



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
10.9.23



Calendar Reminders

10/11	PTSCO Meeting (5:30pm) via Google Meet at this link
10/14, 10/21, 11/18	CHS Saturday Placement Testing for students attending private/charter schools or BPS students testing for grades 6 & 8. More info at this link .
10/25	Grade 10 PSAT
10/26	Grade 11 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
10/27	Grade 5/6 Haunted Lockers & I-Scream Social (6:00pm-8:00pm)
11/4	CHS Open House (9:00am-12:00pm) for all families considering attending City Honors

Student Safety Alert

If you are picking-up or dropping-off your child at City Honors, it is critical that you expect congestion and demonstrate patience. Important reminders for parents transporting their children:

-Do not stop your car in the middle of the street. Only stop your car on Fosdick Street if you find a school-side curb to pull along so your child can enter/exit the vehicle right onto the curb.

-Do not enter the school parking lot prior to 4:00pm.

-Do not pick-up/drop-off on North Street or Masten Avenue. These are not safe areas for student pick-up/drop-off due to bus transport and staff entering the main parking lot.

-Reduce your stress: drop your child to school early or pick them up ten minutes after dismissal to avoid peak traffic.

-Please do not attempt to retrieve your child from the school between 2:45 and 3:09 unless it is an emergency as our administrative and office staff is focused at this time on preparing students for an orderly dismissal.

The Buffalo Public Schools and Superintendent Dr. Tonja Williams are committed to the restoration of Fosdick Field and the elimination of Fosdick Street which causes traffic congestion around our school and reduces walk-ability/bike-ability for our students. We ask for your patience until we are able to arrive at this reconfiguration of traffic patterns.

Security Screening and Transportation

CHS Families- Thank you for your patience and support as our school district has been implementing new systems this school year for yellow bus transportation and screening students upon arrival. Dr. Kresse is communicating areas in need of improvement to the district. We will continue to work on

solutions and advocate for improvements until all systems work properly for our students.

Courier College Prep at CHS

Courier College Prep is providing Algebra 2 tutoring and 'Standardized Best' workshops at CHS every Tuesday during lunch periods and Thursday after school! **During the month of October**, Thursday sessions will prepare grade 10 and 11 students for the new electronic PSAT. Thanks to BPS 'Partnership' Funding, there is **no cost for these sessions** held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please see the flyer on the right hand side for more information.

Pelion Outdoor Classroom at CHS

GARDEN CLUB MEETUPS: Garden Club will meet on Thursdays after school throughout October. All grades welcome. Pickup is 4pm.

If any parent can assist with setting up or activities from 2:45-4:00pm, please reach out Ms.Caesandra at 716-803-5566 or peliongarden@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Pelion will harvest some of our honey frames OCT 14, 10am-noon. If you are able to help turn the crank on the extractor you get a free sample!

Courier College Prep will be offering in-school and after school enrichment opportunities weekly throughout the school year.

Brian Eldridge will be in the building on the following days:

Tuesdays from 11:00 am-1:15 pm for individual Algebra II assistance (Counseling Office)

Thursdays from 3:20 pm-5:20 pm for 'Standardized Best' Workshops, where Brian will run small and large format test prep for the dSAT, SAT and ACT. (LGI or Museum Room)

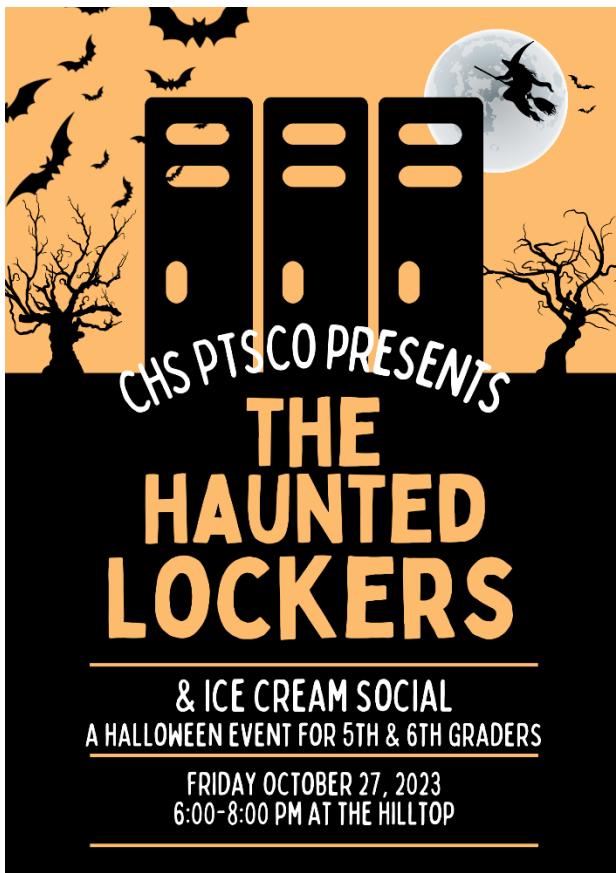
Sept. & Oct. classes will focus on the new digital PSAT, which CH students will take in late October, as well as College Application 101 seminars where students can bring in questions about the Common App, admissions strategies, merit aid & scholarships and more.

