

# AAST NEWSLETTER

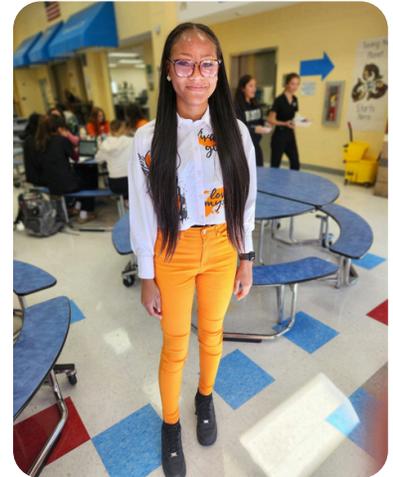
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## Unity Day at AAST



a stem school ~ realize the possibilities

October 20 - October 24, 2025



The students and faculty at AAST participated in Unity Day by donning orange attire to demonstrate their solidarity against bullying. Wearing orange is a powerful gesture that conveys their support for creating a safe and inclusive environment, where everyone is treated with respect and kindness.



### Upcoming Events



**SPIRIT WEEK**  
OCTOBER 27-31

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
OCTOBER 30, 5-7PM

**VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY**  
NOVEMBER 11

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
INDUCTION**  
NOVEMBER 18 @ 6:00 PM

**POETRY OUT LOUD  
COMPETITION**  
NOVEMBER 19

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT  
COUNCIL**  
NOVEMBER 20, 5PM

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
NOVEMBER 24-28

The Spanish Honors Society is taking orders for anyone who would like to buy Day of the Dead Bread (Pan de Muerto)!

They're the real deal – authentic, traditional, local, and absolutely delicious! The aroma of freshly baked bread fills our rotunda and hallways every year.

This marks the 7th year of this beloved AAST tradition! Derrick Herrera, one of our Computer Science alumni, and his family bake this bread in their commercial kitchen all night to honor this celebration.

Each loaf is about the size of a large grapefruit and costs \$3.

Orders will be delivered on Thursday, October 31st (the holiday is typically celebrated on November 1st and 2nd).

## Pan de Muerto from the Spanish National Honor Society



## FALL SPIRIT WEEK

OCT 27<sup>TH</sup> - OCT 31<sup>ST</sup>

MONDAY

Manic Monday - Teacher/student swap day

TUESDAY

Dress as Your Favorite Book Character - Celebrate Literacy Day!

WEDNESDAY

On Wednesdays We Wear Pink - Pink out for breast cancer awareness

THURSDAY

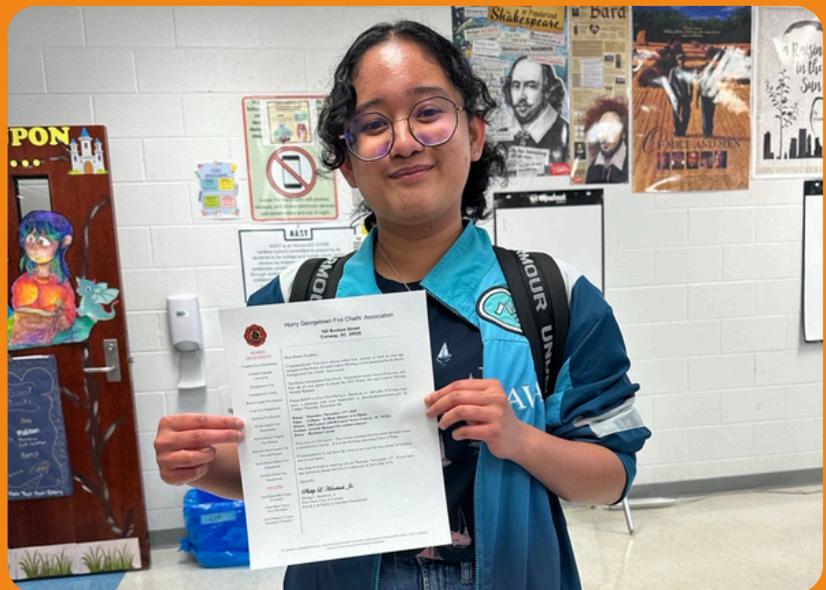
Heroes vs. Villains - Dress as your favorite hero or villain

FRIDAY

Costume Day - Dress up in your favorite costume!

REMINDER: ALL OUTFITS MUST BE DRESS CODE APPROPRIATE.

## Horry Georgetown Fire Chief Poster and Arts Contest



Congratulations to Janna Escamis! Janna, a student in Mrs. Hewitt's AP Literature & Composition class, has been named a finalist in the Poster Art and Creative Writing Contest sponsored by the Horry Georgetown Fire Chiefs' Association. Her creativity and talent shine through in this achievement—way to go, Janna!

## New Books @ AAST: *Snowglobe* by Soyoung Park

Snowglobe imagines a future where the last warm place on Earth is sealed under a vast dome, its residents living in luxury while the frozen world outside watches their every move on 24-hour TV. When Chobahm, a girl from the outside, is chosen to replace a dead star inside Snowglobe, she discovers the truth behind the city's perfect image—and that reality is far darker than what's shown on screen. Originally published in Korean, Snowglobe is an award-winning exploration of identity, fame, and survival.



# Aerospace Engineering Visit Boeing

Our juniors had a great visit to Boeing yesterday! We learned about careers available, heard from a mechanic, and saw the assembly line production in action! We also enjoyed having Mr. Jones, our Horry County Schools Superintendent, join us for the tour!



## Biomedical Science Students Investigating

Junior Biomed students are progressing in the case of the mysterious death of (fictional) Anna Garcia. This week, they ran toxicology tests to determine the identity of an unknown substance found in her body. Was she poisoned? Did she overdose? Was there foul play? That's what the Biomed students will figure out!



## Grease at CCU



AAST Theatre Students Visit CCU's Grease Ms. Penn's Theatre students and Ms. Burgess's English students attended Coastal Carolina University's production of Grease. After the show, students were invited to stay for a talkback with the cast, crew, and faculty, gaining valuable insight into college-level theatre production.

## CyberPatriot Competition



Networking and Cybersecurity students competed in the first round of the national CyberPatriot competition. Students are tasked with acting as IT professionals for a mock company who must find cyber security vulnerabilities and put protections in place.

# AAST Hosts All County Theatre



Theatre students shined bright yesterday, earning an Overall Superior Rating for their performance of *Silent Sky* by Lauren Gunderson at the festival.

## Individual Honors:

- Arwen Laing – Best Actor
- Rachel Hitt and Abigail Riley– Projection Award and Best Sound
- Will Fernandez – All-Star Cast Award and Judges Award for his original music composition
- Maria Guardado Gonzales – All-Star Cast Award

Kudos to Ms. Penn’s Technical Theatre class for their outstanding work behind the scenes. This talented, hardworking cast and crew didn’t just show up—they showed out.



## AAST FIELD OF FLAGS

*Fly a flag, honor a veteran*

**WHAT:** Minimum of \$5 donation per flag

**HOW:** Donations may be made through MyPaymentsPlus or in-person at school through November 7

**WHEN:** Flags will be on display at AAST from November 7–21

The National Beta Club of AAST will be accepting donations for the **Disabled American Veterans**. For each donation received, an American flag will be planted in the school field to honor a veteran.

## BETA Club Food Drive

From October 27 to November 14, Beta Club is collecting non-perishable pantry and shelf-stable items to help local families in need.

Donations can include breakfast foods, lunch and dinner items, and even desserts! Let’s come together to make a difference this season—every item helps!

