



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Fall Semester

UAA Final Exams: UAA final exam week is December 6-11. Please consult your course syllabi for the date and time for each of your courses. UAA allows additional time for final exams so you may need to meet on a different day and time than usual.

ASD Final Exams: ASD final exam week is December 13-16. Instead of final exams in advisories, students are encouraged to participate in a variety of workshops. Students with absences in advisories this semester may also make up the time by attending workshops. Please contact your teacher for more information.

UAA Textbook Return: Fall 2021 textbook returns will take place on **Friday, December 10**, and **Monday, December 13-Wednesday, December 15**, from 9 am - 3 pm at UAA campus in GHH (Gordon Hartlieb Hall), Room 101. This is the same location as where you picked up your textbooks this semester. You will need your Wolfcard to enter the building, and you must wear a mask. If you have a physical book from this semester, including loose-leaf textbooks and lab manuals, you are required to return them during these dates. If you do not return your Fall 2021 textbooks, you will not be able to pick up your Spring 2022 textbooks during textbook pickup in January.

You have the option to schedule your textbook return online. Visit the [Middle College Programs booking page](#) to schedule your textbook return. We encourage you to schedule, but walk-ins are also allowed.

If you will be gone during the textbook return dates or are unable to come to UAA on those days, you will need to schedule a time to bring in your textbooks **earlier during finals week** (December 6-9). Email me at [uaa\\_middlecollege@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa_middlecollege@alaska.edu) with questions or to schedule an early return.

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## Grades

Fall Grades: UAA fall grades will be available December 16 via UAOnline and ASD grades can be seen in Q on January 4.

Good Academic Standing and Probation: AMCS students must be in good academic standing to enroll in University courses. Good Academic Standing means the student:

- maintains a cumulative 2.50 GPA
- completes all enrolled courses with a "C" or higher
- has a good attendance record and no disciplinary actions

A student is no longer in good standing when their university GPA falls below 2.50, fails to attend 20% of a course's meeting times, or receives a failing grade (D, F, W, NB, I, or Credit/No Credit) in a course(s). The student will be placed on academic probation for the next semester. While on academic probation, the student may be required to adhere to one or more of the following:

- Reduce overall class schedule by one course (3 credits) from the previous semester
- Retake course(s) which the student earned "D," "F," or "W" before attempting new courses
- No single course enrollment
- Maintain full-time status in the program
- Attend advisory one time per week

If the student improves their university GPA, the above restrictions are lifted, and the student may return to a full schedule without supervision. The student may be removed from the program to return to his/her home high school if their GPA does not improve or falls below 2.0.



**Seniors Save the Date!!!**

**Graduation 2022 is Friday, May 13.**  
Time and location TBA.

**Your cap and gown order is past due!**  
Discounted prices have been extended  
until December 19, 2021. [Order now!](#)

**Please read the [memo](#) regarding  
participation in graduation ceremonies  
for AMCS students.**

## Spring Semester

Classes Begin: Spring semester classes will begin January 3 for all high school courses (advisories and AMCS courses), while UAA courses start January 10.

UAA Textbook Pick-Up: As a reminder; all textbooks are ordered on behalf of AMCS students (students should not order any textbooks on their own unless they are self-paying for a course). Textbook pickup is scheduled for January 6th and 7th 2022. AMCS students will receive an email with specific instructions in December on how to schedule a pickup for all physical textbooks."

**Junior Seminar:** All juniors will participate in a week-long Junior Seminar, May 2-6. Students will attend either a morning (8-9:50 am) or afternoon (11:30 am-1:20 pm) session, which coincides with our ASD Busing Schedule. 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.

### **AMCS Den Appliance Needs**

King Tech High School does not qualify for a lunch program under the National School Lunch Program. AMCS allows students to bring food and drinks into the AMCS Den (classroom space). However, students are unable to heat their food or keep it cold. AMCS needs a microwave and a small refrigerator for students to use while attending their classes at KTHS. If interested in donating one of these items, please contact AMCS front office, (907) 742-8900.

### **Registrar's Range**

**Grade changes:** If a course grade changed after grades appeared in your student account in Q, or your 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 posted your UAA transcript. Your advisor will share the updated grade information with AMCS. Please note, grade changes/replacements are a manual process, and we will not know when your grade changes.

**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 requests 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!

### **Spirit Wear**

Get AMCS spirit wear now, order directly from the company and have it delivered to your doorstep; [place your order](#).

