



# Craig High School

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## CHS School Board Report October 2023

### Total Enrollment

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
13	19	25	18	75



### Curriculum & Instruction

On October 11, Craig High School administered the PSAT to nine students. The PSAT is used to identify National Merit Scholars, and it also provides a study focus for the SAT. This year the PSAT and SAT are both offered digitally.

Our 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders have completed their fall benchmark testing. The results of the Reading assessment show that 68% of our students scored in the average to high range in reading, with 89% of freshmen and 77% of juniors scoring in the average to high range. The Language benchmark showed 90% of our freshmen and 61% of our juniors demonstrated scores in the average to high range. Our sophomore class had 43% and 41% of students scoring similarly on both tests.

Classroom spotlight (10/16-20)

**PE** students are starting a Lacrosse unit this week.

**Government** students are evaluating the influences of English documents and political philosophers of the Enlightenment and explaining the major compromises that led to the completion of the Constitution.

**Spanish I** students are translating a paragraph into Spanish and creating a cooperative mural.

**Physics** students are examining the question, “How can we design better electrical distribution systems?”

**Marine Biology** students are learning about surface tension and the effect of water on light.

**Biology** students are learning about diffusion and its relationship to changes of mass in salmon.

**World History** students are analyzing why Protestant reformers were divided over beliefs and split into several new Protestant groups.

**Grammar and Composition** students are learning how to write for different audiences.

**World Literature** students are analyzing the use of rhetoric in anthems and applying what they learn to an analysis of the “Beasts of England” in *Animal Farm*.

**Yearbook** students are learning the basics of headline, caption, and subhead writing.

**Algebra Two** students are solving quadratic equations and learning about triangle trigonometry.

**Pre-Calculus** students are learning about the transformation of functions.

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### Activities and Events

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- The first week in October, CHS sent 11 upper classmen to the Ketchikan College and Career Fair.
- CHS cross country team had a commendable showing at the state tournament in Palmer. Aulis Nelson placed 4<sup>th</sup>, and our girls’ team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.
- CHS hosted a wrestling tournament with well over 100 wrestlers and coaches in attendance. It was a very successful event, and our island wrestlers made us proud. We also celebrated our senior wrestlers on the last night of the meet, including honorary senior Keegan Hanson. Their next meet is at MEHS 10/27.
- CHS swimmers compete at regionals in Sitka 10/27, followed by the state tournament in Juneau 11/3. We will have a pep assembly to send them off on Wednesday, October 25.
- The CHS volleyball team travelled to the Juneau Jive tournament October 13 and will participate in the South Seed tournament in Klawock from October 19-21. We will host Klawock at home October 27.

- CHS hosted parent-teacher conferences October 12-13. We had representation from 40% of our students, which is up from 32% last year, which was up 7% from the previous year.
- We are looking forward to hosting the Region V Southeast Alaska Honor Music Festival October 23-24. Choir and band students will begin arriving Sunday, October 22. There will be a performance for the public Tuesday, October 24. The details will be advertised to the public as they are finalized.
- Scuba met for the first time this school year with pool time on Saturday, October 14.




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## Climate & Culture

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**Craig High School** students participated in QPR (question, persuade, refer) training during October. Our counselor, Maria Riedel, is a certified QPR trainer and she conducted the training in small groups. QPR's mission is "to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know."

**Wednesday, October 18**, CHS has scheduled a lockdown drill. Craig PD, EMS, and the local troopers have all been notified. Parents were notified via the bulletin, a text, phone call, and email. Craig PD will be on site to practice removing the Night Lock lockdown devices from classroom doors.

**Qualitative data** (observations) have shown that the mood and tone in our building is very positive. We have had staff, students, and parents comment on the supportive and warm environment at CHS. Quantitative data backs this up: we have had only two discipline referrals this year, and we are nearly finished with the quarter one. Often in our transitions between class,

our hallway is clear before class officially starts—this demonstrates a significant decrease in tardiness across all grades. Go panthers!

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### Gratitude

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- Thank you to everyone who helped with our wrestling tournament!
- Thank you to Melissa Peavey for chaperoning the college and career fair.
- Thank you to the Craig PD for helping with our lockdown drill.
- Thank you to Tristy Morrison for bringing her immense Power School knowledge to CCSD and putting it to such good use for the benefit of our students.
- **Thank you to the CHS team for being the most amazing school staff in the state!**

