



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
10.17.21



Attention Grade 5/6 Families

Our 'Trunk or Treat' even for 5th and 6th graders will be taking place on October 30th! [Follow this link](#) to a flyer to find out more about the event and how you can help to make it a special day. Thank you to all of our grade level PTSCO representatives for making this possible for our students!

Boys Varsity Swim Team

Any boys in grades 7-12 interested in joining the Centaur varsity swim team are asked to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 19th right after school in room 328. If you cannot attend the meeting for some reason, please be sure to stop by room 328 during the day to pick up the necessary paperwork. Questions? See Coach Mrugala in room 328 or email her at klmrugala@buffaloschools.org.

CHS Middle School Ski Club

The CHS Middle Ski Club at Kissing Bridge will take place again this school year but families will need to arrange for their own transportation again this year. We hope to have busses again in the future. Any families with interest should carefully [read the flyer at this link](#). Thank you to our friends at PTSCO as well as CHS parent and BPS teacher, Mrs. Lester for making this available to our students.

Our Story Project

Tomorrow morning, all students in grades 9-11 will receive a brief presentation from district officials about the 'Our Story' project. Following the presentation, applications will be provided for all students with interest in joining the program. The district has set a limit of 50 students per school. Students must bring applications home for parent review so parents understand the obligations of the program. Learn more about the Our Story Project [at this link](#).

Girls Tennis Team

Congratulations to the CHS girls varsity tennis team who participated in the city championship last week. Senior Avery White captured the district singles title for the second year in a row. 8th graders Madeleine Lloyd and Francis Teaman advanced to the finals of the doubles tournament which was postponed twice due to darkness and rain over the past few days. Good luck to both these girls when play resumes! Maddy, Frances and Avery also participated in the sectional championships this past Friday in Lakewood, NY and represented CHS well!

Willie Hutch Jones Education and Sports Programs

The [Willie Hutch Jones Education and Sports Program](#) (WHJESP) offers another year of FREE Virtual After School Programming for students ages 8-16. The virtual platform presents a well-rounded program that focuses on science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM), offers physical

fitness activities, virtual field trips, and chess instruction taught on an exclusively created interactive digital chessboard. The virtual after-school program is held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. The WHJESP recruited some of this region's finest institutions and educators to facilitate the program. The Steam Club, directed by the Museum of Science and Tiff Nature Preserve, offers themed science kits monthly by curbside pickup and is geared toward the WHJESP Annual Science Fair on March 19, 2022. That Science Fair will be returning to an in-person event at the Burchfield Penney Art Center and offering virtual competition for kids anywhere in the nation to compete. Burchfield Penney Art Center provides art instruction using materials that can be easily sourced from home and guided virtual field trips through the gallery. With 38 years of experience, the WHJESP touts a well-respected physical fitness program and chess instruction from a team of dynamic multilingual educators.

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.

Connect with CHS!

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

[CHS Website](#)

[CHS on Facebook](#)

[CHS on Twitter](#)

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[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](#)