

# 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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## 2011 All-WNY Academic Team Honors City Honors Seniors

Two seniors from City Honors School have been named to *Business First's* 2011 All-Western New York Academic Team.

Nikolas Albarran (Special Mention) and Sarah Miller (Special Mention) have qualified for this year's list of the 100 most outstanding high school seniors in the eight-county region.

Winners were chosen for their records of academic excellence, school leadership and community involvement. The top 25 were named to the First Team, 25 runners-up to the Second Team, and another 50 to the Special Mention list.

"This is a truly impressive honor," said Jack Connors, president and publisher of *Business First*. "The Academic Team is an extraordinarily exclusive group. There are roughly 20,000 seniors in Western New York's high schools, and only 100 have met the stringent standards to make this year's Academic Team. That's the

top one-half of one percent, the best and brightest students we have."

Schools throughout the eight-county region were asked to nominate their smartest and most accomplished students for consideration by a 10-member committee, which included eight admissions directors at area colleges and two *Business First* editors. A total of 113 schools responded with 410 nominees. (Each school was limited to four candidates.)

The complete list of 100 honorees – along with their photos and profiles – will be published in *Business First's 2011-2012 Guide to Western New York Schools*, which will hit newsstands on June 10.

Check out <http://tinyurl.com/acadteam2010> to read about the Academic Team program and access a database of the past three years' lists.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, April 9

A.C.T. Exam

### Monday, April 18 - Friday, April 22

Spring Break

### Monday, April 25

School Resumes

### Tuesday, April 26

PTSCO Meeting 5:30 - 6:30PM

Mandatory 8th grade trip meeting for students & parents 6:30 - 7:30 PM

### Saturday, May 7

S.A.T. Exam

10th Annual Party in the Hall 5:30 - 8:00 PM

### Friday, May 20

PTSCO Family Fiesta

See Calendar page 7 for Important May 2011 NYS, IB, and AP Testing Dates

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For many more important dates please consult the main school calendar at [www.cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org) on a regular basis



City Honors School PTSCO annual spring time fundraiser is coming up! For a small entrance fee (\$5 per person or \$20 per family of 4 or more) partygoers will be treated to live entertainment, light refreshments, and

admission to a silent auction and basket raffle. PTSCO will also be selling Caribbean Smoothies and Pizza – so bring your appetites.

This year all auction and raffle results will be posted at the end of the evening so there will be plenty of time to enjoy the music, to socialize with old friends and to make some new ones!

We still need plenty of volunteers to help with entertainment, refreshments, auction items, set up and clean up.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Donna Graham at [donnaMariegraham@mac.com](mailto:donnaMariegraham@mac.com)



## 8th Grade Boston Trip

A mandatory meeting for all students going on the trip to Boston, along with their parents, will be held on April 26 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the City Honors School Auditorium. Important information will be reviewed at this meeting including trip itinerary details. In addition, mandatory forms will be filled out and lunch orders will be placed. Attendance at this meeting by both the student and a parent/guardian is mandatory for all students attending the trip.

Please bring a copy of your child's proof of health insurance to this meeting. Please arrive early as there will be a check-in process and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.





# CHS Science Research Students Dominate Tri-Region Competition

Students from the CHS Science Research Program participated in the 2011 Dr. Nelson Ying Tri-Region Science and Engineering Fair in Syracuse, NY the weekend of March 19. The level of success by a single school was unprecedented. CHS captured all of the top awards and many more. Congratulations to the students of the CHS Science Research Program and coordinator, Ms. Kelly Hyla for their dedication and studies leading to this moment. The knowledge and skills these students are acquiring are sure to benefit our city and nation in the years to come.

## AWARDS FOR ORAL PRESENTATION, EXHIBIT, WRITTEN REPORTS:

**HONORS:** Students show above average understanding of scientific or engineering principle.

**Sophomores:** Jamerdon Dean, Nadine Pershyn  
**Junior:** Rasheen Powell

**HIGH HONORS:** Student shows above-average effort in understanding of the principle. Oral presentation, exhibit and written report show well-above-average effort, attention to detail, level of interest.

