



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community

8.16.24



CHS Summer Reading

CHS Parents- Please take a moment to sit with your child and check their progress on their CHS Summer Reading. [This link](#) will take you to the CHS summer reading lists for each grade level and how the reading will be used in ELA classes to begin the year. The CHS Summer Reading Program is an essential part of the City Honors formula to prepare students for college. We appreciate your involvement with your child's summer reading!

CHS Back-to-School Mailing

The CHS Back-to-School Mailing for Families is being assembled and will be sent out by post next week. However, **you do not need to wait until then!** Almost all enclosures have now been posted in the [Family Resources section](#) of cityhonors.org. Just click on the "Back-to-School 2024" drop-down menu. It is very important that all families read these materials to help our students make a successful transition to the new school year!

Student Laptop Devices

It's very important that your child begin to charge and restart their BPS laptop if they are in a grade level that was permitted to retain them at home for the summer. If there are issues with the devices working properly, NOW is the time to visit the BPS CITT before the rush:

BPS Center for Innovation, Technology, and Training

1515 South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY 14220.

Phone: (716) 816-7100

Monday-Friday ~ 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Please see the CHS Start-of-School Family Survival Guide in the [CHS Back-to-School mailing enclosures](#) for more information about securing new laptops or repairing a device your child may currently have in their possession. BPS laptops are an essential learning tool that EVERY student will need to be successful in school. Students should not bring family-owned laptop devices to school for a number of reasons explained in the survival guide.

Now Hiring at CHS: Middle School Cross Country Coaches, Temporary School Typist

The Buffalo Schools Athletic Department is searching for two middle school cross county coaches for CHS. If you are a parent who has interest in coaching our grade 5-8 cross country team or know someone who is, please [see this link](#) to the district posting for these positions. We are also searching for a temporary typist to join the CHS clerical team! The posting can be found [at this link](#).

Attention Grade 8 Families

Save the Date: Our annual 8th grade trip to Pathfinder Island in the Algonquin Forest has tentatively set for **May 22-25** ("tentatively" because we still need to receive annual school board approval for the trip).

Our 8th graders have made this exciting trip for a decade now! Class advisors, Mr. Sharratt and Ms. Meyers will have lots more information about the trip coming in September, but for those not acquainted with the trip, please be sure to check out the photo album from the trip this spring [at this link](#) as well as some of the reflections from our 8th graders [at this link](#).

Parent chaperones are needed for the trip! If you are an 8th grade parent interested in chaperoning, please email jsharratt@buffaloschools.org.

Fall Athletics and Physicals for Sports

Fall sports practice is just around the corner! If your child still need a sports physical and can't get an appointment with their primary care provider, BPS is offering limited fall sports physical appointments at select locations. Here are the details:



BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PLANNING TO PLAY SPORTS @ BPS?

STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST HAVE AN UPDATED PHYSICAL (DATED WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS) TO PARTICIPATE

LIMITED FALL SPORTS PHYSICAL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT BPS SCHOOL SITES

VACCINATIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

MUST PRE-REGISTER

Appointments available 9-2pm

NORTH HUB BPS 305 McKinley August 8, 15, 22nd 9-2pm	SOUTH HUB BPS 206 South Park August 7, 14, 21st 9-2pm
EAST HUB BPS 301 Burgard August 8, 15, 22nd 9-2pm	WEST HUB BPS 198 I-Prep August 6, 13, 21st 9-2pm

Scan/click here to register



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Important Reminders About Fall Sports

- Hutch-Tech football practice begins on **Monday, August 19.**
- All other sports begin practices on **Monday, August 26.**
- **Please [click on this link](#) to see the full line-up of CHS grade 5-12 sports, contact information for coaches and how to get your child enrolled for fall sports!**
- We strongly encourage parents to upload their children's physicals to FinalForms rather than sending them to the school nurse to upload them. This will reduce turn-around time for approving your child for athletic participation.

Student Managers Needed

The boys varsity volleyball team is currently looking for student managers in grades 8-12. Any student with interest should email Coach Prophet as soon as possible at jprophet@buffaloschools.org.

New Lost & Found

We still have a few more finishing touches to put on it, but we're very excited to share that we have a new Lost & Found area for our students on the ground floor that looks a lot better and will make it easier for students to find that special something they may have lost. Thank you to the **City Honors Foundation** for funding this project which was designed and installed by: Creative Storage, Telesco Creative Group and Streamline Designs.

Before

(this was on a fairly well organized day!)



After

(yes, those are hanging rods at the left! No more piles of clothes!)



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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](#)