



Hilltop Notes

for the CHS Community
2.19.24



CHS Calendar Reminders

2/19-2/23	Mid-Winter Recess- No School
3/6 5:30pm	PTSCO Meeting (CHS LGI Room)
3/26 8:30am	"On School-Time" SAT for all Grade 11 students

Looking for Winter Break Fun Centaurs?

Our City Honors basketball teams will each be hosting quarterfinal sectional play-offs later this week. Please consider coming out to the CHS gymnasium to cheer on our teams! Families are welcome. Admission is FREE.

CHS Girls Basketball vs. winner of Springville/WV and Alden
Thursday 2/22
7:00pm

CHS Boys Basketball vs. Olean
Friday 2/23
7:00pm

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball team which recently secured their 5th straight city championship!

It's Time to Sign-up for Spring Sports!

BPS Athletic Director, Mr. Lloyd, has announced some exciting news for our families this spring:

- Girls lacrosse will now be offered at the varsity and junior varsity levels.
- Grade 7/8 boys and girls soccer programs have been added to the line-up of spring sport offerings. Veteran varsity soccer coaches Milne and Massaro will be leading these teams!
- BPS Athletics will now use FinalForms for families to approve athletic participation and submit physicals for their child. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice! The school nurse and coaches will be able to review your paperwork through FinalForms eliminating the possibility of lost paperwork. Please note: FinalForms registration is now open for all JV and Varsity Sports. Registration for Grade 7/8 teams will not open until March 11.

Spring sports teams are now looking for new team members. See the full listing of sports available to CHS students in grades 7-12, contact information for coaches and how to register in FinalForms [all at this link!](#)

Celebrate Minds of All Kinds!

Although it is only February, the CHS STARS program (STudents with Autism Rising to Success) is already thinking Spring! April is Autism Acceptance month, which is a pretty big deal around here 😊 To celebrate neurodiversity and autism acceptance, the STARS Program will be planning several

different activities including dress up days, a sensory item sale and announcements sharing facts about autism and the autism community.

We will also be selling t-shirts and crewneck sweatshirts to "Celebrate Minds of All Kinds." Complete the pre-order form [at this link](#) to secure a limited edition CHS Neurodiversity t-shirt or crewneck that supports the CHS STARS Department. Questions? Email Mrs. Gillotti at bgillotti@buffaloschools.org

Yoga for Centaurs

On Thursday and Friday of this past week, all Centaurs enjoyed Yoga sessions in PE classes led by Katherine Lehman of Buff & Flo Studio. Thank you to Dr. Monaco and the CHS Wellness Team for coordinating this nourishing activity for our students. Are you a parent or student interested in joining the CHS Wellness Team? Contact Mrs. Russell at arrussell@buffaloschools.org.

Courtroom Centaurs Get Off to Strong Start

Congrats to the to the CHS Mock Trial Team's plaintiff side for winning their opening round matchup on February 10th. Strong performance all around led the team to victory over Grand Island. As is often the case, our witnesses set the tone right away. Kasity Pepper had the defense attorney shaking in his boots. Resident method actor Christian Bagby arrived in character and might win an Oscar. Tim Tidd actually had a federal magistrate judge laughing during what was supposed to be the toughest questions of cross-examination.



Our attorneys kept pace! Genevieve Harris shined in her first mock trial competition, including a crushing cross-examination. Ayeza Modassar gave a wonderful opening statement that made all the following evidence fall right into place. Annika Wilewicz spent the entire trial carefully watching and listening and gave a devastating closing argument that tied together all of the evidence and law.

The CHS defense competes against Depew on 3/2.

Congrats Tessa!

Tessa Feuerstein '27 recently qualified to participate in the Empire State Winter Games in Lake Placid as a downhill skier. There she competed against 75 high school female athletes invited throughout the state. Tessa's first race was the Super G on the same run as used in the 1932 Olympics. The next day she participated in the Giant Slalom race and then the final day she raced in the slalom. She performed extremely well in all events and is hoping to qualify again next year!



