



# BARROW

## HIGH SCHOOL

— *Striving For Excellence* —

### April 2023 SAC Report

Enrollment	Freshmen	85
	Sophomores	65
	Juniors	60
	<u>Seniors.</u>	<u>54</u>
	Total	264

Today (4/11) is the 148<sup>th</sup> day of school with only 28 left to go.

### Happenings

- Congratulations to our two basketball teams for making it to states. While there were no Gold Balls this year, both teams had successful seasons.
- The Whaler Boys came home with the **Good Sportsmanship Award** for 3A schools. I have always considered this is as great an achievement as the Gold Ball itself.
- NYO practices have been happening for a couple of weeks. They will be heading to their tournament to be held in Anchorage April 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mr. Brown, three teachers, and twenty-five other NSBSD personnel will be attending a conference in Portland and the end of this month. He will explain the conference at the meeting.
- Mr. Brown also has been speaking with students, collecting feedback for future cell phone policies. As you may know, this is under discussion at the district level.

- This time of year, student council and classes are very busy making plans for the end of the year activities

Prom decoration will begin Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Prom itself is Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Graduation set up will begin Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and

Graduation itself is Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Like everyone else, we are in the middle of testing season. All in all, it has gone very well. There are always a couple of hiccups but we work through them. Virginia Johnson, our Building Testing Coordinator, has done a great job this year setting up the schedules and trouble-shooting issues and concerns. This is the new state “AK Star” assessment.
- Mrs. Knapp and four students are traveling to Skagway at the end of the month for the spring AASG Conference.
- During our recent two in-service days (while everyone else was in Anchorage watching basketball games) The staff spent half a day with Ella Bredthauer, the Restorative Practices presenter. While we had seen her 2-3 times already this year, this session was live and in person as opposed to a zoom meet. Much more satisfying and useful.
- Staffing for next year at BHS is looking pretty good. We started the hiring season looking for a new principal and eight teachers and now we are down to needing five.

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From the Guidance Office

- Financial Aid/FAFSA meeting for seniors and parents.
- Letters sent to all HS parents with historical graduation progress reports. Parents with seniors at risk of not graduating received letters detailing concerns and encouraged to contact the counselor.
- Administered ACT – 50 students registered about 25 took the test.

- Career & Wellness Fair – April 19: All school assembly highlighting identity, suicide prevention, bullying prevention followed by students invited, by grade, to the gymnasium to attend the fair. More than 20 organizations and estimated 50 members of the community expected to participate.
- Meeting with seniors reviewing credits needed for graduation and encouraging successful completion of coursework.
- Collaboration with AWIC, Ilisagvik College, and Workforce Development for a week of community events (April 18-21) including Sexual Assault Awareness activities, career & wellness fair, DEI trainings.
- Participation in NWPBIS Conference in Portland, Oregon

Lastly,

A recent field trip to the Heritage Center with our North Slope History classes. It was a great trip that helped our students do some in person research for their current project. The staff at the Heritage Center was extremely helpful and even taught the students some whaling vocab that corresponded with the trip. Led by Ms. Anais Besecker and Mr. Nicholas Evans.













