



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
5.1.22



Calendar Reminder for All Families

Wednesday, May 4: Early Release Day

(All students will be dismissed at 11:45 except grade 5/6 pick-ups who will be dismissed at 11:30 from the atrium)

Thursday, May 5: Superintendent's Conference Day (No school)

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day (No school)

Attention Grade 11/12 Parents and Students

Information and permission slips for the CHS Jr/Sr Prom were made available to all students in grades 11 and 12 last week. The rules and information sheet included an inconsistent notation of the start time. The prom will begin at 7:00pm. Students will not be admitted after 7:30pm. The school district is permitting a maximum of 250 students. Students interested in attending should purchase their tickets as soon as possible. Tickets will not be sold to students without their signed permission slips. Parents are asked to **very carefully** read the rules sheet and permission slip with their child prior to signing. Students may pick up prom documents outside the main office, in the school library or using these links:

[2022 Prom Rules and Information](#)

[2022 Prom Permission Slip](#)

[2022 Prom Guest Permission Slip](#)

May/June Exams for Students in Grade 8-12

The CHS IB/AP Exam Schedule can be found [at this link](#).

The CHS Regents Exam schedule can be found [at this link](#).

A Few Notes:

-The Buffalo Public Schools will be issuing a communication shortly to answer questions about the BPS school calendar and Regents exams.

-Students are expected to attend school each day and all classes during times that they are not participating IB or AP exams. If an exam conflicts with a student's lunch period, we will be sure all students receive an opportunity to eat lunch.

-Students in grades 9-12 should only report to the school for scheduled Regents exams June 15-23. There are no regular classes for these students during Regents testing. Students in grade 8 will continue to come to school for the full school day June 15-23 even if they have a Regents exam.

-Communication devices are strictly prohibited during all exams. Students will be expected to use their locker to store communication devices, notebooks, purses and bookbags for duration of exams. Students may bring only water and writing utensils to the examination room. All other materials will be provided to the students including a scientific and/or graphing calculator, protractors, compasses, rulers, and scrap paper (if applicable).

-In addition to the normal COVID reporting procedures outlined at the bottom of *The Hilltop Notes* each week, parents of students diagnosed with COVID must immediately contact the

appropriate testing coordinator. IB has contingency procedures that must be followed for this situation and, for AP, the exam will be rescheduled to the late date.

Need to Contact a Testing Coordinator?

AP: Mrs. Allman (csmallman@buffaloschools.org)

IB: Mrs. Banas (ebanas@buffaloschools.org)

Regents: Mrs. Hannah (ahannah@buffaloschools.org)

CHS Girls Soccer

On Wednesday, May 18 at 3:00pm, there will be a meeting for any girl in grades 7-10 interested in playing JV or Varsity soccer for CHS this fall. This meeting will be held in the CHS LGI Room. Students who are unable to attend the meeting or have questions should contact Coach Milne at: jasonmilne76@gmail.com

CHS Students Shine at Lorna C. Hill Speaking Contest

Friday, April 8, 2022: the setting was the historic Lorna C. Hill Theater of the Ujima Theater Company, founded by Hill. Six Buffalo Public Schools trained and submitted thirteen finalists who had competed in their buildings for the right to challenge all finalists at the district level.



The prize for the 1st and 2nd place winners: an all-expense trip to NYC to see a Broadway Show and participate in a workshop with the cast.

The competition was fierce! Every contestant was well-prepared and delivered their monologues with passion. The judging task was so difficult that the audience was treated to a live performance by Curtis Lovell (daughter of Lorna C. Hill) with time remaining for questions about Lovell's artistic experience, and upbringing with the iconic Hill.

The results were clear: CHS Senior Kennedy Rutledge '22 delivered a stunning performance that garnered her second place honors, while a student at Emerson High School took first place. From May 19 - 21, Kennedy and fellow CHS finalist Sarah Noel '22 will be treated to a well-deserved trip to NYC. CONGRATULATIONS, LADIES!

Thank you to CHS vocal music teacher, Mrs. Saxon, for organizing our building-based competition and for preparing these students for the district-wide competition!

Grade 6 Centaur Nets Big Win!

Congrats to Michael Antonious '28 who captured the boys' 12s singles title at the USTA Easter Bowl. Michael won the final in straight sets, 7-6, 6-2, to clinch the victory. The prestigious junior tournament was held March 25-April 3 in Indian Wells, California. Michael also made the doubles finals at the tournament. This tournament is one of the USTA's five annual national championships. Read more about Michaels' accomplishment [at this link](#).



UB STEP Program

The University at Buffalo's Science and Technology Entry Program, also known as UB STEP, has served students in the City of Buffalo and the surrounding area for over 35 years. This pre-collegiate program is designed to improve academic achievement and college aspirations through educational support, academic advisement, and cultural activities. Our program is dedicated to increasing the number of historically underrepresented or economically disadvantaged junior high and high school students prepared to enter college and improve their participation rate in mathematics, science, technology, health-related fields and licensed professions.

