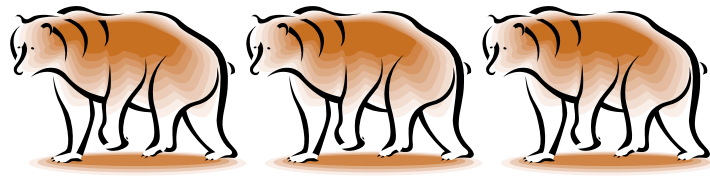




Bartlett High School



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Bear Tracks

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September
2011/2012



Mr. Gallego

Dear Bartlett Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2011/2012 School Year. The first week of school ran smoothly thanks to student's positive and spirited attitudes. We ended the first day of school with an assembly honoring Mario Chalmers, a 2005 graduate from Bartlett, by retiring his high school basketball jersey. Mario currently plays for the Miami Heat, an NBA professional team. The assembly was a positive way to introduce our freshman and new students to Bartlett's school spirit.

Back to School Night/Open House: Scheduled on Tuesday, September 6. This evening will start with a short meeting in the Auditorium/Theater at 6:00 PM to communicate and share helpful information with BHS parents. Parents will then have an opportunity to visit their child's classes by following their class schedule starting at 6:30. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teachers and administrators and hopefully regain the high school experience.

Booster Club & Parent Meeting: Booster Club has a meeting once a month. I highly recommend and encourage parents to join the BHS Booster Club. This club is strictly a parent organization that helps support many of the clubs, sports teams, and academic activities at BHS. The school Principal is also provided a time to dialogue directly with parents. The first meeting of the school year is scheduled for Monday, September 12 starting at 6:30 PM in the Library.

Homecoming Week: Homecoming week is scheduled from September 12 – 17. Bring the whole family to the BHS Carnival & BBQ, which is scheduled for Thursday, 9/15 starting at 5:00 PM in the staff parking lot. It's a whole lot of fun for the whole family. Football games are scheduled on Saturday, 9/17 against West High School at Anchorage Football Stadium next to the Sullivan Arena. We need your support so bring your school spirit with you. We culminate the week with a Homecoming Dance on 9/17 at Bartlett from 8 – 11 PM.

Activities: All school activities and events are posted on BHS Website Master Calendar. You can log on to www.bartletthighak.com

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Legislative Grants: Thanks to the work of our Booster Club parents, BHS supporters, and our local legislators Bartlett was fortunate to receive the following grants for the 2011/2012 School Year:

- \$320,000 Boy's Locker Replacement
- \$208,000 Interactive Display Technology (Smart Boards)
- \$80,000 Replace old and worn out Musical Instruments (Students who are unable to rent or purchase instruments)
- \$124,000 Maintenance (New Carpet and Bathroom refurbishing)

Communication: It is critical and important to us that we establish positive lines of communications. The best and most productive strategy is to go directly to the source of the issue. If you have concerns or questions that involve teachers, we highly recommend that you communicate directly with that teacher. If there are further concerns please contact an administrator. If there are issues that are school wide go directly to an administrator. All teacher's and administrator's emails can be found on Bartlett's website www.bartletthighak.com or call the school at 742-1800. I encourage and welcome parents to come and visit Bartlett anytime. When you do visit please stop by the main office to check in. I hope to see you at the Open House/Back to School Night.

Respectfully,

Dan Gallego, Principal

Mission Statement: Bartlett High School pursues excellence in the educational, vocational, cultural, social and physical needs of all students so that they will be inspired to seek education and truth and join a community of life-long learners.

BAC Mission Statement

Bartlett Advisory Committee is designed to help parents communicate with school Administration and other parents in order to create a positive learning environment. BAC is an opportunity to share ideas and suggestions for the purpose of increasing student success.

Native Student Services

Native Student Services Team:

CITC Coordinator/Counselor – Gail Weinstein 742-6165

CITC Teachers – English – Scott Benedict, Math – Alix Royal & Richard Larochelle, Science – Sharron Keegan & Dustin Madden, Social Studies – Silverio Ruiz



Connect with ASD

Staying up-to-date with district news, events and stories has never been easier. In addition to the Web site, which has a wealth of information, there are several other ways parents and the community can keep in touch with the district.

Instead of seeking out information, the news can now come to you.

Twitter – Follow ASD_Info or ASD_Closures

Facebook – Become a fan of ASD at

Facebook.com/AnchorageSchoolDistrict

ASD Connect – Sign up to receive the new monthly

e-newsletter and board announcements at www.asdk12.org/newsletters.

E-mail lists – Our “traditional” e-mail subscription lists are also still available for closures, news.

