



**Hilltop Notes**  
for the CHS Community  
3.5.23



**Just Buffalo Writing Center to Work with CHS Students**

Just Buffalo's Writing Center (JBWC) will be visiting CHS on March 20 and 22 to lead grade 7-12 English classes through interactive writing activities and to provide information on the wonderful program they have to encourage our young people to explore writing.

JBWC is a dynamic community of young writers and artists. Along with a free afterschool space, writing workshops, events, and assistance with writing projects: participants get to meet groundbreaking authors & are provided platforms to share their work and talents.

JBWC also has a Youth Ambassador and Youth Fellow program (which include payment) to help writers develop their craft and explore professional avenues within the literary arts.

Questions? Please contact Ms. Weaver at [cweaver@buffaloschools.org](mailto:cweaver@buffaloschools.org).

**Attention Girls in Grades 6-11 Who Love Playing Soccer**

There will be an informational meeting for all girls currently in grades 6-11 who are interested in playing JV or Varsity soccer in the fall of 2023 this coming **Tuesday, March 7**, after school at 3:15 in the LGI Room. We are particularly interested in meeting with girls who may have not played for CHS in the past. We will have many opportunities for girls who will be in grades 7-10 in the fall on our junior varsity team and some on varsity. The CHS Girls Soccer program strives to improve the skills of every player, no matter their current level, in a supportive, fun and encouraging environment. Questions? Please contact Coach Milne at [jasonmilne76@gmail.com](mailto:jasonmilne76@gmail.com).

**Baseball Players in Grades 7-10 Wanted!**

The first practice for the CHS JV Baseball Team will be on Wednesday, March 15 from 6:00-7:30 in the CHS gym. Coach Gardner is excited to welcome any player that may not have been a part of this team before. Please contact coach at [ggardner@clarenceschools.org](mailto:ggardner@clarenceschools.org) to join the team or for any questions.

**There's Still Time to Join Spring Athletic Teams!**

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in spring sports teams. Now is the time to give sports a try in order to stay healthy, make friends and have fun! Spring sports include: Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Track & Field, Boys Tennis and Unified Basketball. Please [see the flyer at this link](#) for information on how to join a spring sport.

**Additional Spring Sports and Activities\***

[PTSCO](#) reminds CHS families to [check out their website](#) for all sorts of additional sports and activities to get involved with this spring!

## **PTSCO Presents Grade 7/8 Spring Dance\***

A purple and blue abstract background poster for a Spring Rave event. The text is centered and reads: CITY HONORS PTSCO & CLASS OF '28 PRESENT, SPRING RAVE, TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR \$10/INCLUDES PHOTOSAREA, SNACKS AND DRINKS, 04/21/2023, 7PM - 9PM, 7TH & 8TH GRADE ONLY, EACH STUDENT MAY BRING 1 GUESTS, AMERICAN LEGION 533 AMHERST ST BUFFALO NY 14207, CHAPERONES NEEDED, and Contact Meg Marshall 716.531.8132.

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Song requests for the dance can be submitted [at this link](#).

The permission slip for this event can be found [at this link](#).

### **Congratulations Declan King '23!**

CHS Senior Declan King was recently named a National Merit Scholarship Competition Finalist. Out of 1.5 million students entered into the National Merit Competition each year in the United States, Declan is one of 15,000 to be named a finalist. Students receive initial consideration for the competition based on their PSAT results in the fall of their junior year. Additional criteria are then considered at each round. Good luck to Declan as he seeks to win the National Merit Scholarship! Thank you to CHS school counselors Mrs. Allman, Ms. Dunkleman and Mrs. Allman who guided all members of the Class of 2023 who qualified for the competition as they sought to advance.

## **CHS Foundation Updates\***

-The CHS Foundation recently donated an 86" flat screen and video conferencing equipment to our Large Group Instruction (LGI) at CHS to replace our previous interactive screen which was no longer working. This new screen should improve the quality of the viewing experience and remote conferencing in the LGI. The Foundation is working on additional steps to spruce up the appearance and acoustics of the LGI that should be completed toward the end of the school year.

-The CHS/FMP Foundation is accepting applications from those that share a common love for our school and school building, whether a dedicated parent, alumni, or educational leader, to serve on our Foundation's board of directors. The Foundation aims to provide academic, athletic and extra-curricular enhancements for CHS and to ensure that no student's learning experience or future would be compromised by a lack of funds. Our board is an all-volunteer board. All directors are expected to attend monthly general meetings, serve on one subcommittee and actively contribute to the work of the board and the CHS Annual Fund. At this time, the board is particularly interested in adding new members with backgrounds in accounting, institutional fundraising and communications.

Those interested in serving should review qualifications/requirements, complete the appropriate application [at this link](#) and mail to:

City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation  
186 East North Street  
Buffalo New York 14204  
Attn: Board Development Committee  
or email to: [foundation@cityhonors.org](mailto:foundation@cityhonors.org)

-Amazon has announced that starting this spring, it will no longer be supporting the Amazon Smile program which donated a percentage of each purchase to eligible non-profits including our very own CHS Foundation. Thank you to all in the CHS community that have assisted the Foundation in the past through this program. The good news is that you can still support our students directly through the Foundation's Annual Fund! Since 1996, the CHS Annual Fund Drive has helped to reduce the need for our students and teachers to fundraise so they can focus on what is most important: the joy of teaching, learning and enrichment! The Annual Fund also helps to ensure that EVERY student has what they need to enjoy the best possible CHS experience.

[Please use this link](#) to:

- Make a quick and easy online donation.
- Print out a donation form if you prefer to mail a check.
- Read the 2022-23 Annual Fund letter.
- Learn more about how the CHS Annual Fund and CHS Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation help our students.

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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.

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## ***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](#)*