

View From The Hill



A monthly PTSCO publication for the families and staff of City Honors School at Fosdick-Masten Park

JUNE 2011

City Honors Ranked #9 in USA and #1 in Northeast!

City Honors School has been ranked #9 in the nation this year, up from #10 last year in the annual rankings originated by *Newsweek* and now released by the *Washington Post*.

City Honors continues to hold the top rating in the Northeastern United States, and the school achieved its highest index rating ever with a score of 9.657. It also received a rating of 95.2 percent for students that earned college credit on at least one Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate examination. 31 percent of City Honors families fall below the federal poverty line, the third highest of top ten schools in the ranking. City Honors is believed to be the only school in the nation that mandates both AP and IB courses for every student as a part of its demanding graduation requirements.

City Honors Principal Dr. William Kresse says, "While the value of our magnet school mission and 'framework of challenge' continue to be recognized, it is important for the public to realize that educators and parents throughout the Buffalo Public Schools are doing extraordinary work each day to elevate students in need, though these efforts are not always accounted for when looking at the overall system."

Superintendent of Buffalo Public Schools Dr. James A. Williams says he is happy for the accomplishments of Dr. Kresse and his staff and students who have "pushed forward to unprecedented excellence over the past several years, never losing footing despite a two-year relocation during construction."

Additional progress at City Honors over the past six years includes:

- Instituting an open access policy for the IB Diploma Program, allowing any student to choose to be exposed to the demanding rigor of a full slate of college level courses.
- Expanding IB and AP programs in a number of areas including environmental sciences and the arts.
- Creation of an autistic education program, STARS (STudents with Autism Rising to Success) that has grown to be the largest autistic education program in a traditional school setting in the state.
- Successful expansion of its acclaimed Science Research Program at Roswell Park and Hauptman-Woodward Institutes.
- Completion of a stunning \$43 million restoration and expansion of the school building, which opened its doors in September of 2010.
- Addition of a Mandarin Chinese Language track from grades five through twelve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 10

CHS Junior/Senior Prom 7:00 - 11:00 PM

Monday, June 13

Last day of Senior Service Learning Initiative (Senior Internship Program)

Tuesday, June 14

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Wednesday, June 15 - Thursday, June 23

Regents Exams (8th-12th grades)

Friday, June 17

All Senior Service Learning Initiative paperwork is due

Tuesday, June 21

PTSCO Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 22

Moving Up Day (MUD) ceremony 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Auditorium

MUD Luncheon

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Buffalo Convention Center for students and Parents

Thursday, June 23

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal - Kleinhans 10:30 AM
Graduates report to Kleinhans 6:00 PM
Graduation Ceremony at Kleinhans 7:00 PM

Friday, June 24

Last Day of school

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*For many more important dates
please consult the main school calendar at
www.cityhonors.org on a regular basis*

Annual Moving Up Day Celebration!

Inviting all 8th grade students and families

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 9 - 11 AM CHS Auditorium

A notice was sent home with your child with pertinent information about the ceremony. We are looking for chaperones and donations for the dance to be held directly following the luncheon at the Convention Center. If you are able to help please contact Sarah Gunter at 716.931.1395 or sgunter@buffaloschools.org. Check your email for upcoming information.



BPS Announces 2011-2012 School Calendar

Back to School September 7!

[http://www.buffaloschools.org/files/filesystem/
11-12%20calendar%20final.pdf](http://www.buffaloschools.org/files/filesystem/11-12%20calendar%20final.pdf)

or
[click here](#)



From the Principal

Dr. William Kresse

Common Core State Standards Arrive at CHS

CHS parents should be aware that there is a dramatic change taking place in American and New York State education. In the past, standards developed by the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) guided our Math and English Language Arts teachers to arrive at performance outcomes. Starting in the fall of 2011, this will no longer be the case. New York State, along with forty-one other states, the District of Columbia and the US Virgin Islands have adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The new standards will be implemented starting this fall for Math and English Language Arts and may be expanded to additional content areas in future years. The literacy standards that are a part of CCSS will immediately apply to the other core content areas (social studies and science) as well as technical subjects.

The CCSS Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts, to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare children for college and the workforce. The standards are informed by the most effective models from the US and around the world, and

provide teachers and parents with a common understanding of what students are expected to learn. Consistent standards will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students, regardless of where they live.

These standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs. The standards:

- Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- Are clear, understandable and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- Are informed by other top performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy and society; and
- Are evidence-based.

The standards are much more specific than our previous New York State standards. They provide extensive support and exemplars to teachers, parents and students in order to understand clearly what students need to learn. In addition, New York has joined the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). As a part of

this partnership, New York State teachers will have access to materials and resources created by member states that support CCSS implementation. Performance based online testing systems that align with the CCSS are also being developed by PARCC and there is a good chance they will eventually replace our current NYS state testing system.

Our teachers were informed of the State's adoption of CCSS when we returned to school in September 2010. They have been studying and planning their courses for the 2011-2012 school-year to correspond to the new standards. Content specialists from the Buffalo Public Schools have also been providing training to teachers in the common core standards during this school year. At CHS we will continue to implement the new standards in an accelerated fashion in keeping with our accelerated magnet school theme (ex: Grade 6 ELA teachers will be guided by Grade 7 ELA CCSS, Grade 7 math teachers will be guided by grade 8 CCS and so on).

I encourage all parents to become more familiar with the purpose and details of the Common Core State Standards by visiting www.corestandards.org or [click here](#) and by visiting the following section of the BPS English and Reading Department's website <http://buffaloschools.org/EnglishDept.cfm?subpage=57779> or [click here](#).



