



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Transportation

AMCS busing cohort changes on November 14 from cohort 1 to cohort 2. Please review busing services to your affiliate high school and King tech on the ASD [website](#).

### 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.

### 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 Nov 30th, head to the [Jostens website](#) to order your regalia.

### 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, grade changes/replacements are a manual process, and we will not know if your grade changes unless you tell us.

### Pack News

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### UHowls

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### Important Dates

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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, and it saves 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 textbooks are returned and no balances are on the student account. Please note, the form requires signatures from the advisor, counselor, student, and parent.

## Spirit Wear

Get your 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

### Coordinator's Cache

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program: KTHS Certified Nurses' Aide program provides opportunities to earn college credit and professional certification. If you are interested in this program for the spring semester, contact Mrs. Sherwood for information and to learn how to connect to the program.

### Counselor's Cave

Planning to graduate in December? If you plan on graduating in December 2022, you need to contact Ms. Sherwood as soon as possible.

Withdrawal and Advisory: If you withdrew from a Fall class at UAA, you will be placed in an advisory class next semester.

Part-Time school enrollments: If you plan on taking a class at your affiliated high school, please fill out the [Part-time Course Enrollment Form](#) and return it to me. I will then process it and send it to your affiliated high school. If you are in the same class all year, you don't need to resubmit the form. This is only for new classes. Part-time course enrollment forms are due by **December 13**.

Credit by Choice: Credit by Choice Applications have to be filled out prior to or at the beginning of the semester. They will not be accepted after you have completed the course. Credit By Choice.

Letter of Recommendation: It is [Letter of Recommendation](#) time! I love writing personalized letters; please complete the form and email it to me.

Alaska Performance Scholarship: Please check out the APS checklist and see if you are on target to earn this award, on the [APS website](#).

## Teacher's Terrain



**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:

**Seniors:** Do you have a senior photo to submit for the yearbook? [Use this link](#) to upload your senior photo for the AMCS Yearbook. If you would like to submit a photo to your affiliate school please [Click Here](#) for instructions on how to submit at each school.

**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.

**Fall Sports and Fair Photos:** At AMCS we rely on our students to submit photos for our yearbook so we can feature you and your experience in the program! [Use this link](#) to submit photos of your fall sports or pictures at the fair. These photos can have students from other schools featured.

## 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](#)

## ASD Advisory Classes December 19-21

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. More information will be provided to students about the workshop schedule and options toward the end of November.



### Withdrawal Deadline

If an AMCS student is in jeopardy of not passing a UAA class, and they have exhausted all possible options to complete the class successfully, they have the option to withdraw from the class by the UAA withdrawal deadline, **November 4, 2022**.

AMCS students who choose to withdraw from a UAA course **must** complete the College Course Grade Change Form with their UAA advisor before they can withdraw from the UAA class in UAOnline. The withdrawal form helps to ensure that the AMCS high school staff and UAA Middle College staff are aware of this decision and provide feedback to the student if necessary.

### Required Title IX Training for all AMCS students

AMCS student's TITLE IX training must be completed to schedule an SP23 advising appointment. If you still need to access your TITLE IX training, log in to UAOnline and go to Student Services & Account Information, and then Student Training. On the Student Training page, click on UA Safe Title IX Training to access the TITLE IX training in BlackBoard. Once you are in BlackBoard, select Training to launch the modules. **You will get a Certificate of Completion once you are done which you will need to email to your UAA Middle College advisor.** If you were at the AMCS Zoom TITLE IX training, you do not need to complete the modules in UAOnline/BlackBoard.

### SP23 Middle College Advising

SP23 Middle College advising appointments started on October 31, 2022, when the SP23 UAA schedule went live. Middle College students will have an advising hold on their account until they have met with their advisor. **Registration for SP23 non-degree-seeking Middle College students begins on Monday, November 28, 2022, @ 12:01 AM.**

## Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

### November

- 4 UAA withdrawal deadline
- 8 Election Day - AMCS courses asynchronous
- 11 No AMCS classes - UAA still in session
- 23 No UAA classes – ASD in session**
- 24-25 Thanksgiving - No AMCS or UAA classes**

### December

- 12-17 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
- 17 UAA classes begin



## 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.