**Sophomore:** Wendy Yang  
**Senior:** Miriam Frisch

**HIGHEST HONORS:** Student shows a clear, in-depth understanding of a scientific or engineering principle. Oral presentation, exhibit and written report show superior effort, attention to detail, level of interest.

**Juniors:** Fiona Hennig, Marissa Komanski, Nicci Moran, Minerva Ringland  
**Senior:** Dana Hogan

## GRAND AWARDS:

### New York State Science and Engineering Fair

An all expense paid trip to New York City to compete with students from all over the state.

**Junior:** Nicci Moran

### Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF):

These award winners represent the TRSEF in Los Angeles, CA this May at the Intel ISEF. They will join over 1600 young people from over 50 countries to compete for \$4 million in scholarships.

**Juniors:** Marissa Komanski, Minerva Ringland

**Senior:** Dana Hogan

### Ying Scholarship:

Winner receives a \$1000 scholarship.

**Junior:** Fiona Hennig

## SPECIAL AWARDS RECEIVED BY CITY HONORS STUDENTS:

### Sophomores:

Partho Bhattacharya: United States Army Research Laboratory Award

Jamerdon Dean: Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Intel Excellence in Computer Science

Seamus Degan: Corning Museum of Glass

Nadine Pershyn: United States Metric Association

Wendy Yang: United States Navy and Marine Corps Office of Naval Research

### Juniors:

Fiona Hennig: Corning Museum of Glass

Marissa Komanski: Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Mu Alpha Theta, Yale Science and Engineering Association

Nicci Moran: United States Air Force

Minerva Ringland: United States Air Force

## TITLES OF STUDENT PROJECTS:

Partho Bhattacharya: The regulation of the expression of ARF by ETV1

Jamerdon Dean: Analysis of ribosomal protein S7

Seamus Degan: Effect of CX on DNA replication

Nadine Pershyn: Effect of desferoxamine mesylate on photodynamic therapy

Wendy Yang: XMRV Virus: An artifact of prostate cancer?

Fiona Hennig: Crystallization of ribosomal protein L1

Marissa Komanski: 3DRCT v. IMRT: Modular efficiency in radiotherapy and pituitary adenoma

Nicci Moran: Effect of selective serotonergic reuptake inhibitors on radiation therapy in cancer cells

Rasheen Powell: Ribosomal protein L-11 analysis and the need for perfect alignment

Minerva Ringland: Improving optimization efficiency during treatment planning in radiation therapy

Miriam Frisch: Studying the role of sialtransferase ST6Gal-1 in regulating hematopoiesis using cyclophosphamide induced myelo-suppression as a model

Dana Hogan: The characterization of a short chain oxidoreductase enzyme in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*



# March Madness Spirit Week 2011

March Madness Spirit Week began Monday, March 28 with PJ Day.

Tuesday, March 29 was cartoon/Disney Day and

Wednesday, March 30 students wore their favorite athletic apparel for "sports day."

Thursday was "class color day" with our final day on Friday, April 1 as School Spirit Day.

On Friday, snow cones and cotton candy were available during all lunch periods.

"Spirited students" (those dressed in City Honors colors or gear) received a free snow cone or cotton candy. Friday evening, April, 1, 2011, Student Council hosted a Fashion/Talent Show to complete our Spirit Week.



# First School-Wide Multicultural Festival at City Honors

**Jo Ann Meyer**  
Multicultural Club Advisor

The Multicultural Club organized a festival for the week of March 14 - 18, 2011. Chaired by Sophomore Ledeebari Banuna, who conceived the idea, the festival featured different parts of the world and cultures each day with displays and food for four days: Asia/Pacific, Africa, Europe and North America/South America.

