

# View From The Hill

*A Newsletter of the City Honors School PTSCO*

October 2011

## ===View from the Hill in Transition===

Welcome back to another year for View from the Hill. Over the summer, and due to a variety of factors including a shift in publishing options, Dr. Kresse and PTSCO representatives decided to move to a web-based format for the View from the Hill.

The web format is being developed and we hope will be on line for the December issue. Until the site is running, we will be producing this simplified newsletter.

A huge thank you to Kathleen Corff Rogers who provided graphic design, layout, and publishing services, at no cost, to VFTH and PTSCO for many years.

Please send Submissions for the December newsletter to Amy Bisantz at [bisantz@buffalo.edu](mailto:bisantz@buffalo.edu) by Monday Nov 7th. Please submit only text information for this submission-no graphics or pictures. Thank you!

## ===Upcoming Events===

October 21: Middle School Dance

October 21: Spaghetti Dinner

October 26: Picture Day

October 28: I Scream Social

October 29: Senior Breakfast

November 3: Grades 6-8 Ice Hockey Try-outs

November 10: Fosdick Frenzy

November 18 & 19 – CHS presents “The City on Stage 2011” Musical Scenes

## ===CHS on Facebook & Twitter===

Students and Parents, keep up with all of the latest on CHS by joining our Facebook Fan Page ([www.facebook.com/cityhonors](http://www.facebook.com/cityhonors)) and Tweets ([twitter.com/cityhonors](http://twitter.com/cityhonors)). Both are maintained by the City Honors Foundation. Please visit the City Honors Pelion Community Garden Facebook page as well to find out about how to get involved with our garden and to see the progress!

## ===Academy Night===

Attention City Honors students in grades 9-11! A reminder that Academy Night will be held **THIS EVENING, October 18**, at Hamburg High School (411 Legion Drive). Are you interested in some of the nation’s most respected and competitive colleges that will provide you will a fully paid tuition and a job right after graduation. Are you interested in leading others and serving our nation? Congressman Brian Higgins presents an evening for high school students, families, and counselors to meet with representatives from the:

-US Naval Academy

-US Military Academy at West Point

-US Air Force Academy

- US Coast Guard Academy
- US Merchant Marine Academy
- Army ROTC

Students are encouraged to start studying the academy options as early as possible in their high school career to be prepared for the appointment process which differs in some respects from traditional college admissions.

### === Ice Hockey - Grades 6-8 ===

Any male or female students (new and returning players) in grades 6-8 who are interested in playing ice hockey for the City Honors/St. Andrews club ice hockey team should plan to attend a try-out on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-6:00 pm at the North Buffalo/Tacoma Ice Rink. The cost to play this year will be approximately \$125 and there is an additional USA Hockey fee of \$33 (many players have already paid this fee for their travel or house teams). Please email Coach Terry Tracey at: [tgtracey@msn.com](mailto:tgtracey@msn.com) if you have any questions.

### === Fosdick Frenzy Fall Dance for Students in Grades 9-12 ===

The Fosdick Frenzy will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 7-10 PM in the CHS Atrium. To attend this drug and alcohol free event, students and a parent/guardian must sign a pledge, available at school or for download on Mr. Cooney's webpage, that this requirement will be honored. Once students submit the pledge, they can purchase a \$20 ticket that comes with two wristbands and a pair of sunglasses (a different color for each grade/class). Students are encouraged to wear these and all-white attire to the event. Any questions should be addressed to either Mr. Cooney or a member of the Senior Senate.

### === Grades 5-8 Halloween Dance ===

The 8th grade is hosting a Middle School Halloween Dance (PTSCO sponsored) on Friday, October 21, 2011 from 7-9 pm. It will be at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church on Lafayette at Elmwood (please enter via Lafayette parking lot). Any student in Grades 5 through 8 is cordially invited to attend. One non-CHS friend can attend for each CHS student. Look for a dance flyer and permission slip in your child's backpack this week, in an email from the school, and on [www.cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org). Each student must have a signed permission slip to attend. A \$10 suggested donation can be paid in advance and it will cost \$12 at the door. Permission slips and donations will be collected at lunch times on Wed/Thurs/Fri October 19-21st. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. Music by DJ Jesterz, free raffles, food & drink provided. Anyone wishing to chaperone, donate snacks or drinks (water), or raffle prizes, please contact Sue Natali at [twnsrfun@aol.com](mailto:twnsrfun@aol.com) or 868-1578. All proceeds will benefit the Class of 2016 class trip. Thank you for your support!

### === Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle ===

The CHS Varsity and Modified Baseball Teams will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle Friday, October 21, 2011 from 5-8 pm in the City Honors Atrium. Tickets are \$8/person. Please see Mr. DiLeo or Ms. Switalski for tickets (or you can get them at the door)!

### === "I Scream!" Social ===

*Have a Haunting Good Time at annual the "I Scream!" Social*

On Friday, October 28, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, the annual I Scream Social for Grade 5 & 6 students will be held in the City Honors Atrium and McVay Café

ENJOY ICE CREAM & REFRESHMENTS! VISIT OUR "HAUNTED LOCKERS"... IF YOU DARE!

The cost is \$3.00/person and pizza will be available for \$1/slice. Parents are encouraged to come. Sorry, NO Siblings! Please fill out the form distributed to students (also available on the events page of the City Honors website) and return to homeroom by Monday, October 24. Checks can be made out to PTSCO.

### ===Senior Breakfast===

The Senior Breakfast will be held on Saturday October 29th at 10 am in the school atrium. During this breakfast, seniors will gain important information on senior year activities, the college application and financial aid process.

### ===Juniors/Class of 2013===

Your help is needed to host the Senior Breakfast. Please donate your time, talent, baked goods, and/or cash to make this a great event for our seniors. Contact Teresa Rampado 881-0402 or Tammy Hyzy at 825-1015. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### ===NFJC Youth Leadership Retreat===

The National Federation for Just Communities (formerly the NCCJ) announces its annual high school youth retreat program intended develop leadership skills and explore issues of diversity and inclusion in our community. The retreat will take place November 4th to November 6th and is fully funded by the Community Foundation of Buffalo. There is no cost to students. Students with interest are encouraged to complete an application and seek the nomination of the school principal. This is a great experience for students to develop their leadership skills and include in their college applications. More information and applications are available at [www.nfjcwny.org](http://www.nfjcwny.org). Applications are due Friday, October 28, 2011.

### ===CHS Winter Holiday Bazaar===

Yes, it's time to start thinking about holiday shopping! The date is set for Saturday, December 3, 2011, in the CHS Atrium, from 11-2 pm. Shoppers: Mark your calendars and be ready to check off some gifts on your list. Food and entertainment also provided as you browse for CHS school spirit items, crafts, raffles and much more. Your purchases will benefit the many clubs, sports and organizations that enrich student life at CHS. Sellers (CHS clubs, sports and organizations): Please contact Sue Natali at [twnsrfun@aol.com](mailto:twnsrfun@aol.com) or 868-1578 to reserve your table and to volunteer. Jobs include set up, decorating, cleaning up, and entertaining (singing, dancing, music). Looking forward to another wonderful family event.

### ===8th Grade Class Trip Information===

The 8th Grade class trip to Boston, Massachusetts will take place from April 28 to May 1, 2012. This trip is sponsored by PTSCO. A parent meeting to discuss trip details was held on October 11, 2011. If you could not attend, please look for trip letter and important forms sent home with students, in an email from the school, or on [www.cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org). It is important to know that a \$100 deposit is due by 10/25/11 to secure your spot on the trip (details are on the forms). Please also "like" us on Facebook: City Honors School Class of 2016 for updates and photos. The 8th Grade Trip Committee has planned an exciting agenda and we would like as many students as possible to attend.

### ===GIANT 50/50 Split Raffle===

The Class of 2016 is working diligently to defray costs for their class trip to Boston in April 2012. Our second annual giant 50/50 split raffle has begun. See any 8th grader for tickets. They cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The lucky winner will be announced at the CHS Winter Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 2 pm. We hope to get the "pot" to well over \$1,000. Thank you for your support!

### ===Yankee Candle Fundraiser===

8th graders are taking orders for Yankee Candles through October 28th. These are wonderful, high quality items and make great gifts for the holidays! Please see any 8th grader to see the catalog and place an order. This is an individual sale, and all proceeds will go towards the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip of the student making the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Delgado [delgado4us@verizon.net](mailto:delgado4us@verizon.net) and thank you for helping defray the cost of the class trip for the Class of 2016!

### === Class of 2016 PJ Pant Fundraiser===

Relax at home while showing your school spirit. The Class of 2016 is once again running a PJ Pant Fundraiser. New for this year: a comfy, fabric-covered waistband. Orders must be received by November 5th, and can be picked up at the Winter Holiday Bazaar on December 3rd (or delivered to your child's homeroom). For additional details see the CHS website. Contact Christine Human ([chuman@buffalo.edu](mailto:chuman@buffalo.edu)) or Sue Natali ([twnsrfun@aol.com](mailto:twnsrfun@aol.com)) if you have questions. All proceeds to go towards the 8th grade trip.