City Honors families and friends were treated to a fun-filled evening of great music (provided by the fabulous Outer Circle Orchestra), salsas, smoothies, and desserts, along with an exciting auction of some great prizes. Live auction prizes included a pool party in the school pool and a tour of the "attic" led by Dr. Kresse. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers, particularly organizer Donna Graham, who made the evening such a great success.





2011 Auction Sponsors and Donors

A huge thank you to all the teachers, students and families who donated wonderful baskets and volunteered time. You made this fund raising effort a success!

360 Fitness
 Acropolis Restaurant
 Adventure Landing
 Albright Knox Art Gallery
 Sarah Ambrus
 Amy and Aimee Salon
 Anderson's
 Annie Adams
 Anna Grace
 Aquarium of Niagara
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 Berrafato's Prima Pizza and Pasta
 Bob and John's La Hacienda
 Body One Studios
 Boston Market
 Brian Art Galleries
 Broadway Bobby's
 Budways
 Buffalo Athletic Club
 Buffalo Audubon Society
 Buffalo Bills
 Buffalo Bisons
 Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society
 Buffalo Harbor Cruises
 Buffalo Museum of Science
 Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
 Buffalo Sabres
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 Margaret Cardina
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 Chef's
 City Nails
 Clutter Bug
 Cole's
 Comfort Suites Downtown
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 Deja Lu Dress Shop
 Delta Sonic
 Dina Salon
 Dipson Theatre
 Chantel Dittenhauser
 Dosluoglu and Logue Families
 Eaton Chocolate
 El Buen Amigo
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 Elmwood Taco and Subs

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 Robert Graziano
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 Imperial Pizza
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 Jodi Spurbach Chiropractic
 Joe's Deli
 Johnny Meats
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 Old Fort Niagara
 Oliver's Restaurant
 Outer Circle Orchestra
 Pane's Restaurant
 Park Edge Sweet Shoppe
 Premier Group
 Melanie Pyne
 Record Theatre
 Gail Reddington
 Rich's
 Rivera Theatre
 Romano's Bakery
 Romeo and Juliet's Bakery and Cafe
 Margaret Root
 Royal Pizza
 Russell's Steaks Chops and More
 Salvatore Italian Garden
 Sam's Club
 Karen Sansone
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 Jayette & Steven Sinclair
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 Towne Restaurant
 UB Department of Music
 VALUE Home Center- Elmwood Ave
 Vanity Salon
 Virgil Avenue Tobacconist
 Wayside Family Restaurant
 Webb Trading and Antiques
 Wegmans's Food Market - Amherst St.
 WIVB-TV4
 Xtreme Wheels Skate Park

Letter from Beth Gosch, PTSCO President

As the school year winds down, the weather starts to look promising, and we are all looking forward to a break from the routine, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Our first annual Fun Family Fiesta was a smashing success. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who spent countless hours in preparation, as well to the volunteers that helped us to pull it all together in the final hours. The Outer Circle Orchestra was a highlight for many and the compliments about the band that I continue to hear every day were well merited. Victoria Hong also added to the merriment with her good natured and friendly auctioneering hat on. The live auction was new to the event this year and was very successful for us. Thanks to the families that bid high and bid often! Much of the success of the auction is

contributable to Dr. Kresse and Ms. Cardina who will spend additional hours on behalf of our school to allow us to raise these extra funds. A small group of volunteers almost single-handedly solicited most of the gifts and certificates that were bid on through the evening. They did an outstanding job and I hope they get more volunteers to join in their efforts next year. Margaret Root, chief gift collector, appropriately asked that we all remember to thank the generous vendors and businesses that supported our auction whenever we get an opportunity to frequent their venues.

The teacher appreciation luncheon is scheduled for June 14 from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM. The lunch will be catered by Gramma Mora's. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, serve

and clean up for the event. This is a fun event to participate in and it is always so nice to watch the teachers socialize in a relaxed environment.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and hard work. City Honors success is due partly to the level of parent involvement. Please stay involved, or if you have sat on the sidelines consider becoming more involved so that we can continue to be noted as one of the top 10 schools in America. It takes a great team of administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students to reach such a lofty goal. I thank you for the privilege of allowing me to be so involved.

Enjoy your summer and get ready to return in the fall to our fun-filled picnic event chaired once again by the one-and-only Elena Blatto!

Thank you, Beth Gosch!

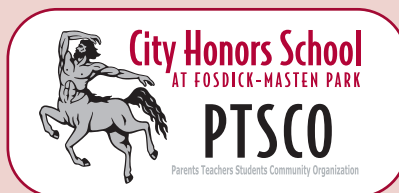
Thank you for taking on the role of President of the PTSCO organization.

It is said the 'best example of leadership is by example', and Beth personifies that definition.

Leadership is action, not position and Beth has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and has been able to engage people in this very worthwhile organization, always keeping the best interest of PTSCO in mind. She has kept the philosophy that leadership is understanding people and involving them to get the job done. This has provides everyone the opportunity to bring different skills to our various projects as well as take ownership, thus setting up PTSCO to move toward continued growth and success.

Her contributions are too numerous to mention. She has inspired us all and we know she will continue to be involved and be a tremendous asset to City Honors.

We are truly grateful for the commitment Beth has given to PTSCO and look forward to working with her on new endeavors in the future!



CHS Masterminds Defeat Williamsville East & Nichols for Regional Title

The City Honors Masterminds team won the Regional championship on Tuesday, May 24 by defeating Nichols and Williamsville East and now heads onward to the state finals.

