



**Hilltop Notes**  
for the CHS Community  
1.21.23



**“Office Hours” are now “Centaur Support Time”**

Every CHS teacher is allotted time four days a week from the end of 8<sup>th</sup> period until 3:10 for students to drop-in for assistance and consultation. In the past we referred to these as “Office Hours”. To create a more explicit understanding of what this time is about and to attract more of our students to take advantage of it, we are renaming it “Centaur Support Time” (yes, Dr. Kresse really loves alliteration and our mascot). Students can view teacher schedules outside their classroom doors for details about which four days of the week the teacher holds Centaur Support Time.

**Important Notices from the CHS School Counseling Office**

**Reminder About Grades:** CHS Families, please be advised that quarter two grades close on Friday, January 27th. We will be sending out mid-year reports to students during the week of February 6th.

**Senior Parents:** Please continue thinking about Scholarships! There are many more scholarship programs now taking applications. Senior Parents, please remind students to be check updates in their Schoology feed from the School Counselors! The School Counselors are continuing to update the Senior Schoology page with a lot of great Scholarship opportunities. Scholarships are also posted to the City Honors website, and we keep card copies in our scholarship drawer. Students should see their counselor if they have questions.

**Junior Parents:** The City Honors School Counseling Office invites you to our College Planning Kickoff Night for the Class of 2024! It will take place on Tuesday, January 31st from 5-7pm. Please refer to the attached flyer and make sure to RSVP by Monday, January 30th.



The School Counseling Office cordially invites you to:



1/31/2023  
5-7 PM  
LGI Room

Scan the QR code to RSVP by 1/30/2023.



There will be a College Fair on Wednesday, March 15th, that is free and open to the public at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with different college representatives! All families interested, please feel free to check out this link for more information: NACAC National College Fair – Buffalo ([nacacattend.org](http://nacacattend.org))

As a reminder, Juniors will have the opportunity to sit for the SAT School Day on Tuesday, April 25th. Please reach out to the School Counselors for more information or questions regarding the school day.

**Scheduling for Students:** School Counselors will begin meeting with students this month for scheduling! We appreciate your support in helping to return those schedule forms back to the counselors, so that all students are set and ready to go for next year! All forms need to be returned by February 17th, thank you for all your continued support.

**Free Hilbert College Credits:** If you have a student enrolled in AP English (Lang and Comp), AP Computer Science, Anatomy and Physiology, AP United States History or AP Environmental Science, please note that these are Dual Enrollment Courses offered through Hilbert College. Students enrolled in these courses received a packet in their courses on information on how to register for the dual-enrollment credit. The registration deadline is Friday, February 10th.

### **Consider Becoming a Host Family for a Rotary Exchange Student!\***

The Buffalo Rotary Club is currently working to bring two foreign exchange students to Buffalo and CHS for the 2023-24 academic year. We are hoping that a few families of current CHS students will consider opening their hearts and homes to **host one of these students for a period of 3-6 months**. It's a tremendous opportunity to get to know a young person from abroad that often results in lifelong connections,. More information and an application to host are available [at this link](#). Questions? Contact Jill Norton at [jillnorton620@gmail.com](mailto:jillnorton620@gmail.com)

### **It's Time for Lacrosse!**

The BPS Boys and Girls JV and Varsity lacrosse teams are currently taking player registrations for students in grades 7-12. Off season workouts are starting now. All students invited! All equipment provided! Students in grades 7/8 must have passed the APP test. Interested?

Girls: Please text Coach Weatherston at 716.804.1156. You can also follow us on Instagram at [@bpswlacrosse](#)

Boys: Please text Coach Truilizio at 716.430.8989

Registration is also open for WNY Lacrosse Foundation's after school Spring lacrosse program for Boys and Girls in grades 6-8. Registration link and general information can be found at [www.wnylacrossefoundation.org](http://www.wnylacrossefoundation.org)\*

