



**Hilltop Notes**  
for the CHS Community  
9.18.22



**Monday is a Buffalo Bills Spirit Day at CHS!**

Due to popular demand, **Monday, September 19** will be a Buffalo Bills Spirit Day on the Hilltop to celebrate the Bills' homeopener which will take place Monday night. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Buffalo Bills gear or red, white and blue to school to support our Buffalo Bills!

**CHS Mock Trial to Hold Try-outs for Students in Grades 9-12**

The City Honors Mock Trial Program is having an Informational Meeting for all interested High School students on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 pm in the LGI Room at CHS**. Come and hear about this fun and exciting extracurricular activity, which helps to develop logical analysis, advocacy, and oral presentation – skills that should be emphasized on college applications. Last year's championship team included five seniors who graduated, so plenty of spots are available this year!

In October, there will be two legal training sessions, open to the entire school but recommended for students who wish to try out for Mock Trial or possibly pursue law as a career. The first is *The Art of Direct Examination*, on **October 13<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00-4:30 pm in the Museum Room. We will follow that up with *Cross-Examination: The Greatest Engine for the Discovery of Truth*, on **October 27<sup>th</sup>**, also from 3:00-4:30 pm in the Museum Room.

There is no need to register beforehand for the informational meeting or the training sessions. Hope to see you there! Questions? Email Coach Nowak (hnowak@nycourts.gov) or Coach Morrissey (jmorrissey@legallaidbuffalo.org)

**Join the CHS Speech and Debate Team!**

Students in grades 9-12: Looking to join a team that won the regional championship last year? Compete against area schools? Develop your public speaking skills? Then you should join the CHS Speech and Debate team. With over 15 categories to compete in, there is something for everyone!

Returning students must attend a meeting in room 316 on Tuesday (9/20) right after school. We should finish by 3:15.

Any student in grades 9-12 who would like to join the team but has not participated before should plan to attend an informational meeting on Thursday (9/22) in room 316. The meeting will conclude by 3:30.

See Mr. Belge in room 316 for any questions or email [dbelge@buffaloschools.org](mailto:dbelge@buffaloschools.org)





### **PTSCO Grade 7/8 School Dance**

PTSCO will be holding a dance for students in grades 7 and 8 on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer below. [Access more information and the permission slip at this link](#). If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact: Cristina Garcia Glover, [cgarcia4268@gmail.com](mailto:cgarcia4268@gmail.com).

*Please note: This dance is being organized by parent volunteers from PTSCO and is not organized or endorsed by City Honors School or the Buffalo Public Schools.*

### **Middle School Musical**

Attention Students in Grade 5-8, if you would like to participate in our production of The Lion King, Jr., please stop by room 114 and take an application. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Saxon at [kesaxon@buffaloschools.org](mailto:kesaxon@buffaloschools.org)

### **CHS Student Newspaper, Silent Noise, Looking to Add New Staff**

Silent Noise is the CHS Student Newspaper. We are excited for the 2022-2023 season! If you

would be interested in discussing current issues, the biggest news in Buffalo sports or where to find the best milkshake in Buffalo, please join us for our information meeting which will be held Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> after school in Mrs. Roots room, 108. Please contact Arie Dorsey '23, Suhayma Suha or Mrs. Root at [sroot@buffaloschools.org](mailto:sroot@buffaloschools.org) for any questions.

### **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Keeping the Dream Alive**

Attention Students and teachers! This January, we will be honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and his vision of an egalitarian society through the 43<sup>rd</sup> Keeping the Dream Alive assembly. Please start thinking about what you would like to contribute to the KDA, whether it be song, dance poetry or other forms of creative expression. Anyone who has a proposal for the assembly can contact Nicole Ndayishimye in homeroom 305 or Mr. Oneil-White in room 118 ([wjo'neil-white@buffaloschools.org](mailto:wjo'neil-white@buffaloschools.org)). Thank you!

### **Orange Shirt Day at CHS**

September 30 is designated as 'Orange Shirt Day' by Indigenous people from both the United States and Canada. This day and the wearing of orange shirts is to raise awareness that all children matter. It is also a day of raising awareness of the number of Indigenous children that never returned home after being forced to attend Indian Residential Schools in both Canada and the United States. Next Friday on September 30, please consider marking this day by wearing an orange shirt to school.

### **College Visits to the Hilltop This Week**

**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am Princeton University

9:45am Miami University of Ohio University  
12:15pm LeMoyne College  
1:45pm Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:45am Seton Hall University  
10:30am St. Joseph's University  
1:00pm St Lawrence University  
1:45pm SUNY College at Purchase

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:45am Clarkson  
1:00pm University of Vermont  
1:45pm Washington & Jefferson College

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am Canisius  
1:45pm SUNY College at Potsdam

*These visits are for students in grades 11 &12. Students must be sure to stop down to the school counseling center ahead of time to obtain a pass to attend.*

**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](#)*