



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
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School Picture Retakes

School photo retakes will take place on October 17. More information can be found [at this link](#) about ordering photos. Questions? Contact Mr. Hecker at ethecker@buffaloschools.org.

CHS Students Recognized by National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Congratulations to Declan King '23, who has been named a Semifinalist in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to Julia Billman-Chiriboga '23, Haya Elamir '23, Evelyn Gardner '23, Andreea Merzianu '23, and Emilia Sholly '23, who were recognized as Commended Students. Students entered the National Merit Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) last October.

CHS Students Recognized by College Board National Recognition Programs

Congratulations to the following CHS students: Cyan Barbour '23, Lucas Castelo Barnum '24, Arie Dorsey '23, Anthony Goode '24, John Loncke '24, David Martinez '24, Nicole Ndayishimiye '23, Ivan Pacheco '23, Lilah Penchaszadeh Robert '24, Evan Petrongelli '23, Liam Rio '23, Andrew Santiago '23, and Benjamin Thomas '23. They are a few students of 62,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs! These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs use these honors to identify students from underrepresented groups through College Board's Student Search Service. They earned this recognition by excelling on their PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and/or AP Exams and in their classrooms. Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Eligible students are invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded at the beginning of the next school year.

CHS Girls Soccer Ranked #2 in WNY!

The City Honors Girls Varsity Soccer team enters the month of October as the #2 Ranked Small School in WNY and a record of 9-1 (5-0 BPS). Wins over Pioneer (2-1), East Aurora (2-1), Williamsville North (4-0) and most recently Amherst (2-1) are all opponents that the Centaurs lost close contests to last season. Captains are seniors Uma Bhattarcharjee, Eleanor Kwacz, goalkeeper Ava Purks, and Junior Lydia Lane.

Remaining games include league play versus Da Vinci and Olmsted with Non-league contests against Mt. Mercy (South Buffalo), and Frontier High School. Senior night will be on Wednesday, October 12, 7:00PM at All High Stadium. CHS is looking to return to their 3rd Section VI, B1 Final. Come out and cheer us on!

It's All Downhill From Here!*

Interested in skiing with your CHS friends this winter? Join High School Ski Club to Holiday Valley on Friday nights or Middle School Ski Club to Kissing Bridge on Sundays! Both clubs start skiing in January 2023 but registration and bus sign-up **start NOW**. All information can all be found on the PTSCO website [at this link](#).

Book Worms Wanted!

Are you a grade 9-12 student who likes to read? Would you like to join a society with fellow Centaurs that love to read? Then come to CHS Book Club. Please contact Ms. Weaver in room 302 if you would like to join.

CHS Home & Careers Club

Home and Careers Club will begin on October 6th and is open to students in grades 7-12. We will meet in Room #3 on Thursdays from 3:10-5:10. Grade 7/8 students must have a parent to pick them up. If you are interested, please sign-up in the Home & Careers Room #3. The first meeting on October 6th will be informational to choose projects and plan shopping lists. I hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Mrs. Randel at mrandel@buffaloschools.org.

The Hilltop Theatre

Auditions for the Hilltop Theatre's production of the Importance of Being Earnest will be held on October 4th in Room #22 (Mr. Paterson's Room). Audition Materials are available outside of the main office.

Join UB Step!*

UB STEP is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. STEP has served students in the City of Buffalo and the surrounding area for over 35 years. Our program is dedicated to increasing the number of historically underrepresented or economically disadvantaged junior high and high school students prepared to enter college and improve their participation rate in mathematics, science, technology, health-related fields and the licensed professions. This summer our 7th – 12th grade students will:

- Enjoy a S.T.R.E.A.M. Program (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art/Architecture, Mathematics)
- Engage in hands-on mathematics, science, engineering, and robotics projects
- Participate in Career Awareness Workshops College Tours and Field Trips
- Earn hours for local Community Service Projects
- Free Metro Passes

Please [follow this link](#) to the **application** for the 2022-2023 school year that further describes our program. Our fall session begins on Monday, October 17, 2022, from the hours of 3:00 PM – 5:30PM, Monday through Friday, and Saturday, October 29, November 19 and December 17, 2022, from 8:30AM – 1:00PM in Hayes Hall, Annex A and Diefendorf Hall.

Attention Girls and Boys in Grades 5 and 6 Who Enjoy Basketball!*

For many years, young centaurs have refined their basketball skills in the Blessed Sacrament Basketball league at the border of North Buffalo, University Heights and Kenmore. The league is now accepting registrations for girls and boys teams comprised of students in grades 3-6. Please read the flyer [at this link](#) for more information.

Reminders for Our Families During This Time of COVID

Keep Our CHS Students and Staff in School- Keep Our Families Safe!: We strongly encourage you to consult with your family doctor about having everyone five and older in your household vaccinated for COVID/receive a COVID booster where applicable. Need more reasons to get vaccinated? [Read more from the CDC](#). This is a critical matter for our school to function and to keep our community safe!

Free COVID Testing: The ECDOH offers free, walk in rapid ID Now and PCR testing at 608 William St Buffalo, NY from 9AM-3PM and at 3359 Broadway Cheektowaga, NY at 8AM-PM M-F. [Click on this link](#) for more information on these sites.

When You Need A Helping Hand

BPS Staff and Family Helpline: The Buffalo Public Schools have established a 'Staff and Family Helpline' at 716-816-7100 to provide answers within 24 hours to our most frequently asked questions in the areas of Technology, Mental/Physical Wellness, Instruction and Professional Development, Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Initiatives (CLRI), Multilingual, Elementary and High School needs, Food Services, Child Care, and Volunteerism. If you need assistance in any of these areas, please contact the hotline number.

The CHS Student Support Team (SST): If you are seeking additional support or assistance, please do not hesitate to make a referral to the CHS SST. The Request for Assistance Form can be found [at this link](#). Once your form is submitted, a member of the SST will be in contact with you.

Mental Health Supports: Here is a [quick reference guide](#) which provides contact information for mental health support from the Buffalo Public Schools and our partner organizations.

Connect with CHS!

Click on the following links to better connect with the CHS Community

[CHS Website](#)

[CHS on Facebook](#)

[CHS on Twitter](#)

[CHS on Instagram](#)

[Pelion Outdoor Classroom at City Honors](#)

[Easy/No Cost Ways to Support City Honors](#)

[Fosdick Field Restoration Project](#)

[City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation](#)

[CHS PTSCO \(Parent, Teacher, Student, Community Organization\)](#)

[New York State Dignity Act \(DASA\) Information](#)

Children are endangered by underage house parties and underage drinking. Concerned adults, teachers, students and friends can call 24 hours a day in Erie County to report planned underage drinking parties; underage drinking parties in progress or other activities that may be harmful to the health, safety and welfare of young people. The tip line (1-800-851-1932) is ANONYMOUS, CONFIDENTIAL and free. Erie County now has a "Social Host Law" that holds adults accountable for allowing minors to drink. [LEARN MORE](#)