

# View From The Hill



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

MAY 2011



For more information or to volunteer, please contact Donna Graham at [donnamariagraham@mac.com](mailto:donnamariagraham@mac.com) or check out <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/news/title/1st-annual-family-fiesta-auction/> or click here.

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.

## Letter from Beth Gosch, PTSCO President

It has been a few months since I submitted an article for the newsletter and I have many volunteers to thank and acknowledge. We have so many generous people in our community. They give much of their time and financial resources in support of our school and all of our hardworking students.

I first want to thank all the parents who have taken on auction committee leadership roles for our upcoming annual fundraiser, Fun Family Fiesta, coming May 20. Donna Graham is our Auction Chair and is impressively well organized and a fabulous communicator. Thank you, Donna, for taking on this substantial role. Fortunately for all of us, Donna is a new parent in our school. I hope we have the good fortune to continually have her commitment of involvement because she is a valuable asset.

Amy Bisantz got us off to a good start my updating an excel list that she was able to merge into mailing address labels and a tracking list of donated auction items. We were able to send out over 200 letters to businesses in our community soliciting items for our event. So far the gift items that we are receiving cover all kinds of interests and geographical areas. Also, I would like to thank Amy and Kathy Corff Rogers for their incredible work in putting together our regular monthly edition of *View from the Hill*. It has become such a wonderful resource for parents, teachers, administrators and students. Kathy's sons have graduated long ago and she still continues to donate many hours a month to this newsletter. It is this kind of devotion that builds the great community that we are capable of being. Thank you!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, May 7

S.A.T. Exam

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

### Monday, May 9

Early Release Day Gr 5-8: 11 AM, Gr 9-12: 12 PM

### Tuesday, May 10

NO SCHOOL - Superintendent's Conference Day

### Wednesday, May 11 - Thursday, May 12

PTSCO Days at Gramma Mora's (see page 3)

### Monday, May 16

Early Release Day Gr 5-8: 11 AM, Gr 9-12: 12 PM

Senior Service Learning Initiative begins (Senior Internship Program)

### Tuesday, May 17

NO SCHOOL - Superintendent's Conference Day  
Seniors expected to report to internship sites

### Friday, May 20

PTSCO Family Fiesta

### Saturday, May 21

Great American Clean Up at CHS and new garden

### Tuesday, May 24

Grades 5 & 6 Orientation

PTSCO Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 PM

7th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30 - 7:30 PM

### Wednesday, May 25

Grades 7, 8, 9 Orientation

Senior Dinner, Pearl Street Grill 6:00 - 10:00 PM

### Thursday, May 26

Class of 2013 - Full IB Diploma students meeting  
LGI room Periods 1-3

Junior Awards Ceremony 9:00 AM

### Friday, May 27

Deadline for Class of 2012 Full IB Diploma students to have 50 hours of CAS completed and documented

### Monday, May 30

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

### Friday, June 10

CHS Junior/Senior Prom

### Monday, June 13

Last day of Senior Service Learning Initiative (Senior Internship Program)

### Friday, June 17

All Senior Service Learning Initiative paperwork is due

### Wednesday, June 22

Moving Up Day (MUD) ceremony 9:00 - 11:00 AM  
Auditorium

MUD Luncheon 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Buffalo Convention Center for students and Parents

### Thursday, June 23

Graduation Rehearsal at Kleinhans 10:30 AM

Graduation Ceremony at Kleinhans 7:00 PM



# Letter from Beth Gosch, PTSCO President

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Ca-rin Miles is busy trying to raise sponsorship dollars for the event in order to help support the costs of putting together such a big event. These sponsors will be prominently recognized at the auction and featured in our future *View from the Hill* newsletters.

We are all excited with the work of our entertainment chair, Michelle Lash, as she has been able to bring Outer Circle Orchestra in as our headlining band! Instead of listening to an evening of baskets being called out you can enjoy the music of one of Buffalo's most popular bands. Special thanks to our school community member, Ed Handmand for so generously agreeing to bring his band in for this event.

If you are a City Honors community member and would like to donate an item, please contact one of our two great auction item committee chair members, Margaret Root or Lea Gladysz. They have taken on a significant role and your help would be greatly appreciated. You can assist them by hitting the streets and personally asking businesses to support our function by gifting donations of items or services. We have, in the past, had people canvass Elmwood Avenue, Hertle Avenue and South Buffalo with success. You can also help the week of the auction by volunteering to assist with the basket decoration and wrapping at the school. Families are welcome and encouraged to donate a gift basket for the auction.

