

# View From The Hill



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

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## The New [www.cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org) Goes Live!

The new [cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org) has been launched! We think the new site gives us some great new ways to communicate and share information in a sharp looking format. Please take some time to get to know all the resources available on this site. (Be sure to visit the main page several times — the photos will be a little different each time you view them.)

Thank you to Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Banas for their extensive efforts over the past year to design and get the site off the ground. Thank you also to the CH/FMP Foundation for funding this new site as well as Joe Murphy '89, from Ingenious Inc. who constructed and hosts the site.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, November 6

Open House for Prospective Families 9:00 AM - Noon

Mark Goldman 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Imagining Buffalo's Waterfront - See page 10

### Thursday, November 11

Veterans Day - No School

### Tuesday, November 16

10th Grade Parent Meeting 6:45 - 7:45 PM

### Friday, November 19

CHS Broadway Musical Revue 7:00 PM

### Saturday December 4

Winter Bazaar - See page 7 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 22

Staff Appreciation Holiday Breakfast

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### Additional events related to the Grand Opening of the new building

*All dates subject to change. Additional events may be added.*

#### November 26 - 5:00 PM

Dedication of Kiefer Library

#### November 26 - 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Annual Post Turkey Day All Years Reunion:

Celebrating 35 Years of CHS and

New Building Grand Opening

#### November 26-28

Class of 2000 Reunion

#### December 2 - 3:30 PM

Dedication of Khalil's Corner

in Kiefer Library

#### December

First Swim Meet/Dedication of Pool

(TBA by BPS athletics)

#### January 7

Thank You Party for Classes of '09 & '10 and Parents at new school building

## CHS Newspaper Wins Seven Awards

Congratulations to the staff of the 2009-2010 *Silent Noise* along with their advisors, Ms. St. George and Ms. Fundalinski! The newspaper won a number of awards at a journalism competition held as part of Communications Day at St. Bonaventure University, including winning *The Buffalo News* Bertram Freed Memorial Award for overall publication excellence — the only publication to win this award! Communications Day provides high school students involved in journalism and media with an introduction to media professionals and a variety of topics including sports reporting, use of social media, photojournalism and media career opportunities.

In addition to the overall award, the paper earned third-place in the news magazine category; Marisa Bartolotta received a second-place award in the entertainment review category for an article about the CHS musical; Dylan Burns received both first- and third-place awards in the features category for articles on the Extreme Home Makeover: Home Edition's work on the west side of Buffalo as well as the post-construction City Honors Campus; Madeline Burns received second place in the features category for a piece on Steve Mesler '96, Olympic Gold medalist; and Hans Glick received second place in the sports features category for an article on the state championship winning CHS girls' volleyball team.

At the same competition, the CHS yearbook was also recognized: Minh Viet Le received second place in the yearbook features category.



A few important details about the new site:

- We have moved to a multiple manager model. Please contact the following people for questions/adjustments regarding the site:

Mrs. Banas – general site issues/corrections and posting of news items

Mrs. Fulton – posting of all calendar items

Ms. Hamilton – If you have requested a news or calendar item be sent out via the School-Connect family communication system, Ms. Hamilton will also feed this info into the website.



- The faculty and staff directory includes both email addresses and links to every teacher's BPS webpage. Teachers are now being trained in their BPS webpages. Please allow some time before these become fully utilized.

Teachers who are currently using parent/grading portals that they are comfortable with will soon post links to these portals on their BPS webpages.

- Please note that BPS athletic team schedules can be found at: [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net).



CHS club team schedules (Rugby, Crew, HS and MS Hockey, MS Soccer) will be found in our Extracurricular Activities Calendar if submitted by the organizers of those programs.



- If from time to time you have a high quality photograph that you feel is representative of the spirit of CHS, feel free to forward to Mrs. Banas or Dr. Kresse and we'll try to include in the main page montage.

