



The City Weekly Update December 10th, 2020

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do elves learn in school? (Answer on last page)

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **New Student Activity: City Adventures!** [Click here for details about the City Adventures!](#)
- ❖ **VIRTUAL WORKZONE IS HERE!** This virtual space will be an opportunity to work together and receive content-specific support. A zoom link will be shared on the school-wide, counseling, and Work Zone google classroom (code: mqi7ukc). Please contact Mr. Brace (bracet@grps.org) with questions and interest! Below is the schedule that starts this week, Dec. 7th.
 - Monday & Wednesday: Math
 - Tuesday: Social Studies and Science
 - Thursday: Languages (English and World)
 - Times: 2:10pm-2:50pm | 7th-9th graders
2:50pm-3:30pm | 10th-12th graders
- ❖ **GRADE 8, CLASS OF 2025 ACTIVITIES** - Hello, Class of 2025! Virtual Mixers are here! Please mark your calendars with the following dates:
 - Baking: Thursday, December 10 Each mixer will be from 3 to 4 pm on the corresponding Thursday.
 - The Zoom link will be posted on the Class of 2025 google classroom the day prior to the event. Come and chill with your classmates while doing a common hobby! We hope to see you there!
- ❖ Wednesdays will feature a breakout group called **Wellness Wednesdays** where students are able to meet with our E3 Therapist, Rebecca Back. These will not be private sessions but are small group gatherings that highlight tips, talk and topics centered on self-care and emotional health. For more details see the student section of this newsletter. The link to connect will be shared in the Google Classroom, code mqi7ukc.
- ❖ **THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER DEC 18** - City High Middle will premiere *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* on December 18th at 7pm!
 - This virtual production is the only one being put on by a GRPS high school, and you can join the fun by purchasing the link for \$10. Check back next week for the link to purchase access to the show!
- ❖ **HOLIDAY BAKING SESSION** - On Friday, December 11th, Mrs. Anderson will be hosting a special holiday baking session. You can join just to watch or follow along and make your own. She will be making a French Christmas classic called Bûche de Noël (most Americans call it a Yule Log).
 - It will start at 10:00am, 12/11/20. Mrs. Anderson will be releasing the special Zoom link and recipes on the school wide Google Classroom, if you want to get the ingredients to bake along with her.
 - No fancy equipment necessary. No super expensive ingredients either. Come and have some fun and learn a little French culture!
 - Questions? Email Madame Anderson at AndersonA@grps.org
- ❖ **NEXT HOMEWORK FREE WEEKEND** - January 16



- ❖ **IB RESEARCH SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS** - City High Middle School has two new database subscriptions for students to explore, use, and conduct their research! The two databases are listed below, and they can also be found on chmsib.com.
 - Students must log in with their school google accounts: @students.grps.org. There are a couple tutorial links below to help students get started. More resources and tools will be shared to help them navigate the databases soon!
 - Gale Academic OneFile (for Jrs & Snrs or any serious researcher) Link: https://link.gale.com/apps/AONE?u=lom_chms
 - Access code: city
 - Topic Finder: <http://support.gale.com/doc/galetools-video6>
 - Downloading & sending to Google drive: <http://support.gale.com/doc/galetools-video3>
 - Gale in Context: Highschool (for everyone) Link: https://link.gale.com/apps/SUIC?u=lom_chms
 - Access code: city
 - Topic Pages: <http://support.gale.com/doc/suic-video1>
 - Highlight & notes: <http://support.gale.com/doc/galetools-video2>

- ❖ **CLASS OF 2022 INFORMATION**
 - Junior Interviews w/ parent/guardians & student are offered to each family as an opportunity to meet individually with Mrs. Ralston to help in:
 - Defining realistic goals, interests and abilities for life after high school/post-secondary plans
 - Understand admission requirements
 - Grow and trim realistic post-secondary options
 - Finding the college that fits (creating the college list)
 - Prepare for and begin the College Application Process
 - This can be scheduled virtually using this link:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/selfsched?sstoken=UUh4WjRRdmZndnBqfGRIZmF1bHR8NTQ5Y2QxMzJjZjcwMmUxODQyMDlhM2UwZmVmNDM4NzE>
 - Please put your name and a quick description of the meeting in the box. You will receive a confirmation email.

- ❖ **FEDERAL APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA):** Since filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to receive federal aid for college, this is one of the most important steps you can take to help your family pay for college. What happens after we file the FAFSA? After completing the FAFSA, the Department of Education will provide you with an Estimated Family Contribution. This value helps determine how much financial aid your student may receive in the form of grants, loans and work experiences. When should we file? Even if you do not plan to take out student loans, file a FAFSA as soon as possible. Many students qualify for some federal aid. Priority consideration for federal, state and institutional funds is given to students who submit a FAFSA by February 15. Watch this short video for any questions on FAFAS:
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsaq>

- ❖ **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
 - City High's Annual Dale Hovenkamp Scholarship, \$1000 - open to all City High seniors planning to attend college starting Dec. 14.
 - Fill in some information on your CAS hours and write a short reflection about your experience with the CAS program. We've made it easy because we know you seniors are so busy!



- 2020 - 2021 Lake Michigan Credit Union Lloyd F. Hutt scholarship competition for a chance to win one of twenty (20) \$2,000 scholarships.
 - To enter, students must write an essay answering the following topic: A Day in the Life. Describe one day in your life from the past year. This scholarship is open to high school seniors who plan to enter a trade school, college or university in the next academic year.
 - Deadline to enter is January 31, 2021. <https://www.lmcu.org/about/community-relations/hutt-scholarship/>

- ❖ **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.

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/1KlyOLhvpv12IOi3xP33PQX1Z0jBvtyxHXLzBgUBe7HvY/edit?usp=sharing>

JOKE OF THE WEEK ANSWER: The elf-abet!