



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Kicking Off 2021-22 School Year

Welcome to AMCS. The start of the school year is just a few weeks away, and it is time to start planning to head back into the classrooms. Students' first day of school is August 17. AMCS' first week, August 17-20, is our New Student Orientation. All new students must attend each day to learn more about the program, navigate technology, tour King Tech High School and UAA campuses, and meet other classmates. **Returning students are required** only to attend Friday, August 20. AMCS and UAA classes begin Monday, August 23.

### Orientation Week

**August 18 & 19:** Students will **not** report to KTHS on the second and third days of orientation but instead will participate virtually. Students will need a computer/laptop, internet access, and a camera.

**Register:** Students, please make sure you check your email and thoroughly review the AMCS Orientation schedule. New students are required to attend all four days, and returning students are required to attend Friday, August 20 only (but are welcome to participate in the other days as well). **ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE [REGISTRATION FORM](#) FOR ORIENTATION** (New and Returning Students).

**Transportation and Technology Needs:** In planning for the school's start-up, we need to know what the students' needs are for transportation or technology. The following survey will allow students to identify their needs to begin to finalize schedules and prepare Chromebooks for distribution during orientation. [Please complete the survey by August 12.](#)

Students can drive to KTHS and UAA during orientation week, and no parking permits are required for either campus. KTHS student parking is behind the building. At UAA, please park in the parking lot closest to the Student Union (Enrollment Services Center). If you need transportation to and from KTHS from your affiliate high school, please see the [busing schedule](#) found online. AMCS will provide busing to and from UAA on August 20.

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Food and Supplies: AMCS will only provide a small snack on Tuesday. Please plan to bring your food and water with you on Tuesday and Friday. You may snack throughout the day as long you are not disruptive to others. Please bring notetaking supplies or a laptop to take notes. As COVID concerns increase, you need to plan to wear a face mask during in-person activities.

School Pictures: Picture Day is **Friday, August 20**. Life Touch will be on the UAA campus, and we ask **all AMCS** students have their picture taken for the yearbook and ASD IDs.

Agenda (tentative): The following schedule is tentative and subject to change based on COVID mandates. ASD and UAA each have their response plans, and students need to follow both.

<b>Date/Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title of Session</b>
<b>Day 1</b> <b>Tuesday, August 17</b> <b>at KTHC</b>	8:00-8:05	<b>Welcome to School</b>
	8:05AM-9:00	<b>Welcome to AMCS</b>
	9:00-9:05	<b>Break</b>
	9:05-10:05	<b>Student Activity</b>
	10:05-10:15	<b>Passing Time</b>
	10:15- 11:45	<b>Finding Success Inside and Outside of the classroom</b>
	11:45-11:50	<b>Passing Time</b>
	11:50- 12:30 and 12:30 -1:15	<b>Chromebook Distribution/ AMCS Den, KTHS campus tour, parking, and busing schedule</b>
<b>Day 2</b> <b>Wednesday, August 18</b> <b>Virtual</b> <b>(Attend from Home)</b>	8:00-9:30	<b>University Technology</b>
	9:30-9:40	<b>Break</b>
	9:40- 10:40	<b>Time Management</b>
	10:40-10:45	<b>Break</b>
	10:45-11:45	<b>ASD Technology and Communications</b>
<b>Day 3</b> <b>Thursday, August 19</b> <b>Virtual</b> <b>(Attend from Home)</b>	8:30-8:45	<b>Welcome Session</b>
	8:45-10:00	<b>Classroom Success College Etiquette/Professionalism</b>
	10:00-10:10	<b>Break</b>
	10:10-11:10	<b>College Advising/Degree Planning</b>
	11:10-11:15	<b>Break</b>
	11:15-12:30	<b>Student Code of Conduct Mental Health and Campus Safety UAA Health and Counseling</b>
	12:30-12:45	<b>Closing Session</b>
<b>Day 4</b> <b>Friday, August 20</b> <b>at KTHS and UAA</b>	8:30-9:00	<b>Welcome and Closure</b>
	9:00-12:45	<b>UAA Student ID and ASD School Pictures</b>
		<b>Campus Tour</b>
		<b>Textbook Distribution</b>

## Communications and Student Expectations

AMCS is a hybrid program in which students do not report to KTHS or UAA campus every day. The flexibility of the schedule requires students to communicate differently with their teachers, professors, advisor, and counselor. AMCS and UAA primary communication are to email you. AMCS requires students to check their inboxes every day. Please note, email addresses used for ASD Canvas courses do not work outside the program. You will need to update your ASD student information with another email address to receive AMCS communications. Also, we ask parents to review their contact information on their student's account as we are encountering disconnected phone numbers or receiving emails back as undeliverable, [Parent Connection](#).

