



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Professional Development Day & Presidents Day

We are approaching some days when AMCS students will need to adjust their schedules because of ASD Professional Development Day (February 18) and Presidents Day (February 21). Students will not attend their AMCS or high school courses on these dates but **must** attend their UAA courses. We need to ensure we understand the transportation needs of our students during these times. Please complete the [SP22 AMCS Busing Needs for February](#) survey by **Friday, February 4**.

### 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.

### 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 posted your UAA transcript. Your advisor will share the updated grade information with AMCS. Please note that grade changes/replacements are manual, and we will not know when your grade changes.

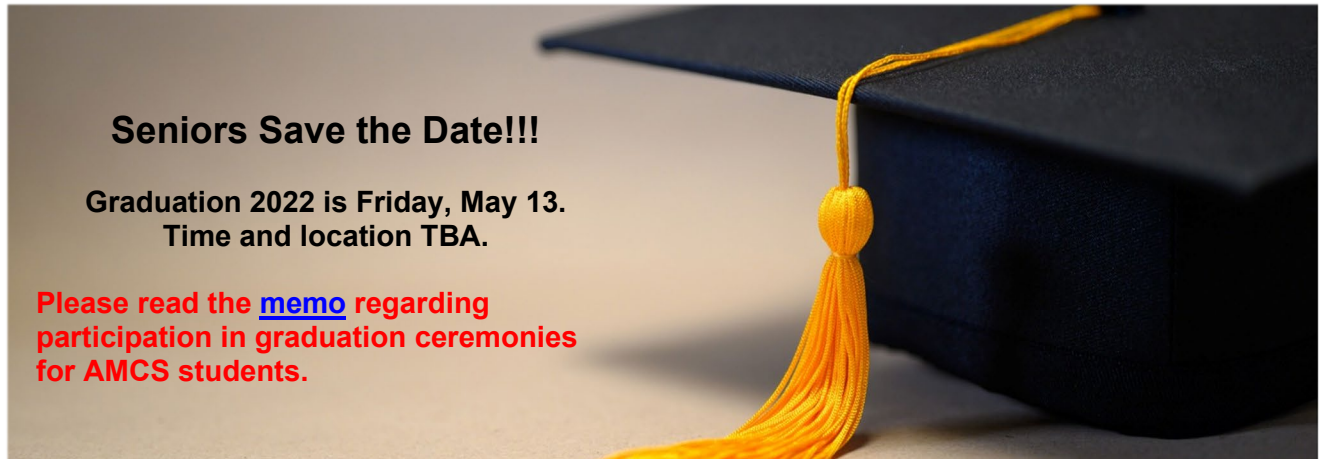
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Transcript Requests: The Anchorage School District uses [ScribOrder](#) to request educational records. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be the one to submit the request. Be sure to have requests legibly signed. We can send e-documents 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!

## Graduation



## 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

Credit Checks: Do you want to do a credit check before scheduling classes for next semester? Schedule an appointment with Mrs. Sherwood [Credit Check Meeting](#).

Letters of Recommendations/College Applications: On your college applications, Beth Sherwood ([sherwood\\_beth@asdk12.org](mailto:sherwood_beth@asdk12.org)) should be entered as your high school counselor. If you need a specific letter of recommendation, please fill out the letter of recommendation request and send it to me with a note asking me to write you a letter. [Letter of Recommendation / Recommendations](#). Follow up to ensure you have all required information submitted before due dates.

Scholarship Opportunity: [CIRAC/ James Carter Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Sciences](#)

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# 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

### AMCS All School Gathering

**AMCS students, please mark your calendar for February 18 at 10 AM to attend the AMCS All School Gathering via Zoom.** During this meeting, students will receive instructions on how to prepare to close out the semester in their college classes, how seniors properly prepare to transfer to another institution or attend UAA in the fall, and the fall 2022 class registration process. All students **MUST** attend this event or contact their advisor if they have a class during this time.

### Midterm Progress Reports

Every semester AMCS students are **required** to fill out a Midterm Progress report. These progress reports allow the UAA and ASD staff to see how each student is progressing in their college classes.

College professors submit midterm grades to UAOnline between February 14 through March 4, and AMCS students are required to submit their progress reports during this time. Middle College progress reports require students to upload a screenshot of their UAOnline and/or Blackboard grades, list remaining high school graduation requirements, and outline which college classes they desire to take for fall 2022. Students, please look for the link to this form via email on **February 18, 2022**.

### Real Estate Summer Workshop

Have you considered the idea of a career in real estate but are not sure what career paths are available or what education is required? The UAA Real Estate Property Management department is hosting a three-day workshop for high school students to explore career paths and educational opportunities in real estate. The workshop runs July 12th-14th 2022 from 10 AM-3 PM each day. Only 15 seats are available and interested students must complete an [application](#) to attend.

### What is Tax Form 1098-T?

You or your parent/guardian may receive a 1098-T tax notification from UAA. If you or your parents or guardian have questions regarding the 1098-T, please call UAA Accounting Services at 786-1440. UAA Accounting Services can answer questions about your 1098-T but cannot give tax advice.

## Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

### February

1	AMCS Fall 2022 – Information and Application Night
18	AMCS All School Check-In
18 & 21	No ASD classes; UAA is in session

### March

4	No ASD classes; UAA is in session
7-11	Spring Break – 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.

**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**