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CHS Board Report January 2023

Academics and Instruction

- **Student Grades:** Semester one report cards have been sent home. Enclosed with report cards is a letter encouraging parents to access Power School to view their student's grades. This is important as teachers often leave notes on assignments and provide information to help them understand what's happening in the classroom. Parents were asked to review their student's performance for the first half of the academic year and to ask their student(s) the following questions:
 - Are you satisfied with your academic performance?
 - Did you complete all the work that was assigned to you, such as classwork and homework?
 - Have you taken advantage of the help offered by your teachers such as tutoring opportunities to make up work and opportunities to retake tests?
 - If you are not satisfied, what do you plan to do differently this semester?
- **MAP Benchmark:** Our freshman and sophomores are scheduled to take their MAP winter benchmark. The math benchmark is the week of January 30, while the reading and language benchmarks are scheduled for the week of February 6. These assessments provide data regarding individual students' instructional levels, achievement, and growth.
- **Attendance:** We continue to ask parents to partner with us to ensure students have regular attendance. We know that missing an average of one class session a week is equivalent to missing 20% of the instruction for that class. Missing an average of two class sessions a week is equivalent to missing 40% of the instruction for that class. Further, CCSD Board Policy 5113 states that:

A student can miss no more than 20 days of school per semester. The school administration shall notify the parent/guardian when the 20-day limit is approached. A student who misses more than 20 days in any class during a semester will lose credit for that class. All absences, excused and unexcused, are considered in calculating a student's attendance record. Absences due to an academic credit-bearing class or state or national competition from the result of a qualifying event or special selection do not count toward this limit. The principal may, in exceptional circumstances, grant a waiver to exceed this number. Exceptional circumstances are defined as serious illness, family emergencies such as the death of an immediate family member, or circumstances otherwise deemed to be exceptional by the principal.

Parents were reminded of the policy in August's welcome back packet, in the CHS Student Handbook (which they signed and acknowledged reading), and attendance warning letters with the policy have been mailed out regularly to those who have reached thresholds of concern.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** We are looking forward to seeing parents at conferences and hope to have meaningful dialogue regarding student’s progress in each of their classes. Conferences are 2 PM-7 PM February 16 and 8 AM-12:00 PM February 17. Our teachers are committed to the success of every student and *encourage parents to contact them whenever a question or concern arises*, in addition to regularly scheduled conferences.
- **ASVAB:** Interested CHS juniors will take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test) on February 8.

Climate and Culture

- **Surveys:** Craig High School students will participate in Alaska’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the School Climate and Connectedness Survey during the months of February and March. Data from the former is used by the state of Alaska to assess adolescents’ participation in risky behaviors, and the latter is a deep dive into the state of the school’s culture and climate from the perception of students, staff, and parents. Both are anonymous.

Student Activities

- **Academic Decathlon:** ACDC participated in a scrimmage this week to prepare them for their upcoming state competition. This year we have 12 students participating. Wish them luck!
- **Athletics:** We continue to have smooth athletic seasons thanks in part to our athletic director Tina Steffen. Both our boys’ and girls’ basketball teams have shown tremendous growth and potential on the court. We are pleased to have varsity and junior varsity squads for girls and boys this season. Currently, our varsity teams are competing in a tournament in Talkeetna. April Hoy has stepped out of her comfort zone to coach cheerleading. The team continues to grow, and now includes three boys and three girls. Mrs. Balcom’s drumline and pep band have been out in full force at our home games. They do a fantastic job of lifting the atmosphere, encouraging the teams, and collaborate with the cheer squad. We are pleased to offer opportunities for students of varied interests to come together in support of one another.
- **Modern Band:** January 10, CHS held a “Winter Rock Show” showcasing our Modern Band Class. Students performed versions of contemporary pop and rock songs featuring student musicians on vocals, drums, bass, guitar, and keyboards.

Gratitude:

- Thank you to Ms. Beck and Mrs. Hughes for helping with concessions to support our sophomores as they plan and host the Homecoming dance 2/4 and to fundraise for Close Up.
- Thank you to Tina Steffen for the countless hours she puts in to make our athletic and activities possible for our students.
- Thank you to Daniel Nelson for arranging transportation for teams.
- Thank you to our coaches for their support and mentoring of our students!

Total Enrollment

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
24	23	18	12	77