Julia Hall has been busy coordinating with City Honors teachers and staff members to inspire student-created auction items and classroom baskets. She is hoping to get some artful and creative objects inspired by teachers and students that we can auction off. Her efforts will result in some fun and unique auction offerings that are student designed and teacher driven. Thanks to Julia and the teachers that are taking the time to help with this new initiative.

If you are as impressed with the marketing materials as I have been then take a moment to thank Mary Beth Murray for her artistic endeavors. She has designed the invitations and posters, incorporating Kathy Corff Rogers fun logo that you see throughout the school hallways and via connect-ed emails. She has also designed the coupons that you can use at Gramma Mora's City Honors restaurant days on May 11 and 12. If you and your family dine at Grandma Moras on those two days they will give 20% of their proceeds to City Honors School. Just remember to take the coupon.

Please remember to thank the Giovannis for their continued support of our school even though they graduated their last child from City Honors already!

Sue Natali has taken on the role of promoting this year's raffle tickets for the 22" Visio TVs. The raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Sue has been coordinating different times for volunteers to sell tickets at events and plans to have people at Gramma Moras next week. Sue is a superb volunteer and is always busy behind the scenes doing things for the good of our community. She fundraises, acts as a consultant for parents in need of answers, decorates, hosts, organizes the PTSCO merchandise, runs events like the Winter Bazaar, and the list goes on and on. Thank you, Sue.

Gina Henry and Tracy Dake have been in charge of the food and beverage details. They have been so organized and accountable that I hope we can persuade Gina to take on an officer's role in the near future! We are planning to sell fruit smoothies and pizza. There will be salsas and chips, and bite-sized desserts available as part of the price of admission. We can still use volunteers to make salsas and desserts.

Melanie Pyne has been busy working on a concept design for our tropical theme. She has gathered a group of friends to help and we can't wait to see the finished product. Melanie has generously donated her time and resources to our efforts. We can always use more volunteers to help us with set up and clean up the night of the auction.

This event is a new event for us and we hope to see the usual great support of our community. We will have live music and entertainment, great items to bid on and purchase raffle tickets for and this year we will have a small live auction. Students who wish to earn CAS hours can volunteer to help with the event and assist in the sale of raffle tickets on the night of the event. Victoria Hong has agreed to MC for us and her good humor and charming personality is sure to add richness to the event. Please come out and support us on the 20th!

The after-school enrichment has begun again with exciting new programming. Thank you once again to Jennifer Cornacchio for all your hard work and planning. Mine Dosluoglu is back with her offering of Super Foods, always a big hit. Meredith Bartek is generously sharing her talents in jewelry making, and Recycle-a-bicycle is proving to be a popular new program.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Kresse. He is the recent recipient of the James E. Allen award by the School Administrators Association of New York State for his extraordinary work and leadership in secondary education. We are fortunate to have him as our principal and leader. He is always accessible, reliable and accountable. Of course behind every good leader is a workforce of excellence. Thank you to all of our teachers and staff for continuing to strive for the ultimate in academic outcomes for our students and a safe and comfortable environment for all.

Lastly, I must recognize the wonderful work of our newly formed Advocacy group. It is a small and effective group of parents that are fighting hard to maintain our level of integrity as a high performing institution. David Cohen has been a strong and capable leader of this group and has been instrumental in influencing the reshaping the district's PLA plan from one of complete catastrophic outcomes to something slightly more digestible. I would also like to thank all the City Honors parents that took the time to sign the online petition that was drafted by the advocacy group and used to argue our case for all Buffalo Public School families. Thank you are also in order for Blythe Merrill, David Caywood and Jill Robbins-Jabine for all your hard work and efforts.

Taking a quick look at what is ahead as we wind down another academic school year, we are planning to hold a teacher appreciation luncheon sometime in the end of May or June so you will be hearing from me on that. Moving Up Day (June 22) and the Junior/Senior prom are quickly approaching as well. We will need to prepare to play our role in those events as well. Dates are yet to be determined on some of these events

It has been an honor serving as the PTSCO President, both for 2 years as a co-chair and this year as chair. Due to time constraints and a grueling work schedule I will need to step down from my position in June. I know there are many great candidates out there who have the time and desire to spearhead this great organization forward. We would welcome any suggestions and or inquiries of interest. I still plan to remain very active but in a much smaller role. I look forward to a new leader and new ideas in the coming year. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I have learned so much and have a greater appreciation for our school, its superior staff and the wonderfully supportive families.

## 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

*There's no place like home!*



## CHS Senior Earned First Place

Ravi Wood, a senior at City Honors was selected to participate in the Excellence in French Studies Competition sponsored by the Alliance Française de Buffalo. This year the competition was held on March 26 at University at Buffalo's Amherst campus where Ravi competed against fifteen French students selected from other schools in the Buffalo area.

