

Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
10.14.24



Upcoming Calendar Reminders

10/17 3:30pm	CHS Site Based Management Team Meeting (in-person at CHS)
10/18	PSAT Testing, Grade 10
10/19	CHS/Olmsted Saturday Placement Testing (more info at this link)
10/21	PSAT Testing, Grade 11
10/22	PSAT Make-up Day, Grade 10 & 11
10/23 3:30pm	CHS Faculty Meeting (some activities may be cancelled or postponed)
10/25 6:00pm-8:00pm	Grade 5/6 'I Scream' Social & Haunted Lockers (more info shortly)
10/26 9:00am-12:00pm	CHS Open House (more info at this link)
10/31	Halloween (regular day of school)
11/1 11:30am	WNY Consortium College Fair (CHS LGI Room)
11/2	CHS/Olmsted Saturday Placement Testing (more info at this link)
11/5	Election Day- NO SCHOOL (Please Vote!)
11/6 5:30pm	PTSCO General Meeting (Remote)
11/8	Quarter #1 grades close
11/11	Veteran's Day- NO SCHOOL (Please thank and honor Vets!)

Don't miss a moment of exciting Centaur Athletics action! All CHS sports team schedules can be found at [ArbiterSports](#). You can also load the ArbiterSports app to your phone!

CHS Apiary Club Looking to Add New Members to the Colony

Bee curious? Want to help all the bees, not just the honey-makers? Let's all learn how important bees are to our food system and a healthy planet! The next meeting of the Apiary (beekeeping) Club is October 22 from 3:09-4:40pm at Pelion Outdoor Classroom at CHS. This club is open to 9th-12th grade students. Questions? Contact garden coordinator, Ms. Ceasandra at CHS peliongarden@gmail.com.



Science Fair Participants Wanted!

Attention students in grades 7-12, are you interested in competing in a science fair that includes students from all over WNY? Stop by room 321 and see Mr. Richards for more information. There will be a brief meeting after school on Tuesday, October 15 in Room 321. We'll be discussing the process for creating projects and representing CHS in three local science fairs this spring. Email trichards@buffaloschools.org for questions.

National History Day Participants Wanted!

Any student in grades 7-12 who would like to represent CHS in the National History Day competition this year should be contacted Mrs. Reiss in Room 11. This year's theme is "Rights and Responsibilities". Email jreiss@buffaloschools.org for questions. Learn more about the National History Day program [at this link](#).

Grade 5/6 'I Scream' Social and Haunted Lockers

The Annual CHS Ice Scream Social and Haunted Lockers for 5th & 6th grade will be on Friday 10/25 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please pre-register and RSVP using the QR code on the flyer at right or [this link](#) to get to the Sign-Up Genius Page. Volunteers and contributions are needed; please email Molly Joslyn at molly.b.joslyn@gmail.com if you can assist!

Hope to see all 5th and 6th graders at this longstanding and fun CHS tradition!!

Centaur Harrier Breaks Delaware Course Record

Congrats to Henry Peterson '27 who set a new BPS Delaware Park course record, running 2.5 miles in 12:31. He broke the previous record of 12:36 which was set back in 1996.

Congratulations Henry and all CHS Cross Country runners who have had an outstanding season thus far. Good luck in the BPS championships and Sectionals!

Attention Grade 8 Families!

Planning for our annual 8th Grade trip to Pathfinder Island in the Algonquin Forest has been well underway by staff for the past few months. Now we need our families to register! Please carefully read and complete the packet found [at this link](#). We anticipate a family meeting at CHS with a presentation by the Camp Director from Pathfinder this winter. In the meantime, please see the packet for contact information for questions. For additional understanding of what the trip is all about, visit last year's photo album [at this link](#) and student reflections from last year's 8th graders [at this link](#).

