



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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Dear Parent/Caregiver 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:

- Over 95% of our seniors participated in the Senior Service Learning Initiative (SLI). SLI began on Monday, May 15th and ended yesterday on Tuesday, June 13th. Seniors must submit their time log and reflection sheet via email to dcasseri@buffaloschools.org by the end of the day on Friday, June 16th. Directions for submitting the time log and reflection via email were posted on the Senior Schoology page on Monday, June 12th. These documents were handed out at our final senior meeting, have been available in the metal rack outside the IB office, and have been scanned and can be found in the Family Resources section of cityhonors.org and on the Senior Schoology Page.
- The Senior Exit Survey was due back at the beginning of May. Any senior who did not fill it out will not have school transcripts sent to the school they are planning to attend next year, will not have the free IB transcript sent to their school, and will have "Undecided" as their destination in the printed graduation program. The survey is still open, and seniors who did not fill it out should do so immediately. We cannot guarantee the information will make the printed graduation program, but if it is filled out before June 22th, CHS transcripts will be sent to the college destination listed by the student.
- In February, seniors were provided IB PIN sheets by Mrs. Vircillo-Franke so that they could upload their Literature HL essays. They were told at the time that they needed to keep that information so that they could access their IB scores. Using any browser but Safari, grades can be checked starting in the late morning of Wednesday, July 6th. Seniors will not know their scores without this information sheet. If this sheet was misplaced, they must email Mrs. Banas before June 22.
- Seniors who have not paid their senior dues, owe money for IB examinations they did not take, owe library books, debts, team uniforms, SLI forms, etc. need to resolve these issues prior to graduation.
- Seniors who were unable to turn in their computers today must return them to The Center for Innovation, Technology, and Training at 1515 South Park Avenue between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. A receipt will be given to the senior and the senior should then come to the school and show that receipt to Mr. Hecker to receive a yearbook and the main office so that the diploma will be released for distribution after graduation.

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Please note the following important dates and times:

- June 16** Senior SLI Time Logs/Reflections due
June 22 Graduation Day
-10:30 am: Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal at Kleinhan's Music Hall
Seniors must attend in order to participate in graduation
-6:00 pm: Seniors arrive and are arranged in formation for procession
-7:00 pm: Graduation procession begins

A few reminders about graduation:

- Our keynote speaker will be Trina Burruss, President and CEO of United Way of Buffalo and Erie County and a 1986 graduate of City Honors.
- 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 \$10. The school does receive these proceeds.
- Families may not bring any noisemaking devices to graduation.
- **Students may not alter/add decoration 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. We strongly encourage students to wear a tie or blouse under their graduation robes. Students should not wear shorts or high heels, sandals or flip-flops as they will be walking up and down stairs and narrow risers.
- Families are asked to please remain at their seats out of consideration for other guests. We have secured a professional photographer to take photos as each graduate as they receive their diploma. Information on how to access those photos will be listed in the graduation program. To keep pricing as low as possible for families, the school chooses to not receive any commission from these sales.
- Students should take their gown out of the packaging and hang it immediately after getting home from rehearsal- the gown will be wrinkled otherwise. Tip: hanging it in your bathroom works well as the steam from showers takes most wrinkles out. Do not iron the cap or gown.
- Be careful not lose your tassel when taking the gown and cap out of the bag.
- A white (Diploma course candidates) or silver (Diploma candidates) stole will be given to each student at rehearsal to wear as a part of the graduation costume.
- All personal belongings of the graduates should be given to family members before entering the staging area for graduates downstairs at Kleinhans. Graduates will not be permitted to have bags, purses, cell phones, cameras, water bottles, etc. with them during the ceremony.
- Please note that only diploma covers are handed out to the graduates during the ceremony. All students should report to the Mary Seaton room following the ceremony to pick up their actual diploma and an envelope containing other important documents from our school counselors.
- All policies relating to student conduct during the regular school year remain in force during graduation. Misconduct, distractions, defiance of procedures and/or lack of compliance with dress code requirements may result in a graduate's diploma being retained by the school until resolution of disciplinary issues and family conference in the days after graduation.
- Colleges will be mailed school transcripts by mid-July when official transcripts become available from the school district. All colleges and universities understand that New York State public schools send them later in the summer due to school ending at the end of June.

After careful consideration, our faculty committee has selected the following students to participate in stage duties:

Superintendent's Message: Aubria Cooper
Class Address: Ciah Courtney
Class Gift: Nicole Ndayishimiye, Nalida Thongseng, Abigail Wisz
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Moontaha Ullah

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 2023. 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.

If you would like the world to know about your soon-to-be CHS graduate, celebratory lawn signs are now available at Zoom Copy [using this link](#). To keep pricing as low as possible, the school is not deriving any profit from the sale of these signs.

I have enjoyed working with your child over the years. My most sincere hope is to see them off to a 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,



William A. Kresse, Ph.D.
Principal