Ravi earned First Place in the competition and will receive a cash prize of \$300 as well as membership in the Alliance Française for one year. Ravi is a very enthusiastic French student. In January he spent two weeks in Lille living with a French family and attending classes at the Lycée Européen Thèères d'Avila as part of our CHS French Exchange. Ravi hopes to continue to use his French skills in college and beyond.



## Student Council Mother's Day Plant Sale

Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6

Plants will be sold before school  
and during all lunches.

Cost: \$1.50-\$2.00.

## West Side Rowing Club Summer Camp

The West Side Rowing Club will be running two sessions of its incredibly successful Youth Crew Camp this July and August. This camp provides a hands-on introduction to the sport of rowing for kids between ages 12 and 15 in a fun and low intensity environment. Session I will go from July 5 through July 22, 2011. Session II will go from July 25 through August 12, 2011. The Camp meets Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until noon each day and no experience is needed to join! There will be a regatta and cookout at the end of each session. The cost of the camp is \$435 per participant. To register, visit [www.wsrc.org](http://www.wsrc.org).

## ★ City Honors ★ Junior/Senior Starry Night Prom

Friday, June 10, 2011  
Adam's Mark Hotel  
7 - 11 PM

Tickets: \$60 each  
On sale now  
Ms. Chimera's  
Room 324

## Youth Leadership Erie County

Youth Leadership Erie County is a nine month leadership enrichment program for students who will be high school sophomores and juniors in the fall of 2011. The program assembles a diverse group of students from across the county who have leadership potential, but who may or may not have had experience in positions of leadership at their schools or in their volunteer work in the community. City Honors students have participated in this program each year since its inception in 1993. Participation can be a real asset in developing leadership skills and showing potential colleges your commitment to developing yourself in this area.

Click here or visit the "Programs" tab at <http://www.leadershipbuffalo.org/> for more information and for the application. The application must be postmarked by Friday, May 27.

## 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](mailto:ebanas@buffaloschools.org)

## Dine Out and Support CHS!

Earn money for CHS by dining out at Gramma Mora's Restaurant on Hertel Avenue on either May 11 or May 12. **Click here** or go to <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/calendar/title/ptsco-days-at-gramma-mora-s-05-11-2011/>

## News from the Writing Center

**Nancy Biernat**  
Writing Center Director

The Writing Center will be open until June 2. This is especially helpful for Juniors who will now be writing their first IB essay. It is a great opportunity to discuss ideas and receive feedback on your essay. Seniors took advantage of the Writing Center with their essays and it made a difference! Also, keep in mind that college essays are becoming increasingly important in the application process. Come to the Writing Center before you leave for the summer and get a jump start on your essay.

The Writing Center is open to all grade levels for any writing needs. From subject essays, job application essays, scholarship essays to sharing your personal creative writing, you are always welcome in the Writing Center. Please stop in on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM in Room 23 on the lower level.

### 2011 Yearbook

**There are only 20 copies left to sell!**

Send in your checks for \$68 made out to CHS to Mrs. Holden in the library

## Student Council News

**Sharon A. Bertucci**  
Student Council Advisor

March Madness was celebrated the week of March 28. Events included Pajama Day (with free muffins for those who took part), Disney/Cartoon Day, Athletic Day, Class Color Day and School Spirit Day. Cotton candy and snow cones were available on Friday during lunches and the Student Council Talent/Fashion Day was held that evening. Student Council wishes to thank all who contributed to the bake/bagel sales which helped fund March Madness.

Student Council would like to thank Watson's Chocolate for donating a 5 pound Chocolate Bunny that was raffled days before Spring Break. The lucky winner was a CHS 6th grader. Proceeds from the raffle will fund future Student Council Events.

Mark your calendar for the Student Council Mother's Day Plant Sale on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6.

Student Council will hold its annual Magazine Sale during the month of October 2011. This is Student Council's major fundraiser. Proceeds help fund school and community service activities, as well as school spirit events. If you would like to renew a favorite magazine subscription, or give a subscription gift, please keep the CHS Student Council Sale in mind.

## Summer Camp Opportunities

The New York State Center for Engineering Design and Industrial Innovation (NYSCEDII) at the **University at Buffalo (UB)** is holding the 2011 **Cyber Engineering Workshop** from August 15 - 19, 2011. Young women entering grades 10-12 are invited to apply. The workshop will introduce students to the engineering design process. Application materials are due by May 13, 2011.