## We Make a Difference!

**Beth Gosch**  
PTSCO Chair

I hope your children are enjoying the new school premises. I still get excited every time I enter through City Honors' main entrance doors to grab mail, attend a meeting or pick up my children. I feel a great energy and enthusiasm from every staff member and the parents I see in the hallways.

Another busy month has passed by and once again a great outpouring of volunteer and membership support that confirms for me why we are a successful school. Ours is a school that believes in and thus benefits by parent participation. There are many opportunities that we, as a community, reap from their talent pool and willingness to give a helping hand. The Senior Class Breakfast, which was actually a high tea this year, was enjoyed by over 200 parents and students. Thank you, Blythe Merrill and Mr. Cooney, for a well-planned and adeptly orchestrated event. The Junior Class, who hosted the high tea, was extremely generous in their baked goods and beverage donations, their financial contributions and their time to in stting up a beautiful room and buffet. The 5th and 6th Grade Ice Cream Social was planned under the impressive and diligent leadership of Julia Hall and Mary Beth Murray. The attention to detail paid off in big dividends of fun. Of course, behind every good leader is a bevy of great volunteers that make these

successes possible. Thank you to all of you that have taken time out of your busy schedules to help at these events.

The middle school dance tradition, which serves as an 8th grade fundraiser, got off to a great start with its first dance of the 2010-11 school year. It is a wonderful opportunity for every grade to contribute to the currents year's eighth grade trip in order to ensure that every one has an opportunity to participate on this important rite of passage into high school at the end of their middle school journey. Thank you to the myriad of parent volunteers that helped to make this possible possible, including Sue Natali (7th grade Rep); Jennifer Cornacchio (Parent Facilitator); and Sarah Gunter, Sarah Johnson and Melissa Leopard (8th Grade Reps).

John Ringland has agreed to take on our School Directory again, so we are happy to announce that the directories will be delivered to each family sometime in November. We are working hard to get communications out to parents so that we all stay informed. Many people in addition to John are playing a key role in making sure that we are successful at this. Ann Bisantz and Heather Keller continue to produce and edit the *View from the Hill* newsletter. They would appreciate all relevant parties updating them on clubs, teams, events,

etc. so that they can communicate this in the monthly newsletter. Jennifer Cornacchio has taken on the role of Parent Facilitator and is collecting flyers and information on school clubs, sports teams, District news, etc. for parents to pick up in the Parent Room on the ground floor. She can meet with any parents one on one to provide them with an orientation of the school. Mrs. Banas will be updating our new school website which has just gone live.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 3rd Annual Winter Bazaar, a PTSCO event that was created by Sue Natali and serves as a venue for different organizations to sell their merchandise as the holiday season approaches. It is a lot of fun and there are some fabulous items for sale. Thank you, Sue, for your leadership role in providing these great fundraising opportunities to our students and their individual class events and clubs. It's also time to start thinking about those recipes and dishes you might want to concoct for the Staff Appreciation Holiday breakfast, one of my favorite PTSCO events of the year. It's a great way to say thank you to all the great staff at CHS and enjoy their company over a good cup of coffee.

Until the next newsletter, enjoy what remains of the fall season. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next exciting event.



# "I SCREAM" SOCIAL!

**Julia Hall**

Fifth and sixth grade CHS students and parents were treated to a sweet and spooky evening on Friday, October 29. Parent volunteers served over 200 ice cream sundaes while high school students provided the younger students with a thrilling experience in the haunted lockers. This yearly event moved back to CHS after several years at the swing location. Thanks to all the volunteers as well as CHS Student Council!



**Early Release Day  
Transportation  
Alert**

**In order to accommodate all transportation requests on early release days, please have your child turn in the request a few days in advance. This will ensure that all passes are accurate and completed in time for the early release day.**

## CHS Players to Bring the City to the Stage!

**Beth Newton**  
Vocal Music Teacher

Join the CHS Players on **Friday, November 19th at 7:00 PM** as they present their first annual Broadway Musical Revue entitled: *The City on Stage: A Musical Revue from Old School to New School*.