Team members Ben Snider, Ameen Salem, Konrad Pawlek, and captain George Ganey entered the double elimination finals with no losses. The first match against Williamsville East witnessed CHS ahead for most of the match, only to fall behind right at the end and suffer their first loss by a close 180-190. In their second match against Nichols, CHS confidently beat the competition 305-120.

City Honors had the challenge of winning not just one, but two more matches against Will East in order to clinch the championship. In another heated round of competition, City Honors found themselves behind 170-205 with 20 seconds left in the game. George Ganey rang in at the last minute to correctly answer the toss-up. Realizing the score now 180-205 and a 30-point bonus ahead of them, the team realized that they needed to get every bonus question correct to win. With confidence, they accomplished this feat, winning by just 5 points! They won the third match against Williamsville East 310-170 to receive the coveted golden cup for the WNY Regional Championship.

Congratulations to the entire team and coach, Mr. Patrick Cooney (CHS Mathematics Dept). Good luck in the New York State final four!

CHS Wins \$5,000 Lowe's Grant for Landscaping

Congratulations and thank you to CHS parent Jennifer Tronolone who worked with BPS Grants Officer Essie Whalen to successfully win a \$5,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant from the Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation (LCEF)! This grant will enable CHS to landscape portions of the front of our school building which are in need of the green touch of plants, bushes and trees. Jennifer and Essie named the project the 'Growing Our Future - City Honors Landscaping Project.' This Lowe's grant, combined with some additional landscaping being provided by LP Ciminelli as a part of the Joint School Construction Project, should really bring a significant change to the look of our school building over the summer months.

If you have interest in assisting with or donating to the Growing Our Future Project, please contact Jennifer Tronolone at troncor1@me.com.

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENOCIDE STUDIES: Women's Rights are Human Rights

June/July 2011

Erie 1 BOCES Harkness Center
Open to incoming 9th graders through graduating Seniors.

Online registration at www.summerinstituteofbuffalo.org
Registration closes on Friday, June 17

Congratulations to Mr. Martin!

Eighth grade science teacher Mr. Robert A. Martin was chosen to receive the 2011 Kindergarten - 8th grade Science Educator Award by the Western Section of the Science Teachers Association of New York State. He was honored at a dinner on May 24 at the Daemen College Wick Center.

Mr. Martin's classroom is an extension of himself. His students learn in a scientific environment. He has set up an area in his classroom designed to peak the student's curiosity about the world around them and encourage them to be careful observers. He knows the importance of developing skills that will serve the students well beyond their year in his classroom. Partho Bhattacharya, a former student says, "Mr. Martin grows seeds of scientific curiosity and passion in all of us." Lily Friedman, a sophomore notes that "Mr. Martin stands out in my mind as a wonderful asset to the City Honors Science Community."

Quin Roussard, a sophomore concurred, "He doesn't just come to work each day to teach, he comes for the better good of the students. If a student is having trouble with a topic, he will put all of his extra time and effort into helping his student to the best of his ability. He is able to analyze and describe the topic in many different ways to make sure that each and every student has complete understanding of the topic at hand. Mr. Martin is also an extremely personable person who is always available to talk. Mr. Martin will always be one of those teachers who stay in my mind."

Mr. Martin started his career in 1972 at the Buffalo Museum of Science. He worked in the private sector from 1984 until 1998. During this time, he worked as an adjunct professor at Medaille College and the State University College at Buffalo. Mr. Martin is also very active in the community. His service included the Tiff Nature Center and Martin Luther King Jr. Park Task Force committees. He served as a Volunteer Leader for the Erie County 4-H and on several boards over the course of his long career. Mr. Martin has been a teacher in the Buffalo Public Schools since 1998.

Box Tops for Education

PTSCO is continuing to earn funds which support CHS student activities.

Be sure to send in your Boxtops. Even better...at the online Boxtops Marketplace you can earn boxtops for City Honors when you shop online!

For details: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/Default.aspx> or [click here](#).

WANTED

DONATIONS OF UNFRAMED/UNMOUNTED PRINTS AND POSTERS

to enhance our Buffalo History, Arts & Heritage Gallery in the McVay Cafe (school cafeteria)

DRESS FORMS OR MANNEQUINS to display historic school uniforms in the Museum Room

Anyone who may have items to donate or wants to contribute toward plakmounting costs should contact IB Diploma Program coordinator Mrs. Banas at 716.816.4235 or ebanas@buffaloschools.org

June Exam Information

Regents exams are scheduled from June 14 until June 23. All 8th-12th grade students should receive information from their teachers regarding the time and day of their exams.

During the exam dates, 9th to 12th grade students should ONLY report to school when they are scheduled for exams. Students should arrive at 8:15 for morning exam periods (8:30-11:30 AM) and 12:15 PM for afternoon exam periods (12:30-3:30 PM). No lunch is served for high school students during the exam days.

MORNING: 8:30 - 11:30 AM
STUDENTS REPORT TO ASSIGNED CLASSROOM BY 8:15 AM

EARLY ADMINISTRATION: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
STUDENTS REPORT TO ASSIGNED CLASSROOM BY 10:45 AM
No students will be permitted to leave prior to the 2:00 p.m. uniform state deadline.