Pelion Outdoor Classroom at CHS Invites All to Annual Three Sisters Potluck

The three Sisters Potluck will be held October 17 from 5-7pm. Enjoy the last gifts of the garden with us and fortify ourselves for the winter. Together, we'll cook a huge pot of squash soup on the camp stove and pop our popping corn. Please bring an empty stomach or a dish to share. If you do not cook, consider donating your time for setting up or conducting important tasks like popping the popcorn and serving hot cider. Non-chefs can also bring jugs of cider, thermal cups, take away containers, broth, dips and spreads, pickles or serving utensils!

CHS PTSCO INVITES
5TH & 6TH GRADERS TO THE ANNUAL
ICE SCREAM SOCIAL
&
HAUNTED LOCKERS

PLEASE RSVP WITH QR CODE ABOVE

OCTOBER 25TH 6P-8P CHS ATRIUM ENTRANCES

FREE ICE CREAM FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS

ADDITIONAL ICE CREAM PRESALE AND AT THE DOOR FOR \$2

PIZZA & WATER COMBO PRESALE AND AT THE DOOR \$3

STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

CANDY CORN RAFFLE TICKET WITH DONATION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR **FeedMore wny**

COSTUME CONTEST!

RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084EA9AF2BA2FC1-51887349-three>

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1000740034868169>

Attn All Families in Grades 10-12

Congressman Tim Kennedy (NY-26) is hosting Service Academy Night, an informational event providing high school students and parents with guidance on the nomination and application process for United States Service Academies. The event will be held at **5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024** at the Hohn Auditorium on the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Campus at 665 Elm Street in Buffalo. Free parking is available in the Roswell Park parking ramp.

Representatives from the U.S. [Military Academy at West Point](#), [Naval Academy](#), [Air Force Academy](#), [Merchant Marine Academy](#), [Coast Guard Academy](#), as well as the Army and Navy R.O.T.C programs will discuss the application process and be available to answer questions. Students applying to the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy are required to receive a nomination from a member of Congress. The individual academies make final acceptance decisions. Students enrolled in a U.S. service academy graduate achieving a military officer rank and commit

to at least five years of military service. **All tuition and expenses of attending service academies are fully paid for by the United States government.** Service Academy and ROTC graduates are highly sought after by employers. More information on the flyer below. Please RSVP at 716.852.3501 or Evelyn.williams@mail.house.gov

The deadline for students living in New York's 26th Congressional District to apply for a nomination from Congressman Kennedy is November 1, 2024. For more information or to apply for a nomination

TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY
Representing New York's 26th Congressional District

PRESENTS
**SERVICE ACADEMY
= NIGHT =**
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

High school students interested in applying to a Service Academy or ROTC, parents, school officials, and JROTC staff are invited to attend.



Meet representatives from the Service Academies:

U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
U.S. Military Academy at West Point
Navy ROTC
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Army ROTC

Please RSVP to Rep. Tim Kennedy's
District Office at (716) 852-3501

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Doors open at 5:30 PM, panel begins at 6:00 PM

Hohn Lecture Hall at

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Campus

665 Elm Street in Buffalo, New York

Free parking available at Roswell Park Parking Garage



[visit this link.](#)




IB Learner Attribute for October

'Risk-takers' is the featured [IB Learner Trait](#) for the month of October! (A synonym IB uses for risk-takers is "courageous.")

*As **Risk-takers**, we approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.*

All month long, our teachers will be infusing this trait into their lessons.

