



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
3.26.23



Spring Break Almost Here!

Only **5** school days until spring break begins! Our students have lost a great deal of learning time over the past few years, we want to be sure we make the most of the time we have this school year! If your child is healthy, please be sure they are with us at school every day and **on-time**. **Our teachers will be providing meaningful and engaging instruction right up until the break.**

It's Autism Acceptance Week at CHS!

Approximately 12% of the CHS student body is Autistic. Our students and staff of the [STARS Program](#) have once again organized 'Autism Acceptance Week' on the Hilltop from March 27-31, with some new twists to help all of our students learn more about autism and celebrate neurodiversity. In addition to the theme days listed to the right, there are many additional activities planned throughout the week. Fidget toys will be sold during all lunch periods this week for \$1.00 each to support special activities within the CHS STARS Program.

Accolades for CHS Girls Basketball

Congrats to CHS Girls Varsity Basketball 2022-2023 which received the following special recognitions:

- Canisius Cup Champions
- Scholar Athlete Team Award
- 1st Team All-League: Ava Purks, Molly Galvin, and Brynne Walentynowicz
- Honorable Mention All-League: Uma Bhattacharjee , Nevaeh Foster, Ariel Coleman

This is Your Opportunity to Determine How BPS Communicates

Do non-stop robocalls drive you bonkers? Do you see things about the BPS website that could be more user-friendly? Would a one-stop BPS mobile app be helpful? This is your moment to share your thoughts! BPS is in the process of overhauling its communication methods and the district wants your input. Please use the links below to complete a brief survey to share your good ideas:

[Student Survey](#)

[Staff Survey](#)

[Parent Survey](#)

Autism Acceptance Spirit Week



Monday, 3/27 – Friday, 3/31

Magnificent Mind Monday (3/27): Autism is a neurological variation, which means the brains of autistic people work a little differently that allistic (non-autistic) people. Celebrate how wonderful it is that all our minds work in different ways by **wearing a fun hat!**

Sensory Friendly Tuesday (3/28): Autistic people often have a variety of sensory sensitivities. **Dress up in your most comfy (school appropriate) clothes**, use as much natural light in your classroom instead of fluorescent lights as possible, and/or wear sunglasses.

What's Your Passion Wednesday (3/29): One characteristic of autism is an incredibly focused passion for a topic of interest. What are you passionate about? **Dress to show something you love!**

Neurodiversity Thursday (3/30): To celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind, **wear rainbow and/or tie-dyed gear!**

Autism Acceptance Day (3/31): **Wear CHS gear or colors** to show your support and acceptance of autistic individuals!

'Girls on The Run' Returns to the Hilltop!

CHS was a longtime home to the Girls on the Run Program (GOTR) prior to the pandemic. We are extremely excited to announce that GOTR will be returning to CHS this spring for girls in grades 5-7!

GOTR is a fun, evidence-based program that inspires all girls to build their confidence, kindness and decision making skills. Dynamic lessons instill valuable life skills including the important connection between physical and emotional health. Learn more about GOTR Buffalo [at this link](#).

Sessions at CHS will be held on Monday and Thursdays, April 10 -June 4. There is a cost of \$165 for the program, but no family will be turned away due to financial hardship. There are 15 spots available for girls. Financial need will not play a role in whether a student receives a spot in the program. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first serve basis so be sure to [register at this link](#) ASAP!



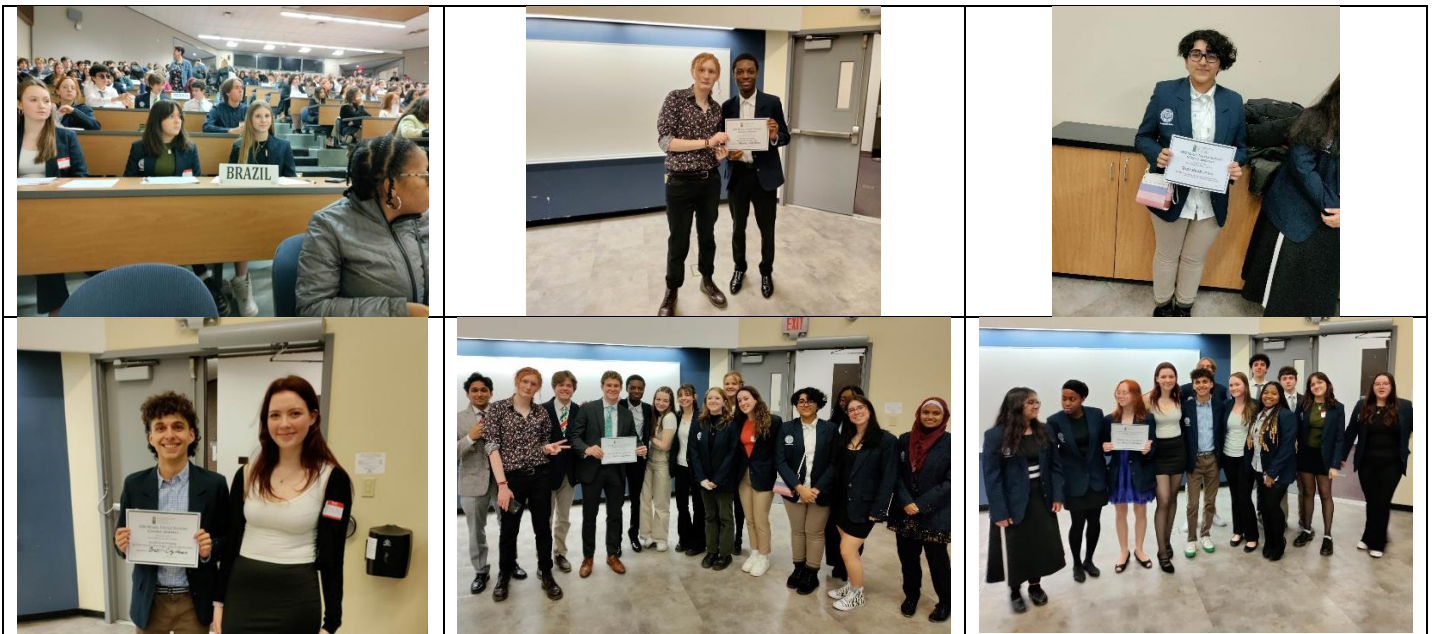
Our very own Mrs. Seana Root from the CHS Visual Arts Department along, with some dynamic volunteer coaches, will be leading our GOTR site!

