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Albert Cammon
Middle School

Principal's Message

Prominent Pirate Families,

Thank you, Families, for entrusting us with our Pirates! It has touched our hearts that you still trust ACM and our school district to continue to provide a quality education to our children while fostering our Pirates' academic, social, and emotional growth. I would like to extend a HUGE SHOUT OUT to our Pirate Practitioners for demonstrating their dedication in the classroom as well as in athletic and other settings. It goes without saying, **"ACM's, STILL Wild About Learning!"** **It is our mission to build a well-rounded community while ensuring high levels of learning and success for all. We are committed to our Pirates as ONE TEAM, One Goal, One Mission—providing what our students need to succeed with limitless possibilities and opportunities!**

Our Pirates have been super excited about **ACM Athletics**. However, academic achievement is paramount to the success of our students. We promote our scholar Pirate Athletes to be well-rounded individuals. Physical activity plays its part, but supporting our students' academics and character development are most essential to our students' academic, social, and emotional well-being.

Please remind our Prideful Pirates to respect themselves, others, and the environment everywhere they go as they represent themselves, your families, and our school.

Fall Break is literally around the corner, **October 16-17!** Of course, there will be no school on these days. **Quarter 1 Family/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 26 and 27.** Research indicates that family involvement in a student's education is essential to the student's academic achievement, so we hope to see you at conferences.

Our Fall Dance will take place on **Friday, November 10 th from 3-5**. Look for the permission slip soon. I hear it is sure to be one Fun Fall Frenzy!

At ACM, we live our district's credo. Our **Core Business is Teaching and Learning**. We are ALWAYS "Striving for Excellence" as our **Focus is Continuous Improvement** and our **Commitment is Learning for Life!**

Respectfully,

LaSonn K. Porter
Principal



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Employees of the Month September



Taylor Borne
School Office Specialist



David McCormick
Teacher and Athletics Coach

Students of the Month September



8th Grade

Makaylon Howard
Tiana Smith

7th Grade

Maddox Simoneaux
Amari Brown

6th Grade

Lontrell Bourgeois
Mikaia Dixon

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2023-2024 Volleyball Team



Baely Barnett, Dejah Campbell, London Joseph, Daicyn Harrell, Carmen Smith, Ashari Johnson, Dai'Jean Rodriguez-Williams, Skylar Degruy, Brielyn Melady, Leah McDowell, Dai'Joure Rodriguez-Williams, Juliana Santos and Aubrey Anderson.

Thespians Society Troupe 11182



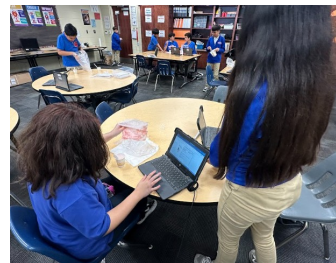
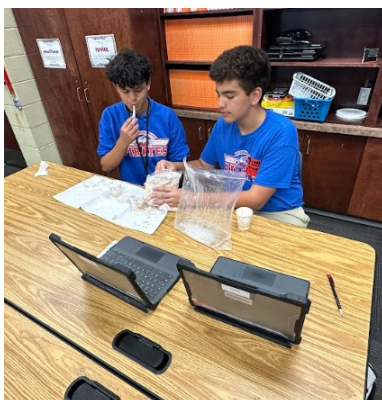
The Jr International Thespians Society Troupe 11182, ACM's drama club, held their first meeting on September 18. Although the power went out and cut the meeting short, President Jayden Salinas and Troupe Director Ms. Ayuso approved this year's constitution and a great time was had by all of the prospective new members. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 27. Pictured are the 2023-24 JITS Officers (L-R): Shilah Lewis, Co-Sunshine Chair; Layla Salinas, Vice President; Jayden Salinas, President; Ly'Ric Landry, Co-Sunshine Chair.



