

AAST NEWSLETTER

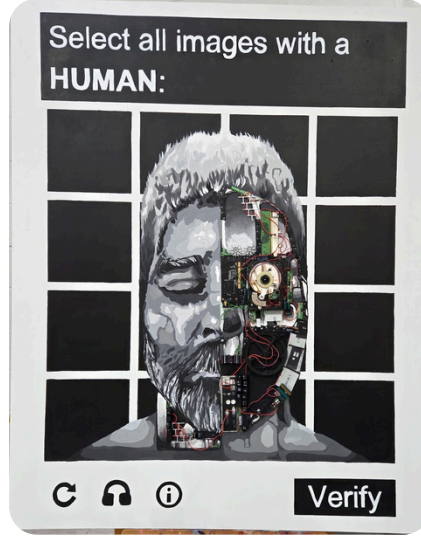
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AAST at ArtFields



a stem school ~ realize the possibilities

March 2 - March 6, 2026



2026 ArtFields Jr. Selected Artists

- Emily Bell
- Ava Dillon
- Zoey Genest
- Elizabeth Lawson
- Stella McWilliams
- Ruby Nadler
- Gracie Hucks
- Keith Barrieault
- Janna Escamis
- Chloe Lee
- Eden Miller
- Naomi Holmes



Congratulations to the students (listed left) who were accepted into the ArtFields Jr. Competition! This is a prestigious honor, as ArtFields is one of the largest and most celebrated art competitions in the Southeast. Held annually in Lake City, ArtFields transforms the entire downtown area into a vibrant gallery space, showcasing outstanding artwork from across the region.

Upcoming Events



HOSA STATE CONFERENCE
MARCH 11 - MARCH 13

ROBOTICS @ LOWER RICHLAND
MARCH 12 - 14

BLOOD DRIVE
MARCH 20

TSA STATE CONFERENCE
MARCH 20-21

3RD QUARTER END
MARCH 24

ROBOTICS @ HARTSVILLE
MARCH 26 - 28

AAST TALENT SHOW
MARCH 31, 6:00

SPRING BREAK
APRIL 3 - APRIL 10

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 19 - APRIL 25

AAST Spring Art Show
AAST Community Room
March 19th from 3-6pm.

HCS Battle of the Books Competition



Huge congratulations to the AAST Battle of the Books team, the Unreliable Narrators, for bringing home 2nd place in the district-wide competition! Your hard work, teamwork, and love of reading truly paid off. We're so proud of your dedication and the way you represented AAST. Way to go, Unreliable Narrators!

[#RiseWithReading](#)

Science Olympiad



Gabriella Gurreri and Vivian Xiao earned outstanding results at the South Carolina State Science Olympiad, placing 2nd in the state in Disease Detectives and 3rd in the state in Designer Genes (Genetics). Their impressive achievements highlight their strong scientific knowledge, teamwork, and dedication to excellence in competition.



BLS Certifications



Students in Health Science 2 are currently preparing to earn their Basic Life Support (BLS) certifications. As part of their training, they are practicing essential lifesaving skills, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automated external defibrillator (AED) use, and basic first aid techniques. Through hands-on practice and guided instruction, students are developing the confidence and knowledge needed to respond effectively in emergency situations. These certifications provide valuable real-world skills that can help students assist others in critical moments and prepare them for future careers in healthcare.

NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Help 4 Kids Backpack Buddies DRIVE

MARCH 2 - MARCH 27

ITEMS NEEDED

CANNED PASTA, RAMEN NOODLES, CHEESE CRACKERS, INDIVIDUAL CEREAL, RICE, GRANOLA BARS, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, PUDDING CUPS, APPLESAUCE OR FRUIT CUPS, POP-TARTS, MAC & CHEESE, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, HYGIENE PRODUCTS (SOAP, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!



The National Honor Society, inspired by member Gabriella Gurreri, is collecting donations for shelf-stable cake kits to help families celebrate special occasions. Each kit contains cake mix, icing, Sprite (as a substitute for oil, eggs, and water), sprinkles, and candles in an aluminum pan, allowing families supported by local food banks to enjoy a celebratory cake. So far, 40 kits have been collected, with donations accepted until March 13 for delivery to local food banks.

Marjorie Martin, VFW Voices of Democracy Teacher of the Year



Our very own Mrs. Marjorie Martin was celebrated at the Georgetown VFW Post 6444 as the Voices of Democracy Teacher of the Year. She was recognized for her commitment to teaching civic values and her leadership in initiatives throughout the year that honor veterans and active service members. Job well done, Mrs. Martin!

