

Craig High School September Board Report

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Staff has been hard at work getting school running for the past two weeks. Students are scheduled and the days are starting to get into a routine.

The first two weeks were full of major events. **Craig High School hosted a Cross Country meet** on September 7. Activities Director and coach Tina Steffen did a bang-up job organizing the event and volunteers. We had students from Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Wrangell, Klawock, Hydaburg, Petersburg, and Mount Edgecumbe. There were lots of moving parts and the races went flawlessly. Thank you Tina and volunteers!

On September 13-14 (before this submission)

I presented the **Standard Response Protocol** to staff and the student body during Flex on Monday, September 9. This presentation shares procedures CCSD uses for various emergencies. The five responses are Hold, Lockout, Secure, Evacuate, and Shelter. A letter to parents will go next week explaining the protocols to parents. I am scheduled to present the SRP to grades 3-8 on Monday, the 16.

Klawock School District generously shared time with **Bronson Koenig** and brought him to CHS for a presentation Wednesday the 11. Bronson is a self-described half white, half native retired basketball player. His message was focused on self-respect and care. His story followed him through college, playing in (and winning) the Final Four for the Wisconsin Badgers and ultimately being recruited by two NBA teams, the Milwaukee Bucks and the Chicago Bulls. Bronson was well-received by the student body and CHS appreciated being included.

CHS sponsored a **Fall Athletics Parent Meeting** on Wednesday, September 11. It was well attended and our Activities Director, Tina Steffen, did a great job informing parents and students of school expectations. I particularly appreciated the time she spent sharing with parents the philosophy of our athletic programs, and the roles of students, parents, and the AD within these programs. I had an opportunity to speak with parents and answer questions about the new travel fee.

The Panther Volleyball Season got under way September 11. The girls are very excited to be practicing again and we are looking forward to a great season.

CHS was very pleased to be invited to be part of the **“Reuniting our Nations” Totem Raising** event. Not only were our students invited to the CTA to participate, but the high school was used as a central location for the celebration. CHS is very happy to support CTA in this celebration and is looking forward to our continued partnership.

I am starting to get a handle on **Tyler Tech** as it relates to individual expenditures, budget monitoring, leave requests, and time sheet submissions. Melinda and Jackie have been very patient with me as I ask what I’m sure are the same questions over and over. Progress!

Liz Thomsen has taken over the administrative assistant duties and is doing a fantastic job. I appreciate having someone who has been able to sync with our systems and procedures as quickly as she has.

I don’t think I will ever have enough thank you’s for **Daniel and the maintenance crew**. This is quite the beast of a building and he is really taking a lot of time to listen to our needs and

follow through with requests. Even though they are chipping away at requests, it seems like every day brings new issues. Thank you for all of the assistance.

The **teaching staff** is small but mighty. I truly appreciate the individual daily contributions each staff makes - we are CHS because of them.

Our thin schedule is proving to be a challenge for students with credit deficiencies. We are currently working closely with **Ms Mendoza at PACE** to ensure all of our students are enrolled in the courses they need in order to graduate. I appreciate her compassion and desire to work with the brick and mortar school and I look forward to continuing to refine the relationship between our two schools. I think we are on the right track.

Enrollment

Freshman:	11
Sophomore:	14
Junior:	19
Senior:	23
Total enrollment:	67 students

Craig Activities Director Report, Tina Steffen

- Parent Meeting went well. There was discussion about the \$30 travel fee, parents were understanding
- I have planned and informed parents that I will work with coaches on their travel schedule. Pre-Covid, we did require teams to fundraise if they wanted to go to events in Juneau because of the expense of that trip. There will be flexibility with coaches on which events they travel to
- Still working on finalizing the sports schedule. It has not been finalized because of the budget, new ADs at other schools, and other schools' budget issues.
- We are lucky this year that Cross Country and Basketball regionals are in Ketchikan. Volleyball Regional Tournament will be hosted by CHS.
- We have 7 XC Runners (5 boys, 2 girls) and 11 volleyball players so far.
- I am working on a spreadsheet to track equipment that is purchased by teams through fundraising. I think it's important when staff changes to know what the teams have paid for.

The teams are working hard on fundraising and there are volunteers to get the Booster Club up and running. In the past, the Booster Club has helped students with travel for state, honor music events and just High School Panther Activities and Athletics in general. Having an active Booster Club will alleviate some of the financial burden.

PROBLEMS/CONCERNS

- PA System in gym is outdated and could use replacing
- I would LOVE to see the weight room moved back out to the high school. We are the **ONLY** school that I know of in Region V without a weight room at their high school.