



# Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community

5.5.24



## CHS Calendar Reminders

<b>5/7</b>	PTSCO Faculty/Staff Appreciation Breakfast
<b>5/13</b>	Senior Service Learning Initiative (SLI) begins for some grade 12 students depending on exam schedules
<b>5/14</b>	CHS Wellness Team Meeting (periods 6 & 7)
<b>5/15</b> 11:45am	Early Release Day for all grades (grade 5/6 sign-outs at 11:30am in atrium)
<b>5/16</b>	Superintendent's Conference Day- NO SCHOOL
<b>5/21</b>	Senior Class Dinner at Riverworks
<b>5/27</b>	Memorial Day- No SCHOOL
<b>5/28</b>	Grades 5,6 new family orientation
<b>5/30</b>	Grades 7,8,9 new family orientation
<b>5/31</b>	CHS Jr./Sr. Prom- Hyatt Regency
<b>6/4</b>	Regents Algebra I Exam- NO SCHOOL for students in grades 9-12 unless they need to take this exam.
<b>6/5</b> 5:30pm	PTSCO General Meeting- Remote
<b>6/6-6/9</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Pathfinder Island
<b>6/7</b> 6:00pm	CHS Talent Show
<b>6/14-6/25</b>	NYS Regents Exams- grade 9-12 students should only report if they have a scheduled exam (Regents exam schedule <a href="#">at this link</a> ).
<b>6/18</b> 6:00pm	'Party on the Wharf' to benefit CHS
<b>6/19</b>	NO SCHOOL- Juneteenth Holiday
<b>6/24</b>	Grade 7 Trip to Old Fort Niagara
<b>6/25</b> 9:00am	Grade 8 Moving Up Day- CHS Auditorium
<b>6/25</b>	Last day of classes for grades 5-8
<b>6/27</b> 7:00pm	CHS Graduation- Kleinhans Music Hall

## AP/IB Exams

AP/IB exams will continue over the next few weeks for students in grades 10-12. Parents and students are reminded to review the [CHS AP/IB schedule](#) so they can be ready and on-time for all exams. Students must attend all regularly scheduled class when not participating in exams. Time for lunch will be provided for all students whose normally scheduled lunch may overlap with an exam? Questions about AP Exams? Contact Mrs. Allman at [cmallman@buffaloschools.org](mailto:cmallman@buffaloschools.org)  
Questions about IB Exams? Contact Mrs. Banas at [ebanas@buffaloschools.org](mailto:ebanas@buffaloschools.org)

## **The IB Minute**

**Middle Years Program:** Mr. Moses will be visiting all grade 9 classrooms this month to start introducing the IB Personal Project experience and all of its components to our students. After visiting, he will also be sending home a welcome video and the materials from the presentation!

**Diploma Program:** IB Diploma Program exams are well underway on the Hilltop. 319 exams have already been completed and another 864 will be taken by our juniors and seniors over the next two weeks.

The largest number of students testing for IB each year is when our seniors take the IB English Literature HL exam. That two-part exam takes place this year on the afternoon of Thursday, May 9th and the morning of Friday, May 10th. On Thursday, seniors should report to the auditorium by 12:45 pm - with no cell phones or watches, no gel ink pens, and water in see-through containers only. The exam that day will end after our normal 3:09 pm dismissal time, so seniors need to plan accordingly (the exam should end by 3:40 pm for all students without accommodations). The next morning, seniors should report to homerooms and then come to the auditorium (prepared like the day before) for the second part of the IB Lit exam. For the first time ever, we will be using the gymnasium for an examination, because all juniors will be taking the AP History exam that same morning.

For all IB exams (AP exams have different start times), students need to be in the auditorium by 8:45 am for morning exams (exam start at 9 am) and 12:45 pm for afternoon exams (exam start at 1 pm).

The exam schedule for IB and AP is [linked here](#).

## **1986 CHS Sectional Baseball Championship Recognition Game**

On Friday May 10, 2024, the current CHS varsity baseball team will be honoring the CHS 1986 sectional championship baseball team. This will take place as part of the senior night game vs. McKinley starting at 4:30pm. The game begins at 4:30pm at Johnnie B. Wiley Baseball Stadium up the street from City Honors.


