

CHS CLASS OF 2027 NEWSLETTER

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Sponsored by CHS PTSCO

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Important Dates

- ASAP – Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder – please submit any remaining items:
 - Parental Consent Form – Long Term Travel (Page 1, 2 and 3), Camper Health Form
 - Photocopy of Birth Certificate as identification for US/Canadian Border crossing.
 - https://cityhonors.org/files/camp_pathfinder_-_packet_for_families.pdf
- May – Distribution of Class of 2027 Hoodies
 - Students may participate in the graphic design contest until April 11
<https://forms.office.com/r/HQn7G8BJUc> – BPS login required
 - Students will have the chance to vote for their favorite design and the winning design will be announced by PTSCO.
 - Class of 2027 Hoodies are an 8th Grade tradition sponsored by CHS PTSCO.
- June 1 to June 4 – 8th Grade Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder, Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario
 - **Students should arrive at the CHS Gymnasium at 7:00AM with all packed gear. Parents, please accompany your child until they are checked for preparation by faculty. Campers will be cued from the gym to the busses after 8:00AM.**
- June 9 – Toddler pictures for Moving Up Day Slideshow due.
- June 16 – Moving Up Day attendance form due.
- June 21 – Moving Up Day.
 - Ceremony in CHS auditorium 9AM.
 - Family Luncheon and Dance at Buffalo Convention Center 11:00AM.

Request for 8th Grade Class Dues

Parents, during your child's 8th grade and 12th grade year, we ask that you send in “Class Dues.” Class dues of **at least \$25.00** per 8th grader make it possible for us to do extra activities that make the school year special and memorable for our 8th graders. **If you are able to send in more than \$25 for “Class Dues” to the CHS Class of 2027 to help a student who may not be able to afford class dues or the trip to Camp Pathfinder, please consider it, thank you!**

8th grade class dues help cover:

- A personalized “CHS Class of 2027” Hoodie for every 8th grader
- Moving Up Day Expenses (decorations, class ribbon for each student, stage flowers, programs, awards)
- Rental of the Buffalo-Niagara Convention Center, DJ and Photobooth for the Moving Up Day
- **Helps ensure all students can attend the Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder**

Payments should be made by check or money order to “CHS Class of 2027” and submitted to Mr. Sharratt during school time or mailed to him at City Honors School 186 E North St, Buffalo, NY 14204. Cash is also accepted but checks and money order are preferred as we want to avoid our students having to carry cash. Receipts are recorded for all payments. If your family is unable to pay all or part of their class dues as a result of documented hardship, please contact Mr. Sharratt at jsharratt@buffaloschools.org.

Moving Up Day

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Ceremony

- Parents please be seated in the auditorium no later than 8:45am.
- The ceremony will begin at 9:00am and end no later than 10:30am.
- Send in baby/toddler picture by June 9, in jpg format, to jsharratt@buffaloschools.org. The slideshow is always a highlight of the MUD ceremony.

Post Ceremony Luncheon - Dance

- Buffalo Convention Center 11:30am to 2:30pm.
- Student class dues helps cover cost of the luncheon for the Class of 2027.
- ***Each attendee please pay \$25 for luncheon with DJ and Photobooth entertainment. Payable June 16th. Please contact Mr Sharratt if this is a financial burden for your family budget. The luncheon is a joyous occasion that should be celebrated by all City Honors families, regardless of family budget constraints.***
- The luncheon is typically attended by approximately 400 students, parents, family members and teachers.

City Honors 8th Grade Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder Procedures

Thursday, June 1st 7:00AM CHS Atrium and Gymnasium

Students and Parents

- Find an open space in the Gym or Atrium. Layout all packed items neatly for inspection. Once a faculty member has inspected items the student may board the bus.
- Check-in medications at medical station. Please have medications in plastic bags with student's name clearly labeled. Inhalers and epinephrine pens may stay with student. Individual health needs will be coordinated by chaperones in accordance with parent directions as indicated on the Camp Pathfinder Health Form during travel.
- We implement a departure procedure in order to ensure full accountability for safety and preparedness for camp and international border crossing for up to 120 students. To be fully redundant in our checks and well organized before we depart our procedure may take up to an hour. Please remain with your child in the Gym until they are check by a faculty member. If that's not possible due to your morning schedule, please contact Mr. Sharratt ahead of time to coordinate an accommodation.

