

# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Fall Semester

UAA Final Exams: UAA final exam week is December 12-16. Please consult your course syllabi for each course's date and time. UAA allows additional time for final exams, so you may need to meet on a different day and time than usual.

The end of the semester is fast approaching, so it's time to start planning to return your AMCS textbooks! Options for returning your textbooks this semester:

### Textbooks

Return Days: **Thursday, December 15, and Friday, December 16**, from 9 am - 4 pm in Gordon Hartlieb Hall (GHH), Room 101. On Textbook Return Days, I will be available to take returns all day during the specified hours. No appointment is needed – you can drop in at any time.

Textbook returns by appointment: If you cannot make it to either Textbook Return Days, I have made the Middle College Bookings page available for you to schedule an individual appointment with me. I will be available to book from Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 20-21. Note that on some days, I may have limited availability. Visit [uaa.alaska.edu/about/middle-college](http://uaa.alaska.edu/about/middle-college) and navigate the Middle College Textbooks page for a link to the Bookings page.



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### **Spring Semester (Begins January 9)**

Certified Nursing Aide Orientation: Students are to report to King Tech High School on January 9-12 at your assigned class time indicated on your acceptance letter. If your class is on Saturday, plan to attend orientation Friday, January 13, 8 am-1:20 pm. AMCS will coordinate with your home school for an excused absence from your high classes. Please work with your teachers ahead of time to make up missed work.

Certificate Programs (Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, Medical): Students are to report to UAA for orientation on January 9-10, 8:30 am-12:45 pm. AMCS will coordinate with your home school for excused absences from your high classes. You will start your spring high school courses (including advisories) on January 11 and UAA classes on January 17. Please work with your teachers ahead of time to make up missed work.

Degree Program Students (full-time): TBA- check your inbox for an announcement.

### **Graduation Information**

For updates on graduation dates and times, please check ASD's website <https://www.asdk12.org/graduations>. Cap and gown orders are due by November 30; head to the [Jostens website](#) to order your regalia.

### **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. The seminar introduces students to career exploration, college exploration, financial aid, ACT/SAT testing, AK Performance Scholarship, and career opportunities. Over the summer, students should register to take the ACT/SAT, research their top colleges, identify funding, investigate scholarships, visit colleges, explore workforce opportunities, etc. Come fall, students will enroll in a Senior Seminar and begin applying to their top colleges, submitting applications for scholarships, and/or applying for jobs. Students need to self-enroll in the am or afternoon session; for more details, please see your AMCS advisory teacher for more information.



## 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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### 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.

Graduation & Post-High School Plan Survey: Seniors, please fill out the [Graduation Plan Survey](#) to let AMCS know which graduation ceremonies you plan to attend. You are welcome to participate in AMCS's graduation ceremony on May 19 at 2 pm and your affiliate high school graduation ceremony (Check [asdk12.org](http://asdk12.org) for dates and times). Please email Ms. Sherwood or Ms. Harbison with any questions regarding graduation.

Planning to graduate early? If you are a December 2022 graduate or a junior planning to graduate in May 2023 or Summer 2023, please contact Ms. Sherwood for the AMCS Early Graduation form. (You should also fill out the graduation planning form above.)

Spring Scheduling: Students who enrolled in AMCS for the first time beginning in the 2022-2023 school year are expected to take Language Arts Advisory, Math Advisory, and Science Advisory classes. Many students have taken Language Arts Advisory and Math Advisory this semester. If you joined AMCS this year, haven't taken Science advisory yet, and are enrolled in a UAA Science class for the Spring semester, you will need to sign up for a Science Advisory class this semester. If the Spring 2023 semester is your first time taking a UAA Math or Writing class, you will need to sign up for a corresponding Advisory. You can also let me know if you need an ASD virtual class through the scheduling survey. Here is the link to fill out the form: [AMCS Spring 2023 Scheduling](#)

Part-time course enrollments: Students who would like to take a new class at their affiliate high school fill out the [Part Time Course Enrollment](#) form and send it to [sherwood\\_beth@asdk12.org](mailto:sherwood_beth@asdk12.org) before December 19.

Common App/School Report/Transcript Requests: Seniors planning to apply to college by an early January deadline need to send requests for the counselor report, counselor recommendation, and school reports to Mrs. Sherwood by **December 12** for the reports to be submitted before Winter Break. These requests can be submitted before the applications are complete and before the application deadline. From December 23-January 9, AMCS faculty will not be accessing their emails or fulfilling last-minute requests for recommendations, school reports, and transcripts.

