



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
5.5.23



Calendar Reminders

- May 10: Early Release Day**, Grade 5/6 students Dismissed at 11:30; Grade 7-12 at 11:45
- May 11: No School**, Superintendent's Professional Development Day for Staff

AP/IB Assessments Continue Next Week

A reminder that students may have AP/IB exams even on May 10 (Early Release Day) and May 11 (No school). 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.

CHS Talent Show Auditions

CHS Talent Show auditions are after school on Monday (5/8) and Tuesday (5/9). Students may sign up for an audition time outside of Room 116. The show traditionally includes a variety of performing arts including music, dancing, spoken word, non-traditional movement/acrobatics/gymnastics, magic, juggling and more. The selection committee seeks to include all grade levels 5-12.

The show itself will be on Friday, June 9th at 6:30PM. The Talent Show is an annual fundraiser for the Senior Class. Tickets sales will be announced in the next few weeks. This year's show will be produced and hosted by Ciah Courtney, CHS '23

Eat Some Pancakes to Help the CHS Prom!

The CHS prom committee has worked very hard to keep prom tickets at the same price as last year despite inflation. Here is how you can help them out: The committee is running a Flapjacks Fundraiser at the Applebee's on Delaware Ave this Saturday (May 6th) from 8 - 10 AM. Tickets are \$7 per person and all proceeds will go towards the venue, ticket sales, decorations, favors, and everything else they are putting together to make prom fun and memorable for our juniors and seniors! Breakfast will include pancakes, bacon, and a drink, and it will be kindly served by one of the members of our prom planning committee. Please come out and enjoy some pancakes! Questions? Email Ms. Ferrer at rferer@buffaloschools.org

From the CHS School Counseling Office

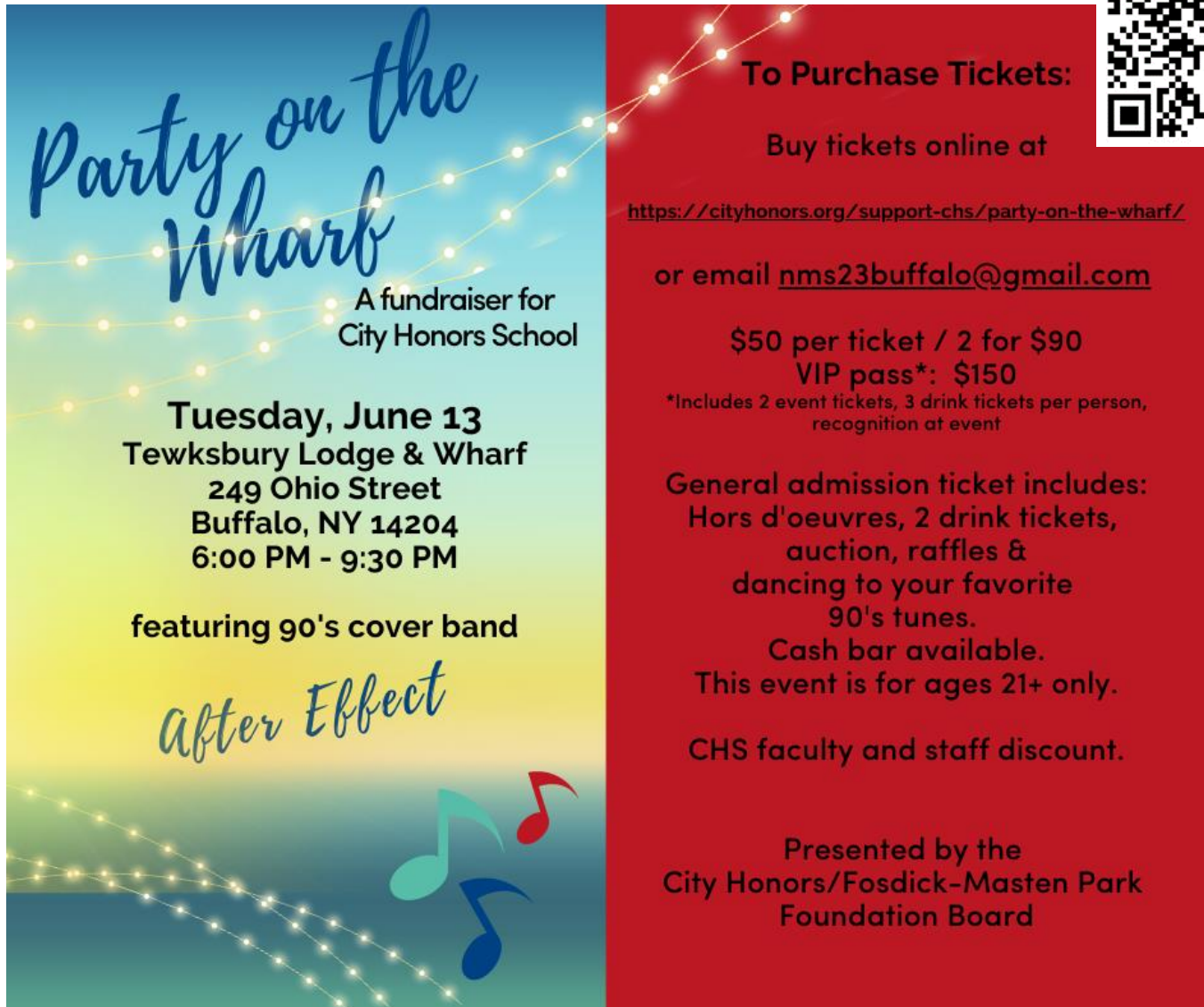
-If your child is interested in summer programs, the school counselors have been posting local opportunities to their grade level Schoology groups. Summer opportunities can also be located under the "O - Opportunities" on the School Counseling page of the CHS website. For pre-college summer programs, see the "S" on the School Counseling page of the CHS website.