Students

- Eat breakfast and use the bathroom before arriving at CHS.
- Bring a brown bag lunch for the bus and reusable water bottle.
- PTSCO and CHS will provide additional snacks and water for the bus ride.
- Keep garbage to an absolute minimum.
- Bring a book, cards, travel games, etc. for the bus.
- Do not bring electronic communication devices or electronic entertainment devices.

Packing

- Student must be able to carry bag a long distance. Don't over pack.
- Be prepared to layer clothing as needed. Weather may be chilly at night, pleasant during the day.
- Electronic communication and entertainment devices are strictly prohibited by Camp Pathfinder policy.

Pick-Up on Sunday June 4 – City Honors Parking Lot

- Approximately 7:00PM
- Chaperones will make calls to parents when the busses reach the Peace Bridge to provide a precise pick up time.
- Parents please make sure your contact information is updated with the CHS Main Office to receive automated calls.

Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder

Camper Gear List

Camper Name _____

Pack all items into one large duffel to stow in bus cargo and one small day pack (drawstring gym bag or equivalent) to take on board bus.

Packing List

- 1 sleeping bag and pillow
 - campers sleep in wood frame, wood floored, double fly canvas roof tents, on clean, durable vinyl wrapped mattress. But they need their own sleeping bag and pillow.
- 1 flashlight with new batteries
- 1 rain jacket, 1 pair lightweight long underwear or base layer, 4 pair socks, 1 medium weight wicking/insulating layer, 2 pair shorts, 1 pair long slacks (avoid denim), 3 t-shirts, 2 long-sleeved shirts
- 1 cap or brimmed shade hat, 1 warm hat
- 1 pair light hiking shoes/boots or sturdy sneakers and a 2nd pair of sneakers
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 towel
- personal hygiene kit (the camp provides bio-neutral soaps)
 - include sunscreen
- day pack/gym bag
 - a book to read on the bus
 - a lunch to eat on the bus
 - 1 sanitary reusable drinking water bottle or canteen
- sunglasses

Optional

- camera (not capable of wireless communication)
- binoculars
- natural insect repellent
- playing cards or similar game items

Prohibited

- No insect repellent with high concentration of DEET
- No open toed shoes of any kind
- No ponchos
- No aerosols
- No lighters, matches, or fire starting tools or materials
- No edged tools or knives
- No nicotine, drugs, alcohol, weapons, or inappropriate items that are prohibited by the Buffalo Public Schools.
- No mobile electronic communication or electronic gaming devices

Parents, please contact us if you have any difficulty acquiring these items. PTSCO can often provide new or gently used items for families who prefer not to purchase items for expected one time use. For any questions pertaining to the list, or for more detail, please contact Mr. Sharratt.

Moving Up Day

Please return this form to Mr. Sharratt no later than Friday, June 16th

Family members and family friends will attend the Ceremony in the CHS auditorium (free)

write # attending _____

If you are able, please contribute at least \$25 Class Dues to help support the activities listed on page 1 of the April Newsletter. Any donation to the Class of 2027 beyond \$25 is especially appreciated and will help us extend every opportunity for **all children** to fully participate in class events, including the Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder. Any funds not expended this year will stay with the Class of 2027 account for use during their high school years.

Class Dues donation \$ _____

Moving Up Day Luncheon tickets, \$25 per attendee

write # attending _____

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Luncheon payments may be made out to **CHS Class of 2027** and submitted to Mr. Sharratt during school time. Cash is also accepted. Receipts are issued for all payments.

The ceremony (CHS Auditorium) is free and open to the public. However, luncheon (Buffalo Convention Center) payment must be submitted by Friday June 16th.