



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Kicking Off 2022-23 School Year

Welcome to Alaska Middle College School. The start of the school year is just a few weeks away, and it is time to start planning to head back into the classrooms. Students' first day of school is August 18. AMCS' New Student Orientation is on August 18, 19, and 22. All new **full-time** students must attend each day to learn more about the program, get a photo ID, tour the UAA campus, and meet other classmates. **Returning students** are **required** to attend Monday, August 22. **All Health Programs students follow their home high school and AMCS schedules. Orientation will occur during your advisory class.**

**AMCS (high school schedule) starts Tuesday, August 23 with Monday classes meeting Friday, August 26.**

### Orientation Week

August 18, 19, and 22: Students will **not** report to KTHS but UAA campus, see the full schedule on the [AMCS website](#).

Transportation and Technology Need: In planning for the school's start-up, we need to know what the student's needs are for transportation or technology. The following survey will allow students to identify their needs to begin to finalize schedules and prepare Chromebooks for distribution during orientation. [Please complete the survey by August 15.](#)

Students can drive to KTHS and UAA during orientation week, and no parking permits are required for either campus. KTHS student parking is behind the building.

Food and Supplies: AMCS will only provide a small snack on the first day. **Please plan to bring your food and water with you each day during orientation.** You may snack throughout the day as long you are not disruptive to others. Please bring notetaking supplies or a laptop to take notes.

### Pack News

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# Picture Day

**Friday, August 26 at  
King Tech High School  
from 8:30am - 12:30pm in room 1.**

## Lunch Service

KTHS does not qualify for a lunch program under the National School Lunch Program; therefore, there is no food service program on campus. Students are encouraged to bring food and water when attending classes at KTHS. KTHS offers a lunch break from 10:55 am – 11:30 am. If a student qualifies for a free or reduced lunch, a snack pack is available in the main office.

## Communications and Student Expectations

AMCS is a hybrid program in which students do not report to KTHS or UAA campus every day. The flexibility of the schedule requires students to communicate differently with their teachers, professors, advisor, and counselor. AMCS and UAA's primary communications are to email you. AMCS requires students to check their inboxes every day. Please note, that email addresses used for ASD Canvas courses do not work outside the program. You will need to update your ASD student information with another email address to receive AMCS communications. Also, we ask parents to review their contact information on their student's account as we are encountering disconnected phone numbers or receiving emails back as undeliverable, [Parent Connection](#).

## Commuting between KTHS and UAA

Students will be moving between KTHS and UAA campuses. Students are prohibited from walking between campuses as no sidewalks allow **safe** crossings between the two properties. Please plan to use your transportation or the ASD buses.

## FAQs

Parents and students, please become familiar with our [FAQ web page](#).

Affiliate school = your neighborhood high school or boundary school

Home school = AMCS

[Activities at affiliate schools](#) and [graduation](#) are two areas that many families have questions about.

## Registrar's Range

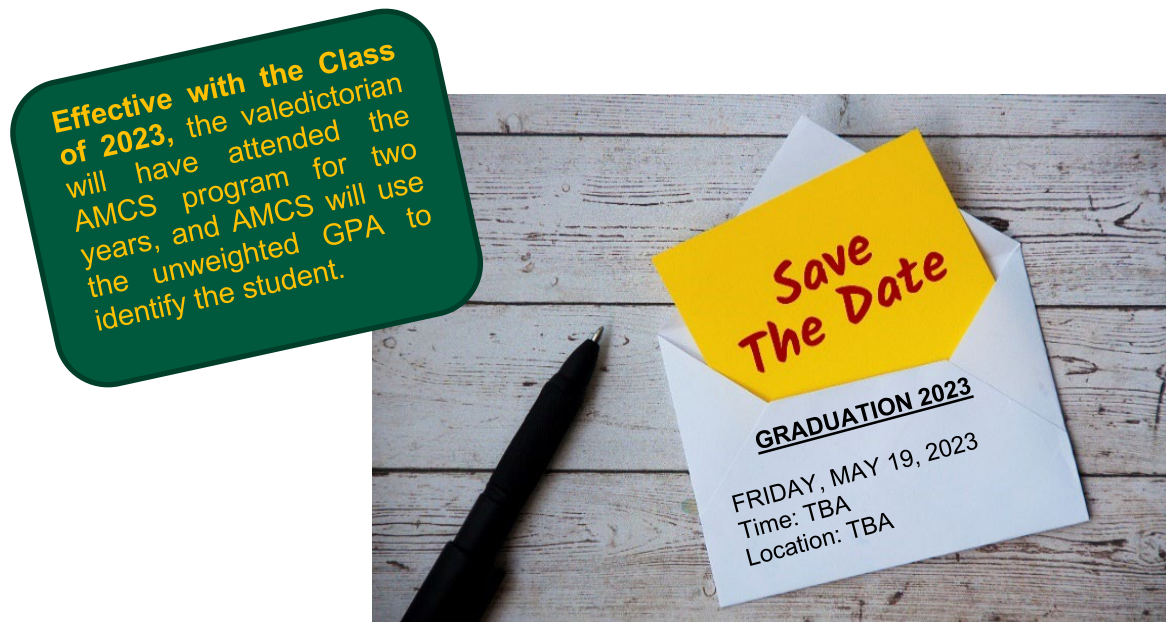
Transcript Requests: The Anchorage School District uses [ScribOrder](#) for all educational records requests. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be the one to submit the request. Be sure to have them legibly signed. We can send e-documents to most post-secondary institutions, so please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

**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 ParentConnect 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 Jane Todd, AMCS Registrar at [todd\\_jane@asdk12.org](mailto:todd_jane@asdk12.org).

