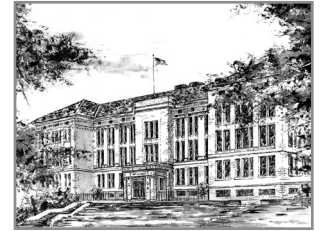


View From The Hill



A monthly PTSCO publication for the families and staff of City Honors School at Fosdick-Masten Park

MAY 2009



From the Principal

Dr. William Kresse

To City Honors Parents and Community

One of the most pleasurable parts of my job is walking through our classrooms each day to see the teaching and learning that is taking place. During my walk-throughs this past week, it was so pleasing to see that although we are headed down the stretch for this school year, our teachers and students demonstrate a remarkable ongoing curiosity and energy. From Mr. Michel's chemistry students studying lasers and how they travel through various liquids, to Mrs. Holden and Ms. Comerford piloting a new research methods curriculum for our Grade 7 students, the learning continues. Even our seniors, who are in the last few weeks of their careers at CHS, seemed to be electrified this week as they received confirmation of their assignments as a part our Service Learning Initiative for the last four weeks of school. *Scientia Causa Scientiae* (Learning for the Sake of Learning) is in the air at CHS this spring.

For parents of students in grades 10-12, please note that we have posted the examination schedule for AP and IB exams in this issue of the *VFTH*. Parents often inquire as to the attendance policies on these testing days. It is very important for you to know that City Honors cannot permit students to freely arrive or depart the school building prior to or following AP or IB exams. City Honors and the Buffalo Schools expect students to attend classes on days of examinations. Students are provided with a 15-minute rest period following the morning exams. As always, students who

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Kudos to Our Award Winners

from Mrs. Jo Ann T. Meyer
School Counselor

We are pleased to congratulate:

Enjoli D. Hall

National Achievement Scholarship Winner

Nicholas Brown

National Merit Finalist

and

National Hispanic Recognition Scholar

**Clemence Faust, Lena Forti,
Taylor Hough, Veronique Irwin,
Robert Morrow, and Cara Petrucci**

National Merit Commended Students

Congratulations!

**CHS faculty member
Mrs. Zheng**

has been named a scholarship recipient for the College Board's 2009 Summer Institute in China at Shanghai International Studies University. Mrs. Zheng will spend June 29 to July 10 studying the AP Chinese Language and Culture Curriculum and Assessment.

CHS Library Wins Grant

from Melisa Holden
Librarian

The Library at City Honors was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities this year called Picturing America. The Picturing America grant gives City Honors 40 large, laminated prints of American art and architecture through the history of our country as well as a teacher resource book. Walker Evans, Edward Hopper, John Singleton Copley, and Dorothea Lange are just a few of the artists represented through this wonderful resource. All of the items have been catalogued and are ready for checkout in the library at School 8.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 1

Grade 5 Learning Excursion
Amherst Museum 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Grade 6 Learning Excursion
Albright Knox Art Gallery 9:00 - 11:15 AM

New 7th & 8th grade Orientation
School 56 8:30 AM - 1:50 PM

Monday, May 4

AP and IB Exams See page 2

Wednesday, May 6

Early Release Day 11:00 AM

PTSCO Staff Recognition Luncheon
School 56 11:30 AM

Saturday, May 16

Class of 2010 Rummage Sale
United Methodist Church,
216 Beard Avenue 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, May 21 at School 8

3:45 PM SBMT Meeting
5:30 PM Class of 2010 Parents'
Fund-raising Committee Meeting
6:30 PM PTSCO Meeting

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day -- No School

Wednesday, May 27

Senior Dinner - Pearl Street Grill 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 28

Hofstadter Competition Periods 7 & 8

Friday, May 29

Junior Awards Ceremony

Grade 5 Learning Excursion
Albright Knox Art Gallery 9:00 - 11:00 AM
and in the evening...