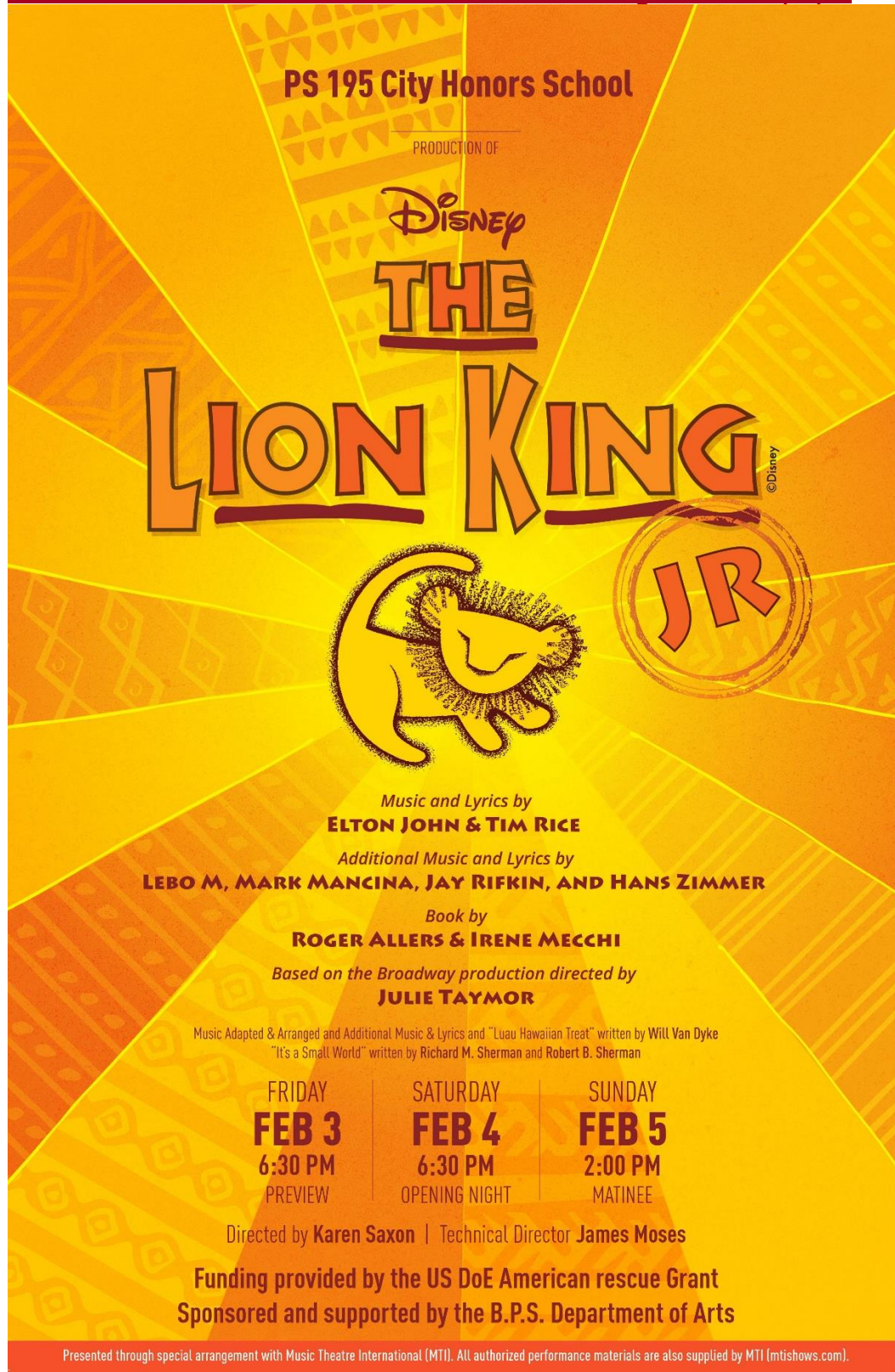
### **National Youth Science Camp\***

Applications are now being accepted from high school seniors and juniors to represent New York State at the 2023 National Youth Science Camp, a hybrid event held June 19th through July 12th, 2023 at Camp Pocohontas in West Virginia. Housing, meals, transportation, and supplies are provided to participants at **NO COST**.



The deadline to apply is February 28th, 2023. Applications must be submitted online at the National Youth Science Academy website. For more information about the program, please visit the [National Youth Science Camp website](#).

