



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
12.4.22



Fosdick Street is Reopened

Fosdick Street has been reopened by the Department of Public Works. Families who must drop-off or pick-up their children by automobile should plan to use Fosdick Street for this purpose.

A few notes as we readjust to use of Fosdick Street:

-Want to avoid the congestion of Fosdick Street at peak times? We will continue to allow students to enter the building as early as 7:05am if you would like to drop them off early. You can also continue to pick your child up as late as 3:30. Grade 5/6 students being picked up by a parent should continue to report to the atrium for sign-out. Grade 5/6 parents may continue to use the Masten Avenue atrium entrance as a pick-up location AFTER 3:05pm. Grade 7-12 students who are being picked up by a parent, but not immediately at 2:45, must report to the auditorium to wait for their ride unless they are with a teacher for support during office house (2:45-3:10).

-Parents should never use Best Street, Masten Avenue or North Street along the faculty parking lot as a pick-up or drop-off location. This is dangerous for our students. North Street along the faculty lot was permitted during the test-run but is no longer permitted as a drop-off location. The district lent us an extra security officer to be sure students could safely cross the staff driveway and to be sure students did not enter the staff lot during the test-run. We no longer have an extra officer to manage this. Both of our regularly assigned officers must be inside the school screening bags each morning.

-Please demonstrate patience and courtesy at all times on Fosdick Street. Drop children on the curb closest to the school. Do not drop them in the middle of the street or on the field side of Fosdick. We love our students and do not want them harmed in any way.

-If students are walking and must cross Fosdick Street, they should always do so at the marked intersections at the beginning and end of the street.

What happens next with Fosdick Street? We wait to see if the Common Council will vote to abandon the street permanently in December so that the school district can acquire Fosdick Field. Please consider reaching out to your [City Council Member](#) and encourage them to support abandoning Fosdick Street so that Fosdick Field is not lost forever! Read more about Fosdick Field at RestoreOurField.org.

PTSCO is Looking for Some Helping Hands!

PTSCO is looking for bakers and volunteers for two upcoming events in December.

First, PTSCO will be hosting a concession stand at the December 16th Movie Night Fundraiser. Persons interested in donating baked goods or snacks please contact Maureen Chapman at chsclass2019@gmail.com.

Next, PTSCO is currently planning the Winter Bazaar. Check out chsptsco.org for information about this "in school" fundraising event and stay tuned for more details.

Movie Night on the Hilltop

The CHS Student Council and PTSCO are joining forces to present 'Movie Night on the Hilltop' on December 16th! The event will feature two movies in the CHS Aud one right after another starting at 5:00pm. The earlier movie will be directed toward middle school students and the later movie toward high school students, however, students of both age groups are invited to attend both movies. Proceeds will benefit the CHS senior class and a young family that is neighbors to our school and can use a lift this holiday season. There is much more you should know about this special event for our students including voting on the movies we will show, so please [read the flyer at this link!](#)

Amazon Smile

During the holiday season, we once again encourage CHS families to buy locally whenever possible. In particular please consider supporting our city's economy by patronizing city-based businesses and vendors. However, if you must use Amazon please bring some of the funds you spend back to our city by registering for Amazon Smile and designating the "City Honors Foundation" as your Amazon Smile charity.

Using Amazon Smile does not cost you anything extra. Amazon donates back a portion of every purchase you make. [Visit this link](#) to learn more and register. If you are properly registered, each time you make a purchase, Amazon will let you know that a portion of your purchase has been donated to the Foundation.

If you have registered in the past, please check to be sure your account is still set to donate a portion of your purchases to the "City Honors Foundation" at Amazon Smile.

PSAT Results

PSAT scores will be released to all grade 10 and 11 students on Monday, December 5th. We encourage parents to review these results with their child. Students will need to log into their College Board accounts to access their scores. The document [at this link](#) will be helpful to students and parents to understand their PSAT results.

