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Good News Blooms on the Hilltop This Spring

This spring and summer may prove to be some of the most exciting ever on the Hilltop. The winter thaw at City Honors School began early, on the evening of January 28, as our school community gathered in the school auditorium to hear the details of what has been a dream for decades and in the planning process for the past two years--a reconstruction process to secure the future of City Honors at the Fosdick-Masten Park campus and to provide the school with needed educational amenities for the new century. The crowd composed of parents, students, alumni, faculty, and community members learned the scope of the project, which will commence at the end of this school year, and see more than \$30 million infused to preserve and upgrade our historic, National Register building. The crowd also learned more about the swing-school sites at schools #56 and #8 as well as preparations the Buffalo Schools, CHS administration, and Swing School Committee have been making to ensure that the educational experience for students while away from CHS is as seamless as possible. If you were not able to attend this evening, please visit "Reconstruction Central" on the Quick Links section of the school Web site, where the full presentation from January 28 is posted. There is also an archive of other documents related to our school-reconstruction project. If you have not been keeping up with developments on the reconstruction project, this is a efficient way to be brought up to speed.

Planning continues via our Swing School Committee, composed of faculty, administration, students, and parents. This group has been meeting on a bi-weekly basis for several months now at 7:15 A.M. in the Museum Room. The team is focusing on three main areas: Morale, Communication, and Packing. Just a few initiatives emanating from this group include:

- a departure ceremony/carnival at the end of the school year for students
- photography and art installations in the swing schools to make them feel more like home
- a packing event for our Museum Room and other school treasures.

Preliminary work related to the relocation of potter's field remains to Forest Lawn Cemetery is anticipated to begin on the Best Street side of the building in April. The New York State Office of Historic Preservation, Parks, and Recreation is working with URS Archaeological Services, LP Ciminelli Inc., and CHS

staff to prepare an educational component for students to accompany the excavation process. The basic goals are to help students to understand the historical significance of the findings on our campus as well as to gain an understanding of the field of archeology. Open houses at both swing-school sites will be held in August for parents and students. Preparations for moving are in high gear, with teachers already having received their room numbers at the swing-school sites, boxes being packed and shipped, and the school attic having been cleaned.

The good news continued as we learned in February that our five National Merit semi-finalists had all moved on to become finalists in this competition. These five finalists represent the second-most National Merit finalists of any private or public school in Western New York and the most when school size is considered. This is a truly amazing accomplishment. Congratulations go out to seniors John Flaherty, Patrick Hurley, Laura Levin-Gleba, Jordan Luchey, and Heesung Kim. Congratulations also to their parents and school counselors Mrs. JoAnn Meyer and Mrs. Sharon Bertucci for their support and guidance through this process.

March also brought championships in swimming and basketball to City Honors. The Science Olympiad team also won numerous medals at their annual competition. Two members of our student body, Lesthia Isaacs and Queenasob Hashi, were part of a four-member Science Bowl team that won the local championship. Their all-girl team will attempt to break new barriers at the national Science Bowl championship in Washington, D.C., this May.

After years of anticipation, City Honors also went through its International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Authorization visit at the end of February. The authorization team spent several days touring classrooms and meeting with focus groups of faculty, students, and parents. During an extensive exit-interview, team members provided the school administration with many favorable observations from their time spent at City Honors. Their official report will be submitted to the International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and the school will be notified of its authorization status sometime in late August. Thank you to all who spent the past few months preparing for this process and to Ms. Erin Comerford, IB Middle Years Coordinator, who spear-headed our authorization efforts.

Principal's Page

Dr. William A. Kresse



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SBMT NEWS

I have recently been named the chair of the School Based Management Team here at City Honors. I am pleased to be a part of the team along with other parents – Laura Pershyn, Kate Stryker, and Ed Lindsay; administrators – Dr. Kresse, Mrs. Izquierdo, Mrs. Hannah; teachers – Erin Comerford and Kelly Hyla; and students – Becca Bass, Melissa Lockwood, and Carolyn Rooney.



