



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
6.12.21



"Together We Will See It Through"

Important Dates to Conclude the School Year

6/17	Regents ELA Exam* (Grade 11 students report at 8:00am)
6/18	Juneteenth Holiday- NO SCHOOL
6/21	Senior Day at Fosdick Field (see info below) Grade 9-12 Drop-off Day (see info below) Final day of classes for students in grades 9-12 (This will be a "D" day)
6/22	Regents Living Environment Exam* (Grade 9 students report at 8:00am)
6/23	Regents Algebra I Exam* (Enrolled Grade 8 & 9 students report at 8:00am)
6/24	Regents Earth Science Exam* (Enrolled Grade 8 & 9 students report at 8:00am) Final day of classes for students in grades 5-8
6/25	Grade 5-8 Drop-Off Day (see info below)

*Please note: There are no classes for students in grades 9-12 on Regents testing days.

Regents Exams

Regents exams have been given in New York State since 1865. These exams are a recognized national standard and open doors for New York State students when it comes to college admissions and merit-based scholarships. Our teachers and students have worked hard all year. **We are now ready and prepared to welcome our students for the first June Regents examinations in almost two years!** Families can find an FAQ about this year's Regents exams [at this link](#).

Remember, if your child is not satisfied with their exam score, they can request that the score be replaced with an "E" on their transcript after the exam- there is no penalty for giving their best effort!

CHS Device and School Materials Collection Process- June 2021

In preparation for the 2021-2022 school year, the Instructional Technology Department will need to collect, refurbish, and update all hotspots, student laptops and iPads and any accessories (charging cords, keyboards and/or cases.) This is required whether students have returned to campus or remained fully virtual. It is critical that IT has time and opportunity to service each device in order to make sure they are operational for September. Devices that have not been reconfigured will not work with updated systems in the fall.

Students enrolled in summer school will keep their assigned devices until the end of the summer school program.

Laptop and charger collection, with the support of District IT, will take place on two separate dates at City Honors School scheduled by the district* Families are asked to find

appropriate street parking, and do not enter the staff parking lot. The IT department will be sending a letter to each household to communicate this information to families as well.

**Parents, please make sure, prior to arrival, that the student's grade, 900#, and Last, First Name are on the laptop or hotspot with a label or piece of masking tape.*

We have ALSO aligned our collection of any other books or other District materials from this year OR LAST YEAR not yet turned in on these dates! If your child is an in-person learner, they should turn in their texts/materials to their teachers directly. Here are the dates:

Monday, June 21, 8:15 AM – 3:00 PM

Grade 9-12 – (NOTE! All Grade 12 materials, uniform returns and debts must be collected prior to graduation!)

- Fosdick Street Main Entrance – Socially distance in a line outside until asked to enter
- Book collection will be in front of the Auditorium
- Laptop and charger collection will be down the hall in either Room 117 (LGI) or 116 (Health Room).
- Yearbook pick up will be in hallway, then exit out the Blue Stairs to the parking lot.

Friday, June 25, 8:15 AM – 3:00 PM

Grades 5 – 8 or anyone else in grades 9-11 who did not yet turn devices/materials in.

- Fosdick Street Main Entrance – Socially distance in a line outside until asked to enter
- Loop through the Auditorium for book collection AND Grade 8 Ribbons, Hoodies, and Awards
- Laptop and charger collection will be down the hall in either Room 117 (LGI) or 116 (Health Room).
- Yearbook pick up will be in hallway, then exit out the Blue Stairs to the parking lot.

Families unable to turn in their devices/chargers on June 21, or 25: the IT Center at 1515 South Park Ave will offer drive-thru drop off services the week of June 21st at the following dates/times.

