



# THE NAVIGATOR



December 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 4-8	PACE Exams
December 14	English 2 EOC- Writing
December 20 - January 1	<b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b> (Winter Break)



## A Note from the Principal

Greetings ATA Family and Friends!

What a great time of the year! I trust this December Newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying the time of year! The Holiday Season always brings opportunities for me and my family to spend quality time together, for which I am always grateful. The holidays give us an opportunity to pause our busy lives and reflect on our proud accomplishments. The season offers us a chance to say "thank you" to the entire school community for all of the support that you provide to our students, our families, and our staff.

Our school community has worked selflessly to make a positive difference for families in need, and I would be remiss if I did not commend our students and staff for the joy they have brought to those who need the most help. I am proud of how much our community gives during this time of the year. We have many programs that reflect the caring community culture that is growing throughout our school. From the food drives to the care packages for senior citizens to the Toys for Tots, as well as other wonderful programs, the impact that you have made in the lives of so many during the holiday season has been truly touching. I am so very proud of each and every one of you!

At ATA, we always welcome and appreciate your support in all the endeavors we take on. I hope you all have a joyous and special holiday season with plenty of time to relax and enjoy family and friendships. Safe travels and warm tidings to each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

*Dr. Andrea Pridgen*



# Classroom Highlights



## NAVIGATORS AT WORK LEARNING 21ST CENTURY SKILLS:

### WHAT ARE 21ST CENTURY SKILLS? THESE 4 C's:

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COMMUNICATION	COLLABORATION	CRITICAL THINKING	CREATIVITY
Sharing thoughts, questions, ideas & solutions	Working together to reach a goal. Putting talent, expertise, and smarts to work	Looking at problems in a new way and linking learning across subjects & disciplines	Trying new approaches to get things done equals innovation & invention

### Teacher Spotlight



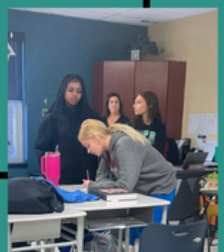
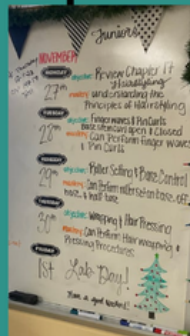
A very special shoutout to Mr. Joe Gorcesky! As our Automotive Technology teacher, he is an dedicated educator and mentor to our junior and senior students. His passion for automotive technology is infectious and he works hard to make sure his students have the skills and opportunities for success. We are lucky to have him at ATA and appreciate all he does for the Navigator Family!



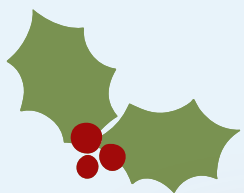
### Teacher Spotlight



A very special shoutout to Ms. Goins-Stevenson! As one of our Cosmetology teachers, she is dedicated to perfecting her craft both as an educator and a cosmetologist. Through her guidance and instruction, she inspires her students to develop their skills, unleash their creativity, and pursue their dreams. We are lucky to have you at ATA and thank you for what you do for our Navigators!!



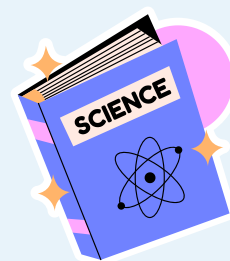




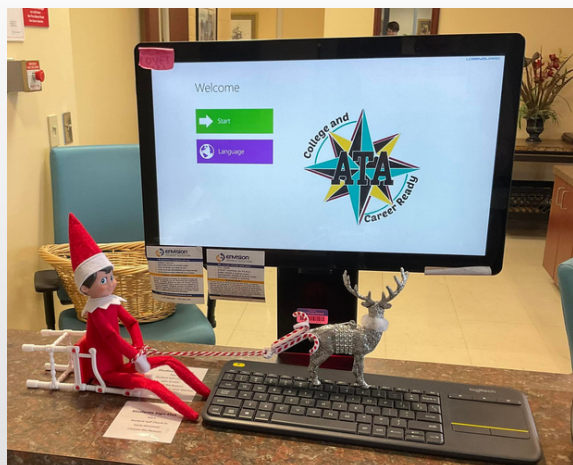
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## DID YOU OBSERVE?



Be sure to follow ATA on [Facebook](#) for the most up-to-date information!

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**Donate A Toy**

Receive 50% OFF a Wax or Facial Service

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Accepting Donations Through  
Friday, December 15th, 2023

Please scan QR Code to donate new, unwrapped toys for local children.