## Commuting between KTHS and UAA

As we move back to in-person classes, students will be moving between KTHS and UAA campuses. Students are prohibited from walking between campuses as no sidewalks allow safe crossings between the two properties. Please plan to use your transportation or the ASD bus.

## FAQs

Parents and students, please become familiar with our [FAQ web page](#).

Affiliate school = your neighborhood high school or boundary school  
Home school = AMCS

[Activities at affiliate schools](#) and [graduation](#) are two areas that many families have questions.

## Lunch Service

KTHS does not qualify for a lunch program under the National School Lunch Program; therefore, there is no food service program on campus. Students are encouraged to bring food and water when attending classes at KTHS. KTHS offers a lunch break from 10:55 am – 11:30 am. If a student qualifies for a free or reduced lunch, a snack pack is available in the main office.

## 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!

**Register Now:** The Anchorage School District **requires** all students to be registered every year through [ASD Parent Connection](#): Once you have logged in, look for QuickLinks on the left and click on your student's picture. Information on how to reset your PIN and password is found here also.

In ParentConnect you can **update your contact information**, view your student's unofficial transcripts, demographic data, class schedule, attendance, pay for lunches and activities, and much more!

ASD must verify address changes, please send proof of residency to Jane Todd, AMCS Registrar at [todd\\_jane@asdk12.org](mailto:todd_jane@asdk12.org).

- This document must show the service address: Utility bill, Lease/Rental Agreement, Mortgage Document, Military Housing, etc.
- Phone bills, credit card or banks statements are **not** accepted.

## 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

Student Advisory Working Group: AMCS is looking to form a student advisory working group for this fall semester that will help the program further understand students' needs and how to improve the AMCS program. We will explore new ideas such as student clubs, guest speaker series, community service projects, interest in summer school opportunities, etc. The group will also discuss what is working for them in the AMCS program while exploring what is not. Meetings are via Zoom twice a month on Fridays for the fall semester, time of day TBA. Please complete this [survey](#) to volunteer and/or identify activities of interest.

### Counselor's Cave

Welcome, Mrs. Sherwood: AMCS is proud to announce our very own Beth Sherwood is our new counselor to the program. She knows the program and our students very well as she was one of our teachers last year. Please welcome her into this new position.

Single Course Enrollment: Students wishing to take a class at their affiliate school must complete the [Part-Time Enrollment Form](#) and email it to Mrs. Sherwood.

Schedules: Student schedules will be available in Q very soon. Please be patient.

**Mandatory Senior and Junior Post-Secondary Transition Seminars**: AMCS is implementing junior and senior post-secondary transition seminars this academic year. Seniors must complete a fall seminar that will cover college/trade school/other post-secondary programs' applications, essays, scholarships, recommendation letters, financial aid, etc. Each junior must complete a seminar during the spring semester that will focus on career and academic planning. Students will begin narrowing or finalizing their career/academic pathway. Areas of study are career planning, researching colleges/trade schools/other post-secondary options, analysis program/degree requirements, financial planning, Alaska Performance Scholarship (and others), etc.

ACT and SAT: Students planning to take the [ACT](#) and/or the [SAT](#) should sign-up soon. 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 Waiver Information](#). The waivers are available from Mrs. Sherwood.