Scenes from eleven different musicals will be featured, from old classics to new favorites. The CHS high school band and orchestra will play selections from the Broadway stage. We will also have a theme basket raffle and concession sales. Our students have worked very hard to bring you this terrific event — we can guarantee you will be smiling, laughing, tapping your toes and humming the tunes. Please join us!

Pre-sale tickets are \$3 and may be purchased from Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Kerr, Mr. Moses or from the Musical Revue cast. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$5. All proceeds will support the annual spring musical.

## Student Council News: The Magazine Assembly

**Imani Shaw**

Each year, the Magazine Assembly takes place to inform the students of this City Honors school-wide fundraiser for Student Council. This year the Magazine Assembly occurred on Friday, October 1. As always, the entire school was encouraged to sell magazines. If each student sells one magazine, we have exceeded our goal, and the school receives a carnival. As is tradition, the senior class put on a skit to encourage the school to sell magazines. The Class of 2011 seniors exceeded expectations by making the skit funny and encouraging everyone to participate in the fundraiser.

This month the Student Council raised \$101 for Breast Cancer Awareness with a Bake Sale on October 15. Thank you to all who baked, sold, and bought the tasty treats to help a very worthy cause.

Student Council meets every Tuesday at 7:45 AM in the Museum Room. All students are welcome to attend.

## Think Snow! Middle School Ski Club Getting Ready

Details for the Middle School Ski Club will be finalized very soon. Here is a preview of the likely information (still subject to change):

**Schedule:**

8 weeks at Kissing Bridge  
Sundays, January 9 to February 27  
6 weeks of lessons  
Meet at 11:00 AM at Central Lodge

**Costs:**

\$120 for ski/board pass  
\$80 for ski rental (includes breakage insurance)  
\$125 for snowboard rental (includes breakage insurance)  
\$130 for bus transportation (This may go up or down by \$10 depending on turn out.)

We expect that the bus will depart from the Big Lots parking lot at 8:30 AM. There will also be a South Buffalo stop yet to be determined. The bus will likely return around 4:00 PM.

There will be forms to fill out and checks to be written. Look for final documents...coming soon!

If you have any questions, please contact  
Deana Fox (Shaver) at 883-5172  
or [deanafox@hotmail.com](mailto:deanafox@hotmail.com),  
or Kathie Gaiek (McDonough)  
at [kathleen.gaiek@us.hsbc.com](mailto:kathleen.gaiek@us.hsbc.com).

## **IMPORTANT INFO!**

# **Transportation and Parking Around City Honors School**

Our traffic, parking, and entry patterns have changed significantly to increase student safety.

- **Please do not attempt to drive in the main parking lot during the start of school or at dismissal. Parent drop-off/pick-up of students is now on Fosdick Street.**
- Please make every effort to **enter Fosdick Street from the south** when dropping off your child so that they can exit the vehicle at the curb. **Please do not stop in the middle of Fosdick Street** when dropping off students.
- Visitor parking is now on Fosdick Street.
- Yellow bus drop-off/pick-up is now on Masten Avenue.
- NFTA end-of-school-day Specials will continue to line up on North Street.
- The parking lot on North Street now has one entrance/exit and one direction through the lot. The entrance to the lot is on North Street.
- The main parking lot is not for student drop-off or pick-up. There is no entry, except for handicapped visitor, faculty, and staff parking from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM on school days.
- Handicapped visitor parking and an access ramp are in the main parking lot.
- Visitors should enter through the main entrance on Fosdick Street where an attendant will screen and buzz in visitors. Please do not ask people inside the building to open other entrances because this practice compromises the safety of our students.
- **Middle school parents must enter the building to sign students out in the auditorium** if they are picking them up at the end of the day. Students in Grades 9 – 12 being picked up at dismissal should wait in the main entrance vestibule until their parent arrives on Fosdick Street to pick them up.
- Please continue to drive cautiously and carefully around our school building.