Our charge by the district is to be facilitators of improvements and initiatives that relate to the following areas: Student Achievement, Student Support/Responsibility, Parental Involvement, and Budget/Resource Allocation (as it pertains to student achievement). We discuss areas that can be improved related to these topics and participate in implementing long-range solutions. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or concerns that fall under these general categories. Our meetings are a place for open discussion and a place where people leave feeling they have been heard.

Our latest initiatives include:

- The Students for Other Students tutoring program that runs after school, offering help to students in math and science. Math instructor Mrs. Sharon Lomison runs this successful program, which is in its second year. It is funded by grants from the Students for Other Students Foundation in Toledo, Ohio, and the City Honors Foundation.
- Suggestions for making best practices in the area of study skills consistent in the Middle Years Program.
- The set-up of the City Honors Master Calendar, which can be accessed on our Web site. Under Mrs. Hannah's watchful eye, the calendar is updated often and gives our community an up-to-date look at our school's activities and events.
- A review of the formats of Parent/ Teacher Get-Acquainted Night and Parent/Teacher conferences to see how other schools and school districts structure these events.
- The development of a parental survey in an effort to get input from parents about their level of satisfaction with various aspects of City Honors School.
- Close work with the Swing School Committee in an effort to keep our entire school community informed about the upcoming reconstruction of City Honors.

We meet, generally, on the third Thursday of the month from 3:45 to 5:00 in the Museum Room. Please call me (837-2051) or e-mail me (smardino@aol.com) with anything you may wish us to consider or if you have expertise in the areas listed above.

--Sandy Heaney, SBMT chair and parent

FOUNDATION @ WORK

The City Honors Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation has been very busy this school year, working hard to fulfill our mission to provide the necessary support and resources to all our students in order to help them achieve the highest standards possible. The Foundation, formed in 1996, has thus far donated over \$616,396 in support of this mission!

During the past few months, the Foundation has provided funds for the following: a "super" media computer for graphic-intensive projects; World Quest Team travel to the national competition in Washington; teacher conference attendance; Roswell Science Research Program state symposium attendance; 9th grade Unity Day for team- building skills; and the cross-country, soccer, hockey, and other sports teams.

The Artists-in-Residence Speakers Series has just concluded for the year, funded by a grant the Foundation received from the Wendt Foundation. CHS students played host and enjoyed author Rishi Reddi; Scot Fisher, who spoke about community activism and restoration of Babeville; and Howard Zemsky, discussing the rehabilitation of a building and subsequent revitalization of a neighborhood. Celia White, poet and writer, will also work with students on their writing skills on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

Please save the date for the Foundation's 2008 "Party in the Hall." Chaired by Kitty Pilarz, this major fund-raiser is scheduled for Friday evening, May 30 at the school. Faculty member and singer Noa Bursie will perform. Join us for the festivities as we come together to honor parent volunteer "Above and Beyond" winner Kathy Corff Rogers and "Michael Anelli" award winner, faculty member Margaret Cardina. Kathy has contributed an enormous amount of time and expertise in graphic design for many years to our various efforts – you've all seen evidence of her talents in every brochure, flyer, invitation, and newsletter you receive. She also was instrumental in the re-establishment of a school newspaper, and has volunteered over the years to teach the students the basics of design, layout, proofing, and printing. She continues to act as a professional advisor to *Quaerere* in all areas and is an invaluable resource. Margaret Cardina is a physical education teacher and coach for our swimmers and cross-country runners. She has been the 8th grade advisor for years and is instrumental in coordinating our annual Moving Up Day ceremonies and festivities. Ms. Cardina has always been a huge supporter of our students in every athletic and academic endeavor, and this dedication is evident as she can be seen faithfully attending all the sporting events and school functions.

Please watch the mail for your invitations and join the CHS community of parents, faculty, staff, and friends as we honor these individuals and enjoy an evening of delicious food, drink, and musical entertainment by our students and teachers!