CHS Model UN Leads the Way at UB

Congratulations to The City Honors Model UN Delegation from the 75th annual Model UN Conference that was held March 21 at UB North Campus. Out of 568 students that attended the Conference, representing 57 countries from 51 schools, City Honors Students won the following awards:

- Best Overall Resolution: (Mexico-Hamna Khalid)
- Best in Committee-Economic Finance (Mexico-Liam Cobb and LaRon Pigford)
- Best in Committee-Ad Hoc Social, Cultural and Humanitarian (Brazil-Patrick Ferrino and Diana Brinson)
- 4th Place Overall CHS Brazil delegation
- 2nd Place Overall CHS Mexico delegation

Great Job Centaurs!!! Thank you also to our fearless Model UN Advisor, Mr. Ross!



Is Your Child Leaving Us? ☹️

If your child will not be attending City Honors for some reason next school year, please contact your child's school counselor as soon as your plans are confirmed. We have many students on the waitlist to enter CHS and would like to let them know if they have a seat as soon as possible so that they can attend our spring orientations, participate in our summer reading program and have a positive and successful transition to our school. Thank you for your consideration of these children. Emails for our school counselors can be found [at this link](#).

Calieb's Salvation Army Food Drive

Calieb Walker '25 is holding a food drive this week to benefit the Salvation Army. This food drive is the conclusion of Calieb's IB Personal Project which has focused on studying food insecurity in our community. If you are able to donate even one non-perishable food item, Calieb is appreciative. All donated items may be delivered to Room 304 (Ms. Ziolkowski's classroom) by the end of the week.

Make the Most of this Summer Centaurs!*

Applications for the Mayor's Summer Youth Internship Program are due on Friday, March 31st. [You can apply here](#). Applicants must be between 14-21 years old and have valid working papers if 14-17. Students who need a working paper card should stop down to the School Counseling Office. Interested in working in Pelion Learning Garden at CHS for the summer? Put "Pelion Outdoor Classroom" in the requested worksite box on the Mayor's Summer Youth Application!

CITY HONORS SPRING FOOD DRIVE!



Food Drive

MARCH 20TH- MARCH 31ST 2023

CITY HONORS: 186 E North St, Buffalo, NY 14204

The Salvation Army is in desperate need of food. While volunteering over the summer, I witnessed the lack of resources, food, and goods the community has received. While this is a big part of my IB Middle years project, it is something that I'm genuinely passionate about. These resources would dramatically impact the people of the Fruitbelt community. We accept donations of any non-perishable food.

The drop-off location is in Ms. Ziolkowski's (ROOM: 504)

Any form of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Anything helps!

Be sure to check out these other local opportunities for this summer!

<p>Are you interested in working this summer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Technology Leadership Program Summer Internship <p>Applications due by April 28, 2023</p> <p>To apply, scan the QR code or visit https://forms.office.com/r/Jkb2JKsLs</p> <p>For questions, email StudentTechLeaders@buffaloschools.org</p>	<p>TEENS AGES 16-18 July 10-August 24 Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm</p> <p>FREE! College Credit included</p> <p>How can we improve cardiovascular disease rates in WNY?</p> <p>SPACE IS LIMITED! APPLY TODAY! collaborativecenterforsocialinnovation.org/cardiovascular-application</p> <p>You will study: Social Determinants of Health Cardiovascular Disease Molecular Biology Genetics & Present your solution to community leaders!</p> <p>In collaboration with: BNMC, Roswell Park, Villa Maria, Collaborative Center for Social Innovation, Raupman-Woodward Medical Research Institute</p>	<p>Ages 14-18 FREE College Credit (optional)</p> <p>Develop a Plan to Reactivate Prospect Park Shelter!</p> <p>Mayor Summer Youth worksite!</p> <p>July 10-August 17 Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm</p> <p>SPACE IS LIMITED! APPLY TODAY! collaborativecenterforsocialinnovation.org/prospect-park-application</p> <p>Study: Urban Development Equity in Park Systems Green Design Community Engagement Fun & Games in the Park!</p> <p>In collaboration with: Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, Villa Maria, Collaborative Center for Social Innovation</p>
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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

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](#)