Key Club Book Drive

The CHS Key Club has organized a book drive to benefit k-4 students at PS #99 Makowski Early Childhood Center. The donated books should be either new or moderately worn. Please consider donating books that your child may have outgrown. The boxes for the book drive are located in the atrium, auditorium, and front entry stairs or can be dropped off in Ms. Ziolkowski's room (Room 304). Thank you!

Christmas in the City*

Longtime partner of City Honors, The FruitBelt Coalition, is looking for students in grades 9-12 to volunteer at its annual 'Christmas in the City' event which seeks to brighten the holidays for the children of the Fruitbelt Neighborhood. This event will be held from 12-4 on December 10 at the Rev. Dr. Bennett W. Smith Sr., Family Life Center (833 Michigan Ave., Buffalo NY 14203) Students with interest may register with CHS Student Council advisor, Mr. Sharratt in room 116. Students do not need to celebrate Christmas to volunteer at this event, just have an interest in making young children happy!

Middle School Basketball

The Buffalo School Athletic Department has eliminated building-based boys and girls middle school basketball teams. Students must now play on co-ed teams which will be located at zone locations. Families must provide their own transportation to get to these zone locations. Families can learn more about joining [at this link](#). Tryouts for the team City Honors students will be assigned to will be Monday, December 5 at 3pm at School #59 (1 Martin Luther King Park, Buffalo NY 14211) Questions? Text Coach Icky at 716.868.7895.

A Musical Note

If you have missed the late few issues of 'A Musical Note' (newsletter of the CHS Music Department) please be sure to catch up on all back issues at the [Family Resources page](#) of the school website. There is a lot going on in our music department!

Orchestra Students: Our guest musician, Leanne Darling, will be working with us on Thursday, December 8th. On that day everyone must come down during 2nd period for their lesson of the week. Please get any missed work from your 2nd period teachers ahead of time.

Attention Grade 8 Families

We are pleased to announce that we are planning for the return of the traditional City Honors 8th Grade Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder this year!

The Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder is a four-day wilderness retreat for City Honors 8th-grade students. It was established in 2013 by CHS PTSCO, with support from the Buffalo Public Schools, City Honors/FMP Foundation, Algonquin Campership Fund, and CHS parents and faculty. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related travel restrictions, the trip has been on hiatus for the past three years.

Lasdt Thursday, Camp Pathfinder Director and Co-Owner, Mike Sladden visited the CHS Aud to give 8th grade families a "reintroduction" to the trip's events, activities and programs. Several members of the CHS Class of 2023 joined the presentation as well. They recounted their experiences and memories from their June 2019 trip, when they were in 8th grade.

We'd like to thank all the CHS families and community members who have supported the 8th Grade Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder over the years through organizing, chaperoning, and fundraising.

8th grade students and families, if you find you are missing any Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder information or forms, everything will be posted and available at <https://cityhonors.org/families/resources/> under "8th Grade Class Information".

If you missed the November 15th presentation by Camp Director Mike Sladden and members of our senior class, you can view the recording on our City Honors School Vimeo page. Contact jsharratt@buffaloschools.org for the link. Mr Sladden's presentation is very detailed and will be helpful in demystify the program for any families who are unfamiliar with or are unsure of what questions to ask regarding the 8th Grade Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder.

CHS Mock Trial Team Holds Additional Try-Outs

The CHS Mock Trial Team is still looking for students in grades 9-12 interested to tryout as witnesses

or attorneys. The coaches have opened up additional try-out slots for this week. Students with interest should email hnowak@nycourts.gov as soon as possible to schedule a tryout and obtain the packet needed for try-outs.

Winter Sports Schedules

CHS winter sport teams are off and running! Please [use this link](#) to access the winter sports schedules.

CHS Model UN

The Results are in from The 44th Annual Model UN Conference that was held November 3rd at Canisius College and City Honors won 2 Committees! Congratulations to Liam Cobb '23 who won outstanding delegation representing Mexico in the Economic and Social Committee, and congratulations to Rylee Mulhern '23 and Taryn Keefe '23 who won outstanding delegation representing France in the Human Rights Committee. Great job Centaurs!

