



BARROW

HIGH SCHOOL

— *Striving For Excellence* —

Report to the School Board

January 13, 2022

Current enrollment	9 th - 72	Males – 146
	10 th - 76	Females - 135
	11 th - 67	
	12 th - 66	
	Total = 281	

To provide academic support for students, a number of classified and certified staff are organizing or manning regular Saturday Breakfast Clubs. Along with a ‘home cooked’ curtesy of Momma Susan, teachers are providing five hours per week for credit recovery, make-up work, and just plain tutoring.

The Student Council sponsored a very enjoyable Spirit Week beginning Dec 6th, culminating in class games and a pep rally on Dec. 10th. (The Seniors won) There was also a formal dance in the evening.

Sports Updates (As reported by our coaches)

Wrestling

The Barrow High School Wrestling team has successfully completed our first regular season in two years. We began October 4th and ended the weekend of the state meet right before Christmas. We had a strong team of five female and twelve male wrestlers. It was a successful season for both girls and boys alike. We also had a safe season and made it through without any covid spread on our team.

Some notable tournaments included the Lancer Smith Tournament, a 4A tournament that BHS competed in as a 3A team. Our boys’ team as a whole placed in the top 15th out of 40 schools, and placed 2nd out of 3A schools. Our girls’ team placed top 10th out of 32 teams, and 2nd out of 3A schools.

By the end of the season we brought 11 wrestlers to the Regional Tournament, and 10 of them qualified for the state tournament. We had 4 four regional champs, four regional runners-ups and three 3rd placer finishers.

We ended the season with one state placer, two state runners-ups, and one state champion:

- Enike Falemai (Freshman)- 4th place Women's Wrestling
- Manusiu Muti (Sophomore) - 2nd Place Women's Wrestling
- Nicholas Lilomaiaava (Senior) - 2nd Place Men's Wrestling
(And with a season record of 30 wins and one loss)
- Uatahouse Tuifua (Sophomore) is Alaska's 285 lb. 2021 State Champion.

The Barrow Wrestling program is growing and we're looking forward to next season.

Boys' Basketball

The Barrow Whalers Boys' basketball team is very excited to be playing basketball again. It has been over 21 months since our last game. The Varsity team has three Seniors, five Juniors, two Sophomores, and one Freshman. We began our 2021-2022 season with the ACS Tournament. They've played the Palmer Moose, Grace Christian Grizzlies, and Tikigaq Harpooners.

We had back-to-back tournaments to begin our season. The Monroe Catholic School Mt. McKinley Bank tournament immediately followed the ACS tournament. The Whalers played the Monroe Catholic Rams, Colony Knights, and Lathrop Malemutes at Monroe.

The team is not expecting a perfect season. We anticipate needing to shake off the rust after the extended hiatus. But the team has high hopes for competing this season. The students have been showing up every day, extra motivated, and laser-focused. Throughout the season Coach Thomas is focusing on setting goals and making a plan to reach those goals. Coach says, "Every single day you should leave the gym better than you walked in." Helping students focus on personal responsibility, working together as a team, and standing strong through adversity are the focus points of the squad. Because we never know what can happen, the team attacks every day like it's their last. They're enjoying every minute of it and creating memories with some of their best friends.

The Whalers want to say thank you to our administration and the School Board for supporting student athletics. We won't know the full impact of our positive influence on the students until they move on to adulthood and live out their lives. The students will carry these life lessons and memories with them for a long time and it wouldn't be possible without our support systems and policy makers. Thank you from Coach Thomas and the Whaler Boys' Varsity Team.

Girls Basketball

Our season began with three days of tryouts beginning December 1st. Since then we have worked on conditioning, fundamentals, and getting familiar with the offensive and defensive schemes our program runs.

We have been able to participate in two tournaments so far this season. The Anchorage Christian Schools tournament in late December and the Monroe Tournament the first weekend in January. The ACS tournament went forward after two schools from Fairbanks canceled due to weather conditions. The girls' side turned in to a five team Round Robin tournament which included Barrow, ACS, Point Hope, Wasilla and Grace Christian. Our girls went 1-3 with a

down to the wire loss to fellow 3A competitor Grace Christian and losses to 4A power houses Wasilla and ACS. We were able to get our first win of the season against Point Hope.

The Mt. McKinley Classic is held at Monroe High School in Fairbanks, Alaska with games against Monroe, Colony and Lathrop High Schools. As of this writing we have not yet played.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Principal Jenkins and Don Dunbar for their work to be able to get us to these tournaments and getting us back in the gym and playing basketball.

Happy New Year and God Bless, Derek Ahgeak

I am very happy to report that the new gymnasium bleachers are now installed!!!

Staffing:

- We lost a fine special education teacher around the first of November due to medical concerns. I am glad to report that we had a successful short-term sub before Christmas and have a new special education teacher in place to begin the second half of this year.
- Art. We are still looking to fill this position.
- Music. HMS and BHS are still working to fill this position.
- ILT. With Chrisann Justice moving to the central office, we are looking to fill this position.

Graduation Updates from October and November

	Oct	Nov
December Graduates	1	1
Non-Diploma Track	3 (staying until age 22)	3 (staying until age 22)
On Track	35	36
4 or less CR	16	15
5 or more CR	4	4
Not Possible at BHS	5	5
Transferred in	2	2
	The following photograph was the winner of the Christmas door decorating contest.	

