



# Craig High School

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## **CHS School Board Report October 2022**

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### **Curriculum & Instruction**

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On October 12, Craig High School administered the PSAT to 10 students. The PSAT is used to identify National Merit Scholars, and it also provides a study focus for the SAT.

Freshmen and sophomore students have completed the MAP fall benchmark. The results are promising, with many students showing high growth, high achievement, or both. Teachers use this data to become more familiar with students' academic strengths and weaknesses. The data can be drilled down by academic standard or skill. Available reports can also group students by skill level, which is a valuable tool for instructional intervention and enrichment.

Earth Space and Physical Science classes enjoyed a great presentation by Dr. Elena Suleimani from the University of Alaska. Her presentation was about tsunamis in general and how they affect Alaska and our communities on Prince of Wales. She had lots of interesting photos, stories, and science to share. The students enjoyed the presentation and had lots of questions for her. She told us about how the City of Craig now has a new brochure about tsunami risk and maps of evacuation areas. It was great, local, relevant science and enjoyed by all.

In U.S. History, students wrapped up a unit on 9/11 and Reflective Writing and began a review of the Civil War as preparation for learning about Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights eras.

Government students are studying the creation of the U.S. Constitution and its historical and philosophical underpinnings.

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### **Activities and Events**

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- CHS will be sending two musicians to the Region V Southeast Alaska Honor Choir and Honor Band. Congratulations to Sam Bass and Manami Lehman.
  - Two CHS cross-country runners qualified for the state competition. Congratulations to Alexis Lawnicki and Chelsea Thompson for their top 30 performances.
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- CHS Swim Team has had a great season so far. October 1 in Petersburg, 53% of the team swam personal bests! They head to Juneau October 14, quickly followed by regionals in Sitka October 28.
- The CHS volleyball team hosted and won the first game of the season against Metlakatla October 7. The volleyball players have a busy October. The team will travel to JIVE in Juneau Oct. 14, the Wrangell seed Oct. 21, and play at Ketchikan October 28.
- CHS wrestling is up and running thanks to coaches Waylen Patten and Ronnie Fairbanks. We've also had a variety of volunteers lending a hand. So far, 12 wrestlers have come out. Ten are CHS students, one is from Klawock, and one is from Hollis. They will head to Juneau Oct. 21 and Sitka Oct. 28.
- CCSD hosted parent-teacher conferences October 6-7. CHS had 32% attendance, which is up 7% from last year.

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### **Climate & Culture**

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Craig High School students' social and emotional learning focus for the year is "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens." Each month, teachers will introduce a habit to students. We've dedicated an entire class period for each lesson. The habits are: be pro-active, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek first to understand and then to be understood, synergize, and sharpen the saw. Once students have these tools in their toolboxes, we hope they will apply them when confronted with typical adolescent challenges such as peer pressure, goal setting, improving self-image, relationship building, and planning for their futures. Building this foundation with our students will also give us a common language to use across the building as we help students confront their daily challenges.

An important upcoming event for CCSD is our upcoming assemblies, professional development, and family night with Value-Up's Mike Donahue. Value-Up exists to help schools create and maintain emotionally safe and healthy environments. In a nutshell, their philosophy is, "If a student believes they have high intrinsic value and identify with the high value, they make life choices the match their perceived value identity. Student who value and respect themselves make positive life choices and show greater value and respect to others. Value Up was created to amplify value in every student, resulting in strengthening a positive school culture" (Value-Up.org).

Jessica Hughes, Sam Bass, and Laci Lowery will be attending the Alaska Association of Student Government's fall conference October 27 and 28. The primary focus of the conference is providing students the opportunity to debate as many resolutions as possible. Last year the conference was the first step toward the approval of the CHS track team.

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## Gratitude

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- Thank you to all our coaches for dedicating so much time to ensure our student athletes can compete in a variety of sports.
- Thank you to Maria Riedel and Chris Reitan for chaperoning the college and career fair.
- Thank you to Jessica Hughes for helping out at the volleyball game.
- Thank you to the Craig PD and EMS for working with CHS to plan our lockdown drills.
- Thank you to Tina Steffen and Barb Schneider for the countless hours they dedicate to our athletic program.

### **Total Enrollment**

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
26	22	21	13	82