- Tuesday June 22nd- 8 am-4 pm
- Wednesday June 23rd- 10 am-6:30 pm
- Thursday June 24th- 10 am-4 pm
- Friday June 25th- 10 am-4 pm

Questions about device drop-off? Contact thamilton@buffaloschools.org

Questions about materials drop-off? Contact cmcdow@buffaloschools.org

CHS Varsity and JV Girls Soccer Teams

We had wonderful turnouts for our two recent organizational meetings. Thank you to all the girls that attended! If you were unable to attend one of our meetings but have interest in playing girls soccer for CHS in the fall, please contact Coach Milne as soon as possible at 716.698.9571 or jasonmilne76@gmail.com

Summer Reading Lists

The CHS 2021 Summer Reading lists are here! This important CHS tradition helps our students to continue to advance their reading skills during the summer months, increase their intercultural awareness and engage our students as soon as they set foot in their ELA classes in the fall. Please take time to read over the reading list for your child's grade level with them. [Lists can be found at this link](#). Our ELA teachers will also review these lists with our students this week and answer any questions they may have. The list for each grade level includes an email address for the ELA faculty member serving as a point person for that grade level should you have questions. Let's get off

screens and back to good-'ole book reading this summer to expand our minds and keep our language skills fresh!

CHS College Essay Prep (Free!)

Mr. Gene Warner, entering his fifth year as a CHS volunteer, would like to meet this summer with rising seniors (current grade 11 students), to help them with their common-app college essays.

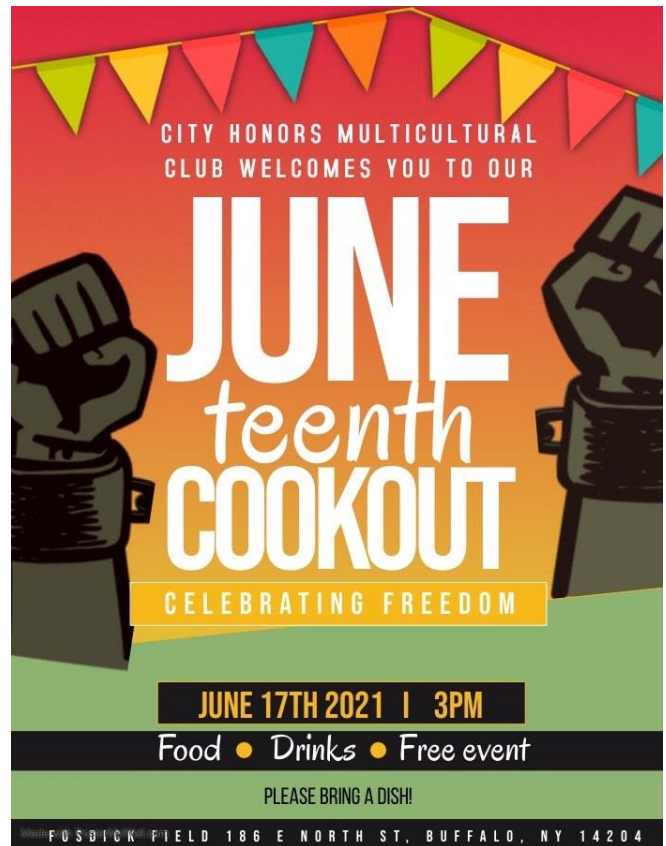
After a 37-year career as a *Buffalo News* reporter, and eight years as a CHS parent, Mr. Warner began volunteering at school in May 2017. In the last four years, he has met 1-on-1 with more than 200 students, most of them 2-5 times each. He often helps them zero in on an essay topic; then he may encourage them to grab the reader's attention quickly, cut down on awkward/bloated sentences and make sure the essay tells more about the applicant.

School will be open this summer, so students can meet with Mr. Warner either in person (probably in the Hilltop Museum) or via Zoom. Following a week off for good behavior, Mr. Warner looks forward to working again with our rising students starting June 21! He can be reached at gene.warner7@gmail.com.

CHS Juneteenth Celebration

The City Honors Multicultural Club would like to invite all to our upcoming event, the Juneteenth Cookout on June 17th at 3:00pm on Fosdick Field. This is the first time that we have ever had this holiday officially recognized in New York State. We invite everyone to come to the Juneteenth picnic where we will celebrate freedom, enjoy the company of friends and family, and lots of food!

