



**Hilltop Notes**  
for the CHS Community  
10.12.21



### **Parent Night Videos**

We had many parents unable to access Parent/Teacher Get-Acquainted Night this year due to filtering issues with Teams. Our administrative team and teacher representatives want to be sure no parent is left without the information they need to understand the people who are teaching their children, what they will be studying in each course and the expectations of each course. In order to address this, every CHS teacher has recorded a brief video for parents that has been placed in each of their Schoology courses. These videos will cover all of the information teachers shared on Parent/Teacher Get-Acquainted Night. You can access this video by using your parent Schoology account, or if you do not have an account yet (BPS is updating directions for first-time parent Schoology users, we will forward as soon as we receive them) you can ask your child to take you to each of their classes in Schoology. Teachers have also placed their course syllabi in the Schoology folders for each of their classes.

### **BEAM Saturday Academies**

BEAM (Buffalo Engineering Awareness for Minorities) is looking to engage high school students in its Saturday program which is funded through General Motors. **This program is free and open to students of all backgrounds.** The program's theme this year is rebuilding a City and will have engineers and UB students present the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-noon. The presentation each month include hands on projects.

Students who attend can use their bus passes to get to UB or be dropped off by parents. There are weekly drawings for gift certificates, scholarship incentives and students may be offered a spot in the BEAM PAID summer program. Lunch is also provided.

The next program date is Saturday, November 6th from 10-12. For more information, [visit this link](#).

### **CHS Middle School Knitting Club**

Join the CHS Middle School Knitting Club for their first meeting on Monday, October 25th. The club meets from 2:45 to 4:00 in room 022. Students need to have their own transportation home from this club. For more information see Mr. Paterson (nmpaterson@buffaloschools.org) in room 022 or Amina Orom in homeroom 305. Beginners welcome!

### **Blessed Sacrament Basketball League (Grade 5/6 Students)**

The Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club, located near UB South Campus, has operated a youth basketball league for over sixty years. Many City Honors boys and girls have begun their organized youth basketball experience in this league. The club is currently registering students for their grade 3-6 winter league. More information and a link to registration [can be found at this link](#).

### **National Merit Commended Students Announced**

Congrats to Grace Becker '22, Sebastian Cole '22 and Roman Rogalski '22 who have been named

National Merit Commended Students based on their PSAT scores! As mentioned previously in *The Hilltop Notes*, congratulations as well to Manu Anpalgan '22 and Brennan Overhoff '22 who were named National Merit Semi-Finalists and will move on to the next round of the National Merit Competition.

**Grade 5/6 Families: Save the Date!**

**5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS  
SAVE THE DATE**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.  
CITY HONORS PARKING LOT**

**CAR DECORATING CONTEST  
COSTUME CONTEST  
TRICK OR TREATING**

**MORE DETAILS – COMING SOON**

**ORGANIZED BY 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES  
WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR:  
TRUNK VOLUNTEERS, TREAT DONATIONS, OR MONETARY DONATIONS**

**CHS Joining the 'Our Story' Program**

CHS is excited to announce that it is joining the Our Story Project run by the BPS CLRI (Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Initiatives) Department! The Our Story Project is an afterschool and Saturday Academy program held at various schools in our District for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade scholars. A culturally responsive and anti-racist teaching curriculum is used as the framework for this program, affording scholars the opportunity to learn about their own family history, raise awareness around social justice issues, and allow scholars to see themselves in the curriculum. Hip-hop,

historical literacy and technology skills development are also embedded into the program to promote scholars' voices in advocating for social justice and honing their 21st century skills. Additionally, scholars take part in leadership development opportunities and culturally relevant field trips (held virtually and/or in person), all which support scholars with achieving their own academic personal commitment goals. 50 students from CHS will be selected to participate in the 2021-2022 Our Story Project. Students in grades 9-11 will watch a presentation on the program at CHS later this month. If the program excites them, they can apply for one of the CHS seats.

### **CHS National History Day Team Accepting New Members**

Grade 7-12 students who are interested in competing in the National History Day program for CHS should see Mrs. Reiss in Room 11 for more information. This year's theme is 'Debate and Diplomacy"! Learn more about the National History Day Contest [at this link](#). Questions? Contact Mrs. Reiss [jreiss@buffaloschools.org](mailto:jreiss@buffaloschools.org)

### **Grant Street Neighborhood Center**

The Grant Street Neighborhood Center (GSNC) would like to welcome City Honors students to join our annual after-school program. This year our program will be held in-person and will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our program will be held from the hours of 4 PM to 6 PM and will be featuring a variety of classes. Youth will be able to explore classes in African diaspora, esports, hip-hop, videography, and many more opportunities. We are looking to accept youth in the age range of 12-22, and would love the opportunity to work with the City Honors School and join our mission to better serve the residents of Buffalo. Please contact DaVon McCune at [DaVon@pushbuffalo.org](mailto:DaVon@pushbuffalo.org) to learn more about our after-school program and organization's mission.

### **Does Your Family Live in a Multi-Unit Building?**

Mayor Byron W. Brown has announced that the City of Buffalo, in partnership with The Recycling Partnership, will sponsor a Multi-Unit Apartment Building Recycling Initiative called "Let's Do This Together!". The six-month pilot initiative aims to initially increase recycling collection at 1,500 apartment units and 300 apartment buildings, located in neighborhoods citywide. The "Let's Do This Together!" Apartment Recycling Program will work with property managers and residents to bring the City's 34 and More Buffalo Recycles Program to their buildings. As part of the program, the city will provide free collection to participating multi-unit residential apartment buildings, as well as recycling education. Buildings will also receive apartment-size recycling collection reusable totes, customizable assets, and on-site education and outreach for residents.

If you live in a multi-unit apartment building, please forward [this link](#) to your building manager! If you own a multi-unit apartment building, please sign up today!

### **COVID Testing**

30% of staff and students at CHS will continue to be randomly tested for COVID each month 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.

### **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.

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## ***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](#)

[CHS PTSCO \(Parent, Teacher, Student, Community Organization\)](#)

*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](#)*