**For more information see**  
[www.nyscedii.buffalo.edu](http://www.nyscedii.buffalo.edu)  
or click here.

**Canisius College Summer Science Camp** would like to invite all students entering grades 5th - 8th to enroll in a fun-filled week-long summer adventure of hands-on science activities. The camp runs from August 1 - 5, 2011 daily from 9AM - 3PM. The \$100 registration fee includes all take home materials and a full buffet lunch in the main cafeteria. Early drop-off and late pick-up programs are also available. There are a limited number of financial need based scholarships available for distribution.

**For more information see**  
[www.canisius.edu/sciencecamp](http://www.canisius.edu/sciencecamp)  
or click here.

## Middle School Spring Dance Sponsored by PTSCO

**Sue Natali**

On April 8, over 200 attendees danced, sang and celebrated spring with DJ Wire at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church. All proceeds benefited the Class of 2016 for their class trip in 8th grade. Many thanks to all who supported this event by coming, donating food & drink and chaperoning. Students also donated over 4 large boxes of canned goods and supplies for the church's food pantry, Loaves & Fishes. The church is most appreciative as their donations have been decreasing lately.

We received many compliments on the students' excellent behavior.

Don't miss the next one! Mark your calendars, dust off your flip-flops and iron your Hawaiian shirt for the next dance: Friday, June 10, 2011, "Beach Party."



## 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:

### Celebrating Art

#### Downtown Public Library

April 5 - May 5

Artists: Claire Esmonde and Anya Brunridge

### Empty Bowls

#### Burchfield Penny Art Center

May 22 11 AM - 2PM

Over 80 bowls from CHS students will be featured!

### Speak Yo' Mind

#### Unveiling Reception

June 2 6 - 8 PM

Sullivan Campus Center  
Medaille College

### Future Curators Exhibition

#### Albright-Knox Art Gallery

May 6 - July 3 Gallery Hours

Curated by Catherine Mucci and featuring work by Megan Krug, CHS junior

## Introducing...

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



## Tammy Ruocco

Chairperson,  
Student Support Team

I am thrilled to be the Chairperson of the Student Support Team/Committee on Special Education (SST/CSE) at City Honors School. You can find me at City Honors on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every other Monday as I split my time with The Olmsted Middle and High School.

My job involves:

- Conducting mandated achievement evaluations for special education students
- Conducting CSE meetings
- Monitoring compliance with NYS regulations for special education students
- Developing and reviewing 504 Accommodation Plans annual
- Participating in Positive Behavioral Support trainings
- Developing strategies and interventions in collaboration with teachers to use with students experiencing academic or behavioral difficulties in school
- Facilitating ongoing dialogue between school and families regarding concerns

I received both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education from Buffalo State College and have been employed in the Buffalo Public School District for many years as a special education classroom teacher. For the last six years, I have been working as an educational evaluator and Chairperson for the CSE. I also spent one year working in the District Committee on Special Education office (DCSE) which afforded me the opportunity to evaluate Buffalo students attending school in an agency setting as well as participating in required CSE meetings following a parent appeal to the DCSE. My experience in the classroom coupled with my experience as an educational evaluator and CSE Chairperson has given me tremendous insight into the supports needed in the schools today to help our students succeed and become life-long learners.

I am married and have three children, two dogs, and a cat. I enjoy traveling throughout the United States as well as abroad. In my free time, I enjoy reading and playing Scrabble.

Everyone at City Honors has been helpful, friendly and welcoming. I look forward to being an active member of the school community and hope that one day I will be assigned to City Honors in a full time capacity!

## Vizio Raffle to Benefit PTSCO

### What is a Vizio?

Thanks to a generous family, PTSCO is raffling off two VIZIOs. 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. Tickets will be available at CHS functions, lunch times, and of course, the night of the fiesta.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS:** Raffle tickets were sent home with your child before spring break. Please sell or purchase the tickets and return completed ticket stubs, money, and all unsold tickets to your student's homeroom teacher by Monday, May 9. Please note that purchase or sale is voluntary, but much appreciated.

## CLASS OF 2016

### 7th Grade Parent Meeting

All 7th grade parents and guardians are cordially invited to a meeting on **Tuesday, May 24, 2011, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM** following the PTSCO Meeting (room to be determined).

Topics will be the Class Trip (May of 2012), fundraising for the trip, and more.

PTSCO 7th Grade Parent Representatives look forward to meeting you!



## Last Minute Mother's Day Gift!

Buffalo Dining Cards for \$20 - **Only 2 left!**  
Funds raised help buy toner to print the school newspaper!