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



### 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 [UAA Elmo](#). **For issues with a Chromebook or Canvas, contact ASD IT Service Desk: 907-742-4357, 8 am-5 pm (M-F).**

## Pack News Program Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Counselor's Cave

Single Course Enrollment: Students wishing to take a class at their affiliate school must complete the [Part-Time Enrollment Form](#) and email it to Mrs. Sherwood. You must be in good academic standing and it can't conflict with AMCS or UAA courses.

- **Schedules:** The plan is to email students a screenshot of their schedule before the first day of school. You can check out the AMCS advisory class schedule on the AMCS website. For returning students, if you would like to have an advisory class this semester, please email me with your request.
  - All new AMCS students will be scheduled into Math, Language Arts, and Science Advisory courses. Advisory classes are scheduled around your UAA class schedule. If we need to make changes or adjustments, we can do this during the first week of classes (August 22-26).
  - Schedules will be emailed out to students the week of August 15th.
  - Credit by choice programs **must have approval before starting the course**. Please see the ASD Credit By Choice guidelines about the program. [Graduation Requirements / Credit By Choice](#).
  - Would you like to take a PE Course? Here is a link to the PE course options through ASDvirtual. [PE Options / Course Options](#) Email me with your choices and I'll get you scheduled.
  - If you need a letter of recommendation, please fill out a [Letter of Recommendation](#) form and email it to me. It's best if you change the name of the document to match your name.

**Mandatory Senior and Junior Post-Secondary Transition Seminars:** AMCS requires junior and senior post-secondary transition seminars this academic year. Seniors must complete a fall seminar that will cover college/trade school/other post-secondary programs' applications, essays, scholarships, recommendation letters, financial aid, etc. Each junior must complete a seminar during the spring semester that will focus on career and academic planning. Students will begin narrowing or finalizing their career/academic pathway. Areas of study are career planning, researching colleges/trade schools/other post-secondary options, analysis program/degree requirements, financial planning, Alaska Performance Scholarship (and others), etc.

**ACT and SAT:** Students planning to take the [ACT](#) and/or the [SAT](#) should sign-up soon. It is important to note that some universities may have either altered or waived their testing requirements. If you know which schools you want to apply to, make sure you check their admissions criteria.

Fee waivers for the ACT/SAT are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Additional criteria are listed at [College Waiver Information](#). The waivers are available from Mrs. Sherwood.

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*AMCS Den's pantry is running low on supplies (coffee, tea, and snacks). Please consider donating an item for students to access throughout the semester.*

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### Teacher Territories

**Welcome, Aurora Hoeffler:** AMCS is happy to announce Aurora Hofferle is joining the AMCS Team from Kincaid Elementary this fall as our new Science teacher. Please stop into the AMCS Den and say hello.

## FALL 2022 AMCS CLASS SCHEDULE



### **UHowls** UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

#### **Closure Alerts**

UAA will post closures on UAA's main website; however, you can get text messages by enrolling your phone number in the [UA Alert System](#). Enroll now to stay informed.

#### **Textbook Distribution**

All UAA textbooks are purchased on behalf of the student. Please ignore any UAA messaging stating you need to order a textbook. Students will receive their books during orientation.

#### **UAA Schedule Changes**

Great job to all the students who completed registration for fall 2022. Due to textbook ordering timeframes, schedule changes will be limited and approved on a case-by-case basis.

#### **UAA Parking**

Students planning to drive to the UAA campus for classes will need a parking permit. Students can buy a permit by the day, semester, or year. UAA is currently selling 2022-23 **ANNUAL Parking** permits through August 9 for \$315, and starting August 10, the price increases to \$350. please visit UAA's Parking website, [Parking Information, and Purchase UAA Parking Permit](#) for more information. Location parking areas on [UAA's Interactive Map](#).

#### **WolfCard**

Do you have your UAA student ID (WolfCard)?

**You will need your WolfCard to attend UAA student activities, and you can use it to ride the People Mover for FREE.**

If you have not acquired your WolfCard then we encourage you to do so ASAP. Please try to get your WolfCard before Wednesday, August 17. Students who cannot get their WolfCard before August 17 will have the opportunity to get one during orientation. You can get your WolfCard at the Cashier Windows at the Eugene

Short Hall (ESH), room 102- [UAA's Interactive Map](#). The WolfCard office is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5 pm, and Wednesday from 11 to 5 pm. You can also get a WolfCard at the Consortium Library. **WolfCard Office - Phone - 786-HOWL (4695). Make sure you bring a government-issued ID with you.**

## Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

### August

|            |  |
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| 18, 19, 22 | Fall 2022 New Student Orientation                                      |
| 22         | Seniors attend orientation day   |
| 23-26      | Students attend fall AMCS classes – starting with the Tuesday schedule |
| 26         | School Pictures and Monday AMCS classes meet on Friday                 |
| 29         | UAA classes begin; UAA add/drop period begins                          |

### September

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| 9  | UAA add/drop deadline             |
| 10 | UAA withdrawal period begins      |
| 5  | Labor Day - No ASD or UAA classes |



## Pack Leaders Contact Information

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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.