AFTERNOON: 12:30 - 3:30 PM
STUDENTS REPORT TO ASSIGNED CLASSROOM BY 12:15 PM

District and New York State Regents Exam Schedule

DATE	MORNING	EARLY ADMINISTRATION	AFTERNOON
Wednesday June 15	RE in Global History and Geography	District EOC 9/English I	Physical Setting/Physics RCT in Science
Thursday June 16	RE in U.S. History & Government	Integrated Algebra	
Friday June 17	Comprehensive English	Physical Setting/Earth Science	
Monday June 20	RCT in Global Studies District Second Language Proficiency (Spanish, French, Chinese, Latin)		RCT in Reading
Tuesday June 21	Living Environment		Algebra 2/Trigonometry RCT in U.S. History & Government
Wednesday June 22	Comprehensive Regents Examinations (French, Spanish)		Physical Setting/Chemistry RCT in Mathematics
Thursday June 23	Geometry RCT in Writing		

HELP WANTED

PHOTOGRAPHERS: PLEASE BRING YOUR CAMERA'S TO CITY HONORS SCHOOL EVENTS!

Both the CHS website and the newsletter are happy to use your pictures. If you have something to share, you can contact Amy Bisantz (bisantz@buffalo.edu) or Ms. Banas (ebanas@buffaloschools.org) for the web site.

SET UP HELP, SERVERS, AND CLEAN UP FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM on June 14. Contact Beth Gosch (bgatchs@gmail.com)

PARENT CHAPERONES FOR MOVING UP DAY ACTIVITIES

Sarah Gunter (sgunter@buffaloschools.org)

STUDENT AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR NYS MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 3 and 4 (page 7). Contact Donna Kerr (dkerr@buffaloschools.org)

Music Dept News

Elizabeth M. Newton
Vocal Music Teacher

Choral Wins Honors

Congratulations to the City Honors High School Chorale who received a Silver rating at the New York State School Music Association's Ensemble Festival held at Niagara-Wheatfield High School on May 19. The Chorale prepared three pieces from the NYSSMA manual and then were adjudicated by two experts in the music education field. We are very proud of these students for the hard work and dedication that went into preparing for this event, and for representing City Honors and the Buffalo Public Schools in such an outstanding way!

City Honors to Host Music Festival

City Honors will be holding The New York State School Music Association's final solo festival of the year on June 3 and 4. We are very much in need of parent and student volunteers to help with score keeping, room monitoring, information desk, concessions and help with providing meals and refreshments for the adjudicators. We will have approximately 1500 students, their parents and teachers from all over Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties in the building for this event - let's show them our City Honors Pride and Spirit by assisting us in promoting musical excellence! If are interested in helping out, please contact Donna Kerr at dkerr@buffaloschools.org. CAS hours are available for student volunteers. Your child does not need to be involved in the Music Department in order to volunteer or receive CAS hours.

Summer Music Opportunities!

Links to music camps and Bel Canto society activities can be found on the CHS Website: <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/news/title/summer-music-camp-opportunities-bel-canto-society/> or [click here](#).



Announcing Vizio Raffle Winners!

Traditionally, PTSCO raffles off the latest electronic "gadget" at the auction. This year, a generous CHS family donated two Vizio Smart TVs. The winners were: Ava Kane (5th grade) and Terrell Richardson (8th grade). Congratulations! Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets to support this raffle – the raffle earned almost \$1000! All proceeds to go to PTSCO to enrich student life at City Honors.



SOS...Save Our Subscriptions!

Sharon A. Bertucci
Guidance Counselor

As you may know every year we run a Magazine Drive to benefit our school. This year we will begin in late September.

You can help the success of this program by simply saving your magazine renewals for the Magazine Drive in the fall. New orders are welcomed and will benefit our sale.

Current subscriptions can be renewed during the Magazine Drive. Those renewals will begin to arrive when the current subscription expires.

Friends and neighbors can support our

fundraiser by placing their orders and renewals through our students, as well.

You can also help our school now by visiting our online store. In addition to the magazines there are many other items that can be ordered year round. All of the profits from the sale of these items directly benefits City Honors.

Go to www.gaschoolstore.com and click into the online store and put in the code for City Honors which is 2221836 or [click here](#) and start shopping! Thank you for your support!

Middle School Dance Beach Party

Sue Natali

It's almost summer!
Celebrate with your
friends at the last

City Honors PTSCO-sponsored Middle School Dance of the year on Friday, June 10, 7:00-9:00 PM, at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church on Lafayette and Elmwood. Back by popular demand, music by DJ Wire. Food, drink, and free raffle included. \$10 donation and permission slips will be collected at lunch periods on June 8, 9, & 10 and at the door. Permission slip can be downloaded at <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/calendar/title/middle-school-dance-ptsco-06-10-2011/> or [click here](#) and will also be sent home with your student. Please bring a non-perishable food item or paper product for the church's food pantry. All proceeds to go toward the Class of 2016 class trip. Questions? Contact Sue Natali twnsrfun@aol.com or Jennifer Cornacchio at jhccornacchio@verizon.net.



City Honors Junior/Senior Starry Night Prom

Friday, June 10, 2011
Adam's Mark Hotel
7 - 11 PM

Tickets: \$60 each
(Cash or
check made out to City Honors)
Funds are due by June 5

On sale now
Ms. Chimera's
Room 324

Girl's Soccer Team Tryouts

Jay Mahn
Head Coach, Varsity Girls Soccer

The City Honors Varsity Girls Soccer team is preparing to defend the Radcliffe Cup championship for the 2011 season. Any girls in grades 7-11 who have interest in trying out for the team should contact Coach Mahn (room 219; jmahn@buffaloschools.org). Tryouts will be held in late August; all girls interested in playing need to tryout (including previous year players).

