



# Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community  
9.16.24



## CHS Calendar Reminders

9/18	Last Day for Required Vaccinations
9/20 5:00pm	Family Welcome Back Night
9/30	Orange Shirt Day (see info below)
10/2 5:30pm	PTSCO Meeting (In-person at CHS)
10/3	School Picture Day for Grades 5-11/Senior Portrait Make-Up Day
10/14	Indigenous People's Day & Italian-Heritage Day (No School)
10/18	PSAT Testing, Grade 10
10/21	PSAT Testing, Grade 11
10/22	PSAT Make-up Day, Grade 10 & 11

*Don't miss a moment of exciting Centaur Athletics action! All CHS sports team schedules can be found at [ArbiterSports](#). You can also load the ArbiterSports app to your phone!*

## Family Welcome Back Night

CHS Families and staff- don't forget that this Friday (9/20) is our annual 'Family Welcome Back Night'! All families and staff invited, no charge for admission but bring a few dollars for the food trucks. We'll have more food trucks this year including, for the first time, a truck serving halal foods. The weather forecast looks beautiful for this event. More information on the flyer to the right. Thank you to our partners at PTSCO for organizing this evening of fun and community building!

Are you a parent, coach or staff member who helps to organize a CHS sports team, club or activity? If you would like an information/recruiting table at the Welcome Back Night, please contact Carlie Todororickus at [carlietr@gmail.com](mailto:carlietr@gmail.com).

## CHS African Drum & Dance Troupe

The CHS Dance and Drum Troupe has been building family, promoting active lifestyle and teaching students about West African cultural traditions since the early 1980's. We are the



**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 5-8PM**

**CITY HONORS SCHOOL**

186 E. NORTH STREET BUFFALO NY 14204

- DINE FROM LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS**
- SIGN-UP FOR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES**
- PLAY YARD GAMES ON FOSDICK FIELD**
- SHOP CHIRON'S CORNER**
- SUNFLOWER SELFIES @ PELION GARDEN**



largest and finest high school group of our type in the region. Jamil Kasumu (Baba Kasumu) has been our director since 2005.

The Troupe practices every Tuesday and Wednesday after school throughout the school year. All students in grades 5-12 are invited to join, although middle school students must be picked up by a parent as the district is unable to provide yellow bus transportation. Interested students and parents should contact Kasumu at [ade.jembe.foia@gmail.com](mailto:ade.jembe.foia@gmail.com). This programming is sponsored by the BPS Community Schools Program and the City Honors School Foundation.

### **CHS Cross Country**

Centaur Cross Country is setting all sorts of personal records, winning trophies and capturing medals early in the season- our team has a growth mindset and will keep building momentum!



The team is currently holding a **"Run-a-thon"** to help cover the cost of attending weekend invitationals, extra team gear and celebrations. We want these things to be accessible to every team member so all they need to worry about is running like Centaurs! Please consider making a pledge at [our campaign page](#). You can also view a special message from the team at the campaign page. Our Run-a-thon continues for the next 16 days. Thank you for your support!

**CHS Middle School Cross Country** is off to a great start but is still accepting additional runners. Please contact Coach Sanders at [jsanders1@buffaloschools.org](mailto:jsanders1@buffaloschools.org) if you have a student in grade 5-8 who would like to try this fast and fun sport!

### **Courier College Prep**

Thanks to the BPS Community Schools Program, Courier College Prep is onsite at CHS every Tuesday and Thursday. Students in grades 10-12 are encouraged to consider the sessions to the right, including the just announced PSAT prep sessions!

### **Updates from the CHS School Counseling Office**

-Military opt-out forms for 11th and 12th graders are due to the School Counseling Office by Friday, September 27.