Congrats CHS Historians

Congratulations to the 14 Centaurs who participated recently in the BPS History Day Contest. All 14 will be advancing to represent BPS at the WNY competition on March 9.

You Need a Fun Night Out CHS Parents and Staff!

Join CHS PTSCO Friday, April 26, 2024 for an adult only evening of stand-up and improv comedy, basket raffles, 50/50, food, and cocktails for only \$25 per ticket! Order ASAP as tickets are limited and pre-sale only! Order tickets [at this link](#).

City Honors PTSCO
**COMEDY
NIGHT
FUNDRAISER**

FEATURING
Rob Lederman
& Special Guest

50/50
Basket
Raffles

FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2024

**BOB'S
PLAYHOUSE
THEATER**
3200 ELMWOOD AVE
TONAWANDA NY 14217

DOORS @ 7PM
SHOW @ 8PM
AGES 21+ | \$25/TICKET
INCLUDES ONE
BEER/WINE/SELTZER

Donations are needed to make this event a success!

The proceeds from this City Honors PTSCO (Parent, Teacher, Student, Community Organization) comedy event will be divided equally amongst all grade levels. Please help us optimize the fundraising potential by donating an item(s) or gift certificate for the basket raffle and/or live auction. Nothing is too big or too small! If you would like to donate an item(s) to help us create baskets (i.e. theater candy, board games, body care, baking supplies...), please drop them off in the marked collection bin in the City Honors main office by March 22, 2024.

For large value or alcoholic donations (gift cards, premade baskets, wine, etc.), please contact Danielle Grzymala (716) 228-1195 (dgrzymala@buffaloschools.org) or Pam Fitzgibbon (716) 867-

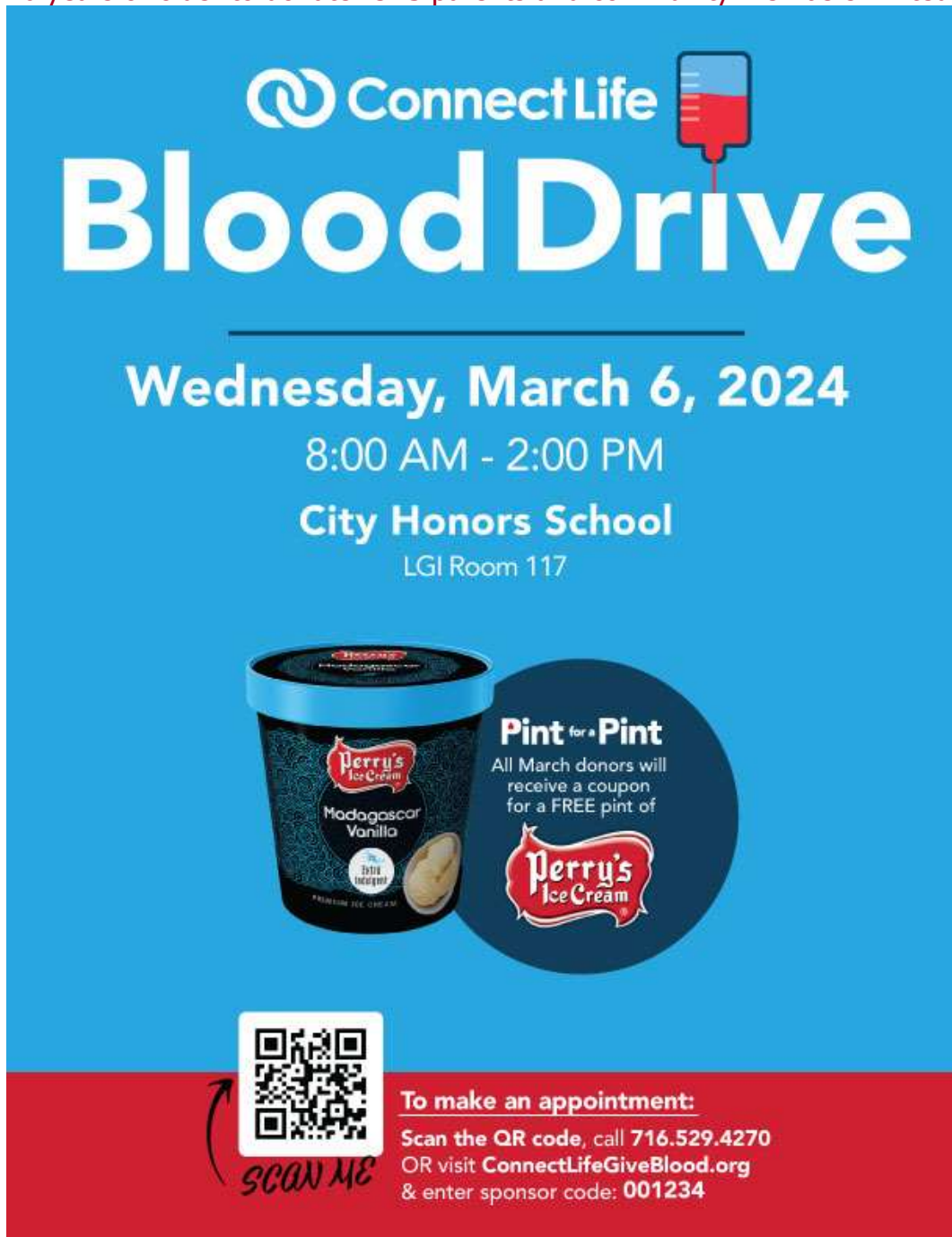
7393 (shasta1928@yahoo.com) to arrange collection as these items should not be sent to school with students.