Tennis News

**John Kudla (Boys Coach),
Cheryl St. George (Girls Coach)**

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Tennis team. The spring of 2011 has set a couple of records. March through mid May had the most amount of rainfall on record at over 15 inches of rain (that is 6" above normal!) The Boys and Girls Tennis Team is currently undefeated 9-0. Hopefully, a reschedule of a rescheduled match against Riverside will have been played out late May. The CHS Centaurs look forward towards completing their season 10-0.

City Honors competed well in the All-High Singles and Doubles Championships. Emma Walsh was the winner of the Girls Singles Championship. Way to go Emma! Gabby Gannon and Jessica Rubino made it to the finals, but lost a close match to the Girls Doubles team from Hutch-Tech. Great spirit ladies!

Dan Healy and Liam Cochrane placed third and fourth respectively in the All-High Boys Singles Championships. Tala Mon and Dylan Burns were semi-finalists for the Boys' Doubles team who made it to Sectional Championships, held in Lancaster.

Updates to the season include a change in coaches and new uniforms. Coach Norton has become the new Supervisor of Physical Education and Health.

Coach Kudla and Coach St. George are thrilled to be working with such an enthusiastic and talented team. Special thanks goes out to Mr. Serotte, who filled in as an interim coach.

Coach St. George hopes to work informally with the team in the fall. This strategy is to have an all City Honors finals line up in the All-High Singles and Doubles.



6th Grade Poetry Reading

Sixth grade families and friends were treated to a wonderful afternoon of poetry recited and performed by the sixth grade students. Selections included poetry by Shel Silverstein, Edgar Allen Poe, Lewis Carroll, and Maya Angelou, as well as a number of poems authored by the students themselves. Students accompanied and acted out the poems with a variety of imaginative props, costumes, and posters.

Barnes & Noble Summer Bookfair

Sue Natali

It's that time of year again for our annual Barnes & Noble Summer Bookfair. 10% of all purchases made at any Barnes & Noble location, in person and online at www.bn.com/bookfairs will go directly to PTSCO.

Purchases must be made during one of two sessions: Week 1, June 13-19, Monday through Sunday (one week) and Week 2: July 14-17, Thursday through Sunday (4 days). You must use the voucher which can be downloaded at <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/news/title/barnes-noble-summer-bookfair/> or [click here](#), and is also being sent home with your student.

Use the voucher for summer reading (summer reading lists for each grade level can also be found at www.cityhonors.org), Father's Day (June 19), graduation gifts, teacher gifts, etc. All proceeds will be evenly split among the eight grade levels (grades 5 – 12) for class trips or whatever is needed at that grade level. Thank you for your support, and thank you also to Barnes & Noble.

Please contact Sue Natali at twnsrfun@aol.com if you have any questions.
Happy Reading!

CHS Artists Featured

City Honors student artists will be showing their work throughout the Buffalo region this spring. Support our students and experience some wonderful art by attending these events:

Speak Yo' Mind Unveiling Reception

June 2 6 - 8 PM

Sullivan Campus Center Medaille College

Future Curators Exhibition Albright-Knox Art Gallery

May 6 - July 3 Gallery Hours

Curated by Catherine Mucci and featuring work by Megan Krug, CHS junior



5-hour Pre-licensing Course

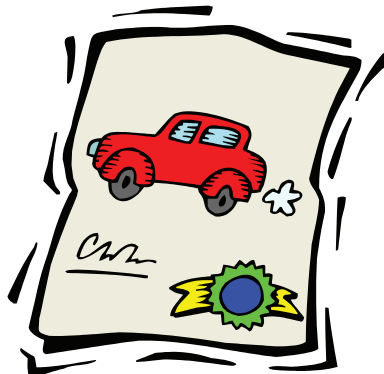
- NY State-mandated for new drivers
- Required for all drivers to register for road test
- Receive MV-278 certificate
- Regulated by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Students will need learner's permit prior to taking this course

Saturday 5 hours 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Workplace Literacy Center - 160 Edward St.
Cost: \$30.00

Payable by cash or check to JB's Safety School, Inc.

Start Date:

- 06/18/11



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reserve a place @
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ext. 100 or 111*

Counseling and Guidance Center News

Sharon A. Bertucci
Guidance Counselor

A reminder for graduating seniors

If you receive scholarship notifications this month, please give a copy of the letters to your school counselor. These figures will be added to the total amount of scholarship dollars received by the Class of 2011. All seniors are encouraged to continue to check scholarship folders in the counseling office. Scholarship opportunities will continue to be placed in scholarship folders until graduation day!

Final transcripts will be sent to colleges in mid-July by the CHS school clerk. Seniors must give a stamped (single first class stamp), addressed, legal sized envelope (for the college they are attending) to their school counselor. The transcript will be sent in this envelope. The school counselors would like to send their very best wishes to the Class of 2011. It has been our pleasure to work with such outstanding individuals.

Rising Seniors (Class of 2012)

It is strongly suggested over the summer that next year's seniors:

- Preview the Common Application (it is available online) and spend time pondering an essay topic;
- Write a resume (if not already done);
- Visit the City Honors Web site (Guidance link)—the "College Search" section contains many valuable Web sites.

The school counselors will visit all senior English classes in late September to discuss the college application process. Materials provided at this time will also be made available online.

Volunteer Opportunities

Summer is an ideal time to volunteer in your community. See a school counselor for volunteer suggestions or log on to:
www.buffalolib.org/teens/volunteer.asp

Standardized Test Information

AP results will be mailed to student's homes by College Board in mid-July. Please refer to the AP Parent/Student bulletin that all students received for contact information.

