



# City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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Dear CHS Families:

We are excited to welcome our Centaurs back to the Hilltop for a full day of school on **Thursday, September 5!**

While we have been hosting district summer school and athletic programming throughout the summer, our Facility-Care Team has been steadily working around these activities to carry out a deep-clean. In addition, we have some exciting updates about our school building:

-Our interior construction project that was paused by the district last year is back on-track. This project allocates \$4.9 million in funding and includes: conversion to energy-saving LED lighting fixtures throughout the school, cooling of additional instructional spaces, creation of new spaces for special education and student services, and an overhaul of lighting, electrical and rigging in our auditorium.

-Just before the school year begins, a contractor will be installing a new 13,000 lumen laser projection system and motorized screen for our auditorium. This screen will double the size of our previous screen, and should significantly improve the viewing experience during events and presentations. This projection system was donated by a generous alumni donor through the City Honors Foundation.

-Creative Storage and Telesco Design have teamed up to rethink our ‘lost & found’ area for our students. What was previously a bit of a gloomy and disorganized area to try to find that special something that students had misplaced, will be transformed with custom cabinetry and graphics. Thank you to the City Honors Foundation for funding this project.

-The District and the City Honors Foundation continue to move toward completion of the regulatory steps needed for the District to fully acquire Fosdick Field from the Foundation.

-Funding has been set aside by the district to initiate the planning process for a large-scale project to restore the exterior ‘envelope’ of our architectural jewel of a school building.

Please welcome the following teachers who are new to our faculty at City Honors this school year:

<b>Mr. Gerald Cereghino</b>	STARS Science
<b>Ms. Caeley Harsch</b>	Strings/Orchestra
<b>Ms. Gina Pecoraro</b>	Consultant/Resource
<b>Ms. Gracie Przewozny</b>	STARS Mathematics
<b>Mr. John Wilde</b>	Consultant/Resource
<b>Mr. Zachary Wachob</b>	Band

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As always, we are indebted to the parent and teacher representatives who lent their time to serve on teacher hiring committees this summer. Parent and teacher voice is essential in identifying the most qualified teachers for our students.

Please carefully read the enclosed materials including our **CHS Start-of-School Survival Guide** which provides details about all of the ‘nuts and bolts’ operations information you will need to help your child begin the school year successfully.

Here are a number of additional ways that you can help your child to begin the school year successfully:

- Monitor your child’s progress finishing up their **CHS summer reading**. Links to summer reading lists for each grade level and all of the documents included in this mailing can be found at the [Parent Resources page](#) of cityhonors.org under the ‘Back-to-School Fall 2024’ tab.
- Complete and return the enclosed **Family Census Verification Form** so we have the best possible contact information for your family.
- Participate in our **Parent-Teacher “Get Acquainted” Night on Tuesday, September 10, from 6-8 pm**. This annual tradition allows parents to follow their child’s schedule, meet teachers, receive course syllabi and hear teacher presentations about their courses. More information will be sent to families closer to this date.
- Join us for the annual **Family Welcome Back Night on Friday, September 20, from 5-8 pm**. There is a flyer included in this mailing with more information.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. We look forward to seeing your child in person on **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**!

Sincerely,



William A. Kresse, Ph.D.

Principal