- - Linda Foley, Foundation Board parent member

Dr. Kresse (Cont'd from page 1)

The popularity of the school's IB Diploma Program continues to grow. Registrations among sophomores this March totaled 57 percent of the cohort. This is the greatest level of participation the school has ever experienced, a credit to the work of former IB Diploma coordinator, Mrs. Mary Kiefer, and current coordinator, Mrs. Elissa Banas. The good news for IB continued as March saw the announcement by the CHS/FMP Foundation and the Kiefer Family that a Mary V. Kiefer IB Endowment Fund would be established in Mary's memory. This fund will enable members of our school community to make gifts that will perpetually support the IB program and Mary's memory. The CHS Foundation also announced that proceeds from this year's annual Party in the Hall event on May 30 would be contributed to help lay the initial principal for this fund. If you would like to contribute to this endowment fund, please visit the Foundation's section on cityhonors.org or come out to the Party in the Hall. Our new school library will also bear Mrs. Kiefer's name. As both a place of learning and contemplation, I do not think there could be a better tribute to Mary's personality and spirit. The CHS/FMP will be launching a campaign in late spring to furnish the Kiefer Library with custom-made furnishing by the Schoolhouse Roycrofter craftsman. We want to ensure that this new library is a special place of learning for our students and fitting tribute to Mary's character.

Finally, please keep in mind these important dates and issues as we approach the final segment to our school year:

- The PTSCO Silent Auction will be held the evening of April 11. Please come out and support this tremendous organization that assists our teachers and students in so many ways! PTSCO is making some changes to the format of this event that should make it better than ever.
- The CHS/FMP Foundation is wrapping up its annual fund drive. If you have not contributed already, please mail donations to the Foundation at our school's address or visit the Foundation's section of

Richard Hofstadter Retrospective


City Honors School at Fossdick-Masten Park is proud to announce that we will be hosting a Richard Hofstadter Retrospective on Saturday, May 24, at 3 P.M. This event will feature Drs. Daniel Singal of Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Mark Naison of Fordham University, and Gail Radford of the University of Buffalo. All three presenters received their Ph.D.s in history from Columbia University--Drs. Singal and Naison under the direct tutelage of Dr. Hofstadter.

Why, you might ask is City Honors hosting this retrospective? The answer is because Richard Hofstadter graduated from Fossdick-Masten Park high school in 1933. He was ranked twelfth in his class, was elected Senior Class President, and was a member of *The Chronicle* yearbook staff and the Forensics debate team. After leaving the hallowed halls of Fossdick-

Masten Park, Hofstadter enrolled in the University of Buffalo as a pre-law major. Like many college freshman, Hofstadter changed his mind and became a history major. After UB, he moved on to Columbia University, where he earned a Ph.D. in history.

Hofstadter spent the bulk of his career as a professor of history at Columbia. *The American Political Tradition and the Men Who Made It* continues to this day to be a widely used book in collegiate and high school history courses. Hofstadter also won two Pulitzer Prizes. His first was in 1958 for *The Age of Reform* and the second in 1964 for *Anti-Intellectualism in American Life*.

Since 2003, The City Honors School at Fossdick-Masten Park has hosted the Richard Hofstadter Competition for Historical Writing. This year's competition is sched-

www.cityhonors.org for donation forms. I encourage all families to make it an annual tradition to give to this fund drive no matter the size of your contribution. Our collective efforts add up to make a difference for our students. Your contributions are especially important this year as the Foundation works to support our students' educational experience during the swing-school process and invest in capital needs of the reconstruction process that might not be covered by state funding. If you receive the publication you are currently reading but are not receiving Foundation mailings, you can e-mail your contact information to cityhonorsfmp@buffaloschools.org to be added to the Foundation's database or send a letter to the school noting this request.

PTSCO's final solicitation for members is also out. A contribution in any amount will secure your membership—please join if you have not already done so. Your entire donation goes to support the programs and activities at CHS.

- Our Spring Concert will be April 23, at 7:00 P.M. Please make your way to the school to enjoy a wonderful evening of performances by our orchestras, bands, and vocal groups.
- On April 25 from 6 to 8:30 P.M., CHS students will be organizing the first-ever Lucille Clifton, FMP '53 Poetry and Arts Festival. This event is named for Lucille Clifton, who is one of America's most recognized poets and a graduate of Fossdick-Masten Park High School. Please stay posted to the school Web site for more details as they develop.
- The Richard Hofstadter Retrospective on Saturday, May 24 will honor the memory of Dr. Hofstadter, who was a 1933 grad of FMP and was one of our country's most recognized historians and writers. More information on this event can be found in this issue of the *View from the Hill*.

uled for Thursday, May 22, starting at 1 P.M.

