

# AAST NEWSLETTER

May 8th - May 12th, 2023

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Senior Meeting**  
May 15, 10:30am  
AAST Theatre

**New Junior  
Orientation**  
May 16, 5:00pm

**Senior Exams**  
May 17-18

**Senior Awards**  
May 18, 5:30pm

**Senior Day**  
May 22

**US History EOC**  
May 23

**Senior Ceremony**  
May 23, 7:00pm  
MBHS Auditorium

**Junior Exams**  
May 30-31

### ATTENTION

THE SENIOR MEETING WILL  
BE HELD MAY 15TH @ 10:30  
IN THE AAST THEATRE

YOU **MUST** ATTEND TO  
PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR  
CEREMONY.

AAST SENIOR MEETING

## Our Koi Beyond AAST Waters



One of the many benefits of attending AAST is that students can choose to concentrate their education according to a specific major program within our walls while still participating in a myriad of activities at their base schools. There is no need for our students to sacrifice the activities that they love in order to come to the school that they love--they can absolutely do both! This spring, AAST students participated in many activities--cross country, track and field, tennis, soccer, archery, lacrosse, baseball, and golf to name a few. Please use the link below to see the AAST students who participated in extracurriculars at their base school this spring and help us celebrate their dedication and success!

**[AAST 2022-2023 Spring Base School Sports Participants](#)**

# AAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Dr. Rick Maxey, 2024 Superintendent of the Year!

Congratulations to Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent of Horry County Schools, who was named the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) 2024 Superintendent of the Year. This award is presented annually to a district superintendent as part of the national Superintendent of the Year program of the American Association of School Administrators. Dr. Maxey has served Horry County Schools (HCS) since 1989. He began as an English teacher at Loris High School and has since served in a number of administrative positions, including as principal of both Carolina Forest High and Conway High, Executive Director for both middle and secondary schools, and Principal Specialist for Support Services, where he supervised the Department of Special Education. Dr. Maxey was also the Deputy Superintendent for HCS for more than three years, where he supervised District Operations in the areas of facilities, food services, student affairs, and transportation. He has served in his current role as Superintendent since 2015.



## AAST Student of the Month, Scott Spencer

Scott is so thoughtful and is constantly helping others. He is a great leader and encourager. He can always be counted on to turn in quality work on time. Scott has done excellent service for AAST for the past 4 years, but especially during his senior year. He has stayed busy recycling, STEM nights, Earth Day, and various environmental endeavors within his major. The best thing about Scott is his willingness to help. He will make time to help anyone in need- and he always serves with a smile. Most of the time, he doesn't even have to be asked; he just jumps in wherever he can. Even after his required service hours were completed, he still volunteered cheerfully.



## LIBRARY CORNER: BOOK RETURNS



AAST on the Web!  
Stay Connected!



*It's that time of year!*

Make sure to get all of your library books  
turned in as soon as possible!

**Seniors, books and devices need to be  
returned by Friday, May 19!**

**Juniors, return your books by  
Friday, May 26!**





## Technical Theatre Collaborates With WPMS



Ms. Penn's Technical Theatre students have done an amazing job with the set and costumes for Whittemore Park Middle School's production of *Moana, Jr!* They designed, built, and installed a beautiful set that is sure to impress audiences. The students also created custom costumes for the cast of 30+ middle schoolers. It was truly remarkable to see these high schoolers travel to their neighboring middle school in order to collaborate on this project together. It showed dedication as well as respect between both schools! We are so proud of all involved in this great opportunity for collaboration! This is the third set the Tech Theatre students have built this year in collaboration with other schools in the district, including MBHS's production of *Once Upon A Mattress* and NMBMS's production of *Into the Woods, Jr.*

## Yearbook Distribution



Yearbooks are in! Students picked up their copy this week!