The idea was sparked by the annual multicultural lunch organized by Mrs. Luongo's fifth grade and coincided with that event, held Wednesday of the festival week. In addition to the students who participated, a special thank you goes to the teachers who generously participated in the festival: Ms. Cheryl St. George, Mrs. June Karbowski, and Ms. Courtnie Destefano. There was also a special guest speaker, Ms. May Shogan, Director of International Visitors and Education Programs at the International Institute of Buffalo, who did a presentation on Egypt and Jordan. We would like to thank the City Honors Foundation for making her visit possible. We are hopeful that this might become an annual tradition at City Honors.

## Student Council News

**Sharon A. Bertucci**  
Student Council Advisor

Student Council will be holding elections for next year's officers. Any interested students should contact Mrs. Bertucci. Student Council Officers will attend "Leadership - The Gift of Giving" on Wednesday May 4, 2011 at the University at Buffalo.

Student Council meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 AM in the Museum Room.

## WANTED

**DONATIONS OF UNFRAMED/UNMOUNTED PRINTS AND POSTERS**  
to enhance our Buffalo History, Arts & Heritage Gallery in the McVay Cafe (school cafeteria)

**DRESS FORMS OR MANNEQUINS** to display historic school uniforms in the Museum Room

Anyone who may have items to donate or wants to contribute toward plakmounting costs should contact IB Diploma Program coordinator Mrs. Banas at 716.816.4235 or ebanas@buffaloschools.org

# Middle School After-School Enrichment 2010 - 2011

Begins April 1

Registration: March 18 – 25 (deadline)

6 week program - Once a week on Fridays - 2:30 - 3:30/4:00 PM  
April 1, 8, 15, 29 May 6, 13

**ALL PROGRAMS COST \$30 - ONLY \$5 A WEEK!**

Please check your schedules. Volunteers needed to take attendance and monitor events.  
The following classes will be offered providing there is sufficient registration for each:

**SUPERFOODS with Mine Dosluoglu (Home & Careers in Room 3)**  
Maximum of 16 students - No food allergies, please

**ROLE PLAY! with Ginger Kids - Minimum of 15 students (location tba)**

**JEWELRY MAKING with Meredith Bartek - Maximum 10 students (location tba)**

**RECYCLE A BICYCLE with Green Options Buffalo - Maximum 10 students (location tba)**

### PLEASE NOTE:

Class size will be limited. Students accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please indicate a first AND second choice.

If your child's first choice cannot be honored, you will be called.

If your child's first choice is honored, you will NOT be notified.

Middle School Parents: All documents, including a registration form, will be posted on the cityhonors.org website!

### Questions or suggestions?

Please contact Jennifer Cornacchio at [jhcornacchio@verizon.net](mailto:jhcornacchio@verizon.net)  
or by phone at home 716.882.2582 or cell 716.316.9892



STudents with Autism Rising to Success

## April is Autism Awareness Month

Look around the building, on the CHS website and listen to announcements for information about Autism Spectrum Disorders, as well as fundraisers to support the CHS STARS program (STudents with Autism Rising to Success)! The teachers, parents and students of the CHS Autism Awareness Committee look forward to building awareness and knowledge of Autism with you!

## Middle School Dances are Back!

Mark your calendars! Two more CHS Middle School Dances are in the works. The first "Spring Hop" will be Friday, April 8 and a Beach Party theme dance will be Friday, June 10, 2011.

Both dances will be held at Lafayette Presbyterian Church on Lafayette and Elmwood, from 7 - 9 PM. These are PTSCO-sponsored events, hosted by the 7th grade.

All proceeds to benefit the Class of 2016's 8th grade trip. Music by D.J. Wire; \$10 suggested donation. Look for more information and a permission slip via email, your child's backpack, and at [www.cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org). Tickets will be sold at lunch times during the week of April 4. Contact Sue Natali ([twnsrfun@aol.com](mailto:twnsrfun@aol.com)) if you have questions.

