



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
4.21.24



CHS Calendar Reminders

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| 4/22 6:30pm | Spring Choral/Orchestra Concert |
| 4/23 6:30pm | Spring Band Concert |
| 4/23 All lunch periods | Spring Bazaar |
| 4/24 | Early Release Day- All grades dismiss at 11:30am |
| 4/25 | Superintendent's Conference Day- No School |
| 4/26 7:00pm | PTSCO Comedy Night Fundraiser (for adults) |
| 5/1 5:30pm-6:30pm | PTSCO Monthly Meeting, LGI Room at CHS |
| 5/3 6:00pm-8:30pm | CHS Grade 5-8 Spring Dance, CHS Atrium (more info coming this week) |

CHS Sports Team Schedules

Did you know that you can view all schedules for all CHS sports teams in just a click? Arbiter Live allows you to view the date and times that every CHS sport is competing. You can sort by your favorite team or use the calendar option to see the action taking place for every CHS team, every day of the week. [Visit this link](#) to view Arbiter Live. Arbiter also offers an app you can download to your phone making it easy to view on mobile screens! Just search "Arbiter Live" in your phone's app store.

Spring Music Concerts

Our Music Department has been hard at work preparing our Spring Concerts to showcase our Centaur's talents!

The Choral/Orchestra Concert is up first on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm featuring performances from our singers and string students.

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm, our Band students take the stage to delight you with a variety of jazz and concert band pieces that are sure to satisfy your musical cravings.

These concerts are free to all! Please join us as we celebrate another successful year of music making here on the Hilltop!

Consider Becoming a Host Family for a Rotary Exchange Student!*

CHS has been an active partner in the Buffalo Rotary Club Exchange program for almost twenty years, hosting incoming students and sending outgoing students on Rotary exchange following graduation. CHS and our families are currently hosting students from France and Brazil.

The Buffalo Rotary Club is currently working to bring two foreign exchange students to Buffalo and CHS for the 2024-25 academic year. We are hoping that a few families of current CHS students will consider opening their hearts and homes to host one of these students for a period of 3-6 months. It's a tremendous opportunity to get to know a young person from abroad that often results in lifelong connections,. More information and an application to host are available [at this link](#).

For questions, please contact Jill Norton at jillnorton620@gmail.com.

CHS Speech and Debate Team Takes the Big Apple!

On April 12th, the City Honors Speech and Debate team traveled to Bronx Science High School in NYC to compete at the Forensics State Championship Tournament! Led by Captains Naila Rahman, Trinity Barnes, Joey Bensch, Tydeja Kemp and Annika Wilewicz, the team brought its largest contingent ever, of 46 students across grades 9-12.

Participating in their final State Championship Tournament were seniors Zachario LoFaro-O'Neill, Tim Tidd, Dani Pepper, Nathan Lloyd, Aidan Becker, Tia Porter and Madoka Aldstadt. Over a dozen students experienced their very first State competition, with freshman Evelyn Patrone advancing the furthest, all the way to the Quarterfinal round in her category of Declamation Speech!

Other students competing were Juniors Charlotte Colder, Amber Fleahman, Patrick DeCarolis, Ahmed Nazir, Hasan Jamil, Oscar Calipari, Sascha Westermann, Felix Hatton, Etienne Bohlen, Zaima Islam, and Genevieve Harris.

Sophomores representing CHS included Rayhona Nasimjonova, Simon Fisher, Tristan Tortora, Aniella DiDomenico, Eireann Kennedy, Christian Bagby, Luke Biniszkievicz, Nolan Clough, Hayley Shenk, Mia Rogalski, and Cate Mehaffy.

Finally, the freshmen class was well represented by Maimuna Mim, Sanjida Kalam, Garret Overhoff, Jackson Jordan, Nora Fuller, Mia Yacobucci, Kian Gallagher, Jacob Brace, Michael DeLaPlante, Barivure Donabon, and Ylva-li Slowe.

Congratulations on an incredible season! Thank you to Mr. Belge for his exceptional commitment and to the CHS Foundation for ongoing funding to make this important activity possible for our students!

Girls Varsity Lacrosse Update

The BPS Varsity Girl's Lacrosse Team has demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork in their recent games including big wins over Depew and Newfane. In only their first year as a varsity program, the team has made incredible strides. A number of Centaurs have been instrumental in the team's progress. Tessa Feuerstein and Kyla General have shown prowess in draws, with City Honors freshman Tessa Feuerstein leading at 16/20. In the last 3 games, senior Ella Pava is leading the scoring with ten goals, closely followed by sophomore Vera Vishwanath and freshman Tessa Feuerstein, each with nine goals. Sophomores Adele Lum, Natalie McNamara, junior Isabella Mckendry, and senior Kyla General have also significantly



contributed to the team's total overall 44 goals. Additionally, senior Madoka Aldstadt from City Honors has made an outstanding 46 saves this season, showcasing the team's strong defense. [Team Schedule](#)

Boys Varsity Lacrosse Update

The BPS Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team is off to a positive start this season. The team had strong victories over Kenmore West 14-3 and Bishop Timon St. Jude 11-10. They also had a close overtime loss to North Tonawanda 11-10.

