



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Congratulations on your child's placement to City Honors School (CHS)! Our staff and I are excited to welcome them to their new home. Years spent on the Hilltop will provide them with an experience like no other in the nation and prepare them well to succeed at the collegiate level and beyond. This packet will provide you with initial information to begin their transition to CHS. A more comprehensive back-to-school packet will be sent to all City Honors families toward the end of August.

We will hold our **new student orientation day on August 30**. At this orientation we will review information about our academic and co-curricular programs, tour the school building and introduce some of our teachers. We strongly encourage new students to attend this event with their parents/guardians. Families **entering grade 5 will meet at 9:00am**. Families **entering grades 7, 8, and 9 will meet at 1:00pm**. Plan to wear masks to this orientation.

Please use the enclosed response form to verify that your family will attend the orientation. Also included in this mailing is a World Language and Instrumental Music form. We ask that you mail back both of these forms or respond to the online forms so we can prepare your child's schedule. If your child was a Buffalo Public School student last year we have included a Census Verification Form from Infinite Campus. Please review the form and if there are changes to your phone numbers or emails, please call the office staff to update the information. If your child was not a Buffalo Public School student last year, we will include it in your packet later in August. We want to provide your family with the best communication possible. City Honors uses email and SMS communications regularly.

The **CHS summer reading program** helps our students to advance their reading skills during the summer months. Our faculty selects works with an emphasis on intercultural understanding and social justice issues, both important to our mission as an International Baccalaureate school. Our ELA teachers will use these texts in the opening weeks of school to immediately spark the interest of our students and engage them in learning. Given that notification of student placement was delayed this year, I am asking new students to use the month of August to complete the required text at their grade level. If your child is able to complete this text, they can advance to second text where they have the choice of their reading. Our ELA teachers will accommodate new students who have been unable to complete their full summer reading assignments. CHS Summer reading lists for each grade level can be found at the 'Family Resources' section of our school website (cityhonors.org/families/resources/) which includes an area where we are beginning to post all of our back-to-school documents.

Students interested in joining athletic teams may begin contacting coaches now using the email addresses provided on the athletics section of our school website. Information regarding physicals for sports and grade 7/8 students playing JV and varsity sports are posted to the aforementioned back-to-school section of the website.

If you have any questions regarding your child's transition to our program please feel free to contact assistant principal, Mrs. Angela Hannah or myself at 816-4230. I look forward to meeting your family at our August 30 orientation!

Sincerely,

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