**7TH ANNUAL
PARTY IN THE HALL!**
6:00 - 8:30 PM
School 56 - 716 West Delavan Avenue

AP and IB Exam Schedule

DATE	MORNING: STUDENTS REPORT TO ASSIGNED CLASSROOM BY 7:30 AM	AFTERNOON: STUDENTS REPORT TO ASSIGNED CLASSROOM BY 11:30 AM
Monday May 4	IB English (2 hrs.)	AP Comparative Government (2 hrs. 45 min.)
Tuesday May 5	AP Spanish (3 hrs.)	IB HOTA (2 hrs. 30 min.) AP Statistics (3 hrs. 30 min.)
Wednesday May 6	IB HOTA (2 hrs. 30 min.) AP Calculus (3 hrs. 45 min.)	IB Biology (2 hrs. 15 min.)
Thursday May 7	IB Biology (1 hr. 15 min.) AP Eng. Literature (3 hr. 30 min.)	IB Math Methods (1 hr. 30 min.) IB Math Studies (1 hr. 30 min.)
Friday May 8	IB Math Methods (1 hr. 30 min.) IB Math Studies (1 hr. 30 min.) AP US History (3 hr. 35 min.)	
Monday May 11	IB English (2 hrs.) AP Music Theory (3 hrs. plus individual)	IB Economics (1 hr.)
Tuesday May 12	IB Economics (2 hrs.)	IB Physics (3 hrs. 15 min.) AP Psychology (2 hrs. 30 min.)
Wednesday May 13	IB Physics (1 hr. 15 min.) AP English Language (3 hrs. 35 min.)	AP Art History (3 hrs. 15 min.)
Thursday May 14	AP World History (3 hrs. 35 min.) AP Macro Economics (2 hrs. 40 min.)	IB Classical Languages (1 hr.) AP Microeconomics (2 hrs. 30 min.)
Friday May 15	IB Classical Languages (2 hrs.)	
Monday May 18	IB Spanish (3 hrs.)	
Wednesday May 20	Late AP Music Late U.S. History Late AP Statistics	Late Comparative Government
Thursday May 21	IB French (3 hrs.) Late AP Calculus	Late AP Chemistry
Friday May 22	Late AP Psychology	
Thursday May 28	Late, Late AP Calculus Late, Late AP Statistics	

This schedule only applies to City Honors at School 8.

Students will be given a 15-minute break after an exam ends, and then they must report to their regularly scheduled class.

Grades 9-11 are expected to attend all classes when not in exams. These students are not allowed to leave the building unless signed out by a parent/ guardian.

Grade 12 students are also expected to attend all classes. These students are not allowed to leave the building unless a parent note with phone number that will be called to confirm is given to a homeroom teacher or brought in to the office first thing in the morning.

Youth Leadership Erie County Applications

Applications are now available in the main office at School #8. Youth Leadership Erie County is a program of Leadership Buffalo and is offered to high school sophomores and juniors throughout Erie County. This program helps to develop basic skills in leadership, problem solving, and communication while gaining awareness of community issues, diversity and personal potential. City Honors School has had students graduate from this program each year since 1994.

Information can also be found at www.leadershipbuffalo.org under the "programs" section. Deadline for Application is May 19. Please call 849-2626 with questions.

From the Principal

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arrive late to school should be accompanied by a parent to sign them in or at the very least a note with a number where the parent can be reached during the day. Students in Grades 5-11 cannot be released from the school unless a parent is present to sign them out. Students in Grade 12 must present a parent note at the start of the school day, and we must be able to contact the parent by phone to confirm the note. We appreciate your understanding of these protocols, which are intended to provide you with assurance that your child is supervised and accounted for during the school day.

My next monthly tour of the construction site will be Tuesday, May 19 at 4 P.M. All members of the school community or wider community are invited. Please contact Mrs. Fulton at 816-3130 to reserve a place on the tour. Slots are handed out on a first-come, first-served basis.

City Honors Crew

from Wendy Bachhuber
Crew Steering Committee

City Honors Crew invites current 7th and 8th graders to join the rowing team next fall. It's hard work but lots of fun. Check out our Web site at www.CityHonorsCrew.info. We'll have a meeting after school in June for everyone who is interested.

Questions? Send an email to crewnews@att.net.

If you want to get a head start on fall, we recommend the Learn to Row camp at West Side Rowing Club this summer. Register at www.wsrc.org.

Participation in Varsity Athletics

from Andrea Norton
Physical Education Instructor

The district has announced a change to the procedure for medically clearing students for varsity athletics for the 2009-2010 school year. All students interested in participating in district-sponsored varsity athletics *must be medically cleared by the school district's nurse practitioner*. Student's personal physicians' physicals will no longer be valid.

To facilitate this process, the district staff will offer physicals to all students who are considering participating on a varsity sports team next year at City Honors. Physicals will be conducted for current high school students after May 10 and for 7th and 8th graders in June. Any student who may participate on a varsity athletic team next school year must have a physical at school in May or June even if they recently had a physical.

An Athletic Health History form (available from your school nurse) must be filled out and signed by a parent and returned to the school nurse for a student to be scheduled for a physical.

District Sponsored Varsity Sports are as follows:

FALL: Cross Country, Soccer, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Football (at your district high school)
WINTER: Basketball, Swimming, Bowling, Cheerleading
SPRING: Tennis, Track & Field, Boys' Baseball, Girls' Softball

Any student who is considering participating in a district-sponsored varsity sport should have a school-sponsored physical as described above. Please contact your school nurse or physical education staff if you have any questions.

