

Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
12.15.24



Upcoming Calendar Reminders

12/16 6:30pm	Winter Vocal Music Concert (CHS Auditorium)
12/18 6:30pm	Winter Instrumental Music Concert (CHS Auditorium)
12/18	CHS Winter Bazaar (during all lunch periods)
12/18 3:30pm	Faculty Meeting (some activities may be cancelled or postponed)
12/19 3:35pm	Site Based Management Team Meeting (Hilltop Museum)
12/19 4:00pm	Holiday Relays (CHS Natatorium)
12/20 8:00am-1:45pm	CHS Connect Life Club Blood Drive (see flyer below)
12/23-1/1	Winter Recess- No School
1/2	Classes resume
1/2 5:30pm	PTSCO Meeting (Remote use this link for all PTSCO meeting info)
1/8	Faculty Meeting (some activities may be cancelled or postponed)
1/6 3:35pm	Site Based Management Team Meeting (Hilltop Museum)
1/17 9:00am	45 th Annual 'Keeping the Dream Alive' Assembly (CHS Auditorium)
1/20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No School
1/21-1/24	January Regents Exams- No school for students in grades 9-12 unless scheduled for a Regents exam.

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!

Updates from Pelion Outdoor Classroom at CHS

Annual Outdoor Cookie Exchange! December 19, 4-6pm: Bring two dozen cookies (or fudge, brittle, mini-muffins, truffles, etc) to exchange and build a platter to take home. "Snow or Shine" Dress for the weather--especially if you have a holiday sweater. As always Grammas, Alums, and doggos are welcome! Games and DOOR PRIZE opportunities to win some cookie books, baking tools and fun stuff. Use the [Facebook timeline](#) or [SignUpGenius](#) to tell us what you'll bring. No time to bake? Bring candy canes, a jug of water, cider, bag of mini marshmallows, oat milk or cocoa mix.
Raindate: 12/20 same everything else!

-We are still accepting frozen pumpkins

-We can collect DASHs receipts during the cookie exchange or you can turn them into homeroom teachers

-We will have a table at the Winter Bazaar offering ornaments, seeds, honey samples and growing kits so please send small bills.

-Pelion will gladly repurpose your evergreen holiday tree (but Ms.Caesandra will be in Texas during January so please drop it off). We need at least 12 + some bigger ones.

**Presented by City Honors
Wellness Team**

FESTIVE FUN WEEK

**MONDAY 12/16- ALL IS MERRY AND BRIGHT! WEAR
SPARKLES/SEQUINS OR BRIGHT FESTIVE COLORS.**

**TUESDAY 12/17- GRINCH DAY! WEAR YOUR GRINCHIEST
APPAREL OF ALL OR WEAR GREEN.**

WEDNESDAY 12/18- WINTER WONDERLAND WEDNESDAY!

EMBRACE THE COLD BY WEARING WHITE, SILVER, OR BLUE

**THURSDAY 12/19- TRADITION THURSDAY! WEAR CLOTHING OR
COLORS THAT REPRESENT THE HOLIDAY YOU CELEBRATE.**

FRIDAY 12/20- NATIONAL UGLY SWEATER DAY!

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SWEATER.