Learn more about Courier College Prep here:
www.couriercollegeprep.com

Brian can be reached at couriercollegeprep@gmail.com



Sign-Up Form for Algebra II enrichment



You're Invited to a Spooky Good Time!

 **Date:** Friday, October 27th, 2023

 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

 **Location:** CHS Atrium

5th and 6th Graders: Get ready for a frightfully fun evening! Experience the Haunted Lockers and indulge in delicious ice cream. Costumes Welcomed!

 To make this event spooktacular, we need your help!

Volunteer or Donate to add to the eerie excitement. Contact Molly Joslyn at molly.b.joslyn@gmail.com.

See you there for a chillingly good time!  

Attention Students in Grades 10-12*

Youth Leadership Buffalo is a leadership enrichment program for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 representing schools throughout our community. The curriculum builds a foundation of leadership skills, an awareness of community issues, an appreciation for diversity and a commitment to lifelong community service. This is a wonderful experience to share on your college application. Online applications are due before **October 13, 2023**. The Buffalo Board of Education is currently working to secure funds to cover the costs for BPS students. The school board is encouraging any interested student to apply. City Honors has had students graduate from Youth Leadership Buffalo since 1994! More information and the online application can be found [at this link](#).

Cardinal Craze Week Rescheduled

Cardinal Craze Week is a school-wide celebration of our incredible school spirit at CHS and includes lots of fun for all grade levels. After meeting with some of our senior leaders on Friday, Dr. Kresse made the decision to push back Cardinal Craze Week 2023 to the week of November 13 in order to avoid a number of scheduling conflicts with student activities in October. The Cardinal Craze High School Dance will be held on the evening of November 17. Please keep an eye on your Hilltop Notes in the weeks to come for more information from our Cardinal Craze Committee!

Attention Students in Grades 7-12*

The Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus will be holding an Open House on Saturday, October 14 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Join us for this student open house designed specifically for 7th to 12th graders! Bring your friends and family along as this event is open to all interested individuals. We invite you to start your exploration at 640 Ellicott Street. This location serves as the starting point for an exciting journey.

During the open house, you will have the opportunity to visit state-of-the-art research labs, observe hospital rooms in action, and explore creative spaces. Get an up-close look at the advanced technology and facilities that are shaping the future of healthcare.

Participate in a tour of our lab and medical facilities where you can witness groundbreaking research and cutting-edge medical practices. Test your skills on an endovascular surgical simulator and experience what it's like to work in the medical field.

Witness the capabilities of 3D printers as we demonstrate their usage and potential applications. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the process and see these printers in action.

As a special feature, we will be screening a pre-recorded surgery. Gain insight into the intricate world of modern medicine and witness the remarkable procedures that save lives.

The best part? This event is completely free! However, we encourage you to pre-register for the Open House [at this link](#) to secure your spot. Alternatively, you can also register on the day of the event at the registration desk. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to explore the world of advanced healthcare and research. Join us and see what the future holds in these exciting fields!



CHS Winter Bazaar

Join us for a festive Winter Bazaar, an annual CHS tradition!