BSAC Basketball League for Grade 3-8*

			Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club Girls & Boys Basketball Registration 24-25		
<u>House League Girls/Boys</u> Grades 3 rd - 6 th Fees: \$150.00		Dates: Mon. Oct. 14, 2024 Tues. Oct. 15, 2024 Wed. Oct. 16, 2024 Time (All nights): 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM		<u>Girls/Boys</u> Grades 7 th - 8 th Fees: \$150.00	
Location: Blessed Sacrament School Gymnasium 263 Claremont Ave Tonawanda, NY 14223				For Additional Information please call: Mark Zirnheld @ 716 871-0595 for boys (3 rd - 6 th grade) Marissa Mergler @ 716 982-1476 for girls (3 rd -8 th grade) Dan Leslie @ 716 480-2748 for boys (7 th and 8 th grade)	
Registration Link (Pay Onsite) https://forms.gle/CNvdKbJkYSQ7uTZp7 or Register and Pay on-site				Practice and Game times 3 rd -6 th Boys: Practice: Sat 8am-5pm Games: Mon and/or Wed. 6pm, 7pm or 8pm. 3 rd -6 th Girls: Practice: Weeknight 6pm-8pm Games: Sunday: Early afternoon (12pm-3pm) 7 th and 8 th Grade Boys/Girls Practice TBD Note: Practice times are team dependent. Game times are schedule dependent.	
Registration QR Code (Point to QR Code with Phone Camera to go to registration)					
<p>The possibility exists that games may be cancelled at any point in time. FULL REGISTRATION FEE REFUNDS <u>MAY NOT</u> BE POSSIBLE IF THERE ARE CANCELLATIONS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All players <u>MUST</u> sign up by Wednesday October 16, 2024 so we know if there are enough players to run the program.• All returning players will be placed on the <u>SAME</u> team they were on the previous year.• Requests to play on a specific team will NOT be honored.					

Hispanic Heritage Month "Main Event"*

A promotional poster for the Hispanic Heritage Month Main Event. The top half features a group of diverse people standing outdoors under a rainbow and red banner. The bottom half contains event details in bold, colorful text. At the bottom right, there is a photo of a man playing a tambora and a woman singing. Logos for the Hispanic Heritage Council and Erie Community College are visible at the bottom left.

In WNY By Popular Demand!
The Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY Presents:
**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
MAIN EVENT**
LOS PLENEROS DE LA 21 
FRIDAY | OCTOBER 25TH | 2024
AT 7 PM

ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CITY CAMPUS
CAMPUS AUDITORIUM

**FREE
FREE
FREE**

121 ELLICOTT STREET
BUFFALO, NY 14203

  
info@HispanicHeritageWNY.org

Calling All CHS Families!

Do you know a student in the city of Buffalo who would be a fit for the accelerated and enriching learning environment at City Honors? We need your help in spreading the word to families around the city about the fall placement process!

What people need to know:

- We anticipate seats in grades 5,6,7,8 and 9 for next school year.
- Placement testing is available for BPS students currently in grades 4,6,8 during the school day at their school building. Grade 4 students are automatically registered to participate. Families in grades 6 and 8 must return the registration form that was sent home or contact their child's school to register.
- All students currently enrolled in a **charter** or **private school**, OR **BPS students wishing to test**

for grades 6 and 8, must participate in Saturday placement testing to held on 10/19, 11/2 and 11/23.

-Pre-registration for Saturday testing is required in person, at least one week ahead, at BPS Central Registration, 33 Ash Street.

-Families can find more information and the Saturday testing registration form [at this link](#).

-Testing for CHS automatically qualifies students to be reviewed for placement at the Olmsted/Middle High School as well

-All Saturday testing this year will be held at City Honors (186 E. North Street).

-And don't forget to share that the **CHS Open House** for families interested in our school will be held the morning of Saturday, October 26. You can share the flyer [at this link!](#)

Don't Forget: BPS Free Farmer's Markets Start THIS WEEK!



