



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den

### Final Days of Spring Semester

AMCS will follow UAA's direction and remain online for their current classes, which means all APEX and Advisory classes will remain virtual; however, we will offer options for F2F support in the AMCS Den (teaching space at KTHS). Please review the [Start Plan for KTHS and AMCS](#) for the policies and procedures regarding Covid-19 Mitigation. The document has information on building hours, where to park, where to enter the building, bus drop-off/pickup location, teacher's schedules, procedures to entering the classroom, etc. AMCS Den hours are 8:30 am – 2:15 pm.

**Options for Support Outside of Students' Class Schedule:** Per the KTHS and AMCS Mitigation Plan, we are required to limit the number of people in the AMCS Den; therefore, students needing support must reserve their space.

- 1) All AMCS students must complete this form (<https://forms.gle/1nPPTJ7N57NdVmAj8>) if they plan to come into KTHS-AMCS Den **regularly**.
- 2) Students who need **occasional** teacher support must select a time during the appropriate teacher's office hours. **Reservations are required at least 12 hours before attending the office hours session. A link to reserve a seat will be provided after spring break.** Please note, students will continue to receive support during their APEX and advisories scheduled class times.

#### **Mrs. Harbison's SP21 office hours:**

Monday: 8:30-9:45 am, 10-11:15 am and 11:30 am -12:45 pm

Tuesday: 8:30-9:45 am and 1-2:15 pm

Wednesday: 8:30-9:45 am

Thursday: 11:30 am -12:45 pm and 1-2:15 pm

**Mrs. Sherwood's SP21 office hours:**

Monday: 7:30-8:30 am and 10-11:15 am

Tuesday: 7:30-8:30 am, and 8:30-9:45 am

Wednesday: 8:30-9:45 am and 1-2:15 pm

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 am, 8:30-9:45 am and 11:30 am -12:45 pm

Friday: 8:30-9:45 am and 1-2:15 pm

- 3) Students are welcome to come into the AMCS Den and work **independently** at any time from 8:30 am-2:15 pm if they sign up.

**Busing**

AMCS will follow King Tech High School's [bus schedule](#).

**School Pictures**

AMCS and ANSEP students, mark your calendar for school pictures. Pictures will take place Friday, April 2, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. There will be **NO makeup day**.

**Attention Parents & Guardians of Spring 2021 AMCS Graduating Students**

There will be an informational and organizational Zoom meeting with the AMCS Graduation Coordinators on Tuesday, March 16, at 7 pm. Please join us, and we will discuss ways to make this year's graduation festivities memorable for your student. [Register here for your Zoom link.](#)

**Graduation – May 11, 2021, at West High School at 4:30 pm.**

**Graduation Invitations**

AMCS has learned that Jostens' graduation invitations contain the wrong date and time for our graduation. We are working with Jostens to resolve the issue and will provide families with an update after spring break.

**Pack News**

**Counselor's Corner**

**Mrs. Andresen's Lunch Zoom/Office Hours** (new Zoom link):

**Tuesdays, 11:15a.-12:15p.**

11:15-11:45 am: Feel free to hang out for lunch and/or pop-in to ask a quick question, (group setting)

11:45 am-12:15 pm: Meet with students 1:1. Please be prepared to wait.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/98518250873?pwd=ajBaZEYzOXVnYkFUdm5YWGFtSzRMdz09>

Meeting ID: 985 1825 0873      Passcode: 688836

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Dial by your location

While the Seniors are completing their final semester, the Juniors will be preparing for Fall Semester. There will be a Junior Meeting on Friday, March 26, to explain the ASD side of scheduling fall classes and prepare for college applications. Since Fall Semester is a busy time with scheduling and taking care of various academic needs, it is essential that Juniors get the information this semester to go into their senior year feeling prepared. The meeting will be recorded, but please make an effort to attend via Zoom, especially if you have any questions specific to the topic. The presentation is geared towards students, but parents are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in starting your search for a college, CollegeBoard is organizing several "BigFuture Days" events to help you find the right fit. See below for the upcoming webinars. You might also want to check out CollegeBoard's Opportunity Scholarships.