-Seniors are reminded to send their free AP score report to the college/university of their choice by June 20, 2023. Score reports include AP exam scores from this year and past years. Sign on to My AP using your College Board account. Select My AP Profile. Select the Score Send tab. Find the college/university you want to receive your scores. Type in the name of the school. When it appears on the list, select it and hit "Save".

Tickets Now on Sale 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

\$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

Soccer Team Meeting for Girls in Grades 6-11

Any current players in 6th -11th grade who have interest in playing JV and Varsity Girls Soccer in the fall, there will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 17, from 3:15-3:30 in Room 29. You may check in with varsity captains Lilah P-R, Annaleis Milne, Lydia Lane, or Charlotte Colder with questions or may contact Coach Milne at jasonmilne76@gmail.com. **Players who already attended the previous meeting do not need to attend.**

BPS Girls Lax Nets Big Wins

Congrats to the BPS Girls Lacrosse team which posted recent wins over Niagara Falls (15-3) and North Tonawanda (10-9)! The team includes many CHS girls who posted goals including Ella Pava,

Natalie McNamara, Tessa Fuerstein, Ellie Graney, Adele Lum and Vera Vishwanath.

CHS Speech and Debate Makes Strongest Showing Ever at State Championship

The City Honors Speech and Debate team traveled to the Bronx in NYC last weekend to compete in the New York State Forensics League championship tournament. To be eligible to compete, students had to place in two separate regional tournaments over the course of the season. A record 36 students from CHS qualified for this year's championship tournament, which required students to compete in as many as 6 rounds over the course of a 10 hour marathon session on Day ONE.



In the Speech categories, top 20 finishes in these Preliminary rounds were earned by juniors Forrest Denz, Tim Tidd, Sophia Bensch and Annika Wilewicz. Seniors Lauren Foster, and captains Liam Rio and Phoebe Lawton also finished Day One in the top 20 overall performances.

In debate, sophomores Sascha Westermann and Oscar Calipari finished Day One with a winning record of 3-2. Sophomore Salimata Sylla made it Day Two before losing in the Octo round of 16. Juniors Tydeja Kemp and Trinity Barnes also found themselves competing on Day Two, making it all the way to the Quarterfinal round against some very difficult competition.

It was a tremendous finish to the season. Thank you to all the parent judges who traveled with the team and of course Mr. Belge, our faculty advisor, for all of his commitment to this exciting and valuable activity for our students. Congratulations to all!

Special CHS Gear Sale End May 9th

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](#).



Educational Day of Healing and Restoration

BPS is pleased to inform families that the Buffalo Public School (BPS) District, in conjunction with BOCES and Buffalo Toronto Public Media, is hosting an "Educational Day of Healing & Restoration" for school-age students to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at the Tops Markets on Jefferson Ave. This event is part of Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown's "5/14 Remembrance Weekend: Reflection, Healing & Hope."

The "Educational Day of Healing & Restoration," includes a livestreamed event for all BPS students on Friday, May 12, 2023, from 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will feature a virtual healing circle, drumming, spoken word, book readings, and uplifting messages from special guests. There will be opportunities for students across our region to be directly involved and share in this day of healing and restoration.

The event will feature a virtual healing circle, book readings, and uplifting messages from special guests and experts on how to bring us all together. Parents and members of the community can also participate by viewing the livestream on the Buffalo Public Schools website: www.buffaloschools.org

The full schedule of "5/14 Remembrance Weekend: Reflection, Healing & Hope" events is available [at this link](#).

FREE 'Agents of Change Camp' Offered by NFJC of WNY*

The National for Just Communities of WNY is pleased to announce its 41st Annual Agents of Change Live-in Camp at Cradle Beach. A **FREE** Youth Leadership Camp for students ages 14-18, August 21-25, 2023. Camp will teach students about the many Diversity & Inclusion issues that affect our region. Through presentations, activities, and dialogue sessions, the NFJC will help students process what they are seeing in the news and on social media, and we will empower them to affect meaningful and positive change. Participants will grow their leadership skills as they connect with other youth from across the region, and they will learn tools they can use to build stronger and healthier communities in their schools and neighborhoods. More information and the application are [available at this link](#). The deadline for application is **May 26th**.

MS Walk Desperately Needs Volunteers*

Each year, the [National Multiple Sclerosis Society](#) hosts [Walk MS: Buffalo 2023](#). An event, which raises \$200,000 for programs, services, and research benefitting people in the region living with multiple sclerosis. This Year's event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th**.

Due to a unforeseen staffing issue, we at the Society find ourselves in **urgent need** of volunteers. At what is one our largest walk events in the country. We are hopeful that the City Honors School, will be able to help us out with this last minute request for volunteers.

We need help with all aspects of the event, from setting up to cleaning up and everything in between. So if you can help, please visit this link to learn more and sign up: [General Event Volunteer](#). **All shifts are 6:00am-noon, and we can accommodate all ages and abilities.** If you're interested in volunteering, we guarantee we have a role you'll love. Students needing service learning hours are encouraged to join us, everyone will receive a free event t-shirts, and ample food and refreshments.

Please note: This event can qualify for CAS. Juniors interested should consult with Mrs. Banas. As this is not a school sponsored event, there are no faculty supervision for students who may choose to volunteer at this event.

Daemen College Sports Camps*

Daemen College is again hosting a number of summer sports camps for both boys and girls including basketball, lacrosse, volleyball and soccer. 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](#)