### Teacher's Terrain

ASD Advisory Classes December 19-21: Instead of final exams in advisories, students are encouraged to participate in various workshops. Students with absences in advisories this semester may also make up the time by attending workshops. Students will be provided with more information about the workshop schedule and options toward the end of November. On the last day, Wednesday, we will be having a Cookie Decorating and Cocoa Social. Please use this link if you would like to bake and donate cookies or other supplies: [Cookies and Cocoa Sign Up Genius](#).

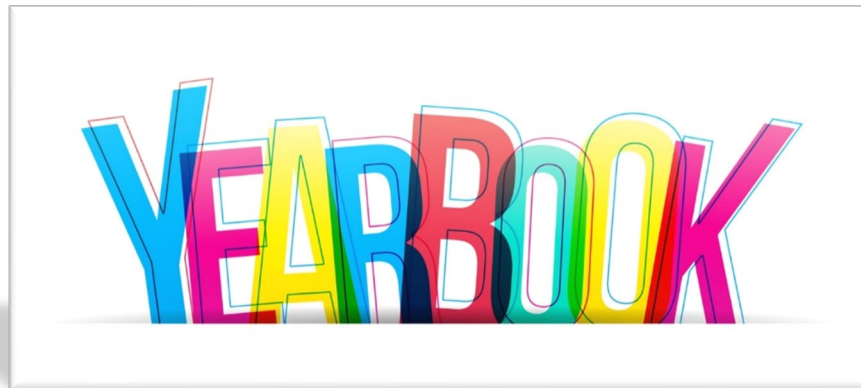


Time	Monday 12/19	Tuesday 12/20	Wednesday 12/21
8:00-8:50	Intro to Taxes	Board Games	Zentangle
	Origami	Origami	D&D
9:00-9:50	Breakout EDU	Knit or Crochet Amigurumi	Board Games
	D&D	D&D	Origami
10:00-10:50	ELA III/IV	Integ/Alg II (9:00-10:50)	ELA III/IV
	Zentangle	Breakout EDU	D&D
11:30-12:20	Origami	Disney Trivia	Cookies and Cocoa  <a href="#">Sign Up Genius to donate supplies</a>
	Knit or Crochet	Origami	
12:30-1:20	Integ/Alg II (11:30-1:20)	ELA III/IV	
	Board Games	Buying a Car/Credit	

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](#)



Buy: Yearbooks are available for purchase! [Click here](#) to purchase your 22-23 AMCS Yearbook today; they are \$55. Seniors wanting to purchase a 21-22 yearbook may do so; there are a few copies left. See Ms. Michele, our Administrative Assistant of Finance, to purchase yours for the discounted price of \$20.

Submit:

**Senior Celebration Pages:** Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. To purchase your ad online, [click here](#). Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. **All orders must be placed by 02/01/2023.**

## UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

**UAA and Middle College advising will be closed for the winter break from 12/22/22-1/3/2023.**

### Leaving early on vacation? Let Hannah know!

Some of you may be leaving on vacation before finals week and taking your textbooks with you. Please notify me by email if this is your situation. Notifying me means you won't receive extra emails about late books, and you will be able to return your books during spring semester Textbook Pickup.

### Contact information

Email: [uaa\\_middlecollege@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa_middlecollege@alaska.edu) Phone: 907-786-1549 Office: RH 103A (available in person Mon - Tues and Thurs - Fri)

### SP23 Middle College Advising

SP23 Middle College advising appointments started on October 31, 2022. Middle College students will have an advising hold on their account until they have met with Ms. Brekke.

If you still need to, use the following link to submit your midterm grades, graduation requirements, and proposed spring classes: [SUBMIT MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORTS HERE](#). Remember to send me a screenshot of your completed Title IX training BEFORE you schedule an advising appointment.



**UAA Spring Semester**

UAA will be closed on January 16, 2023, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.  
UAA course instruction and the add/drop period beginning January 17, 2023.

**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 UA Elmo.

For issues with a Chromebook or Canvas, contact ASD IT Service Desk at 907-742-4357 from 8 am-5 pm, M-F.

## Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

**December**

- 12-16 UAA final exams
- 21 Fall semester ends
- 22 No classes – Grading Day
- 23-31 ASD Winter Break

**January**

- 1-6 ASD Winter Break continued
- 9 AMCS spring semester classes start
- 16 MLK Holiday – ASD & UAA school closed
- 17 UAA classes begin

**February**

- 20 President Day – ASD closed: UAA in session
- 24 ASD professional development day, no ASD classes; UAA in session

## Pack Leaders Contact Information

### Administration

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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.

### 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.

**OFFER GRACE**