



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
3.17.24



CHS Calendar Reminders

3/19	Model United Nations Team Competes at UB
3/21	Mrs. Stephens' IB Math Trip to Niagara Power Vista
3/25 & 3/26	8 th Grade Trip to Buff State Planetarium
3/26 8:30am	"On School-Time" SAT for all Grade 11 students
3/27 7:00pm	CHS Junior Musical
3/29-4/8	Spring Break
4/10 5:30pm	PTSCO Monthly Meeting (Via Google Meet at this link)
4/17 5:00pm	I See IB Night
4/24	Early Release Day
4/25	Superintendent's Conference Day- No School

Attention Grade 8 Families

The school calendar that was sent home in August listed an incorrect date for 8th Grade Moving Up Day. The correct date is **Tuesday, June 25th at 9:00am**. Please be sure to mark this in your calendars. Thank you!

CHS Science Research Program Students Receive High Accolades at Regionals

This weekend, students from the CHS Science Research Program, as well as several of Mr. Richard's 7th graders, competed in the Terra Regional Science Fair on the D'Youville University Campus. Many Centaurs brought home honors and awards. Thank you to Mr. Richard's for advising our students!

Ashtin Batiste: TWNYSF Honors Award

Giacomo Biondini: Yale Science & Engineering Award, TWNYSF Honors Award

Wylie Cascarino: Office of Naval Research Award, TWNYSF Honors Award, Thermo Fisher Junior Innovators Award

Nolan Clough: TWNYSF Highest Honors Award, NYS Science Congress Award



Charlotte Colder: Society for In Vitro Biology Award, TWNYSF High Honors Award
Sabiha Diba: United States Air Force Award, Wonder Woman in Science Award
Genevieve Harris: Wonder Woman in Science Award, TWNYSF High Honors Award
Zoe Hartnett: TWNYSF Honors Award
Omar Jallow: TWNYSF Highest Honors Award
Hasan Jamil: TWNYSF High Honors Award
Eireann Kennedy: Ernst Sons Affirmation Award, TWNYSF Highest Honors Award
Feyorin Kennedy: TWNYSF Honors Award
Spencer Lenahan: TWNYSF High Honors Award
Vincent Masarik: M.E.Wood & Associates Math Award, TWNYSF Honors Award, Thermo Fisher Junior Innovators Award
Melia Maussner: TWNYSF High Honors Award
Grace Rio: Terra Helmer Award, TWNYSF Honors Award
Cameron Sutherland: Regeneron Biomedical Award, TWNYSF Highest Honors Award
Frances Teaman: TWNYSF Highest Honors Award, GRAND AWARD International Science & Engineering Fair Award
Vera Vishwanath: TWNYSF Highest Honors Award, GRAND AWARD International Science & Engineering Fair Award

The following students have been advanced to larger fairs later this year:

-**Nolan Clough** has been awarded placement in the NYS Science Congress to be held in Syracuse later this year and will compete against students from across the state.

-**Frances Teaman & Vera Vishwanath** competed as a group and have been advanced to the International Science & Engineering Fair in Los Angeles and will compete against students from countries around the globe.

Annual School Climate Survey

Each year we are asked by BPS to take some time to ask our students about school "climate." The survey asks a variety of questions about our students' perceptions of the school learning environment. Survey results are anonymous and are meant to be used to assist the school and District in our efforts to continuously improve. To read more, or if necessary to opt your child out of the survey administration, please click [HERE](#). Thank you!

Electronic Payment for School Activities

We have some exciting news for CHS families- the Buffalo Public Schools are beginning to offer the option to make electronic payments for special school activities such as field trips, extra team gear, class dues, school bookstore items and tickets to special events etc. This system is called "SchoolCash" and it will allow families to make quick and easy electronic payments. Many other local school districts have been accepting electronic payments for years as a way to avoid students having to carry cash or checks to school and to eliminate the possibility of errors in these transactions. This system is being phased-in over the next year so not all activities may accept SchoolCash payments initially. However, if you want to be ready to use SchoolCash when the opportunity arises, your family must be registered in the system. Please [follow this link](#) to instructions to set up your family's SchoolCash account!

Attn: Girls in Grades 7-10

The BPS JV Girls Lacrosse team is still accepting students for this fun and exciting sport that builds

cooperative skills. No experience necessary! The team practices on the field behind Olmsted Middle/High School and all girls in grades 7-10 attending a Buffalo Public School are eligible to join. Please email Coach Lempko ASAP for more information: blempko@buffaloschools.org

Attn: Grade 7/8 Students

Are you looking for a springtime activity? The Buffalo Schools Athletic Department is launching new spring soccer leagues for boys and girls in grades 7 and 8. Practice begins Tuesday, April 9th so be sure to get registered in FinalForms as soon as possible. See the flyer below for more information or contact: Girls Coach, Mr. Milne jasonmilne76@gmail.com; Boys Coach, Mr. Massaro dmassaro@buffaloschools.org



The flyer features a dark blue background with a large white soccer ball in the center. To the left of the ball is a colorful silhouette of a soccer player in mid-kick. To the right is a black silhouette of a puma. In the top left corner is the Buffalo Athletics logo, which includes a blue bison head and the text 'BUFFALO ATHLETICS'. In the top right corner is a pink star with green and blue accents. At the bottom left, the word 'Soccer' is written in a large, bold, blue font, followed by a black Nike swoosh logo. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the flyer. The text '7/8th graders:' is positioned above the QR code, and 'Join Today!' is written in a large, bold, white font below it. Additional text provides details about practice dates, school combinations, and registration requirements.

Middle School
Boys & Girls

Soccer 

Practice begins on Tuesday April 9, 2024!
Schools will be combined and practice/play at the host schools' field.
All info can be found at our BPS district athletics - middle school page.
Practice/game schedules will be distributed after the first day of practice.

***Parent transportation is required

7/8th graders:
Join Today!

Bring this flyer home to your parent/guardian to scan the QR code to register via FINALFORMS today!
*Up-to-date physical upload is required

BPS is also again offering a grade 7/8 track league for boys and girls. Please visit [this link](#) for more information.

Grade 9-12 Student Volunteers Needed*

The Fruitbelt Neighborhood Coalition, longtime partners of CHS, are holding their annual "Spring Fling" to benefit children 12 and under of the Fruitbelt Neighborhood. This event will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 11:00am-2:00pm at the William-Emslie YMCA. There will be an Easter Egg hunt, crafts, giveaways, garden expo and more. Students who are willing to volunteer at the event are asked to contact the Coalition offices at 845-5440 as soon as possible. IB CAS credit available to students in the IB Diploma Program.

Earn \$ and College Credits this Summer!*

Villa Maria College and the Collaborative Center for Social Innovation are offering two special courses this summer. Students can earn three college credits AND get paid through the Mayor's Summer Youth Program. The courses are entitled:

-*Health Equity: Nutrition and Chronic Disease*

-*Connecting with Nature: Science, Art and Sustainability*

These classes include special outings, team activities, resume building and more. Learn more and register for these classes [at this link](#).

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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](#)

[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](#)