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### **2017-2018 GOALS FOR CORDOVA JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

In reviewing the graphical representations of the Strategic Planning community conversations held on March 13, 2018, the Admin Team has focused on ways of being responsive to the needs articulated as part of that process. To offer diverse opportunities and programs for students both inside and outside of the classroom, with hands-on and interactive learning that includes different kinds of scheduling, an A-day and B-day schedule is being developed for the 2018-19 school year. Starting with our April 13<sup>th</sup> Teacher In-Service, we began collaborating with teachers to propose additional course offerings in extended class periods of 100 minutes once a week (B-day). This would supplement the regular schedule with core course offerings in 50-minute class periods the remaining 4 days (A-day). All courses will be aligned with AK standards. We continue to seek input from students, teachers and staff, the Site Council, and the School Board as we prepare for student registration.

### **MONTHLY ATTENDANCE (%)**

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	AVG.
<b>AUG</b>	90%	94%	100%	94%	88%	84%	91%
<b>SEPT</b>	98%	97%	97%	93%	91%	90%	94%
<b>OCT</b>	96%	93%	93%	92%	93%	87%	93%
<b>NOV</b>	90%	92%	94%	91%	93%	90%	92%
<b>DEC</b>	93%	93%	99%	94%	87%	86%	92%
<b>JAN</b>	90%	94%	96%	90%	95%	85%	91%
<b>FEB</b>	88%	89%	94%	87%	86%	88%	88%
<b>MAR</b>	92%	85%	93%	89%	96%	90%	91%
<b>APR</b>	87%	90%	95%	89%	91%	85%	90%
<b>MAY</b>							
<b>AVG.</b>							

### **STUDENT ENROLLMENT (Based on first day of the month)**

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
<b>AUG</b>	24	22	18	42	30	21	157
<b>SEPT</b>	25	20	19	40	31	22	157
<b>OCT</b>	25	20	19	41	30	22	157
<b>NOV</b>	25	20	19	40	30	22	156
<b>DEC</b>	25	20	18	41	29	22	155
<b>JAN</b>	25	22	20	40	29	22	158
<b>FEB</b>	25	22	20	40	29	22	158
<b>MAR</b>	25	22	20	40	29	22	158
<b>APR</b>	25	22	20	39	29	22	157
<b>MAY</b>							
<b>AVG.</b>							

### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- This month we were notified that Mrs. Adams was selected as a BP Teacher of Excellence for 2018! She is one of 29 winners from across Alaska recognized for their exceptional performance in the classroom, dedication to students and contribution to the state's future. This year the program attracted more than 1,000 nominations. Now in its 23rd year, BP has recognized 750 teachers from across Alaska. Winning teachers receive a \$500 gift card and a \$500 matching grant to their school. We will have a celebration during our Quarter 4 Student Awards Assembly on May 8<sup>th</sup> – complete with CAKE for EVERYONE! Congratulations, Mrs. Adams.
- We completed our last Teacher In-Service of the year on Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>. Besides spending time on an overview of scheduling and course rotation options for next school year, we also had a 90-minute webinar training with our new Turnitin.com subscription. This originality (plagiarism) detection tool helps us to continue to foster a culture of academic honesty at CHS and supports our students as they complete research and writing assignments. All students will be able to establish their own Turnitin accounts and enroll in individual classes to submit work for teacher assignments. We also devoted parts of the day to collaborative meetings and planning among teachers at both buildings and a Social Studies curriculum review webinar.
- Mrs. Corrao's Music Program continues to impress with a Silver Trophy for Concert Band in Honolulu for WorldStrides Onstage 2018, a Silver/2<sup>nd</sup> place Trophy for Concert Choir, and a First Place Choir trophy (along with a Gold rating) at the Aurora Music Festival in Anchorage April 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. Several students will also be competing in state solo and ensemble competitions in Anchorage May 10-13.