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

# Counseling and Guidance Center News

**Sharon A. Bertucci**  
Guidance Counselor

## May Examinations

All 10th graders are scheduled to take the AP English Literature and AP World History exams. All 11th graders are scheduled to take the AP U.S. History exam. All Seniors are scheduled to take the International Baccalaureate English exam. Please refer to the exam schedule for the dates and times of these examinations and additional AP/IB examinations your child may be taking. AP exam preparation is available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) under AP student.

## Standardized Test Information

School counselors assisted Juniors in completing registration forms for the May 7 S.A.T. Juniors will receive an admission ticket indicating their testing site either via U.S. mail or email (if they indicated an email address on the registration form). Students and parents can log onto [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for test preparation, test tips, and other valuable information. Students can also sign up to receive an "S.A.T. Question of the Day" from this site. Results from the May S.A.T. will be available online after May 26, 2011. Juniors can log onto the College Board website and check the score report demo to see the types of skills

demonstrated within a particular score band and also gather suggestions for improvement.

The S.A.T. is given once more this school year on June 4.

Students interested in taking the A.C.T. can log onto [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) The A.C.T. is given June 11, 2011. A listing of A.C.T. dates can be found on that Website.

The P.S.A.T. will be given on October 12, 2011 to all 9th and 11th grade students. The Buffalo Public School District will pay for all 9th and 11th graders to take this exam. Please mark your calendars for this important date.

## Scholarships

Scholarship information can be found on the City Honors Website under the Guidance section and also in the filing cabinet in the guidance office. Seniors are encouraged to check scholarship folders often. New scholarships arrive daily!

## Attention Seniors!

All Seniors need to bring in a stamped addressed envelope to their school counselor for their

final transcript. Final transcripts will be mailed out to colleges in mid July by the CHS clerical staff.

## Working Papers

Working paper applications are located in the guidance office. Students need to bring the completed form (inclusive of a parent signature and the child's social security number) and a copy of their most recent physical to their school counselor. The physical must state that the individual is eligible for employment. If you have any questions, please contact your school counselor.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for something to do over the summer? The summer months are an excellent time for students to partake in volunteer work or community service activities. The guidance office has a complete list of volunteer opportunities available to students. The school counselors are happy to discuss volunteer opportunities with students in all grade levels.

## HELP WANTED

### FAMILY FIESTA/AUCTION VOLUNTEERS

Contact [donnaMariegraham@mac.com](mailto:donnaMariegraham@mac.com) and see page 1 for more information

### PROCTORS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH MAY IB EXAMS

Contact Mrs. Hamilton at 716.816.4234 or email [thamilton@buffaloschools.org](mailto:thamilton@buffaloschools.org) for dates, times, and details

## 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**.

### CITY HONORS SCHOOL AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

186 East North Street Buffalo NY 14204

MAIN OFFICE 716.816.4230 FAX 716.888.7145

[www.cityhonors.org](http://www.cityhonors.org)

## 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>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) <i>after paper 2 completion</i>

**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.



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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

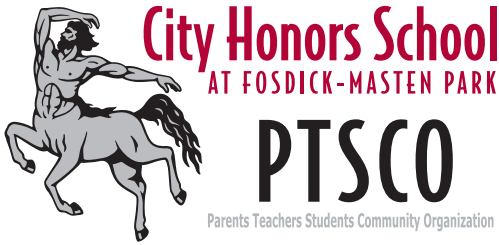
**JUNE**  
After Prom Celebrations  
Moving Up Day Dance  
PTSCO Meeting

Retiring Staff Gifts

**JULY**  
Interview Panels

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

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

By joining the PTSCO, you will help to fill many needs at City Honors School that might otherwise go unmet. All the money raised by PTSCO in memberships goes right back to the students and teachers in the form of grants that supports educational enrichment, promoting strong relationships, extracurricular activities, and competitions.

- Member** \$15 - \$25     **Sustaining Member** \$26 - \$50     **Booster** \$51 - \$75     **Patron** \$76 - \$100
- Gold Patron** \$101 - \$499     **Lifetime** (as long as children remain at CHS) \$500 and up

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK AND/OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO "PTSCO"**

Please send this form and payment to:  
 PTSCO c/o City Honors School 186 East North Street Buffalo, NY 14204  
 Or, drop it off at school office.

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_  **CHECK**    **MONEY ORDER**    **CASH**

**CHS PARENT, GUARDIAN OR STAFF NAME(S)**

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 LAST FIRST

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 MAILING ADDRESS (P.O. BOX OR NUMBER AND STREET)

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 CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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 HOME PHONE CELL PHONE

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 E-MAIL

**NAME OF STUDENT(S) - please include surname if different from above**

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