

AAST NEWSLETTER

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Rise with Reading at AAST

September 7 - September 11, 2026



AAST celebrated International Literacy Day by taking a break from the usual routine to Drop Everything and Read! Students paused to enjoy some quiet reading time and celebrate the power of a good book. AAST students also visited Ocean Bay Elementary to share their love of reading with K-5 students, bringing stories to life and connecting with younger readers.

Meanwhile, Ms. Penn's theater classes kicked off their Stories That Soar program with Ocean Bay Elementary students. AAST theater students introduced OBE students to the Magic Box, where young authors will place their original stories. Those stories will eventually make their way back to AAST, where our theater students will bring them to life on stage!

One school writes the stories. The other brings them to life! #RiseWithReading

Upcoming Events



Interims Issued
September 18

PSAT Workshop
September 21

NHS Induction, 6:00PM
September 22

CTE Advisory Dinner
September 24, 5:30pm

College App Day
September 25

Ed Op Day
October 7

Schools Closed
October 12-13

Spirit Week
October 26-30

Fall Festival
October 29

Burroughs and Chapin Field Trip

The Junior class of the Advanced Art Major visited the Myrtle Beach Art Museum to view the current exhibit - "A Lasting Impression", a collection of privately owned Impressionist paintings. Education Coordinator Nikkole Miller led the group in a tour of the exhibit and provided valuable context for several of the pieces. Students were excited to see original works by famous historical artists, including Edgar Degas, Mary Cassatt, and Gustav Klimt.



1ST QUARTER BEANSTACK

Reading Challenge!

READ. LOG. SPIN. WIN!

TRACK YOUR READING IN BEANSTACK AND HIT MILESTONE GOALS TO EARN A SPIN ON THE LIBRARY GACHAPON MACHINE! EACH SPIN = A SURPRISE PRIZE... WHAT WILL YOU GET?



LOG YOUR READING!



PRIZES INCLUDE:
 BLIND BAGS!
 FREE BOOKS!
 LEGO SETS!
 GIFT CARDS!
 SNACKS!
 CASH MONEY!

DO YOU LOVE TO READ? JOIN THE 26-27 HON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM!



AAST College Application Day

September 25

BOOK DRIVE COMPETITION!

DONATE BOOKS. WIN A PRIZE!

- Bring your gently used children's books to your Advisory class.
- The Advisory that donates the MOST books wins a special treat courtesy of the AAST Media Center!
- Where will the books go?** Your donated books will be given away to kids at our Fall Festival Trunk-or-Treat!

Fill your Advisory's book pile & help us spread the joy of reading!



SEPTEMBER 8 - SEPTEMBER 25

AAST Blood Drive

AAST had an amazing turnout for our September 11 blood drive, with 72 students and staff signing up to donate —potentially saving up to 216 lives! Thank you to everyone who helped make a difference in our community.



SAT TUTORING @ AAST

USE THE FORM
BELOW TO
SIGN UP FOR
TUTORING!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

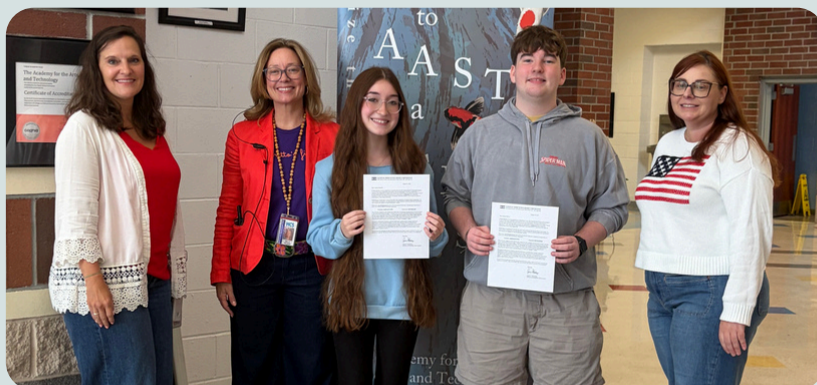


Tutoring will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

- Please check with the teacher you are requesting for tutoring about their availability before signing up. This helps prevent scheduling conflicts.
- All tutoring sign-ups must be completed by Monday at 8:00 AM for that week. Tutoring sessions will be held in the Media Center from 3:30–4:30 PM.
- If you cannot attend your tutoring appointment, please email the teacher or let them know in person if possible.
- Snacks will be provided.



National Merit Scholar Semifinalists



Congratulations to Anthony Panza and Camryn Studwell, who have been named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists! This prestigious recognition honors students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and exceptional potential. We are excited to celebrate this well-deserved accomplishment!

Student Council Election Results

Student Council President: Leo Mendez
Student Council Vice-President: Lily Brown
Student Council Secretary: Arwen Laing
Student Council Historian: Anabela Acosta
Senior Class President: Sofia Solano
Junior Class President: Ansley Link

Congratulations to this year's Student Council winners! Thank you to everyone who participated in the election and made their voices heard. We look forward to seeing what our new Student Council leaders accomplish this year!



Senior Student of the Month: Mauriana Cotton



Congratulations to Mauriana Cotton, an outstanding senior who consistently exemplifies what it means to be an AAST student! Mauriana is known for her respect, kindness, positive attitude, and genuine care for those around her. She brings positive energy to our school community and approaches each day with a strong work ethic and willingness to get involved.

Whether she is interacting with classmates, working with faculty, or participating in school activities, Mauriana leads by example through her thoughtful and encouraging nature. Her character, leadership, and commitment to others make her a wonderful representative of Koi Pride and an important part of the AAST community. Congratulations, Mauriana! We are excited to celebrate you and all that you bring to AAST!

Junior Student of the Month: Diyora Almizova

Congratulations to Diyora Almizova, our Junior Student of the Month! Diyora is a wonderful example of a quiet leader who makes a positive impact through her kindness, friendliness, and strong work ethic. She is always willing to welcome others, especially new students, and makes an effort to help everyone feel included and comfortable.

Even just two weeks into the school year, Diyora has already demonstrated an impressive commitment to her work. She asks thoughtful, targeted questions, stays engaged in class, and has already taken the initiative to get ahead on assignments. Her positive attitude and willingness to support those around her make her a great addition to the AAST community. Congratulations, Diyora! We are excited to see all that you accomplish this year!



Gardening and Composting

Our school garden got a fresh boost this week! Environmental Engineering juniors added new compost and soil to the garden before planting squash and green beans. Students are putting their environmental and engineering knowledge into practice while helping our garden grow!