BPS Community Schools

FARMERS MARKETS

For more information, follow @BPSCommunitySchools on Facebook

<p>Oct. 19th 🍎</p> <p>#30 Frank Sedita - 11:30am #37 Futures - 11:30am #206 South Park - 10:30am Bennett Campus - 10:30am</p>	<p>Oct. 26th 🍆</p> <p>#43 Lovejoy - 10:30am #50 North Park - 10:30am #92 BUILD - 11:30am #208 Riverside - 11:30am</p>	<p>Nov. 2nd 🍌</p> <p>#93 Southside - 10:30am #94 West Hertel - 11:30am #207 Lafayette - 11:30am #301 Burgard - 11:30am</p>	<p>Nov. 16th 🍌</p> <p>#59 Charles Drew - 11:30am #74 Hamlin Park - 11:30am #76 Herman Badillo - 11:30am #89 Lydia T. Wright - 11:30am</p>
<p>Dec. 7th 🍌</p> <p>#97 Harvey Austin - 10:30am #198 IPREP - 10:30am #309 East - 11:30am Bennett Campus - 10:30am</p>	<p>Dec. 14th 🍌</p> <p>#3 D'Youville - 11:00am #43 Lovejoy - 10:30am #80 Highgate Heights - 11:30am #99 Makowski - 11:30am</p>	<p>Jan. 11th 🍏</p> <p>#43 Lovejoy - 10:30am #92 BUILD - 11:30am #207 Lafayette - 11:30am Bennett Campus - 10:30am</p>	<p>Jan. 25th 🍌</p> <p>#30 Frank Sedita - 11:30am #59 Charles Drew - 11:30am #206 South Park - 10:30am #301 Burgard - 11:30am</p>
<p>Feb. 1st 🍌</p> <p>#74 Hamlin Park - 11:30am #80 Highgate Heights - 11:30am #93 Southside - 10:30am #94 West Hertel - 11:30am</p>	<p>Feb. 8th 🍌</p> <p>#3 D'Youville - 11:00am #50 North Park - 10:30am #99 Makowski - 11:30am #206 South Park - 10:30am</p>	<p>Mar. 1st 🍌</p> <p>#89 Lydia T. Wright - 11:30am #207 Lafayette - 11:30am #301 Burgard - 11:30am #309 East - 11:30am</p>	<p>Mar. 8th 🍌</p> <p>#30 Frank Sedita - 11:30am #80 Highgate Heights - 11:30am #93 Southside - 10:30am #99 Makowski - 11:30am</p>
<p>Apr. 5th 🍌</p> <p>#74 Hamlin Park - 11:30am #80 Highgate Heights - 11:30am #94 West Hertel - 11:30am #206 South Park - 10:30am</p>	<p>Apr. 26th 🍌</p> <p>#3 D'Youville - 11:00am #37 Futures - 11:30am #43 Lovejoy - 10:30am #89 Lydia T. Wright - 11:30am</p>	<p>May 10th 🍌</p> <p>#93 Southside - 10:30am #97 Harvey Austin - 10:30am #198 IPREP - 10:30am Bennett Campus - 10:30am</p>	<p>May 31st 🍌</p> <p>#76 Herman Badillo - 11:30am #89 Lydia T. Wright - 11:30am #92 BUILD - 11:30am #208 Riverside - 11:30am</p>

Farmers Markets take place within Saturday Academy. All safety procedures must be followed.
One bag per household while supplies last. Please bring your own bag.
Dates & times subject to change.



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Reminders for Our Families During This Time of COVID

Keep Our CHS Students and Staff in School- Keep Our Families Safe!: We strongly encourage you to consult with your family doctor about having everyone five and older in your household vaccinated for COVID/receive a COVID booster where applicable. Need more reasons to get vaccinated? [Read more from the CDC](#). This is a critical matter for our school to function and to keep our community safe!

Free COVID Testing: The ECDOH offers free, walk in rapid ID Now and PCR testing at 608 William St Buffalo, NY from 9AM-3PM and at 3359 Broadway Cheektowaga, NY at 8AM-PM M-F. [Click on this link](#) for more information on these sites.

When You Need A Helping Hand

Tutoring and Test Prep Help: The CHS School Counselors have compiled a detailed listing of both free and for-hire academic and test prep tutoring services [at this link](#). Do you know of another valuable tutoring resource in our community? Email Mrs. Wright at acwilliams@buffaloschools.org and we'll add it to our list.

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.

Connect with CHS!

Click on the following links to better connect with the CHS Community

[CHS Website](#)

[CHS on Facebook](#)

[CHS on Threads](#)

[CHS on Instagram](#)

[CHS Sports Schedules](#)

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

[New York State Dignity Act \(DASA\) Information](#)

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](#)