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CHS School Board Report November 2023



Curriculum and Instruction

On November 4, CHS counselor Maria Riedel administered the SAT to three students.

Our senior class is very motivated, and most of them have been meeting one-on-one with our counselor regularly for post-secondary planning. Additionally, Ms. Riedel is in the post-prep class (taught by Mrs. Hughes) every Tuesday to connect students with post-secondary programs across the state, educating students about how to approach the financial aspect of their post-secondary planning and coaching students on essay writing for scholarships. Thus far, 16 of our 17 seniors have applied for post-secondary opportunities. Three students have committed to AVTEC. Two students are taking advantage of a grant-funded training opportunity at Prince William Sound College. The remaining 11 have applied to and/or been accepted to various colleges, including UAF, UAS, UAA, Fort Lewis College, Southern Utah University, Western Washington University, Western Montana University, Grays Harbor College, Reed College, Valencia College, and Lewis & Clark College.

CHS students worked diligently during our first quarter. Forty students earned High Honor Roll (3.5-4.0+), and 12 students earned Honor Roll (3.0-3.49).

Our nontenured teachers and their mentors have been given the opportunity to participate in peer observations to build awareness of their impact on our students, observe best practices, and foster collective teacher efficacy.

Classroom Spotlight

US History students are comparing and contrasting the lives of African Americans in the South before the Civil War and during Reconstruction and examining actions taken by state and federal politicians to address the status of newly freed Black Americans.

Government students are defining, explaining, and giving an example of each of the six powers of government and tracing key developments in the establishment of supremacy of the national government.

World History students are working with partners to compare Enlightenment ideas to the U.S. Bill of Rights and Constitution.

World Geography students are choosing a country and deconstructing its political systems and organization from the highest to lowest levels.

British Literature students are identifying and analyzing the development of central themes in *Frankenstein* through written examination.

World Literature students are identifying examples of logical fallacies in *Animal Farm* and explaining how they critique the corruptive nature of power.

Geometry students are learning about the ratio of similarity & zoom/scale factor.

Pre-Calculus students are starting chapter 3: Algebra and Area Under the Curve.

PE students have started a football unit, including skill drills and Ultimate Football.

Science students are investigating the following big questions this week:

Earth Science: How can we find a star that might host a life supporting planet?

Biology: What seasonal changes do bears in Alaska experience and why? (molecules and energy)

Marine Biology: How are nutrients recycled in the marine environment?

Physics: How does energy move through wires? (exploring AC and DC current in variable transmission)



Student Activities

- At regionals in Sitka, our swim team had a commendable showing: Ada Creighton broke the school record and got 2nd in the 200 IM, our girls relay team (Ada Creighton, Neve Creighton, Sabrina Nelson, and Peyton McCoy) took 3rd in the IM relay, and Grant Maygren earned 1st in the 100 back.
- CHS Swim Team sent two swimmers to the state competition. Congrats to Ada Creighton and Grant Maygren. Ada took 8th in the 200 IM, and Grant was 8th in the 100 back.
- The CHS volleyball team is traveling to Petersburg this week for the regional tournament. On November 10, CHS hosted Metlakatla and Klawock for a round-robin. Though our girls did not emerge victorious, their growth was evident throughout their games.
- CHS wrestling team (Island Wrestling) traveled to the Bill Weiss Tournament in Ketchikan last week. Bryant Holloway took first at 189, Abbigail Patten took first at 145, and Chloe Vasquez took 3rd at 126 and 2nd at 120. Our wrestlers head to Wrangell on December 1, followed by regionals in Juneau on December 8, and they'll close out the season with the state competition in Anchorage on December 15.
- Once again, our cheer squad will be coached by April Hoy. They start practice on November 29 and, tentatively, have nine cheerleaders. Mrs. Hoy is also leading our Color Guard club as a volunteer. We have five students practicing Color Guard. I hope to get this club added to the next contract, and in the meantime, I believe she should be compensated with an MOA, similar to how our archery coaches were compensated before the club was added to the contract.
- The Panther Pep Band starts practice on November 27 and is looking for community members to join them. Practices are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-6 in the CHS auditorium.

- Basketball practice starts November 29. We have been gauging interest, and ten girls have signed up to play under coaches Vanessa James and Tina Steffen. Karl Benolken and Tyler Coleman will coach the boys' team. Fourteen boys have tentatively signed up to play.
- The CHS Modern Band class is hosting a Christmas concert for elders on December 14 at 12:30 PM, and our band and choir's holiday concert is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 12. Both events are in the CHS auditorium.



Climate & Culture

- On October 25, all CHS students were provided in-class education on healthy relationships. This included setting healthy physical and emotional boundaries and recognizing red flags in friendships and romantic relationships. Counselor Maria Riedel presented.
- This month, we celebrated our students with average daily attendance of 95% or better. Students were given ice cream, and certificates were placed on their lockers. Overall, 49% of our students have an ADA of over 95% or better. Twenty-four percent of our students have between 90-95% ADA. These numbers include excused and unexcused absences. Currently, our school ADA is:

9	93.67%
10	90.61%
11	94.17%
12	92.76%

- With six weeks left in the semester, we have nine students with over ten absences in one or more class. Five students' absences resulted from planned absences for family vacation/medical.

Attendance warning letters are sent home whenever a student reaches the thresholds of 5, 10, or 15 absences (in one or more class).

- CHS is hosting the annual Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon **on Tuesday, November 21, at noon**. The Student Council and National Honor Society will prepare and serve the meal as is tradition. Freshmen are in charge of making the placemats. Sophomores will create centerpieces. Our juniors will provide entertainment, and seniors will roll silverware, set tables, and prepare coffee/tea.
- Friday, November 10, was senior night for cross country, volleyball, and swimming. We were delighted to recognize Ella Ebbighausen, Olivia Heath, Greta Andrews, and Tully Rice.



Gratitude

- Thank you, **Maria Riedel** and **Jessica Hughes**, for the time they spend to help our seniors prepare for their futures beyond our doors.
- Thank you, **Earl Jeffrey**, for fostering a love of welding in our students to the extent that three are headed to AVTEC next year to study the trade.
- Thank you to the **Student Council, National Honor Society**, and **Mrs. Hughes** for planning the Elder Dinner.
- Thank you to **Loni Bennett** for the myriad ways she helps the high school—from chaperoning to Booster Club, Project Graduation, and more. Our gratitude is immeasurable!
- Thank you to **Tristy Morrison** for joining our team and for stepping in so seamlessly!
- Thank you, to the best staff in the state!

Total Enrollment

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
13	19	25	17	74

Quarter One Highlights

C R A I G H I G H S C H O O L

Olivia Heath,
Bryant Holloway
and Clara
Seymore are
accepted to
AVTEC



CHS Hosts
the Region V
Honor
Music Fest

Scuba Club
gets pool time
and Archery is
off and
running

CHS discipline
reports have fallen
85% as compared
to the first quarter
last year



CHS hosts the
Island Wrestling
Tournament with
over 100 wrestlers
in attendance



Brooke Williams
commits to Fort
Lewis College

Jackson Bennett
is Navy Bound!

CHS
increases parent-
teacher conference
attendance by 32%

30%
of CHS students
have one or fewer
absences for the first
quarter