



**Hilltop Notes**  
for the CHS Community  
8.19.21  
*"Ready to Restart!"*



**\*\*\*Grade 5-8 Yellow Bus Transportation\*\*\***

The school district is experiencing a critical shortage of school bus drivers. This will affect our students in many ways. If you are a grade 5-8 parent and do not intend to have your child ride a yellow bus one or both ways, please call the BPS transportation office at 816-4895 as soon as you receive this communication. This will help the district to consolidate routes and get our students to and from school on-time.

**CHS Back-to-School Mailing**

Our Annual CHS Back-to-School packets will be mailed home early next week. These packets include some family-specific items such as:

- your child's schedule
- locker assignment/combination
- family census information for your review/update

However, all other items in these packets have been loaded to the 'Fall Back-To-School Information 2021' information block at the [Family Resources page](#) of cityhonors.org. These documents contain important information to help all CHS families begin the school year successfully including an [opening letter from Dr. Kresse](#) and the always highly anticipated [CHS Back-To-School Survival Guide](#). We ask that you please read them carefully. If we generate additional communications related to the start of school, we will email them to families and add them to this section of the website.

All student schedules can be viewed in Parent Portal at this time. Please be aware that these schedules are subject to change prior to the start of school as we do fine tuning to balance class sizes. If you do not have Parent Portal account, please review [this flyer](#) and then contact school clerk, Amanda Lawrence ([amlawrence@buffaloschools.org](mailto:amlawrence@buffaloschools.org)) or Judy Maracle ([jmaracle@buffaloschools.org](mailto:jmaracle@buffaloschools.org)) or call 816.4230 to receive your initial login code.

**Boys Soccer: Grades 7-12**

A reminder about that CHS boys soccer practices/tryouts will be running from 10:00am-12:00pm each day at Johnnie B. Wiley Stadium from Monday August 23-Friday August 27. Interested players who have not yet contacted Coach Massaro are asked to email him at [dmassaro@buffaloschools.org](mailto:dmassaro@buffaloschools.org). Coach Catalano is returning as the JV/varsity assistant coach this season and can be reached at [jcatalano@buffaloschools.org](mailto:jcatalano@buffaloschools.org).

**Junior Varsity Volleyball Coaches**

The BPS Athletic Department has reposted both the boys and girls JV volleyball coaching positions. If you know someone with strong volleyball background who is positive, professional and interested to work with our students, please encourage them to apply. **They do not need to be a BPS teacher**

**to apply.** The final day for filing and application is August 24. The following links will take candidates to the postings and applications:

[JV Boys Volleyball Coach Posting](#)

[JV Girls Volleyball Coach Posting](#)

### **Youth-Led Team at Erie Niagara Area Health Education Center (ENAHEC)**

Erie Niagara Area Health Education Center (ENAHEC) is an organization working to create a diverse healthcare workforce and well-informed community. Youth Leadership Team (YLT) at ENAHEC is a program for students interested in serving as health advocates for their communities to learn, grow, and lead via college and career preparatory workshops, trainings led by healthcare professionals, and community engagement projects of their design. **YLT members get paid hourly and meet twice a month.** Youth ages 15-18 that live or attend school in the Buffalo zip codes 14206, 14211, or 14215 are eligible to join the YLT.

More info [here](#). Application [here](#).

Questions? Contact:

Alivia Smeltzer-Darling (CHS '17)

Program Specialist

Erie Niagara Area Health Education Center

Phone: (716) 835-9358 ext. 106

[Website](#)

### **Reminder: Join CHS Fall Sports Now!**

Now is the time to sign-up for CHS Junior Varsity and Varsity sports! [Please click on this link](#) to see the full lineup of 2021 CHS Fall sports and how to join these teams. This link also contains information for grade 7 and 8 students interested in joining JV or Varsity teams.

The school district has adjusted the seasons for a number of sports to align with sectional and state seasons including Girls' Varsity Tennis and ALL Girls' Varsity Swim which are moving to the fall.

A sound body supports a sound mind. Get out there and get active CHS! New team members welcome! Bring a friend to join as well!

### **CHS Summer Reading**

**CHS Centaurs should be nearing completion of their summer reading!** Please take time to check in with your child on their progress and perhaps most importantly discuss the books they are reading; kids care more when parents show they care. [Lists can be found at this link.](#)

### **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.

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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 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](#)*