Date: December 13, 2023

Time: During All lunch Periods

Location: The Atrium

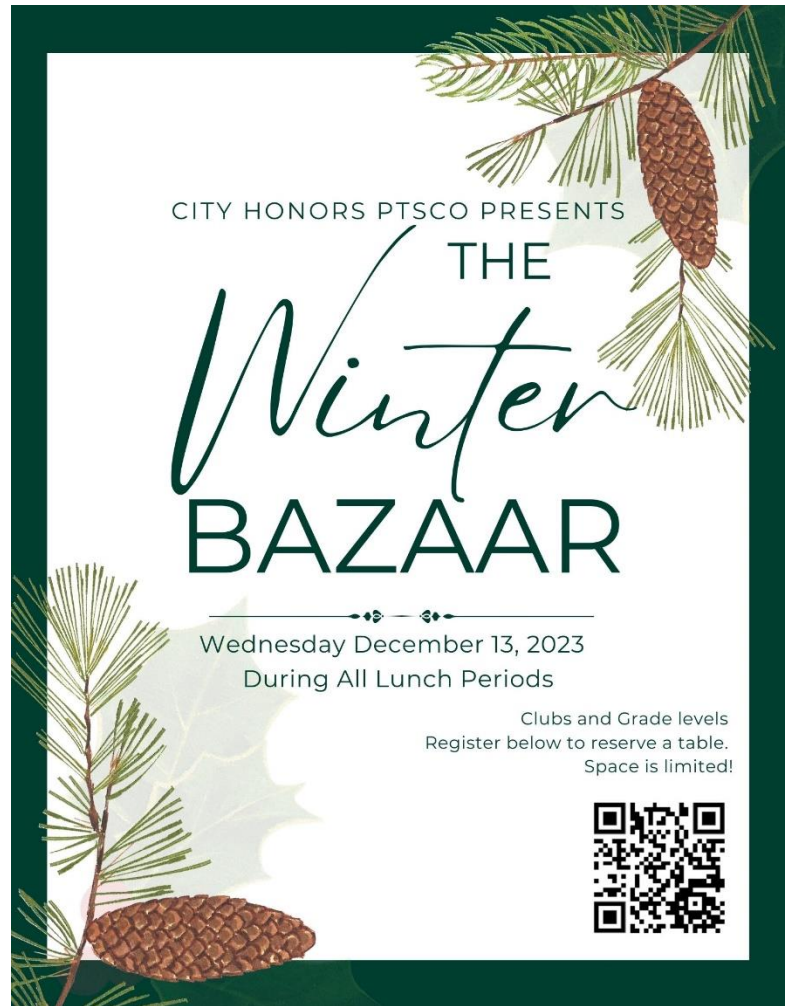
Experience a Winter Marketplace with shopping tables, seasonal activities, and merriment from City Honors Clubs and grade levels.

Fundraising Opportunity for Clubs! Clubs can showcase and sell items at the Winter Bazaar, boosting their fundraising efforts for exciting activities and initiatives. Online Registration [at this link](#).




Need more info? Contact:

- Jennifer Cox at cox.jennifer@gmail.com
- Kate Sellers at katetrey@verizon.net

Reach out to your PTSCO Grade Parent Representative(s) to contribute through volunteering or donations. **Register Today. Space is Limited**



BSAC Youth Basketball League*

 <p align="center">Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club Girls & Boys Basketball Registration 23-24</p>		
<p>House League Girls/Boys Grades 3rd - 6th Fees: \$150.00</p>	<p>Dates: Mon. Oct. 16, 2023 Tues. Oct. 17, 2023 Wed. Oct. 18, 2023 Time (All nights): 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Boys Grades 7th - 8th Fees: \$150.00</p>
<p>Location: Blessed Sacrament School Gymnasium 263 Claremont Ave</p>		<p>For Additional Information please call: Mark Zirnheld @ 716 871-0595 for boys (3rd- 6th grade) Marissa Mergler @ 716 982-1476 for girls (3rd-6th grade) Dan Leslie @ 716 480-2748 for boys (7th and 8th grade)</p>
<p>Registration Link (Pay Onsite) https://forms.gle/CNvdKbJkYSQ7uTZp7 or Register and Pay on-site</p>	<p>Registration QR Code (Point to QR Code with Phone Camera to go to registration)</p> 	<p>Practice and Game times 3rd -6th Boys: Practice: Sat 8am-5pm Games: Mon and/or Wed. 6pm, 7pm or 8pm. Girls: Practice: Weeknight 6pm-8pm Games: Sunday: Early afternoon (12pm-3pm) 7th and 8th Grade Boys Practice TBD Note: Practice times are team dependent. Game: Sunday Mornings 9am-11am</p>
<p>Given the current COVID-19 situation, 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 MUST sign up by Wednesday October 18, 2023 so we know if there are enough players to run the program. • All returning players playing in the same league will be placed on the SAME team. • Requests to play on a specific team will NOT be honored. 		

Girls Basketball Open Gym

Any girls in grades 7-12, interested in playing Girls basketball for City Honors, please consider attending our open gyms on Sundays at Gloria Parks 11-12:30, please email Coach Gardner at ggardner@clarenceschools.org for more information.

Attention Baseball Players in Grades 7-10

Any boys in grades 7-10 interested in Playing JV baseball this Spring, please consider attending our Fall Ball sessions in September throughout the month of October. Please email Coach Gardner at ggardner@clarenceschools.org for more specific information.

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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

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](#)