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The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

East High School Auditorium

10 | APRIL | 2023
06:00 PM

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
CELEBRATION!
WE WILL BE HONORING THE OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS
OF OUR OUTSTANDING AWARD RECIPIENTS.

Invitations to award recipients will be emailed in March.

Invitations were mailed to families on March 9th for seniors who will be presented an award. We look forward to seeing you on April 10th!

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KTHS and AMCS Dance

King Tech High will be hosting a dance on **Saturday, April 15 from 6-10pm**. This is open to all students: part time students, full-time students, and AMCS students. The theme is Through the Decades. Tickets are \$20 and will go on sale next week and will only be available for sale that week. An application is required to purchase a ticket. If you are bringing a guest to the dance that does not attend King Tech or AMCS, a guest application will need to be filled out, which will be on the back of the application.

You can get your guest pass and purchase tickets in Ms. Gwynn's room 222 any time before school, during lunch, or after school. There is a limit of eighty attendees, so be sure to get your ticket sooner rather than later. We hope to see you there!

King Tech High School will be closed this summer for maintenance and construction projects. Staff and summer programs will operate out of Wendler Middle School (2904 Lake Otis Pkwy.) starting May 31, 2023.


Registrar's Range

Grade changes: If a course grade changed after grades appeared in your student account in Q, or you repeated a class to replace a prior grade, you must notify Mrs. Sherwood. If the grade is for a college course, contact your UAA advisor once the grade has been posted on your UAA transcript. Your advisor will share the updated grade information with AMCS. Please note that grade changes/replacements are a manual process, and we will only know if your grade changes if you tell us.

Transcript Requests: The Anchorage School District uses [ScribOrder](#) 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, saving everybody time!

Withdrawing from AMCS: AMCS has a formal process to transfer out of the program that ensures the student is in good standing with UAA and AMCS. AMCS needs students to speak with their UAA advisor AND AMCS counselor before withdrawing from the program. The electronic [Withdrawal form](#) ensures returned textbooks and no balances are on the student account. Please note that the form requires signatures from the advisor, counselor, student, and parent.

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SAVE THE DATE

AMCS 2023 GRADUATION

Ceremony

05.19.2023 / 2:00 PM / Alaska Airlines Center

Cap and gown orders are past due! Typically regalia arrives at AMCS early February. Please connect with Mrs. Harbison or Ms. Sherwood if you have any questions.

Information about tickets will be released by the District at a later date.

Graduation Practice: Graduation practice will be held on Wednesday, May 10th, Time: 1-2 pm, Location: King Tech High School, Meeting Room 1. If you are walking with AMCS, it is expected that you attend practice. If you plan to walk with your affiliate school your grad practice there is also mandatory, please check with the activities office for days and times for that practice.

Honor Cords/Yard Signs: Honor Cords and Yard Signs will be distributed for students walking with AMCS during Grad Practice on May 10th. Students who are not participating in AMCS's graduation practice can collect their cords and signs from Ms. Sherwood on Thursday May 11th from 12:30-2:30.

Diplomas: Diplomas will be distributed at AMCS's graduation ceremony for those seniors walking with AMCS. If you are not participating in AMCS's ceremony you can collect your diploma from the AMCS Registrar, Ms. Todd, after May 19th.

Tickets: Each AMCS Graduate will receive 10 tickets for family and friends to attend graduation. Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice. Every guest must have a ticket to attend the ceremony.

Cap and Gowns: Orders are PAST DUE! If you have not ordered your regalia, please get in touch with Scott Brown by email at scott.brown@jostens.com or by phone at 907-223-6002.

Cultural Regalia: For information regarding cultural regalia please visit ASD's website: <https://www.asdk12.org/regalia>

Counselor's Cave

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection Criteria: The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are selected each year from the graduating class. The Valedictorian ranks first in scholarship and is considered the top student of their class; the salutatorian ranks second in scholarship and is considered the second highest student in their class. Criteria are based primarily on weighted cumulative GPA. Thus, more than one student may qualify for the valedictorian and salutatorian distinctions. GPAs are calculated in the spring semester of their senior year, and students will be notified of their honor status by the end of March.

Teacher's Terrain

Yearbooks: Yearbooks are here and they look fantastic! We have a few extra copies if you missed the deadline to purchase online. Please come into AMCS and see our Financial Clerk Michele or chat with Mrs. Espeland and Mrs. Harbison. Yearbooks are \$60, and you can pay in check or in cash.

Junior Distribution Dates: May 11-12 during junior seminar

Senior Distribution Dates: May 10th during grad practice for seniors walking with AMCS, or after May 19th when you collect your diploma from the registrar if you are not walking with AMCS.

Junior Seminar: All juniors will participate in a week-long Junior Seminar, May 8-12. Students will attend either a morning (8-9:50 am) or afternoon (11:30 am-1:20 pm) session. Students have been enrolled in an AM/PM course, please check email/Q to see which section you are in and email Ms. Sherwood if you need to change.

Social Media: Parents and students, please join our social media platforms for information regarding graduation, student opportunities, school closures, and more!

