



# BARROW

## HIGH SCHOOL

— *Striving For Excellence* —

***SAC Report on School Opening***  
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First off, I am thrilled just to use the phrase “School Opening.” It has been a long time. Now we are trying our best to keep everyone safe in this ever-changing environment. I am pleased to report that our student body has been very cooperative with the mask wearing and other safety rules. We all know that is the current price to pay to stay open and in-person.

BHS has opened the school year with about 330 students enrolled. If you are not aware, this is a significant increase over the last three or four years. As many as 100 students more. Looking at enrollment figures at HMS and IPK, BHS should now remain fairly steady at 300+. That said, we know there are many students added and dropped in the first month of school so a more accurate enrollment number will come later.

The one serious downside at the moment is that our daily attendance rate has steadily declined as this recent spike in the virus has hit the city.

District wide I know there are still staffing issues but BHS is fully staffed and with few new teachers. Our turnover rate was very low from last year. Our new teachers are:

- Ms. Dana Hilchey – Science. Many of you will know or remember Dana as she taught at BHS for about five years, leaving here about six years ago. We are very glad to have her back.
- Mr. Douglas Collins – Science. Doug is a first-year teacher but has spent the last ten years as a chemist in the private sector. We are looking forward to him bringing real world experience into the classroom.
- Mr. Jerry Hayes – CTE (Wood Tech). Jerry is still a relatively new teacher but with many years of real-world experience. He is coming to us from Wainwright.
- And Ms. Charali (Charley) Wetherbee – Art. Some of you might remember her as a young girl when her father (Mike) was principal of BHS.

We are thrilled to have all four on our staff.

Many of our student activities have yet to begin as we work to fund and hire activity advisors. But our sports teams are in full swing. We have twenty-five students playing Football, eleven running Cross-Country, and twenty-three in Volleyball. All ASAA recommendations are being followed and student-athletes are tested for the virus once a week.