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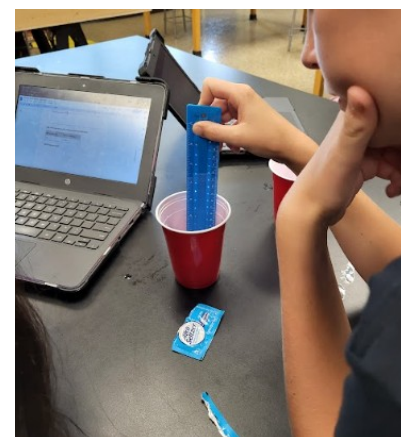
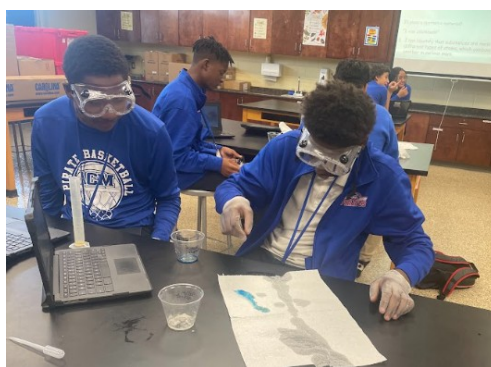
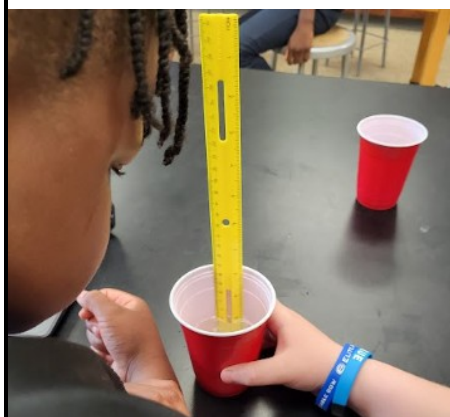
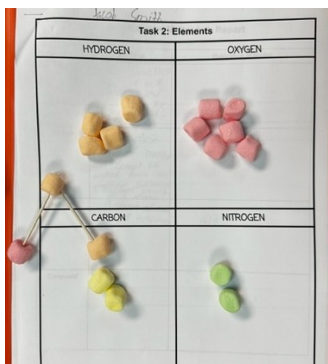
STEAM

Mrs. Barnett's STEAM students learn about chemical reactions by making ice cream.



SCIENCE

6th, 7th, and 8th grade Science classes learn about molecules and chemical reactions. All students get opportunities through hands-on activities and experiments.



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E-cigarettes and Youth: What Parents Need to Know



WHAT ARE E-CIGARETTES?

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are battery-powered devices that deliver nicotine, flavorings, and other ingredients to the user. Using e-cigarettes is sometimes called "vaping." E-cigarettes do not create harmless "water vapor" – they create an aerosol that can contain harmful chemicals.

HOW MANY YOUTH ARE USING E-CIGARETTES?

- E-cigarettes have been the most commonly used tobacco product among U.S. youth since 2014.
- In 2020, CDC and FDA data showed that at least 3.6 million U.S. youth, including about 1 in 5 high school students and about 1 in 20 middle school students, used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS FOR YOUTH?

- Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive. Nicotine exposure during adolescence can:
 - » Harm brain development, which continues until about age 25.
 - » Impact learning, memory, and attention.
 - » Increase risk for future addiction to other drugs.
- Young people who use e-cigarettes may be more likely to go on to use regular cigarettes.
- Many e-cigarettes come in kid-friendly flavors – including mango, fruit, and crème – which make e-cigarettes more appealing to young people.
- E-cigarette aerosol is not harmless. It can contain harmful substances, including:
 - » Nicotine
 - » Ultrafine particles
 - » Cancer-causing chemicals
 - » Flavorings that have been linked to lung disease
 - » Volatile organic compounds
 - » Heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead

