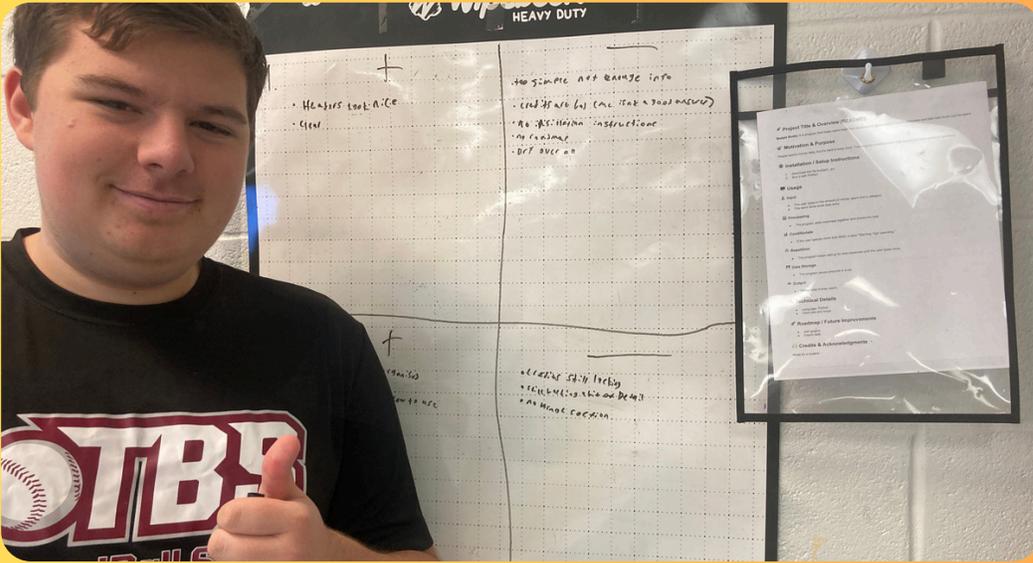
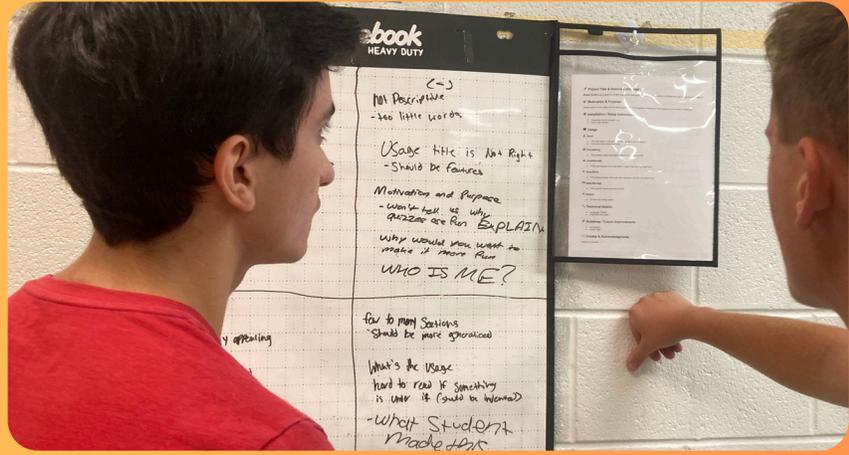
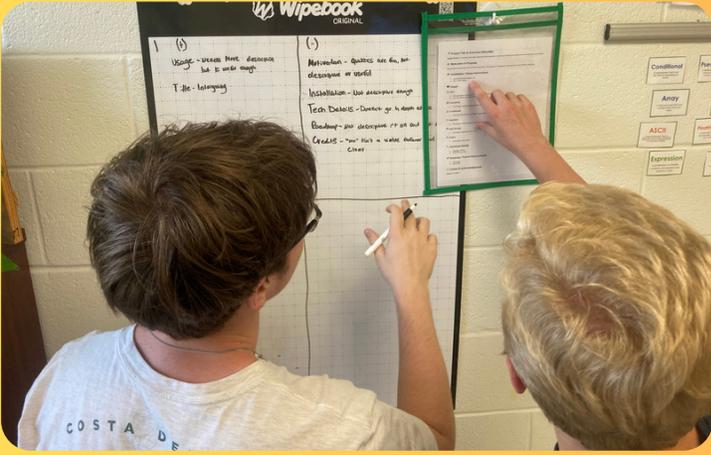
Applications are due 9/24!
See Mrs. Ceron in room 615

Infection Control Board Games

Ms. Fletcher's Health Science 1 students put their creativity to the test by designing Infection Control Board Games. Each game included real-life scenarios that reinforced proper precautions, and students had a blast playing and voting for "Most Creative," "Most Accurate," and "Most Fun to Play."