## District Parent Coordinating Committee News

### Mine Dosluoglu DPCC Representative

This month's guest speaker was Buffalo School Board member Chris Jacobs. He explained that if the new NYS governor's budget goes through there would be a \$60M deficit in BPS budget. He asked DPCC to work with him on proposals which would save money while minimizing the effects to students. You can get more info on the BPS website about the school budget and upcoming School Board meetings. He also recommended that parents contact their state legislators' offices.

## Silent Noise Fundraiser

Looking for a perfect Mother's Day gift? Look no further!



Get her a Buffalo Dining Card deck for only \$20. She'll be able to use 46 different gift certificates, valued at \$10 to the best of our local restaurants until the end of this calendar year! Contact the newspaper staff in Room 109 or email Ms. St. George at [cstgeorge@buffaloschools.org](mailto:cstgeorge@buffaloschools.org).

Hurry...there are only a few decks left!  
The proceeds go towards the purchase of toner to publish the Silent Noise.

Restaurants include 31 Club, Brodo, Amici, Buffalo Chophouse, E.B. Greene's, Blue Monk, Merge plus many more....

## 2011 Yearbook – Don't Miss Out!

**There are only 30 copies left to sell!**  
Don't miss out on the historic memories of our first year back in the new school. Also, beat the price increase soon to go into effect! Order today by logging into <http://www.yearbooks.biz/>  
Our school job # is 8772

## Free Tax Assistance

The University at Buffalo chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the national honor society for accounting and finance students, will offer free tax preparation services this year at North and South UB campus sites. Both locations will offer free tax preparation services to individuals and families with an annual income below \$49,000.

Free tax preparation services will be offered on the following Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM to 4:30 PM as follows:

**UB North Campus - April 2, 3, 9, 10**  
106 Jacobs Management Center  
John H. Shellum Room

### What to bring:

- Proof of identification – government issued ID
- Social Security card (ORIGINAL) – all taxpayers, spouses and dependents must bring original social security cards; dependents need not be present
- Date of birth for you, spouse and dependents
- Wage and earning statement(s), Forms W-2 and 1099, from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's federal and state tax returns if available
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit, if desired

Frequently asked questions as well as maps and directions can be found online at [mgt.buffalo.edu/freetaxprep](http://mgt.buffalo.edu/freetaxprep) or **click here**.

Additional questions can be directed to [mgt-freetaxprep@buffalo.edu](mailto:mgt-freetaxprep@buffalo.edu) or 716.748.9823 and a volunteer will respond within 48 hours.

## Introducing...

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

### Melissa Bonar STARS High School Consultant Teacher



I couldn't be happier to be a new addition to the City Honors team! I am a Consultant Teacher who provides support for the STARS (Students with Autism Rising to Success) students in grades 9-12 who take part in the general education setting. Before being offered the incredible opportunity to teach here at City Honors, I was a teaching assistant in Niagara Falls and also developed and co-taught the Transition Readiness for Employment in the Community (TREC) Program in partnership with Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara which provides job readiness and self advocacy skills to adults with disabilities as part of a graduate assistantship at Niagara University.

I graduated from Niagara University in 2008 with my Bachelor's degree in Middle Childhood and Adolescent Social Studies and had the incredible opportunity to study abroad in Thailand. I graduated from NU again this past May with my Master's degree in Special Education. Although sometimes challenging, I love being able to help my students be successful in the classroom and meet their fullest potential.

When I'm not at school, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, trying new restaurants, curling up with a good book or movie, and listening to music. I'm also always looking for new and innovative ways to help my students.

I feel both honored and privileged to be able to work with such great students, parents, administration, faculty, and staff here at City Honors. Everyone has been so welcoming and an absolute pleasure to work with. I look forward to being an active member of the CHS community and am very excited for the years to come!

## Vizio Raffle to Benefit PTSCO

A very generous City Honors family has donated not one but two VIZIOS which are being raffled off by PTSCO. What is a Vizio?

A Vizio is a 22" HCD television which also has WiFi and can be connected to many Internet applications (games, Facebook, Netflix, etc.). Tickets are on sale at the bargain price of \$1 for one and \$5 for six. The two lucky winners will be announced at the Family Fun Fiesta on May 20, 2011. Tickets will be available at CHS functions, lunch times, and of course, the night of the fiesta.

