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# CHS School Board Report December 2023





## **Curriculum and Instruction**

On December 2, CHS counselor Maria Riedel administered the SAT to four students.

**CHS students** are working hard to ensure they are passing all their classes before our semester draws to a close January 11. Mid quarter progress reports were mailed home December 1. Mrs. Hall and Ms. Riedel have met with all students who currently have D's or F's.

The first cycle of evaluations of nontenured teachers are complete. Teachers met with Mrs. Hall to go through their self-assessment and answer pre-observation discussion questions. This was followed by the formal observation and evaluation meeting. During the evaluation meeting, teachers are asked another set of guiding questions regarding their lesson and provided feedback. After this, their evaluation is reviewed. Finally, they are asked if there is anything they can be provided with to make their job easier and their goals more attainable.

**During our last collaboration,** teachers participated in the Critical Friends/Consultancy Protocol. This protocol is a structured process that allows for colleagues to provide fresh perspectives on a peer's problem of practice (whether instructional or behavioral). It builds teachers' capacity for effective collaboration and creates collective teacher efficacy, which has a 1.57 effect size according to Hattie's metanalysis.

## **Classroom Spotlight**

**Government students** are describing how the five principles of government relate to one another and explaining two ways each branch of government may "check" the other two.

**US History** students are explaining ways in which Black Southerners' lives were restricted during the Jim Crow period and comparing the different responses of African Americans to the realities of Jim Crow.

**World History** students are studying the ideas introduced by European scientists and thinkers between the 1500s and 1700 and learning how they were revolutionary and led to changes in society that had long reaching effects on a global level.

**World Geography** students are explaining the factors involved in the world's population growth, describing the distribution of the world's population, and describing some factors that influence population density and carrying capacity.

**British Literature** students are writing an annotated bibliography to organize & evaluate research information in preparation for their formal research papers.

**World Literature** students are using textual evidence to support claims choosing which character (Boxer, Snowball, or Napoleon) who would have been the best leader in *Animal Farm* and preparing to write literary analysis essays.

**Algebra One** students are learning what to do if an equation has a product and reviewing fractions.

**Geometry** students are learning to compare triangles.

**Algebra Two** students are learning to transform circles.

**Pre-Calculus** students are learning polynomial division.

**Biology** students were visited by two representatives from Sealaska. They taught students about a variety of methods for measuring the age of trees, including an outdoor field trip to collect core samples. This was part of a larger lesson on photosynthesis and students drew connections between what was learned in the lab and what is going on in the forest surrounding the school.

**Marine Biology** students are answering the overarching question, "How do marine organisms survive in a saline environment?" As part of this process, they are learning about osmoregulation.

**Physics** students are investigating how power grids in Texas could better prepare to meet the needs for electricity and taking that newfound knowledge and applying it to the unique circumstances on POW Island.

**Yearbook** students are interpreting school interview data and creating infographics.

**PE** students are finishing a volleyball unit.

Band, Choir, and Modern Band students are preparing for their winter concerts.

#### **Student Activities**



• ACDC competed in Ketchikan December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Coach Hughes was pleased with their performances and the team came back motivated to make necessary adjustments in time for the state competition. Here are the results:

Math- Kyleigh McCoy 3<sup>rd</sup>, Max Sibert 7th, Doug Smith 8th, Savannah Stamon 9th, Nalaysia Raymond, Rocky Stock, Aneela Crookes 10th

**Social Science**- Kyleigh McCoy 1st, Mason Kuhnert 3rd, Nalaysia Raymond 4th, Doug Smith, Savannah Stamon 5th, Max Sibert, Rocky Stock 6th, Aneela Crookes 9th

Literature- Kyleigh McCoy 1st, Savannah Stamon 4th, Mason Kuhnert, 5th, Nalaysia Raymond 7th, Max Sibert 10th

Essay - Kyleigh McCoy 4th, Nalaysia Raymond 7th

Music- Kyleigh McCoy, Rocky Stock 5th, Mason Kuhnert, Adam Vickers, Aneela Crookes 8th, Nalaysia Raymond 9th, Sal Williams, Max Sibert 10th

Econ- Kyleigh McCoy 6th, Doug Smith 7th, Sal Williams 8th, Mason Kuhnert 9th

Science – Savannah Stamon 4th, Nalaysia Raymond, Rocky Stock 5th, Kyleigh McCoy 7th, Sa Williams, Aneela Crookes 10th

Speech - Savannah Stamon 5th, Mason Kuhnert 8th, Kyleigh McCoy 10th

Interview - Nalaysia Raymond 3rd, Mason Kuhnert 4th, Aneela Crookes 7th, Rocky Stock 8th,

**Art** – Kyleigh McCoy 6th, Mason Kuhnert 7th, Savannah Stamon, Doug Smith 9th, Rocky Stock 10th Kyleigh McCoy - 5th Overall

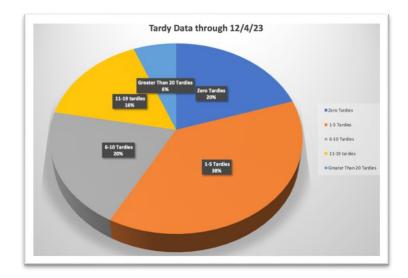
- CHS's wrestling team competed in Wrangell December 1. Bryant Holloway took 1<sup>st</sup> at 189, Arthur Frank took 3<sup>rd</sup> at 189, and Abbigail Patten took 1st at 145. We are sending six CHS wrestlers to regionals in Juneau December 7, and our hopes are high to send wrestlers to close out the season at the state competition in Anchorage December 15.
- Basketball is up and running. Our girls' team has 7 players and our boys' team has 13. Their first competition is the Klawock Invitational beginning December 14. Following that, we will host Metlakatla January 5-6.
- The CHS Modern Band class is hosting a Christmas concert for elders on December 14 at 12:30 PM, and our band and choir's holiday concert is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 12. Both events are in the CHS auditorium.
- Our commons continue to be bustling in the afternoons with our wrestling, basketball, pep band, drumline, cheer/color guard teams all putting in immense effort to improve their individual skills and grow their teams' capacity.

#### **Climate & Culture**



- Friday, December 1, our student body was honored to host Alaska Supreme Court Justice Pate, Senior Superior Court Judge Doty, Magistrate Judge Rice, and POW Trial Court Clerk Marvin. They spoke to our students about their professional roles, careers in law, and facilitated a vivacious class competition using vocabulary and terms commonly used in the profession. Following this, was an opportunity for students to "argue" the validity of the senior classes' competition victory.
- The Elder Thanksgiving celebration was cancelled due to the November 21<sup>st</sup> school closure. Each year, we collect \$5 per student and staff member (many donate far more than that) to help fund the dinner. This year, CHS has decided to donate the money collected to Wrangell.

• CHS is pleased to report that as of 12/4, 78% of our students have 10 or fewer tardies. With seven opportunities to be tardy daily, this is remarkable. The included pie chart further disaggregates the tardy data.



## Gratitude

- Thank you to the **CHS staff and student body** for generously donating to Wrangell.
- Thank you to **Daniel Nelson** for keeping up with CHS's custodial needs when Jessie was out on medical.
- Thank you to the **advisors and coaches** of our winter activities for providing our students positive activities and mentoring outside of the school day.
- Thank you **PTSA** for the Christmas trees.

### **Total Enrollment**

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
13	18	25	17	73