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, is the African-American celebration that marks the end of the long practice of human trafficking and slavery in the United States. Toni Morrison, the first black woman to win the Nobel Prize, noted in her research that it is estimated over 60 million or more enslaved Africans died during the transatlantic slave trade. While the Emancipation Proclamation was signed in 1863, enslaved Africans in Texas didn't get the news until 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, TX. While the practice of slavery ended, Black people continue to face mass incarceration, redlining, segregation, and other forms of oppression in our society. While there is still more work to be done, we also deserve joy, liberation and freedom. That's why we celebrate Juneteenth!



The attached flyer was made by Deliyana Hoang '24 and Ayeza Modassar '24. We thank the entire CHS community for your continued support of our club's mission!

Attention All Runners

Any 7th-11th grade student interested in joining the **CHS Cross Country Team (Boys or Girls)**, are asked complete this form: [Cross Country Sign-Up](#). **Also**, there will be an informational

meeting on Wednesday, June 16th at 2:45pm for all interested runners [at this Teams link](#). If you are unable to attend the virtual meeting but have interest in joining, please reach out to Coach Van Remmen, mcvanremmen@buffaloschools.org.

Grade 8 Class Performance to Lift Your Spirit

The Class of 2025 presents **two songs** for your enjoyment. "Halo" features Tyler Everette '21 (djembe) in his farewell performance. Henry Russo '28 and Jessey Mackay '28 contributed to the bassline. Backing vocals are by Akuol Yak '25. "Glorious" features choral singing by members of the 8th grade class. Salimata Sylla '25 is the lead vocalist.

Both songs were remotely recorded and mixed by members of the CHS Class of 2025 using Buffalo Public Schools 1:1 Technology Initiative computers, Audacity audio editing software, and Soundtrap Digital Audio Workstation software provided by the [City Honors/FMP Foundation](#). Please visit [the CHS Vimeo Channel](#) to enjoy these very special performances by our resilient and ever optimistic students. Thank you to our 8th grade advisor and music teacher, Mr. Sharratt, for coordinating these performances!

Senior Class Announcements

-AP Score Reports: Seniors need to indicate in 'My AP' the college/university that they would like their AP scores sent to. The deadline to do this is **June 20, 2021**. To add your **free score report**, you must sign in to MY AP, go to 'My AP Profile', then click the 'Score Send' tab.

-Senior Day: Senior Day is almost here! [Follow this link](#) to VERY IMPORTANT details about Senior Day at CHS.

-Graduation Duties: The following students will carry out graduation duties for the senior class:
Ishraq Alam and Miftahul Mumu (Pledge of Allegiance)
Liam Dell and Abigail Wachter (Class Address)
Sam Farrell and Cecilia Wagner (Special Presentation regarding Brendan Cody).

-Senior Dues: Please send in your senior dues (\$160.00) if you have not done so already. Send check or money order for \$160.00 made out to "City Honors School". Payment should be sent to CHS c/o Mr. Howson as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Mr. Howson at jhowson@buffaloschools.org.

-More graduation information is headed your way this week, but for those who may have missed it, here are the basics:

Date: Tuesday, June 22nd (rain date, June 23)

Location: All-High Stadium (2885 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214)

Times: Last names A-L 3:30-4:30, Last names M-Z 5:30-6:30.

Each candidate for graduation will receive two tickets for family members to view the graduation in person. The graduation will be recorded and professionally edited for download from the CHS Vimeo Channel.

'STEM in The City'

Declan Johnston '22 & Jacob Rivera '22 have organized 'Stem In The City' (SITC). The SITC 2021 research competition is now accepting submissions until July 1st! Papers submitted to the competition do not need to be based in stem, and we encourage students to make multiple submissions for the best chance of success. Research papers written in school or independently will be accepted, and the author of the top paper will receive 100\$. Papers should be written in 11 point times new roman font and should not exceed 10 pages. Submissions can be made

to Sitcbuffalo@gmail.com and registration [can be completed here](#).