All proceeds directly benefit CHS students through PTSCO. Thank you for your support!

## Party in the Hall 2011 New night...new time!

**City Honors /Fosdick-Masten Park  
Foundation**

**invites parents, alumni,  
faculty, staff and friends to the**

**10TH ANNUAL**

## Party in the Hall!

**Join the celebration  
back in our**

**Fosdick-Masten building  
on**

**Saturday May 7, 2011  
5:30 - 8:00 PM**

**City Honors School  
186 East North Street**

**More info coming  
in the mail soon!**

*There's no place like home!*

## CHS Artists Featured

City Honors student artists will be showing their work throughout the Buffalo region this spring. Support our students and experience some wonderful art by attending these events:

### **Storrs All High Photo Show April 3 - 22**

Keenan Center, Lockport NY Check [www.keenancenter.org](http://www.keenancenter.org) for times  
Artist: Samantha Peterson-Borins

### **Celebrating ArtDowntown Public Library April 5 - May 5**

Artists: Buffalo students including some from CHS

*Stay tuned to the May VFTH for more upcoming shows!*

# Counseling and Guidance Center News

## 2011-2012 Course Selection

Counselors held classroom guidance meetings with all 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students to gather their course selections for the 2011-2012 school year. A copy of the course request form was sent home for parental review and signature. Parents are encouraged to discuss the Course Request Form with their child, make adjustments if necessary, and return the form to their school counselor by March 30th. Please contact your child's school counselor if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment. Staffing and classes are determined by course requests; therefore, students are committed to the classes they select on the Course Request Forms.

During classroom guidance meetings the college application process was discussed with each grade level. Extracurricular involvement and community service was also discussed and encouraged.

## Is your child looking for something to do over the summer?

The Guidance Office has a Summer Programs' Box that contains brochures and information about summer programs. Information on Summer Programs can also be found on the City Honors Web Site.

For more volunteer opportunities check out [www.buffalolib.org/teensvolunteer.asp](http://www.buffalolib.org/teensvolunteer.asp).

**Advanced Placement Examination** registration forms and payment were due March 1. If your child has not returned this form please contact the Guidance Office immediately. Advanced Placement Examinations are an opportunity for high school students to earn college credit. All students in 10th grade are scheduled to take AP English Literature and AP World History. All students in 11th grade are scheduled to take AP U.S. History. AP Examinations will also be given in Human Geography, Art History, Music Theory, Calculus, and Statistics and Chemistry. Contact your child's school counselor if you have any questions about AP exams.

Students can log on to [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) for test taking tips and to review past AP Exams. It is suggested that students begin exam preparation six weeks prior to sitting for these standardized exams.

**The National College Fair** took place at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center on Tuesday, March 29 (evening) and Wednesday, March 30 (daytime). This was an opportunity to visit with over 200 college representatives and attend free workshops. CHS school counselors took 46 juniors to the college fair on March 30, 2011, during the school day. Seats were filled on a first-come basis. For more information log on to [www.buffalocollegefair.com](http://www.buffalocollegefair.com) or **click here**.

**The Jesuit Excellence Tour** will visit City Honors on April 6, 2011, from 9:30 -10:30 AM, in the LGI Room. This is an opportunity for students to visit with representatives for 16 Jesuit Colleges. Contact your child's School Counselor for further information.

## Standardized Test Information

The Buffalo Public Schools will pay for Juniors to take the May S.A.T. CHS School Counselors had Juniors complete the registration forms on March 24. Students must complete these forms in school in order for BPS to pay the fee. Students or parents can log on to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for test preparation, test tips, and other valuable college information. For information on the ACT test, see [www.act-studnet.org](http://www.act-studnet.org), where you will find details, testing dates, test preparation, and college guidance.

Before completing S.A.T. registration forms, juniors will take part in a 45 minute workshop "Making It Count" which focuses on college selection and the application process.