Concerning the Hofstadter Retrospective, this event is free and open to the public and sponsored by The New York State Council for the Humanities & The City Honors Foundation, with support from City Honors PTSCO, City Honors/Fossdick-Masten Park Alumni Association, the Department of History at the University of Buffalo, and the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. For more information, contact John McTigue, 716.816.4230 ext. 1216 or e-mail jmctigue@buffaloschools.org. Details of the event are posted on www.nylearns.org/jmctigue and www.cityhonors.org.

--John McTigue,
Social Studies instructor

CHS Is Syracuse Cup Champion

For the ninth consecutive year, the swimming Centaurs won the Syracuse Cup Championship trophy. The male team was captained by Sam Cammarata and Patrick Hurley. For the first time in the history of Buffalo's swimming, the boys' 200-yard free relay competed in the Section VI championship meet. Patrick Hurley, Matt Yeksigian, Jordan Herlan, and Mark Malkiewicz set the city record standard. Previous City Honors' records fell in the 200-yard Medley Relay (J. Herlan, P. Hurley, Ivan Bakin, and M. Malkiewicz) and in the 200-yard Individual Medley (P. Hurley). Besides seniors S. Cammarata, J. Herlan, P. Hurley, and M. Malkiewicz, Liam O'Reilly and Alex Rogers were role models for the new swimmers, showing the rookies that hard work does win you a first-place

time.

The female swim team was captained by Emily Zuchlewski and Christine Biddlecombe. To keep in the tradition of outstanding female swimmers, they earned eight All High medals out of nine events. Lizzie Lodinsky, C. Biddlecombe, E. Zuchlewski, and Kaitlin Cunningham consistently swam winning times.

Seniors C. Biddlecombe, K. Cunningham, Heeseung Kim, Melissa Lockwood, Chelsea Tarasek, Morgan Wahlstrom, and Emily Zuchlewski will surely be missed for their commitment and outstanding leadership.

—Margaret Cardina, CHS Swim Coach



CHS Middle School Swim

Many thanks to the varsity swimmers Maddy Burns, Francis Cunningham, Zack Crawford, Kosta Gioulekas, Alex Esmonde and Natalie Murphy for volunteering their time and to share their swim knowledge with the 5th through 8th grade swimmers. These "Coaches" are preparing our middle-school swimmers to maintain the high standard that our swimming Centaurs have achieved through the past decade.

There are more than forty middle-school students swimming this year. We have two dual meets scheduled this season and the City Meet at Erie Community College Flickinger Pool Tuesday, April 8 for junior-high swimmers and Friday, April 11 for the 5th and 6th graders

—Margaret Cardina, CHS Swim Coach

CHS Student-Faculty Basketball Game

The Freshman Forum is hosting a student-faculty basketball game as a fund raiser for the 9th grade class. It will be held at the Gloria Parks Community Center at 3242 Main St. on Friday, April 18 at 5:30 P.M. The admission will be \$2 for everyone. There will be baked goods, pop, pizza, and candy for sale. Come and support your classmates and teachers to raise money for the 9th grade class!



--the Freshman Forum

Field of Dreams



Baseball is a game played in parks, playgrounds, back alleys and farmers' fields, by small children and old men, raw amateurs and millionaire professionals. It follows the seasons; beginning each year with the expectancy of spring time and ending with the hard facts of autumn.

As I begin my third year as coach of the City Honors Men's Baseball team, I reflect rather nostalgically on my own youth playing baseball. Growing up, baseball was my life, my only ambition to wake up on those idyllic summer mornings. My friends, brothers, and I

would saunter to the park early in the morning, and wait for the sun to clear the dew, so that our only baseball would not get wet. We played until lunchtime, pretending to be like our heroes sliding head first into second base, driving in the game winning hit with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning or simply diving for a ball in leftfield. In the afternoon, we reconvened at a friend's house in the neighborhood to play wiffle ball until dinnertime. At home, on the rainy days, we played Strato-matic baseball, attempting to simulate the great game. We pretended to be managers, strategically planning our batting order, figuring out the batting averages and ERAs: I think this is where I had my first statistics' lesson.

