



**Hilltop Notes**  
for the CHS Community  
5.16.23



**Calendar Reminders**

5/18, 6:30pm	Spring Instrumental Concert
5/19, 10:00am	NCAA Signing Ceremony for Seniors
5/19, 6:30pm	Spring Vocal Music Concert
5/23, 6:00pm	Senior Dinner at Riverworks
5/24-5/28	CHS Chorale Workshop and Performance at Carnegie Hall
5/24 & 5/25	Senior Portraits, Class of '24
5/25	CHS Unified Basketball Travels to Pembroke 'Assembly Game'
5/26	CHS Jr./Sr. Prom
5/29	Memorial Day (No School)
5/30	Grade 5/6 New Family Orientation
5/31	Grade 7-9 New Family Orientation
6/1	US History Regents Exam (All 11 <sup>th</sup> graders Report. No school for grades 9,10,12)

**AP/IB Assessments Continue This Week**

A reminder that students must attend all classes when not participating in assessments. They are encouraged to get a good night's rest before all assessments and full & healthy breakfast. Please review all assessments, dates and times [at this link](#) to be sure your child arrives on-time to all assessments.

**Attention All Families with Students Participating in Spring Music Concerts**

**Spring Instrumental Concert:** Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the auditorium. A dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday during 8<sup>th</sup> period. All students performing in the concert should be at the dress rehearsal.

-Band: Arrive at 6:00pm, wearing all black.

-Orchestra: Arrive at 6:00pm, wearing Orchestra Shirts (should be arriving a few days before) and dark pants (no sweatpants).

**Spring Choral Concert:** Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the auditorium. A dress rehearsal will be held on Friday during 8<sup>th</sup> period. All students performing in the concert should be at the dress rehearsal.

-Arrive at 6:00pm, wearing all black.

All CHS Families and staff are welcome to join us for these uplifting evenings!

**Seal of Biliteracy: A Record-Breaking Year for City Honors!**

After several months of hard work, **46 Centaurs** have earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy in English and either Chinese, French, or Spanish. These students proved their proficiency in English and their chosen language by maintaining high course averages in their English and World Language classes in 11th and 12 grades, and by earning top scores on their ELA exams. Their final task was to complete a research-based project and present it to a panel of teachers in their World Language. Our Centaurs did such outstanding work that even a representative from the NYSED Office of Bilingual Education

and World Languages was impressed! A special thank you is in order for our panel members including the entire World Language department (Qianwen Lu, Shue Zheng, Erica Jennings, Melissa Johnson, Stephanie Castillo, Adriana Didas, Marcy Zicari, and Nicole Roche) as well as History teacher Evan Kaderbeck and English teacher Nicole Ziolkowski. Congratulations to all Seal of Biliteracy recipients, we are so proud of how hard you worked to become global citizens!



### **BPS to Hold Summer Camps Including 'Music Enrichment Camp' at CHS**

The Buffalo Public Schools are starting to post information about many exciting camps and summer internships [at this link](#) including many you may not have considered including internships at the Water Authority for students interested in environmental science, Musical Theatre Camp, and "Mural Mania Camp"

BPS has also just announced it will be holding a Music Enrichment Camp at CHS for August 21 - 25 from 8:00 to 3:00 daily. There is space for **100 BAND, STRING, OR CHORAL STUDENTS** currently in grades 7-11. All students must commit to the entire week of the program. Students will be chosen first-come, first-serve. Breakfast and lunch will be available to all participating students. Students attending this camp will work with music specialists to enhance their individual and



ensemble performance skills. Music Enrichment Camp will provide students with a kick-start of their music skills and prepare them for a successful musical transition to the 2023-2024 school year. Click [HERE](#) to register.

### **CHS Girls Varsity Swim Registering Swimmers for the Fall**

Any CHS girls currently in 6th -11th grade who are interested in swimming on the CHS Girls Swim Team in the Fall of 2023 should complete the interest form found [at this link](#). If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Yager at [jmyager@buffaloschools.org](mailto:jmyager@buffaloschools.org)



### **CHS Talent Show Update**

The Talent Show auditions are complete and the acts have been selected. Thank you to all who auditioned! To keep the program a reasonable length, we only accept about the half the number of acts that audition each year. We also try to make sure all grade levels are represented and that the show has a lot of variety. See Mr. Sharratt in Room 116 to find out if the audition committee selected your act.

We also are calling for volunteers for the Talent Show Band! The Talent Show Band needs students who are experienced musicians to play accompaniments for several of the students who will be singing for the Talent Show. We need keyboard players, string players, backup vocalists, glockenspiel players ... whatever your instrument, if you can learn music independently and quickly, we would like to hear from you. Don't miss your chance to play in a band with Mr Kaderbeck (he's playing bass guitar)!!! See Mr Sharratt in 116 for more information.

The Talent Show is **June 9 at 6:30PM**. \$5 admission. It will be a fun time for the whole family and all proceeds go to support the Senior Class. There will be adjudicated winners determined by a panel of judges, and there will be a Fan's Choice award. Come out and vote for your favorite Talent Show act!

