



**Hilltop Notes**  
for the CHS Community  
1.14.21



**Go Bills! Beat those pesky Pats!**

**From the CHS School Counseling and IB Offices**

The School Counseling and IB Offices at CHS would like to let families know that over the course of the next few weeks we will be visiting your child's classes to talk with them about course scheduling for next school year. Please keep an eye out for important forms that your child will need you to review and sign to bring back to our offices.

The school counselors visited 8th grade Social Studies classes on Wednesday 1/12/22. We will visit 11th grade Social Studies classes on Thursday 1/20/22, 9th grade on Thursday 2/3/22, and 10th grade on Friday 2/11/22. Scheduling forms on colored paper should be returned to the School Counseling office by 2/18/22. Any student who is absent for the presentations should come see their School Counselor ASAP upon their return to school. A copy of the presentation will be posted in the School Counselor Group page resource section in Schoology.

Mrs. Banas, IB Diploma Program Coordinator, will be presenting to our 10th grade students about the IB Diploma Program on Tuesday 2/1/22 (Mr. Belge's ELA classes), and Wednesday 2/2/22 (Ms. Ziolkowski's ELA classes). Students interested in registering for the IB Diploma Program will need to return completed IB applications to Mrs. Banas by 2/18/22. Please email [ebanas@buffaloschools.org](mailto:ebanas@buffaloschools.org) for any questions regarding the IB Diploma Program.

**City Honors Week at Griddle & Greens**

The Class of 2023 is hosting 'City Honors Week' at Griddle & Greens on Elmwood Avenue **all week from January 17- January 21 from 11:00am-3:00pm each day**. This is an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful fresh meal as well as to support a great local business and our junior class. The funds earned by the junior class will help to reduce their senior dues and expenses. Please [read the flyer at this link](#) which provides more information!

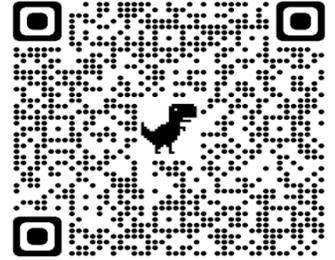
**Yearbook Advertisements- Final Notice**

This is your last CHANCE to order and create an Ad for your Graduating Senior to be printed in the 2022 Yearbook. The deadline of 1/31 is fast approaching and space is extremely limited. Go to [www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com) today and create your Senior Yearbook Ad. Don't wait!

Our yearbook staff would like to remind parents that 1/4 pages are \$80, 1/2 pages are \$140 and full pages are \$225.

### **Lacrosse Players Wanted!**

Off-season workouts for the BPS boys Varsity and JV lacrosse teams will begin soon! Please scan the QR code at right and fill out the form if you have interest in joining!



**ALL STUDENTS are Invited. ALL Equipment Provided.** Buying your own Stick and Gloves is recommended BUT NOT Necessary! Please Contact Coach Truilizio at 716-430-8989 (Text Preferred) if you have any questions!

### **The IB Minute**

Attention Parents of Grade 10 Students: The IB Personal Project is well underway here on the Hilltop! At this point, your child should have already selected a learning and product goal, created their own timeline and criteria, and met with their supervisor for their first full meeting where they discuss their initial 4 journals. Please make a point to check in with your child regarding their topic and goal, as their progress will be reflected on their second quarter report card. Please note that an "S" indicates that the student is caught up and working diligently on their project. A "U" would indicate the opposite, and the student should immediately reach out to their Personal Project supervisor directly.

Please contact James Moses, our project coordinator, with any questions at [jamoses@buffaloschools.org](mailto:jamoses@buffaloschools.org).

### **Early Release Day**

A reminder that on Thursday, January 20, students in **grades 5-8 and high school students who ride yellow buses** will be released at 11:45 AM.

### **Football Players Wanted!**

Hutch-Tech Football is organizing for the 2022 season! As a part of state alignment, all City Honors students who would like to play high school football play for Hutch-Tech.

Please scan the QR code at right and answer a few questions. You will then be contacted by Coach Truilizio to inform you of workouts and training sessions this SPRING and SUMMER!