The BPS team is a district wide boys varsity program that competes with the top teams in Section 6. The team is coached by BPS teacher Joe Catalano. Our City Honors Centaurs are represented well on this team with 12 students on the roster coming from the Hilltop. BPS lacrosse is led by senior team captains William Krause 17 goals and 4 assists and Gavin Pafk 3 goals 3 assists. Other Centaurs on the roster contributing this season are seniors attackman Charles Putnam, midfielders Kyle Dyson and Alex Chimera. Defenseman Patty Mulhern and Cayden Bly protect the back half of the field. The junior class consists of faceoff specialists Samson Bolduc (2 goals) and Gage Hohle (2 goals). Along with junior midfielder Sklar Porter. Defenseman Miles Eagan, Gabriel Rino, and Aaron Ferguson are up and coming stars. Come out and support the team this season! [Team schedule](#)

Korean Musician Delights CHS Strings Students

On Friday, the CHS music department welcomed Ms. Eunsun Jung, a gayageum player from Korea that performed, presented the history, and held a Q&A on the instrument. You can read more about Eunsin on [her website](#) and [see a video](#) of her playing her gayageum if have never heard of it before! Thank you to CHS Strings teacher, Ms. Czyz and Mr. Bruce Acker from the UB Asia Research Institute for arranging this special visit!



Middle School Spring Fling

A vibrant, colorful poster for the 'Spring Fling' event. The background is white with a border of various colorful flowers in shades of blue, orange, yellow, pink, and purple. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif fonts in blue, green, and red. At the bottom center, there is a QR code.

CITY HONORS PTSCO PRESENTS
SPRING FLING
MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE – Grades 5–8
Friday, May 3, 2024
6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.
City Honors Atrium

Drinks and Ice Cream Will Be Provided

Tickets – \$15 (Sold During Lunch)
Must be purchased in advance

Monday, April 29th (7th & 8th Grade Only)
Tuesday, April 30th (All Grades)
& Wednesday, May 1st (All Grades & Guests)

Parent Permission Slips required at time of ticket purchase. Guests are allowed but need to complete guest permission form.

All forms and information can be found at:
<https://www.chsptSCO.org/events/middle-school-dance-spring-fling>

To Volunteer or Donate, Sign Up at:
<https://bit.ly/CHSSpringFling>
or Scan the QR code



Try Lacrosse!*

The Buffalo Lacrosse Foundation is now holding registration for its summer lacrosse programs for students in grades 1-10. Summer lacrosse programs begin May 5. This is a great opportunity if you have a child who would like to try lacrosse! Equipment and financial assistance is available. This is fast and fun sport that students enjoy! Learn more at this link:

<https://wnylacrossefoundation.leagueapps.com/> or contact: wnylacrossefoundation@gmail.com

Cupcake Challenge Winners

Mrs. Randels' Grade 8 Home and Careers students recently participated in the annual 'Cupcake Challenge' to show off their making and decorative skills they have learned this year. It was a banner year for the 8th graders with some fine skills on display. The entire faculty, staff and administrative

team voted online to determine the winners out of the many team entries. Here are the top three winners:

First Place: 22 votes **Second Place: 16 votes** **Third Place: 13 votes**

The Muppet Show



Elizabeth Lester
Yannick Franquesa Werner
Lorelei Harmon
Henry Cogswell
Secret Ingredient: Sprinkles

Enchanted Forest



secret ingredient: cinnamon sugar
Des Özay, Oscar Polovich, Lucy
Pendley, Logan Gillette

minion



secret ingredient twinkie
sarah mcandrew
linnea lay
tasnia sunehra

2024-25 CHS School-Based Budget

Each spring, BPS allocates staffing and supply funds to each school for the upcoming school year. Schools must budget within that allocation. Over the past month, Dr. Kresse has presented the proposed budget at meetings of the Site Based Management Team, Building Committee, PTSCO, the CHS Foundation and to the CHS Faculty. Due to reduced allocations experienced by all buildings in the district, as well as some staffing costs unique to our building, there are required reductions for the upcoming school year. Although the school principal must submit a proposed budget to the school district this week, there is a possibility for the budget to change later this spring depending on the final New York State budget and other variables. All School Based Budget documents and information have been posted at the bottom of the [Family Resources](#) section of our school website.

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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

Tutoring and Test Prep Help: The CHS School Counselors have compiled a detailed listing of both free and for-hire academic and test prep tutoring services [at this link](#). Do you know of another valuable tutoring resource in our community? Email Mrs. Wright at acwilliams@buffaloschools.org and we'll add it to our list.

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 Threads](#)

[CHS on Instagram](#)

[CHS Sports Schedules](#)

[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](#)