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Principal Board Report  
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### **2018-19 GOALS FOR CORDOVA JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

We will develop goals for the 2018-19 school year in staff meetings, Site Council meetings, and based on strategic planning.

### **MONTHLY ATTENDANCE (%)**

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	AVG.
AUG	94%	94%	98%	98%	93%	82%	92%
SEPT							
OCT							
NOV							
DEC							
JAN							
FEB							
MAR							
APR							
MAY							
AVG.							

### **STUDENT ENROLLMENT (Based on first day of the month)**

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
AUG	28	24	19	21	35.25	32	163.25
SEPT							
OCT							
NOV							
DEC							
JAN							
FEB							
MAR							
APR							
MAY							
AVG.							

*Attendance and Enrollment will be calculated at the end of each month during the 2018-19 school year.*



## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

- Our New Teacher Orientation was held August 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. We had a packed agenda for two days with sessions on Technology Essentials, the Employee Service Portal, Alaska content standards, PEAKS assessment, MAP assessment, an overview of our facilities, professional development with our online course curriculum (APEX), and an introduction to SafeSchools training. Teachers rounded out the experience with a Scavenger Hunt and were very positive about taking on their new positions. We feel very lucky to have them! I have been so pleased every time I've gone in to the classrooms of these new teachers in the first few days of school. They're organized, have great ideas for lesson plans, and are building relationships with students and colleagues.
- Our Teacher In-Service was held on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We spent time in sessions including Mandatory Reporting, Social and Emotional Learning competencies, Crisis Response, Health Insurance and Benefits, and the Teacher Evaluation System. We were fortunate to have Cathy Sherman from the City of Cordova Museum and Library with us to give her presentation "Reading, Riting, and Rithmetic: Education and Schools in Cordova." It was a fun walk through history with incredible photos and stories. We spent our last morning in an EdCamp style session where teachers picked the topics: MacBook tips, tricks, and shortcuts; SmartBoard FUNDamentals; Inclusion for special needs students; Extended absences; Self-care: How to take breaks; Google classroom and Schoology; Writing Across the Curriculum; Supporting ELL students in the Classroom; Kahoot, Socrative, and other fun formative assessment tools; Building and maintaining rapport and relationships with students; Engineering and problem-based lessons; and How to encourage creativity and the arts in the classroom. Teachers were able to share their expertise and learn from each other in sessions that they initiated. Some circles refer to this as an "unconference" approach to professional development. It seems to work very well with such a talented group of teachers!
- We had our "Back to School Nite" (for the first time in several years) on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents were invited to come and pick up their schedules, listen to a short presentation about all the new things going on this year at CHS, and then follow an abbreviated schedule of their A-day classes – getting to see all of their teachers and hear about their courses. We had a great turnout – the Media Center was packed! Parents really seemed to like attending their student's classes and being part of the back to school excitement. We followed this up with the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation that is a service project of the Senior National Honor Society. Mrs. Adams coordinated NHS members to introduce 7<sup>th</sup> graders to what it means to be a Wolverine at CHS. The students have dinner, work on opening their lockers, become familiar with the building in a Scavenger Hunt competition, take part in some team-building activities, and get all of their first day jitters out of the way. This is a great tradition at CHS!
- Wednesday classes kicked off on August 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a joy to see students coming in the building in their workout wear and hiking boots, yoga mats tucked under their arms, excited for the day. The pictures speak volumes, so please check out the school's Facebook page where they're posted! Our first two full Wednesdays (8/29 and 9/5) have been beautiful and sunny and teachers have taken full advantage of this. I am in awe of their energy – taking students on hikes up to the reservoir (where some of them SWAM!), out on the breakwater, and out behind the building to use camping stoves. James Thorne is busy teaching the Alaska ETT course and we are so grateful to have him as our instructor through the Cordova Volunteer Fire Department! There's fly-tying going on and circuit training workouts being planned while embroidery and art and net-mending are in full swing. We are so fortunate to have these incredibly talented teachers and passionate students ready to learn! My favorite quote from the first Wednesday was from a 7<sup>th</sup> grader who said, "Let's *not* get rid of this. Can we please do this again next year?" Our Advisory lessons thus



far on Wednesdays have included an introduction to Wolverine Core Values and Goal Setting while Senior Advisory has tackled a transcript review/graduation plan, goal setting, and planning the college essay/personal statement. Feedback from the mixed advisory groups of 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> graders is definitely positive. Again, I'm so thankful that teachers have jumped in with both feet in their Advisor roles. We have started the work of "expanding the circle of people who know you and care about you" with this initiative.

- The Cross Country State Preview was in Anchorage on August 25<sup>th</sup>, with these results reported by Coach Hamberger and posted on the school's Facebook page by Mrs. Ammerman:

Men's 5,000 Meters Open/JV  
William Deaton 23:08.4  
Gage Crawford 23:25.9  
Cody Shaw 23:51.9  
Eoghan Hernandez 25:45.3

Woman's 5,000 Meters Open/JV  
Anika Witsoe 22:45.7  
Amea Hamberger 26:03.8  
Zya Taylor 30: 47.06  
Jessica Wray. 32:11.53  
Olivia Carroll. 37:20.49

Anika Witsoe placed 10th out of 183 Runners.

### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Alaska School Safety and Well-Being Summit, Sept. 18-19 in Anchorage (DEED). (*previously mentioned in August report*) This conference, offered by DEED, promises to offer learning and sharing methods to promote healthy development through trauma-engaged and restorative practices, improve school climate, and help to better prepare for any possible school crisis. We will be sending a team of 6 from CSD: Kate Williams, Gayle Groff, Micki Dunn, Gretchen Carpenter, Lovie Brock, and Debra Adams.
- 52nd Annual Alaska Principals' Conference October 19-22 in Anchorage

### **SITE COUNCIL SUMMARY**

- Our first meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in CHS Room 2.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Sept. 7-8: Cross Country ACS & Palmer
- Sept. 12: CHS Site Council @ 5:00 pm in Room 2
- Sept 17: CHS gym scheduled to re-open
- Sept. 18-19: Alaska School Safety and Well-Being Summit (Anc)
- Sept. 21-22: Cordova Fast Ferry Volleyball Tournament
- Oct. 6: SAT test date
- OCT. 8: HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 10: PSAT/NMSQT (11<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Oct. 18: Great Alaska Shakeout Drill
- Oct. 19: End of Quarter 1
- Oct. 22: Quarter 2 Begins

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- Oct. 19-22: 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Principals' Conference (Anc)
- Oct. 25-26: Teacher In-Service
- Oct. 27: ACT test date
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1: Parent-Teacher Conferences/1:00 pm Dismissal

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Official notice of accreditation from AdvancED (letter and certificate) valid through 6/30/2023

### **OTHER**

- Nothing to report