## Fall 2021 Master Schedule:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30-8:00 am	PREP AND OFFICE HOURS	PREP AND OFFICE HOURS	PREP AND OFFICE HOURS	PREP AND OFFICE HOURS	PREP AND OFFICE HOURS
8:00-8:55	English III Blended #1	LA Advisory #1 COMM A235	English III Blended #1	LA Advisory #2 COMBO/Other	Senior Seminar #1/Homeroom
	Math Blended #1	US Government - Blended #1	Math Blended #1	US Government - Blended #1	
8:55-9:05 BREAK					
9:05-9:55	LA Advisory #3 COMM A235	English IV #1 Blended	LA Advisory #4 WRTG A111	English IV #1 Blended	Senior Seminar #2
	Math Advisory #1 Math A105	Math Advisory #2 COMBO/Other	Math Advisory #3 Math A105	Math Advisory #4 COMBO/Other	
9:55-10:05 am: Break					
10:05-10:55	English IV #2 Blended	LA Advisory #5 COMM A111	English IV #2 Blended	LA Advisory #6 WRTG A111	Yearbook
	Math Advisory #5 COMBO/Other	Math Advisory #6 Math A105	Math Advisory #7 MATH A151	Math Advisory #8 MATH A152, A251, 252, 253	
10:55 pm-11:30 pm: BREAK & Lunch					
11:30-12:25 pm	LA Advisory #7 WRTG A111	English III # 2 Blended	LA Advisory #8 COMM A111	English III # 2 Blended	Senior Seminar #3
	Math advisory A151	US Government - Blended #2	Math advisory A151	US Government - Blended #2	
12:25 am – 12:35 pm: Break					
12:35-1:25	English III #3 Blended	LA Advisory #9 WRTG A111	English III #3 Blended	LA Advisory #10 COMBO/Other	Open Lab
	Math Advisory #9 MATH A152, A251, 252, 253	Math Advisory #10 MATH A151	Math Advisory #11 Math A105	Math Advisory #12 Math A105	
1:25 pm-1:30 pm: BREAK					
1:30-2:30	OFFICE HOURS	OFFICE HOURS	OFFICE HOURS	OFFICE HOURS	OFFICE HOURS

## Teacher Territories

Welcome, Mrs. Espeland: AMCS is happy to announce Traci Espeland is joining the AMCS Team this fall as our new English teacher. Ms. Espeland comes to AMCS with six years of ASD experience. Please stop into the AMCS Den and welcome her to our program.

Yearbook Staff and Peer Tutoring: AMCS is looking for students to work on our Yearbook Staff and Peer-Tutoring. Yearbook meetings are on Fridays and will go through the spring semester. Peer-tutoring occurs during advisories or open labs. You provide AMCS with areas of interest, and we will pair you with a student(s) in need of additional support. Please complete the following form so the advisors can contact you with more details. Volunteer now, [Student Activities and Student Advisory Working Group Survey](#).

## UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Closure Alerts

UAA will post closures on UAA's main website; however, you can get text messages by enrolling your phone number in the [UA Alert System](#). Enroll now to stay informed.

### New Offices

UAA AMCS Offices moved from the Administrative Services building to the Rasmuson Hall, Suite 103.

### Textbook Distribution

All UAA textbooks are purchased on behalf of the student. Please ignore any UAA messaging stating you need to order a textbook. Students will receive their books during orientation.

### UAA Schedule Changes

Great job to all the students who completed registration for fall 2021. Due to textbook ordering timeframes, schedule changes will be limited and approved on a case-by-case basis.

### UAA Parking

Students planning to drive to the UAA campus for classes will need a parking permit. Students can buy a permit by the day, semester, or year. UAA is currently selling 2021-22 **ANNUAL Parking** permits through August 9 for \$315, and starting August 10, the price increases to \$350. please visit UAA's Parking website, [Parking Information, and Purchase UAA Parking Permit](#) for more information. Location parking areas on [UAA's Interactive Map](#).

### WolfCard

Do you have your UAA student ID (WOLFcard)?

**You will need your WOLFcard to access any UAA building on campus, to attend UAA student activity, and you can use it to ride the People Mover for FREE.**

If you have not acquired your WOLFcard then we encourage you to do so ASAP. Please try to get your WOLFcard before Friday, August 20. Students who cannot get their WOLFcard before August 20 will have the opportunity to get one during orientation on August 20. You can get your WOLFcard at the Cashier Windows at the Eugene Short Hall (ESH), room 102- [UAA's Interactive Map](#). The WOLFcard office is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5 pm, Wednesday from 11 to 5 pm. You can also get a WOLFcard at the Consortium Library. **WOLFcard Office - Phone - 786-HOWL (4695). Make sure you bring a government-issued ID with you.**

## Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

### August

6	Fall 2021 AMCS Application Deadline
7	Fall 2021 AMCS Late-Application Opens
17-20	Fall 2021 New Student Orientation
20	School Pictures
23	UAA and AMCS classes begin

### September

3	UAA add/drop deadline
4	UAA withdrawal period begins
6	Labor Day -No ASD or UAA classes

### October

15	No AMCS classes – UAA still in session
22	No AMCS classes – UAA still in session
29	UAA withdrawal deadline

### November

11	No AMCS classes – UAA still in session
24	No UAA classes
25-26	Thanksgiving – No AMCS or UAA classes

### December

6-11	UAA final exams
16	AMCS classes end
17	No classes
20-31	ASD Winter Break

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