



The City Weekly Update October 9th, 2020

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

❖ HOMEWORK FREE WEEKEND

- The next homework free weekend is October 31.

❖ **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY** - The National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society are a combined honor group for students at City High Middle School. Students are typically first invited in the spring of their 7th grade year. Membership is invitation only. We are also currently working on an NHS/NJHS website where students will be able to access information about events, membership and other opportunities. Any questions in regards to the National Honor Society may be directed to Advisor April Anderson at andersona@grps.org

❖ **ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB (ALSO KNOWN AS E-CLUB)** - Interested in environmental action and education? Come to the next E-club meeting. Environmental Club is meeting virtually on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. If you're interested in joining the E-Club Google Classroom, the code is s5si5qq to get the link to the meeting.

❖ **TRAVEL CLUB FUND RAISER** - Mrs. Hillman is spearheading a Poppin Popcorn fundraiser for the Travel Club. The products are out of this world delicious and make great gifts! Go to this link <https://poppinpopcornonline.com/store/> (The seller ID is 38812). Thank you for your support.

❖ **7TH GRADE STUDENT COUNCIL** - Mr. Fillenworth is ready to accept Student Council nominations for the Class of 2026. Please fill out and submit the form at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-dD0jqg1du0QFcvbBKdE_ulSOs4XODTMdYZZJNYAheM/edit?ts=5f6633a5

❖ **DP students** (Grades 11-12): CAS hours can be submitted each month using the google form located on chmsib.com. **MYP students** are expected to meet three deadlines throughout the school year.

- **The first CAS deadline is October 9** - 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:**
 - 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



❖ **SPEECH & DEBATE** - Speech and Debate programs have really taken off at City. This year we have 15 middle school students, and 22 students for high school speech and debate. The big topics they are talking about are criminal justice reform (Policy Debate) and Medicare for All (Public Forum debate in middle and high school). Members are now meeting every weekday over Zoom.

- Monday: High School Public Forum
- Tuesday: High School Congressional Debate
- Wednesday: Middle School Public Forum
- Thursday: High School Policy Debate
- Friday: Middle School Public Forum.

The season is still quite young, so there's more room for students who are interested. Students and/or parents can contact Coach Harris by email (wmrharris@sbcglobal.net or wmrharris51@gmail.com). All the competitions are online, so there is no travel this year.

❖ **INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS:**

- With college campuses closed because of the Coronavirus pandemic, virtual admission visits to City students, and free virtual tours, have grown in popularity. Students can access the calendar the link on the Counseling Classroom page for grades 11 & 12; Virtual Admission visits and the link are on the page, as well as on the calendar.
 - Counseling Grade 11: Class Code: 6nih6gy
 - Classroom Grade 12: Class Code: mqnnf4bh
- **The College Board** provides information from more than 3,711 colleges and universities on changes to admissions processes resulting from the pandemic. The tool lets students get an overview of resources available at each institution, including links to virtual tours offered. Students can tour sites that aim to help students feel as if they are walking around campuses. They can visit as many colleges as they like, without the cost of a road trip or the aching feet.
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

❖ **AP TESTING** - If you are interested in taking any AP exams, you can find the information and forms that you will need on the "Counseling - Grade 10" Google Classroom (class code: x6bfk7y) under the "AP Testing" tab in "Classwork." Here is some general information regarding the process:

- You will need to complete the form and return it to the school with your \$40 deposit by NOVEMBER 5, 2020. Once you have done this, Mrs. Covington will email you a class code. You MUST join the class using that code in order to complete your registration. This must also be done by November 5, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Covington at covingtona@students.grps.org.

❖ **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://ourcommunityschildren.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.



- ❖ **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 Degenhardt 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.

- ❖ **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.

- ❖ 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.

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>