**Thank you!**

## **Introducing...**

*A monthly series  
showcasing new staff  
for the 2010-2011 School Year*

## **Ms. Williams Joins Spanish Dept**



My name is Kelly Williams and I am a new Spanish teacher at City Honors School. I teach 7th grade Spanish, Spanish 2, and Spanish 3 Regents. As an undergraduate student, I attended Niagara University where I received my Bachelor's degree in Spanish Education. There I had the opportunity to study abroad in Alicante, Spain where I was able to be immersed in the language and culture. I also travelled to other cities in Europe such as Pisa, Florence, and

Madrid. These excursions now serve as the basis for learning opportunities for students in my classroom. I am currently attending Buffalo State College for my Master's degree in Special Education. I view myself as a lifelong learner and am excited about my future endeavors inside and outside of the classroom, which will enrich my teaching. When I am not teaching, I enjoy playing volleyball, watching the Sabres, listening to music and spending time with friends and family.

This is my first year at City Honors and so far I have enjoyed every moment of it. The faculty, staff, administration, students, and parents have all been extremely welcoming. I have had the opportunity to assist in chaperoning the Hilltop Hop, proctoring admissions exams, coaching JV volleyball and providing extra help sessions for my Spanish students. I look forward to being an active member of the CHS community.

## **Writing Center Now Open**

**Nancy Biernat**  
**Writing Center Director**

The Writing Center is now open for the 2010-11 school year. After a successful 2009-2010 year serving grades 9 through 12, the center will now be open for all CHS students, grades 5 through 12. The Writing Center is run by Dr. Nancy Biernat and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in PTSCO's Room 23.

Students who need help with writing are welcome to come in during their lunch period or study hall. Students may bring their lunches. Last year students received assistance on a variety of writing projects such as college essays, IB essays thesis statements, Social Studies DBQ, English essays and projects, job application essays, and even their own personal journal and creative writing. Please encourage your child to stop in for help with any area of writing.

## **After-School Enrichment 2010 - 2011**

**from Jennifer Cornacchio**

The Friday after school enrichment program for middle school students is up and running.

**Remaining program dates are 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, and 12/3.**

Students can still register for the workshops listed below.

Also, if you haven't signed up to volunteer, please check your schedules — help is still needed!

Volunteers will be asked to take attendance and monitor events

**Pi** - to be understood AND eaten! with Aaron Fried GRADES 7 & 8 ONLY

**THEATER IMPROV** with Young Audiences of WNY

**WORD DETECTIVES** offered by Nancy Biernat

**Please indicate a first AND second choice.**

If your child's first choice cannot be honored, I will call and let you know.

If you choose Theater Improv the cost is \$30 (that turns out to be only \$5 a week).

All other programs are \$15 for the entire 6 week session.

**Questions/suggestions?**

Please feel free to call or email Jennifer Cornacchio at  
(home) 716.882.2582, (cell) 716.316.9892 or [jhcornacchio@verizon.net](mailto:jhcornacchio@verizon.net).

# CHS Crew News

Mine Dosluoglu

CHS rowers have been training since the beginning of September and have rowed in fall regattas in Welland (Ontario), Rochester, and Buffalo at the West Side Rowing Club. The Men's 4 Varsity team also raced at Head of the Charles, Boston MA.

The team is very excited about their new racing shell, the *Charlotte Ball Vogelsang*, which was dedicated October 3 at the West Side Rowing Club. Everyone on CHS Crew Team would like to extend their gratitude to Holly and Bill Rupp, The Rupp Foundation, Peter Bevorka and West Side Rowing Club for their generous gift to the CHS Crew Club.

For the last event of the season, both men and women varsity teams will be racing at the Head of the Fish Regatta, Saratoga Springs NY. The training and work-outs will continue throughout the winter and both novice and varsity teams will participate in spring regattas.