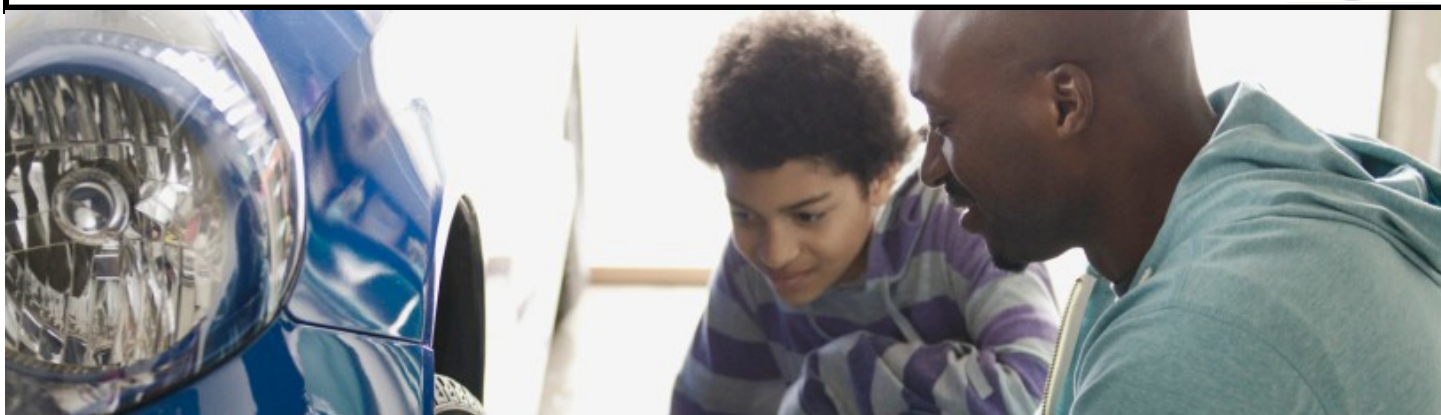


[CDC.gov/e-cigarettes](https://www.cdc.gov/e-cigarettes)



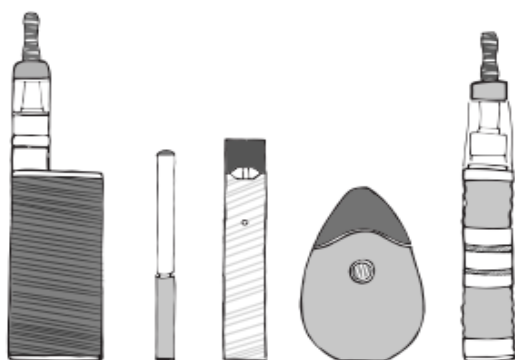
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WHAT DO E-CIGARETTES LOOK LIKE?

- E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes. Some look like regular cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. Larger e-cigarettes such as tank systems – or “mods” – do not look like other tobacco products.
- Some e-cigarettes look like other items commonly used by youth, such as pens and other everyday items. New e-cigarettes shaped like USB flash drives are popular among youth, including JUUL and the PAX Era, which looks like JUUL and delivers marijuana.



WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A PARENT OR CAREGIVER?

As a parent or caregiver, you have an important role in protecting children from e-cigarettes.

- » Talk to your child or teen about why e-cigarettes are harmful for them. It's never too late.
- » Set a good example by being tobacco-free.
- » Learn about the different shapes and types of e-cigarettes and the risks of e-cigarette use for young people at [CDC.gov/e-cigarettes](https://www.cdc.gov/e-cigarettes).

ABOUT USB FLASH DRIVE-SHAPED E-CIGARETTES

As a parent or caregiver, you may have heard about the use of USB flash drive-shaped e-cigarettes, including JUUL (pronounced “jewel”). JUUL is the top-selling e-cigarette brand in the United States.

JUUL is being used by students in schools, including in classrooms and bathrooms. JUUL's nicotine liquid refills are called “pods.” According to the manufacturer, a single JUUL pod can contain as much nicotine as a pack of 20 regular cigarettes.

JUUL delivers nicotine in a new form called “nicotine salts,” which can make it less harsh on the throat and easier to use by youth. JUUL also comes in flavors that can appeal to youth.



[CDC.gov/e-cigarettes](https://www.cdc.gov/e-cigarettes)



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ACM Prideful Pirate

Parent T-Shirt Order Form

This year, Cammon PTO is pleased to offer a Prideful Pirate Parent T-shirt for you to wear to support your student. This will be a Royal Blue shirt with white artwork. Please fill out the order form and return with payment to place your order. All family members are welcome to order a T-Shirt as well!



Name: _____ ACM Student: _____

\$20.00

____ Adult Small

____ Adult Medium

____ Adult Large

____ Adult X-Large

\$25.00

____ Adult XXL

____ Adult XXXL

Number of shirts: _____ x \$20 = _____

Number of shirts: _____ x \$25 = _____

Total: \$ _____

Forms of Payment: Cash

Check (Payable to Albert Cammon PTO)

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2023-2024 Student of the Year Candidates

Congratulations to the 19 eighth graders who met the 3.1 grade point average (GPA) requirement to be considered for ACM's 2023-2024 Student of the Year! The Students of the Year Awards Program is designed to recognize outstanding elementary, middle, and high school students. The Students of the Year Awards Program is sponsored by the Louisiana State Superintendent through the State Department of Education and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. This program is an excellent opportunity to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellent academic achievements, leadership ability, and citizenship. Current sixth and seventh graders interested in competing for Student of the Year during their eighth grade year need to know the following about the process.