Starting this school year there will be a new way to keep tabs on your child’s progress. Zangle, the district’s new student information system, will enable parents and students to get information online from the school any time it’s convenient for them.

Bartlett Business Partners

Thank you for your support of our wonderful school:

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Curriculum Office

Dear Bartlett Family,

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Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Arthur Sosa, one of the newest administrators at Bartlett High School. I am originally from Austin, Texas, however I have spent most of my life in North Carolina.

When I first moved to Alaska I worked as a school principal in Huslia, AK; the home of the famous dog musher, George Atla.

I have been an assistant principal at Eagle River, the smallest high school in the district to the largest school in the district, East High School. This is my first year as the Curriculum Principal at Bartlett and I look forward to serving you. I have an open door policy and welcome feedback, suggestions, and/or innovative ideas on how to improve the policies and procedures.

I work closely with administrators, counselors, parents, students, and the career resource center to ensure student success at all levels.

When you see me in the hallway, please introduce yourself by first saying your name, even before a greeting. If you do this I will know that you read my brief bio.

From time to time, I will highlight a staff member or student in my newsletter articles throughout the year.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

Arthur L. Sosa



Attendance Office

As this edition of the Bear Tracks goes to press we are completing our second week of school. It has been a positive start to another school year. We are excited about having your children at Bartlett and preparing them for whatever future they have planned. It is critical for our students' success that they are attending classes so they have every opportunity to participate in the activities of that class and obtain a satisfactory grade. Due to Bartlett's block scheduling when a student is absent seven (7) times in a class that student is placed on attendance probation. If a student accumulates eleven (11) absences in a class they may be withdrawn from that class and not be granted credit. If your child has attendance issues please contact us so we can meet and attempt to develop a plan of action to help your child remain in school. In the event your child will be absent please contact the Attendance Office (742-1832) and let us know.

Student Services Office

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Mr. Hancock and I am the new Freshmen Academy Asst. Principal. I have worked at East High, West High, South High Schools and recently at the King Career Center. My previous career before education was as a Certified Public Accountant. So how does a business major end up in education? Well, quite simply because I love working with kids! I have coached soccer for the Boys and Girls club and East High, coached XC skiing for West High, coached Riflery for South High, worked with the Change of Heart program at East High, Sophomore Advisories and was in charge of the Every 15 minute program at South High school. I am very excited to be at Bartlett High School and helping our freshmen learn to master High School. We have already had a number of great events like the New Student Orientation and the Freshmen Track and Field B.B.Q. These events help the freshmen with team building exercises and allow them to build self esteem by meeting new friends and collaborating with each other in activities designed to have them interact in a positive setting with each other. We also have a number of other events on the horizon and I know this freshmen class will be doing great things at Bartlett High this year and in the future as they progress in their education. If you have any question or concerns about your freshmen student, please give me a call at 742-1818 and know that I am here for you and your student.

News from World Languages

ASD German Camp will be October 7 & 8 at Camp Carlquist. Students enrolled in German and interested in participating, please see FRAU Hughes for Information in Room 216C. German Students interested in participating in the 2012 German Travel & Exchange Program should see FRAU Hughes for Applications & Information. DEADLINE : Sept. 30, 2011

The next Bartlett in France trip, which will take place during Spring Break 2012, will include a family stay in Avignon in southern France, plus an interesting visit to the major museums and sites in Paris. France travelers will be starting their trip preparation meetings on Tuesday, September 20 from 2:15-3:30 in Mme Hearn's room, 214D. Students are expected to plan ahead to attend each of these important meetings and should contact Mme Hearn in advance if they must be absent. Parents are welcome to attend.

Fine Arts News

The Music Department Showcase is on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00pm. Come hear some great music performed by Bartlett's advanced bands, choirs, and orchestra!

Sign-up with the Carr's e-scrip program to help out the performing group of your choice free to you! See any of the music directors if you are interested.

Great news! We have a record number of freshmen involved in band, orchestra, and choir! Congratulations for starting us out on a record-breaking year, freshmen.

The band and choir are once again doing the yearly "Best of the Best" cheesecake/cookie dough fundraiser. The choir is fund raising for new choir robes, and the band is fund raising for its spring trips! This is our most popular fund raiser every year, but ends on September 12, so don't miss out-- see a band or choir student today!

The Art Gallery "First Friday" exhibit will take place on Friday, September 2nd during upperclassmen lunch. Some of our students' best artwork is featured in this monthly event!

The Fall Play is in the works. While we don't yet know WHAT the play will be, we know WHEN it will be-- start saving the date, November 11 & 12! We will be looking for talented students to participate in this show, so start getting ready for auditions.