For SAT test preparation, test tips, and other valuable information, students and parents can log on to www.collegboard.com. Students can also sign up to receive an "SAT Question of the Day" from this site.

Students interested in taking the ACT can log onto www.actstudent.org for a list of ACT dates. Test preparation and valuable college search information is also available at this site.

Summer Opportunities

Keep tuned to the BPS website for information about Princeton Review classes for SAT Preparation at City Honors.

For Middle school students:

Summer Science Camp at Canisius College for grades 5,6,7,or 8:
www.canisius.edu/sciencecamp

Villa Maria College Middle School Campus August 8 – 11. Call 716-961-1815 or see http://www.villa.edu/cmsdocuments/Middle_School_Student_Sessions_-_2011.pdf

For High School Students

The following programs can give sophomores and juniors an idea of what college is like:

College and Careers 2011

Rochester Institute of Technology
July 22 & 23 and August 5 & 6
www.admissions.rit.edu/careers

Career Days 2011

Canisius College July 26 & 27
www.canisius.edu/careerdays

Canisius College Explore
www.canisius.edu/explore

SUNY ECC Summer College Experience for High School Students. Call 716.851.1575 or email techchoices@ecc.edu

Villa Maria College also has a variety of summer experiences for high school students:
<http://www.villa.edu/386.html>

Working Papers

The school counselor will continue to accept applications for working papers until June 10, 2011. If your child needs working papers after that date, Attendance Services staff in room 428 City Hall will be taking over the application and issuance process. School Counselors will resume these duties in September. The student's attendance is checked before working papers are issued.

Please note:

The school counselors are not employed during the summer months. If you need immediate assistance, please contact the main office.

Best Wishes to Mrs. JoAnn Meyer!

*Mrs. Bertucci and Mrs. Allman,
along with CHS faculty, staff, students and families,
would like to wish Mrs. JoAnn Meyer best wishes on her retirement and
thank her for 27 years of work in the Buffalo Public Schools including
10 years of service to the CHS Guidance/Counseling Office.*

Attention Class of 2011! FREE Pre-Collegiate Studies Program

Pre-collegiate Mathematics Course

Erie Community College City Campus

June 27 - August 1 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Monday through Thursday

Free 5 weeks with 60 hours of instruction

This program is designed to give students a seamless transition into college life.

For more information call ECC at 716.851.1243

Calling All Entrepreneurs!

MICE Foundation Program

Meszaros International
Center of Entrepreneurship,
in partnership with the University at Buffalo,
is offering fall juniors and seniors an
Entrepreneurship Training Program.
College credit may be available.

October through March

UB School of Management, North Campus
Info session: Students in grades 10 & 11

June 6 at Noon at CHS Guidance office

Contact Eugene Hegedus, Program/Course
Coordinator, Meszaros International
Center for Entrepreneurship (MICE)
at 716.912.2884 or online
at www.mice-us-foundation-com



IB Corner

IB Middle Years Program (MYP)

In late May, the MYP Personal Project was introduced to all members of the Class of 2014 in their social studies classes. All Grade 10 students are expected to complete the Personal Project as part of the IB MYP at City Honors. Students will be working on their projects over the summer and projects will be due in November.

IB Diploma Program

On Thursday, May 26, Mrs. Banas held a two-hour orientation for the Class of 2013 IB

Diploma Candidates. Each student is responsible for bringing in payment for their TOK book before Regents exams begin (\$30) and also turning in their IB Contract (to be signed by the student and his/her parent). Students can begin working on CAS hours on July 1 (instead of July 15). Students are reminded that reflection is as important as performing the actual hours. All of the 2013 IB DP Candidates have been added to the ManageBac system and will have access to the system when they can begin logging hours and writing reflections in July.

Unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints, the IB Extended Essay Summer Institute will not be held at the beginning of the summer this year. However, Ms. Banas will be going into junior TOK classes twice during the last weeks of school to introduce the Extended Essay and provide the Class of 2012 will all the essential information they need to begin the Extended Essay process.

Information about the Middle Years Program Personal Project: <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/ib-middle-years/> or [click here](#)

Information about the Diploma Program at City Honors: <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/ib-diploma-program/> or [click here](#)

City Honors IB Diploma Blog: ibcityhonors.blogspot.com or [click here](#)

EXTENDED ESSAY TIMELINE 2011-2012 FOR THE IB DIPLOMA CLASS OF 2012

June 3/4	Receive subject area and advisor selection sheet in TOK.
June 6/7	Return selection sheet to TOK.
June 9/10	Meet with Mrs. Banas in TOK about the Extended Essay. Receive Topic/Preliminary Research Question selection sheet.
June 9/10 - June 13/14	Touch base with your supervisor (also get his/her summer contact information) about your Topic/Preliminary Research Question selection.
June 13/14	Meet with Mrs. Banas in TOK to discuss Extended Essay questions/issues. Turn in Topic/Preliminary Research Question selection sheet.
June/July/August	Perform research for your Extended Essay (10-15 sources) and have a basic, formal outline ready for submission on 9/16.
September 16	Submit your basic outline to your supervisor and make an appointment to meet with him/her about your research/outline by September 30.
November 14	Upload your final rough draft to turnitin.com. (Keep an eye on the IB blog for info on how to do this.) Make sure your name, subject area, and advisor are listed. Turn in ONE hard copy of your final rough draft to Mrs. Banas. She will distribute it to your supervisor.
December 12-16	Meet with your supervisor during this week to discuss your Extended Essay. Your advisor will give you back your final rough draft at this time.
February 10	HAND IN FINAL ESSAY to Mrs. Banas – two good copies. (You are being given plenty of time to revise/fix/rewrite based on your conversation with your advisor in December, so this essay should be excellent.)

