



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community

5.29.24



CHS Calendar Reminders

5/30	Grades 7,8,9 new family orientation
5/31	CHS Jr./Sr. Prom- Hyatt Regency
6/4	Regents Algebra I Exam- NO SCHOOL for students in grades 9-12 unless they need to take this exam.
6/5 5:30pm	PTSCO General Meeting- Remote
6/6-6/9	8 th Grade trip to Pathfinder Island
6/7 6:00pm	CHS Talent Show
6/14-6/25	NYS Regents Exams- grade 9-12 students should only report if they have a scheduled exam (Regents exam schedule at this link).
6/18 6:00pm	'Party on the Wharf' to benefit CHS (Purchase tickets at this link)
6/19	NO SCHOOL- Juneteenth Holiday
6/24	Grade 7 Trip to Old Fort Niagara
6/25 9:00am	Grade 8 Moving Up Day- CHS Auditorium
6/25	Last day of classes for grades 5-8
6/27 7:00pm	CHS Graduation- Kleinhans Music Hall

CHS Summer Reading Lists

The CHS Summer Reading Program is part of what makes Centaurs unique! We want our students to enjoy everything there is when it comes to our gorgeous Buffalo summers, but we also want to balance this by continuing to advance their reading skills and learning about new cultures and social justice issues. We know many of our students are focused on preparing for Regents exams right now, but we are sending you the summer reading lists so families have plenty of time to secure the texts. Remember, in this day and age, gently used books can be purchased through online retailers for very reasonable prices! Some teachers also have books from past years that have been donated by their students so be sure to touch base with them! [This link](#) will take you to the CHS summer reading lists for each grade level.

Dress Code

CHS does not have a school uniform requirement, but we do ask that students dress appropriately for a school environment. As we have arrived at warmer temperatures, we ask families assist us with our dress code expectations. Midriiffs should be covered. Tubetops and flipflops should not be worn to school (flipflops are a real safety issue on our stairways!). We offer students the opportunity for a good deal of personal expression in how they dress but we ask that families meet halfway and

understand that the Buffalo Schools and our community do have some expectation of appropriate dress in a school setting. If you are unsure if your child's clothing selection is appropriate for school, please do not hesitate to proactively contact an assistant principal to discuss.

School Calendar

The Board of Education recently adopted the official school calendar for the 2024-25 school year. The calendar is available [at this link](#). We ask families to take this calendar into account when planning family vacations next school year. We need your child with us when school is in session!

Regents Exams

We are quickly approaching the start of Regents Exams. Regents Exams have been held in New York State since 1865 and have helped students in our state to verify that they have received the best quality education in the country. One of the many reasons Regents exams were initiated was to help students to show universities and scholarship officers their knowledge and academic skills, regardless of their economic background. The exams still fulfill this mission today. Please encourage your child to give their best effort on their Regents exams so colleges and universities get an accurate understanding of their abilities. The first Regents exam will be the Algebra I exam held on Tuesday, June 4. Students in grades 9-12 only need report to school on this day and all other Regents testing days if they are scheduled to take an exam. The Regents exam schedule can be found [at this link](#).

Congrats Muhaimina!

Congratulations to 7th grader Muhaimina Howlader who was recently named an Exceptional Student Awardee by the BPS Family Summit committee. Muhaimina was selected for this award because she exemplifies compassion, resilience, and leadership! BPS and CHS are very proud of you Muhaimina!

Attention Girls Currently in Grades 6-11

Any girls in 6th -11th grade who are interested in swimming on the Varsity Girls Swim Team in the Fall of 2024 should complete the interest form found at this link: [Girls 2024 Varsity Swim Interest Form](#). If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Yager at jmyager@buffaloschools.org.BPS

Resurgent CHS Boys Track & Field Team Runs Away with BPS Title!

In the final BPS league meet, the boys track & field team beat Hutch Tech and Olmsted, for an undefeated 8-0 record!! Congratulations to the team on their first BPS title since Spring 2004!

The 4 x 800 team, Casey Glynn, David Martinez, Henry Peterson, and Felix Hatton started the meet off with a strong first place finish. Sharmu Paung carried the team in the hurdle events, while Amadeo Bhattacharjee took first place in the 100 and 200 meters. Forrest Denz ran an outstanding 400 meters with a time of 52 seconds, while Elijah Donlon also gained points with a strong 400 performance. Charles Augustine helped the 4x100 achieve their fastest time of the season. The 800 and 3200 meter athletes, took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, with Gavin Ekman leading the pack in his event.

On the field in both shotput and discus, Sam Baldwin, Jason St. Jean, and Tahmid Miah didn't give up in an effort to compete with Hutch Tech's strongest.