Hopefully, you have heard that ACT/SAT requirement for the Alaska Performance Scholarship has been waived for the Class of 2021. The Class of 2022, however, should prepare to take it if they want to qualify for APS. During the APS information night, the AMCS students found out that their test scores need to be available to AMCS by May of their senior year. Here is a link to the presentation, which was given before the 2021 test requirement was waived [https://youtu.be/Z7lkFP\\_uqe8](https://youtu.be/Z7lkFP_uqe8). A link to the "how to Design Your SAT/ACT Testing Strategy as 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> Grader presentation will be sent out via Remind when it becomes available.

### **Graduation Requirements & APS Report Request**

Students who need to know their graduation requirements for their advising appointment should fill out this <https://forms.gle/6kDcAUmUdgZUW1cV9> by March 19, 2021.

- If you plan to go to college in-state, please also request a copy of your Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Report. This form lists the classes you have taken that count towards the APS qualifications.
- The goal is to email your report(s) to you by March 26, 2021,\*.  
\*Depending on the number of requests, there may be a delay in emailing the information to you. In that case, student requests will be prioritized by the date of their advisory appointment. Therefore, if your appointment is in April, you might not receive your report(s) by March 26. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Andresen a couple of days before your scheduled meeting if you have not received your report(s).
- If you need this information before 3/26/21, please email [Andresen\\_Shelly@asdk12.org](mailto:Andresen_Shelly@asdk12.org) after you fill out this form so that she can send it to you early.

### **Ongoing-Letters of Recommendation**

If you need a letter of recommendation from Mrs. Andresen, go to the AMCS website <https://www.asdk12.org/amcs>. Click on Counseling and select Letter of Recommendation from the drop-down list. Please give Mrs. Andresen two weeks to complete it.

### **Ongoing-Transcript Requests**

Mrs. Andresen can upload transcripts to application websites such as SENDedu and CommonApp, but she cannot provide you with official transcripts.

## **Ongoing-CollegeBoard's Opportunity Scholarships (Class of 2022)**

Complete six college planning steps for six different chances to win \$500! When you finish all of the tasks, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$40,000 scholarship. For more information, go to <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/home>

## **Upcoming Events & Due Dates**

### **Wednesday, March 24-Deadline for Juniors to apply to QuestBridge Program**

The College Prep Scholars Program equips high-achieving high school juniors from low-income backgrounds with the knowledge, confidence, and resources to apply to top colleges. Some students may earn scholarships through the program. For more info., go to <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars/who-should-apply>.

### **Friday, March 26, 11a.-12p.-Junior Meeting: Fall Scheduling & College Planning**

Mrs. Andresen will discuss scheduling fall high school classes and college planning with the Juniors so that they can enter their Senior year ready to go! <https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/92472174206?pwd=ZmJZYTRYT2Q4V1g1a0JJVURaRG5KZz09>.

### **Tuesday, March 30, 1p.-5p.-BigFuture Days West & Southwest (for Juniors)**

Connect with a college admissions representative in that region. For more information and to register, go to [https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days/west-southwest?SFMC\\_cid=EM454229-&rid=256477339](https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days/west-southwest?SFMC_cid=EM454229-&rid=256477339)

### **Friday, April 9- Deadline for Applications and Testing for the Seal of Biliteracy**

If you need to be tested, contact the person listed for your affiliate school right away to make the arrangements. The list of school contacts for testing and the application is available at <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5412>. Questions? Please email [Sealofbiliteracy@asdk12.org](mailto:Sealofbiliteracy@asdk12.org).

### **Sunday, April 18, 12p.-4p. BigFuture Days Midwest (for Juniors)**

Connect with a college admissions representative in that region. For more information and to register, go to [https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days/midwest?SFMC\\_cid=EM454229-&rid=256477339](https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days/midwest?SFMC_cid=EM454229-&rid=256477339).

### **Thursday, April 29, 1p.-5p. BigFuture Days Southeast (for Juniors)**

Connect with a college admissions representative in that region. For more information and to register, go to [https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days/southeast?SFMC\\_cid=EM454229-&rid=256477339](https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days/southeast?SFMC_cid=EM454229-&rid=256477339).

### **Wednesday, June 30- Deadline for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Free Application**

Some grants will run out of money before the deadline, so it is in your best interests to complete the form early. Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. FAFSA is required for Pell Grants, the Alaska Performance Scholarship, and many other grants, scholarships, and post-secondary education loans.

## **Registrar's Range**

**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 sign. 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!  
<https://anchorageak.scribder.com>

### Spirit Wear

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

### Teacher's Terrain

Attention AMCS Seniors and Early Grads: Do you have questions about the details of graduation, the yearbook, and the end of the year? Come to a Q & A Zoom with AMCS teachers on Friday, March 26, at 12:15 pm.