BACK UP YOUR PAPER ON A CD OR A FLASH DRIVE!

Check ibcityhonors.blogspot.com frequently for CAS opportunities and access to information and IB documentation and guides



Egypt Update

FEBRUARY BREAK 2012

The non-school sponsored trip to Egypt is still on track for departure in February 2012. Over 40 people are currently signed up. Explorica, our tour company, started up tours again to Egypt last month and tour participants had a safe and wonderful time. Additionally, the price has gone back down. Through June 30, 2011 the student price approximately \$2500 and the adult price is approximately \$3000. This price includes:

- Travel to Cairo, Giza, Memphis, Sakkara, Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, and Luxor
- Round trip airfare from Buffalo to Cairo
- Overnight train from Cairo to Aswan
- A three night Nile River cruise
- Breakfast & dinner daily
- Lunch on the cruise ship
- Full-time tour director
- Internal Flight from Luxor back to Cairo

For more detailed information, and to sign up, go to: <http://explorica.com/Banas-9329>

NOTE: If it does become unsafe to travel to Egypt, then we will still travel abroad in February 2012. Options may include: Peru or a destination in Europe.

City Honors School and the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program

City Honors School has been working with the Rotary Club of Buffalo and Sunrise Rotary Club for the last five years. Each year, students have the opportunity to apply to the Rotary International Youth Exchange program to be "outbound" students and City Honor's families have the opportunity to host "inbound" exchange students. This partnership with Rotary is one of many ways in which CHS works to fulfill its mission of an International Baccalaureate World School.

In the past, City Honor's graduates have gone to countries such as Austria, Argentina, Japan, and Brazil. This year, we are happy to announce that three more City Honors graduates will be heading off on a Rotary Youth Exchange Year. Rumiz Hag will be going to Sweden, Lydia Fisher is off to Brazil and Alexis Misiak is going to Japan. Each student will be on exchange for a year where they will: live in foreign country, attend school, learn the native language (fluently), and experience life from a different perspective all while being supported by Rotary



International. Past exchange students commonly refer to this as "the best year of their lives." Colleges that students have been accepted to typically allow them to defer entrance for once year to participate in the program.

As this is an exchange program - students from Finland, France, Austria, Hungary, Mexico, Japan, Denmark and Brazil have attended City Honors as "inbound" students. This year, three more students will be attending City Honors starting in September: A girl from the Netherlands, a girl from Spain and a boy from Germany.

If you and your family would be interested in "hosting" one of the three inbound students, please contact John Bradley at 716.479.0387 or email johnb@alcottgroup.com to learn more. Typically, host families will host an exchange student for 3-4 months of their year-long stay. It is a great experience for families as the exchange students add a special dynamic to the homes in which they live.

8th Grade Class Trip to Boston

The 8th grade students have just returned from their 4-day PTSCO sponsored class trip to the historic city of Boston, MA. During this trip students played colonial games at Sturbridge Village, took a Duck tour of Boston where students assisted in driving the bus/boat, walked the Freedom Trail with knowledgeable guides, shopped at the legendary Quincey Market, took a Ferry Ride in the harbor, and spent the day in beautiful Salem which ended with an evening Haunted Ghost Tour. Students and chaperones also visited the aquarium, science center, and the Salem Witch Museum. American history came alive for students and chaperones alike during this memorable trip.





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Thank you, 2010 - 2011 PTSCO Members!

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following families who supported PTSCO through a membership this year. Without the assistance of member families, PTSCO events and support for student activities would be impossible.

Alfieri
Altreliter & Schillaci
Ambrus
Austin
Baco
Baker-Hendryx
Barolotta
Bartolomeo
Blair
Blatto
Boczarski
Bright
Brown
Burke-Harris
Buscemi
Cardina
Cardoni & Jackson
Carroll
Caulfield
Clancy
Clark
Cordaro
Cornacchio
Cozzarelli & Rose
Crawley
Daley
Darrow
del Prado & Hill
Dennis
DiBartolomeo
Dosluoglu
Elliott
Finn
Fisher
Franco
Frederiksen
Frisch & Freudenheim
Gardner
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Graham
Guzdar
Haggarty & Stuart
Hamilton
Hamlett

Handman & Harnden
Haq
Healy
Heaney
Hendrix
Henry
Hills
Hyzy
Ishwardas
Jay
Jordan
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Rupp
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Salathe
Samar
Schara & Hammond

Schen & Cherr
Schultz
Scott
Shatkin
Skrill
Spencer
Sprague
St. George
Stillwell
Stineman
Sullivan
Takens-Cerbone
Talhok & Human
Thomson
Tick
Tyszko
VanVessem, Thompson
Wagner
Wald & Kahn
Walek
Weeks
Werick
Wojtanik
Wood
Yang & Zhang
Zanolli & Andersen

NINTH ANNUAL CITY HONORS SCHOOL

Welcome Back Picnic!

CHECK OUT THE PROGRESS ON OUR NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN

Save
the
Date!

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 - 8:00 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

CITY HONORS SCHOOL

186 EAST NORTH STREET

Support your school as you enjoy a barbecue and meet new families!

Learn about clubs, sport teams and organizations!

Parents, find out about volunteer opportunities and organizations that will benefit our school!