**CHS Middle Schoolers to Present 'The Lion King Jr.' Feb 3, 4, 5**



**PS 195 City Honors School**

PRODUCTION OF

**Disney**

**THE**

**LION KING**

**JR**

*Music and Lyrics by*  
**ELTON JOHN & TIM RICE**

*Additional Music and Lyrics by*  
**LEBO M, MARK MANCINA, JAY RIFKIN, AND HANS ZIMMER**

*Book by*  
**ROGER ALLERS & IRENE MECCHI**

*Based on the Broadway production directed by*  
**JULIE TAYMOR**

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and "Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke  
"It's a Small World" written by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>FEB 3</b> 6:30 PM PREVIEW	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>FEB 4</b> 6:30 PM OPENING NIGHT	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>FEB 5</b> 2:00 PM MATINEE
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Directed by **Karen Saxon** | Technical Director **James Moses**

**Funding provided by the US DoE American rescue Grant**  
**Sponsored and supported by the B.P.S. Department of Arts**

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (mtishows.com).

## **Centaurs of the CHS Speech and Debate Team Seek Perfection**

The City Honors Speech and Debate Team continued their winning streak, remaining unbeaten on the season on 1/7 at the Rochester School of the Arts Invitational. With just one regular season tournament left on the schedule, your Centaurs are hoping for a perfect season!



Helping to secure the win in Speech categories were J. Bensch, Liam Rio and Tim Tidd, who placed 1st through 3rd, respectively in Dramatic Interpretation. With J. Bensch's gold medal, they are also now fully qualified to compete at the New York State tournament in April. In Varsity Oral Interpretation, Dani Peffer earned the bronze medal to add to their collection.

In the category of Lincoln Douglas debate, novice level, Rayhona Nasimjonova placed 1st in her very first tournament, while Genevieve Harris earned the silver medal. At the Varsity level, senior captain Julia Chiriboga placed 1st and is now fully qualified to compete at States! Max Riley Pasciak earned the bronze medal.

Public Forum debate featured the most competitors for CHS and they delivered spectacularly. In the novice level, it was a clean sweep as Hasan Jamil & Fahim took gold and qualified for States, Simon Fischer & Tristan Tortora placed 2nd, and Jack Redwine & Brian Caulfield earned 3rd place. In intermediate PFD, Aidan Becker & Nathan Lloyd placed 2nd, while Tiahnee Porter & Madoka Aldstadt placed 3rd. It was another clean sweep at the Varsity level, as Amelia and Charlotte Colder took home the gold medal and qualified for States, Jake Baldwin & Liam Cobb earned silver, and Julia Eagan & Zach Biniszkiwicz captured bronze.

Overall, 15 of our 20 competitors earned medals and nearly earned their 3rd perfect score of the season, narrowly missing that mark by just 2 points! The last regular season tournament is next Saturday, 1/28, just down the road at Mount Mercy Academy. Congratulations to a well earned team effort!

## **Students Returning to School After an Absence**

As a reminder to parents, when students return to school from an absence, they must provide a written excuse. The school district cannot permit a verbal excuse to be used.

## **Senior Dues**

Attention Senior families. This is reminder that the senior dues deadline has been extended until February 1<sup>st</sup> but please be sure to meet this deadline. Senior hoodies will arrive shortly and students must have settled dues in order to receive their hoodie. A senior meeting was held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> period to discuss important senior class issues including the Senior Class Service Learning Initiative (SLI).

## **CHS Hockey to Square Off with Canisius Tonight! (1/21)\***

Attention CHS sports fans, on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, our CHS varsity hockey team has a huge game against Canisius High. Game time is 9:00pm at the North Buffalo Rink on Tacoma Avenue. Please come out and support our team. Wear some cardinal red and make some noise! Hope to see you there. Go Centaurs!



**UB and Buff State Invite You to Celebrate National Women and Girls Sports Day\***

UB ATHLETICS CELEBRATES THE 37TH NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY  
**"LEAD HER FORWARD"**

ALUMNI ARENA  
**SATURDAY**  
 FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

**GAMEDAY TIMELINE AND CLINIC**

**11:00 A.M.**

MULTI-SPORT CLINIC FOR GIRLS GRADES 4-8

**1:00 P.M.**

LUNCH PROVIDED TO CLINIC PARTICIPANTS

**2:00 P.M.**

UB WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**\*CLINIC LIMITED TO 150 PARTICIPANTS**

REGISTERING FOR CLINIC INCLUDES GAME DAY TICKET, LUNCH AND WATER BOTTLE

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER FOR CLINIC - NO WALK UPS

\$5 TICKET FOR FAMILY MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING THE CLINIC PARTICIPANT TO THE GAME

\*SPECIAL CODES AND LINK WILL BE EMAILED TO CHILDS PARENTS VIA THE EMAIL PROVIDED WHILE REGISTERING

**JUNIOR GAMEDAY HELPERS**

COME SEE WHAT IT IS LIKE TO WORK IN SPORTS WHEN UB WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TAKES ON NIU ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH AT 2:00 PM.