CHS Winter Bazaar

🍷 City Honors PTSCO Presents the Winter Bazaar, an annual CHS tradition! 🍷

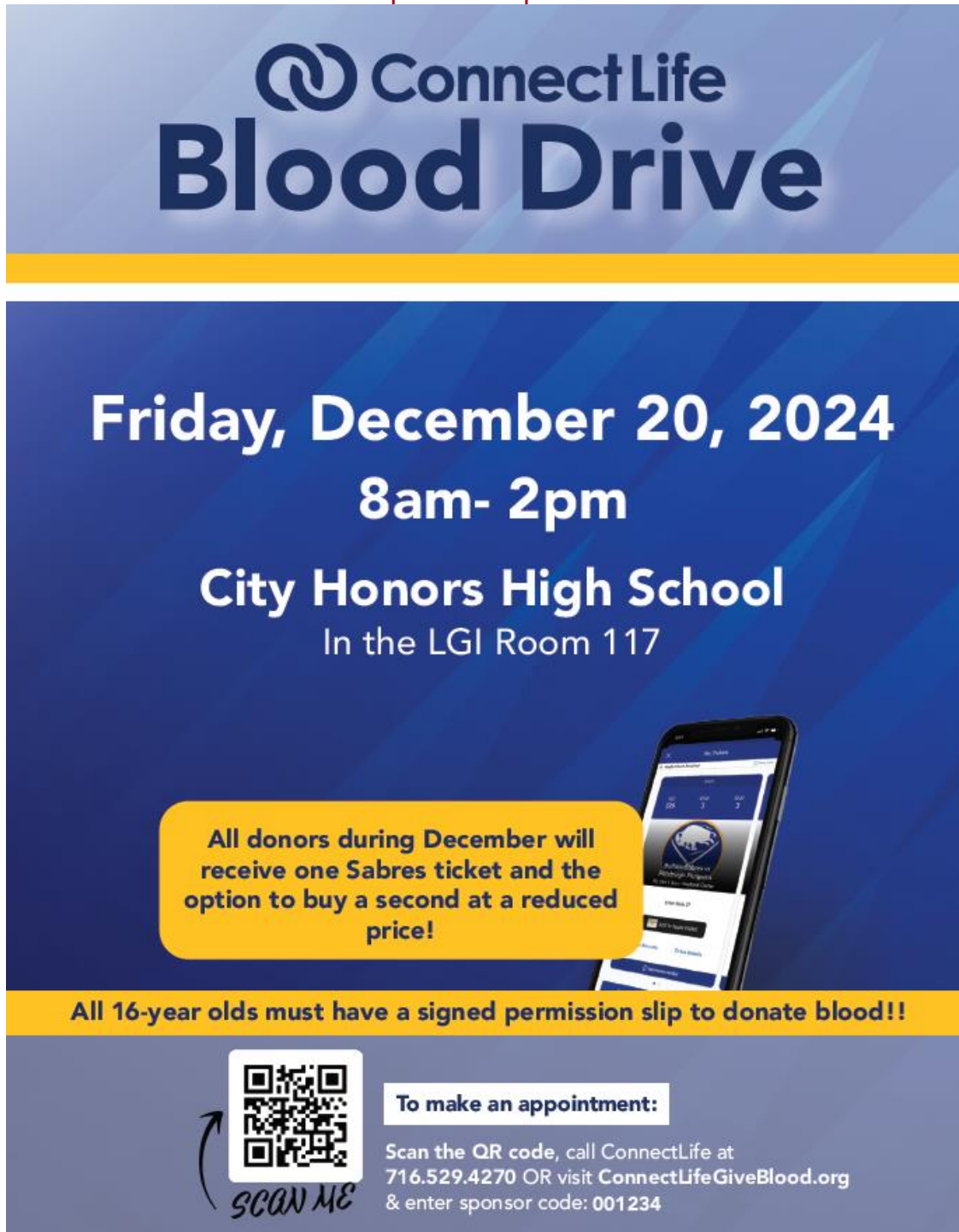
Experience a Winter Marketplace with shopping tables, seasonal activities, and merriment from City Honors Clubs and grade levels. Clubs can showcase and sell items at the Winter Bazaar, boosting their fundraising efforts for exciting activities and initiatives. Online Registration [at this link](#). Register Today. Space is Limited! Need more info? Contact: Jennifer Cox at cox.jennifer@gmail.com

Reach out to your PTSCO Grade Parent Representative(s) to contribute through volunteering or donations.



CHS Connect Life Club Blood Drive

The students of the CHS Connect Life Club encourage you to give the life of life! Sign-up preferred, but walk-ins are welcome and open to the public!



The poster features a blue background with a yellow horizontal band at the top and bottom. The top band contains the "Connect Life Blood Drive" logo in white. The main blue area contains the event details in white text: "Friday, December 20, 2024", "8am- 2pm", "City Honors High School", and "In the LGI Room 117". A yellow callout box on the left states: "All donors during December will receive one Sabres ticket and the option to buy a second at a reduced price!". To the right of this box is an image of a smartphone displaying the ConnectLife app. At the bottom, a yellow band contains the text: "All 16-year olds must have a signed permission slip to donate blood!!". Below this, on the left, is a QR code with a curved arrow pointing to it and the text "SCAN ME". To the right of the QR code is a white box with the text "To make an appointment:" followed by the instructions: "Scan the QR code, call ConnectLife at 716.529.4270 OR visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org & enter sponsor code: 001234".

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Save the Date for Party on the Wharf!

The City Honors Foundation will host our annual signature school fundraiser at the Tewksbury Lodge the evening of **Wednesday, June 18th**. This adults-only fundraiser includes food and beverage, auction items, entertainment, and an opportunity to mingle with parents, alumni and community members. All proceeds support City Honors students! More details to come. Questions? Want to join the planning committee? Contact Nicole Shepherd at nms23buffalo@gmail.com

COME AND WATCH the Music Department's Vocal & Instrumental CONCERTS

VOCAL

December
16th

@

6:30pm

INSTRUMENTAL

December
18th

◆ FREE ◆
ADMISSION
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IN THE AUD.



Flyer by Salina Hanif, CHS '26



BPS Athletics

present

FREE

FAMILY HOLIDAY BOWLING DAY

Saturday, December 21, 2024, 10AM-6PM

KERNS AVENUE BOWLING CENTER
163 Kerns Avenue, Buffalo, 14211

Each family must be accompanied by a BPS student. An adult must remain present with students 19 and under.

Students must provide their 900 number and school to receive:
3 free games, bowling shoes, 5 chicken wings, fries, drink

First come, First served



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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](#)