Want to help?
Please call
Elena Blatto
895-7414 or
contielena@gmail.com

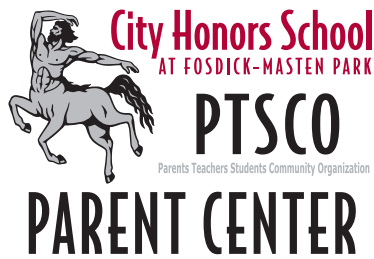
Dinner served at 5:30 PM
NON-VEGETARIAN / Chiavetta's Bar-B-Q Chicken
VEGETARIAN / Veggie Burgers or Vegetable Lasagna
with Homemade Potato Salad / Vegetarian Baked Beans / Rolls and Butter / Dessert

IMPORTANT INFO! Transportation and Parking Around City Honors School

Our traffic, parking, and entry patterns have changed significantly to increase student safety.

- Please do not attempt to drive in the main parking lot during the start of school or at dismissal. Parent drop-off/pick-up of students is now on Fosdick Street.
- Please make every effort to enter Fosdick Street from the south when dropping off your child so that they can exit the vehicle at the curb. Please do not stop in the middle of Fosdick Street when dropping off students.
- Visitor parking is now on Fosdick Street.
- Yellow bus drop-off/pick-up is now on Masten Avenue.
- NFTA end-of-school-day Specials will continue to line up on North Street.
- The parking lot on North Street now has one entrance/exit and one direction through the lot. The entrance to the lot is on North Street.
- The main parking lot is not for student drop-off or pick-up. There is no entry, except for handicapped visitor, faculty, and staff parking from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM on school days.
- Handicapped visitor parking and an access ramp are in the main parking lot.
- Visitors should enter through the main entrance on Fosdick Street where an attendant will screen and buzz in visitors. Please do not ask people inside the building to open other entrances because this practice compromises the safety of our students.
- Middle school parents must enter the building to sign students out in the auditorium if they are picking them up at the end of the day. Students in Grades 9 – 12 being picked up at dismissal should wait in the main entrance vestibule until their parent arrives on Fosdick Street to pick them up.
- Please continue to drive cautiously and carefully around our school building.

Thank you!



Ground floor
5th Grade wing

Friday mornings
8 – 9:30 AM



Check out
www.cityhonors.org
for all the
up-to-date info
you need!



Need More IB Information?

Check out the City Honors International Baccalaureate blog
www.ibcityhonors.blogspot.com
Click here for the latest info on all things IB



An easy way to raise money for CHS!

All you have to do is to use or obtain a Target® Visa® or Target® card. CHS will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase you make! Visit target.com/tcoe (or [click here](#)) or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate City Honors School as your 'Take Charge of Education' school.

If you go to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Grandparents, alumni, neighbors, and friends can take part, too, so pass this message on!

Total of all Target donations to CHS through August 2010: \$18,927.62

Number of REDcard holders who have designated this school: 130

C'mon...sign up!

Early Release Day Transportation Alert

In order to accommodate all transportation requests on early release days, please have your child turn in the request a few days in advance. This will ensure that all passes are accurate and completed in time for the early release day.

Parent Resources on CHS Website

Don't forget to check the Parent Resources section of the City Honors Website for useful information: <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/forms-for-parents/> or [click here](#).



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Calendar

Official PTSCO Calendar of Events that are supported and/or sponsored by PTSCO

SEPTEMBER
Welcome Back Staff Breakfast (100-120 people)
Welcome Back Picnic (900 dinners)
PTSCO meeting
Parent-Teacher Get Acquainted Night (Informational Membership Table)

OCTOBER
5th and 6th Grade Ice Cream Social/ Haunted Lockers
Senior Class Breakfast (Junior Parents)
PTSCO Meeting

NOVEMBER
PTSCO meeting
City Honors School Open House
Alumni Connect (Reception)

December
Winter Bazaar
Teacher Appreciation Holiday Breakfast
PTSCO Meeting
Parent Teacher Conferences (Informational Membership Table)

JANUARY
PTSCO Meeting
Senior Class Financial Aid Night

FEBRUARY
PTSCO Meeting
Junior Class College Night

MARCH
PTSCO Meeting
Annual PTSCO Auction

APRIL
PTSCO Meeting
New Student Orientations

MAY
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
PTSCO Meeting

JUNE
After Prom Celebrations
Moving Up Day Dance
PTSCO Meeting

Retiring Staff Gifts

JULY
Interview Panels

AUGUST
New Teacher Reception
PTSCO Board Member and Grade Level Representation Meeting

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

By joining the PTSCO, you will help to fill many needs at City Honors School that might otherwise go unmet. All the money raised by PTSCO in memberships goes right back to the students and teachers in the form of grants that supports educational enrichment, promoting strong relationships, extracurricular activities, and competitions.

- Member** \$15 - \$25 **Sustaining Member** \$26 - \$50 **Booster** \$51 - \$75 **Patron** \$76 - \$100
- Gold Patron** \$101 - \$499 **Lifetime** (as long as children remain at CHS) \$500 and up

PLEASE MAKE CHECK AND/OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO "PTSCO"

Please send this form and payment to:
PTSCO c/o City Honors School 186 East North Street Buffalo, NY 14204
Or, drop it off at school office.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ **CHECK** **MONEY ORDER** **CASH**

CHS PARENT, GUARDIAN OR STAFF NAME(S)

LAST

FIRST

MAILING ADDRESS (P.O. BOX OR NUMBER AND STREET)

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

E-MAIL

NAME OF STUDENT(S) - please include surname if different from above

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