

# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

#### **PSAT Testing**

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Check-In: 7:30 am Start: 8:30 am at KTHS
Open to all AMCS Grade 11 students

What is the PSAT? The PSAT is a practice SAT offered by the College Board. It is advantageous for all students to take a practice test before taking the SAT or ACT.



#### **UAA Middle College Advising**

<u>Five-Week Check-In Survey</u>: Students should complete the Middle College Check-In Survey so we know how to help. For assistance in UAA classes, please reach out to your UAA faculty, your AMCS high school teachers, your Middle College advisor, or your AMCS high school counselor.

<u>Parent/Guardian Check-In</u>: Parents/Guardians, please complete the Middle College Parent/Guardian Survey, then join the Middle College advisors and AMCS staff for an online Zoom check-in on October 12 @ 6PM by going to https://alaska.zoom.us/j/86746648429.

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#### **FAQs**

Parents and students, please become familiar with our <u>FAQ web page</u>.

Home school = AMCS

Affiliate school = your neighborhood high school, resident school, or boundary school

FAQ Question: Can students qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship? Yes

<u>FAQ Question</u>: Are college courses weighted for GPA? No, college courses have no extra weight in GPA calculations.

#### Registrar's Range

**Register Now:** The Anchorage School District **requires** all students to be registered every year through ASD Parent Connection: Once you have logged in, look for QuickLinks on the left and click on your student's picture. Information on how to reset your PIN and password is found here also.

In Parent Connection you can **update your contact information**, view your student's unofficial transcripts, demographic data, class schedule, attendance, pay for lunches and activities, and much more!

ASD must verify address changes, please send proof of residency to Elizabeth Goetz, AMCS Registrar, <u>goetz\_elizabeth@asdk12.org</u>.

- This document must show the <u>service address</u>: Utility bill, Lease/Rental Agreement, Mortgage Document, Military Housing, etc.
- Phone bills, credit cards, or bank statements are **not** accepted.

<u>Transcript Requests:</u> The Anchorage School District uses <u>ScribOrder</u> for all educational records requests. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be the one to submit the request. Be sure to have them legibly signed. We can send e-documents to most post-secondary institutions, so please enter this information in your request. Sending e-documents gets your transcripts to the schools much sooner than mailing them, and it saves everybody time!

#### **Important Troubleshooting Information**

For technical support for UAA software and Blackboard, contact UAA IT Help Desk at 907-786-4646. To reset your UAA password or look up your username, visit <u>UAA Elmo.</u> For issues with a Chromebook or Canvas, contact ASD IT Service Desk: 907-742-4357, 8 am-5 pm (M-F).

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#### Counselor's Cave

The <u>Alaska Performance Scholarship</u> (APS) is a state of Alaska funded scholarship program. Scholarship eligibility is dependent on: completing the required curriculum, applying for FAFSA by June 30th, and ACT or SAT scores. If are a senior and would like to check to see what your status is, please contact <u>Ms. Sherwood</u>.

**Scholarship Opportunities:** When AMCS finds great scholarships, they are posted in Canvas and emailed out to students. The Anchorage School District also maintains a <a href="Scholarship">Scholarship</a> page that is updated.

It's time to order your Cap and Gown. **The order deadline is November 30.** <u>Jostens</u> is our vendor for graduation regalia.

### **Teacher's Terrain** Yearbooks:



**Seniors:** Do you already have a senior photo to submit for the yearbook? <u>Use this link</u> to upload your senior photo for the AMCS Yearbook. Senior portraits are due by November 17th at 5pm for the AMCS Yearbook.

\*The photos AMCS collects do not automatically go to the yearbook at your affiliate school. If you would like to submit a senior photo, please connect with the yearbook staff at your affiliate to learn about their deadlines and submission process.\*



#### **Graduation Information**

For updates on graduation dates and times, please check ASD's website <a href="https://www.asdk12.org/graduations">https://www.asdk12.org/graduations</a>. Contact your affiliate high school to find out how to stay up-to-date with activities, yearbook photo submissions, and graduation information for their school.



Ticket policies for the year have not been released.

### UHOWIS UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

#### **UAA Exchange Programs Presentation**

We're thrilled to invite students to a UAA Information Session to discover the exciting world of National and Study Abroad Programs!



#### **TITLE IX Training**

UAA students are required to complete Title IX Safety Training. Students can access TITLE IX training in UAOnline under Student Training. Select UA Safe Title IX Training to redirect to the training modules in BlackBoard. Students will get a Certificate of Completion once they are done to upload in their midterm progress report.

Students who attended the Zoom TITLE IX training on 9/29, do not need to complete the modules in BlackBoard.

#### **Midterm Progress Reports**

UAA Middle College advisors will send out progress report forms on October 13 for students to complete by October 31. Progress Reports are due in a digital format that requires students to: upload a screenshot of each of their UAOnline and/or Blackboard grades, their TITLE IX certificate of completion, their remaining high school graduation requirements, complete a degree audit in DegreeWorks, and propose the college classes they want to take in SP24. Progress Reports & Title IX must be complete to schedule a SP24 advising appointment. If students schedule an appointment with an incomplete progress report, the appointment will be cancelled.

#### Middle College SP24 Advising Appointments

SP24 Middle College advising appointments begin October 30, 2023, when the SP24 UAA schedule goes live. Middle College students will have an advising hold on their account until they have met with either Middle College advisor

### **Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester**

#### October

- Indigenous Day No ASD classes; UAA in session
   End of ASD first quarter; no ASD classes; UAA in session
- 27 No ASD classes; UAA in session

#### November

Indigenous Day – No ASD classes; UAA in session
 End of ASD first quarter; no ASD classes; UAA in session
 Thanksgiving Break – UAA and ASD closed



### Pack Leaders Contact Information

#### **Administration**

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### **AMCS Community Standards**