1. Students must have a cumulative GPA of a 3.1 or higher from fifth, sixth, and seventh grades to participate.
2. Students who meet the 3.1 GPA cumulative requirement must complete an application with the following sections: leadership, activities/service/citizenship, recognition/awards, GPA, and LEAP scores.
3. Students with the top application scores participate in one on-site writing session.
4. Students with the top 10 preliminary scores participate in one on-site interview.
5. The student with the highest score is selected as the Student of the Year (SOY). The SOY then creates a portfolio including certificates of recognition for the district's SOY competition.



Abdullah Ahmad, Riley Gosserand, Gabriela Guardado-Argueta, Joshua Jones, Maison Jougard, Brielyn Melady, Brayden Monk, Asher Morrow, Estella Murillo, Avery Robinson, McKenzie Rodriguez Del Rey, Dai'joure Rodriguez-Williams, Sophia Rosa-Gomez, Juliana Santos, Faith Soignier, Haylie Stieber, Sophia Walton, Bridget Zimmerman.

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Today marks the beginning of the Hispanic Heritage Month. On this day in 1821, many Latin American nations — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua — declared their independence from Spain. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The national Hispanic Heritage Month's theme this year is "Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America" in an effort to celebrate diversity and inclusion. Members of the ACM Student Council will provide information each morning during announcements to acknowledge the differences each Hispanic group brings to the table while encouraging the ACM community to stand as one community, one people, one vision; despite differences in our cultures, skin colors, and points of view, at ACM, we embrace "diversity and inclusivity."



"Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" Walk



ACM, along with other elementary and middle schools from across St. Charles Parish, participated in the "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" walk to stop bullying on September 19, 2023. The 1 mile walk was organized by the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Department. Select students from ACM, including several members of the Student Council, walked down Judge Edward Dufrense Parkway to promote treating others with kindness and respect. They also listened to performances and speakers from around the state about how we can stop bullying in our schools.



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Life in the Library



What a busy September we have had in the Library! Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Language Arts classes all visited for a refresher on what our ACM library has to offer and to hear about all the exciting things currently going on. Students learned about our new subscription to Comics Plus and how to access it. We talked about the upcoming writing contest opportunities and students sharing their gift for writing.

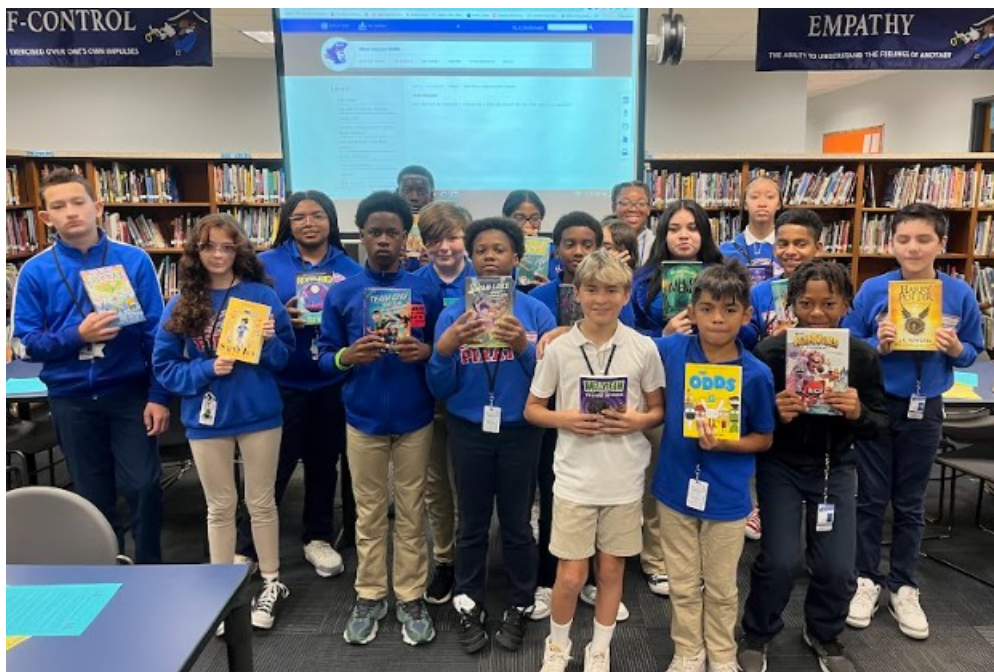
Additionally, students were introduced to the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award selections. These selections are made available both in print and as ebooks so that students can enjoy the selections and participate in the voting process for Book of the Year. These titles are linked to the ACM Library webpage and digital copies can be checked out directly from a student's Google account.