Attention Grade 8 Families

Families who have not paid \$5 for their class hoodie should pay when they pick up their hoodie on the June 25 'drop-off day' (see details above). Every member of the 8th grade class was ordered a custom sweatshirt with their name on it.

D'Youville School of Pharmacy Presents 'Pharm Camp'

The D'Youville School of Pharmacy is pleased and excited to offer Pharm Camp **in-person** this summer.

Where: D'Youville School of Pharmacy

When: June 28 – 30, 2021 Time: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm Daily

Who: High School Students Entering Grades 9 – 12 in the Fall of 2021

What: Discover the World of Pharmacy Learn about Clinical and Pharmaceutical Pharmacy, Cancer Research, Medicinal and Herbal Healing Plants... Discover Compounding, Make I.V.'s, Capsules and Solutions, Participate in Pharmacy Simulation, Tour D'Youville's Brand New State of the Art Health Professions Hub and Vital Pharmacy

Nourishment: Snacks Provided

Cost: \$75 Tuition Assistance Available

To Reserve Your Seat TODAY: Please Contact Beverly Taggart, Assistant Director of Pharmacy Student Services, D'Youville School of Pharmacy.

Email: taggartb@dyc.edu

Office: 716-829-8440

Reminder of Resources During Remote Learning

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.

Parenting in a Pandemic: Teen Mental Health <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/34153/2/>

What Might Stress Look Like in Your Teen? Here is a resource that may help: <https://nyprojecthope.org/>

Mental Health Matters PSA for Parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9HqCSwB8es>

Student Support: The CHS Student Support Team (SST) is aware that during this time parents may have concerns regarding their child's academic performance. If you are seeking additional support or assistance, please do not hesitate to make a referral to the 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.

Student Texts and Materials: If for some reason, your child does not have a text or instructional materials they need, please email cmcdow@buffaloschools.org to make arrangements.

Student Attendance: If your child needs to be excused from class for medical appointments and

other excused absences for all or part of the school day, please notify the school clerical worker associated with your child's last name using email:

Last names A-G email Ms. Lawrence at AMLawrence@buffaloschools.org

Last names H-O email Ms. Maracle at JMaracle@buffaloschools.org

Last names P-Z email Ms. Morris at KMorris2@buffaloschools.org

Grade Level Assessment Calendars: CHS Grade Level Assessment Calendars allow students and parents to see upcoming major assessments and project due dates by grade level. These calendars can be found at this link: <https://cityhonors.org/academics/grade-level-assessment-calendar/>

Technology Assistance: Please be sure that your child(ren) are COMPLETELY SHUTTING DOWN their devices and restarting them at least every other day to ensure that any updates are installed. Windows laptops should use the windows menu->Power->Restart option to fully restart.
-Learning Resources from Home (Schoology Videos) <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/88626>
-Hot Spot Request <https://www.buffaloschools.org/HotSpotRequest>
-Student Technology Handbook <https://www.buffaloschools.org/handbook>

Correct Grade Information: Grades in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal are the only official grades for the Buffalo Public Schools. Depending on how grade books are set up in Schoology by teachers, grades may not be weighted exactly the same. Parents and students should always reference Parent Portal if they are looking for the grades of record.

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.

Family Contact Information Update Form: Need to update your family contact information with BPS? [Please follow this link](#)

Recycling: During the COVID pandemic, we are home more and creating more consumer bi-product than ever before. It is easier than ever to recycle and more important than ever for our city, environment and future generations. Buffalo Recycles has some special events coming up for clothing recycling, free shredding, food scraps, curbside pick-up of yard waste, electronic waste and more. Please check out buffalorecycles.org to learn how your family can become recycling champions. Our earth is counting on us!

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](#)
[PTSCO Minutes and 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](#)