*First Place Choir!*

- The Future Problem Solvers came home with 9 trophies after their Alaska State Bowl competition in Fairbanks April 13-17: First Place Middle GIPS Individual Competition, Third Place Middle GIPS Team Competition, and Second Place Middle Performance of Action Plan. First Place Senior Performance of Action Plan, Third Place Senior Performance of Action Plan, First Place Senior GIPS Team Competition, First Place Senior GIPS Individual Competition, Third Place Senior GIPS Individual Competition, and Third Place Senior GIPS Team Competition. The Future Problem Solvers are: Cori Pegau, Josi Moffitt, Amanda Taitano, Marie Esguerra, Ria Smyke, Anika Witsoe, Ethan Beckett, Madelyn Roemhildt, Alana Esguerra, Amee Hamberger, Serena Herschleb, Faith Collins, and Mia Siebenmorgen-Cresswell. Thanks go to Anita Smyke for her hard work and dedication to this team! Amazing! But wait, there's more! The following students will be traveling to International Future Problem Solvers in Madison, WI in June: Cori Pegau, Josi Moffett, Amanda Taitano, Marie Esguerra, Alana Esguerra.



*Future Problem Solvers rake in the trophies*

- Eight students took the ACT test on Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>. Nine students will take the SAT on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- An assembly for student awards for Quarter 3 was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Junior High awards included Student of the Quarter Alana Esguerra and Most Improved Gwethalyn Jacob. High School awards included Student of the Quarter Ben Wray and Most Improved Rich Don Agustin. Bree Mills from CTC presented certificates.
- The Public Health Nurse visited us on April 17<sup>th</sup> to complete 7<sup>th</sup> grade vision screenings.
- Seniors had lunch with the School Board on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Hill, Mr. Andersen, Mrs. Zamudio, and Ms. Dyer embarked on a Juneau Career Connections trip with five students April 22-28. The week was packed full of activities investigating career possibilities and education options, as well as practicing job-seeking skills. We are so grateful to our teachers and paraprofessionals for all of the extra time and coordination involved in taking on such worthy adventures with students.
- Quarter 4 Progress Reports were mailed April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Jr/Sr Prom was held at Mt. Eccles on Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> with the theme *A Night on the Italian Riviera*. The students looked fantastic, the dancing was epic, and thanks go to Class Advisors Mrs. Corrao and Mrs. Nolan, along with chaperones Mr. Hill and Mr. Andersen for supporting students coordinating this dance!

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*The Yeti Crabs after their Alaska Tsunami Bowl victory*

- The CHS Yeti Crabs traveled to the National Ocean Sciences Bowl Finals in Boulder, CO April 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was the first time that Cordova won the Alaska Tsunami Bowl and qualified to go to Finals! As one of only a handful of Rookie Teams from around the country, the students took it as an opportunity to learn from those that are successful year after year in this competition. Lauren Bien of the Prince William Sound Science Center served as the Head Coach and coordinated this program all year, along with Volunteer Assistant Coach John Williams. The Yeti Crabs are: Seniors Cori Pegau and Marie Esguerra, Junior Reid Williams, and Sophomore Kita DeCook. We look forward to continuing this partnership with the PWSSC next year!
- CHS Sophomore Ethan Beckett received the FIRST Dean's List Award, and traveled to the FIRST Championship in Houston for the second year in a row. He also met FIRST founder Dean Kamen!



*Ethan Beckett meets an icon of science and technology*

- Our final round of MAP testing began on Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> and will run through May 11<sup>th</sup>. We have experimented with a variety of schedules for testing this year in our effort to make sure we get reliable student performance data. Teachers will review results for each student and use it to inform instruction.

