



Seawolf Soundbites

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The Den

Pictures and ASD Student ID

This year's school pictures and student IDs are on hold until students return to King Tech High School. King Tech staff will schedule a day for students to report to school for pictures. Students will need to plan to ensure they allow time in their schedules to have their photos taken between their class schedules.

Textbooks and Course Supplies

The program is receiving inquiries about getting reimbursement for purchasing access codes, textbooks, or course supplies. ASD and UAA have ordered all required books and materials for your classes. ASD will pay for these items. Please **do not** purchase these items until you have spoken with your UAA advisor. ASD will not pay for personal items such as lab coats, lab goggles, school supplies, etc.

Spring 2021 Class

AMCS will start accepting applications for the 2021 Spring Class. Information Night is October 14th at 6 pm via Zoom. The application link will open on October 15th and will close December 14th. The program is looking for seniors who are planning to graduate this December. We invite these seniors to apply to the program and join the Pack for a semester. Let us expand our Pack, share this information with students who might want to join our program.

Wolf-wise Workshops (W3)

AMCS is launching Friday student success workshops. These 75-minute sessions will focus on topics such as career exploration, college application, and essays, how to take notes, classroom etiquette, stress management, etc. Next week, an email will be sent out to students with a description of the workshop and a link to sign up for the workshop. Each workshop is limited to 35 students. For high

demand workshops, additional sessions may be added to the schedule. Workshops start at 11:30 am – 12:45 pm via Zoom.

September

- 11 Classroom Etiquette and Professional Emails
- 18 Book Club*
- 25 **Mandatory Training:** all AMCS Students: UAA Four-week check-in and Title IX training

October

- 2 Introduction to E-portfolio
- 9 College Essays that Work
- 16 No workshop - no ASD classes
- 23 No workshop - no ASD classes

November and December

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***AMCS Book Club with Ms. Sherwood**

AMCS is starting a Book Club. The objective is to read the same book and have a group discussion about the book and its impact on us. It is so difficult to choose a book, so I narrowed it down. I need you to help us choose from there. Vote by Tuesday, and I will email the final selection next week.

Use this link to vote. [Click here to vote.](#)

Pack News

Counselor's Corner

ACT and SAT

Students who are planning to take the [ACT](#) and/or the [SAT](#) should sign-up soon. Testing sessions might fill-up fast due to the cancellation of spring testing. It is important to note that some universities may have either altered or waived their testing requirements. If you know which schools you want to apply to, make sure you check their admissions criteria.

Fee waivers for the ACT/SAT are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Additional criteria are listed at [College Board Waiver Information](#). The waivers are available from Ms. Andresen.

Teacher's Corner

Ms. Sherwood is starting an AMCS Book Club. For more information, see Wolf-wise Workshops.

U Howls

We are here for you!

Kudos to all of you for reaching out and connecting with your Middle College advisor. The first two weeks can present unique and unforeseen challenges for students. Middle College advisors are here to help you to problem solve and navigate being a college student.

Middle College advisor vs. AMCS high school counselor

As you have questions and concerns during your time in AMCS, it is good to know who to contact regarding an issue. If you have questions or concerns related to high school (advisory classes, single course enrollment, high school classes, Canvas, etc.), please reach out to your high school counselor Ms. Andresen. For all college-related questions (college classes, textbooks, professors, college tutoring services, etc.), see your Middle College advisor, Ms. Brekke or Ms. Tamika.

Learning Communities

During orientation, you connected with your learning community group. If you opted in to share your contact information, then your orientation leader should have sent you the contact info of the students in your group (let Ms. Tamika know if you didn't receive this). Please use this group to your advantage. You can email the group to find out who shares the same classes, start virtual study buddies, and use each other as a resource to succeed in your classes.

UAA WOLF-Card

New and returning AMCS students need to get your UAA Wolfcard (student ID) on your own. The University Center is OPEN to get your Wolfcard, **Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, Wednesday from 11 am to 5 pm.**

To pick up your Wolfcard, you will need a GOVERNMENT ISSUE (not high school ID) and your UAA ID number. The WOLFcard office is on the south side of the University Center Mall off of the Old Seward Highway.

Information about the Wolfcard:

- It's your official UAA ID
- It's your library card
- It's your U-Pass - Free use of the City Bus System/Valley Mover
- It's your access to movies, concerts, and all venues in the Wells Fargo Sports Center
- It's a way to pay for many services on campus, like printing and meals.
- It's convenient: Forget about carrying cash, checks, or credit cards.
- It's fast: the WOLFcard will always have exact change, so it's faster than cash!

It's safe: Your WOLFcard lost or stolen? No Problem! Simply notify the [Wolfcard Office](#), and they'll take care of the rest.

Online Tutoring for College Classes

UAA has an array of online resources to help you succeed. These resources are available to Middle College students and often provide services on evenings and weekends. Please review the list of Learning Commons Resources and keep this information handy for future use.

Compass Workshops

SOS - SUCCESSFUL ONLINE SEAWOLVES Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1–2 pm.

Don't feel like you're drowning — we have a life raft of helpful information, tips, and tricks for keeping your head above the water while taking online classes this semester. Get more information at tinyurl.com/y5jffein.

APPS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU SUCCEED Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1–2 pm.

Student success is more important than grades. It is about campus connection, using available tools & resources, and asking for help from your faculty and staff. Join us for information on some tools at your fingertips that can make a big difference! Get more information at tinyurl.com/y5jffein.

[For more information and other Compass Workshops, click here.](#)

ADD/DROP DEADLINE for UAA Courses

- If you need to drop a class, do not wait until the last minute.
- Be sure you can complete the work involved to be successful in all of your UAA and ASD courses and adjust your schedule accordingly.
- The drop deadline for AMCS students is **Friday, September 4th, by 4 pm.**

Middle College Advising - FYI

Mrs. Brekke will be taking a vacation for two weeks after the add/drop period. In her absence, all UAA questions should be sent to Ms. Tamika @ tfdowny@alaska.edu.

Upcoming Important Dates

September

- 4 Last day to drop UAA classes, **must be completed by 4 pm**, no exceptions
- 5 UAA Withdrawal period begins
- 7 Labor Day, no UAA or ASD classes
- 25 Mandatory UAA Title IX Training

October

- 13 39th Annual Anchorage Alaska College Career Fair (virtual): College Exploration Panel Presentations
- 14 39th Annual Anchorage Alaska College Career Fair (virtual): College Virtual College Fair
- 14 2021 Spring Class Information Night via Zoom
- 15 2021 Spring Class application opens
- 16 No high school classes; UAA still in session
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