



Hilltop Notes
for the CHS Community
9.6.21
"Ready to Restart!"



Is Your Family Ready to Start on Wednesday?

We are ready and excited to welcome our students back to the Hilltop on Wednesday! Please be sure that your family has carefully read through the CHS Back-to-School packet that was mailed home to all families and that your child comes to school on Wednesday with the daily schedule that was included in the mailing. Reading these documents will help your child to have a successful first day of school. If you did not receive the packet in the mail, families can view all documents at the Back-to-School drop down menu at the [CHS Family Resources page](#).

Important Note Regarding CHS Parent/Teacher Get-Aquainted Night

The CHS Parent/Teacher Get-Aquainted Night will be held on **Tuesday, September 14**. The day of the week for this event was incorrectly listed on some documents. We have corrected this on all documents posted to the school website. Instructions for participating in this important evening for our families will be emailed home later this week.

Parent Portal and Parent Schoology Accounts

Infinite Campus Parent Portal allows parents to view their children's grades and attendance. Schoology Parent Accounts allow parents to view their children's assignments, classwork, homework and communications from teachers to their students. Access to both of these are valuable as parents seek to support children in their studies. We ask parents to sign-up for both of these tools if they have not already done so.

-[This link](#) provides instruction to parents for initiating a Parent Portal account.

-[This link](#) provides instruction to parents for initiating a Schoology parent account.

Temporary Math Teacher

We received notice of need for a temporary math teacher approximately a week ago. Please welcome Mr. Chandra Bambah who will be teaching Algebra 2 and AP Calculus. We currently anticipate that Mr. Bambah will be in this position for the duration of this school year.

Parking on Fosdick Street

The west side of Fosdick Street is now posted as two hour parking. Buffalo Roam signs will be posted shortly, but for now please note that Fosdick Street is in "**Zone 17**" when using the Buffalo Roam app. There is also a ticket station along the street that can be used to purchase parking time. The east side of Fosdick Street remains 'no parking' during school days. Parents may pick-up and drop-off students using this curb.

Middle School Athletics Update

The temporary athletic director for the Buffalo Public Schools has notified Dr. Kresse that he is

moving ahead with plans for a BPS middle school flag football league, launching at the end of September. Each BPS school with middle grades will be offered the opportunity to field three flag football teams:

- a grade 6 coed team
- a grade 7/8 girls team
- a grade 7/8 boys team

The school district has issued a posting to hire coaches. Teachers are given contractual preference for these positions but all interested members of the CHS community are encouraged to apply as there is currently a shortage of qualified coaches in our community. [Follow this link to the job posting/link to application.](#)

We continue to receive inquiries regarding the district's elimination of the grade 5-8 co-ed cross country running league. Please be assured that we have shared these sentiments with the interim BPS athletic director. Families with questions are encouraged to contact the temporary BPS athletic director, Mr. House, directly at mjhouse@buffaloschools.org.

Boys JV Volleyball Coaching Position

The Boys JV Volleyball coaching position remains open. Thank you to Coach Christopher Juergens, boys varsity volleyball coach, who is currently managing both groups. Any member of the community with volleyball background and interest in coaching our JV boys is encouraged to contact the temporary BPS athletic director at mjhouse@buffaloschools.org as soon as possible. The girls JV volleyball coaching position has been filled.

Fruitbelt Coalition Vaccination Clinic

Our long time partners at the Fruitbelt Neighborhood Coalition and County Legislator Howard Johnson are holding a COVID vaccination clinic on September 11 for students 12-18 years of age from 12:00pm-4:00pm. The clinic will offer the Pfizer vaccination. This event will also offer backpacks with school supplies, information about securing health and life insurance, child safety kits/registration, PPE, and refreshments. Please contact the Coalition Office at (716) 893-6428 for more information and to get details about the forms of identification and consent required to participate. **Please, please have anyone 12 or older in your household vaccinated for COVID if approved by your family doctor. The vaccine saves lives and brings us closer to the world we knew prior the pandemic.**

Youth Leadership Buffalo Now Accepting Applications

Youth Leadership Buffalo applications for 2021/2022 program year are now open! Youth Leadership (YL) Buffalo is a leadership enrichment program for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors representing schools throughout our community. The curriculum builds a foundation of leadership skills, an awareness of community issues, an appreciation for diversity and a commitment to lifelong community service. **CHS has had students graduate from this program every year since 1994.** The program runs November-May, with seven in-person sessions, and three virtual. [Applications and more details are available online.](#) Applications are open until October 15th. Questions? Contact jenna@leadershipbuffalo.org.

United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Applications

Every year the New York State Education Department selects two students from high schools across the state to represent New York at the national United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). Senate Youth Washington Week will take place March 5 -12, 2022 and will be a fully immersive learning experience incorporating the key elements of the program week in an exciting, interactive format. Each student is awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. A decision to hold Washington Week in person or online will be made at a later date. Additional information and the application can be found on the [national website](#). The student application materials must be received via NYSenateYouth@nysed.gov on or before Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:59pm. Questions? Email NYSenateYouth@nysed.gov.

Happy Birthday Sidney Cole '34

Captain Sidney (Cohen) Cole '34 celebrated his **107th Birthday** on September 1st! Captain Cole is the oldest known living alumnus of Fosdick-Masten Park High School, an American hero and one of the happiest and most optimistic people you will ever meet. [Read his story here](#) and please consider sending him a birthday card at this address: NY State Veterans Home, 220 Richmond Ave, Batavia, NY 14020.

Electrify Buffalo's Community Ride Around

Electrify Buffalo is hosting a 'Community Ride Around' event as a part of 2021 National Drive Electric Week. Come share our enthusiasm for electric vehicles! There will be food trucks, a prize raffle, activities for the kids, test driving e-vehicles for adults and free admission.

You will be entered to win a \$250 gift card [just for registering](#) to attend this event!

Date: Saturday September 25th

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Location: BNMC Innovation Center (Parking Lot), 589 Ellicott Street, Downtown Buffalo, NY 14203

Please [view the event flyer](#) here and spread the word! Questions? Contact Steven Pilat, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, University at Buffalo: sepilat@buffalo.

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

A reminder that 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.

Yes, You Can Still Join Fall Sports Now!

There is still time to join 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.

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](#)