



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
1.7.24



CHS Calendar Reminders

1/12 9:00am	44 th Annual Keeping the Dream Alive Assembly
1/15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No School
1/23-1/26	January Regents Exams- Students in grade 9-12 report only for exams. Regular days of school for students in grades 5-8.
2/6 5:30pm	Grade 10 Family Meeting Regarding IB Diploma Program
2/6 3:30pm	CHS Wellness Team Meeting
2/7 5:30pm	PTSCO General Meeting (Remote) More information at www.chsptsco.org
2/19-2/23	Mid-Winter Recess- No School

Introducing CHS Pennants!

Chiron's Corner Bookstore at CHS has teamed up with Oxford Pennant to offer CHS pennants for the first time ever! These sharp looking pennants are made at America's finest pennant company right around the corner from our school on Main Street. The



pennants measure 9" x 27", are cut-and-sewn wool felt with a screen-printed design They are a great way for the centaur(s) in your life to show their school pride in classic fashion. **These pennants are being sold only by pre-order at this time. Staff and families have until Friday, January 12th to complete the pre-order form at this link.** Payment can be made in Chiron's Corner any time before or at time of pickup. Similar pennants retail for \$28 at the Oxford Pennant retail store so \$15 is a great deal. These are a limited edition- we cannot guarantee they will be kept in stock at Chiron's Corner. Questions? Email Ms. Frischholz at efrischholz@buffaloschools.org.

Interested in checking out all the other great CHS items at Chiron's Corner? Call ahead to stop-in or check out our webpage and online order form [at this link](#).

Grade 11 SAT Prep Course at CHS

Attention Juniors: The Free Courier College SAT Prep Course held on Thursdays after school has been

moved to the LGI Room to better accommodate the number of students attending. All grade 11 students are welcome to join as soon as their schedule allows. This course will meet every Thursday until the "on school time" SAT at CHS this spring. Questions? Contact Brian Eldridge at couriercollegeprep@gmail.com.

44th Annual Keeping the Dream Alive Assembly at CHS

The students of City Honors School present the 44th annual "Keeping the Dream Alive" assembly at 9:00AM Friday, January 12, 2024.

Our students will express their vision of the ideals of a just and egalitarian society through presentations of poetry, dance, speech, music, attire, and visual art.

The 'Keeping the Dream Alive' assembly takes its name from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic speech. It has been reserved as a day of collective remembrance, contemplation, discussion and celebration at City Honors School since its inception in 1981 (two years before the federal declaration of the MLK holiday). The Keeping the Dream Alive Assembly was founded by Mrs. Irene Taylor McVay, a City Honors teacher assistant for 42 years. As a high school student in Virginia, Mrs. McVay directly contributed to events of national historic significance at the dawn of the modern civil rights era.

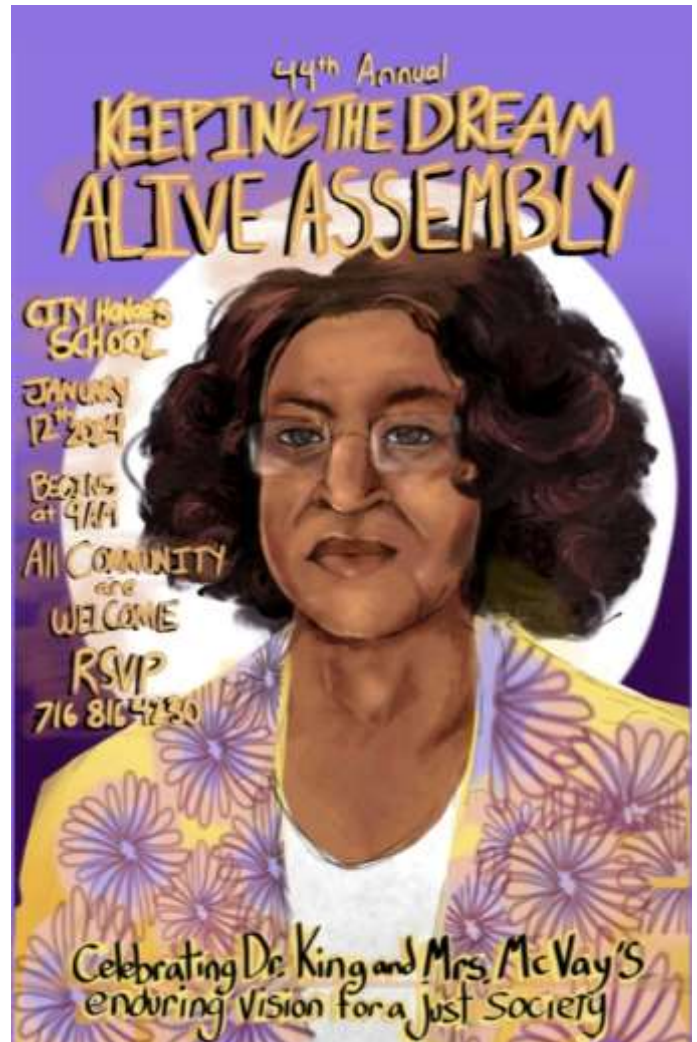
Community members are warmly invited to join us. Kindly RSVP with our main office at (716) 816-4230 for parking instructions and to reserve seating.

