

# Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community  
9.29.24



## Upcoming Calendar Reminders

9/30	Orange Shirt Day (see info below)
10/2 5:30pm	PTSCO Meeting (in-person at CHS)
10/3	Picture Day for Grades 5-11/Senior Portrait Make-Up Day
10/14	Indigenous People's Day & Italian-Heritage Day (No School)
10/17 3:30pm	CHS Site Based Management Team Meeting (in-person at CHS)
10/18	PSAT Testing, Grade 10
10/19	CHS/Olmsted Saturday Placement Testing (more info <a href="#">at this link</a> )
10/21	PSAT Testing, Grade 11
10/22	PSAT Make-up Day, Grade 10 & 11
10/25 6:00pm-8:00pm	Grade 5/6 'I Scream' Social & Haunted Lockers (more info shortly)
10/26 9:00am-12:00pm	CHS Open House (more info <a href="#">at this link</a> )

*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!*

## Tomorrow is BPS Orange Shirt Day! (9/30)

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.

Native American Resource Program  
Buffalo Public Schools

2024  
**Orange Shirt Day**  
September 30th

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.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

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

## **Calling All CHS Families!**

Do you know a student in the city of Buffalo who would be a fit for the accelerated and enriching learning environment at City Honors? We need your help in spreading the word to families around the city about the fall placement process!

### **What people need to know:**

- We anticipate seats in grades 5,6,7,8 and 9 for next school year.
- Placement testing is available for BPS students currently in grades 4,6,8 during the school day at their school building. Grade 4 students are automatically registered to participate. Families in grades 6 and 8 must return the registration form that was sent home or contact their child's school to register.
- All students currently enrolled in a **charter** or **private school**, OR **BPS students wishing to test for grades 6 and 8**, must participate in Saturday placement testing to held on 10/19, 11/2 and 11/23.
- Pre-registration for Saturday testing is required in person, at least one week ahead, at BPS Central Registration, 33 Ash Street.**
- Families can find more information and the Saturday testing registration form [at this link](#).
- Testing for CHS automatically qualifies students to be reviewed for placement at the Olmsted/Middle High School as well
- All Saturday testing this year will be held at City Honors (186 E. North Street).
- And don't forget to share that the **CHS Open House** for families interested in our school will be held the morning of Saturday, October 26. You can share the flyer [at this link!](#)

### **Picture Day is this Thursday!**

Don't forget that CHS Picture Day is this Thursday! Students will be brought to the Aud by their ELA teachers throughout the day. All students were sent home with a form for purchase of photos. The form can also be found [at this link](#). **Please work with your child to be sure they look their best for picture day as these photos will be included in the school yearbook.** Make-ups for Senior portraits will be held in the LGI Room on Thursday. Students with questions about senior portrait make-ups should see Mr. Hecker.

### **Registration Open for Middle and High School Ski Clubs\***

PTSCO has posted details for both middle school and high school ski clubs. Please [visit this link](#) for more information. Now is the time to register!

### **PSAT Prep Sessions Start This Week!**

Courier College Prep will begin the first of three PSAT Prep Sessions this Thursday after school in the LGI Room. These sessions are designed to increase student confidence and awareness of how the PSAT works. The PSAT also serves as the National Merit Qualifying Test for grade 11 students. **Grade 11 students** are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions if they do not have any after-school obligations on Thursdays, as they will take the PSAT on 10/21. **Grade 10 students** are welcome to attend as they will take the PSAT for the first time on 10/18. Every Tuesday during all lunch periods, **seniors** can find support for college applications and essays as well as SAT & ACT Prep. Please stop down to the school counseling office to sign-up for any of these sessions or email Mr. Eldridge at [couriercollegeprep@gmail.com](mailto:couriercollegeprep@gmail.com) to let him know you will be attending. All Courier College Prep sessions held at CHS are **free of charge**, brought to our students



by the BPS Community Schools Program!