If you want to join the crew team or need more information please see the CHS crew website <http://www.cityhonorscrew.info>.



Chris, Paul, Jack and Keller Vogelsang at the dedication of the new racing shell named in memory of Charlotte Ball Vogelsang on October 3, 2010, at the West Side Rowing Club.



## Is Your 7th or 8th Grade Student Interested in Playing Middle School Ice Hockey?

Tryouts will be held in late November/early December (Dates TBA). Full hockey equipment is necessary. Players need to be registered with USA Hockey and fees will apply.

If you are interested and would like additional information, please email parent coach Jay Hyzy at [jhyzy@hotmail.com](mailto:jhyzy@hotmail.com) with the name of your student, grade and experience level.



# IB Diploma Program: International-mindedness at CHS

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

The mission of the International Baccalaureate Organization is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the IBO works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

City Honors has made IB's mission its own and works hard to bring international-mindedness into the lives of our students. Our teachers weave it into their curriculums starting in 5th grade with the legendary annual international food fair and cookbook spearheaded by Ms. Luongo. The school also has a two-prong approach to helping our students become international-minded:

First, we bring the world to City Honors by bringing in international visitors to talk to the students and performance groups to expose students to different cultures. Recently, students from Capital Normal University in Beijing came to the school and performed traditional Chinese folk dances, played traditional Chinese instruments, and showcased new developments in Chinese culture by performing Chinese allegro (a Chinese style of rap).

Second, we bring our students to the world. In 2007, City Honors successfully petitioned the Board of Education to lift the travel ban that had been in place since the events of September 11, 2001. Since then, several teachers have been working hard to bring international travel opportunities to students, as well as build back up the international exchanges that existed before 2001. Specifically:

- In 2007, City Honors was selected to represent the United States at an International Student Conference in Taiwan (the impetus to petition to have the district travel ban lifted). Mrs. Banas and three students participated.
- During the 2008-09 school year, French Teacher Eileen Crane resurrected the French Exchange program at CHS. Each school year, students from France stay with CHS

host families for three weeks and attend classes, tour historic sites, and are immersed in our culture. About a month after that, 8-10 CHS students go to France for the same experience. This year, City Honors and Ms. Crane are partnering with a school in our sister city of Lille, France.

- Spanish Teacher Will Hoffman took six students on a trip to Spain during spring break 2009 and six students to Costa Rica during spring break 2010. In addition to these shorter trips, this past summer he started an exchange program with an IB school in Palmares, Costa Rica. (City Honors had a Costa Rican exchange program before 2001.) Six students spent several weeks staying with host families, attending classes and site seeing. Students from Palmares will be coming to City Honors for a few weeks later this school year for the same experience. Señor Hoffman is a Fulbright scholar who taught at an IB school in Colombia, South America for one year.
- Last summer, Librarian Melisa Holden took five City Honors students to China as part of the China Summer Bridge Program. They spent two weeks traveling, sightseeing, and attending intensive Chinese language and culture classes. (See the October 2010 *VFTH* for a full article about the trip.)
- IB Diploma Program Coordinator, Elissa Banas, is planning a 10-day trip to Egypt for the February 2012 break. See article on this page for more details!

In today's increasingly interdependent world, it is vitally important for our students to acknowledge the cultural differences of others and become accustomed and sensitive to viewpoints that differ from their own. When our children finish their education and become part of the workforce, they will not only be competing for jobs against their peers in this country but with people from every part of the world. What our students learn here at City Honors benefits them for a lifetime.

