

Site Report – Tanalian School – OCT 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

We hosted Cross-Country Regionals Oct 1st. Three Tanalian runners qualified for State: Senior Alianna Voran, Senior Ellah Wardell, and Freshman Noah Davis.



At State Ali was 13th, Ellah 20th, and Noah 54th. Congrats to all the effort they and Coach Heidi put in! Newhalen's freshman Pagan Lester was 4th, and senior Eileen Lester came in 12th.



Mid-morning on Tuesdays we squeeze announcements and an energetic game into our 15 minute all school Lynx Chat meeting.



We hosted a Lynx Invitational VB Tournament the last weekend of October. Visiting teams were the Newhalen Malamutes, Shishmaref Northern Lights, and White Mountain Wolves. We played a Black-Blue-Red Tournament which was three tournaments in one weekend. Tanalian Lynx won all three tournaments, including the nail-biter 5-set championship series against runner-up White Mountain Wolves. Tanalian netters Alianna Voran and Daniel Wardell were voted onto the All-Tourney Team.



In a very unusual circumstance, every one of the teams received votes for the Sportsmanship Award and all student-athletes conducted themselves very well on and off the court, so the Sportsmanship Award was awarded to all 4 teams to raise high to cherish, but given to the 3rd place team Shishmaref to take home.



Personnel

- We are still looking for a second custodian
- Student teachers Jess and Rhema are mid-term and taking over classes and doing well
- Our cooks were trained in Newhalen

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Students and teachers continue good annual progress through our standards. Science teachers are learning to work through our new science curriculum... they like the curriculum but are unable to use online components most of the time due to bandwidth limitations.

Technology Progress

- Mr. Hummel revitalized our Pixelot live streaming for our first VB tournament... tune in to our home games at NFHSNetwork.com.
- Science teachers experience much frustration with our bandwidth unable to sustain the online portion of the new curriculum. When it works, the online assets are very engaging to students and worthwhile to the teaching/learning experience.

Facility Update

Our entryway fire panel was beeping for a couple weeks, so we celebrated when Tim McDermott sent two techs to come take a look at our system, fix the beeping, and do some Fire Alarm Training with a few of the staff. We are again working in blissful silence.

LSAC Activity

Our first LSAC meeting of the year went well, even if it was long. Five students gave presentations for their Experiencing Out requirements: Rachel Opland, Zahara Leyba, Brielle Lorentzen, Teagann Smith, and Sam Fowler. We'll hold the annual elections during our November 8th meeting.

Volunteer Report

We have had a huge turnout of volunteers to host XC Regionals and the Tanalian Lynx-3 Volleyball tournament. From hospitality to booster club bakers to trail-makers to referees to scorekeepers to cooks to custodians, we have been very blessed. So many cheerful, giving people. We love hosting others!

Professional Development

Teachers were so thankful for their Inservice time at Alyeska (and all the yummy snacks)! Thank you LPSD for valuing teacher training and connection... And for taking them to fun destinations!

Pupil Attendance

We added a few Lake View Home School students and exited one PreK student who moved out of state.

- Tanalian students have a 95% attendance rate for October.
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Student and Staff Safety

There have been a couple bears roaming the village - for weeks - and finally one was taken out. A parent brought it to the school first thing the next morning in their tractor bucket and HS math and science teacher Mr. Hummel promptly got students out there learning all about it as they skinned it and learned all about the science and body parts- anatomy and physiology! As well as tagging and study- it was a 26 year old!



Subsistence Calendar

There is not much subsistence activity in October, but with our shortened school calendar our educators are mindful of the loss of 20 days of school and so try to 1) encourage parents and students to be in school every day and to take family vacation and medical breaks during school breaks, 2) students to complete homework on time to the best of ability, 3) stay focused on standards and avoid fluff activities and time-fillers, 4) Experience Out of levels with out of school authentic educational experiences, and 5) Encourage reading, writing, and math during the summer months!

Other