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

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

Student Sign-up sheets in Counseling Office

**PSAT Prep Classes will be offered the next three**  
**Thursdays-10/3, 10/10, 10/17-**  
**after school in the LGI.**

*Students should sign-up in the counseling office  
and bring laptops to the workshops.*

**At-Large Board of Education Forum\***

Please join the BPTO and other parent groups sponsoring this At-Large Board of Education Candidates Forum! Come meet the candidates and learn about their plans for our district. This is a free event open to the public. Tickets available here: [bit.ly/BOEforum2024](https://bit.ly/BOEforum2024)

Thursday, October 10, 2024  
Central Library (downtown) Auditorium  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
Forum 7:00 - 8:45pm

**Buffalo Board of Education**  
**At-Large Candidates Forum**

Sponsored by:

For more information and FREE tickets, scan the QR Code or go to [bit.ly/BOEforum2024](https://bit.ly/BOEforum2024)

**BPS FREE Farmer's Markets Starting in October**



B P S Community Schools

# FARMERS MARKETS

For more information, follow @BPSCCommunitySchools on Facebook

**Oct. 19th** 🍎

- #30 Frank Sedita - 11:30am
- #37 Futures - 11:30am
- #206 South Park - 10:30am
- Bennett Campus - 10:30am

**Oct. 26th** 🍇

- #43 Lovejoy - 10:30am
- #50 North Park - 10:30am
- #92 BUILD - 11:30am
- #208 Riverside - 11:30am

**Nov. 2nd** 🍌

- #93 Southside - 10:30am
- #94 West Hertel - 11:30am
- #207 Lafayette - 11:30am
- #301 Burgard - 11:30am

**Nov. 16th** 🍌

- #59 Charles Drew - 11:30am
- #74 Hamlin Park - 11:30am
- #76 Herman Badillo - 11:30am
- #89 Lydia T. Wright - 11:30am

**Dec. 7th** 🍌

- #97 Harvey Austin - 10:30am
- #198 IPREP - 10:30am
- #309 East - 11:30am
- Bennett Campus - 10:30am

**Dec. 14th** 🍌

- #3 D'Youville - 11:00am
- #43 Lovejoy - 10:30am
- #80 Highgate Heights - 11:30am
- #99 Makowski - 11:30am

**Jan. 11th** 🍌

- #43 Lovejoy - 10:30am
- #92 BUILD - 11:30am
- #207 Lafayette - 11:30am
- Bennett Campus - 10:30am

**Jan. 25th** 🍌

- #30 Frank Sedita - 11:30am
- #59 Charles Drew - 11:30am
- #206 South Park - 10:30am
- #301 Burgard - 11:30am

**Feb. 1st** 🍌

- #74 Hamlin Park - 11:30am
- #80 Highgate Heights - 11:30am
- #93 Southside - 10:30am
- #94 West Hertel - 11:30am

**Feb. 8th** 🍌

- #3 D'Youville - 11:00am
- #50 North Park - 10:30am
- #99 Makowski - 11:30am
- #206 South Park - 10:30am

**Mar. 1st** 🍌

- #89 Lydia T. Wright - 11:30am
- #207 Lafayette - 11:30am
- #301 Burgard - 11:30am
- #309 East - 11:30am

**Mar. 8th** 🍌

- #30 Frank Sedita - 11:30am
- #80 Highgate Heights - 11:30am
- #93 Southside - 10:30am
- #99 Makowski - 11:30am

**Apr. 5th** 🍌

- #74 Hamlin Park - 11:30am
- #80 Highgate Heights - 11:30am
- #94 West Hertel - 11:30am
- #206 South Park - 10:30am

**Apr. 26th** 🍌

- #3 D'Youville - 11:00am
- #37 Futures - 11:30am
- #43 Lovejoy - 10:30am
- #89 Lydia T. Wright - 11:30am

**May 10th** 🍌

- #93 Southside - 10:30am
- #97 Harvey Austin - 10:30am
- #198 IPREP - 10:30am
- Bennett Campus - 10:30am

**May 31st** 🍌

- #76 Herman Badillo - 11:30am
- #89 Lydia T. Wright - 11:30am
- #92 BUILD - 11:30am
- #208 Riverside - 11:30am

Farmers Markets take place within Saturday Academy. All safety procedures must be followed. One bag per household while supplies last. Please bring your own bag. Dates & times subject to change.



## **BPS Laptop Notice**

The following notice was provided to all BPS schools, effective, September 4, 2024:

- In the event that a BPS laptop is lost without submission of a police report, the fee for the first incident is \$350. For second and subsequent lost incidents, the replacement fee increases to \$525.
- Students with damaged devices are fined \$105 for the first incident. For second and subsequent damage incidents, the fee is \$140.
- Replacement devices do not come with a replacement charging cord. Replacement Dell chargers cost \$35.
- Families with questions or concerns about fees should contact CITT directly between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday by calling 716-816-7128 or emailing [BPSinventory@buffaloschools.org](mailto:BPSinventory@buffaloschools.org)

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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](#)*