

# Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community  
2.9.25



## Upcoming Calendar Reminders

2/12 5:30pm	Grade 11 Family College Planning Kick-Off Night
2/17-2/21	Midwinter break: NO SCHOOL
2/27 3:35pm	Site Based Management Team Meeting (Hilltop Museum at CHS)
3/5 5:30pm	PTSCO Monthly Meeting (remote meeting <a href="#">at this link</a> )
3/19 3:30pm	Faculty Meeting (some afterschool activities may be delayed or cancelled)
3/11	NYS Mandated Schoolwide Lockdown Drill
3/20 3:35	Site Based Management Team Meeting (Hilltop Museum at CHS)
3/21 7:00pm	PTSCO Comedy Night

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!

## It's Kindness Week at CHS!

CHS WELLNESS TEAM PRESENTS

# KINDNESS WEEK

TRY TO COMPLETE THE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS EACH DAY!

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS

CHANCE TO WIN A SELF-CARE BASKET!

**RAFFLE ON 2/14**  
ONE STUDENT PER GRADE WILL WIN A COZY, WINTER BASKET FILLED WITH SELF-CARE ITEMS  
BRING YOUR "CAUGHT BEING KIND" TICKET TO GUIDANCE TO ENTER IN RAFFLE

**LISTEN TO MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**

**10th-14th FEBRUARY**

**City Honors School #195**

# KINDNESS WEEK

Join us on this journey of love and kindness!  
**February 10-14, 2025**

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**Gratitude Monday**  
Start the week by thanking a staff member or friend for their support.

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**Compliment Tuesday**  
Today is all about compliments! Make a new friend by giving someone you don't know well a compliment!

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**Small Acts Wednesday**  
Perform small acts of kindness, such as holding the door for someone, offering help

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**Compassion Thursday**  
Let a friend know about something you admire or appreciate about them.

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**Kindness Friday**  
Wear clothes with kindness messages or school spirit wear and continue to spread acts of kindness throughout our school.

### **CHS Yearbooks Now on Sale!**

We are excited to announce that the 2025 City Honors School yearbook is now on sale. Our students and staff are working hard to capture the events, activities and memories of this school year. Place your order for the yearbook at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) or by calling 1-877-767-5217. This is one you won't want to miss!

### **Attention Grade 12 Families**

Families of City Honors Seniors, The last chance to order a Senior Ad for your graduating Senior is 2/13/25. Please remember that class dues do NOT cover yearbooks this year. Make sure to order your Senior Yearbook before supplies run out! Contact Erik Hecker at [ethecker@buffaloschools.org](mailto:ethecker@buffaloschools.org) if you have any questions or concerns. Payment plans and limited financial aid are available.

### **Brainy Bulls Tutoring Program\***

Brainy Bulls, a FREE grades 5-12 virtual tutoring and mentorship program offered by the University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education. Open to all 5th-12th grade students in Western New York, Brainy Bulls provides personalized academic support in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. Learn more [at this link](#).

### **Project Play Wants to Hear Kids Voices!\***

Please join us for Project Play Western New York's 2025 Community Conversations

*As we build off the success of previous Community Conversations events, we are excited to announce the theme of our 2025 event — Youth Voice: Ask Kids What They Want*

*This annual event engages educators, nonprofit administrators, parents, coaches, youth sports organizations, and adults invested in WNY youth sports for a day of networking and interactive panel discussions. This year, in addition to hearing insights from collegiate coaches and athletes, we'll "ask kids what they want," with local youth participating as panelists.*

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025

Check - in: 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Program time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: The Admiral Room, 237 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14203

This FREE event is open to the public, and brunch will be served. Each person attending will need to submit a registration form. Space is limited. Please reserve your spot today!

Visit [www.projectplay.org/communtiy-conversations](http://www.projectplay.org/communtiy-conversations) for additional details.

If you have any questions, please email [projectplaywny@cfgb.org](mailto:projectplaywny@cfgb.org)

**NSBE FREE STEM Fair\***

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK  
ENGINEERS

4TH ANNUAL

# STEM Fair



7TH TO 12TH GRADERS

**SAT. 22ND FEBRUARY | 12PM TO 3PM**

DAVIS HALL - UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO  
105 WHITE RD, AMHERST, NY 14260

For further information contact: [ub.nsbe.buffalo@gmail.com](mailto:ub.nsbe.buffalo@gmail.com)

**QR code with Pre-Registration Required & Ends on Feb 18th**

**Stomp Rocket | Science Experiment Show | Lava Lamps  
Battle Bot Workshop | Egg Drop Competition & more!**

Sponsored by: **nationalgrid**

**Last Call for Grade 5-8 Swimmers!**



## JOIN THE CITY HONORS MODIFIED SWIM TEAM

FOR ALL 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE  
STUDENTS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN  
COMPETITIVE SWIMMING

**START DAY:** MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2025

**PRACTICES WILL BE HELD MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND  
THURSDAYS FROM 3:30-4:45PM AT CITY HONORS POOL.**

A BRIEF INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM AT  
6PM ON FEB. 3. PLEASE SCAN RIGHT QR CODE FOR ZOOM LINK.

**SIGN UP PROCESS:** TO REGISTER FOR THE  
TEAM PLEASE SCAN AND COMPLETE THE LEFT  
QR CODE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE **\*\*FINAL  
FORMS\*\*** REQUIRED REGISTRATION

**UP-TO-DATE PHYSICALS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADES 7-8.**



**FINAL FORMS QR CODE**



**ZOOM LINK QR CODE**

MEETING ID: 815 6235 5762  
PASSCODE: QPUHP9

CONTACT COACH PHINNEY  
ESPINNEY@BUFFALOSCHOOLS.ORG WITH  
ANY QUESTIONS!



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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](mailto: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.

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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 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](#)*