## Scholarship Information

Folders containing scholarship information are available in the Guidance Office and also on the City Honors Web site. Seniors are encouraged to check scholarship folders often, because new scholarships arrive daily.

## HELP WANTED

### FAMILY FIESTA/AUCTION VOLUNTEERS

Contact [donna-marie-graham@mac.com](mailto:donna-marie-graham@mac.com) and see page 1 for more info

### AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEERS

Contact [jh-cornacchio@verizon.net](mailto:jh-cornacchio@verizon.net) and see page 4 for more info

## Box Tops for Education

PTSCO is continuing to earn funds which support CHS student activities.

Be sure to send in your Boxtops. Even better...at the online Boxtops Marketplace you can earn boxtops for City Honors when you shop online!

For details: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/Default.aspx> or **click here**.

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## Attention Class of 2011!

## FREE Pre-Collegiate Studies Program

### Pre-collegiate Mathematics Course

Erie Community College City Campus

June 27 - August 1

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Monday through Thursday

Free 5 weeks with 60 hours of instruction

This program is designed to give students a seamless transition into college life.

For more information  
call ECC at 716.851.1243

# NYS Testing and AP/IB Diploma Program Exam Schedule

DATE	MORNING: STUDENTS REPORT TO ASSIGNED CLASSROOM BY 7:30 AM	AFTERNOON: STUDENTS REPORT TO ASSIGNED CLASSROOM BY 11:30 AM
<b>Monday May 2</b>	AP Chemistry (3h 30m)	
<b>Tuesday May 3</b>	NYS ELA Grade 5-8 IB English A1 HL Paper 1 (2h)	AP Art History (3h 30m)
<b>Wednesday May 4</b>	NYS ELA Grade 5-8 AP Calculus AB or BC (3h 30m) Conflict IB Mathematics SL Paper 1 (1h 30m)	IB Mathematics SL Paper 1 (1h 30m) IB Math Studies SL Paper 1 (1h 30m)
<b>Thursday May 5</b>	NYS ELA Grade 5-8 IB Mathematics SL Paper 2 (1h 30m) IB Math Studies SL Paper 2 (1h 30m) AP English Lit (3h 30m)	Conflict IB Mathematics SL (1h 30m)
<b>Friday May 6</b>	AP United States History (3h 30m)	AP European (3h 20m)
<b>Monday May 9*</b>	AP Music Theory (3h) 6 <b>Early Release</b>	
<b>Tuesday May 10*</b>	<b>Superintendent's Conference Day</b>	IB English A1 HL Paper 2 (2h)
<b>Wednesday May 11</b>	NYS Math Grade 5-8	IB Physics HL Paper 1 (1h) IB Physics HL Paper 2 (2h 15m) AP Statistics (3h 30m)
<b>Thursday May 12</b>	NYS Math Grade 5-8 IB Physics HL Paper 3 (1h 15m) AP World History (3h 30m) AP Macroeconomics (2h 30m)	IB History HL Paper 1 (1h) IB History HL Paper 2 (1h 30m) AP Microeconomics (2h 30m)
<b>Friday May 13</b>	IB History HL Paper 3 (2h 30m) AP Human Geography (2h 45m)	
<b>Monday May 16*</b>	<b>Early Release</b>	IB Economics SL Paper 1 (1h)
<b>Tuesday May 17*</b>	<b>Superintendent's Conference Day</b> IB Economics SL Paper 2 (2h)	
<b>Wednesday May 18</b>	IB Spanish B SL Paper 1 (1h 30m) IB Spanish B SL Paper 2 (1h 30m) Late AP Statistics (3h 30 m)	IB Biology HL Paper 1 (1h) IB Biology HL Paper 2 (2h 15m)
<b>Thursday May 19</b>	IB Biology HL Paper 3 (1h 15m)	Late AP Human Geography (2h 45m)
<b>Friday May 20</b>	Late AP English Literature (3h 30m)	
<b>Monday May 23</b>	IB French B SL Paper 1 (1h 30m) IB French B SL Paper 2 (1h 30m) IB Env. Systems & Soc. SL Paper 1 (1h)	IB Env. Systems & Soc. SL Paper 2 (2h) Conflict IB Env. Systems Paper 1 (1h) <b>after paper 2 completion</b>

**Grades 9-11** are expected to attend all classes when not in exams. These students are not allowed to leave the building unless picked up and personally signed out by a parent/guardian. Students are strongly advised to attend all classes in preparation for June examinations.

