



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
9.24.21



Thank You PTSCO!

A BIG GIANT THANK YOU to PTSCO and its volunteers for providing our entire staff with a delicious and safe appreciation breakfast this morning. It was enjoyed by all and hit the spot as our staff was getting started on this gray and chilly day!

Calling All Writers

Do you like writing? Are you up-to-date with current events? Do you know where to get the best cup of coffee or hot chocolate in town? If so, join *Silent Noise*, the CHS school newspaper, on Monday, September 27th for a brief informational meeting right after school in room 108. If you have any questions, reach out to Aaron Weinman, Arie Dorsey or Mrs. Root at sroot@buffaloschools.org for more information.

Attention Grade 9 Students

Any grade 9 student interested in the CHS Science Research Program should be sure to pick-up an application and information outside of room 321. Applications are due by the end of the school day on Friday, October 1st. Questions? Contact Mr. Richards at trichards@buffaloschools.org.

Make Your Move Centaurs!

CHS Chess Club is back!!! Transportation is currently unavailable from the district so we are unable to compete in our league this year, but we plan to push on and hone our skills on the board. Any student in grades 9-12 interested in joining chess club should sign up outside room 214. If you have questions, see Mr. Ross or email him at sfross@buffaloschools.org.

Additional PSAT Prep Date Scheduled

All seats for the Courier College Prep in-person PSAT workshop scheduled for September 30th at CHS have been filled. However, **Courier College Prep is opening up a second session on Tuesday October 5** (a minimum of 10 students is required to hold this session). Register for the October 5th workshop [at this link](#).

This workshop will help prepare students who will sit for the PSAT on October 13th. The class will be taught by Brian Eldridge, a leading SAT/ACT tutor, certified college counselor and founder of Courier College Prep. This session will run a little over two hours. The cost is \$20 per student. The City Honors Foundation will cover fees for students who have documented financial fees. Students are encouraged to register early as seats and fee waivers are limited. This workshop will be held in the Large Group Instruction Room (LGI) at CHS.

- All questions about the PSAT should be directed to your child's school counselor.
- All questions about the PSAT seminar should be directed to Courier College Prep.

College Admissions Officer Visits to CHS

Did you know that an average of 3 to 4 colleges visit CHS each day to provide information and meet with CHS students interested in applying to their school? The roster of college visits is posted for students in advance to Schoology by the school counseling office and a reminder of the visits for the day is read each morning on the morning announcements. Students can attend these sessions by obtaining a pass in the school counseling office. The district has asked that all visits from college admission officers not previously scheduled be conducted remotely as they were last school year. Students will continue to see these remote visits publicized and will report to the school counseling office to participate via an interactive board.

Chorale

The Chorale advanced vocal music ensemble will have its first organizational meeting on Monday, September 27th at 7:30am. Students who have not registered for an audition should [complete this form](#) or contact Mrs. Saxon at kesaxon@buffaloschools.org.

CHS Grade 9-12 Book Club Invites New Members to Join

The CHS Book Club meets every Monday 2:50-3:30 in Room 302 (Ms. Weaver-Amenta's room). Students may follow our updates in the following ways:

Remind: Text code (@bkclb222) to 81010 or join on the app!

Instagram: @cityhonorsbookclub

[Padlet link](#) and QR Code (at right)

Password: BOOKCLUB22

Questions: Contact Ms. Weaver-Amenta at cweaver@buffaloschools.org



Student Vehicles

We would not trade our spectacular building for 1 million other buildings, but if it has a minor shortcoming, it is a lack of expansive parking. Please remember that our school was constructed prior to the prevalence of automobiles. As a result, CHS is unable to offer student parking. We do not have enough parking to accommodate even our full staff. Students should not park in the two lots on our campus **or** the Macedonia Church parking lot. Violators may be ticketed or towed.

COVID Testing

30% of staff and students at CHS will continue to be randomly tested for COVID each week pursuant to current district procedures. This year, CHS will conduct the more accurate and less invasive 24-hour turnaround mandatory Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing for COVID-19. **We encourage all staff and students to participate in testing in order to reduce the number of times individuals will need to be tested.** Families are asked to [use this link](#) to provide consent to include their child in the pool of students to be tested.

Daily COVID-19 Health Screener

Families should complete the daily health screener once again each day BEFORE their child leaves for

school. [This link will take you to this year's screener](#). Families are encouraged to paste the link into the 'reminder' app on their smart phone to alert you each morning.

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](#)

[PTSCO Minutes and 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](#)