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CHS Board Report April 2023

Academics and Instruction

Science: Mrs. Nelson is taking students on her annual ecology field trip April 28. She is also chaperoning students as they participate in a survival course supported by Sealaska. Students will receive stay alive training (sea and shore), preventing emergencies and dealing with emergencies. Most of the experience is hands-on and outside.

Testing: CHS completed state testing in April. Our 9th graders participated in the AK Star math and science assessment, while our 10th graders participated in the PEAKS science test. Testing went off without a hitch thanks to careful planning and the work by our proctors: Nicole Nelson, Jessica Hughes, April Hoy, Tamara Cross, and Wendy Brown. This month, we also had 8 students take the SAT at CHS. This was proctored by Maria Riedel.

ELA: Our sophomores recently completed an argumentative essay about the best method for a breakup. Students used a formal voice, supported their thesis, included parenthetical citations, and had a works cited page. We have seen dramatic improvements in their writing since the beginning of the year.

Climate and Culture

Student Handbook: CHS teachers have spent many weeks revising the student handbook. Teachers were first tasked to read and annotate the handbook on their own. They were then put into pairs to have discussions and combine their annotations. These copies were given to me, and I added their suggestions on a master copy of the handbook. Teachers were then given a copy of the draft and lists of everyone's suggestions. Finally, together we have gone through the handbook page by page.

Value-Up: Mike Donahue of Value-Up is returning to POW and will present to our students Wednesday, May 3. Mr. Donahue helps students understand the importance of high intrinsic value, knowing that this will lead to good choices, high standards, and ultimately a more positive school culture.

Bells: For many years there has not been a working bell system at CHS. Without bells, students are tardy more and teachers are more prone to let their students out early or late. Letting students out early is disruptive to classes still in session and letting students out late leads to more tardiness. Early this year, I asked Jared Grieve to research bell systems that will meet our needs at CHS and that will be cost effective. After a lot of research, he has acquired a quote that has been shared with Daniel Nelson and Mr. Reitan. It is the hope of the CHS staff that these bells can be installed over the summer and be fully functional for the 2023-24 school year.

Student Activities

Track: We have 14 students travelling to Sitka for track April 27. It is exciting to see this homegrown program expand and attract so many of our students.

Close Up: April 28, Ms. Beck and Loni Lingley are travelling to Washington D.C. with four CHS students for Close Up. The mission of the program is to “inspire students to find their unique voice and to help them develop the skills and awareness they need to be engaged citizens for a lifetime. Make lifelong memories as you come face-to-face with the people and places that shape our nation and discover how your voice can make an impact on American democracy.” The students have worked hard to fundraise for the program all year.

Art Fest: Mr. Fairbanks is taking eight students to Artfest in Yakutat April 25. While they are there, they can participate in classes in zentangle, bentwood boxes, metal working, bear bread painting, earing beading, gelatin print painting, watercolor painting, encaustic wax painting, raven’s tail weaving, wood spoon carving, cake decorating, drum making, moccasin making, and modern Tlingit beadwork.

AASG: April 27, Mrs. Hughes and four of our students will travel to Skagway for the Alaska Association of Student Government’s spring conference. They will vote in their state officers and propose and vote on resolutions.

Business and Education Summit: CHS is taking juniors to this event in Klawock April 28. While there, students will write resumes, practice interviewing skills, learn how to fill out forms, and attend an Adulthood 101 session.

Prom: CHS will hold Prom on May 6. It is sponsored by the junior class and will be held in the CHS gym. We’ve invited Klawock, Hydaburg, and the Southeast Island Schools. It should be a night to remember.

Weight Room: Recently, it’s come to my attention that we are the only high school in the region without a weight room. The current weight room is in a modular at the middle school. Most of the equipment in the weight room was either donated by Tina Steffen or purchased with funds raised by the high school cross country team; as such, it should be at the high school. It is difficult for the high school PE classes and high school sports teams to utilize the weight room as needed because of the location. Our AD has expressed major concerns regarding this topic. One concern is that our students are less competitive because they do not have access to a weight room on site. We are brainstorming ways to move the equipment back to the high school, but space is limited.

Gratitude

- Thank you to the CHS teachers who are flexible with many students gone to participate in student activities.
- Thank you to all our chaperones for taking our Panthers around the state!

Total Enrollment

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
21	22	16	9	68

