

# Guidance

## newsletter

JANUARY 2026

### Reminder for Seniors

Please send Mrs. Madensky scholarships and acceptance letters.

### Schedule Change 2026

[Schedule Change Form-Spring 2026](#)



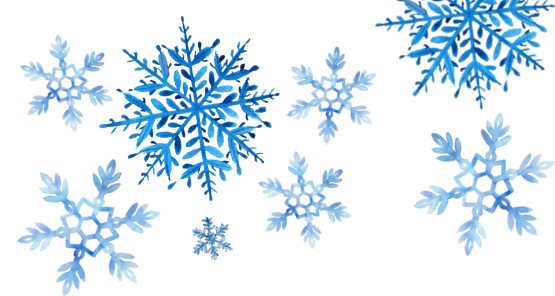
### Important Dates:

- \* **JAN. 15TH & 16TH**  
**FINAL EXAMS FOR 1ST SEMESTER**
- \* **JAN. 16TH**  
**LAST DAY FOR 1ST SEMESTER**
- \* **JAN. 16TH PACE**  
**ADD/ DROP ENDS**
- \* **JAN. 26TH AHS**  
**ADD/ DROP ENDS**

Welcome back — I hope you enjoyed your winter break. Thank you for your continued support and for all of the hard work from students who participated in the Fall EOC exams; your dedication showed.

A few important reminders and updates:

- Semester 1 final exams: Thursday, January 15 and Friday, January 16.
- If a student does not pass a Semester 1 course, they will be rescheduled into the Semester 2 offering.
- Add/drop for Semester 2 runs through January 26. Please note most spring classes are full and some requests may not be granted.
- Students will have a long weekend for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 19. Staff development day is Tuesday, January 20. Semester 2 begins Wednesday, January 21.
- Paper schedules will be available for pick-up on Wednesday morning.
- PACE classes began this week. We had a record Spring 2026 enrollment with 68 students in PACE — thank you to everyone involved.
- HCS High School Program Options applications open January 22. Program schools will host open houses; dates and more information are below.



## 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.

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### Summer Coastal Research Experience



2026 Summer **High School** Research Opportunity

*June 8, 2026 to July 31, 2026*



Ready to trade your summer break for a high-octane dive into the world of professional science? We are looking for the next generation of innovators to join the **SCoRE Program**, an elite 8-week intensive research residency right here on the Coastal Carolina University campus! This isn't your average summer job—this is a front-row seat to discovery. You'll be one of only seven students selected to work hand-in-hand with published faculty, gaining master-level skills and personalized career coaching that will put your resume at the top of every college recruiter's pile.



The best part? You don't have to choose between a summer paycheck and a massive career boost. Thanks to a generous grant from the Horry County Higher Education Commission (HCHCEC), **every single participant gets paid** to conduct groundbreaking research. You'll wrap up your summer by taking center stage at the 2026 CCU Summer Research Symposium to debut your findings to the community. If you are at least 16 years old (on April 1, 2026) and ready to see what you're truly capable of, head to our website now to check out our faculty mentors and claim your spot in the lab. This is your chance to stop just studying science and start actually making it!

Applications Opens: **December 19, 2026**  
Application deadline: **March 13, 2026**  
To Apply: <https://ccuinbre.com/student-application/>  
SCORE details: <https://ccuinbre.com/>  
Faculty: <https://ccuinbre.com/summer-research-faculty/>

For more information, please contact:  
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# Congratulations Graduates

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of our January Graduates! We are incredibly proud of the hard work and goals you have achieved.

- Graduation Rehearsal: January 16th at 1:30 PM in the Auditorium. Please ensure you arrive on time.
- Graduation Ceremony: January 20th at 10:00 AM in the Aynor High School Auditorium. Graduates should arrive no later than 9:15 AM.






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The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education is excited to announce that we are continuing our Virtual College Open Houses this Spring. Your sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to join these sessions to explore a variety of postsecondary options across our state.

Each event will be held from 5:00 to 5:45 pm and will feature one of the following nine institutions:

Newberry College: 1/21/2026

Central Carolina Technical College: 1/29/2026

Converse University: 2/4/2026

University of South Carolina Aiken: 2/18/2026

Benedict College: 2/25/2026

Horry-Georgetown Technical College: 3/4/2026

Clemson University: 3/31/2026

Midlands Technical College: 4/16/2026



These virtual sessions provide a convenient way to learn more about academic programs, campus life, admissions, and financial aid.

[Registration link for CHE Spring Virtual College Open Houses](#)

Our first Virtual College Open House begins January 14, and you will not want your students to miss it.