I have a little boy of my own now,

four years old, (and a girl who is five). This won't come as breaking news to my wife—she long ago realized the truth, yet stays the course in spite of it all—but I'm already sharing with them the baseball lessons my dad taught me and the stories about the countless games played with friends. Perhaps this is why I coach—not so much to win the ballgame, but to teach the sport that my dad had taught me and to relive a part of my childhood that I do not want to let go. Ken Burns said, "Baseball is about time and timelessness, speed and grace, failure and success, and in the end coming home." I am home again.

--Frank M. Di Leo,
English instructor/Lead Teacher

City Honors Boys Varsity Basketball Capture B-2 Title



The City Honors Boys Varsity Basketball team finished the regular season with a 12 and 8 overall record, gaining them the number 2 seed in the sectional playoffs. The team faced Burgard in the first round, Seneca in the second round at Fredonia State College, and Wilson in the championship round at Buffalo State. City Honors defeated Wilson, the number 1 seed, and captured the overall B-2 Championship. Honors then played Olean for the overall B-Championship. The Centaurs came up short after a very hard fought game and ended the season with a 15 and 9 record.

Highlights of the season include:

- Winning two tournaments (Depew and Pioneer)
- Erik Prophet being named MVP of the Depew and Pioneer

tournaments

- Senior Abram Miller scoring 1,000-plus career points and being named to the first team All-City small schools
- Seniors Jordan Luchey and Erik Prophet being named to third team All-City small schools
- Senior Byron Brown receiving honorable mention on the All-City small school team.
- Various senior and underclassmen players stepping up in each game throughout the injury-laden season.

The coaching staff and team would like to thank all of the parents, students, and staff for their continued support throughout the season and for cheering us on to victory at Buffalo State.

-- John Kudla,
Physical Education instructor

Jump Rope For Heart

All 5th and 6th grade students recently participated in City Honors' fifth annual Jump Rope for Heart event during their physical education classes in March. The event is designed to help communities in America fight heart disease and stroke – the number 1 and 3 causes of death in the U.S. The activities helped the students increase their awareness of heart health, learn jump-roping skills, have an opportunity to do community service, raise funds for Event the American Heart Association research and educational programs, and to have fun!

This was our most successful fund-raising effort ever! The 5th grade students led the way with the most students helping to raise funds. Our top fund-raiser, was 6th-grader Anna Blatto of homeroom 212. A total of \$1,100 was raised to aid in heart research!

Many thanks to all the students who participated in jump-roping activities in their physical education classes, to those who collected donations, and especially to the families and friends who contributed to help fight heart disease and stroke.

--Andrea L. Norton and John Kudla, Physical
Education instructors

Rotary Club Needs Host Families for Exchange Students

The Rotary Clubs of Buffalo has a Youth Exchange Program with City Honors. At present there are three "inbound" students attending City Honors: Otto from Finland, Jeanne from France, and Karen from Mexico. There are also two City Honor students who are "outbounds": Dana DeGrazia is in Brazil and Mary Burgo is in Argentina.

For the 2008-2009 school year, four City Honor students will be "outbounds": Carolyn Rooney is going to Austria, Natalie Cainaru is going to Japan, Taryn McDonnell is going to Germany, and Cailin West is going to Taiwan.

As this is an exchange program, The Buffalo Rotary Clubs are limited on how many students we can send abroad by how many we are willing to host. This is where I am looking for help from the City Hon-

ors Community.

First, due to unforeseen circumstances, our third host family for Otto Lipsanen had to back out. We need a host family for Otto starting at the end of April and running to the beginning of August. Otto will be on a U.S. Trip for the month of July. Otto is from Finland, a great student, in the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra (Cello), and he plays guitar and piano.

Second: we need to find host families for three inbound students that will be attending City Honors for the 2008-2009 school year. We have not found out what countries are coming from yet, but we should know soon. Being a host family is a great opportunity to have a foreign student live with you for a 3 or four month period. Youth Exchange students are typically outgoing kids who are at the top of

their class back home. As we are hosting three students, we need nine host families who live in the city. Ideally, we would prefer to have City Honors families, but it is not necessary.

