



**BARROW**  
HIGH SCHOOL

— *Striving For Excellence* —

## Highlighted School Report May 9, 2022

Good Day to Everyone,

Thank you for the opportunity to report out on what is happening at Barrow High School. We all know how challenging the last twenty-six months have been so I will not dwell on the past. What I will say is that I think Barrow High School is on the mend and we are already looking forward to a strong opening in the Fall.

Some Barrow High School Factoids

- Our current enrollment is 268
- We expect to graduate 50 Seniors
- BHS Hosted an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Step visit April 28<sup>th</sup>

A wonderful community celebration was held at IPK on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was mostly to honor the Lady Whalers state championship but it was much more than that. It was also to recognize other teams and activities. It was a giant pot luck dinner organized by parents and supported financial my many organizations in town. There was probably at least 300 people in attendance.

We had three wonderful student trips over the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- The Special Olympic team travel to Anchorage for the “Unified” 3 on 3 Basketball tournament. This was their first even since 2019. Thanks to all who support this program
- Our rebuilding NYO team also traveled to Anchorage for their first event since 2019. It was a small team but they had a great time. We expect more participants next year.
- Our student council traveled to Kodiak for the AASG conference. (Alaska Association of Student Government)

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, we had an amazing motivational speaker, Commander John P. Hiltz, USN. He is the commander of Navy Talent Acquisition Group Pacific Northwest. Among all of his personal and professional accomplishments, two stand out. He played varsity basketball at the University of Notre Dame and flew two years with the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels.

I wasn't there as it was past my bedtime, but I am told the prom was amazing. Many hands were involved in making it happen.

Here is our current status on staffing for next year:

- Positions filled: Two English, Music, Math, Physical Education, and Art
- Still to be filled: Two Special Education, Science, and ILT

As great as all of the above sounds, like all of our school, we still face many challenges. I can't and won't hide that fact. This year was still a difficult year, mostly related to getting our students back on track after the long layoff due to covid. However, the staff at BHS is already planning for a strong school opening in the fall.

Thank you,

Mark Jenkins