-The PSAT will be given again digitally again this year. 10th graders will take the test on Friday, October 18 and 11th graders will take the test on Monday, October 21. There is a make-up day for both class on October 22. Please ensure your child has a working BPS or personal laptop with a charger. Digital readiness checks will be conducted in October. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

-Many admission representatives from colleges and universities across the country are scheduled

**Courier College Prep's  
Fall enrichment opportunities:**

**Tuesdays in September & October during lunch periods-**  
College Essay & Application Review  
SAT & ACT Prep

**Student Sign-up sheets in Counseling Office or  
email [couriercollegeprep@gmail.com](mailto:couriercollegeprep@gmail.com)**

**Thursdays After School**

**9/19 - College App Q&A (Museum Room)**  
**9/26 - Scholarship Q&A (Museum Room)**  
**10/3- PSAT Workshop -LGI**  
**10/10- PSAT Workshop**  
**10/17- PSAT Workshop**

*Learn more about Courier College Prep:*  
[www.couriercollegeprep.com](http://www.couriercollegeprep.com)

to visit City Honors to meet with Seniors and Juniors starting the second week in September and will continue through early November. Students can view the CHS Counselors' Class of 2025 and Class of 2026 Schoology groups for the list of upcoming admission visits. College will also be announced during the AM & PM announcements daily. Students must sign up in the School Counseling Office and get a pass to attend. Space is limited to 12 students per visit.

-For Senior families, SUNY will be holding their annual Free Application Week from Monday, October 21 to Sunday, November 3. This will allow students to apply to up to 5 SUNY campuses for FREE, which will save families up to \$250! We are also waiting to see if FAFSA will open on October 1. Stay tuned!

-Please reach out to your child's school counselor if you have any questions!

### IB Learner Profile Trait of the Month

The IB Learner Profile trait-of-the-month is "Communicators". As communicators we express our ideas by speaking, drawing, and writing. We communicate through music, dance, and drama. Language is key to expressing ourselves and we can communicate in more than one language. This month our teachers are embedding the value and nature of being 'communicators' in their lessons.

### Senior Class Fundraiser

The senior class is raising funds to make their senior year and graduation experience as special as possible and to be sure that no classmates is left out due to financial constraints. See the flyer to the right for their first fundraising event of the year and please consider supporting the Class of 2025!

### Youth Leadership Buffalo\*

Youth Leadership Buffalo is an eight-month leadership enrichment program tailored for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from various schools across our community. Our curriculum is designed to establish a solid foundation of leadership skills, cultivate awareness of community issues, foster appreciation for diversity, and instill a lifelong commitment to community service. **City Honors has student graduate from this program every year since 1994!**

YLB is currently accepting applications until October 4. Learn more and apply for this exciting program [at this link](#).

### BPS Orange Shirt Day

Buffalo Public Schools will be observing ORANGE Shirt Day on September 30, 2024 in honor and remembrance of the thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools, for those who never returned, and for those whose lives were forever changed.

**DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN**

**JOIN DAVE'S IN A FUNDRAISER FOR:  
CITY HONORS SENIOR CLASS**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**

1660 Niagara Falls Blvd. Tonawanda, NY 14150  
4:00PM - 8:00PM

SCAN THIS CODE AT THE REGISTER  
OR ORDER ONLINE ON THE DATE  
ABOVE THROUGH THE DAVE'S APP  
OR OUR WEBSITE USING THE  
FUNDRAISER CODE "GIVE", AND  
DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN WILL  
DONATE 20% OF YOUR ORDER.

DAVE'S CASHIER: IF THE CODE  
DOES NOT SCAN, ENTER  
"GIVE" INTO THE COUPON CODE  
FIELD AT THE PAYMENT SCREEN

Offer valid only on select dates. Only approved non-profit organizations and tax-exempt organizations are eligible to participate in the fundraising program. Restaurant will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax and delivery are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit [daveshotchicken.force4good.com](http://daveshotchicken.force4good.com).

Native American Resource Program  
Buffalo Public Schools

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2024  
**Orange Shirt Day**  
September 30th

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EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Wear your orange, take photos and send to [bpswebmaster@buffaloschools.org](mailto:bpswebmaster@buffaloschools.org) by October 4th.

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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](#)*