Science Research Program Students Compete at TRSEF

from Kelly Hyla
Program Coordinator

On March 29, the students in the CHS Science Research Program competed at the Tri Regions Science and Engineering Fair (TRSEF) in Syracuse, N.Y. The following students were recognized:

SENIORS

Albert Chen – Highest Honors
Joseph Moran-Guiati – Highest Honors, Ernston "Make a Difference" Award, Health and Wellness Award
Cara Petrucci – High Honors

JUNIORS

Jimmitti Teysir – Highest Honors, Intel ISEF Finalist

SOPHOMORES

Miriam Frisch – Poster Award, Smith College Book Award
Dana Hogan – Poster Award, Mount Holyoke Book Award, Sceptics Award

FRESHMAN

Liam Saiia – Best Poster Presentation Award
Marissa Komanski – Poster Award, Mount Holyoke Book Award

Jimmitti Teysir's research on *The Genetic Code of Anaeromyxobacter Dehalogenans* at Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, under the mentorship of Dr. William Duax, earned the honor of representing the regional fair at the ISEF Intel Competition in Reno, Nev. in May. This is a first for the City Honors Science Research Program.

Congratulations to all of the students for their hard work and efforts.

SAVE THE DATE!

City Honors School SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM

9th Annual Senior Thesis Presentation Program

Tuesday, June 2 3:15 - 5:15 PM

The Zebro Family Conference Room
Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Hey Students! Help Sell 2009 Yearbooks and Win A Pizza Party!

Juniors and seniors in the Graphic Design class have 100 yearbooks left to sell, and you can help!

Middle schoolers: The homeroom that has the highest percentage of yearbooks purchased will win a pizza party! **High schoolers:** The grade (9-11 only) that has the highest percentage of yearbooks purchased will win the pizza party for the whole grade!

We are also raffling off five free 2010 yearbooks in the class that has the highest percentage of yearbook purchases. Which class will have come forth as true superheros?!?

Purchase your yearbook for \$70 today!

Hurry! You have until Wednesday, May 13, 2009, to help your group win a prize.

Please give your payments (checks made out to CHS)

to Mrs. Holden at School 56 or Ms. St. George (472-9259) at School 8.

CLASS OF 2009

GET READY FOR THE

"Midnight Rendezvous!" Prom

**Friday, June 12
7-11 PM**

Terrace Room at the Statler Hotel

CLASS OF 2012

9th Grade Class Advisor Amanda Stephens

The Class of 2012 invites the CHS community to a Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser at Applebee's on Sunday, June 7 at 8 AM at 2656 Delaware Avenue. Please contact Mrs. Stephens at astephens@buffaloschools.org to help with this event or for more info.

CLASS OF 2010

11th Grade PTSCO Rep

Sue Natali

The Junior-Senior After-Prom Committee is seeking parents and students to chair/ be part of the Junior-Senior After-Prom Party Committee. The party will take place on Friday evening, June 12, after the prom, which ends at 11 PM. Parents are also needed to chaperone this PTSCO-sponsored event.

Please contact Sue Natali at twnsrfun@aol.com or 875-3103 if you are interested.

Delta Sonic Car Wash Ticket Sales have been extended to May 29. This a great gift for Mother's Day, dads, grads, teachers, and coaches. Please see any Junior or contact Sue Natali at 875-3103 or Robin Kaufman at emeralds67@roadrunner.com to place your order. Thank you!

Thank you to all those who supported the **Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser** on Sunday, April 26 and to Applebee's for supporting our fund-raising efforts.

Rummage Sale

Thank you to all who have donated items for the sale and to those who have volunteered their time working at this event to date. There is a huge amount of treasures collected so far,

but we hope to collect even more in preparation for a great sale on **Saturday, May 16 from 9 AM to 4 PM at Central Park United Methodist Church, 216 Beard Avenue in North Buffalo.** Please continue to drop your rummage sale donation items off at the church every Saturday (until May 16) from 10 AM to Noon. Receipts for tax purposes provided upon request. All students needing community service hours are welcome at that time. On the day of the sale, there will not only be a great variety of household items—something for everyone—but a baked goods sale, food and drink, a raffle, and entertainment by our talented Juniors. We look forward to seeing you and your friends there! All unsold items will be donated to local charities. Thank you for supporting the Class of 2010.

Any questions? Please contact Bonny Ryder at bkryder@verizon.net or Sue Natali at 875-3103.

Barnes & Noble Summer Bookfair

The classes of 2010 and 2013 will again be sponsoring a fund-raiser event through Barnes & Noble. We will receive a percentage of all sales for a designated two weeks during the summer when purchasers use vouchers. Along with your summer reading lists, please look for the voucher soon at www.cityhonors.org

If you have questions, please contact Debbie Prusakowski at dprusakowski@roadrunner.com.

CHS SWING SCHOOLS

**5-8 GRADES: SCHOOL #56
716 West Delavan Avenue
Buffalo NY 14222
716.816.3350**

**9-12 GRADES: SCHOOL #8
167 East Utica Avenue
Buffalo NY 14208
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