

# Completed Events

LPSD Student Athletics and Activities began 2026 with energy and optimism.

The LPSD Basketball Jamboree, Jan 21-24, saw 100 students participate in a Basketball Camp at Newhalen School. For some attendees, there were an extra 3 days because of cancelled flights due to poor runway conditions at their villages.

Embedded in the camp were opportunities for LPSD students to learn and use their personal and social skills. It is a good feeling seeing students enjoying their time together, NOT ON ELECTRONICS, and acting like teenagers. Notably, our LPSD students interacted with Southwest, Bristol Bay, and Dillingham students, who also attended. In addition, coaches and chaperones were there, as well as other LPSD professional staff engaging with LPSD students. Multiple times these adults stepped up when needed. This Region 1 teamwork elevated the quality of the event, and saved money.

Organizing events of this nature requires multi-level efforts between school districts and within our own LPSD. I am appreciative of our, LPSD, collaboration with Southwest, Bristol Bay, and Dillingham school districts that benefit so many of our students in this region. It really is a rewarding sight to see for those who attend these events.

I must note that this collaboration between school districts has been developed over years of working together for the success of all our Region 1 students, and that this collaboration is viewed positively by the other Region 1 school districts and their communities.

Huge thanks to these coaches that stepped up to support our camp leader Chris Bryant:

Roy Womack-Newhalen

Tate Gooden-Bristol Bay

Breck Armstrong-Dillingham

Tom Walker-Perryville

Diana Hejtmanek-Chignik Lake

Nicole Metzgar-Port Alsworth

Attached are photos from this event

Huge thank you to the coaches this year for putting in the time to work with our students across the district.

PVL- Tom Walker

LAK- Diana Hejtmanek

LAG- Only one 8th grade student, no high school students. No coach.

PTH- Rosemary Sysak

IGI- No team currently. Colter is having conversations while in IGI this week.

KHK- Connor Romer

NON- Betty Wilson

PTA- Nicole Metzgar and Riley Morigeau

NEW- Henry Olympic, Gabe Olympic, and James Barthelman

Pictures from the first Basketball Jamboree:

## **Up coming events-**

LPSD 3-man tournament will be hosted by Port Heiden February 16-18. I have met with JW and Nicole and am very excited about what they and the community have been planning. Currently they have gotten a guest presenter to come in to work with all of our kids on drug prevention.

## **ASAA information from 10/25 meeting-**

These are the minutes from the October ASAA meeting

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/BOD-Oct-6-7-2025-Meeting.pdf>

Highlights for LPSD

➤ Anchor Lutheran School: motion and second “accept Anchor Lutheran School’s membership request. To place them into Region 2 and also into the logical Region 2 conferences for activities they may offer.”

➤ 2026-2027 ASAA Calendar of Events: The Board reviewed drafts for the 2026–2027 ASAA Calendar of Events. Due to the shift in the school-year calendar, members discussed adjustments intended to improve scheduling and event quality for cross country, flag football, and tennis. The Board agreed that hosting the State Cross Country Championships on October 3, 2026, would be optimal. To accommodate that date, the first allowable cross country practice will begin Monday, July 27, 2026, and the first allowable contest date will be Friday, August 7, 2026.

Proposed state tournament dates include:

- 1A/2A Basketball: March 10–13, 2027

➤TAD Policy: The Board discussed revising the policy to focus on consequences for violations while allowing schools to develop educational programs that could reduce suspension lengths. Staff were directed to research possible models.

➤Waivers citing Student Mental Health: The Board acknowledged that mental health challenges may create valid hardships warranting transfer rule waivers but noted concern over misuse of such claims. ASAA may begin requiring documentation from licensed mental health professionals to verify clinical diagnoses.

➤Open Races in Cross Country and Nordic Ski: Discussion addressed the misconception that ineligible athletes may compete alongside eligible students. The Board reviewed sample language from other states and staff proposals for clarification.

➤State Wrestling Qualifying: Due to travel costs for remote schools, the Board directed staff to explore an “open” state qualifying format that allocates a fixed number of entries per school based on enrollment size.

➤Region 1 DII Track & Field Qualifiers: Region I requested that its track and field schools be included within the Region II conference. Currently, Region I receives one automatic berth per event but cannot earn at-large berths.









