



# Craig High School

P.O. Box 800  
Craig, Alaska 99921  
Phone 907-826-2274  
Fax 907-826-3016  
craigschools.com

Chris Reitan, Superintendent

Betty Hall, Principal

## CHS School Board Report September 2023

### Total Enrollment

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
13	19	25	19	76

### Curriculum & Instruction

CHS is offering the SAT Saturday, September 16, and the PSAT will be held on October 11th. Juniors are encouraged to take the PSAT if they haven't taken a similarly timed test before and to register for the SAT in the spring. Sophomores are also welcomed to take the PSAT.

**The Fall MAP** (Measure of Academic Progress) benchmark began Monday, September 19. This year we have decided to test 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders to provide our teachers with the rich instructional data provided by the test. The test is adaptive, measures growth and progress, provides years of longitudinal data, and helps teachers to make appropriate instructional decisions for both whole groups and individual students. Our students are testing in the following areas:

Math: statistics and probability, the real and complex number systems, geometry, and operations & algebraic thinking

Reading: informational text, vocabulary, and literary text

Language: writing, grammar, and mechanics

Once the data is in, our staff will spend time analyzing it to identify positive and negative trends and create plans to address student needs.

**Postsecondary Prep** has had retired military members as guest speakers and students are working on applications, taking placement classes/tests, and learning financial literacy.

**Biology** students traveled to Crab Creek to measure the temperature and salinity gradients that salmon pass through as they migrate upstream to spawn. They determined that the salinity of the open ocean is 35 ppt, but by the time salmon have traveled 200 feet upstream from the mouth, the salinity has dropped to 0 ppt. This is the kickoff for their first unit, which will focus on the ways salmon cells and organ systems are adapted to help the salmon survive in both saltwater and freshwater.

**US History students** are evaluating student writing samples using a scoring guide to establish inter-rater reliability. This is done in preparation for their first major assignment, which requires them to write a reflection apprising their understanding of the events on 9/11 and how this understanding has grown over the course of their first unit.

**Concert Band** is starting strongly by preparing auditions for Honor Band and All-State. Several students have a good chance of being involved in these ensembles this year.

**The Woodshop class** is making bandsaw boxes and Native Arts classes are making deer calls. Art students are printmaking by doing linoleum reduction prints.

**British Literature students** are comparing & contrasting characters in *Beowulf* and their attitudes towards revenge by citing textual evidence. World Literature students are explaining how mythological heroes are shaped by the cultures that created them.

**Our staff and student** body are grateful to have a fulltime **PE/Health** teacher in the building again. Students have been utilizing the weight room for their conditioning class and the PE classes are in the middle of a badminton unit.

### **Activities and Events**

**Cross-country** is off to a commendable start and have exceeded Coach Steffen's expectations. Freshman, Aulis Nelson, has 3<sup>rd</sup> place on Craig High School's record board. The team travels to Sitka this weekend with a full team and there are

high hopes for the regional and state competitions. Here are the highlights from last week's meet in Wrangell:

Aulis Nelson: 3rd in DIII PR 17:35  
Josh Bennett: 10th in DIII PR 19:52  
Jeremy Newcomb: 16th DIII 22:09  
Sal Williams: PR by over a minute @ 37:33  
Ashlynn Smith: 7th DIII 26:02  
Maddy Conatser: 8th DIII 28:02  
Nalaysia Raymond: 13th DIII 34:14  
Sara Steffen: 14th DIII 34:24



**Our swimmers** are travelling to Juneau this weekend. Currently the girls are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the region, and the boys are ranked 5<sup>th</sup>. This year we have thirteen swimmers representing CHS including, three 9<sup>th</sup> graders, one 10<sup>th</sup> grader, five 11<sup>th</sup> graders, one 12<sup>th</sup> grader, and four homeschool students. Their regional competition is 10/27-28 in Sitka.

**Volleyball** kicked off their season September 6. There are 13 girls out this season, two freshmen, five sophomores, two juniors, and four seniors. Their first game is September 22 in Ketchikan. They will face Klawock at home 10/27 and Met at home 11/11. They'll travel around the region for the rest of their games, including the regional competition in Petersburg Nov. 16-18.

**Wrestling** starts September 27, and we intend to co-op with Klawock again. We are excited to host the first tournament here in Craig on October 13. With the help of Troy and Di Thain, we hope to have a very successful event.

**Southeast Honors** will be held in Craig this year October 22-24. We are expecting students from Juneau schools, Ketchikan, Haines, Wrangell, Petersburg, Skagway, Hoonah, both Sitka schools, and perhaps some other of the small villages in our area.

The clinicians are:

For Band - Danielle Davey from Mount Hood Community College

For Choir - Dr. Anna Song from Willamette University

**Climate & Culture**

**On September 21**, CHS will host Broken Walls: The Call of the Drums. This will be a schoolwide assembly, including the middle school. As described on their website, “Broken Walls bases many of their songs on the ancient sounds of the First Nations People of North America and often perform around their large Pow Wow drum...The band has a team of First Nation Dancers that often accompany them in full regalia when they perform...They have taken the healing quality of their music into many places where restoration and reconciliation were needed, with great results.”

**We are happy** to report that we have decreased tardiness by 23% as compared to last year at this same time. Our students are off to an amazing start with respectful and responsible behavior.

**Class officers** were appointed by their peers during the second week of school. Class officers are separate from the Executive Board, though class presidents join the executive board at weekly Student Council meetings. This year’s class officers are:

The infographic is a grid of four colored boxes representing different grade levels, with a vertical green box on the right for the year and class officers. Each box contains the grade level, a list of officers with their names, and a small decorative icon. The top-left box is light blue for Seniors, the top-right is light green for Juniors, the bottom-left is purple for Sophomores, and the bottom-right is orange for Freshmen. The vertical green box on the right contains the text '2023-2024 CLASS OFFICERS' and a small yellow and green icon of a traditional drum.

<b>SENIORS</b> President- Ella Ebbighausen VP- Nina Callier Secretary- Greta Andrews Treasurer-Tully Rice	<b>JUNIORS</b> President- Kori Paige VP- Savannah Stamon Secretary- Paulnell Tallman Treasurer- Logan Lewis	<b>2023- 2024 CLASS OFFICERS</b>
<b>SOPHOMORES</b> President- Jillian Ebbighausen VP-Mackenzie Crosthwaite Secretary- Chelsea Thompson Treasurer Adam Vickers	<b>FRESHMEN</b> President - Madison Conatser VP- Payton McCoy Secretary - Aulis Nelson Treasurer - Kailee Stock	

**Adaline De Castro** asked the welding class if they could reproduce a place mat with a butterfly design used for her 70th birthday. Brooklyn Robert's, one of the most skilled metal artists, took on the challenge and it was completed for Adaline's 91st birthday. Adaline was presented the artwork in the CHS office by the welding students and Brooklyn.



## Gratitude

- On behalf of CHS I'd like to express endless gratitude to **Tina Nelson** for subbing in the CHS office while we wait for our new full time admin assistant to arrive. She has done a phenomenal job.
- Thank you to our coaches **Jen Creighton, Shannon Isaacs, and Tina Steffen** for coaching fall sports.
- Thank you to the **entire CHS staff** for making the start of school year so successful.