### **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.

## **Pack News** Program Pack Leaders' Announcements

### **Counselor's Cave**

You may sign up for your spring courses by emailing me directly, stopping by my office, or setting up an appointment. We can meet in person or via Zoom. Here is the link to my calendar. [Scheduling with Ms. Sherwood](#)

We can also discuss the Alaska Performance Scholarship, do a credit check, and discuss college/post-high school plans.

Advisory Classes: ([Spring 2022 Master Schedule](#))

- *If you have successfully completed your first UAA writing and/or math class you will not be required to take an advisory next semester. You are welcome to take an additional advisory class if you feel it will be beneficial to your success. You can email me with a section number and I will enroll you in the class.*
- *If you are taking writing or math for the first time at UAA, please select an advisory section and email it to me.*
- *If you withdrew from a UAA course this semester, you will be required to take an advisory class next semester. Please choose a section that works for you, and email me the section number. Otherwise, I will schedule you where I think it will fit best.*

AMCS Courses: The following courses are offered through AMCS.

US Government – if you would like to meet your US Government requirement by taking this course, please select the section that works best for you and email me to schedule it for you.

English III/IV- if you need an English class through AMCS, please select the section that works best for you and email me your selection.

Integrated Math - if you need a math credit through AMCS, please contact Mrs. Harbison to see if this is the right class for you.

ASDvirtual Courses: If you would like to take a class through ASDvirtual, please send me an email with the course selection. You do not need to fill out a part-time course enrollment form to take an ASDvirtual course. You are required to complete the course independently and to be able to contact your instructor independently. [ASD Virtual / ASDV Course Catalog](#)

Many students complete their Economics and US Gov social studies requirements and their PE requirements through ASDvirtual classes. *If you are heading into semester 2 of your senior year, and you have not met these requirements, I will automatically schedule you for the ones you need.* You will have to contact me to have them dropped.

Many AMCS students meet the Physical Education requirements through ASDvirtual courses. I have made this handy document with the available course descriptions. Email me with your selection. [PE Course Options](#)

Part-time course enrollments: Students in good standing have the option to take a single course at their affiliated high school. You need to fill out this form, email or drop it off to me, and I will get it approved and send it to your affiliate high school for scheduling. [Anchorage School District Part-Time Enrollment Form](#)

## Teacher's Terrain

Graduation: Scott Brown attended senior advisories in September to help students prepare for cap and gown orders. [Your cap and gown orders are due by December 19.](#) If you have questions about your order, please reach out to Scott at (907) 567-8367. As a reminder, students will need a cap, gown, tassel, and a stole for each ceremony that they plan on walking in. AMCS regalia is a black gown, black cap, green and gold tassel, and gold stole. Please contact your affiliate school for their colors or connect with Scott for this information.



Pre-order your yearbook, \$50,  
by January 28 at [Jostens](#).

# Year Book

Senior Parents, buy a senior ad. Celebrate your student's journey with a yearbook ad. There are celebration pages for your senior, create and purchase a page for your senior today. [Head to Jostens to start creating your senior celebration page!](#)

- **NEW!!** Yearbook is collecting photos for you and your pets, you and the snow, and any sibling portraits you would like to share.
- Your photos can feature students from your affiliate school.

For yearbook submissions, head to [Images.jostens.com](https://images.jostens.com) and input the User ID: **416224854**.

Wanting to stay up-to-date with the yearbook? Head to Instagram and follow us @amcs.yearbook. Stay informed about deadlines and photo submissions here.

Yearbooks at Affiliate Schools: Senior students wishing to appear in their affiliate school's yearbook need to contact the school to submit their picture. [Visit the AMCS website for more information.](#)

## UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

### SP22 Middle College Advising

SP22 Middle College advising appointments begin October 25, 2021, when the SP22 UAA schedule goes live. Schedule your SP22 advising appointment so you can register as soon as non-degree-seeking students are eligible. Middle College students will have an advising hold on their account until they have met with their advisor. **Registration for SP22 non-degree seeking Middle College students begins on Monday, November 22, 2021, @ 12:01 am.**

## Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

### December

6-11	UAA final exams
14-16	AHEC Healthcare Career Exploration
16	AMCS classes end
17	No classes
20-31	ASD Winter Break



### January

3	ASD classes resume
6	AMCS - New Student Orientation
10	UAA classes and Add/Drop period begins
17	No ASD or UAA classes
21	UAA Add/Drop period ends and Withdrawal Period begins

## 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.

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