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## CHS Principal's Report

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Even with a week off for Spring Break, March has been a busy month.

We started out with three groups traveling to Ketchikan for the Region V Basketball tournament. Our boys and girls basketball teams left on Tuesday morning for the Wednesday-Saturday tournament. The drum line left on Wednesday morning and were able to transport gear and people to the Kayhi gym in time to set up and play for the first game on Wednesday afternoon.

While it was a disappointing end to our season, the student athletes and musicians in all of the groups represented Craig well and I was proud of each of them. In addition to performing for all Craig's boys and girls games, individuals in the Craig drum line performed with other pep bands throughout the tournament. Grant Maygren, Rocky Stock, Savvy Alduenda, and Paulnell Tallman each performed with the All-Star Pep Band during Friday's girls championship and the entire drum line participated in the Mass Pep Band (all members of all pep bands at once). We all had a great time. With both basketball teams out of the tournament on Friday, I brought the drum line home on Saturday's ferry.

We will be interviewing four candidates for the CHS language arts position on Friday, March 28. The hiring committee includes representation from the school board, a parent, the current ELA staff member, the current MS ELA staff member, an admin intern, special education, and me. While it is a large committee, I felt that the importance of this position warranted input from a wide variety of stakeholders. There were 111 "applicants" for the position. We reviewed the seven applicants who met the basic criteria of holding a valid Alaskan teaching certification. The committee is happy with the four applicants selected for interviews and all applicants have confirmed they are wanting to interview.

On Friday, Shelby Beck departed for Washington DC with 16 CHS students and 3 parents. They will be participating in the Washington DC Close Up civics program with an extended trip to New York City. This is the largest CHS group to ever participate in this program. This kind of experience really makes an impact and I am looking forward to hearing from students upon their return!

The CHS facility has been in high demand this month and will be in use through the rest of the school year. The Chamber of Commerce Trade Show is the largest event we will see, taking over the gym, commons, and HomeEc room. WhaleFest will be utilizing the auditorium the first weekend in April. CMS will host the Stikine Volleyball Tournament at CHS April 11 and 12.

I will be traveling with the 13 members of the CHS Band April 8 - 13 to Juneau for Music Festival. We were fortunate financially to be able to utilize the Alaska Marine Highway both north and southbound. We will be group housed at JDHS. Thanks to Elizabeth Alduenda for chaperoning this group with me.