Please spread the word. Anyone who is interested can contact me at 626-9500 (work) or 479-0387 (cell). Please visit the following link to learn more-- http://www.rotary.org/programs/youth_exchange/index.html.

Your help will allow The Rotary Clubs of Buffalo to provide ongoing opportunities for City Honors students to experience a "year of a lifetime."

Thank you!!

--John H. Bradley,
The Buffalo Rotary Clubs



IB CORNER

In February, I visited all of the 10th grade Advanced Placement Literature classes to inform students about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and explain the pros and cons of become an IB Diploma Candidate. An informational meeting was also held for sophomore parents in the Museum Room the evening of February 21. Thank you again to everyone who attended the meeting--it was a full house and exceeded my expectations.

The Class of 2010 has also continued to exceed expectations. A whopping sixty-seven sophomores (57 percent of the class) have chosen to become IB Diploma Candidates (also known as going “full IB”). This is the largest number of candidates the program has ever had. In fact, numbers had remained steady at around 35 percent of each class for the last several years.

Neither former IB Coordinator Ms. Kiefer nor I ever had a graduate come back from college and tell us that they wished they had not gone full IB. Instead, alumni return talking about all of the benefits they received because of

the program.

So, congratulations to everyone who has chosen to pursue this rigorous course of study. While going full IB is not the “easy” choice, nothing worthwhile ever comes easy.

Finally, a reminder to parents that May is fast approaching and that means AP and IB exams. Please do whatever you can to make sure your child is well rested before each exam. Study after study has emphasized the correlation between a good night’s sleep and doing well on examinations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the IB Diploma Program here at City Honors.

--Elissa M. Banas, Esq., International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Coordinator

P.T.S.C.O. NEWS

Meetings Held on CHS Reconstruction and Swing Schools

On Monday, January 28, the City Honors community was invited to an evening presentation and discussion about the plans for the reconstruction of City Honors and the swing schools that we will occupy for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years. CHS Principal Dr. William Kresse and representatives from the Buffalo Public Schools (including transportation, security, and food services), Ciminelli Construction, and architects Hamilton Houston Lownie explained the plans in a presentation in the CHS auditorium. After a short break, those in attendance circulated among several break-out rooms, where they could view visual displays and discuss the project with those in charge. Forms were available for people to submit questions or comments that they were not able to convey due to time constraints.

The presentation that Dr. Kresse delivered that evening is available for viewing on the CHS Web site at www.cityhonors.org, under “Reconstruction Central.” Because it

includes files of the drawings of the building plans, it is broken down into several parts that may take some time to load. Be patient—it’s worth the wait.

We will continue to keep you updated on this project through this newsletter, e-mails, and the CHS Web site. A Swing School Committee has been established consisting of staff, students, and parents. It meets regularly with the goal of making our temporary relocation proceed as smoothly as possible. The committee has divided into three subcommittees—Communications, Morale, and Packing. You will soon see evidence of the Morale Subcommittee’s first project—a student photo show. The subcommittee is asking students to submit photos in three categories—Building, Linking Grades (middle and high school students), and School Life. The photos selected will be put on display for the Foundation’s Party in the Hall on May 30 and at a student event being planned for the end of the year. Some will be moved to our temporary homes at schools 8 and 56. The display will be added to as the re-

construction progress is documented.

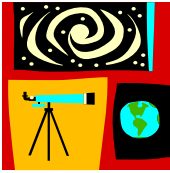
PTSCO’s recent activities have included a holiday staff breakfast in December and a breakfast in January for CHS alumni and current students. Both events were organized by parent Prish Moran. PTSCO also provided the refreshments for the Junior Class College Night on February 21.

Our major fund-raiser of the year, the silent auction with complimentary desserts, will be held Friday, April 11 at 6:30 P.M. This year, the 9th grade is hosting a spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria prior to the event. The week before, on Wednesday April 2 and Thursday April 3, Gramma Mora’s on Hertel Avenue will hold City Honors Night, donating a percentage of the dinner sales to CHS. This year’s auction special raffle will be for a Wii system—tickets will be sold at Gramma Mora’s and at school.