**Need IB Information?**  
Check out the City Honors  
International Baccalaureate blog  
[www.ibcityhonors.blogspot.com](http://www.ibcityhonors.blogspot.com)  
Click here for the latest info on all things IB

# Travel to Egypt!

**FEBRUARY  
BREAK  
2012**



Join IB Diploma Program Coordinator Elissa Banas on a trip of a lifetime to Egypt during February Break 2012 (Note: this is a year from February). The itinerary includes visits to **Cairo and Memphis, an overnight train to Aswan and a three-day Nile cruise to Kom Ombo, Edfu, and Luxor.** Students in grades 9-12 can sign up by following these steps: Go to **www.explorica.com** and click "sign up for a tour" under the student heading on the main page. Type in Tour Center ID: banas-4618 and click "go," then click "sign up now." **The current price is guaranteed for people who sign up before 12/1/2010** and can be made in monthly payments of approximately \$200. Students who are in grades 5-8 may go on the trip, but a parent or guardian must also travel with the student (if a parent wants to take responsibility for another student, he/she may do so). This is a student-focused trip, so adults pay a supplement.

Questions? Contact Ms. Banas at  
**EBanas@buffaloschools.org.**

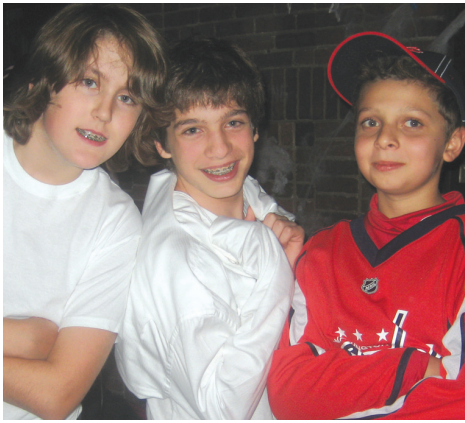
## **IB DIPLOMA CLASS OF 2011 EXTENDED ESSAY 2010-11 TIMELINE**

**Nov 12** Upload your final rough draft to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). Keep an eye on the IB blog for info on how to do this. Make sure your name, subject area, and advisor are listed. Turn in a hard copy of your final rough draft to Mrs. Banas. She will distribute it to your advisor.

**Dec 13-17** Make an appointment to meet with your advisor this week to discuss your extended essay. Your advisor will give back your final rough draft.

**Feb 11** **HAND IN FINAL ESSAY** to Mrs. Banas – two good copies. You are being given plenty of time to revise/fix/rewrite based on your discussion with your advisor in December, so this essay should be excellent.

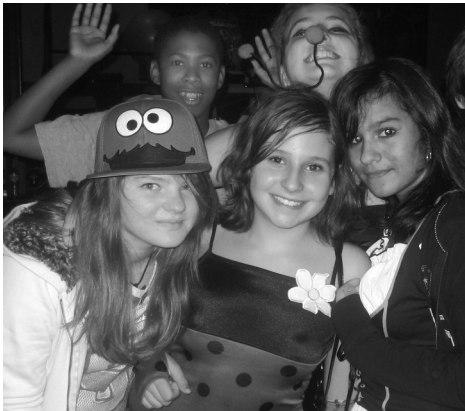
**BACK UP YOUR PAPER  
ON A CD OR FLASH DRIVE!**



## Spook-tacular Fun!

### CHS PTSCO Middle School Halloween Dance Committee

The first middle school dance of the season was a huge success! It was held at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 22, 7 to 9 PM. It was a spook-tacular night of fun, dancing, food and friendship, with over 200 middle school students and costumed creatures in attendance and music by D.J. Wire. We would like to thank all the students and parents who supported this dance by attending, selling tickets, chaperoning, setting up, decorating, cleaning up, and donating all the food, drink, and prizes.



The students represented City Honors well not only by their support and good behavior but by donating a huge amount of canned goods to stock the church's food pantry. The proceeds of this event will go towards the current 8th grade for their class trip. Stay tuned as plans are in the works for several more middle school dances this year!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**CHS 3rd Annual PTSCO WINTER HOLIDAY BAZAAR is Coming!**

Saturday, December 4, 2010  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
CHS Atrium & Cafeteria



If your club would like to reserve a table or if you have any questions please contact Sue Natali at [twnsrfun@aol.com](mailto:twnsrfun@aol.com) or 716.868.1578.