Ciah Courtney and Patrick Ferrino will be your hosts for the evening, so you know this show will have personality! Don't miss it! There will also be a surprise encore performance by CHS faculty/staff members. Who on the CHS staff is going to be singing and dancing on stage? You'll have to come to the Talent Show on June 9 to find out!!!

### **Centaurs Sing National Anthem**

Three of our fearless Grade 8 students, Barivure Donabon, Tara Land and Evelyn Patrone, recently sang the national anthem as a part of the opening ceremonies for the Hertel-North Park Baseball and Softball season. These talented vocalists from middle school chorale impressed the hundreds of families and ball players in attendance as well as Mayor Byron Brown. A big thank you to Mrs. Saxon for preparing these students for the big day!



## Grade 7 Students Visit Challenger Learning Center

The 7th grade students recently visited the Challenger Learning Center in Lockport. Students worked together to complete a simulated space mission to Mars. Working together between mission control and the space craft they completed science experiments, solved potential emergencies and completed multiple STEM tasks. The students were also treated to a planetarium show. Thank you to Mr. Welton and Mrs. Hannah who organized this trip and all of our parent volunteers who joined the trip as chaperones!



## PTSCO Grade 5/6 Dance to be Held June 16\*

Permission slips for the dance can be found [at this link](#).

City Honors PTSCO and the Class of 2023 Present

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Glow into Summer Dance**

Friday, June 16, 2023  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 1041  
533 Amherst Street - Buffalo, NY 14207

Tickets are available at the door \$10/person  
Free Glow Bracelets and Additional Glow  
Items will be available to Purchase for \$1  
Water and Snacks Included  
Permission Slips Required

Volunteers and Donations Needed  
Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/GlowDance2023>

Questions? Contact any of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Reps  
Tara Shencuk at 716.491.5863 or shencuk4@yahoo.com  
Jillan Cascino at 716.334.0501 or jcascino@gmail.com  
Molly Joslin at 716.863.3226 or molly.joslin@gmail.com  
Kate Heller at 716.491.3482 or ksheller@gmail.com

## **A Student Appeal to Help the USS Sullivans**

My name is Nathan Kendrick '23 and I am a senior at City Honors School. I will be working at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park this spring for my Senior Year SLI placement (Service Learning Initiative). I am encouraging all members of the City Honors community to donate to the USS Sullivans which needs major repairs for many reasons:

- 1.) USS The Sullivans was built in the memory of the 5 Sullivan brothers who were killed in action during WW II.
- 2.) USS Little Rock is the last Cleveland Class Cruiser today. People who served on the cruiser or sister ships reunited on Little Rock as she is the only remnant alive.
- 3.) We Stick Together is the motto of the Sullivans and the destroyer lived to that motto as she saved sailors and those who served with her never left a man behind. We must in turn stick together to save the ship as she did during the war.
- 4.) The Naval Park serves as a memorial to every Veteran that served in war. Every Donation will help our veterans.
- 5.) Family members of the Sullivan brothers are still around today. We must stick together for the family of the Sullivan brothers and the Destroyer that honors their name.

If you are interested in donating, please [use this link](#). Thank you for your consideration!

## **Junior Class Blaze Pizza Fundraiser**



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

**Organization name:** City Honors School-Class of 2024  
**Date:** Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 5:00 – 8:00  
**Location:** The Boulevard Shopping Center, 1595 Niagara Falls Blvd.  
**Order Mode:** In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, blazepizza.com

Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.

### **TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:**

**In-Restaurant:** Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

**Online Orders:** Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter the code below into the "Promo Code" field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation.

**VALID FOR PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY.**

For orders on blazepizza.com or Blaze Pizza App

**PROMO CODE: 1263A**




VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE. For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.



## **Have You Purchased Your Tickets for 'Party on the Wharf'\***

The City Honors Foundation invites all members of our school community, 21 and over, to join our annual fundraising event, *Party on the Wharf*, on Tuesday, June 13. At this fun and casual event, you'll have an opportunity to mix and mingle with the CHS parent, staff and alumni community while raising funds for our students.

The QR code at the right will take you directly to the page to purchase tickets!



**Party on the Wharf**  
A fundraiser for  
City Honors School

**Tuesday, June 13**  
Tewksbury Lodge & Wharf  
249 Ohio Street  
Buffalo, NY 14204  
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

featuring 90's cover band  
*After Effect*

**To Purchase Tickets:**  
Buy tickets online at  
<https://cityhonors.org/support-chs/party-on-the-wharf/>  
or email [nms23buffalo@gmail.com](mailto:nms23buffalo@gmail.com)

\$50 per ticket / 2 for \$90  
VIP pass\*: \$150  
\*Includes 2 event tickets, 3 drink tickets per person, recognition at event

General admission ticket includes:  
Hors d'oeuvres, 2 drink tickets,  
auction, raffles &  
dancing to your favorite  
90's tunes.  
Cash bar available.  
This event is for ages 21+ only.  
CHS faculty and staff discount.

Presented by the  
City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park  
Foundation Board

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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.

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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 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](#)*