Our students are asked to dress more formally on this day to mark the importance of this event. **After the assembly we will have shortened class periods but it is important to know that teaching and learning will continue so that we ask that your child attend school for the full day.**

This year's KDA poster design by Joey Bench '24.

MLK Day of Service: Pelion Outdoor Classroom at CHS

WARM your heart by beautifying our neighborhood on Monday, January 15 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Together we will repair the 140' fenceline, install a trellis, add a path, and fill a few new neighbor-beds. IT WILL BE COLD; PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER. Just a few people w/ light carpentry skills are needed and another person that can monitor the camp stove to serve cider and cocoa. Comfort snacks like muffins, coffee, turnovers, brownies etc are welcome! NOTE: the start time may shift a bit as we are not completely sure of the forecast at this time. RAINDATE: SAT, 27JAN. Pelion Outdoor Classroom at CHS is located right across the street from our school on Best Street. Email peliongarden@gmail.com if you can join us. For more information visit www.peliongarden.org.



CHS African Dance & Drum Troupe Invites New Members in Grade 5-12 to Join

The CHS African Dance and Drum Troupe is the finest and longest running school African Dance & Drum Troupe in New York. We invite all students in grades 5-12 who have interest to join us! We practice every Tuesday and Wednesday after school starting with a team meeting in room 330 and then move to the auditorium for practice. This is a fun, healthy and free activity within a positive social atmosphere. We are truly a family! No prior knowledge needed. We will teach you to drum or dance in West African tradition. You will learn very quickly. The CHS AD&D Troupe was founded by Mrs. Irene McVay in 1982 and has been led by Jamil Kasumu of Ade Jemba Fola studio and faculty advisor, Mrs. Sabrina Franke, for the past 20 years! Our Troupe performs all over the region. Come watch us perform this Friday at the Keeping the Dream Alive Assembly and see what the fun is all about. Questions? Contact Mr. Kasumu at ade.jembe.fola@gmail.com.



ADE JEMBE FOLA
WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS IN THE CIRCLE

AFRICAN
Drum & Dance

ALL ARE WELCOMED
Tuesdays & Wednesdays

3:30- 5:00

Room 330
Program Advisors
Baba Kasumu
Mrs. Franke
Mrs. Sbriglia

Student Leaders
Kevin Ndayishimiye ~ Salimata Sylla ~ Charles Augustine
~ Faith Floyd ~ Karrington Mann

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5th - 8th Grade!
9th - 12th Grade!

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BUFFALO PRESENTS**



SPORTS SAMPLING SATURDAYS

**EVERY SATURDAY
STARTING JANUARY 6TH UNTIL
MARCH 9TH
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

LOCATION:

- **HENNEPIN COMMUNITY CENTER
(24 LUDINGTON ST.)**



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Reminder: 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 12 (deadline extended) 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

Mrs. Allman: Students with last names H-O, cmallman@buffaloschools.org

Ms. Dunkleman: Students with last names P-Z, smdunkleman@buffaloschools.org

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 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 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.

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](#)