### The holidays are right around the corner!

Get your holiday shopping off to a great start by browsing the merchandise (including many school spirit items) and enjoying food, beverages, good friends and talented CHS performers. Not only do you get a head start on shopping, but you are supporting all the clubs, sports and organizations that enrich our students' lives!

#### Admission is free for this family-oriented event!

Tables available for all CHS classes, clubs and organizations to set up their fundraising enterprises.



# CHS Kicks Off Its ONLINE Yearbook Sale of the 2011 Legend

## Cheryl St. George Yearbook Advisor

From November 1 through November 30, yearbooks will be on sale for a bargain price of \$50!

Yearbooks as well as ads can be ordered online at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com).

On October 30, your child will have filled out a "Wish List" card in homeroom. Our yearbook company, Herff Jones, will then mail these cards to your home sometime in early November. Information about yearbook packages, pricing, and ordering will be on this card. You can also order before this card arrives.

To place your order, go to our CHS web page for a direct link to the online order center. From the CHS Home Page, click on Yearbook Order Center, which may be found under Latest News and/or CHS Quick Links. Our school's Job Number is 8772.

We know families are concerned about yearbook cost. We have tried to keep the price the same or even lower than in the past. Jenna G., a graduate from the class of 2002, said she remembers paying \$55 for all her yearbooks a decade ago!

CHS is requesting your help to keep yearbook prices low. To continue offering yearbooks at the same low price, we need to sell at least 500 books. Please help us and order your child a yearbook today.

Remember these memories are priceless!

## Guidance News

### Sharon Bertucci Guidance Counselor

All 9th and 11th graders took the PSAT on October 13. Score reports will be given to English teachers in late December. Counselors will meet with 9th graders in January to discuss this standardized test and how to use the report to prepare for the SAT.

### Standardized Testing

The SAT will be given again on December 4. For additional test dates and other valuable information, students and parents can log on to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). This site also provides "College Match" which is a helpful in the college search process.

The next ACT test will be given on December 11. For a complete listing of testing dates and other valuable information, students and parents can log on to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### Letters of Recommendation

If your child needs a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or coach, they need to provide the individual with a resume. A resume will give the writer greater knowledge of your child, thus increasing the chances of a more comprehensive letter. Sample resumes are available in the guidance office.

### Working Papers

Working paper applications are available in the guidance office. Students can pick up an application and return it to their school counselor

with a parent signature and a copy of a recent physical. Please allow one to two days for processing.

### Senior News

The school counselors met with all seniors during English class to discuss the college application process. Seniors also met individually with their school counselor to complete their senior credit report. All seniors should have returned a transcript release form and the signed senior credit report to their school counselor. Transcripts cannot be sent out to colleges without the signed transcript release form on file in the guidance office.

### College Visiting

Students are advised to visit college campuses before making their final college decision. Open house and visitation information is available on college web sites. When considering colleges keep in mind:

- Location: How far do you want to be from home?
- Size: Do you prefer an intimate setting, or would you like a larger campus?
- Cost: What financial aid or scholarships are available?
- Program: Is there a program or major that interests you?

## NEW College Planning Advice!

Students and parents can find very helpful information regarding the college application process at [www.wnycollegeconnection.com](http://www.wnycollegeconnection.com) or [click here](#).

## Share Your Pictures for the 2011 Yearbook E-share is Easy as 1,2,3!

Yearbook Central announces that it wants all students to share their pictures for the 2011 *Legend!* We have set a goal to include every student in the yearbook at least twice, if not more.

To achieve this, we need everyone to take fun candid photos and then upload them onto the Herff Jones website: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/8772> or [click here](#).

From here you will be able to upload pictures we'll consider for publication in the yearbook.