To close out the meet, the team needed to secure a 1st place finish in the 4x400: Vurabari Bagia, Amadeo Bhattacharjee, Forrest Denz, and Elijah Donlon ran a phenomenal race with an outstanding time of 3:39!!

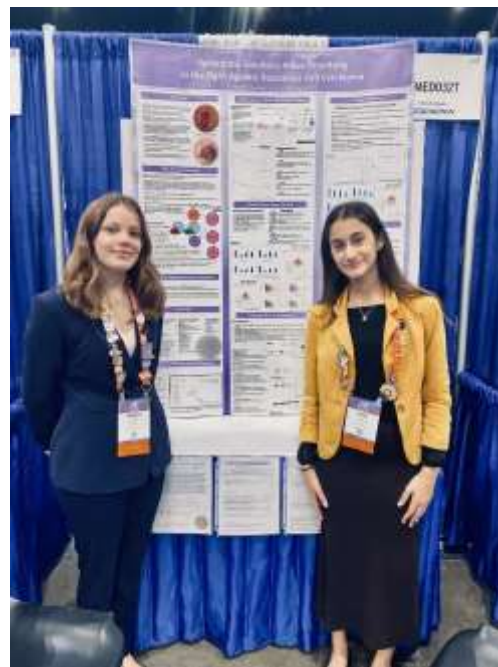
The hard work and dedication of all athletes did not go unnoticed by a very competitive league and Coach Monaco who was very proud of her athletes. Thank you to Coach Monaco for all of her dedication to the team. She takes them to many invitationals and non-league events so they can compete against the finest in our region. She challenges our boys to constantly improve and do their best!

Centaurs at ISEF

Sophomores Frances Teaman and Vera Vishwanath recently traveled to Los Angeles, CA, to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). This year's fair hosted over 1,700 finalists from 67 different countries. Frances and Vera participated in the Biomedical and Health Sciences (BMED) category, which featured over 90 competing projects from around the globe. Their project, titled *Synergistic Solutions Prove Promising in the Fight Against Squamous Cell Carcinoma*, investigates the combined use of two different drug therapies to halt the growth and spread of cancer cells by interrupting the natural metabolic pathway of cellular proliferation.

Monday and Tuesday were set aside for project setup and check-in, along with expert panel talks including the 'Excellence in Science and Technology Panel'. There was also a Q&A session with NASA Astronaut Dr. Jeanette Epps, who spoke live with the students from the International Space Station via satellite link.

Judging took place on Wednesday, May 15, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Frances and Vera were interviewed by nine different judges over the course of the day, plus one judge who was intrigued by their poster and stopped by for an informal chat. After the judging concluded, all participants and chaperones relaxed at a private party at Universal Studios.



The awards ceremonies were held Thursday evening and Friday morning, with over 50 different awards given out this year, totaling more than \$9 million in prizes. Although Frances and Vera did not win an award, the experience has motivated them to improve their project in hopes of returning to compete again next year!

De La Rosa '25 Awarded the Gold Award

Grade 11 Centaur, Isabel De La Rosa, recently completed her Gold Award Project called "Poison Prevention-Resources for Spanish Speaking Families" and was awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of Western New York. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award in Girl Scouting. It acknowledges the power behind each recipient's dedication to not only empowering and bettering herself, but also making the world a better place for others. The Gold Award represents the culmination of over 80 hours of girl-led work on a Take Action Project!

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

Tickets are on sale for the signature CHS fundraiser, Party on the Wharf, presented by the City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation. All families, staff, alumni and friends of CHS are encouraged to attend. This not-to-be missed annual event will be held on **Tuesday, June 18th at the Tewksbury Lodge**. DJ Murphy will be playing the best of the 80s and 90s and we'll have lawn games for you more competitive folks. Our raffles and silent auction will include fabulous items like a Josh Allen signed helmet, Tage Thompson signed jersey, 6 front row tix to 2024 or 2025 graduation, middle school charity ball tickets complete with limo transportation, a Bisons suite, an overnight at the Westin Hotel AND MORE. Can't make it? You can still purchase raffle tickets online for some of our biggest items. Visit <https://chspartyonwharf.eventbrite.com> to purchase event tickets and raffle tickets.



The City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation gives grants throughout the year to CHS student activities and athletic programs. Did your child attend the 8th grade trip to Pathfinder? We're happy to say this is one of the memorable experiences the Foundation invests in for our students. Do you like the new spirit graphics throughout the gym and in the locker area? How about the improved look and technology in the LGI Room? You guessed it, the Foundation also supported these efforts and many more behind the scenes that ensure that the full CHS experience is not limited for our students due to financial barriers.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN EVENT FOR AGES 21 AND OVER.