UB ATHLETICS IS OFFERING JUNIOR GAMEDAY HELPER POSITIONS TO GIRLS GRADES 4-8.

- ALL JUNIOR GAMEDAY HELPERS MUST REGISTER

- DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH POSITION CAN BE FOUND VIA THE QR CODE BELOW

- REGISTRATION CLOSES JANUARY 27TH

- LIMITED POSITIONS AVAILABLE, HELPERS WILL BE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY INFO AND REGISTRATION



QUESTIONS, CONTACT DARREN MASON AT DMASON2@BUFFALO.EDU OR (716) 645-2890

**NATIONAL WOMEN & GIRLS IN SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION**



JOIN US ON JANUARY 31 AT 3:30 PM IN THE SPORTS ARENA FOR PIZZA, DRINKS, GAMES, AND PRIZES TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL WOMEN & GIRLS IN SPORTS DAY!

RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS FOR YOU AND FAMILY TO ATTEND THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME AGAINST GENESEO AT 5:30 PM

CONTACT JAMIE BROWN AT BROWNJL@BUFFALOSTATE.EDU

**City of Buffalo Looking for Lifeguards\***

**Make a Splash!**

BECOME A CERTIFIED BUFFALO LIFEGUARD TO ENSURE THE OPENING OF CITY POOLS IN 2023 / \$20/HOUR

REGISTRATION IS NOW UNDERWAY FOR RED CROSS CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD TRAINING SESSIONS

City of Buffalo youth, ages 16-21, are encouraged to apply for this FREE, EARN WHILE YOU LEARN opportunity. All classes take place at the Cazenovia Pool/Abbott Road across from Mercy hospital.

**DECEMBER CERTIFICATION**

Mon-Fri • 12/26 – 12/30  
 8:30am - 5:00pm

**JANUARY CERTIFICATION**

Sat & Sun • 1/14, 1/15, 1/21, 1/22, 1/28  
 8:30am - 5:00pm

**FEBRUARY CERTIFICATION**

Mon-Fri • 2/20 – 2/24  
 8:30am - 5:00pm

**MARCH CERTIFICATION**

Sat & Sun • 3/4, 3/5, 3/11, 3/12, 3/18  
 8:30am - 5:00pm

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Youth who CAN already swim with proficiency
- Youth who are at least 16 years old
- Preference given to youth who reside in the City of Buffalo and attend a Buffalo Public School
- Pre-registration is required. Non-residents are welcome to register for a certification course for \$300

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:  
<https://www.suonlymonkey.com/#!/PA/LifeguardCertification22-23>



OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

**JANUARY / FREE SWIM STRENGTHENING COURSE**

Not a strong swimmer? Youth that need to develop their swimming technique may register for a free Swim Strengthening Course in order to prepare for upcoming Certification Sessions.

Tuesdays & Thursdays in Jan.  
 4:00 - 6:00pm



## **CHS Annual Fund- Every Gift Matters!\***

Since 1996, the CHS Annual Fund Drive has helped to reduce the need for our students and teachers to fundraise so they can focus on what is most important: the joy of teaching, learning and enrichment! The Annual Fund also helps to ensure that EVERY student has what they need to enjoy the best possible CHS experience.

The City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation asks all members of our school community to consider a contribution to the Annual Fund. When we all participate, we make a real difference for our students.

[Please use this link](#) to:

- Make a quick and easy online donation.
- Print out a donation form if you prefer to mail a check.
- Read the 2022-23 Annual Fund letter.
- Learn more about how the CHS Annual Fund and CHS Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation help our students.

*Thank you for supporting the CHS Annual Fund Drive and our students!*

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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](#)*