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- The 5-12 Spring Awards Concert was held in the CHS Gym on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The gym was packed and everyone was treated to award-winning performances by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band, 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, Junior High band, High School Band, High School Choir and the finale, Mass Band. Mrs. Corrao showered thanks and awards on the students, volunteers, chaperones, and teachers who supported the music program this year and the Seniors, in turn, thanked Mrs. Corrao for transforming the music department at CHS. Students were recognized for their participation in All-State, All-State Solo and Ensemble, and Regional Honors Choir and Band. Impressive!
- AP testing begins on May 9<sup>th</sup> with 13 students taking English Lit/Comp. AP US Government and Politics will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> with 11 students. AP Statistics is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> with 7 students. We have a total of 25 students taking AP tests (4 students are taking 2 exams and one student is taking 3 exams).
- The Class of 2018 amassed an impressive list of college acceptances (see below).

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/PROGRAM	NUMBER OF ACCEPTANCES
BOISE STATE-IDAHO	2
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY-OHIO	1
CARROLL COLLEGE (HELENA, MT)	1
CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BEND)	1
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	1
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-PORTLAND	1
EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY (LA GRANDE)	2
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY-SPOKANE	1
GRACELAND UNIVERSITY (LAMONI, IA)	1
MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY-ST. LOUIS	1
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY (BOZEMAN)	2
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY	1
OHIO UNIVERSITY	1
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY	1
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	1
ST. MARTIN'S UNIVERSITY (LACEY, WA)	1
ST. MARY'S OF THE WOODS (IN)	1
UNITED STATES NAVY (ENLISTING)	1
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA-ANCHORAGE	2
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA-FAIRBANKS	2
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA-SOUTHEAST	1
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-MANOA	1
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO (MOSCOW&BOISE)	4
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA-MISSOULA	1
UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND	1
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIV. (BELLINGHAM)	1
WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY-SPOKANE	3
<b>TOTAL ACCEPTANCES</b>	<b>37</b>

### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

*From Rich Sorenson, who attended the nondestructive testing (NDT) conference in Soldotna the 3rd week of March: This conference covered the topic of visual inspection (VT). VT is the most used form of testing welds. One part of the American Welding Society (AWS) certification is VT. The neat thing about VT is that it can occur right away and you don't have to have a lot of special equipment to do it. In this training, we reinforced the use of VT. We also used some of the VT equipment to measure welds and see if they fit within certain parameters. This helps me to look at the welds the students are doing and help them get better at welding. It also covers some of the professional development that is required to keep my Certified Welding Inspectors certification. Without this certification, students at CHS would have to go to another test site to get certified or we would have to bring in a CWI to test them.*

### **SITE COUNCIL SUMMARY**

- The last CHS Site Council meeting of the year is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Room 2.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- May 5: SAT test date
- May 7: CHS Site Council 5:00 p.m.
- May 8: Quarter 4 Student Awards and BP Teachers of Excellence Reception during Homeroom Schedule Assembly; Cabaret performance @ CDV Center at 7:00 p.m.
- May 9: AP English test @ 7:00 a.m.
- May 10: AP Gov test @ 7:00 a.m.; 7<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip (Sorenson/Werner)
- May 10-12: Music – Solo & Ensemble Contests (Anchorage)
- May 11: 8<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip (Clark/Carroll)
- May 15: Academic Awards/NHS Induction Ceremony @ 7:00 p.m. in CHS gym
- May 16: Baccalaureate @ 7:00 p.m. in CHS gym
- May 17: AP Stat test @ 11:00 a.m.; CHS Play: All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten (Adams) 7:00 p.m. @ CDV Center
- May 18: Last day of school for Class of 2018; Graduation Practice @ 9:00 a.m. in CHS gym; Senior Walkthrough at Mt. Eccles @ 10:00 a.m.
- May 19: Graduation at CHS gym @ 5:30 p.m.
- May 21-23: AVTEC Tour in Seward (10-20 students with Sorenson/Borst/Dunn)
- May 23: Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders Welcome Tour @ 10:45 in Media Center, then Building Tours with Student Council and Lunch with Junior High (Williams/Adams/Hottinger)
- May 25: Last day of school; Half Day; Quarter 4 Grades Due

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter of support to the Prince William Sound Science Center for their *Headwaters to Ocean: Shoreline Stewards* program.

### **OTHER**

- Nothing to report