



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
10.16.22



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School Picture Retakes are Tomorrow!

A reminder that school photo retakes will take place on Monday, October 17. More information can be found [at this link](#) about ordering photos. Questions? Contact Mr. Hecker at ethecker@buffaloschools.org.

Cold Weather Approaching

CHS Parents and Students: Cold weather is ahead! Don't be sad- our winter provides our abundance of fresh water, energy and change of scenery! But you do want to be prepared. Traffic moves slower during cold-weather and entry screening for high school students takes longer as students have more layers. What can you do to help?

- A. Be sure your child is dressed for the cold and the wet weather so they can stay safe and healthy.
- B. If you are transporting your child or they are taking metro, wake and leave the house earlier to account for delays in traffic and entry screening.

Thank you!

Grade 6-8 Computer Coding Club

CHS is excited to offer a middle school coding course for students in grades 6-8. The program will be offered on Wednesdays, from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm in room 210. The program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 26 and is designed for students to regularly attend. The [program registration form](#) is due to the main office by Friday, October 21. **This program is limited to 25 participants so be sure to submit your registration as soon as possible to secure a seat.**

The middle school after school coding course is offered through code.org. Code.org offers the 30-hour Computer Science Fundamentals Express Course. This course is designed for middle school beginning coders.

Curriculum length: 30 hours

Prior Knowledge: None! Just bring your curiosity

Cost to use curriculum and participate: None

Student login is approved via Microsoft with our District.

Parents/students can peruse this course [with this link](#) prior to signing up.

Please contact Ms. Patricia Wojtowicz, CHS Business and Computer Science Teacher, for additional information or questions: plwojtowicz@buffaloschools.org

A Musical Note

Did you know that CHS has an Opera Club? Learn about 'Club Met' and other important information from the CHS Music Department in the latest installment of [A Musical Note](#)! And don't forget, all previous issues are archived at the [Family Resources Page](#) of our school website.

CHS Chorale to Perform in Evita

Starring Buffalo is excited to have the City Honors Chorale perform in its production of EVITA, Nov. 4-5 at Shea's 710 Theatre! Founded in 2017, Starring Buffalo produces concert versions of musicals that combine three groups: Broadway actors, Buffalo professional actors, and outstanding high school choirs. The performances will be accompanied by a professional pit orchestra. Students will have opportunities to interact and learn from our Artistic Director Drew Fornarola, Buffalo actors, and Broadway actors, leading up to performance weekend. More information about Starring Buffalo and this upcoming performance can be found at: www.starringbuffalo.org. Starring Buffalo wishes to thank CHS choral music director, Mrs. Karen Saxon, for her energy and enthusiasm in bringing this opportunity to the students at City Honors!

CHS Financial Aid Night

A reminder that the CHS School Counseling Office will be hosting a representative from University at Buffalo virtually on Monday, October 16 to discuss the college financial aid process with families. All families in grades 11 and 12 are encourage to join us!

[Meeting link](#)

Meeting ID: 978 0837 7937

Passcode: 154034

CHS Girls Tennis Update

Five CHS girls qualified to play sectional at the Miller Tennis Center in Friday in Williamsville. Molly Sheehan will face off against Syanne Tyson of Williamsville South. Frances Teaman and Clara Rickus will play Tulesi Suresh and Jasmin Nigrav- Williamsville East. Liza Feinstein and Leah Kline will face Sara Qiu and Sophie Wang of Williamsville East. The CHS girls are 11-0 on the season. We will plan to have an update in the next issue of the Hilltop Notes.



FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

City Honors School
School Counseling Office

A representative from University at Buffalo will present on federal (FAFSA) and state (NYS TAP) financial aid processes for the 2023-2024 application cycle.

Monday, October 17, 2022
5:30 PM to 7 PM

The Zoom link and passcode will be posted in the CHS Class of 2023 Counselors Group on Schoology.

