



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
9.7.21
"Ready to Restart!"



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.

Tomorrow Morning (Wednesday)

Students who do not have a schedule for some reason or who are missing a homeroom assignment are asked to report to the auditorium when they arrive tomorrow morning where they will receive assistance from a school counselor. All students will receive final copies of their schedule during homeroom and hand-in their draft schedules. Their permanent schedule will be printed on pink paper.

Student Laptop Distribution at CHS

The district has informed us that our students will receive their laptop computers on September 13 and 14. Our teachers will provide instruction and materials that do not require access to a computer until laptops have been distributed.

Attention Grade 9 Families

Each year, grade 9 students at CHS are offered the opportunity to join the CHS Science Research Program. This four year program places CHS students working and researching in labs on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus at Roswell Park, Hauptman-Woodward and the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Program coordinator, Mr. Richards, will hold an informational session for all grade 9 students and parents on **Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00pm**. We ask that parents and students enter the meeting five minutes before the start time as Mr. Richards will share a brief presentation followed by reflections from current SRP students as well as time for questions and answers.

-Families can [access the meeting at this link](#).

-More information about the CHS Science Research Program at BNMC [is available at this link](#).

-Questions? Contact program coordinator, Mr. Richards at trichards@buffaloschools.org

Baseball Fridays

Is your child currently playing baseball at CHS or considering playing for CHS someday? Head varsity baseball coach John McMahon will be hosting "Baseball Fridays" throughout the fall at Johnny B. Wiley Baseball Stadium every Friday from 4:00-6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know the CHS coaching staff, stay tuned up for the baseball season, and learn some new skills. **Students in grades 5-12 are invited to participate.** Please contact Coach McMahon if your child has interest in participating in Baseball Fridays at JMcMahon@buffaloschools.org or 353-1255.

Middle School Cross Country is On!!!

We received news today that the district has reinstated the middle school cross-country running program for boys and girls in grades 5-8! This sport will begin toward the end of the month. We hope to have more news shortly about how students can join this fun sport that requires no previous experience- no one sits the bench in cross country- all runners run! The district has issued a posting for middle school cross country coaches at all of its schools with grade 5-8 students. Teachers at City Honors would have contractual preference for this position but considering the local shortage of coaches, we encourage any adult member of the community with a background in running to [apply at this link](#). Students with interest in participating should be sure that they have their medical physical in place so that they can begin as soon as our coach is appointed.

JV Boys Volleyball Coach Appointed

Please welcome Coach Jonathan Gibson who has been appointed our new JV Boys Volleyball coach. Coach Gibson is a PE/Health teacher at school #53 and will begin coaching our JV's immediately. Coach Gibson be reached at jgibson@buffaloschools.org if your child has interest in joining the team.

Yes, You Can Still Join Fall Sports Now!

There is still time to join CHS Junior Varsity and Varsity sports! [Please click on this link](#) to see the full lineup of 2021 CHS Fall sports and how to join these teams. This link also contains information for grade 7 and 8 students interested in joining JV or Varsity teams.

The school district has adjusted the seasons for a number of sports to align with sectional and state seasons including Girls' Varsity Tennis and ALL Girls' Varsity Swim which are moving to the fall.

A sound body supports a sound mind. Get out there and get active CHS! New team members welcome! Bring a friend to join as well!

*****Grade 5-8 Yellow Bus Transportation*****

A reminder that the school district is experiencing a critical shortage of school bus drivers. This will affect our students in many ways. If you are a grade 5-8 parent and do not intend to have your child ride a yellow bus one or both ways, please call the BPS transportation office at 816-4895 as soon as you receive this communication. This will help the district to consolidate routes and get our students to and from school on-time.

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](#)