



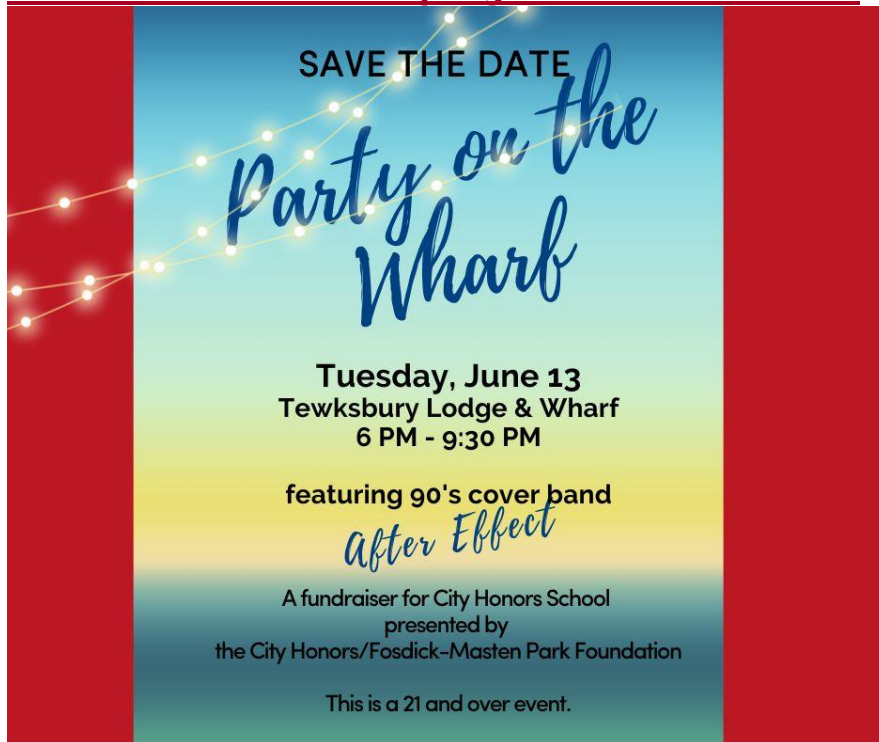
Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
4.25.23



Calendar Reminders

- April 26: **Early Release Day** (Grade 5/6 students Dismissed at 11:30; Grade 7-12 at 11:45)
- April 27: **No School**, Superintendent's Professional Development Day for Staff
- April 28: **Hat Day** to benefit Class of '24 (Bring \$1 to homeroom and wear a fun hat all day)

CHS Foundation to Host Spring FUNdraiser for Adults*



AP/IB Exams

IB and AP exams start begin this Friday, April 28th. All students in grades 10-12 are expected to attend all classes when not taking an examination. **Unlike Regents testing, classes ARE being held during examinations and students must attend school all exam days.**

Students and parents should BE SURE they know when exams are (date and time). The exam schedule can be viewed [at this link](#).

Seniors will begin the Senior Service Learning Initiative (SLI) starting on Monday, May 15th, but are to come to school for all classes and examinations until that date. After that date, unless a previous arrangement has been made with their teacher, they are expected to continue to go to classes where the exam has not yet taken place.

For AP and IB examinations, students should report to the auditorium, ready to go, no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled examination time.

Support Music at CHS: Special CHS Gear Sale For Two Weeks Only!

The CHS Music Department has launched an online store of one-of-a-kind CHS gear that will **only last for two weeks**. Whether you want to show your pride in the CHS Music Program or just want some cool CHS gear to hit the right note around town, please [click on this link](#) to see the sharp looking apparel. A portion of each sale will benefit the CHS Band, Orchestra and Vocal Music ensembles. The images below are just a few samples of what is available. There are many more selections [at this link](#).



CHS Music Department Faculty Honored

Congratulations to Mr. Talford, CHS Band Director, and Ms. Czyz, CHS Orchestra Director, who were recently named finalists for the 2023 Buffalo Excellence in Education Awards. They will be honored on May 6 at the Canisius College Montante Center. Learn more about the event a purchase a ticket [at this link](#). In a short time, both of these teachers have made such powerful impact upon our students. Thank you Mr. Talford and Ms. Czyz!

Don't Forget that 'Centaur Support Time' is Available Every Day of the Week!

Everyone needs a hand at some point! That's why every day of the week at CHS from 2:45-3:10, CHS teachers are offering Centaur Support Time. Students may drop-in to make up work, review concepts or get extra help.

Please Note: Each teacher has one day a week where they are on extended hallway monitoring at the end of the day. This day of the week is different for every teacher so be sure to check the schedule posted out their classroom door. It's not required, but a good idea to let a teacher know that you will be at Centaur Support Time that day just in case they have a special appointment or meeting.

Centaur Science Research Program Students Shine at WHJ STEAM Fair

At the recent Willie Hutch Jones Educational S.T.E.A.M. Science Fair, under the tutelage and leadership of CHS Science Research Program Coordinator, Mr. Todd Richards, City Honors students placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Senior Division. Judges picked winners based on their invention, experiment, and expression. City Honors was highlighted in the news video and students were listed in the text of the story at [this Channel 2 Story](#).

As part of the prize, Poppy Marrano - Sophomore (1st Place-pictured at right), Vera Vishwanath - Freshman (2nd Place-pictured at left), and Charlotte Colder - Freshman (3rd place-



not pictured) from City Honors were invited to join other selected local students on the Willie Hutch Jones Educational and Sports Programs scholars' trip to Detroit, as part of their 2023 STEAM Expedition, during spring break.

This educational S.T.E.A.M. trip empowered these students to create their own future by participating in various experiences of self-discovery via hands-on science, culture and arts, history, sports, and engineering experiences with leaders from General Motors and the Detroit Pistons to name a few.

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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](#)

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[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](#)