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School Board Report Craig High School March 2021 Report

Current Enrollment

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
27	15	12	18	73

Curriculum and Instruction

PEAK Testing

In early April students in grade 9 will be taking the Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools in the areas of language arts and math. Students in grade 10 will be taking the science PEAKS test. We encourage students to get plenty of rest and to do their best on the tests. These results provide data to schools, help to evaluate equity in education, and provide a snapshot on how Alaska's schools are doing. For students not testing, these will be regular instructional days.

In-School SAT/ASVAB Testing

Ms. Riedel offered an in-school SAT on Wednesday, March 3rd. We had around 20 students participate. This will be the last SAT offered in Craig this year. We also offered the ASVAB test on March 10th and had six of our students participate. Two proctors came to administer the test and then spent time with our students going over their results. Our students appreciated the opportunity to discuss those results and to learn more about themselves and their areas of strength.

Voyages & Six-Pack Course

Four of our CHS students were able to participate in the Six-Pack course offered at the Vocational Center February 25th-March 6th. This was an excellent opportunity and all of the students passed the testing portions of the course. CHS also held some mini-voyages during this time. Students had some choices to participate in drama, knitting, wood-burning, wood shop, welding, board games, yoga/dance and technology exploration. This was a time for students and teachers to connect and strengthen social and emotional connections, which is especially important in light of the current pandemic we have been dealing with.

Inservice Days

On March 11th and 12th, CCSD staff participated in two in-service days. Staff received

training on strategies to assist students in accessing text and increasing engagement and learning. Our special education staff was provided training on the Powerschool platform as we transition to using that system for the special education program. Teachers also had time to work on their various curricular areas, strengthening their current units or making updates as new materials have been onboarded.

Activities

Academic Decathlon Virtual State Meet

The Academic Decathlon team persevered and came home with a first in their division, and quite a bit of hardware as well. To say they had to overcome adversity might be an understatement. First off, the entire meet was virtual this year. Secondly, school was unexpectedly shut down the second day of their state meet, so they had to continue on from home. Despite all of this, they had many successes for such a young team. The team took first in their division, competing against Bering Strait and Point Hope, each with two teams.

There were many individual medals as well. Congratulations and appreciations go out to **Sam Bass** for being the team's top scorer!

These medals are earned by competing against all of the academic decathletes.

Gold Medalists: **Sam Bass**- Science
Greta Andrews- Interview

Silver Medalist: **Alexis Aanrud**- Interview

Bronze Medalist: **Alexis Aanrud**- Art

Alternate Medalists: These medals are earned by competing against the other alternates in Division 3.

Brooke Williams- Math, Art, Social Science, Essay, Speech

Ella Ebbighausen: Economics, Science, Interview, Literature

We are very proud of this team and hope to see them continue as Academic Decathletes next year.

Archery

Students will be competing in the archery state meet on March 19th. We have about 8 students that will be working to qualify for the national event. Mr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Nelson have been coaching the students this year, with Steve Stumpf coming in to support the team as a volunteer.

Fine Arts

While we won't have a traditional Artfest this year, we continue to have strong art programs at CHS. Mr. Tilton has been working with students on various ceramic projects

and they recently finished up their ceramic gnomes. They are now working on glass mosaics. Mr. Fairbanks Native Art class has been making drums, and students are in various stages of completion on those. While the band and choir are very small this year, they continue to learn music theory, practice their instruments, and prepare for virtual concerts.

Basketball/Senior Night

As the basketball season comes to a close this month, we took some time to honor our senior athletes and drummers. We were able to honor Zorion Ensign for Cross Country, Swimming, and Basketball, Merideth Stout for Cross Country, Julius Mackie, Adam Bean, and Sara Burnham for basketball and Nathan Brookshire, Alexis Aanrud, and Terren Piburn for drumline. The efforts of our coaches throughout this season is much appreciated, as we know this is a very time-consuming, but rewarding endeavor. We would like to thank Brian Grosenbaugh, Vanessa James, and Rachael Balcom, for all of their efforts with our students this year. Lastly, thank you to Mr. Thain for all of his work in coordinating a very unusual athletic/activities season. He has gone above and beyond representing CHS and Region V in addition to his work with the state ASAA board.

Wrestling

The wrestling season begins on March 15th and Mr. Thain will once again be leading the team. We currently have 12 students interested in participating. We are coordinating with SEARHC to add a testing component to participation requirements this year. Mr. Thain will be contacting parents with those details.

Native Youth Olympics

NYO will be starting up this month and practices will be held at the CTA building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 pm. Stina Collins will be in charge of this program again this year.

Appreciations

- *Thank you to Jessica Hughes for her work with Academic Decathlon.
- *Thank you to Brian Grosenbaugh and Vanessa James for coaching our basketball teams.
- *Thank you to Rachael Balcom for leading drumline.
- *Thank you to Mrs. Schneider for her work on programs and other activity support.
- *Thank you to Mr. Jeffrey, Mrs. Nelson, and Mr. Steve Stumpf for their help and support with Archery
- *Thank you to Mrs. Riedel for her work in administering the in-school SAT and ASVAB.
- *Thank you to Stina Collins for coaching the NYO team.