



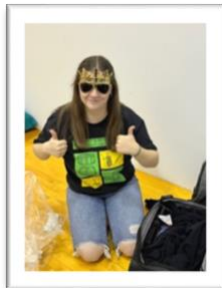
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CHS School Board Report March 2024



Curriculum and Instruction

Master Schedule

After meeting with teachers individually and as a group to get their recommendations, the CHS master schedule is nearly complete. Our final steps are to schedule students in their elective courses. The CHS staff spent part of our Friday 3/8 collaboration time making sure that we have all students placed appropriately for core courses. We spent a large portion Wednesday 3/13's staff meeting discussing the bell schedule to ensure it meets the needs of teachers and students. The biggest challenge building next year's schedule is sharing four teachers: Mrs. Balcom is available to CHS 5th-7th hours, Mrs. Stock is available to CHS 2nd-3rd hour, Mr. Fairbanks is available to CHS 3rd-5th hour, and our special education teacher will be available to CHS 5th-7th hour. Along with ensuring they are able to meet their classroom responsibilities in other buildings, travel time was also a consideration. Mr. Harris and I worked together to make sure we had a clear understanding of each other's bell schedules to ensure these teachers will have adequate time to get back and forth.

Academic Guide

The CHS staff collaborated to update the Craig High School Academic Guide. Our final draft has been submitted to Mr. Reitan to share with the school board. We have added the following courses: Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications (.5 cr.), Explorations in Data Science (.5 cr.), Ornithology (1 cr.), and Global Perspectives on Culture and Politics (.5 cr.). These classes have all been submitted and received NCAA course approval. Additionally, we have added speech, lifetime sports, and post prep to our academic guide and schedule for next year.

Accreditation Training

CHS is renewing our accreditation next spring. The staff participated in an introductory training at the end of February, and I had a follow up training with Cognia Wednesday, March 13.

State Testing

Our 9th graders are taking the AK STAR Reading Assessment March 2-3 and the AK STAR Math Assessment April 2-3. The 10th graders are taking the Alaska Science Assessment March 3-5.

Classroom Spotlight

Economics students are explaining how the tradition of free enterprise is protected by the U.S. Constitution and law and describing the basic principles of the U.S. free enterprise system.

Biology students are taking a quiz on dominant/recessive traits, Punnett squares, and meiosis.

Marine Biology students are taking a quiz on chemosynthesis and energy in ecosystems.

Alaska History students are answering the question, “What role did the different gold rushes around and in Alaska play in the development of and distribution of population?”

Geography students are learning the causes and effects of climate change from a geographic perspective and applying that knowledge to a cross curricular culminating project they’ll do in conjunction with their Earth, Space, and Physical Science class.

Grammar and Composition students are reading Romeo and Juliet and exploring how Shakespeare’s writing applies to today’s culture, how the setting advance the theme, and how Shakespeare drew on classical literature.

British Literature students are using a variety of poetry to identify authors’ use of literary devices in poetry.

World Literature students are analyzing the use of figurative language and sound devices in the “The Panther.”

Geometry students are reviewing the law of sines.

Algebra II students are starting a new chapter on inverses and logarithms.

Algebra I students are previewing vocabulary related exponential functions.

Student Activities

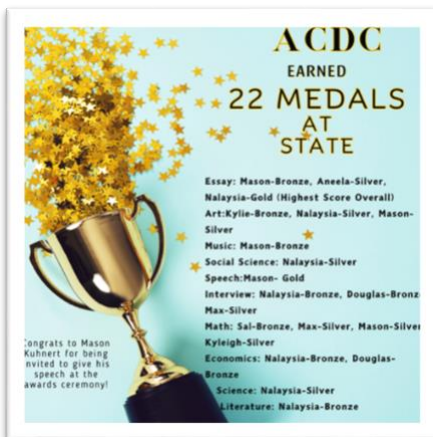
Region V Basketball Tournament

The week of March 3, CHS students travelled to regionals in Sitka at MEHS. Our girls walked away with 3rd place. Our boys fought hard and learned some lessons to help them continue to grow next year. The cheer, drumline, and color guard teams also performed throughout the week. The following students were honored with awards:



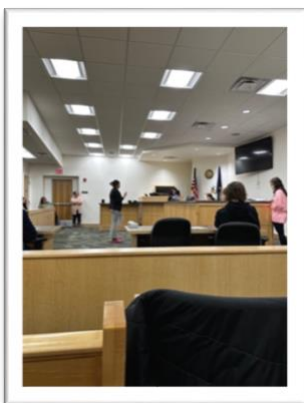
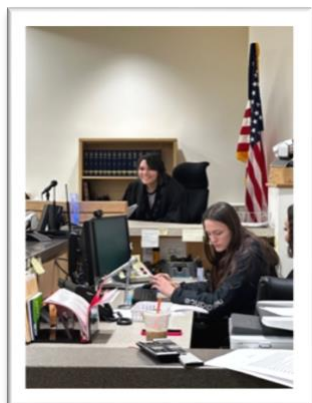
ACDC

Our ACDC team travelled to the state competition in Anchorage and came home with 22 individual medals. They were second place in division II and third in the quiz bowl. Additionally, Nalaysia Raymond received the highest overall score in the essay division, and Mason Kuhnert was asked to give his speech at the awards ceremony. All members of the ACDC returned from their trip on fire and ready to prepare for next year's theme, Our Changing Climate.



Mock Trial

Students who did not travel to the Region V basketball tournament participated in a mock trial at the POW Courthouse Wednesday, March 6. Students volunteered in advance for their roles, and those without roles became the jury. We had a defendant, defense attorney, prosecuting attorney, judge, court clerk, witnesses, and a bailiff. Our students took the process very seriously, the jury deliberated spiritedly, and the defendant was found guilty. Before the mock trial started, Magistrate Rice spoke to our students about her role and gave students the opportunity to ask questions.



Track and Field

Track and Field begins this week at CHS. The first team meeting is Wednesday, March 13, 2024. This year the track team will compete in Sitka and Ketchikan.

Climate & Culture



Rising Freshmen

We have surveyed our rising freshmen to gauge their perceived level of preparedness, areas of anxiety, interest in extracurricular activities, and more. The CHS counselor is spending an hour per day with them over the course of a week to orient them to all things CHS and high school related. Later this spring, they will visit CHS.

Trip to Spain with Education First Tours

Ms. Beck is taking a group of students enrolled in Spanish to Spain in June 2025. Students will travel to Saville, Grenada, Madrid, and Barcelona. EF Tours is a highly reputable international tour company specializing in student tours and focuses on growth mindset, global perspective, personal development, and action & impact.

Student Handbook

The CHS staff is preparing to update our student handbook for the upcoming school year. As a staff, we've spoken about the number of courses seniors take. We plan to add specific language to our handbook stating upperclassman may schedule a **maximum combination of two** of the following: work study, teacher's aide, open period (open period available to seniors only with approval).

Gratitude

- Thank you to all the coaches and chaperones who committed time for regionals.
- Thank you to Pam Penrose for dedicating her time to CHS as the long-term substitute for our vacant special education teaching position.
- Thank you to Tristy Morrison for ensuring the CHS office atmosphere is both pleasant and professional.
- Thank you to Ezra Clark and Maria Riedel for chaperoning our college trip.
- Thank you to the entire amazing CHS staff for the hard work you do daily.

Total Enrollment

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>68</u>