University at Buffalo (UB) STEP provides quality support and services for highly motivated students in grades 7 through 12. The STEP program offers enrichment classes and tutoring to prepare students for success in math and science. Some of the courses include SAT Prep, Regents Prep, Biology, Chemistry, Algebra and Geometry to name a few. The program also offers a summer program, college preparation and career development workshops, field trips and college tours. Additionally, some students are eligible to receive stipends and scholarships.

Our spring session begins in May with enrollment starting **NOW!** Interested students should complete the [application at this link](#) as soon as possible. Please direct any questions to:

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Science & Technology Entry Program
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Congrats CHS Science Researchers!

The following students from the CHS Science Research Program at the Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus were recently honored by the Terra Western New York Science & Engineering Fair 2022 for their science research and presentations:

Colder, Amelia: *ST6GAL1 May Regulate Regenerative Capacity of Intestinal Tissues*

Terra Fairs Grand Award: Regeneron International Science Engineering Fair (ISEF)

Terra Fair Highest Honors Award

ASM Materials Science Award

Merzianu, Andreea: *Stability of Flavoring Chemical Compounds in Flavored E-Cigarette Liquids*

Terra Fairs Grand Award: Genius Olympiad International Fair

Terra Fair High Honors Award

Yale Science and Engineering Assoc. Award

Bobbi Alcock Founders Award

Huber, Claire: *Evolution within the Ribosomal Protein*

Terra Fair Honors Award

King, Declan: *Misreporting of Cigarette Use in the ITC JCH Survey*
Terra Fair Honors Award

Cobb, Liam & Tran, Emma: *Quantitative analysis of gender roles in film through the Bechdel test*
American Psychological Association Award

Elamir, Haya & Gardner, Evie: *Advancing targeted therapy of PAK in Ewing sarcoma*
Society for In Vitro Biology Award

Santiago, Angel: *The Physics of a Bouncy Ball*
US Metric Association Award

Terra Educators Award (Cash Grant): City Honors School Science Research Program

Information Technology Update

The BPS Technology Help Desk will now be offering support via phone, chat and email Monday-Friday 8:00am-7:00pm

Phone: 716.816.7100

Chat: <https://help.buffaloschools.org/>

Email: IThelpdesk@buffaloschools.org

The Center for Innovation, Technology and Training is located at 1515 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY 1220. The center offers device distribution & technical support (for STUDENTS) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm. Early Hours offered on Tuesdays 8:00am – 4:00pm.

The BPS IT department reminds all students that they should not use personal laptop devices in BPS Buildings as this exposes the district network to damage. Over the next few weeks the district is making changes to the network that will result in district applications no longer working on personal laptops.

CHS Annual Fund

The 2021-22 CHS Annual Fund continues to receive donations from CHS families, alumni and friends of the school. Thank you to all families and staff who have already sent in their donations or have given through the United Way or SEFA. You can make your family's donation and learn more about the CHS Annual Fund [at this link](#). When EVERY CHS family contributes to the Annual Fund, EVERY student at CHS benefits!

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!

Reporting COVID Cases in Your Household: Please email news of any COVID cases in your household to Ms. Hamilton, one of our three assistant principals, as well as Nurse Cammarata. These staff members are managing our COVID safety initiatives and response. It is important that you email Ms. Hamilton (thamilton@buffaloschools.org) and Nurse Cammarata (dcammarata@shccares.com) as this will allow them to receive your communication outside of school hours and provide the quickest possible response. They will need to know your child's name, grade, if they are vaccinated, and both when the student started having symptoms and when they tested positive (if this has occurred.) They will outline next steps for your family as it pertains to school. **Please do not leave voicemails or messages in the main office.**

During cold weather, the COVID virus has a greater opportunity to jump from person to person. We are emphasizing good safety practices with our students including distancing, proper mask wearing and hygiene. Please stress these practices with your child at home and with family members. We strongly encourage anyone in your household approved by your family doctor and eligible to receive the flu and COVID vaccines to receive them as soon as possible, if they have not already. These steps will help to keep our students and staff in school where they need to be!

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.

COVID Testing at School: COVID-19 testing is a great way to monitor and contain the spread of the virus. The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) has ended its partnership with Buffalo Homecare, Inc., and Quadrant Biosciences, Inc. Laboratory for in-school COVID testing. Buffalo Schools is awaiting information on who the new provider of this surveillance screening will be. In the interim, we are sharing that the Erie County Department of Health now offers walk-in sites for COVID testing at the following locations: 608 William Street, Buffalo (Erie County Health Clinics) and 3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga (Erie County Emergency Training and Operations Center).

Thank you for working with us to help fulfill our goal of keeping our buildings safe and open for instruction.

Daily COVID-19 Health Screener: Families and staff should complete the daily health screener once again each day BEFORE they leave for school. [This link will take you to this year's screener.](#) Families are encouraged to paste the link into the 'reminder' app on their smart phone to alert you each morning.

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](#)