



City Honors School

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIOR YEAR CLASS OF 2020

- ★ Senior Dues—for the Class of 2020 they are \$280. Dues cover: student yearbook, hoodie, senior dinner attendance, class gift, rental of Kleinhans, flowers at Kleinhans, graduation announcements, graduation program, cap, gown, tassel, and diploma covers. **Dues should be paid by December 6, 2019.** Dues can be in installments in the form(s) of cash, check, or money order and turned in to Mr. Howson. Also, please do not hesitate to contact him with any questions or concerns regarding the payment.

Checks and money orders should be made out to City Honors School.

- ★ Senior Hoodie – Calling all artists! Start thinking about possible designs for the Class of 2020 senior hoodie. Class members Ryan Bocalan and Sahil Desai look to spearhead this process so please connect with them using Remind code: dga8c7.
- ★ Senior Privileges End When IB/AP Exams Begin – Friday, May 1 is the last day, as exams begin the following week. Please plan to attend study halls and lunch in the café.
- ★ Senior Service Learning Initiative (SLI)—from **May 18th** to **June 16th**. It is never too early to look for and setup your “experience.” Please refer to the SLI At A Glance sheet for more information.
- ★ Senior Dinner—scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26th** at 6:00 pm at RiverWorks. Student admission/dinner are part of their dues, all others must pay \$30 per person.
- ★ Graduation—**Thursday, June 25th** at Kleinhans Music Hall. Mandatory practice at 10:30 am; senior report time is 6 pm; ceremony begins promptly at 7:00 pm. There is no cost, no tickets and no limits on how many people each family can bring.
- ★ Senior Picnic? Senior Trip? Senior Breakfast?—there is nothing planned yet, but some students may wish to look for ways to do something unique. If you have any ideas or are willing to research options, please contact Mr. Howson or any member of the Senior Senate.
- ★ Senior Senate Remind—if you wish to keep up on our Thursday meetings and topics please connect with them using Remind code: @senate20ch. All meetings are always open to any/all members of the senior class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Howson at jhowson@buffaloschools.org

SLI at a Glance

City Honors School recognizes the importance of engaging students with learning throughout their experience at the school, including the final months of their senior year. Both the International Baccalaureate Program and the faculty of the school put a strong emphasis on service to one's community. With these principles in mind, CHS offers senior year students an additional opportunity for both service and learning through out-of-school experiences following the culmination of IB and AP examinations. Students in strong academic and citizenship standing will be offered an opportunity to participate in this program.

- **The Student Learning Initiative (SLI) runs from May 18 to June 16, 2020.**
- **Students are expected to participate every school day, for a minimum of four hours a day during the hours of 8 am and 4 pm.** Students who are not enrolled in the Service Learning Initiative are expected to attend all classes until the conclusion of the school year.
- **Each student must submit an SLI application** to Mr. Howson, including all teacher signatures and an explanation of the placement they found OR a description of the kind of placement they hope to find.
- We strongly encourage students to find their own placements with organizations that meet the requirements of the SLI program. This is the only way a student can really guarantee a placement he/she knows they would like. There are several organizations with which CHS has a long-standing relationships. Students may not intern with family members.
- A teacher has every right to NOT SIGN OFF on your paperwork if you are not in good standing in their class. In some cases, depending on the schedule, students may be able to attend that class AND participate in SLI. A student may be pulled from SLI for failure to comply with the expectations or requirements of a given teacher even if they initially signed the application.
- **Students MAY NOT use a part-time job** or supplement other paid employment for the Senior Service Learning Initiative at City Honors School. **The SLI program is voluntary and unpaid. Students are not allowed to accept payment or other compensation.**
- You must complete 20 days of SLI in total, after which students must submit time logs and reflection sheets. Daily attendance credit will be received for attending the SLI Experience.
- If you have an AP/IB exam AFTER **May 18**, you MUST attend the class for that exam until the exam is given unless the teacher for that course provides alternate allowances.
- NFTA "passes" will be available to those who request them on their SLI paperwork. They will be distributed in May, before SLI begins.