Coach John Grandits, TJ Blackmon '86 and other teammates will be on hand. All are welcome to join this special event. Please spread the word to anyone from Centaur Nation who might want to be present.

Thank you to CHS varsity baseball coach, John McMahon, for helping to organize this event. Coach McMahon can be reached at [jcmahon@buffaloschools.org](mailto:jcmahon@buffaloschools.org) for any questions.

## **Special Culminating Performances from CHS Music Students**

Come to City Honors at 5:30pm on Thursday, May 23rd, for an evening of musical performances! Giacomo Biondini, Aidan Rio, Charlotte Colder, and Tara Land will all be performing solo classical music, and River Braverman will perform the first Haydn Cello Concerto with piano accompaniment. Attendance is free, so bring your family and friends!

**Attn: Students in Grades 9-12: HWI Summer Science Skill Set Program\***



Hauptman-Woodward  
Medical Research Institute

July 8th - August 15th  
Mondays - Thursdays from 10am - 2pm  
Applications due 5/24. Space is limited.

# SKILL SET BUILDING

THROUGH STRUCTURAL  
BIOLOGY



Summer Program Features:

- Learning about common diseases
- Understanding how to conduct scientific research
- Visiting local centers specializing in disease research
- Incorporating VR technology to demonstrate research findings
- Presenting research to local partners and families

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[Click here](#) for more information and the application to this program offered by our good partners at HWI. Spaces are limited. Selected applicants will be notified by May 24th. Please contact program director, Nicole Terranova, at [nterranova@hwi.buffalo.edu](mailto:nterranova@hwi.buffalo.edu) if you have any questions.

**Donations Needed for PTSCO's Staff Appreciation Breakfast**

To thank the CHS faculty and staff for their work on behalf of our children, please consider helping with the Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday, May 7.

To donate for the breakfast, any of the following would be greatly appreciated:

- Food: quiche, breakfast pizzas, muffins, scones, fruit salad, yogurt, or other breakfast food
- Drinks: coffee, tea, juice, water bottles
- Additional Items: creamers, sweeteners

To help on the day of the event in the CHS atrium:

- Set up at 7:00 am
- Clean up at 9:00 am

If you can donate or volunteer on May 7, please get in touch with Matt Low, CHS parent volunteer, at [matt.low@crowleywebb.com](mailto:matt.low@crowleywebb.com). Thank you very much for your support!

### **A Big Thank You from PTSCO!**

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, staff and friends of PTSCO who came out to the comedy night fundraiser. Not only was it a blast, it was a great success!!!

*Thank you to our generous sponsors!*



*A special thank you to the following parents staff members, and community members for their contributions to the raffles:*