Yearbook	Graduation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Recognition Ads:  <a href="#">Josten's AMCS Yearbook Page</a>  <b>Senior Recognition Ads are due by April 1!</b></li> <li>Order your yearbook today:  <a href="#">Josten's AMCS Yearbook Page</a></li> <li>The Yearbook staff is also gathering photos and content:   <a href="#">-Yearbook Content Forms</a>  <a href="#">-Follow AMCS Yearbook on Insta</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AMCS Graduation:            Date: May 11, 2021            Time: 4:30 pm            Location: West High</li> <li><b>We need all graduating students to fillout the following Google Form:</b>  <a href="#">2021 Graduate Info</a></li> <li><b>To look at all the options from Jostens:</b> <a href="#">Josten's AMCS Page</a></li> </ul>

## U Howls

### Midterm Progress Reports

Each semester Middle College advisors send out Progress Report forms for students to complete and submit back to their advisors. **PROGRESS REPORTS ARE DUE IN A NEW DIGITAL FORM** that requires students to upload a screenshot of their UAOnline and/or Blackboard grades, list their remaining high school graduation requirements, and outline which college classes they desire to take for fall 2021. Many college professors will submit midterm grades to UAOnline between February 19 and March 5. Please [submit your progress report](#) by the end of spring break or March 14, 2021.

### FA21 Advising Appointment

FA21 Middle College advising appointments can be scheduled beginning **March 22, 2021**, when the FA21 UAA schedule goes live. [Schedule your FA21 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.

## Seniors

All SENIOR advising holds will be removed once the Withdrawal period is over on March 26, 2021.

If you still want help applying to UAA, UAS, or UAF, please contact your Middle College advisor.

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," choose "Official Transcript Request Service," and then follow the instructions.

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.

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.

Paper Transcript: Official University of Alaska paper transcript processed the next business day and mailed by carrier of the student's choice (USPS or FedEx).

## Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP) Acceleration Program

Applications for the Fall 2021 cohort are due March 9; for more information, visit the ANSEP website. <https://www.ansep.net/component/acceleration-academy-2/>.

## UAA Events

Fireside Chats - This is an ongoing series of informal virtual sessions on various topics featuring UAA students, staff, faculty, etc. They take place at 5:30 pm (AKST) every other Tuesday! Students and families can view and register for upcoming sessions from [this page](#) and list any questions they have, and note any special assistance requirements (e.g., a sign language interpreter). The page will be updated soon with upcoming sessions, which will include Native Student Services, military students, first-generation students, and student exchange.

**Seawolf Ready** - All students are welcome to attend, but this event is aimed at students who have already applied and need assistance with their next steps (academic advising, financial aid, etc.). You can check out dates and times on our [Seawolf Ready](#) page.

Junior Day - (March 17) As the name would suggest, this event is similar to our fall "Preview Day" event but tailored for high school juniors! There will be information about UAA academic pathways and student life, and in the past, admissions counselors have given a non-UA-specific "preparing for college" presentation. As with Seawolf Ready, more info (and hopefully a virtual flier) to come.

A graphic for "Spring break!" where the word "SPRING" is written in large, bold, green letters. Each letter is filled with a different spring-themed image: 'S' has water droplets, 'P' has pink flowers, 'R' has a red flower, 'I' has a blue sky, 'N' has a green field, and 'G' has green foliage. Below "SPRING" is the word "break!" in a smaller, green, lowercase font.



## The Lone Seawolf

# Congratulations!

AMCS Team would like to give the following students a shoutout for their accomplishments and wish them the best on their next steps toward their professional/career goals.



**Noon Elmostafa**



**XAVIER**  
UNIVERSITY

**Shaye Tapanan**





# Upcoming Important Dates

## March

- 5 Grade Reporting Day
- 8-12 Spring Break – No ASD or UAA classes
- 14 Midterm reports due to UAA advisors
- 15 Senior Parent Night
- 17 UAA Junior Day
- 22 Juniors Fall 2021 scheduling begins
- 24 QuestBridge application deadline
- 26 Mrs. Andresen's Junior's Fall Scheduling and College Planning
- 26 Senior graduation, yearbook, and end of year Q & A

# Pack Leaders

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