This year’s auction will include some pieces of CHS’s past, including exterior stones, furniture, and light fixtures. See you there!

--Andrea Szalanski, PTSCO Co-chair

CHS Students Take Medals in Science



Fourteen City Honors students participated in the New York State Western Division Science Olympiad competition on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Clarence High School. Medals were won by Natalie Cainaru and Luke Klein for the Forensic event and by William Korona and Liam Durfee for the Sumobots event. The other team members were Ivan Bakin, William Barnes, Gwyneth Harris, Amy Hayes, Dana Hogan, Sarah Hussein, Evan Lowry, Kevin Moore, Cara Petrucci, and Chelsea Vanani. All the students had a lot of fun and enjoyed meeting students from the thirty-two other schools in the competition.

*--Mrs. Pepy Ettinger, Physics instructor
and Science Olympiad coach*

10th Grade Fund Raising

The Fund-raising Committee of the Class of 2010 came together for the first time in September 2007 to plan a variety of interesting events to raise money for senior expenses and the senior trip. Sophomore students and parents have worked together diligently for this cause in many different ways.

At our Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser on January 12, more than forty sophomores served a pancake breakfast to two hundred guests. At Anderson's School Spirit Night on March 3, sophomores greeted guests, scooped ice cream, and entertained the dinner crowds with singing and guitar playing. Anderson's donated 20 percent of all sales to the Class of 2010. Thank you Applebee's and Anderson's!

On February 9, sophomore parents planned a Valentine's Day Dance at La Luna. Parents learned to salsa and tango, all for a good cause. Special thanks to Charlie Goldman, owner of La Luna and former CHS student, who waived the club rental fee for our party, and to Susan Mann Dolce for donating the cost of the instructor. Many others donated food, prizes, and decorations to make this night memorable.

Join us for the fun at Cold Stone Creamery, at 2674 Dela-

Last Chance to Buy a Yearbook!



This is a very important announcement for all students who would like to buy a yearbook.

The yearbook will only be on sale until March, 31. You may go to the City Honors Web site to purchase a yearbook. There is a link under the News section. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Holden and she will show you how to do this.

The direct Web address to access the

online order center is <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/orders/selectJob.do>. Select "New York State," select "Buffalo," select "City Honors School 195," then continue to purchase the yearbook. All orders done online have a \$3.50 charge, so the final cost of the yearbook will be \$68.50.

***Do not miss out on memories!
Buy your yearbook today!***

PTSCO'S ANNUAL THEME TRAY AUCTION AND DESSERTS COMBINED WITH 9TH GRADE SPAGHETTI DINNER

- FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008
- Dinner Seating begin at 5:00 p.m.
- Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Great Prizes
- Raffle tickets to win a Wii donated by PTSCO.
- Fun family night.
- help PTSCO to help defray the cost of field trips, school sports, club fees, etc.

Watch your mailboxes for more information about both events!! Thank you for your continued support!!

For more information contact Sue Zuchlewski at 874-2256 or by email at szuchlewski@roadrunner.com

ware Avenue in north Buffalo, for our Ice Cream Social. Sophomores will be ready "behind the stone" to create tasty concoctions to kick off spring! This event will take place on Thursday, April 24, 2008, from 6 to 10 P.M. Cold Stone is donating 10 to 30 percent of its sales that night to our fund.

Every Tuesday morning outside of the McVay Cafe, sophomores sell Tops breakfast pizza and a wide variety of delicious baked goods. This has become a very popular spot, so don't forget to check it out!

Your car is begging for a spring cleaning! Ask any sophomore about purchasing Delta Sonic car washes. These make perfect gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, teacher and coach gifts, etc. They never expire and, again, will add to the sophomore fund.

Thanks to all who have supported our efforts! Please contact Sue Natali at 875-3103 or twnsrfun@aol.com if you have any questions.

--Sue Natali, PTSCO 10th Grade representative

Prom 2008



The 2008 Junior/Senior prom will be held on Friday, June 20, 2008, from 7 to 11

P.M. in the Statler Golden Ballroom. Tickets will go on sale in May.

--Melisa Holden, Librarian

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City Honors PTSCO and Foundation
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