*Elizabeth Dirr*

*Ellen Farrell*

*Pam Fitzgibbon*

*Cristina Garcia Glover*

*Danielle Grzymala*

*Sarah Ham*

*Bill Kresse*

*Meg Marshall*

*Melissa Rodoski*

*Andrea Russell*

*Caesandra Seawell*

*Tava Shanchuck*

*Ed Speidel*

*Jeffrey Welton*

### **'Party on the Wharf'\***

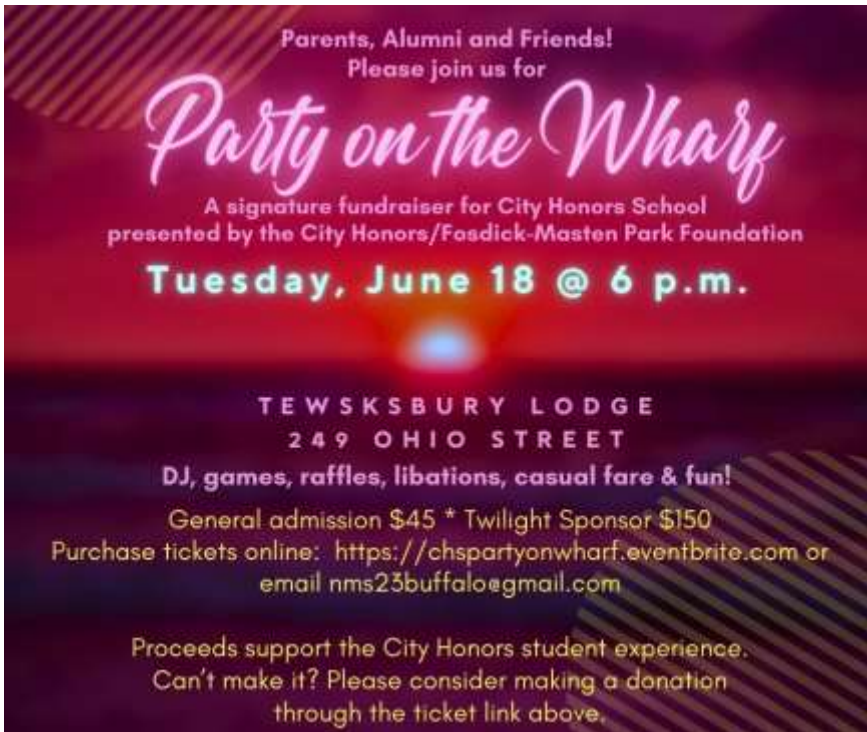
Tickets are now on sale for the signature CHS fundraiser, Party on the Wharf, presented by the City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation. All families, staff, alumni and friends of CHS are encouraged to attend. This not-to-be missed annual event will be held on Tuesday, June 18th at the Tewksbury Lodge. 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, Taje 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.

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. Donations from our CHS alumni, families and friends help to make all of this possible!

Visit <https://chspartyonwharf.eventbrite.com> to purchase event tickets and raffle tickets.

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



Parents, Alumni and Friends!  
Please join us for

# Party on the Wharf

A signature fundraiser for City Honors School  
presented by the City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation

**Tuesday, June 18 @ 6 p.m.**

TEWSKSBURY LODGE  
249 OHIO STREET

DJ, games, raffles, libations, casual fare & fun!

General admission \$45 \* Twilight Sponsor \$150  
Purchase tickets online: <https://chspartyonwharf.eventbrite.com> or  
email [nms23buffalo@gmail.com](mailto:nms23buffalo@gmail.com)

Proceeds support the City Honors student experience.  
Can't make it? Please consider making a donation  
through the ticket link above.

## Blue Flag Initiative\*



### THE *Blue* FLAG INITIATIVE

Bring a friend and join us for a simple and fun session making blue prints, also called cyanotypes, on prayer flags in remembrance of the ten precious lives taken in the racially motivated mass shooting on 5/14. Attend one of the FREE Cyanotype flag-making workshops listed below.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024 • 3PM-7PM**  
Tosh Collins Community Center / 35 Cazenovia St.

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 • 10AM-2PM**  
Johnnie B. Wiley Amateur Athletic Sports Pavilion  
1100 Jefferson Ave.

**MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 • 3PM-7PM**  
The Belle Center / 104 Maryland St.

**TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 • 3PM-7PM**  
JFK Community Center / 114 Hickory St.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own small objects with interesting silhouettes to use in their one-of-a-kind photographs on light-sensitive fabric squares. People of all ages are invited to come learn and create. The flags will be displayed at and around the Tops on Jefferson Avenue as we mark the second year since the tragedy on May 14, 2022.

The workshops are presented by Mayor Byron W. Brown, The Buffalo Common Council, Buffalo Public Schools, The Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Artist Brenda Garrison.

## **2024-25 CHS School-Based Budget**

Each spring, BPS allocates staffing and supply funds to each school for the upcoming school year. Schools must budget within that allocation. Over the past month, Dr. Kresse has presented the proposed budget at meetings of the Site Based Management Team, Building Committee, PTSCO, the CHS Foundation and to the CHS Faculty. Due to reduced allocations experienced by all buildings in the district, as well as some staffing costs unique to our building, there are required reductions for the upcoming school year. Although the school principal must submit a proposed budget to the school district this week, there is a possibility for the budget to change later this spring depending on the final New York State budget and other variables. All School Based Budget documents and information have been posted at the bottom of the [Family Resources](#) section of our school website.

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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](mailto: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.

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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 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](#)*