



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK



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Dear CHS Parent:

A group of students and staff from City Honors has been invited by the Buffalo Bills to display an American flag the size of a football field prior to the Buffalo Bills/Kansas City Chiefs football game on November 17. This display will be done as a part of a 'salute to service' to our nation's veterans. Joining City Honors in displaying this "field flag" will be students from East Aurora High School as well as many local veterans. Altogether there will be 160 people unfurling this massive flag!

Your child has requested to be a part of the City Honors delegation that will attend this event. I met with them over the past two days to discuss the requirements of the trip. In order for them to participate, we will need you to:

-return a school district parental permission slip that was sent home with your child.

-complete the following mandatory Buffalo Bills waiver at the links below by the end of the week.

[MINOR \(Under 18\)](#)

[ADULT \(18+\)](#)

Here are some more important details:

- Students should arrive for the bus check-in by **10:15am** on Sunday, November 17 at the main entrance to City Honors. **We will depart at 10:30am. We will leave with or without you!**
- Please wear dark pants (black or blue pant- no jeans). We encourage pants to be layered underneath depending on the weather. Please do not wear neon or brightly colored footwear. There are strict expectations for this nationally televised game/ceremony. The Bills will provide us with long sleeve shirts after we eat lunch, which will be provided in the field house following our on-field rehearsal.
- The Bills have requested the following to decrease our time spent at the security checkpoint: No backpacks, bags, or purses should be brought into the stadium. This will help speed up the screening process immensely. As you approach the metal detectors take out your phone and keys which will also help speed things up.
- After the National Anthem ceremony has concluded, we will return to the bus and to City Honors. Given the high demand for this game, there are no complimentary game tickets available. The Bills have a procedure to admit students who may have ticket to the game, however, we are waiting for the Buffalo Schools to determine whether students will need a parent to take custody of them in order to stay at the stadium. I will update you on this as soon as possible on this matter.

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Conduct/Safety Reminders for Students:

- Within two hours of this opportunity being offered, 197 students in grades 9-12 registered to represent City Honors at this event. We are limited to 40 students. We offered these 40 spots to seniors first as one of the many ways we try to reward our seniors throughout the . Students who would like to keep their spot must remain in good standing with their grades, conduct and attendance, including avoiding participation in any group 'skip days.' Our faculty chaperones including myself are donating our day to make this possible for our students. The school reserves the right to rescind the offer of participation for any student who is not in good standing in these areas and to fill seats with students on the waitlist in good standing.
- Please always walk with a friend and do not leave our group while at the stadium.
- If at any time you need assistance, please ask one of the adult chaperones.
- When we are on the field, in the tunnel, and practicing/rehearsing for the full field flag unfurling, please do not engage with players, coaches, media and do not use or have your cell phone visible. We will be told if/when it is acceptable.
- Please remember that the Buffalo Bills are coordinating this unique opportunity and the reason they have asked us is because of our ability to successfully function as a team in coordination with their staff. Please respect and carefully listen to the expectations of all Bills employees.

Game Day Timeline: Salute to Service Full Field Flag:

10:15am- Students arrive at main entrance to City Honors.

10:30am- Bus departs from CHS.

11:45am- Arrive at One Bills Drive. Head towards tunnel for rehearsal

12:00pm- Put flag together/on-field rehearsal with *50-Star Production*

1:30pm- Head over to Fieldhouse

1:45pm- Hang out in the Fieldhouse and enjoy a late lunch

3:15pm- Head back over to the tunnel through the loading dock

3:40pm- Move flag out onto the field on the away team sideline behind the bench

4:15pm- Move group to sideline

4:19pm- Unfurling of the full-field flag during the singing of the National Anthem

4:22pm- Meet in the middle of the field and move the flag up the tunnel

4:25pm- Dismantle flag and load into bags

4:35pm- Students will get back on buses to return to City Honors (we are waiting on a ruling from BPS on what is required for students with game tickets to remain at the stadium. A parent may be required to sign them out. We will have more information shortly).

We're looking forward to this special day for our veterans and our students. It is sure to create some very positive, once-in-a-lifetime memories. If you have any questions, please email me at wkresse@buffaloschools.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William A. Kresse".

William A. Kresse, Ph.D.
Principal