**Grade 12 students** are also expected to attend all classes. These students are not allowed to leave the building unless a parent note with a phone number is given to a homeroom teacher or brought into the office first thing in the morning. The school must be able to contact a parent by phone to confirm the release.

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

**\*Early Release (ER) and Superintendent Conference (SC) Days** If needed, families should make alternate transportation arrangements. As part of our magnet school graduation requirements students must participate in examinations they are registered for, regardless of whether they fall on ER or SC days.

## 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!**



City Honors School  
AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

PTSCO

Parents Teachers Students Community Organization

PARENT CENTER

Ground floor  
5th Grade wing

Friday mornings  
8 – 9:30 AM



Check out  
[www.cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org)  
for all the  
up-to-date info  
you need!



**Need More 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



## An easy way to raise money for CHS!

All you have to do is to use or obtain a Target® Visa® or Target® card. CHS will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase you make! Visit [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe) (or click here) or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate City Honors School as your 'Take Charge of Education' school.

If you go to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Grandparents, alumni, neighbors, and friends can take part, too, so pass this message on!

**Total of all Target donations to CHS through August 2010: \$18,927.62**

**Number of REDcard holders who have designated this school: 132**

**C'mon...sign up!**

## 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.

## Parent Resources on CHS Website

Don't forget to check the Parent Resources section of the City Honors Website for useful information: <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/forms-for-parents/> or **click here**. Just added: links to the school lunch menu and the pay for your lunch online system. Also added: the Free/Reduced Lunch application.





# City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

## PTSCO

Parents Teachers Students Community Organization

### CHS PTSCO Board

2010-2011

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## Calendar

### Official PTSCO Calendar of Events that are supported and/or sponsored by PTSCO

**SEPTEMBER**  
Welcome Back Staff Breakfast (100-120 people)  
Welcome Back Picnic (900 dinners)  
PTSCO meeting  
Parent-Teacher Get Acquainted Night (Informational Membership Table)

**OCTOBER**  
5th and 6th Grade Ice Cream Social/ Haunted Lockers  
Senior Class Breakfast (Junior Parents)  
PTSCO Meeting

**NOVEMBER**  
PTSCO meeting  
City Honors School Open House  
Alumni Connect (Reception)

**December**  
Winter Bazaar  
Teacher Appreciation Holiday Breakfast  
PTSCO Meeting  
Parent Teacher Conferences (Informational Membership Table)

**JANUARY**  
PTSCO Meeting  
Senior Class Financial Aid Night

**FEBRUARY**  
PTSCO Meeting  
Junior Class College Night

**MARCH**  
PTSCO Meeting  
Annual PTSCO Auction

**APRIL**  
PTSCO Meeting  
New Student Orientations

**MAY**  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
PTSCO Meeting

**JUNE**  
After Prom Celebrations  
Moving Up Day Dance  
PTSCO Meeting

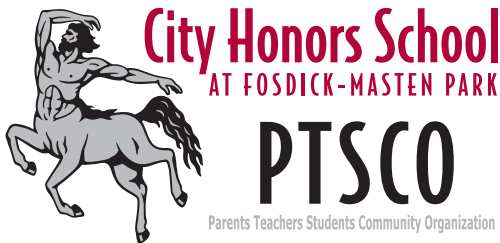
Retiring Staff Gifts

**JULY**  
Interview Panels

**AUGUST**  
New Teacher Reception  
PTSCO Board Member and Grade Level Representation Meeting

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