



City Honors School

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a CHS Senior:

I am writing to address a number of important issues related to the completion of your child's education at City Honors. All senior families should attend to the following issues in order to successfully conclude their career at City Honors:

- Over 99% of our seniors are participating in the **Senior Service Learning Initiative**. Our senior class advisor, Mr. Howson, is in charge of administering this program. SLI began on Friday, May 11, 2018 and will end on Monday, June 11, 2018. **SLI is a minimum of four hours a day, every school day, between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm.** Seniors are expected to inform their SLI site if they will be absent and to remind the site about days off (including Monday, May 28th and Tuesday, June 5th).
- **Submit a stamped and addressed envelope to the guidance office with the address of the admissions office of the college your child has selected.** This envelope will be used for the purpose of sending out final student transcripts in July. Please remind your child to do so as soon as they know which school they will be attending. Your college will not allow you to register in August unless they have this final transcript.
- **Fill out the senior exit survey online** (found under "Senior Class Information" at: cityhonors.org/families/resources/.) This was due several weeks ago. Parents and seniors were asked to provide a final list of any and all scholarships/grants/work study offers, schools they where they received admission etc... even if they chose not to accept these offers. The names of these scholarships and grants are listed in the graduation program to recognize our students. **If your child has submitted inaccurate or incomplete information, this will be reflected in the graduation program.** We also use this information to track the amounts and types of offers received by our students. This exit survey is also used so that our school can inform International Baccalaureate (IB) of your child's college destination. In turn, IB will send an electronic transcript of your child's performance on IB exams to the college he/she will be attending. **If your child has any updates to the information they listed on their senior class exit survey, they should fill out the supplemental Senior Exit Survey online** (also found under "Senior Class Information" at: cityhonors.org/families/resources/).
- In January, seniors were provided IB PIN sheets by their English teachers in order to access their IB exams scores online. Using any browser but Safari, grades can be checked starting the afternoon of Friday, July 6, 2018. Seniors will not know their scores without this information sheet. If this sheet was misplaced, they must email Mrs. Banas on or before June 21st at ebanas@buffaloschools.org.

Please note, seniors who were never full IB Diploma Candidates, who would like their IB scores from junior year to be sent to their college/university, must personally request the transcript be sent. The link on how to submit a transcript request to IB can be found at the bottom of the IB Diploma Program page at cityhonors.org.

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- Seniors who have not paid their senior dues, owe library books, debts, team uniforms, turned in SLI forms, etc. need to resolve these issues to receive their official diploma the evening of graduation exercises.

I would ask you to note the following important dates related to seniors:

- **June 11** Last Day of Senior Service Learning Initiative
- **June 15** Senior SLI Time Logs/Reflections due to Mr. Howson
- **June 21** Graduation
 - 10:30 am: Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal at Kleinhan's Music Hall
seniors must attend in order to participate in graduation
 - 6:00 pm: Graduates arrive to receive flowers and get into formation for procession
 - 7:00 pm: Graduation procession begins

A few reminders about graduation:

- Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Dexter Johnson, City Honors Class of 1982 and a NASA Technical Fellow at NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Please remember that you do not need a ticket to attend the CHS graduation ceremony at Kleinhan's Music Hall. We invest in use of the hall so that families can bring as many people as they want to share this special day with their child.
- Please plan to arrive early as free parking is limited to side streets. If you want to park in the actual Kleinhan's parking lot, there is a charge of approximately \$10. The school does receive these proceeds.
- Families may not bring any noisemaking device to graduation.
- Students **may not alter their graduation cap and gown in any way** or they will be removed from the procession into Kleinhan's and not allowed to participate in the ceremony.
- Student dress: All students should dress appropriately for this formal ceremony, and we encourage young men to wear a tie under their graduation robes. Students should not wear high heels as they will be walking up and down stairs and narrow risers.
- Families are also asked to please remain at their seats out of consideration for other guests. We have secured a photography company to take a photo of each graduate as they receive their diploma. There will be a website and access code published in the graduation program that can be used to order your child's photo. To keep pricing as low as possible for families, the school chooses not to profit from these sales.

City Honors is required to send a final transcript to your child's college destination following graduation. Keep in mind that this transcript contains a summation of your child's academics during the second half of their senior year including all grades. Almost all colleges make their admissions, scholarship, and financial aid offers contingent upon what they deem to be a "successful completion of a high school career." We are increasingly finding that colleges are scrutinizing the last segment of the senior year for any signs of character or motivational lapses. Colleges rescinding or decreasing their offers based on these final reports are not uncommon these days.

After careful consideration, the faculty committee reviewing senior applications to assist with stage duties during graduation has settled upon the following roster:

Superintendent's Message:	Truong Pham
Class Gift to School:	Tasmiah Chowdhury, Hannah Pilarski, Ryan James
Class Address:	Emily Gartz
Introduction of Keynote Speaker:	Nornubari Bagia

Students listed above should contact Mrs. Banas as soon as possible to prepare for their duties.

As is our tradition at City Honors, the roles above have been assigned to represent a cross-section of the personalities and interests of the Class of 2018. These students are not receiving individual distinction, but will be representing their classmates in the duties they are completing. The unique nature of CHS graduation since the school's inception has been celebrating the journey, accomplishments and learning of the entire class.

I have greatly enjoyed working with your child over the years. My most sincere hope is to see them off to an enjoyable and successful completion of their time at City Honors. Thank you for your ongoing support of your child during these final months. Congratulations to all on the successful completion of your CHS voyage!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Kresse".

William A. Kresse, Ph.D.
Principal