Facebook: [Alaska Middle College School](#)

Instagram: [@alaska.middle.college](#)

Schedule for Advisory Teachers: Are you currently struggling with a course, wanting to collaborate with peers, or just looking for a space to get work done? The AMCS Den is open for you! The schedule below shows you when your advisors are available to help support you!

AMCS ADVISORY SCHEDULE

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Period 1 | 8:00-8:50 | 110 Math Advisory Science | 210 LA Advisory Science Advisory | 310 Math Advisory Science Advisory | 410 LA Advisory Science Advisory | |
| Break 8:50-9:00 | | | | | | |
| Period 2 | 9:00-9:50 | 120 LA Advisory Math Advisory Science Advisory | 220 LA Advisory Math Advisory Science Advisory | 320 LA Advisory Math Advisory Science Advisory | 420 LA Advisory Math Advisory Science Advisory | 520 Senior Advisory |
| Break 9:50-10:00 | | | | | | |
| Period 3 | 10:00-10:50 | 130 English III/IV Math Advisory Science Advisory | 230 LA Advisory Blended Math Science Advisory | 330 English III/IV Math Advisory Science Advisory | 430 LA Advisory Blended Math Science Advisory | Yearbook |
| Lunch 10:50-11:30 | | | | | | |
| Period 4 | 11:30-12:20 | 140 LA Advisory Math Advisory Science Advisory | 240 LA Advisory Math Advisory Science Advisory | 340 LA Advisory Math Advisory Science Advisory | 440 LA Advisory Math Advisory Science Advisory | 540 Senior Advisory |
| Break 12:20-12:30 | | | | | | |
| Period 5 | 12:30-1:20 | 150 LA Advisory Blended Math Science Advisory | 250 English III/IV Math Advisory Science Advisory | 350 LA Advisory Blended Math Science Advisory | 450 English III/IV Math Advisory Science Advisory | |
| Break 12:30-12:40 | | | | | | |
| Period 6 | 1:30-2:30 | Conference | Conference | Conference | Conference | Conference |

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Fall 2023 Schedules

In order to schedule a FA23 UAA Middle College advising appointment, students need to submit pictures of midterm grades (UAOnline/BlackBoard), remaining high school graduation requirements (after SP23), and proposed UAA courses for the FA23. [**SUBMIT MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT HERE.**](#)

Once students turn in their midterm progress, they can schedule an advising appointment. To schedule, go to <https://uaa.campus.eab.com/>, choose Anchorage Campus Advising as the type of appointment, for the Service, scroll down to Middle College, choose Middle College Advising Online (Zoom) Appointment, pick a day, then a time, be sure your advisor is Heather Brekke, then Review and Confirm Appointment Details, and then Schedule.

Registration for FA23 begins on **April 3, 2023**, the same day advising begins for the new FA23 cohort of AMCS students.

UAA Transcripts

For seniors going elsewhere, official UAA transcripts can be ordered through the UAOnline Official Transcript Ordering Service (Parchment Exchange). Login to UAOnline, choose "Student Services and Account Information," choose "Official Transcript Request Service," and then follow the instructions.

Electronic Transcripts: The fastest delivery - Processed and delivered by the next business day. University of Alaska official transcript delivered by email in a secure electronic PDF. **Before ordering an electronic transcript, please confirm with the recipient that they will accept an electronic transcript and check your unofficial transcript at UAOnline to ensure it is up-to-date.*

Paper Transcript: Official University of Alaska paper transcript processed the next business day and mailed by the carrier of the student's choice (USPS or FedEx).



Upcoming Important Dates Spring Semester

April

- 10 AMCS Senior Awards Night, 6 PM
- 15 KTHS & AMCS Dance, 6-10 PM

May

- 1 UAA- Last day of classes
- 2-6 Final Exams at UAA
- 10 Graduation Practice, Meeting RM 1, KTHS
- 8-12 Junior Bootcamp
- 12 ASD Senior Last Day
- 19 AMCS Graduation, 2 PM, Alaska Airlines Center
- 22-23 ASD Academic Final Exams
- 23 ASD Last Day for Students



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AMCS Community Standards

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Students to Students

- Be kind, use nice words and tone.
- Ask before using things.
- Respect your peers' preferred atmosphere and learning style.
- When in a group, complete assignments in a fair manner.
- Value each other's time.
- Listen and speak.



Students to Teacher

- Use kind words and appropriate voice levels.
- Follow rules and directions.
- Always give your best effort.
- Forgive me if I have a bad day.
- Complete work on time, be prepared and participate.
- Be open to new ideas; approaches.
- Behave with integrity- no lying or cheating.



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Teacher to Students

- Be patient.
- Give fair consequences.
- Don't give up on me when I'm having a bad day.
- Respect student boundaries.
- Be accessible.
- Allow for brain breaks when necessary.



Students & Teacher to Classroom

- Keep your space organized.
- Be safe and respectable with our supplies and classroom.
- Leave the room nicer than you found it.
- Manage food and drink in a responsible manner.
- Respect seating charts and other Covid-driven rules.