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN START DOING IS LIFTING WEIGHTS, RUN TRACK or PLAYING LACROSSE. ALL 3 ACTIVITIES WILL GET YOU READY FOR THE FALL FOOTBALL SEASON.

PLAY F.A.S.T: FUN, ATTENDANCE, STUDY, TRAIN!

## **Mercy College Leadership Academy for Current Grade 11 Students**

The Mercy College Business Honors Program in New York City is hosting a Summer Leadership Academy in July 2022 for high achieving Juniors/Rising Seniors (graduating 2023). There are THREE separate week-long experiences – CHOOSE ONE! Learn more and apply [at this link](#).

## **CHS Annual Fund**

The CHS Annual Fund is off to a great start! Thank you to all families and staff who have already sent in their donations or have given through the United Way or SEFA. You can make your family's donation and learn more about the CHS Annual Fund [at this link](#). When EVERY CHS family contributes to the Annual Fund, EVERY student at CHS benefits!



## **Temporary Band Teacher Needed**

We continue to search for a temporary band teacher. If you know anyone with background in wind and percussion instruments who might like to teach our students, please encourage them to contact BPS Music Director, James Schwanz, at [jschwanz@buffaloschools.org](mailto:jschwanz@buffaloschools.org) as soon as possible.

## **BPS Calendar Changes**

CHS families are asked to mark their calendars with the following changes to the school calendar that have been announced by the superintendent of schools:

**Grade 9-12 Students:** Due to the cancellation of January Regents exams, the Buffalo Public Schools have changed January 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th to regular school days for high school students. Students are expected to attend all days of the school. These school days and work completed during this time are a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**Grade 5-8 Students:** Jan 20 and March 1 will be early release days for grade 5-8 students only. Students at these grades levels will end their school day at 11:30. High school students will have a full day of school on these days.

## **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!

**Reporting COVID Cases in Your Household:** Please email news of any COVID cases in your household to Ms. McDow, assistant principal, and Nurse Cammarata. These staff members are managing our COVID safety initiatives and response. They can outline next steps for your family as it pertains to school. It is important that you email Ms. McDow ([cmcdow@buffaloschools.org](mailto:cmcdow@buffaloschools.org)) and Nurse Cammarata ([dcammarata@shccares.com](mailto:dcammarata@shccares.com)) as this will allow them to receive your communication outside of school hours and provide the quickest possible response. **Please do not leave voicemails or messages in the main office.**

As we move indoors more and more due to the cold weather, the COVID virus has a greater opportunity to jump from person to person. We are emphasizing good safety practices with our students including distancing, proper mask wearing and hygiene. Please stress these practices with your child at home and with family members. We strongly encourage anyone in your household approved by your family doctor and eligible to receive the flu and COVID vaccines to receive them as soon as possible, if they have not already. These steps will help to keep our students and staff in school where they need to be!

**COVID Testing:** COVID-19 testing is a great way to monitor and contain the spread of the virus. The Buffalo Public Schools in partnership with the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH), Buffalo Homecare, Inc., and Quadrant Biosciences, Inc. Laboratory is pleased to offer high quality on school site optional COVID-19 random surveillance testing. COVID-19 testing is for any staff or student who consents to participate, regardless of their vaccination status.

Testing occurs weekly and consists of a random selection of 10% of the consenting school population. This program uses an oral (mouth) PCR test swab that will be gentle, minimally invasive, and can be self-collected by the person being tested.

Anyone vaccinated or unvaccinated who consents can be tested in the surveillance testing program. Prior to this tentative start date, if you choose to participate in the optional testing program, please follow the steps outlined below by ECDOH, in order to ensure that you are correctly enrolled in this program.

Step 1: Watch the ECDOH Program Overview Presentation [at this link](#).

Step 2: Register with and complete the Quadrant Program Consent Form [at this link](#).

It is important to note that our testing program will not fulfill the New York State Department of Health's requirement for unvaccinated staff to be tested weekly.

Thank you for working with us to help fulfill our goal of keeping our buildings safe and open for instruction.

**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.

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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](#)*