

August 2017

Dear CHS Families:

I hope you and your child have been enjoying every minute of this Buffalo summer which has brought us a great balance of sun, rain and warmth. The new school year is upon us. Our faculty and facility are just about ready to go! Our first day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 5. This will be a full day of school.

The biggest change that families will notice for this school year is that our school day has been extended as a result of a new contract between our teacher's federation and the school district. Homeroom will now begin at 8:08 and the final bell of the day for dismissal will sound at 2:45. I have enclosed our annual Back-to-School Survival Guide which includes more information about the daily schedule and many other documents to be sure your family begins the school year successfully.

We are currently awaiting district approval to finalize our master schedule. As a result, we are unable to provide you with a copy of your child's schedule at the time of this mailing. Student schedules will be handed out at distribution locations on the first day of school. Signs with schedule pick-up information will be clearly posted for students as they enter the building and staff will be stationed around the building to support students with questions. Grade five and six students will report to the school auditorium at the start of the school on September 5.

Please welcome the following teachers who will be joining our faculty at City Honors:

Ms. Batcho: Special Education/Business

Mrs. Castillo: Spanish

Ms. Cronin: Special Education/Science

Mrs. Didas: Spanish

Mrs. Dylewski: Visual Arts

Mrs. Sauer: Chemistry

Thank you to all of the parent and teacher representatives who volunteered their time this summer to serve on the hiring teams to select these teachers.

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Please review your child's CHS summer reading progress in the days leading up to the start of school to be sure it is completed. These lists were distributed to students at the end of the school year and are posted on our website at www.cityhonors.org under the Parent Resources tab. Teachers in ELA classes will be engaging students in assignments and discussions related to summer reading assignments as the school year starts.

We have an exciting year of learning planned for our students. Our faculty, staff, and administrative team look forward to welcoming our students back on September 5. We hope to see you at our **Back-to-School Picnic** (9/15) and **Parent/Teacher Get-Acquainted Night** (9/19)!

Sincerely,

William A. Kresse, Ph.D.

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