Listen for announcements about after school workshops. Our editors will conduct several workshops to demonstrate how easy it will be to participate in the yearbook!

For questions contact the yearbook advisor, Ms. St. George at [cstgeorge@buffaloschools.org](mailto:cstgeorge@buffaloschools.org).

## Announcing The 7th Grade Plaid PJ Pants and Boxers Sale

The Class of 2016 will be selling awesome plaid PJ pants and boxers. Relax at home while showing your school spirit! They are maroon, white and black plaid with a black elastic waist. The City Honors centaur logo will be screen printed in black on the thigh of both pants and boxers, and "City Honors" will be printed down the leg of the pants.

Pants are \$25 each and boxers \$18 each. This will make an excellent gift for the holidays! Look for the order form in your child's backpack, in an email and at [www.cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org) SOON!

Please contact 7th Grade Reps Sue Natali at [twnsrfun@aol.com](mailto:twnsrfun@aol.com) or Christine Human at [chuman@buffalo.edu](mailto:chuman@buffalo.edu) with any questions. All proceeds to go towards the Class of 2016 8th grade class trip next year.



## Welcome Back Picnic Recap

**Elena Blatto**  
Picnic Chair

The 8th annual City Honors Welcome Back Picnic was held on Friday, September 24. The weather was very warm and other than a few sprinkles, it was a perfect evening. After being away for two years, we were finally all back together in our new incredible space and it seemed like we had never left. Over 700 people enjoyed dinner, learned about all the clubs and organizations City Honors has to offer, reconnected with old friends and made new ones. All in all, it was a great time and it seemed everyone was glad we were finally 'home.'

## CLASS OF 2011

**Patrick Cooney**  
Senior Class Faculty Advisor

Here is a list of important events for the seniors:

**November 24:** Final payment is due for seniors interested in going on the class trip

**November 30:** Senior Dollars are due (ticket stubs and money)  
Senior Dues are due (\$230)

NOTE: Sale of senior dollars may subsidize amount of senior dues

**Seniors also want to make sure to submit their size information for the senior hoodie.**

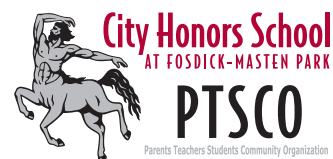
Finally, even though it is still early in the year, **seniors should not let procrastination get the better of them;** they need to continue pressing onwards, doing the best that they can so that when crunch time comes (i.e. February) they are not so stressed!

## Grade 10 Parent Meeting

A grade level meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16 in the Museum Room from 6:45 to 7:45 PM. We will discuss fundraising, group events, and any concerns you may have.

If you would like to be included on the 10th grade email distribution list, and, please email Tammy Hyzy at [tmhyzy@roadrunner.com](mailto:tmhyzy@roadrunner.com). Please include your child's name, your address, phone number and any way you may be interested in participating.

Students are welcome to attend.



## Parent Center Open at CHS!

Our new Parent Center is located on the lower level in the 5th and 6th Grade wing. Please drop by and write down your suggestions for the use of the room or email Jennifer Cornacchio at [jhcornacchio@verizon.net](mailto:jhcornacchio@verizon.net).

PTSCO and the CHS Parent Facilitator will help to make the room serve YOU!

**United Way**



## Attention CHS Families

The City Honors Foundation has been authorized by the United Way as a part of their "Donor Choice" Program.

If you are completing a payroll deduction form this fall or donation form for the United Way, please consider making the City Honors Foundation your agency of choice for all or part of your contribution to the United Way.

Mark Goldman, the Citizens for Common Sense & Partners for a Liveable Western NY present:

# IMAGINING BUFFALO'S WATERFRONT

Featuring the nationally renowned urbanists:

**FRED KENT**

Founder and director of Project  
for Public Spaces

**TONY GOLDMAN**

Known everywhere for his work in Soho,  
Miami Beach, Philadelphia & Boston

**Saturday, November 6 / 2PM–4PM**

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