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Craig Elementary & Middle School: October Board Report Principal: Christy House

As we move through the first quarter at Craig Elementary and Middle School (CEMS), I'm pleased to share that, despite the busy and sometimes challenging pace, our dedicated team perseveres. We continue to face a steady need for substitute coverage and are truly grateful to those who step in to support our students and staff. The CEMS team remains committed to providing a supportive, enriching environment where students can thrive. We deeply appreciate the efforts of our staff and the reliable substitutes who help keep our school running smoothly. This report provides updates on staffing, assessments, student activities, and upcoming events that highlight the resilience and continued growth of our school community.

CEMS Staffing Updates

Boys Basketball Coaches

We're pleased to announce that the CMS Boys Basketball coaching positions have been filled. Thomas Mills will serve as Head Coach, with Devonte Chatman as Assistant Coach. We're excited for the upcoming season and look forward to seeing our student-athletes grow under their leadership.

Health and PE

Chuck Hanson has stepped into the Health and PE long-term substitute position following Troy Thain's completion of his substitute commitment on October 10. We extend our sincere thanks to both Troy and Chuck for their flexibility and support of our Health and PE programs.

Paraprofessional

We're happy to welcome Kaila Canada to the CMS team as a new special education paraprofessional. Her support will be a valuable addition to our efforts in meeting student needs.

CEMS Enrollment – as of October 15, 2025

**CES – 90 Students (With a possibility of 2 more coming soon)
CMS – 44 Students**

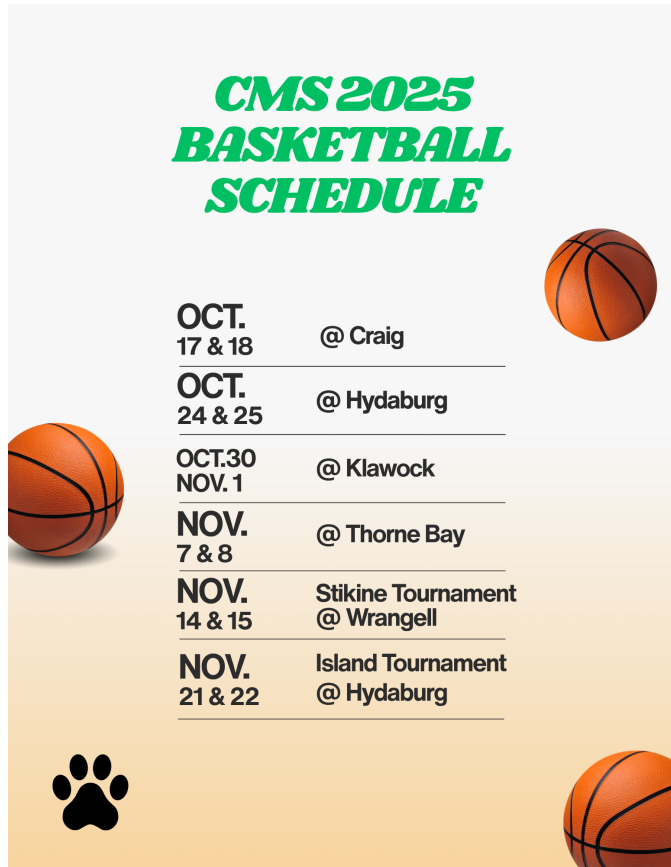
CEMS Extracurricular Activities

CEMS Cross Country Update

Cross country season for CEMS wrapped up on October 4th as the CMS Panthers traveled to Ketchikan for the final event of the season. The CES team competed that same day in Hydaburg. They all finished strong and gave 100% at the last meet. Great job, Panthers!

CMS Basketball Update

CMS basketball season is off to a strong start and is now in full swing. The girls' team has 10 players, while the boys' team has 11. We host games in Craig on October 17th and 18th, welcoming teams from Klawock, Thorne Bay, Hydaburg, and Metlakatla. The next round of games is scheduled to take place in Hydaburg on October 24th and 25th. See schedule below.

