



**Hilltop Notes**  
for the CHS Community  
11.1.22



**It's Time to Sign-Up for CHS Winter Sports Teams!**

CHS Winter Sports teams are currently looking for students in grades 7-12 to join their rosters. Winter is better when you are active and healthy! All the information you need to join CHS winter sports teams can be found [at this link](#). Don't delay in contacting the coach of the team you want to join!

**See the CHS Chorale Perform in Evita at Shea's This Weekend!**

The CHS Chorale will be joining Starring Buffalo in three performances of *Evita* November 4-5. If you're interested in supporting the Chorale's FIRST professional performance, be sure to enter the code "sbfamily" when you purchase your tickets [at this link](#).

More information: Starring Buffalo is proud to present *EVITA*, the soaring epic musical by seven-time Tony Award winner Andrew Lloyd Webber (*The Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*) and three-time Academy Award winner Tim Rice (*The Lion King*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*). Set in Argentina between 1934 and 1952, *EVITA* charts Eva Peron's rise to become the most powerful woman in Latin America, and features some of musical theater's finest songs, including the smash hit "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina".

The cast will feature Tony Award-Winner Lena Hall (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *Kinky Boots*) as Eva, Robi Hager (*Spring Awakening*, *Little Duende*) as Che and Nicholas Rodriguez (*Company*, *Tarzan*) as Juan Peron, performing alongside Buffalo area stars Anna Fernandez (Artie Award-Nominee, *A Chorus Line*) as The Mistress and Raphael Santos (Artie Award-Nominee, *The Toxic Avenger*) as Magaldi. Buffalo's best join them on stage for each unforgettable performance: Blaise Mercedes, Victoria Perez, Mateo Rivera, Joe Russi, Madalyn Teal and Dan Torres, as well as dozens of Western New York singers, dancers, and musicians.

STARRING BUFFALO offers Buffalo audiences unrivaled access to the world's greatest theater artists, while providing Western New York students the chance to learn from, work alongside, and be inspired in both master class and concert environments.

Thank you to CHS Vocal Music Director, Mrs. Karen Saxon, for making this opportunity possible for our students!



## **Come Cheer-on CHS Boys' Volleyball in Sectionals!**

The CHS Boys Varsity Volleyball team will be hosting a Quarter Final Sectional play-off game vs. Cheektowaga on Wednesday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm at City Honors. Staff, students and families are encouraged to come out to the Hilltop Gymnasium and enjoy some exciting volleyball action!

## **CHS Girls Tennis Wrap-Up**

City Honors Girls Varsity Tennis went undefeated, 12-0 this season, and just had an all around win at the BPS city championships! Molly Sheehan played singles, winning against Hutch Tech, and Frances Teaman and Clara Rickus played doubles, winning against our very own City Honors girls Liza Feinstien and Lily Brown. Congratulations to Girls Varsity Tennis for a great season!! Great job to Molly Sheehan, Frances Teaman, Clara Rickus, Liza Feinstein, Lily Brown, Leah Kline, Isabelle Gardner, Samura Osmani, Sata Say, Keri Shee, Akeylah Hatten, and Issy Prova!

## **A Musical Note**

Read about CHS music opportunities and happenings in the October 28 issue of a *Musical Note*, the weekly newsletter of the CHS Music Department! All issues of a Musical Note are archived in the Family Resources section of cityhonors.org... so you won't miss a beat.

## **Three Sister's Potluck at Pelion Outdoor Classroom**

Join us for dinner to celebrate the end of the growing season! **Friday, 4 NOV. 5:00-6:30pm** (rain date 5<sup>th</sup> of NOV 5-6:30pm)

You may remember that our 3 Sisters Island was under a tarp for most of COVID so we could reset the soil and reduce the bindweed (and other pesky plants). The current batch of 6th graders were responsible for starting the seeds of corn, beans, and squash then planting the companion mounds last spring. All summer (every day) we watered and watered and watered and watered and waaaat--so much watering. The result was glorious butternut squash, lovely Martian Jewel ears of corn, and several hundred pods of black eyed peas! 6th graders seemed very impressed with what they started. So, let's eat together!

We will have the camp stove setup for popping corn and simmering a HUGE pot of butternut squash soup! Please bring your favorite recipes featuring corn, beans, or squash. If you do not have time to cook, please bring any of the following: jug of cider, grape juice, tea, thermal cups, utensils, serving tools, bowls, or desserts.

### Needs:

- Someone(s) willing to prepare the butternuts--peel/chunk/roast/bag/bring to the garden. Connect with Ms.Caesandra to collect or have the-squash-we-grew dropped off asap.
- Someone able to pick up the water cooler, fill it and bring it with ice water
- Someone to bring a backup propane tank...just in case
- Setup: arrive at 4pm to setup buffet tables, camp stove, blankets and supervise the

Cleanup: Hopefully, there won't be much food left to wrap, rinse pots/

ALL BELLIES WELCOME--As always, we love to see alumni, grammas, and puppies--invite them!

See more at our [Facebook event page](#).

Questions--please txt or call Ms.Caesandra 716-803-5566

Note: you can also drop off your squooshy jack-o-lanterns, bagged leaves, corn stalks, or straw bales to Pelion. Several beds will be ready and we'll even hand you the hatchet!

### **CHS Speech and Debate Opens the Season in Fine Form at Brighton**

Your City Honors Speech and Debate team dominated in its first tournament of the season, placing 1st amongst 5 schools from the Buffalo-Rochester region on Saturday, 10/22 at the Brighton Invitational. In fact, 15 of our 16 competing students took home a medal in their respective categories.

In Speech, junior Annika Wilewicz placed 1st in Original Oratory, while senior captain Phoebe Lawton not only placed 1st in Oral Interpretation, but also is now half qualified for the NYS championship tournament this April!

In Lincoln Douglas Debate, sophomore and novice debaters Amber Fleahman and Geneieve Harris placed 1st and 2nd respectively. At the intermediate level, it was a clean sweep as Sali Salamata, Zaima Islam and Daniel Moka earned gold, silver and bronze. Our senior captains placed 1-2 at the varsity level, with Julia Chiriboga taking 1st and becoming half qualified for the state tournament and Ciah Courtney placing 2nd.

In Public Forum Debate, the freshmen team of Brian Caulfield and Jack Redwine took the silver medal, while the sophomore team of Sifat Ahmed and Arian Bhuiyan placed 1st in the novice level. At the intermediate level, juniors Tiahnee Porter and Madoka Aldstadt placed 1st and Nathan Lloyd and Aidan Becker placed 3rd. Finally, in Varsity PFD, Seniors Zach Biniszkievicz and Julia Eagan placed 3rd, while Senior Captains Liam Cobb and Jake Baldwin earned 2nd place, just narrowly missing out on a state half qual.

Congratulations to a great squad effort. The team was back in action this past Saturday, 10/29 at the Webster-Schroeder Invitational. We'll have a full run-down in the next issue.

### **COVID Boosters and Flu Shots**

Please check with your family doctor to see if it is time for COVID booster shots in your family. It is also time for fall flu shots. Vaccinations help to:

- reduce the intensity and length of illness
- save lives
- keep our school open and life as normal as possible for our students.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter!

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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.

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

[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](#)*