CHS Centaur Excels as an Equestrian

Congratulations to Ayda Ozay '28 who was recently recognized by the US Equestrian Association for completing the US Equestrian Interscholastic Athlete Program. At the request of the Association and recognition of Ayda's accomplishment, Dr. Kresse will present Ayda with a CHS Varsity letter.

2023 Bank of America Student Leaders Program*

Please see the [attached](#) flier for the Bank of America Student Leaders Program. Through Student Leaders, Bank of America recognizes high school students who lead and serve in their own communities and beyond. Bank of America connects Student Leaders to tools and resources to help make communities better. The application is open through **January 13, 2023**. The [attached](#) flier can also be posted in each high school.

To become a Student Leader, the student must:

- *Current* juniors or seniors in high school
- Be able to participate in an 8-week paid internship at a local nonprofit/charitable organization and work 35 hours a week
- Be able to participate in a week-long Student Leadership Summit in Washington, DC (All expenses paid as part of Student Leaders. This week will be part of your 8- week experience.)
- Be a student in good standing at your school

Learn more about the Student Leaders Program and apply: Click: [Bank of America Student Leaders® program - Bank of America](#) or visit: www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders

Additionally, you are invited to join an information session on December 6, 2022, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm EDT. Registration is quick and easy but must be completed [prior](#) to the session. Please see the [attached](#) flier and register via this registration [link](#).

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Reminders for Our Families During This Time of COVID

Keep Our CHS Students and Staff in School- Keep Our Families Safe! We strongly encourage you to consult with your family doctor about having everyone five and older in your household vaccinated for COVID/receive a COVID booster where applicable. Need more reasons to get vaccinated? [Read more from the CDC](#). This is a critical matter for our school to function and to keep our community safe!

Free COVID Testing: The ECDOH offers free, walk in rapid ID Now and PCR testing at 608 William St Buffalo, NY from 9AM-3PM and at 3359 Broadway Cheektowaga, NY at 8AM-PM M-F. [Click on this link](#) for more information on these sites.

When You Need A Helping Hand

BPS Staff and Family Helpline: The Buffalo Public Schools have established a 'Staff and Family Helpline' at 716-816-7100 to provide answers within 24 hours to our most frequently asked questions in the areas of Technology, Mental/Physical Wellness, Instruction and Professional Development, Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Initiatives (CLRI), Multilingual, Elementary and High School needs, Food Services, Child Care, and Volunteerism. If you need assistance in any of these areas, please contact the hotline number.

The CHS Student Support Team (SST): If you are seeking additional support or assistance, please do not hesitate to make a referral to the CHS SST. The Request for Assistance Form can be found [at this link](#). Once your form is submitted, a member of the SST will be in contact with you.

Mental Health Supports: Here is a [quick reference guide](#) which provides contact information for mental health support from the Buffalo Public Schools and our partner organizations.

Connect with CHS!

Click on the following links to better connect with the CHS Community

[CHS Website](#)

[CHS on Facebook](#)

[CHS on Twitter](#)

[CHS on Instagram](#)

[Pelion Outdoor Classroom at City Honors](#)

[Easy/No Cost Ways to Support City Honors](#)

[Fosdick Field Restoration Project](#)

[City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation](#)

[CHS PTSCO \(Parent, Teacher, Student, Community Organization\)](#)

[New York State Dignity Act \(DASA\) Information](#)

Children are endangered by underage house parties and underage drinking. Concerned adults, teachers, students and friends can call 24 hours a day in Erie County to report planned underage drinking parties; underage drinking parties in progress or other activities that may be harmful to the

health, safety and welfare of young people. The tip line (1-800-851-1932) is ANONYMOUS, CONFIDENTIAL and free. Erie County now has a "Social Host Law" that holds adults accountable for allowing minors to drink. [LEARN MORE](#)