Keep in mind- this is also a great opportunity for a business owner (possibly yourself!) who would like to donate goods or services. It is great advertising AND a tax write-off!

Thank you for your support!

CHS Connect Life Club Announces Spring Blood Drive

Do you want to help save up to three lives right here in Western New York? Sign-up to donate blood on Wednesday, March 6th at CHS. Please see the flyer below for more information. All donors will receive a pint of Perry's ice cream AND will be entered into a drawing for other prizes! You must be 16 years or older to donate. CHS parents and community members invited to participate.



The flyer features a blue background with white text. At the top left is the 'Connect Life' logo, which consists of a circular icon with a stylized 'C' and the words 'Connect Life' next to it. To the right of the logo is a graphic of a blood donation bag with a red tube. Below the logo, the words 'Blood Drive' are written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. A horizontal line separates this from the date and time information. The date 'Wednesday, March 6, 2024' is written in a large white font, followed by the time '8:00 AM - 2:00 PM' in a slightly smaller white font. Below that, 'City Honors School' is written in a bold white font, with 'LGI Room 117' in a smaller white font underneath. In the center of the flyer is a circular graphic containing an image of a Perry's Ice Cream pint container (Madagascar Vanilla flavor) and a coupon that says 'Pint for a Pint' and 'All March donors will receive a coupon for a FREE pint of Perry's Ice Cream'. At the bottom left of the flyer is a QR code with a red arrow pointing to it and the text 'SCAN ME' written in a red, handwritten-style font. To the right of the QR code, the text 'To make an appointment:' is written in a bold white font, followed by 'Scan the QR code, call 716.529.4270 OR visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org & enter sponsor code: 001234' in a white font.

Attention Grade 7-12 Baseball Players

CHS Baseball is offering free tune-up clinics prior to try-outs. Please join us at these dates and locations if you have interest in playing JV or Varsity Baseball this spring:

- Sunday February 25, 6:00-7:30 at Prime Time Sports
- Wednesday February 28, 3:30-4:40 at Wiley Stadium Turf
- Sunday March 3, 6:00-7:30 Prime Time Sports
- Wednesday March 6, 3:30-4:30 Wiley Stadium Turf

Prime Time Sports is located at 4.5 South Fischer Road West Seneca, NY 14224

Questions: Please contact varsity Coach John McMahon at 716.3535.1255 for questions.

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](#)