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December 11 CCSD Board Report

I hope the first thing you note in my report this month is the new **letterhead** we now have at Craig High School. The panther design is taken from the floor of the gymnasium and was original art created by **Charlene Wolfe** when the school was first completed. I contacted Ms. Wolfe to be sure I had permission to use the design. She was appreciative of the contact but assured me that the design was a gift to the school and we have free and unlimited use of it. **Ronnie Fairbanks** digitize the image and assisted with the overall layout of the letterhead. Mr. Fairbanks is continuing to work on our mascot logo, adding a form line ring surrounding our panther. I am excited to see the completed image and can't wait to share it!

Craig High School hosted the **Region V Volleyball Tournament** November 21 - 23. Our girls were the only team to upset the ranking coming into the tournament, beating Klawock in a spectacular 5-set match. There were several fund raising groups taking advantage of the influx of people. Throughout the afternoon the commons looked like a food court with 3-4 different eating options available to choose from. The energy in the building was exciting - our students and our visiting teams were fantastic participants. We housed two teams in the school and they treated our facility with respect. The tournament was a great success overall due to the front-end planning by **Tina Steffen** and with lots of assistance from **Liz Thomsen**, visiting coaches, visiting teams, and a slew of volunteers from our school and the community. **Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.**

Thank you to **Daniel Nelson** and **Brent O'Connor** for all of the extra time they committed to the High School over the past month. We are thrilled to welcome **Geno Colbert** to our high school staff as our new custodian. His was a trial by fire as his first week aligned with the volleyball tournament. Everything is easy after that! We really appreciate having Geno and thank him for the pride he has in the appearance of our facility.

Craig High School had a great elder turnout for our annual **Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon**. This project was started in 1984 by Shirley Farmer and her HomeEc class and CHS has continued to host almost every year for the past 40 years! Everyone pitches in with staff cooking turkeys, students contributing \$5 each (although we had donations this year that ranged from \$10 to \$100!), with student council and the National Honor Society cooking pies, potatoes, preparing relish trays, and serving. Special thank you to student council advisor **Jessica Hughes**, who has organized this event for the past 15 years!

CHS continues to complete accreditation review requirements. We have begun to distribute surveys to families, staff, and students as we collect data. I meet regularly with Cognia staff and we are on track for a March submission.

Counselor **Melissa Peavey** and I have been working on scheduling students for second semester and providing information about the Alaska Performance Scholarship. Schedules and APS information will be sent home to families before we dismiss for Winter Break. Our schedule is

reflecting the six-period day I reported on last meeting. Thank you **David Harris** for his willingness for making modifications to the CEMS schedule that are necessary to accommodate changes to the CHS bells and class schedule.

It is **testing season** for high school students! **Melissa Peavey** has been diligent about providing opportunities not only to our students, but to island students as well. As of this meeting, we will have provided **SAT** and **ASVAB** testing. The **ACT** test will be held at CHS on Saturday, December 14. Ms. Peavey has also completed the necessary paperwork to establish CHS as a testing site for the WorkKeys assessment. By offering the SAT, ACT, and **WorkKeys** assessments, CHS provides three different testing options for students to qualify for the APS.

Ms. Peavey will be hosting a parent **FAFSA** orientation and help session at 4pm on December 17. This meeting is open to both CHS and KHS students.

The **CHS/CMS Winter Concert**, conducted by **Rachael Balcom** was held on December 10. I'm sure it was fantastic!

With support from **CHS AD Tina Steffen**, CHS is requiring that all coach/player communication be conducted with the app **sportsYou**. This free app is designed for athletic and co-curricular teams communication and scheduling. Administration, coaches, students, and parents are all supported by the app. The interface is very familiar and our wrestlers have been using it with great success. We are looking forward to this adoption being a positive experience for our basketball teams this season and all of our extra curricular teams in the future.

This Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, Craig High School will be hosting a regional **Academic Decathlon (ACDC) meet**. In addition to our own team, both Ketchikan and Juneau will be sending teams. ACDC coach **Jessica Hughes** is organizing this event and has been actively searching for volunteers. I invite you to attend the SuperQuiz event that will take place at CHS on Saturday, December 14.

From Activities Director Tina Steffen:

We have many exciting things happening with CHS Athletics and Activities.

Aulis Nelson was the Division III Region runner-up and State Champion in cross country.

The boys team missed qualifying for state by 1 point!! Our XC Team came home with the Sportsmanship Award.

Swimming ended the season with 8 swimmers. Grant Maygren represented us at the State Meet in 2 events and won the Sportsmanship Award. Patrick and Sabrina were 1st alternates and Sabrina ended up getting to race.

Volleyball numbers were small this year, just 8 players. With many players being young and inexperienced, they finished the season strong, placing 4th at Regions. We hosted Volleyball Regionals and it went great. We received many compliments on how amazing our community, staff and administration were all involved.

Wrestlers have 5 boys and 1 girl. They travel to Haines for Regionals next week.

We are preparing to host the ACDC meet next week, and Jessica is still looking for volunteers.

All in all, we have been fortunate with many of the mandatory events being less expensive trips this year. I am expecting to be well within the budget.

PROBLEMS:

Still having trouble with the hoops

Still would love having the weight room at the high school