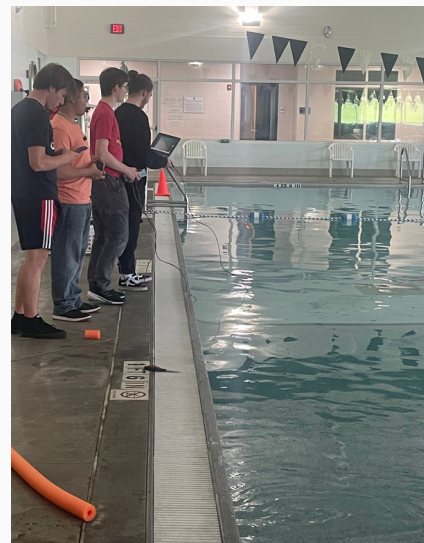
# AAST NEW JUNIOR ORIENTATION

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH  
5:00 PM



## Aerospace Seniors Test ROV at YMCA

Seniors in Aerospace Engineering went to the YMCA to test their Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV's). They used a pool noodle to adjust the buoyancy of the device. Students showed maneuverability skills by picking up pool weights and used the camera on the ROV to monitor the location. This project simulates an ROV that could be sent to the moon or Mars to collect data.



## HCS Summer Reading

Each summer, students can participate in the ELA Summer Reading Extra Credit Assignment. This summer, we are introducing a reading challenge for students to interact with other students across the district about what they are reading.



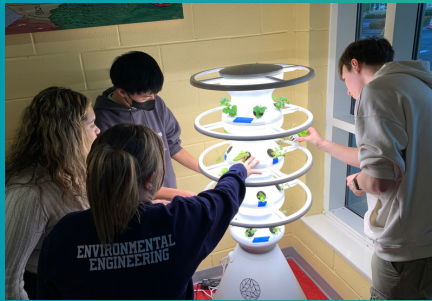
[2023 Summer Reading Assignment for grades 6-12](#)  
**(Note: there will be a separate middle and high school Schoology code)**

[2023 Summer Reading Parent Letter](#)

[2023 Summer Reading Parent Verification Form](#)



## Clean Energy Students Feed AAST Faculty With Homegrown Produce



Clean Energy students spent this school year taking care of both an outdoor traditional garden purchased with a grant they were awarded last year, and a new hydroponic system awarded to them this year by the Clemson Extension 4H. Thursday, the students used their harvest of strawberries, cherry tomatoes, dill, thyme, parsley, onions, kale, and a mix of lettuce varieties to create a salad bar at lunch for Teacher Appreciation. Stephanie Rodriguez-Umana made 3 fabulous homemade dressings. Xander Dunn used the herbs to make an amazing sauce for some pasta. Zach Stuntz, Holt Schutt, Elyasse Ettouil, and Ethan Jeon also helped plan, prepare, and carry out our feast. All the staff enjoyed our bounty! This may need to be a new yearly tradition.

## Aerospace Engineering Students Test Their Planes



On Thursday, some of the Aerospace juniors became virtual test pilots! They enjoyed their first try at flying their team designed airplanes. Using the aerodynamic and manufacturing knowledge, learned by building kites, gliders, and rockets, the juniors tried to take to the sky. Despite a difficult cross wind, Mr. Gibson thought it was the best first flight day of any class he has taught and believes all the models have potential to meet the goal of a controlled flight of four minutes.

## Class of 2023 REMINDERS

**MONDAY MAY 15TH AT 10:30 AM** IN THE THEATER. THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!!!

**MONDAY MAY 15TH** WEAR A SHIRT TO SHOW YOUR FUTURE PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR! COLLEGE/MILITARY/WORK FORCE/TECHNICAL/VOCATION/ETC.

**THURSDAY MAY 18TH AT 5:30PM** SENIOR AWARDS. INVITE ONLY!

**WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH AND THURSDAY MAY 18TH** SENIOR EXAMS

**TUESDAY MAY 23RD AT 8:00PM** SENIOR CEREMONY AT MBHS AUDITORIUM

PLEASE STOP BY THE FRONT DESK WITH YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTER TO THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR THE SERVICE YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR AFTER GRADUATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOUR PICTURE. YOU MAY ALSO EMAIL YOUR OWN PICTURE TO MS. MOORE ([JMOORE005@HORRYCOUNTYSCHOOLS.NET](mailto:JMOORE005@HORRYCOUNTYSCHOOLS.NET)). FEEL FREE TO WEAR THE COLLEGE OR MILITARY BRANCH'S COLORS OR LOGO IN THE PICTURE (NOT REQUIRED)

PLEASE CHECK THE AAST AND YOUR BASE SCHOOL SENIOR GOOGLE CLASSROOM DAILY FOR INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS 📌

LIBRARY BOOKS AND DEVICES AND DUE BY FRIDAY MAY 19TH 📌