### ===City Honors Blankets===

The Juniors/Class of 2013 have great fleece blankets with the Centaurs logo available for \$30.00 each. These are great to have in your car for the cold winter months and will make terrific gifts. If you are interested, please contact Tammy Hyzy at 825-1015. Thank you.

### === Box Tops and Labels for Education Collection===

City Honors is once again collecting both Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. Parent volunteer Ms. Mason has agreed to stay on heading up the effort to organize and send these tiny items in. This is an easy way to raise money for school. Homeroom teachers have each been given baggies to collect and turn in to Ms. Mason, and our first "deadline" for collecting will be October 28, 2011. Faculty members who collect are also invited to add to the collection. There is a box in the faculty mailroom.

Links to both BoxTops for Education and Labels for Education websites are available under "Resources for Parents" on our [cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org) website. <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/forms-for-parents/>  
There are constantly new sweepstakes and games. If we win it is a significant amount of money. Shop online? CHS will earn money if you shop through the Box Tops website. Many, many companies are involved. Thank you for supporting City Honors School. If you have any questions please contact coordinator Pat Mason at [masonpatmason@aol.com](mailto:masonpatmason@aol.com).

### ===Updates to Yearbook===

This year we have two new yearbook advisors, Ms. Dahlieden and Ms. Ziolkowski. Ms. Dahlieden will be in charge of production and Ms. Ziolkowski will be in charge of finances and sales. Our editors are Olivia Abbate, Emily Gallivan, and Samantha Evans. Staff also includes Nicci Moran, Indica Young, Devin Kiblin, and Liam Cochrane. Any Centaurs in grades 5- 12 are welcome to join!

Underclass Picture Day will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Senior portrait information will be announced shortly.

Yearbook sales will be done online again this year. Please expect flyers to arrive in the US mail within the next coming months. Yearbooks prices will be \$55 and \$65 respectively.

Uploading your photos will also be done again through e-share. More information will be made available in the November issue of the VFTH!

===**Fundraiser for Newspaper & Yearbook**===

Once again the Buffalo Dining Decks will be sold here at CHS. Please support our efforts through the purchase of one (or more) decks! What are Buffalo Dining Cards? The Concept is simple. Each deck of Buffalo Dining Cards, Buffalo Cocktail Cards, and Buffalo Shopping Cards is a gift certificate to a local business- 50 cards are worth \$10 off your purchase; two wildcards offer freebies. Each deck of Buffalo BOGO Cards represents an offer to receive a free item when an equal item is purchased at area merchants.

There are no black-out dates. Every card is valid through December 31, 2012! That means you can enjoy savings at a new or favorite business each week of the year!

Buffalo Dining Cards are the perfect gift. Over \$500 in savings for only \$20 per deck! \$10 from the sale of each deck directly supports the CHS yearbook & newspaper, plus \$1 from the sale of each deck goes to a local charity. (*Bflo. Dining-\$1 goes to Children's Hospital, Bflo. Cocktail-\$1 goes to Give 4 Greatness Campaign, Bflo. Shopping- \$1 goes to Roswell, Bflo. BOGO-\$1 goes to Habitat for Humanity of Buffalo.*)

How to purchase a deck? Contact any senior centaur! They are all helping us with this fundraiser. We will also be at the Winter Bazaar in December. Samples are on display to view our school store, Chiron's Corner.

=== **Important Music Department Dates 2011-2012 Year** ===

October 14 – Band Fees are Due

Cash, Check or Money Order made out to CHS Band

October 18 – In school performance – The Amberg Quartet 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> periods

November 15 – Deadline for ECMEA Solo Festival applications

November 18 & 19 – CHS presents “The City on Stage 2011” Musical Scenes  
Admission is \$5 7pm Performance

December 14 – CHS High School Winter Concert 7pm

December 20 – CHS Middle School Winter Concert 6:30 pm

January 29 – Kleinhans Community Concert – MS Band and Orchestra 1:30pm

March 1-4 – City Honors Spring Musical “Once Upon a Mattress”

March 17 – Valley St. Patrick's Day Parade (Band)

March TBA – Middle School Trip to Albany to perform at Capitol for Music In Our Schools Month

March 28 – Music In Our Schools Month/Collage Tryouts for Shea's PAC

March 31 – Kleinhans Community Concert – HS Orchestra and Chorus 6:30 pm

April 25 - CHS High School Spring Concert – 7pm

May 22 – BPS Collage at Shea’s PAC

May 29 – CHS Middle School Concert – 6:30pm

June 1 – CHS hosts NYSSMA Festival

June 2 – CHS hosts NYSSMA Festival

June 3 – South Buffalo Parade of Circles (Band)