Students were also made aware of the multiple ways available to them to make a book request for our library collection. We also welcome ideas and suggestions from all of our stakeholders so if there is something you would like to recommend to be added to our ACM Library, please feel free to visit the Library webpage and complete the short Google form linked there.

Lastly, all students who visited the library left with a free book. Read more about this in the article below. We are looking forward to an equally exciting October with our Scholastic Book Fair (October 23rd - October 27th) being the star of the show!

Happy Fall; and happy reading!

We would like to acknowledge our former Pirate, Kelci Anderson, and her family who got us in touch with the Toys 4 Tots program last year. Upon completion of a short application, our school was gifted with a free book for every student. Thank you Kelci and family for your efforts. Our students are very appreciative!





Are you interested in being a part of the

ACM Girls' Soccer Team?

Girls' Soccer Tryouts:

**Thursday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 24
3:05-5 PM**

You MUST have an updated physical on file to tryout!

Return all completed physicals to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Please bring (if you have them):

- Shin guards
- Cleats

***If you do not have these items,
you do not need to buy them to attend tryouts.***

Students should wear their P.E. uniform or appropriate workout clothes for the tryouts. Jackets, long sleeves, and workout pants are suggested if there is impending cold weather.

All girls interested in trying-out **MUST** join the Google Classroom using the following code:

nku3xq5



Please contact
Coach Wilken (room B113) or
Coach Webre (B109)
with any questions.





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2023-2024 ACM Football Team





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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

***all games start at 5:30 PM**

	DATE	AGAINST	LOCATION
	8/31	Thibodaux Middle	Thibodaux High-6:30 pm
SCPPS Jamboree	9/7	LAKE PONCHARTRAIN	Hahnville High
DISTRICT GAME	9/14	HURST	Destrehan High
DISTRICT GAME	9/21	RKS	Destrehan High
DISTRICT GAME	9/28	JBM	Destrehan High
DISTRICT GAME	10/5	HURST	Destrehan High
DISTRICT GAME	10/12	RKS	Hahnville High
	10/19	ST JAMES	St. James High-6:00 pm
DISTRICT GAME	10/25	JBM	Hahnville High

After-School Activities

Our after-school activity busses load at 4:50 PM. Parents should arrive by 4:45 PM if they are picking up a child. Parents will need to present their drivers' license or an ID when picking up their child. Kindly have your ID readily available for verification.



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Morning Drop Off/Tardy Times

Students should be dropped off between 7:40 A.M. and 7:50 A.M. Parents who are bringing their children to school must take the side road by the cafeteria. Parents should enter the school grounds from Pirate Drive. They should make a U-turn in the back of the school and then proceed to the cafeteria area to drop students off on the side of the school. Please remember that the front of the school is reserved for school buses only. Arrival time on a **regular school day** is at **7:40 A.M.-7:50A.M.** Arrival time **after 7:50 A.M.** is considered **tardy**, and a **parent must sign the student in at the main office after that time.**

Afternoon Pick Up/Parking Tips

All parents picking up their children at dismissal must drive down Pirate Drive and make a U-turn in the back of the school and then proceed to the cafeteria to pick up your child. Please remember that the front of the school is reserved for buses only. When arriving after 1:30 P.M. to our campus, park in the St. Rose Elementary rear parking lot. After that time, our afternoon buses arrive, and you will not be able to leave until after dismissal.

Administrative Team

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October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Volleyball HMS at ACM		PTO Meeting 5:00 PM Volleyball ACM at RKS	United Way Battle of the Paddle 3-7:30 Football ACM vs HMS at DHS	7th Grade Family Treasure Time Visit	
8	9	10 Quarter 1 Ends	11 Quarter 2 Begins Public Library Lunch time Visit at ACM Volleyball ACM at HMS	12	13 Early Dismissal	14
	Volleyball JBM at ACM			Football ACM vs RKS at HHS	Pelican’s Attire for Pelicans’ Day at ACM	
15	16 Fall Break	17 Fall Break	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Football ACM vs JBM at HHS	Report cards go home		
				Early Dismissal Family/Teacher Conferences		
ACM Book Fair Week						
29	30	31				
	Quarter 1 Awards 8th grade 8:15 6th grade 9:50 7th grade 11:55	Happy Halloween				