



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
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No School on Dyngus Day!

Families are reminded that the school board has announced that there will be **no school on Monday, April 10** due to an agreement with the Buffalo Teacher's Federation.



Spring Break Almost Here!

Only **10** school days until spring break begins! If your child is healthy, please be sure they are with us at school every day and **on-time**. Our teachers want to make the most of every school day available until break!

Free Tickets Available for National Geographic Live this Tuesday

Kleinhans Music Hall is hosting the National Geographic Live Speakers Series – featuring three incredible explorers/photographers. The second event, *Wild Cats of India*, on Tuesday March 21 at 7:00pm, features Sandesh Kadur.

Thanks to some generous patrons, there are again number of free tickets available to City Honors families. Students with interest in attending this event may pick up tickets in the main office (limit two per family) but must have a note from their parent verifying:

- they will attend the event
- that they understand this is not a school event
- that families must provide their own transportation and supervision of their child.

Students interested in more than two tickets may request to be put on a wait-list. We will distribute any unused tickets to students on wait-list after 12pm on Tuesday. All tickets are first come, first serve so don't delay as all of these tickets were used by CHS families last month!

BAFTA Award-winning filmmaker and National Geographic Fellow Sandesh Kadur creates documentary films that have aired worldwide on prominent networks such as National Geographic, the BBC, Netflix, Discovery Channel, and Animal Planet. He is a Senior Fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers. Through the use of images both still and moving, Kadur hopes to harness the power of nature education as a catalyst for long-term change. His goal is to inspire his audience to protect and appreciate what remains of our wilderness. He is also the Founder/Director of Felis Creations – a media and visual arts company based in Bangalore that focuses on creating content that inspires conservation. Read more about Sadesh and the event [at this link](#).



Attention Current Grade 5/6 Families

The BPS Orchestra Camp will take place July 10 to August 11 for students performing on violin, viola, cello, or bass. This is a free camp with meals and yellow bus transport provided. Please see the flyer [at this link for more information and to register](#) ASAP!

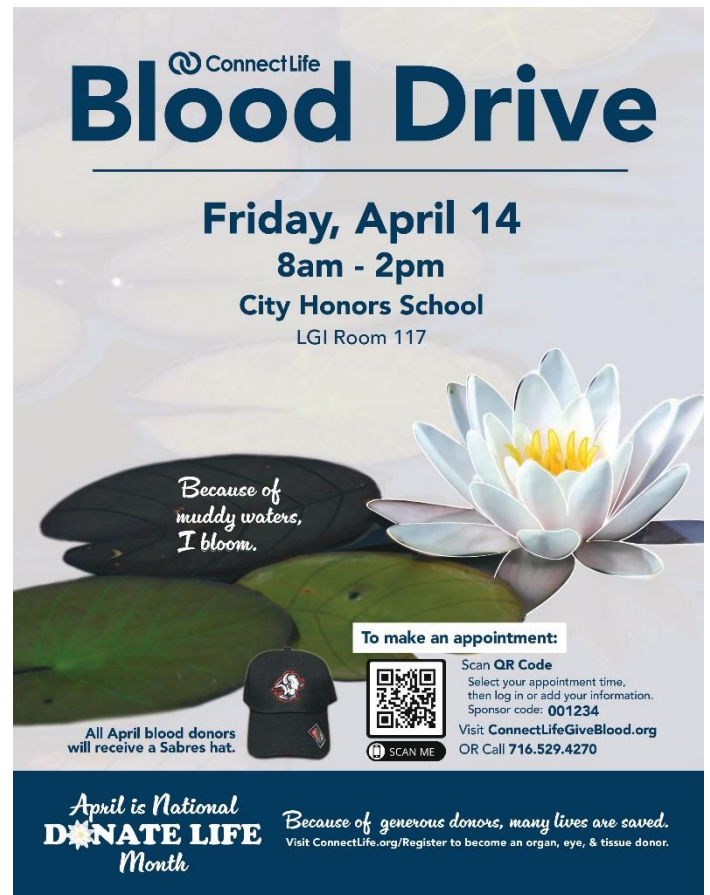
BPS and Say Yes Buffalo are sponsoring additional free summer camps for students currently in pk-6. Please [visit this link](#) for more information.

We Need Your Blood!

The CHS Connect Life Club will be organizing a blood drive to be held on Friday, April 14. All eligible students, staff, families and community members are encouraged to consider donating blood. Each donor will receive a Buffalo Sabres hat! Please see the flyer at right for more information and to make an appointment. Email Ms. Frischholz (efrischholz@buffaloschools.org) or Mrs. Longman (alongman@buffaloschools.org) with any questions.

CHS Artists Featured at Buffalo State

Several artistic centaurs will be included in 6th Annual WNY High School Invitational Art show at the 6th Annual WNY High School Invitational in the Czurlies-Nelson Gallery at Buffalo State University. This exhibition will showcase artwork from talented students from the Western New York high schools March 13-29, 2023 with an evening reception on Thursday, March 23rd, 5:30pm. Seniors Zachary Biniszkiwicz, Lauren Foster and Kenneth Fox will represent CHS.



ConnectLife Blood Drive

Friday, April 14
8am - 2pm
City Honors School
LGI Room 117

Because of muddy waters, I bloom.

All April blood donors will receive a Sabres hat.

To make an appointment:

Scan QR Code
Select your appointment time, then log in or add your information.
Sponsor code: 001234
Visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org
OR Call 716.529.4270

April is National **DONATE LIFE** Month

Because of generous donors, many lives are saved.
Visit ConnectLife.org/Register to become an organ, eye, & tissue donor.

Centaurs Named to 2nd Team All-High in Boys Basketball

Congratulation to Nathaniel Gilbert '23, Bith Deng '23 and Saminur Karim '22 who were recently named to the All-High 2nd team in boys basketball! All three players had an amazing season and demonstrated great sportsmanship.

Final Call for Grade 11 SAT Prep

This week is the **final week to register** for the SAT Prep course for grade 11 students at CHS!

All Grade 11 students in the Buffalo Public Schools are scheduled to take the SAT during the school day on April 25 (fully paid for by the Buffalo Schools!).

Please [follow this link](#) to information about a low-cost SAT prep session we will be offering at City Honors leading up to the April 25th SAT. This four-session course is great way for students to get familiar with the SAT and to feel comfortable when taking it. We have worked with Courier College Prep for many years and our students have always given us positive feedback about their approach.

The City Honors Foundation is sponsoring a limited number of scholarships for students with documented financial need. Students who believe they need a scholarship to participate in the course

should contact their school counselor. Scholarships will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis to students who qualify.

Attention Grade 12 Families

Have you completed your FAFSA? This is a critical step you must complete in the coming weeks to help your child to fund their college education. No need to panic if you have not completed yours yet! We have you covered. Every Wednesday, a representative from UB and Say Yes Buffalo is at CHS to assist students and families to complete their FASFA.

Also, there will be a FAFSA/Opportunity Program Event hosted by the Student Leadership Network in partnership with Buffalo Public Schools on Thursday, March 23rd from 5 - 7pm at Burgard High School. This event is open to all BPS families and is a great opportunity to get your family FASFA completed. Dinner will be provided and raffles will be given throughout the night. Please register and find more information about what you need to bring [at this link](#).

Modified Track Available

A reminder that although the BPS Athletic Department has eliminated modified sports at individual school buildings, if parents have the ability to provide transportation to and from practices, their children may join a "zone team" for track. More information is available [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

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](#)