



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
2.5.23



Student Entry

Daily safety screening upon entry for high school students using the new 'Evolv' screeners will resume on Monday morning (2/6). High school students are reminded to take out their laptop, metal water bottles, umbrellas and three ring binders as soon as possible as it will allow them to pass through the screeners quickly. Although coins, cell phones, key chains, charging cords and spiral binders will not set off the scanners individually, a significant amount of "metallic clutter" will set off the scanners. Students are encouraged to do housekeeping of their backpacks to reduce metallic clutter.

Please Consider Supporting the Liggans Family*

On December 31, 2022 members of the Liggans extended family lost five children in a devastating house fire on Dartmouth Avenue. CHS has many connections to this family. Words cannot properly convey our sympathy. Please consider supporting the campaign [at this link](#) intended to help this family rebuild their lives and receive the support they will need to survive such a loss of life.

CHS Unified Bowling Opens the Season with a Victory

A big shout out to our CHS Unified Bowling team for their opening season victory on Tuesday over OTC! City Honors was led by the amazing bowling of Abbey Malochleb, Zhane Ferrell, Tahmid Adib, Elijah Harris, and Ernest Adams. The final score of the match was 5-4 with our Centaurs knocking down 1,494 pins in total. Great job Unified! You made our school proud!

Not familiar with Unified varsity sports? Learn more [at this link](#). Follow @HonorsUnified on Twitter to stay up to date with the latest on CHS Unified Sports.

Sophomores Win the 'Big Game Challenge'

On Thursday night, the CHS girls basketball team used teamwork and fierce determination to take sole possession of the BPS league lead by defeating Olmsted 47-21, avenging a loss earlier this season to the Owls. The Centaurs now have a 10-1 league record. Leading scorers for CHS were Ava Purks with 19, Molly Galvin 17 and Ariel Coleman with 7. Upcoming games for all CHS sports teams can be found [at this link](#).

In other news at Thursday night's game, the sophomores won Dr. Kresse's first-ever 'Big Game Challenge'. Dr. Kresse had offered the grade level with the greatest percentage of students present for Thursday night's basketball game versus Olmsted an all-expenses paid pizza party sometime during the month of March (exact date TBA).

All eight grades of Centaurs had students present at the game and made us proud as the results were very close, but we'll share the results of the top four finishers:

-In 4th place with 14.1% of their class present, the freshman.

- In 3rd place with 18.1% of their class present, the seniors.
- In 2nd place, with 19.8% of their class present, the juniors.
- In 1st place with 21.6% of their class present, the sophomores.

CHS Speech and Debate Stays Undefeated to Capture Another Regional Title

The City Honors Speech and Debate team finished its regular season UNDEFEATED by placing 1st at last Saturday's Mount Mercy Academy Invitational tournament! This is the second consecutive season the team has not lost a regional tournament by competing against 8 schools in the Buffalo-Rochester region.



In the category of Lincoln Douglas debate, sophomore Genevieve Harris won her first gold medal of the year, while Rayhona Nasimjonova took home the bronze. Juniors Madoka Aldstadt and Tiahnee Porter easily placed 1st in Intermediate Public Forum debate, while it was a clean sweep in the novice category. The duo of Sascha Westermann and Oscar Calipari placed 1st, Brian Caulfield and Jack Redwine earned 2nd place, and Simon Fisher and Tristan Tortora took 3rd.

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In the Speech division of Dramatic Interpretation, senior captain Liam Rio won the gold medal, while Faith Floyd earned the silver. Junior Forrest Denz placed 1st for the first time this season in Original Oratory. Finally, in Oral Interpretation, junior Dani Peffer took home the silver medal!

Overall, 10 of our 15 competing students placed on the podium and earned medals for their performances. On February 4th, students will compete in the



Regional Qualifying Tournament for their last chance to earn a spot at the NYS tournament held in April!

Thank you to Mr. Belge for his enthusiastic leadership of the Speech and Debate Team. Thank you also to the City Honors Foundation for it's ongoing funding to make the team possible for our students.



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.

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](#)