Technical Writing Evaluation in Comp Sci



Seniors in Computer Science are evaluating README files that are a form of technical writing. These documents provide essential information about the software for users to understand and use it effectively. #risewithreading



Teacher Cadets at CCU



AAST Teacher Cadets spent Wednesday at Coastal Carolina University finding their inner leaders and teachers. They heard good speakers and met other Teacher Cadets from all over Horry County. They learned about the admissions process and the importance of financial aid. They were reminded to complete the FAFSA and heard about the S.C. Teaching Fellows Scholarship that is open to any senior (not just Teacher Cadets) interested in majoring in education and teaching in South Carolina. It will open October 1st and the deadline for submitting it is December 1st. Find out more at www.cerra.org #chantsup

Nonfiction Guideposts



Navigating the Nonfiction section in the AAST media center just got a LOT easier! Ms. Perry, our wonderful library media assistant, created signs and shelf labels to help decode that confusing section of the library. Follow the signs to the information you need!

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Join the #RiseWithReading Challenge!

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

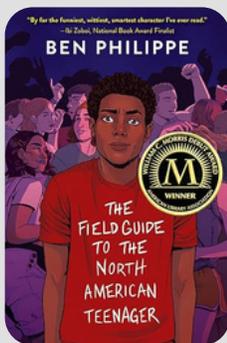
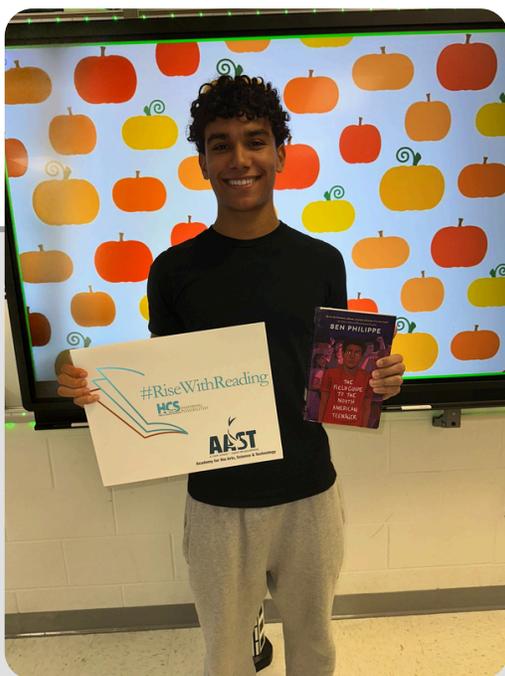
Let's rise together, one page at a time.



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"I really enjoyed reading this book since I can relate to the main character and we have similar interests." –

Hamza Razzak (pictured left)



Norris Kaplan, a sharp-witted Black French Canadian, moves to Austin, Texas, and survives his new high school by labeling classmates—the Cheerleaders, the Jocks, the Loners, even the Manic Pixie Dream Girl. But as he gets to know them, those labels turn into real friendships...and maybe even love. When prom night goes disastrously wrong, Norris must decide whether to keep hiding behind sarcasm or take a chance on truly belonging.

New Books @ AAST: TMNT - The Last Ronin II

New York City is falling apart. More than ten years after the Last Ronin's big victory, gangs now rule the streets, and the city is sliding into chaos. That's when Casey Marie steps up—she's not about to let her home be destroyed. With her new team of young Ninja Turtles, she's ready to take on the fight and carry on the legacy of the heroes who came before them. This is the next epic chapter in the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles saga—packed with action, danger, and the rise of a brand-new generation of heroes.

Legendary TMNT co-creator Kevin Eastman proudly presents the next epic chapter of The Last Ronin, reassembling the acclaimed creative team from the original monster bestseller for a second oversized, prestige format miniseries event!

