

The City Weekly Update September 17th, 2020

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ **SUGGESTIONS FOR MUSICAL THEATER** - While City can't have rehearsals on stage or fill the auditorium with an audience this fall, there are things we CAN do when it comes to musical theater. PTSA leadership, director Andrew Schneider, choir teacher Kara Deganhardt and others are exploring options that will provide opportunities for middle and high school students. Maybe this is a year we incorporate more drama into a virtual production and/or put an emphasis on sound effects as well as voice and music? Help us turn lemons into lemonade and send your ideas to cityhighmiddlemusical@gmail.com. We'd like to get started soon so watch for an announcement in the next few weeks.
- ❖ **Students are expected to meet three deadlines throughout the school year.**
 - **The first CAS deadline is October 14** - Students will have to complete hours in each area:
 - Grade six students – 5 hours Creativity, 5 hours Action, and 5 hours of Service
 - Grade seven students – 5 hours Creativity, 5 hours Action, and 5 hours of Service
 - Grade eight students – 10 hours Creativity, 10 hours Action, and 10 hours of Service
 - Grade nine students – 15 hours Creativity, 15 hours Action, and 15 hours of Service
 - Grade ten students – 20 hours Creativity, 20 hours Action, and 20 hours of Service
 - **The deadlines are as follows:**
 - 2nd Friday in October: One third of hours, including all summer hours are due (2nd Friday in May-2nd Friday in October)
 - 1st Friday in February: Two thirds of hours are due (2nd Friday in October-1st Friday in February)
 - Final Due Date- 2nd Friday in May: All hours are due (1st Friday in February-2nd Friday in May)
 - **Staff CAS Contacts:**
 - Grades 6-10 - Dawn Austin-McCumber, Email: McCumberD@students.grps.org
 - Grade 10-12 – Erin Burke at BurkeE@students.grps.org or Anita Vecziedins at VecziedinsA@students.grps.org
- ❖ Friendly reminder to look at the IB Action Plan & Student Support Resources for Distance Learning document for guidance and supports for IB, contact information, and personal well-being support if you have not done so already. The IB Action Plan can be found on the school-wide google classroom and on the school website: chmsib.com. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of your City administrators or counselors for help, direction, and encouragement.
- ❖ The City Voice school newspaper will begin its online meetings via Zoom on Tuesdays, from 3:00-3:30. If you are interested in joining, please email me, Mrs. Hillman, at hillmank@students.grps.org. These meetings are optional as all the work that goes into the newspaper is done virtually. There's more than just writing articles involved, so if you have an idea, share it with us!
- ❖ **WORK PERMIT REMINDERS:** Students ages 14-17 seeking a work permit can visit the State of Michigan website to complete a form. Links below will guide you to their webpage based on age. Once completed, please email the form to Ms. Ashley Cintron at cintrona@grps.org. If there are no errors on the form, she will review, sign and send it back to you via email.



- 16 and 17 years of age, click this link: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CA-7Form_With_check_boxes_449176_7.pdf
 - Under 16 years of age, click this link: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CA-6_with_check_boxes_449174_7.pdf
 - **If you are a minor who is employed, please read, and be informed, about state guidelines for the employment of minors. This information can be found on the backside of the work permit found at: www.grps.org/images/departments/csa/pdfs/Work_Permit_Request.pdf**
 - REMINDER: The school day is considered 9 AM – 3 PM, Monday through Friday.
- ❖ **MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL** - Our Community's Children is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Mayor's Youth Council from 9th - 12th grade students who live within the city limits of Grand Rapids. I understand that the first marking period of school is virtual and how you communicate with your students is different. Please feel free to email, post and share this information with them on your social media platforms as well as on your distant learning platforms. Mayor's Youth Council members serve a one-year term from October to May. Council members broaden the scope of youth leadership in city government by discussing policy issues that affect them with the Mayor, City Commission, and staff; gathering input from area youth; promoting awareness of the strengths and abilities of youth; and coordinating with other local and national organizations.
- To apply, visit: <https://ourcommunitychildren.com/grand-rapids-kids/mayors-youth-council/>
 - Council meetings and activities will be virtual until further notice as we monitor COVID-19 infection rates and adhere to Kent Co. Health Dept. protocols.
- ❖ **YOUTH GRANT COMMITTEE SURVEY:** Hello, City 9-12 graders! One of your very own, Mr. Sparsh Aiyar (9th grade), is a member of a non-profit organization called the Youth Grant Committee (YGC). He and his team are working to collect data in order to write their YGC Request Proposals (grants that are awarded to youth, businesses, and agencies in Grand Rapids). They have created a survey that shouldn't take more than 5 minutes to complete. The survey will be open through now and Friday, October 2nd. Please consider supporting the YGC and the greater Grand Rapids Community and youth by taking this survey.
- Link for Survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIn8USfgCSlDd46jPYCxB8Z4uI0IV8hb04vDBC0DY7L2HccA/viewform>
- ❖ **FALL TRANSFORMATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM:** Starts October 5, 2020
- **Who:** High School Students
 - **What:**
 - 8 weeks virtual workshops
 - 8 weeks paid work experience
 - Discuss goals, relationships, and employment prep
 - **When:** Log on weekly 4-6 PM
 - Mon, Tues, Wed OR Thu
 - **To sign up contact:** youthservices@bethany.org or call 616.254.7736
- ❖ **TEACHING STAFF OFFICE HOURS-** Students are encouraged to work with teachers to schedule time during office hours for questions, assistance, or small group work. Please see the City Highlights Newsletter sent via email for teaching staff office hours.



- ❖ Please check out the Schoolwide Google Classroom that has been created for a central place for us to share updates/information/videos/files/etc. directly with students. The following access code "uh3ikky" will get you there; login with their GRPS email credentials to access it. We will regularly share information in this location.
- ❖ **City 9th – 12th graders:** WMCAT is adjusting to new times this fall with a remote program called, "WMCAT Where You're At", that will also offer some in-person studio time for those who want to go the building (socially distanced and following guidelines of course). Enrollment is now open at the links below! The first session starts on September 21.
Overview: <http://bit.ly/wmcatstudios1>
To Enroll: <https://artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment/>
- ❖ All Fall sports to resume! In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's recent executive order, effective immediately, football, soccer, volleyball, swimming and sideline cheer will also resume.

EPIC EXCHANGE:

We will not be utilizing the weekly update format during distance learning, however, quite often there are important items that we need to share with students.

We would like to introduce **Pegasi Proclamations!** Please take a couple minutes during your Tuesday 8th hour sessions to share the information on the Shared Google Slide Presentation, which can be found in our shared City PLC drive or click the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1KlyOLhvp12IOi3xP33PQX1Z0jBvtyxHXLzBgUBe7HvY/edit?usp=sharing>