



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
5.29.24



CHS Calendar Reminders

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

Attention Grade 6-11 Families

Does your child plan to participate in a **BPS Summer Sports Camp, Summer Strength & Conditioning or a JV or Varsity Fall Sport for CHS**? Now is the time to register with FinalForms or to update their information in FinalForms. This will enable coaches to contact students and families ahead of time regarding the first day of practice (location, dates, time, etc.), physical clearance, and NYSED Health form submission. It will also ensure that your child is ready to participate on the first day of practice or activity. [This link](#) will help you to get registered. Once your child is registered in FinalForms, the process becomes much more streamlined each season compared to the paperwork system of the past. It just takes a few clicks each season once you complete the initial registration! If you registered for FinalForms in the Spring, be sure to update your child's profile to reflect the fall sport they plan to join so the coach can communicate with your family!

Girls Grade 5-11 Hoops

Any 5th-11th grade girl wanting to join the City Honors basketball teams, please consider our open practices on Sundays 10:00am-12:00pm at Gloria Parks Community Center. Please reach out to Coach Gardner for details! (cell 716-364-9139, Ggardner@clarenceschools.org)

CHS Families Needed to Host Sister-School Students for Two Weeks

Since 2011, City Honors and El Liceo del Caribe, a school on the Caribbean island of San Andrés, Colombia, have partnered in an exchange program intended to enhance our students' Spanish-language skills and to forge international relationships among our school community.

From Friday September 27th to Saturday October 12th, 2024, we intend to welcome eight or nine visiting students from El Liceo del Caribe. They will attend classes at CHS and immerse themselves in the Buffalo community as they practice their English language skills and make new friends. We are looking for a few interested families with students who will be in grades 9-12 to host one student for this two-week period.

This is an opportunity for your child to make international connections, build new friendships, gain exposure to Latin American and Caribbean culture, and practice their own foreign language skills, though Spanish language experience is not required. CHS students participating in the program will be able to join the group for a weekend visit to Niagara Falls for a ride on the Maid of the Mist and for our weekday field trip, a walking tour of Buffalo History.

Participating families must be willing to provide a bed and meals to one visiting student for the two-week period. We are also looking for a family to host the accompanying teacher during their stay.

If your family has an interest in this opportunity for meaningful cultural exchange, please contact me Mr. Kaderbeck (CHS social studies teacher) at ekaderbeck@buffaloschools.org.

What Do Justin Timberlake and the Savannah Bananas Have in Common?*

With just a few days until our annual City Honors fundraiser, Party on the Wharf, on June 18, we come to you with BIG news!

Last week we were thrilled to announce the chance to win 4 suite tickets to the Justin Timberlake concert (10/21/24) thanks to sponsor Delaware North.

This week, we're bananas for the Savannah Bananas! Now, thanks to Dave and Adam's Card World, you have a chance to win 4 suite tickets to the July 7 Savannah Bananas game! What could be better than that you ask? Well, there will be TWO winners for this raffle. We will pull two winners for 4 suite tickets each!

Both of these raffle opportunities are just \$20 per chance. We're extending both of these raffles for the remainder of the month. The winner will be pulled on June 30th!

Visit our Eventbrite page to purchase tickets today!
<https://chspartyonwharf.eventbrite.com>

Ticket sales to attend the party end on Sunday June 16.

Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you at the event on June 18th.

Sincerely,
The City Honors/FMP Foundation Board

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



Interested in Science and Tech? Join UB Step!



The advertisement features a blue header with the University at Buffalo logo and the text "University at Buffalo Science and Technology Entry Program". Below the header is a photograph of a student with curly hair leaning over a table, using a yellow ruler to measure a blue sheet of paper. In the top right corner of the photo, there is a smaller inset image showing two students looking at a computer screen. The main text of the ad is in white and blue on a dark blue background. It asks if the reader is interested in a career in science, technology, health, or licensed professions, and then says "JOIN UB STEP!". Below this, it explains what UB STEP is, who is eligible to apply, and lists some benefits. A QR code is provided for online enrollment, with the text "Apply online to enroll in the fall 2024-2025 program at buffalo.edu/cpmc/step". At the bottom, there is contact information for Dawn Cobb, Director, and the logo for the New York State Science & Technology Entry Program (STEP).

University at Buffalo
Science and Technology
Entry Program

Are you interested in pursuing a career in a scientific, technological, health-related field or licensed profession?

JOIN UB STEP!

What is UB STEP?
The University at Buffalo Science and Technology Entry Program (UB STEP) is a New York State grant-funded program that prepares students in grades 7-12 for entry into college, STEM fields, and licensed professions.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Students who are historically underrepresented in STEM careers and licensed professions. (Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Native Alaskan).

OR

- Economically disadvantaged students (measured by family income).

Students who meet one of the eligibility requirements above must also be in grades 7-12 and maintain an average of 85% or higher.

What are some of the benefits UB STEP students receive?

- Supplemental instruction in science and mathematics.
- Incentive stipends.
- College admissions assistance.
- Career awareness workshops.
- Leadership development and training.
- After school enrichment and Saturday STEP Up Exploration.
- Free monthly Metro passes.
- Snacks and more!

For more information contact:
Dawn Cobb, Director
Phone: 716-829-2004
Email: dawncobb@buffalo.edu

Apply online to enroll in the fall 2024-2025 program at buffalo.edu/cpmc/step.

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Important Reminders for Families As We Approach the End of the School Year

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.

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](#).

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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](#)