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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.

To submit awards please [click here!](#)

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Important Dates

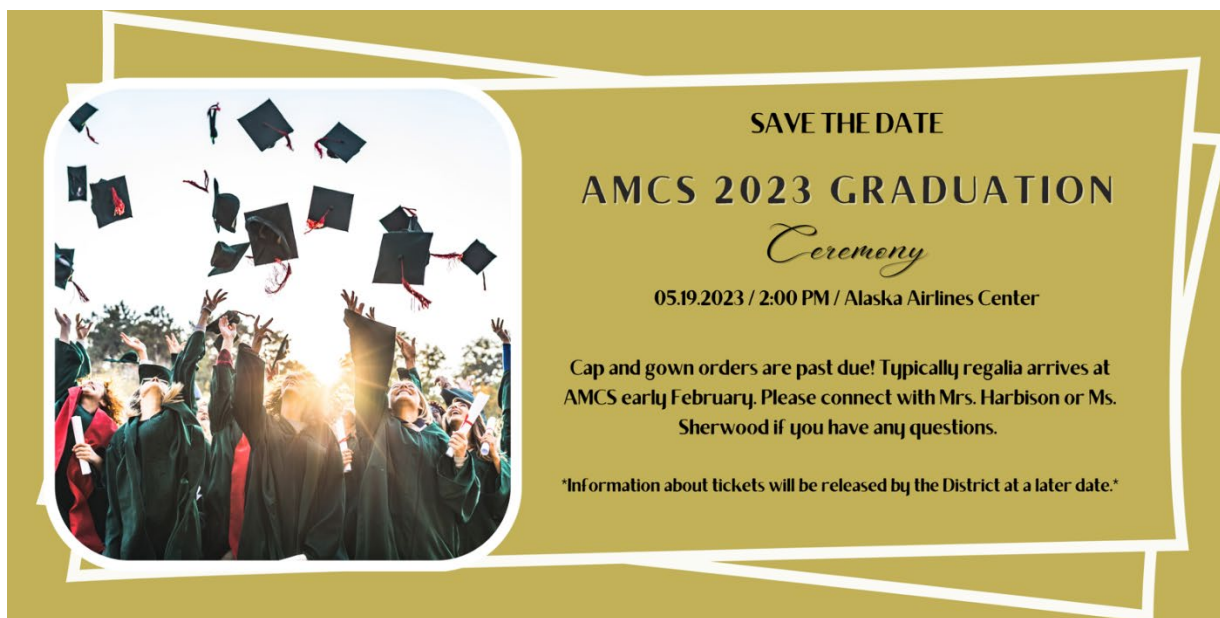
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Registrar's Range

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.



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.

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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.

Teacher's Terrain

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.

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
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



UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

Middle College JUNIOR Progress Report & FA23 Advising Instructions

It is the time when we check on your progress in your UAA courses. Midterm grades should be available in UAOnline and/or BlackBoard between March 3 and March 19, 2023.

In order to schedule your FA23 advising appointment, you need to submit your midterm grades, your high school graduation requirements, and your proposed college courses for fall 2023.

[SUBMIT MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT HERE](#). Once you turn in your midterm grades, schedule your advising appointment by going to <https://uaa.campus.eab.com/>. Middle College advising appointments begin March 20 when the UAA FA23 schedule goes live. Registration for FA23 begins on April 3, at which point we start seeing the new fall cohort of AMCS students. 😊

Middle College SENIOR Midterm Progress & Exit Survey

It is important for us to know how you are doing in your classes and to help you prepare for your next steps after high school. Seniors, please take a few minutes to complete the [Senior Progress & Exit Survey](#).

Seniors do not need to submit midterm grades, although you should be aware of how you are doing in your UAA courses, and if you can pass with a C or better. Grades should be available in UAOnline and/or BlackBoard between March 3 -20, 2023.

If you have applied to UAA for fall 2023, you should meet with your advisor. To find your UAA advisor, go to <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/myuaa>.

Seniors DO NOT need to meet with me for fall advising. All SENIOR Middle College advising holds will be removed once the Withdrawal period is over on March 31, 2023@4PM.

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," select "Official Transcript Request Service," and 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

March	10	End of Second Quarter: No school for ASD students
	12	Time change- spring forward
	13-17	Spring Break- ASD closed
	31	Last Day for withdrawals from UAA classes
April	10	AMCS Senior Awards Night, 6 PM
May	1	UAA- Last day of classes
	2-6	Final Exams @ 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



SPRING FORWARD
SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

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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.



OFFER
GRACE

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.