For more information Contact  
Amanda Brown  
843-488-6600

\*Proof of Toy Donation Must Be Present at Time of Appointment



## 12 Days of Christmas Dress Up Days

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| <b>4</b><br>DECEMBER  | <b>Most Wonderful Time of the Year</b><br>Wear your favorite holiday shirt.                  |
| <b>5</b><br>DECEMBER  | <b>Tree Topper Day</b><br>Wear your favorite festive headband or Christmas hat.              |
| <b>6</b><br>DECEMBER  | <b>"You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch"</b><br>Dress in green or like a character from the Grinch. |
| <b>7</b><br>DECEMBER  | <b>Mistle-Toes</b><br>Wear your favorite holiday socks!                                      |
| <b>8</b><br>DECEMBER  | <b>Mele Kalikimaka</b><br>Dress for a Hawaiian holiday!                                      |
| <b>11</b><br>DECEMBER | <b>Mad about Plaid</b><br>Wear your Christmas plaid.   |

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| <b>12</b><br>DECEMBER | <b>Santa Claus is Coming to Town</b><br>Come wearing your Santa hat!  |
| <b>13</b><br>DECEMBER | <b>Calling Santa's Helpers</b><br>Dress like one of Santa's Elves or Reindeer.                              |
| <b>14</b><br>DECEMBER | <b>Merry and Bright</b><br>Show us your sparkle! Wear tinsel, light-up attire, etc.                         |
| <b>15</b><br>DECEMBER | <b>Ugly Sweater Day</b><br>Wear your best Ugly Christmas sweater!   |
| <b>18</b><br>DECEMBER | <b>Christmas Movie Character</b><br>Dress up like a character from your favorite Christmas movie. (No PJ's) |
| <b>19</b><br>DECEMBER | <b>Clash of the Carolers</b><br>Wear your assigned color!   |
- A1 & F - Red  
A2 & B - Green  
C & D - Blue







# Semester 1 EOC and Final Exams 2023-2024

Dec. 14	English 2 EOC- Writing
Jan. 4	English 2 EOC- Reading
Jan. 8	Biology EOC
Jan. 9	United States History EOC

## Thursday January 11 (normal schedule)

8:10-9:40	<b>1st Block EXAMS</b>
9:43-11:13	2nd Block
11:16-1:12	<b>3rd Block EXAMS</b>
1:15-2:45	4th Block

## Friday January 12 (2 1/2 Early Dismissal)

8:10-9:40	<b>2nd Block EXAMS</b>
9:43-11:13	<b>4th Block EXAMS</b>
11:16-12:15	Lunch/4th Block

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# ATTENDANCE POLICY & REMINDERS

South Carolina State Policy: To receive credit for a course toward graduation requirements, high school students must pass the course with a minimum of 60 and must meet the required seat time guidelines as set by the State of South Carolina. Failures due to attendance or FA's will be counted each semester of the 23-24 school year. If you have questions about your attendance, please see an administrator.

## Failure Due to Attendance Guidelines

**Semester Courses:** Any student over 5 unexcused absences (UNEX, UEPN) per class at the end of each semester will fail due to attendance.

**Quarter Classes** (Government/Economics): Any student over 2 unexcused absences (UNEX, UEPN) per class at the end of each quarter will fail due to attendance.

**An FA results in a student not receiving credit regardless of a passing grade.**

## Attendance Recovery Opportunities

- Students may stay after school **Monday-Thursday from 2:45-4:15** to make up attendance. Sign up with Dr. Pridgen.
- Students may stay after school **Monday-Thursday from 2:45-3:30** to make up attendance during tutoring. Students will need to make sure to let the teacher know they are staying for tutoring/attendance recovery.
- Students will need to make sure they have a ride home no later than 4:30 pm as transportation is not provided.
- Students may make up attendance at their base high school if approved by the base school principal and Dr. Pridgen. See Dr. Pridgen for base school opportunities.
- Virtual opportunities are limited and must be approved by Dr. Pridgen.





ATA PRESENTS

# Midnight Bazaar

Winter

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Sold Out!

Tickets:

\$25 (NOV 1-JAN 1)

\$35 (JAN 2-FEB 7)





# EXPO BEACH 2023

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## ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ACADEMIC



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SCAN here to see  
a listing of  
Career Majors





## Information Nights

**Let us build your future, as you  
help build Horry County!**

### **Visit us at our Information Nights:**

**Monday, December 4, 2023 6-7pm**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6-7pm**

**Monday, January 22, 2024 6-7pm**

**\*May complete application on-site\***

**Applications available January 5 - February 2**



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