Attention Girls in Grade 7-12 Interested in Playing Basketball for CHS

There will be an informational meeting on October 25th at 2:45pm in the LGI Room to discuss details for the upcoming JV and Varsity Girls Basketball season at CHS. Our first practice will be November 14th! Questions? Email Coach Gardner at: ggardner@clarenceschools.org

Cardinal Craze Week is Approaching

Each fall our students participate in 'Cardinal Craze Week' to celebrate their pride in their classes and

their CHS spirit. You can read more about the origins of Cardinal Craze Week [at this link](#). This year, Cardinal Craze Week will take place October 24-28. The student planning committee has been hard at work with Dr. Kresse since the start of September and is ready to share a full run down of Cardinal Craze Week '22 activities this week with all families. In the meantime, families and students will want to be aware of the following:

-The **theme days** for Cardinal Craze Week have been unveiled for this year. Start planning those wacky outfits! Each day you dress in the theme, earns your class points toward becoming Guardians of the 'The Rock of Mt. Pelion' until next year. Check out this year's theme days [at this link!](#)

-The '**Hilltop Homecoming**' dance will be held on Friday, October 28 from 6:30-9:00pm for students in grades 9-12. Rules and permission slips have been placed outside the main office or can be obtained from the Cardinal Craze Week information block at the CHS [Parent Resources page](#). Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased during all lunch periods starting Monday. Proceeds from this year's dance will benefit the senior class to reduce the cost of senior dues which help to fund things like graduation activities, yearbooks, senior hoodies and more. The theme for this year's dance is 'Disco.' No ticket will be sold to a CHS student or guest unless a student has signed permission slip(s) to submit at the time of ticket purchase. Parents and students are asked to **very carefully** read the rules of how we structure our dances and permission slip to avoid unpleasant surprises on dance night and to provide our students with a safe and enjoyable evening.

Middle School Sports

Parents: We continue to receive concerns about the elimination of middle school cross country for the fall in BPS and the elimination of most BPS middle school girls and boys basketball teams during the winter, including the CHS middle school basketball teams. CHS students will now need to travel to 'zone' locations if they want to play on a middle school basketball team.

Please understand that athletics in BPS is centrally coordinated by the school district. The decision to eliminate these programs was not a school-based decision. Our school strongly believes that accessible athletic opportunities for all students are critical to student development. Inquiries about the elimination of these sports should be directed to the Assistant Superintendent for Athletics or members of the Board of Education who govern such changes rather than contacting our school-based administrators.

Families with interest in joining the zone team for middle school basketball and the ability to transport their child from the zone location can find registration information [at this link](#).

Traffic Safety Alert

CHS Parents: Please do not attempt to drop your child off along East North Street in the mornings between Masten Ave and Fosdick Ave as this requires students to walk across the entrance to the faculty parking lot which is very dangerous. Parents should also never attempt to enter the faculty parking lot at arrival or dismissal. The East curb to Fosdick Street is the safest place to drop children off and pick them up. This does require patience but our children are worth it!

CHS Grade Level Assessment Calendars

Attention parents and students: Have you seen our Grade Level Assessment Calendar? Our teachers post important assessments (important quizzes, tests, projects, papers, IB internal assessments, etc.) on it to make sure parents know when assessments are taking place and to help students' stay

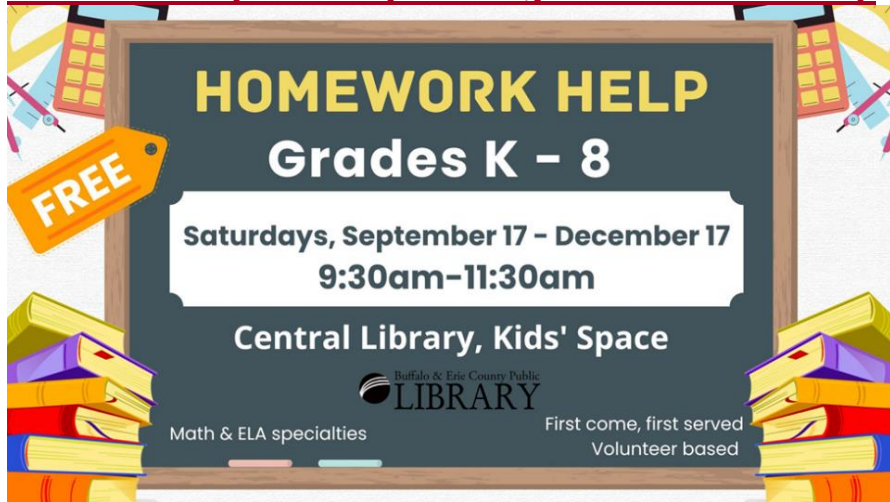
organized. Most importantly, it helps teachers to make sure students are not overloaded with assessments on a particular day. As an IB World School, City Honors is required to have a calendar for each grade level in the IB Middle Years Program (grades 5-10) and then for the Diploma Program (grades 11-12). Please note: On the right-hand side, you have the ability to uncheck the calendars that are not applicable to you. You can find the calendar [at this link](#).