A graphic titled "CMS 2025 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE" in green, bold, italicized text. The background is a light gray to yellow gradient. There are three basketballs: one in the top right, one on the left side, and one in the bottom right. A black paw print is in the bottom left corner. The schedule is listed in a table-like format with horizontal lines separating the entries.

OCT. 17 & 18	@ Craig
OCT. 24 & 25	@ Hydaburg
OCT.30 NOV. 1	@ Klawock
NOV. 7 & 8	@ Thorne Bay
NOV. 14 & 15	Stikine Tournament @ Wrangell
NOV. 21 & 22	Island Tournament @ Hydaburg

CMS Cheerleading

CMS Cheerleading is also underway, with four enthusiastic participants on the team. They'll be present at basketball games, bringing energy and school spirit as they cheer on our athletes.

CEMS Student Council

Student Council elections have concluded, and we're excited to welcome newly elected student leaders at both the elementary and middle school levels. The results are as follows:

CES Student Council

- *President – Teakla Sheets
- *Vice President – Mia Marvin
- *Secretary – Forever Anderson
- *Treasurer – Gabriel Lingley
- *Entertainment Director – Westin Heidy
- *3rd Grade Class Rep – Bryson Lawnicki
- *4th Grade Class Rep – Lenox West
- *5th Grade Class Rep – Kayson Gray

CMS Student Council

- *President – Sophia Dodd
- *Vice President – Lakota Stock
- *Secretary – Aspen Hulstine
- *Treasurer – Ram Stock
- *Entertainment Director – Bucky Callendar-Liske
- *6th Grade Class Rep – Luca Horner
- *7th Grade Class Rep – Noah Edenshaw/Wyatt Arnice
- *8th Grade Class Rep – Vance Williams

CEMS Assessment Updates

Testing results from the AK STAR, Alaska Science Assessment, and WIDA (the assessment for English Language Learners) were sent home to families. The AK STAR, the state assessment given to students in grades 3-9, revealed that CCSD student performance ranked in the top 3 statewide for English/Language Arts and in the top 10 for Mathematics — excellent news for our school community.

The recently administered mClass DIBELS assessments were used to develop the required reading intervention plans in alignment with the Alaska Reads Act. Based on the results, students are now receiving targeted intervention services tailored to their individual needs.

The Alaska Developmental Profile (ADP) is a screening tool administered to all incoming kindergarten students. Craig Elementary data is complete and has been submitted to DEED.

Fall MAP testing was conducted in CEMS grades 3-8 and results will be provided to families at our parent/teacher conferences on October 16th and 17th.

CEMS Presenters

***FBI Presentation** – The FBI recently visited CEMS to speak with students in grades 3–5 and 6–8 about a range of safety-related topics. Their presentation helped raise awareness around online safety and encouraged responsible decision-making. Students were engaged throughout the visit and left better prepared to recognize and respond to unsafe online interactions.

***SRP Presentation** - CMS students recently completed Standard Response Protocol (SRP) training and are now well-prepared to respond appropriately in the event of an emergency.

***Fire Safety** – Our local fire department will join us on October 22nd to deliver a presentation on fire safety and emergency preparedness, helping students understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Upcoming Activities and Events

- *October 6: CMS Basketball Seasons Starts
- *October 16: Early-out/Friday Schedule for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- *October 17: No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- *October 17 & 18: CMS Girls and Boys Basketball Games
- *October 22: CEMS Fire Safety Presentations
- *October 24 & 25: CMS Basketball @ Hydaburg
- *October 30: End of 1st Quarter
- *October 30: CMS Basketball @ Klawock
- *October 31: Inservice – No School
- *November 1: CMS Basketball @ Klawock
- *November 7 & 8: CMS Basketball @ Thorne Bay
- *November 10 - 21 – 5th Grade Swimming Lessons @ Pool
- *November 11: Veteran's Day Assembly @ CHS for CMS Band Students
- *November 14 & 15: CMS Basketball Stikine Tourney @ Wrangell
- *November 21 & 22: CMS Basketball Island Tourney @ Hydaburg
- *December 4: CMS Poetry Slam @ CHS @ 6:30
- *December 11: CES Concert
- *December 18: CCSD Concert Grades 5-12 @ CHS