

CHS CLASS OF 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

- Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder – please submit any remaining items:
 - Parental Consent Form – Long Term Travel (Page 1, 2 and 3)
 - Photocopy of Birth Certificate as identification for US/Canadian Border crossing.
 - Camper Health Form with Physician Signature
 - Balance of Payments
- May 12 – Curricular Field Trip to Penn Dixie
 - Parent chaperone volunteers needed, please contact Mr. Sharratt.
- June 1 to 4 – Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder, Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario.
 - **Students should arrive at the CHS Atrium at 7:00AM with all packed gear. Parents, please accompany your child until they are dismissed to busses. All students will be onboard busses no later than 8:00AM.**
- June 6 – Toddler pictures for Moving Up Day Slideshow due.
- June 16 – Moving Up Day attendance form due.
- June 21 – Moving Up Day
 - Ceremony in CHS auditorium 9AM
 - Family Luncheon and Dance at Buffalo Convention Center 11:00AM

Requested Family Contribution for Planned Events

- \$33 for three curricular field trips , or \$11 each.
 - Old Fort Niagara Historical Site, October
 - Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, February
 - Penn Dixie Archaeological Education Site, May
- \$40 Class Dues.
- \$400 Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder. Financial Aid available.

We prefer payments to be made by check to “CHS Class of 2021” submitted to Mr. Sharratt during school time or mailed to him at City Honors School 186 E North St, Buffalo, NY 14204. Cash is also accepted. Receipts are recorded for all payments.

Moving Up Day

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017

Please pay class dues of \$40 if you have not already done so. Of course, this payment is entirely optional, but it goes a long way to support class activities over multiple years. We thank you for your support. Class dues supplement support from PTSCO and CHS/FMP Foundation and help make it possible for us to do the extra activities that make the school years more special and memorable.

Ceremony

- Parents please be seated in the auditorium no later than 8:45AM.
- The ceremony will begin at 9:00AM and end no later than 10:30AM.
- Send in baby/toddler pictures by June 6th, in jpg format, to jsharratt@buffaloschools.org. The slideshow is always a highlight of the MUD ceremony.

Luncheon - Dance

- Buffalo Convention Center 11:30AM to 2:30PM.
- Student class dues covers cost of the luncheon for the student.
- Each non-student attendee must pay \$22 for their luncheon. **Due by Friday, June 16th.**
- The luncheon is typically attended by approximately 400 students, parents, family members and teachers. Please submit payment for your expected family attendance as early as possible.

City Honors 8th Grade Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder Procedures

Thursday, June 1st 7:00AM CHS Atrium and Gymnasium

Students and Parents

- Find an open space in the Gym or Atrium. Layout all packed items neatly for inspection. Once a faculty member has inspected items the student may board the bus.
- Check-in medications at medical station. Please have medications in plastic bags with student's name clearly labeled. Inhalers and epinephrine pens may stay with student. Individual health needs will be coordinated by chaperones in accordance with parent directions as indicated on the Camp Pathfinder Health Form during travel.
- We implement a departure procedure in order to ensure full accountability for safety and preparedness for camp and international border crossing for up to 120 students. To be fully redundant in our checks and well organized before we depart our procedure may take up to an hour. Please remain with your child in the Gym until they board the bus. If that's not possible due to your morning schedule, please contact Mr. Sharratt ahead of time to coordinate an accommodation.

Students

- Eat breakfast and use the bathroom before arriving at CHS.
- Bring a brown bag lunch for the bus and reusable water bottle.
- PTSCO and CHS will provide additional snacks and water for the bus ride.
- Keep garbage to an absolute minimum.
- Bring a book, cards, travel games, etc. for the bus.
- Do not bring electronic communication devices or electronic entertainment devices.

Packing

- Student must be able to carry bag a long distance. Don't over pack.
- Be prepared to layer clothing as needed. Weather may be chilly at night, pleasant during the day.
- Electronic communication and entertainment devices are strictly prohibited by Camp Pathfinder policy.

Pick-Up on Sunday June 4 – City Honors Parking Lot

- Approximately 6:00PM
- Chaperones will make calls to parents when the busses reach the Peace Bridge to provide a precise pick up time.
- Parents please make sure your contact information is updated with the CHS Main Office to receive automated calls.

Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder

Camper Gear List

Camper Name _____

Pack all items into one large duffle to stow in bus cargo and one small day pack (drawstring gym bag or equivalent) to take on board bus.

Packing List

- 1 sleeping bag and pillow
 - campers sleep in wood frame, wood floored, double fly canvas roof tents, on clean, durable plastic wrapped mattress. But they need their own sleeping bag and pillow.
- 1 flashlight with new batteries
- 1 rain jacket, 1 pair lightweight long underwear or base layer, 4 pair socks, 1 medium weight wicking/insulating layer, 2 pair shorts, 1 pair long slacks (avoid denim), 3 t-shirts, 2 long-sleeved shirts
- 1 cap or brimmed shade hat, 1 warm hat
- 1 pair light hiking shoes/boots or sturdy sneakers and a 2nd pair of sneakers
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 towel
- personal hygiene kit (the camp provides bio-neutral soaps)
 - include sunscreen
- day pack/gym bag
 - a book to read on the bus
 - a lunch to eat on the bus
 - 1 sanitary reusable drinking water bottle or canteen
- sunglasses

Optional

- camera (not capable of wireless communication)
- binoculars
- natural insect repellent
- playing cards or similar game items

Prohibited

- No insect repellent with ingredient DEET
- No open toed shoes of any kind
- No ponchos
- No aerosols
- No lighters, matches, or fire starting tools or materials
- No edged tools or knives
- No tobacco, drugs, alcohol, weapons, or inappropriate items that are prohibited by the Buffalo Public Schools.
- No mobile electronic communication or electronic gaming devices

Parents, please contact Hilary Rifkin if you have any difficulty acquiring these items. PTSCO can often provide new or gently used items for families who prefer not to purchase items for expected one time use. For any questions pertaining to the list, or for more detail, please contact Mr. Sharratt.

Moving Up Day

Please return this form to Mr. Sharratt no later than Friday, June 16th

Family members and family friends will attend the Ceremony in the CHS auditorium (free)

write # attending _____

My child will attend the Luncheon (class dues of \$40 must be paid)

circle: Yes No

Family members or family friends will attend the Luncheon (submit \$22 per person)

write # attending _____

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Luncheon payments may be made out to **CHS Class of 2021** and submitted to Mr. Sharratt during school time. Cash is also accepted. Receipts are issued for all payments.

The ceremony (CHS Auditorium) is free and open to the public. However, luncheon (Buffalo Convention Center) payment must be submitted by Friday June 16th.

Class Activities Status Update

Name _____

Parents, your child has been provided with a hardcopy of this page that indicates which items have already been turned in, including deposits, completed payments, financial aid and wreath sale fundraiser if applicable.

Class Dues \$40

Field Trips

Old Fort Niagara Historic Site \$11

Kleinhans Music Hall – Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra \$11

Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center \$11

Class Trip to Camp Pathfinder \$400

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Permission Slip for Penn Dixie Field Trip

please complete and return as soon as possible

Baby/Toddler Picture for Moving Up Day Slideshow due June 6th

please email to jsharratt@buffaloschools.org in jpeg format
hardcopies may be submitted if digital format is not available

Moving Up Day Family Form Due June 16th