PARENT TEXTBOOK REVIEW:

AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A

MARCH 9 | 4:00-6:00 PM

RAST COMMUNITY ROOM

BROWSE MATERIALS • ASK QUESTIONS •

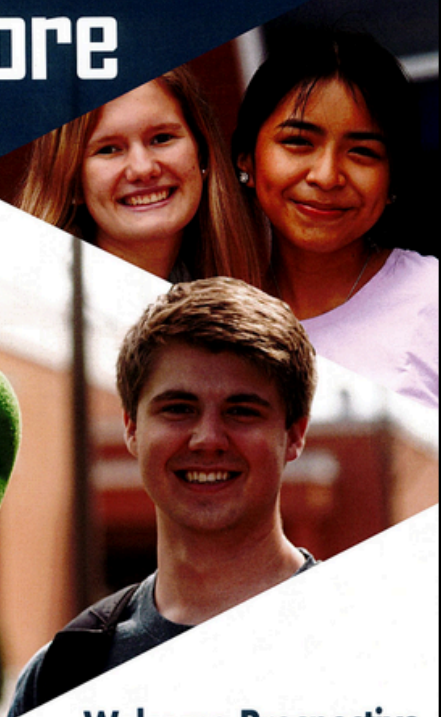
SHARE FEEDBACK



The best way to learn about and celebrate Mexican culture? With authentic Mexican hot chocolate and sweets, Claro! Gracias to the Spanish National Honor Society students for warming us up!

There's More

For High School Students At HGTC!



Welcome Prospective Dual Enrollment Students & Parents!

Eligible rising Juniors and Seniors earn both High School and College credits. Contact your counselor to discuss requirements and course selections. Please join us for the next PACE Dual Enrollment Informational Meeting.

LOCATION:

AAST

DATE:

March 19, 2026

TIME:

6 pm

**More Credits.
More Success.
More Savings.
More Flexibility.**

Get a Head Start on College! Dual enrollment is a smart investment, saving time AND money! Earn transfer credits to reduce the course load during college, and to reduce overall college costs. **Parents are welcome and are strongly encouraged to attend.** Learn more about PACE Dual Enrollment at hgtc.edu/PACE and view the Dual Enrollment Handbook for more details.



**No matter where you are...
just keep reading.**

Don't forget to log the pages you've read in Beanstack! Recording your reading helps our school track progress toward our reading goals and supports our district's literacy initiatives.

Every page counts, so be sure to keep your reading log up to date. Your participation helps celebrate the amazing reading happening across our school and may even earn you recognition and incentives along the way! #RisewithReading 📖

New @ the AAST Library: *Tyger* by SF Said

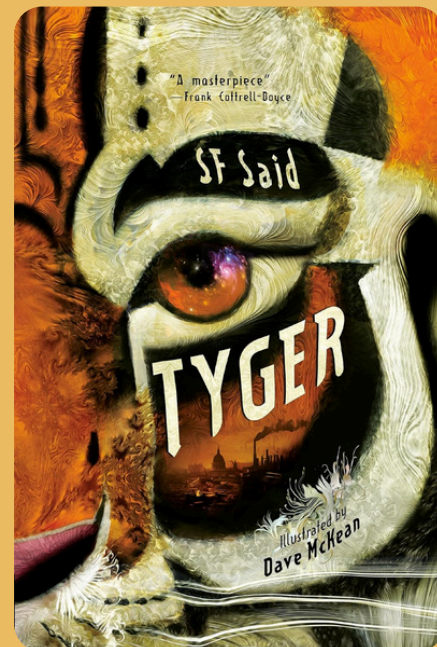
There are three doors that I may show you. You will find a different kind of power behind each one...

Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A tyger. And the tyger is in danger.

Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction.

Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late?

Set in an alternate world where the British Empire still exists and brought to life with stunning black-and-white illustrations by award-winning artist Dave McKean, this compelling and thoughtful adventure is one you won't want to put down!



Go Team Aluminum Assault!

AAS's robotics team, Aluminum Assault, is gearing up for competition season! Their first competition in Lower Richland is March 12-14. This year, they have ramped up their outreach efforts by attending multiple STEM nights and elementary events and spreading their love of robotics to future engineers!



HOSA SLC in Charleston

AAS's HOSA team will travel to North Charleston to compete in the State Leadership Conference (SLC), where students will showcase their knowledge and skills in a variety of healthcare-related events. HOSA-Future Health Professionals provides opportunities for students interested in medical careers to develop leadership, teamwork, and professional skills through competitive events and hands-on experiences.

We are proud of our students for their hard work and dedication as they represent our school, and we wish them the best of luck as they compete against top students from across the state.

Upcoming TSA Competition

From March 20-22, AAS students who are members of TSA will attend the South Carolina State Conference in Charleston, SC.



Poetry Out Loud

Good luck to Lillian Pitluk as she represents our school at the South Carolina Poetry Out Loud State Finals in Columbia, SC! We are proud of her hard work and dedication, and we wish her the best as she competes with talented students from across the state.

