



THE CRAIG SCHOOL received the official notice on February 21, 2017 that the School had earned its **NJAIS Decennial Accreditation**. In the communication to the School, the NJAIS Board of Trustees and Accreditation Committee wrote " The NJAIS Accreditation Program is one of a select few recognized as the international level through the National Association of Independent Schools Commission on Accreditation (NAIS-CoA). This mark of distinction should be seen as a hallmark in your school's continuing path towards excellence, and we are proud to have The Craig School continue among our accredited member schools."

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, I reported that the administration would be working on the recommendations. While attending the weekly faculty meetings, directly and at times indirectly, Department Heads and teachers are responding with their plans for next year as a response to the recommendations. We are also developing a few schoolwide themes which will make up the basis for the report that is due October 1, 2017 to NJAIS. After the October reporting process, the Board of Trustees determine where the schoolwide themes drive any other strategic decisions. A strategic decision might not be as significant as buying The Wilson School, completed a couple of years ago now, and renovating it (*ongoing and the next step - the top floor by September*), but at all times focused on what is best for the broader school community.

TAD JACKS, Head of School

CURRENT NEWS & VIEWS AT CRAIG LS/MS

STEM Night For Families

THE CRAIG LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL hosted its first **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) night for families on April 6th. There were about 150 people in attendance. The event was held in the Reeth Furlong Gymnasium.



This year our Science program has taken on a new identity. The program as a whole encompasses more hands on learning than ever before, and STEM has become an exciting part of each month. The purpose of our **Family STEM Night** was to give families a taste of what a week of STEM might entail for the students: a chance to brainstorm, build, test, modify, and compete.

The challenge for the families was to build a parachute-like delivery system for a very small mapping sensor. The resources and time were both a limiting factor. Families were allowed to build and test their models until they were satisfied or time ran out. Families competed for spots on the leader board for "hang time", won by the Driscoll family and accuracy, won by the Wiesner family.

"The STEM program has been such an energizing addition to this year; I was excited to watch that class-room excitement for learning translate to a great family event as well."

— **JEN GUTHRIE**
Science Department Head

"The STEM night is one aspect of the new Science program. It is designed to foster the all important skills of communication, problem solving, critical thinking, and collaboration. This has been a very positive addition to the curriculum that will definitely be continued." — **TAD JACKS**

"Our parents are curious about what goes on in school, especially with new programs like STEM. Hosting Family STEM Night gave the parents a chance to participate at school and an opportunity to encourage our STEM initiative. STEM Night got the entire family involved with a healthy competition that everyone enjoyed! Plan on seeing STEM Night as a regular event on The Craig School calendar."

— **JANET COZINE**



CURRENT NEWS & VIEWS AT CHS

Craig High School- More Than Academics

CRAIG HIGH-BOONTON CONNECTIONS:

Our partnership with Boonton High School has made available a wide array of clubs and social opportunities to the students of CHS. This includes pep rallies, school dance, Friday Night Football and clubs ranging from Anime to Bio-Eco to Stage Crew to Robotics.



COMMUNITY SERVICE:

All students of CHS complete community service each school year as part of their graduation requirement. These services include their local communities, their school, and joint ventures with Boonton High School.

CHS STEPPING OUT PROGRAM:

The CHS Stepping-Out Program is a monthly social event selected by students. Past events include snow tubing, drive in, trampoline park, and various sporting events.

CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS:

CHS offers a variety of co-ed sports teams that compete against other High Schools, including Cross Country, Basketball, Bowling, Soccer, and Softball.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS):

CHS has its own chapter of the National Honor Society, which is the nation's premier high school honors program, established to recognize outstanding and successful students who excel in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS):

The CHS Chapter of the National Art Honor Society recognizes those students who have shown outstanding aptitudes in the visual arts.

ERIC CAPARULO,
CHS Director