Unity Day on The Hilltop

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. This is a month-long event intended to prevent childhood bullying, and to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Students, parents/caregivers, teachers, and school administrators all play an important role in preventing bullying. More than half of bullying situations stop when a peer intervenes on behalf of the student being bullied. All month, our students have been learning information on the morning announcements about how to respond to bullying and prevent it. **Please consider wearing orange on Wednesday, October 19th** for Unity Day to unite against bullying. In addition to sharing bullying prevention tips, students, faculty, and staff will work together to create our City Honors kindness tree during lunch periods to help inspire others and to help us all remember the importance of kindness.

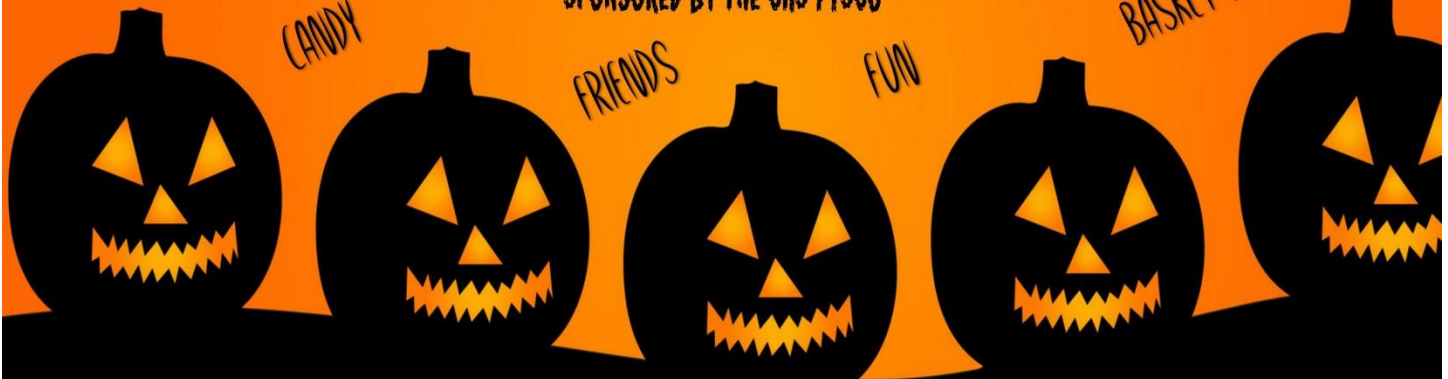
Central Library Saturday Morning K-8 Homework Help*



Grade 5 & 6 Families: Don't Forget to Register for "I-Scream Social and Haunted Lockers"

The special CHS tradition of 5th & 6th Grade Ice Scream Social and Haunted Lockers returns on Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. **Carefully read the flyer on the next page** for more information! Thank you to all of our PTSCO volunteers for organizing this event!

5TH & 6TH GRADE
ICE SCREAM SOCIAL AND HAUNTED LOCKERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 - 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
CITY HONORS ATRIUM/CAFETERIA
SPONSORED BY THE CHS PTSCO



ICE CREAM IS FREE FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS
FAMILY MEMBERS CAN PURCHASE ICE CREAM FOR \$2
PIZZA AND WATER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ANY OF THE 6TH GRADE PARENT REPS
JILLIAN CASCARINO — JILLIANCASCARINO@GMAIL.COM
MOLLY JOSLYN — MOLLY.B.JOSLYN@GMAIL.COM
TAVA SHANCHUK — SHANCHUK@YAHOO.COM

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED — SIGN UP AND PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH AT
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/ICESCREAMSOCIAL2022](https://bit.ly/icescreamsocial2022)

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

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

[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](#)