Student Government News

Welcome Back Bartlett Bears!

Your Student Government has been hard at work organizing our 2nd annual Homecoming Carnival and Homecoming dance. Last year's Homecoming Carnival was a huge success and this year we are making it bigger and better event. On Thursday, September 15 from 5pm-8pm in the staff parking lot there will be crazy hair, games, car smashing, food, and a lot of booths from our own Bartlett clubs and sports teams. The Homecoming dance will be in the yellow hall cafeteria from 8-11pm on Saturday, September 17. The dance is semi-formal, so show off your best attire. Tickets will be sold during both Freshmen and Upper Classmen lunches for \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

The spirit week goes as follows:

Monday is Hat Day: please wear a school appropriate hat

Tuesday is Switch-a- Sport Day: switch jerseys with a friend for the day

Wednesday is Alaska Grown Day: show your Alaskan spirit and wear an Alaska Grown t-shirt or sweatshirt

Thursday is Fire It Up Day: wear red

Friday is Class Color Day: Freshmen are red, Sophomores are green, Juniors are yellow, Seniors are blue and Faculty are purple.

Club News

Powerhouse, the club that offers Christian fellowship, meets on Tuesdays during upperclassmen lunch room 214 D. Encourage your student to take his/her lunch and some friends down for some uplifting music and conversation. If you would like more information, contact Mrs. Hearn.

Wrestling News

The 2011-2012 Bartlett wrestling team will begin practice on Monday, October 31st. Even if you have never wrestled before, there is a place for you on the wrestling team. Wrestling is a great sport for anyone who wants to become very physically fit, and who wants to learn to use their mind and body to overcome an opponent. Coach Foss is looking for the team to continue their success from last year, when 70% of the team made it to the state championship. If you are interested in joining wrestling, please come talk to Coach Foss, Orange Hall, Room 521.

Programs Information

The Anchorage School District Gifted Mentorship Program is offering placements for fall and spring semesters. Applications must be received by Sept. 30. The application and the complete list of qualifications are online at asdk12.org. For more info visit Jean Poulsen Wednesday's and Thursday's in the CRC. Hurry, slots are filling quickly!



AYP Information

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome back to school! As you know, our school has been working hard to improve the success of all our students in every subject. Every school in the Anchorage School District has been working on this same goal. We are working to educate all students for success in life. Our mission is that our students can read with comprehension, write with skill, and compute and problem-solve with accuracy, and we are working to achieve this mission with every single student.

The federal law called *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) states that all students must meet *grade level expectations* in reading, writing, and math by the school year 2013 – 2014. In Alaska, this learning is measured each spring when all students in grades 3-10 take the *Standards Based Assessments* (SBAs). On these tests, most students are showing their *proficiency*. When compared to other schools across the country, our district consistently scores above national averages.

When a school is meeting the goals of student learning set by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, that school has made *adequate yearly progress* or AYP. All state identified sub-groups of students within a school must meet the targeted goals and at least 95% of students must have taken the SBAs. Also taken into account is daily attendance and high schools must meet graduation rates. If a school misses meeting a state goal in one or more of the 31 state requirements, then that school did not make AYP.

Under NCLB, our school has not made AYP. Therefore, it is in Level 5, “does not meet AYP status”. Of the 31 measures required to meet AYP, Bartlett did not meet the following target(s):

- Participation Rate: Alaska Native/American Indian
- Language Arts: All Students, African American, AK Native/Amer. Ind., White, Hispanic, 2 or More Races, Economical Disadvantage, Students with Disabilities, and Limited English Speakers
- Math: All Students, African American, AK Native/Amer. Ind., Hispanic, 2 or More Races, Economical Disadvantage, and Students with Disabilities

Every year, parents and staff work together to set and achieve school goals. As we continue to work to improve learning for all our students, we will be creating a school improvement plan. This plan will address areas of need in our school, focusing on why we did not make AYP. I would like to invite you to work with us in developing this plan. Please contact the school’s office if you are interested in working with us. A copy of our finalized plan will be made available to all parents as soon as it is finished.

Some of the highlights of this coming year at Bartlett High are the construction of the new Challenge Course (Ropes Course) to develop student leadership. There are an increased number of classes in the Health Occupation and Applied Technology/Engineering programs both during and after school. We are starting the design phase for the new Health Occupation, Applied Technology, and Construction classrooms and outdoor work areas on September 6. These projects are scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2012/2013 school year.

The school staff and I look forward to continuing our partnership with parents and the community in offering the best possible education for all our students. We welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to call me at 742-1800.

Sincerely,

Dan Gallego, Principal

