



# *Hilltop Notes*

for the CHS Community  
1.1.24



### **CHS Calendar Reminders**

<b>1/3</b> 5:30-6:30	<b>PTSCO In-Person Meeting at CHS</b>
<b>1/12</b> 9:00am	<b>44<sup>th</sup> Annual Keeping the Dream Alive Assembly</b>
<b>1/12 &amp; 1/13</b>	<b>MLK Jr. Basketball Invitational at CHS</b>
<b>1/15</b>	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No School</b>
<b>1/23-1/26</b>	<b>January Regents Exams- Students in grade 9-12 report only for exams. Regular days of school for students in grades 5-8.</b>

### **School Reopens Tuesday, January 2**

CHS Families- We hope this issue of *The Hilltop Notes* finds your family having enjoyed the winter recess! We welcome our students back as we head into the last few weeks of the second marking period.

Please remember, we want your child to attend school each and every day that they are healthy!

Students who attend school regularly benefit from:

- increased rates of learning
- lower rates of stress
- important socialization

However, if your child is ill, we ask that they stay home as they may not be able to perform well in school and are likely to spread the illness to other students and staff. Students who must be at home due to illness but are well enough to complete schoolwork can use their district laptop device to keep up on assignments through Schoology and can message their teachers through Schoology for questions. Please take a moment to read BPS Sick Child Guidelines [at this link](#).

A reminder that all BPS classrooms are equipped with air purifiers and hand sanitization stations. The school received a deep sanitization over the break. We encourage all families to consult with their family doctor to see if the annual flu and COVID vaccinations are right for each member of your household in order to reduce the rates of spread within our community. See the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

### **Attention Grade 9-12 Families**

Is your child interested in retaking a Regents exam in January? Please email your school counselor with your child's name, grade and the exam(s) they would like to retake by January 5 so we can be

sure to have an exam available for your child. Please remember that our school district offers 'grade forgiveness' for Regents exam scores on transcripts. **Your child's best result will always be the result reported on their transcript so there is no risk in retaking an exam to improve their score!**

### January 2024 Regents Exam Schedule

TUESDAY, January 23	WEDNESDAY, January 24	THURSDAY, January 25	FRIDAY, January 26
8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
-English Language Arts	-Geometry -U.S. History & Government	-Global History & Geography	-Chemistry -Earth Science
12:00pm	12:00pm	12:00pm	
-Living Environment	-Algebra I -Physics -Checkpoint B (Spanish or French)	-Algebra II	

### CHS School Counselor Emails

Mrs. Wright: Students with the last names A-G, [acwilliams@buffaloschools.org](mailto:acwilliams@buffaloschools.org)

Mrs. Allman: Students with last names H-O, [cmallman@buffaloschools.org](mailto:cmallman@buffaloschools.org)

Ms. Dunkleman: Students with last names P-Z, [smdunkleman@buffaloschools.org](mailto:smdunkleman@buffaloschools.org)

### Free Algebra 2 Tutoring and SAT Prep at CHS

Courier College Prep will be offering in-school and after school enrichment opportunities twice weekly throughout the school year.

Brian Eldridge will be in the building on the following days:

- Tuesdays from 11:00 am-1:15 pm for individual Algebra II assistance (Counseling Office)
- Thursdays after school in the Museum Room for small and large format test prep for the spring SATs.

Sign-Up forms are in the Counseling Office

Learn more about Courier College Prep here:  
[www.couriercollegeprep.com](http://www.couriercollegeprep.com)

Brian can be reached at  
[couriercollegeprep@gmail.com](mailto:couriercollegeprep@gmail.com)

## **January PTSCO Meeting\***

Dear CHS Families and Staff,

PTSCO will meet on January 3rd at 5:30 pm in the LGI room at City Honors School. PTSCO will be discussing plans for upcoming social events and other issues at City Honors School. To add items to the agenda, please send them Elizabeth Masarik [emasarik@brockport.edu](mailto:emasarik@brockport.edu) by Jan 1st. For more information about PTSCO, upcoming events, and meeting agendas please go to [chsptsco.org](http://chsptsco.org).

## **Full List of CHS Teams Earning NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Awards Released**

Congrats to the following CHS Fall sports teams that earned the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award for exceptional performance in competition and the classroom: Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball.

## **Our Amazing Centaurs Certainly Know How to Spread the Holiday Cheer!**

Our Wellness Team provided students with the materials needed to create beautiful handmade cards. The cards were created during our lunch periods and were filled with heartwarming messages to brighten up the holidays for our neighbors that reside at HighPointe on Michigan.

Our Key Club, in collaboration with our Wellness Team collected personal care items that were delivered to the Family Justice Center prior to our Winter Recess. The Family Justice Center provides services and support to individuals in unhealthy relationships, and the education our community needs to break larger cycles of relationship abuse.



Right before the holiday break, CHS Student Council almost 30 Student Council Officers from grades 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12 donned their 'Fearless Fosdick' capes and teamed up to distribute treats with a smile and a "Happy Holidays from PTSCO" to all levels of CHS staff.





## City of Buffalo Is Looking for Student Lifeguards\*



### REGISTRATION IS NOW UNDERWAY FOR RED CROSS CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD TRAINING SESSIONS COURSE IS FREE FOR CITY OF BUFFALO YOUTH

Buffalo youth, ages 16-21, are encouraged to register! All classes take place at the Cazenovia Pool / 626 Abbott Road (across from Mercy hospital) 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Youth who CAN already swim with proficiency
- Youth who are at least 16 years old
- Preference given to youth who reside in the City of Buffalo and attend a Buffalo Public School
- **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

#### COST:

Training is **FREE** for City of Buffalo youth, who will receive a hiring stipend of \$525 when they become certified and join the City's Lifeguard Team.

**\$250 Non-Resident / \$75 Re-Certification**

#### LIFEGUARD PROGRAM DATES & TIMES:

##### Session #1/January Weekends

Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14

Saturday & Sunday, January 20 & 21

Saturday & Sunday, January 27 & 28

##### Session #2/March Weekends

Saturday & Sunday, March 2 & 3

Saturday & Sunday, March 9 & 10

Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17

#### CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PALLifeguardCertification24>



OR SCAN THE QR  
CODE WITH YOUR  
SMARTPHONE  
CAMERA



### Now is the Time to Purchase an Ad in the CHS Yearbook

Want to honor your graduating senior? Interested in getting some additional visibility for your business? Please consider purchasing an advertisement in this year's CHS Yearbook. Adverts and yearbooks can be purchased [at this link](#). Contact Mr. Hecker at [ETHecker@buffaloschools.org](mailto:ETHecker@buffaloschools.org) for any questions.

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## **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**

**Tutoring and Test Prep Help:** The CHS School Counselors have compiled a detailed listing of both free and for-hire academic and test prep tutoring services [at this link](#). Do you know of another valuable tutoring resource in our community? Email Mrs. Wright at [acwilliams@buffaloschools.org](mailto:acwilliams@buffaloschools.org) and we'll add it to our list.

**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.

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## ***Connect with CHS!***

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

[CHS Website](#)

[CHS on Facebook](#)

[CHS on Threads](#)

[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](#)*