State Champs!*

Congratulations to members of the City Honors Crew club team who traveled to the New York State Scholastic Championships in Saratoga Springs on May 11 & 12. The Girls JV 4, Grace Ham, Melia Maussner, Taylor Shepherd, Ria Yagielski and Isabel De La Rosa (coxswain) took 1st place and the Boys Varsity 4 Harrison Rajecki, Gian Halt, Sam Baldwin, Nile Seely and Hope Woodhull (coxswain) earned 3rd place. The girls Freshman 8 boat, Chloe Heffron, Phoebe Glover, Mila Bones, Ileana Graham Fernandez, Logan Gillette, Eve Woodhull, Siena Johnston, Lauren Ham and Simon Turcotte (coxswain) also took 1st place for scholastic teams. Both the girls JV 4 and boys Varsity 4 then competed at US Scholastic Nationals in New Jersey with the Boys Varsity 4 advancing to semifinals and the Girls Varsity 4 bringing home the bronze medal in this national competition! **To learn more about joining the crew club team or the West Side Rowing Club's learn-to-row summer camp, please contact Maureen Woodhull at maureenwoodhull@yahoo.com.**





Centaurs Participate in UB Stem Wise

Twelve CHS 10th grade students participated in the UB Stem Wise Program, meeting with mentors for a series of four weeks during their lunch period at CHS and visiting the UB North Campus twice over the course of six months. This outreach program encourages young women to pursue a future in STEM careers by generating a channel of communication, providing hands-on opportunities in classrooms and labs, and creating a network of positive, supportive, role models. The program is designed to inspire the next generation of trailblazers in STEM careers! Thank you to Mrs. Allman from our School Counseling Department for helping our students to access this wonderful program!

UB Blue Path Program*

The UB Blue Path Program aims to build bridges between health professionals and underrepresented high school students by cultivating and refining critical skills that are central to thriving careers in epidemiology, health policy and economics, exercise science, occupational therapy, community health, nutrition, and dietetics. Students will receive college credits, bus passes and free lunch. This program is for students currently in grades 10 and 11. Learn more at the flyer below or follow [this link](#).

NFJC of WNY, Inc.



AGENTS OF CHANGE CAMP



GRADES
9-12

FREE!



AUGUST 19 - 23, 2024

Location: Pioneer on the Lake , Angola NY



ACTIVITIES:

- Arts & Crafts
- Hiking
- Team Building
- Law Enforcement Demonstrations
- Outdoor Activities
- Storytelling
- Building Community
- Career Exploration
- Leadership Development

For more details, and application info please visit:
www.nfjcwny.org or use the QR code:



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HUTCH TECH 20 **SPRING** 24 FOOTBALL CAMP

JUNE 1ST & JUNE 22ND 9am-12pm

WATERFRONT PARK 75 4TH ST, BUFFALO, NY 14201

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL?
ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN THE 7TH GRADE - 11TH GRADE?
ARE YOU ENROLLED OR WILL BE ATTENDING ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOLS BELOW THIS UPCOMING
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR? IF SO, JOIN US FOR HUTCH
TECH SPRING WORKOUTS. SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER.**



Summer



STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Programs will be hosted at the following schools, sign-up dependent:

Bennett, Buffalo Culinary, Burgard, City Honors, DaVinci, East, Emerson, Hutch Tech, I-Prep,*Lafayette, McKinley, Middle Early College, MST, Olmsted, Performing Arts, Research Lab, Riverside, South Park

Please check the athletics webpage summer camp tab for more information on updated times. Emails will be sent via Final Forms on 7/3 with time updates. OR contact the listed High School Athletic Liaison.

JULY 8 - AUGUST 8
COED GRADES 7-12



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY:
(2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR)

[HTTPS://BUFFALOSCHOOLS-NY.FINALFORMS.COM/](https://buffaloschools-ny.finalforms.com/)





2024 Buffalo Athletics



SUMMER SPORT CAMPS



Soccer Camp
July 8 - July 11
9AM - 12PM
Coed Grades 3-8
@ All-High Stadium

Flag Football
Camp
July 15 - July 18
9AM - 12PM
Coed Grades 3-8
@ All-High Stadium



Swim Camp
July 22 - July 25
Learn to Swim :
8:45AM-10:15AM
Coed Grades 3-8
Stroke Dev:
10:15AM - 11:45AM
Coed Grades 5-8
@ City Honors

Volleyball Camp
July 29 - August 2
10AM - 1PM
Coed Grades 6-8
@ City Honors

Basketball Camp
August 5-August 8
9AM - 12PM
Coed Grades 3-8
@ McKinley HS

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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](#)

[CHS Sports Schedules](#)

[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](#)