

# NOVEMBER 2025 GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER



## Advice for Seniors

1. Keep your grades up. **Strong grades/GPA** during the first semester is **critical**.
2. Be mindful of **deadlines**.
3. **Plan ahead** to get the best recommendation letter. If you need a recommendation from a teacher for college, scholarships, or a job, your first step is to ask the teacher if he/she is able to write you a recommendation letter.  
  
**Send copies** of your acceptance and scholarship letters to Ms. Madensky
4. **Make as many memories as you can!** This year will fly by!
5. All Senior IGP's must be completed this month to ensure you receive appropriate and timely guidance for your post graduation plans.

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 11th - Veterans Day, & school assembly
- Nov. 18th: - A Day of Thanks
- Nov. 18th: - Junior Class Meeting
- Nov. 21st: 2nd Quarter Interim Reports
- Nov. 24th - 28th: Fall Break
- Dec 1st: Teaching Fellows Applications Due

## Scholarships

The Scholarship list is more than community scholarships. It includes national, state, and regional scholarships. It is updated weekly! Please read the list each week to find scholarships you are eligible for and apply! If the instructions say apply online, you do not have to see Ms. Madensky.

If instructions say see School Counselor for application, you must stop by Guidance.

## SAT or ACT

Attention Juniors and Seniors:

Students are being offered the opportunity to take the SAT or ACT at their high school during the regular school day at no cost in the Spring 2026 semester. The State Department of Education (SCDE) will be paying for one assessment per student this year. However, students must sign up in advance in order to take one of these tests. All students must designate one choice. Below are the options they will get to pick from. Please talk over these options with your student in advance. Please note, that students who have accommodations such as an IEP or 504 those accommodations are subject to approval by SAT or ACT not HCS. Deadline is January 9<sup>th</sup>.

[Options Information Form & Agreement Form](#)

We have some great SAT/ ACT test preparation websites to share with you in the counseling office. Additional test dates and registration can be found on our Guidance webpage. This is a test you can prepare for!



Semester I ends  
January 16th

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**As we approach the interim of Quarter Two and the second half of Semester One, please make sure you are completing all assignments. Missing work can lead to failing a course – zeros are not an option.**

**Next Level Learning (NLL) is a program where students make up work during lunch. They get their tray and eat while completing missing assignments.**

**How is your attendance? When you are absent you not only miss instructional time, but multiple absences can prevent you from earning course credits and grade-level promotion. Please do your best to attend school regularly and limit absences.**

## IGPs

All students are required to have an IGP meeting each year, where we review high school graduation requirements, testing plans, and educational or vocational goals beyond high school. We strongly encourage parents and guardians to join these very important meetings.

Please be mindful of your current schedule and avoid selecting a meeting time if you have Algebra 1, English 2, Biology, or US History, as these classes have End of Course examinations, and we want to limit any missed class content. To schedule your meeting select your counselor below:

- Ms. Madensky will meet with Seniors, then Juniors and Pre-IB students.
- Ms. Hearn will meet with students under Special Education, 504 plans, and Multiple Language Learners.
- Mr. Painter will meet with Sophomores and Freshmen starting in October.

[Mrs. Madensky's IGPs](#)

[Mrs. Hearn's IGPs](#)

[Mr. Painter's IGPs](#)



## Timeline and Application Information

Date	Event
January 22, 2026	Applications open on the high school options website for AAST, AHS-IB, ATA, ECHS, SAHS, SHS-IB. <a href="#">Click here to apply</a>
February 19, 2026	Applications close for AAST, ATA, ECHS, SAHS. IB applications remain open throughout the summer
March 30, 2026	Acceptance letters mailed
April 13, 2026	Student commitment forms due to program schools for accepted students
A waitlist will be maintained for all programs prior to the first day of the 2026-27 school year for AAST, ATA, ECHS, and SAHS.	

## Four Years Can Change Forever

**HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS INFORMATION NIGHT DATES**  
All information night events are from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology (AAST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, December 9, 2025</li> <li>Thursday, January 22, 2026</li> <li>Thursday, February 12, 2026</li> </ul>
Academy for Technology and Academics (ATA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, December 8, 2025</li> <li>Tuesday, January 6, 2026</li> <li>Thursday, January 29, 2026</li> </ul>
Aynor High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, January 26, 2026</li> </ul>
Carolina Forest High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, January 27, 2026</li> </ul>
Conway High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, January 15, 2026</li> </ul>
Early College High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, November 17, 2025</li> <li>Thursday, January 22, 2026</li> <li>Tuesday, February 10, 2026</li> </ul>
Green Sea Floyds High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, January 27, 2026</li> </ul>
Loris High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, January 15, 2026</li> </ul>
Myrtle Beach High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, November 3, 2025</li> </ul>
North Myrtle Beach High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, January 21, 2026</li> </ul>
Scholars Academy High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, November 20, 2025</li> <li>Tuesday, December 9, 2025</li> <li>Tuesday, January 13, 2026</li> </ul>
Socastee High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, January 14, 2026</li> <li>Wednesday, February 4, 2026</li> </ul>
St. James High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, January 26, 2026</li> </ul>

## Program Information Nights

The following schools will be hosting program informational nights in December, January, and February to allow parents to learn more about options offered for students. All information events will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m.



# Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

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November 17th-23rd

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. Join the movement to end hunger and homelessness.

## What You Can Do:

**Volunteer** at a local food bank: The Shepherd's Table in Conway is looking for volunteers to help serve lunch and dinner.

Don't drive no problem, you can still help by **donating goods**. Current needs include: large size cans of fruit, vegetable oil, ranch dressing, large size cans of veggies, spaghetti sauce, mashed potatoes flakes, butter, pasta, bottled water, mayo & mustard packets, season salt, garlic salt, garlic powder, minced onions, yellow saffron rice, parboiled rice, salt, sugar, and tea bags(gallon size).

The Shepherd's Table • 1412 Gamecock Avenue Conway SC • Lunch 11 a.m. – Noon Mondays-Fridays

Dinner 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday-Fridays. Call us at 843-488-3663

