



CITY HIGH SNOWBALL 2025

Saturday February 8, 2025

6:30-10:00 pm

*Marriott Pittsburgh City Center
112 Washington place Pittsburgh, PA 15219*

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DANCING, FOOD AND FUN
FLIP FOR MORE INFORMATION



STEPS TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET AND SUBMIT YOUR PERMISSION SLIP

1. Go to this link to submit photos of your outfit
<https://forms.gle/RWGWbiNzHX7sGDRG8>
2. Once you are approved Ms. Quintero will email you the
password to purchase your online ticket
3. Go to this link to submit your permission slip and make your
purchase in the Events tab



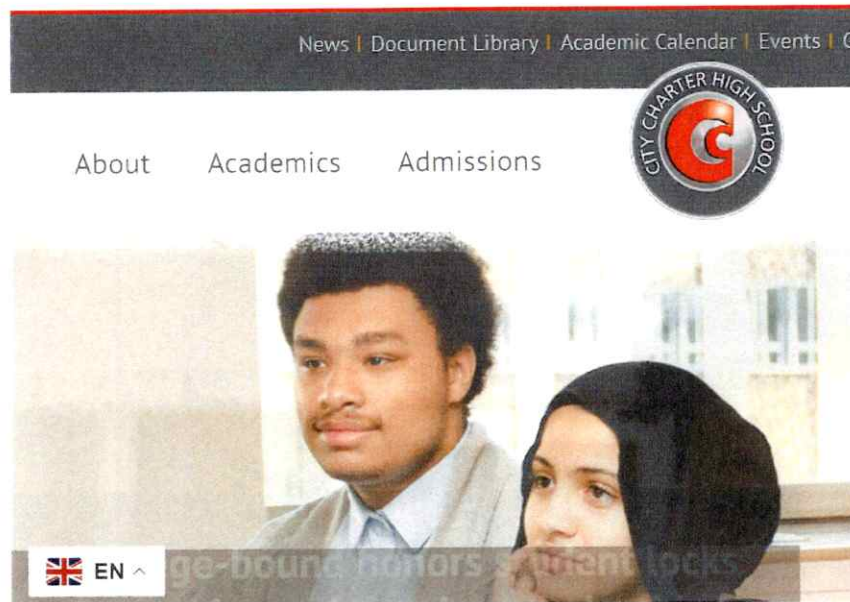
Any questions please contact Ms. Quintero at
quintero@cityhigh.org

Dear Parent/Guardians,

We hope you are having a wonderful December break so far!

In this mailing, you will find items such as your child's report card, winter dress code information, weather announcement information, a Trimester 2 Calendar of Events, Keystone testing information, attendance information, and the Snowball Dance flyer.

These items are also located on our website at www.cityhigh.org on the front page and can be translated into multiple languages using these buttons (see arrow below):



If you have any questions or need help with interpretation, please contact Cristine Watson-Smith at watson-smith@cityhigh.org or Michelle Fossum at fossum@cityhigh.org.

Thank you so much and enjoy break!



City Charter High School Attendance Policy

School Attendance:

All children in Pennsylvania must attend school if they are of compulsory school age- no later than age 6 and until the age of 18 or graduation, whichever occurs first. Schools are required to enforce the compulsory attendance law.

What to do if your child is absent:

You must submit a note to attendance@cityhigh.org or have your child hand in a note when they return to school. The note must have the date(s) that your child was absent and the reason for the absence. For those who prefer to handwrite a note, please include your signature. **For those who prefer to email a note, it must come from the parent/guardian email address, not the students.**



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Deadline to submit an excuse:

Notes need to be received within 3 days of your child's return to school in order for the absence to be excused. If a note is not received within 3 days of your child's return to school, the absence will remain illegal and unexcused.

What is a legal excuse?

- ❖ Illness (doctor excuses will be required if there is an excessive amount of parent excused days)
- ❖ Family emergency
- ❖ Medical, dental, and behavioral health appointments
- ❖ Legal appointments including court summons
- ❖ Religious holidays
- ❖ Bereavement
- ❖ School approved sabbaticals

What is not a legal excuse?

- ❖ Oversleeping
- ❖ Missing the bus
- ❖ Not feeling like coming to school
- ❖ Vacations/Out of town
- ❖ Confusion around whether or not there was school
- ❖ Parent/sibling illness
- ❖ Work or childcare

Truancy:

In Pennsylvania, a child is truant when they have 3 unexcused absences within a school year. Once a child has 3 unexcused absences, we will begin the truancy process which can ultimately result in court involvement and fines.

We encourage you to check the Parent Portal for your child's daily attendance.

High School at **Life-speed**

City Charter High School
2024-2025 SECOND TRIMESTER

Important Activities Dates- Trimester at-a- Glance

Freshman (9th)- Class of 2028
Sophomores (10th)- Class of 2027

All Grades

Juniors (11th)- Class of 2026
Seniors (12th)- Class of 2025

January

- *Monthly School-wide Celebrations: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and School Choice week*
Thursday, January 2, 2025- ALL STAFF- REGULAR WORK DAY

Friday, January 3, 2025- **FIRST DAY OF SECOND TRIMESTER**

Monday, January 6, 2025- 4 Plus Monday activities

Friday January 10, 2025- Junior class Baltimore Permission slip return date

Wednesday, January 22, 2025- Senior Portrait Retakes

Thursday, January 23, 2025- Grades 9-11 Picture retakes

Wednesday January 15- Thursday January 16, 2025- 10th and 11th grade Keystone Testing

February

- *Monthly School-wide Celebrations: Black History Month & Presidents' day*

Monday, February 3, 2025- 4 Plus Activities

Saturday, February 8, 2025- Snowball Dance - Marriott Pittsburgh

Monday, February 17, 2025- Presidents' day; Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, February 19, 2025- Board Meeting

TBD February 2025- Family Literacy Night

March

- *Monthly School-wide Celebrations: Women's History Month, Ramadan*

Monday, March 3, 2025- 4 Plus Activities

Friday, March 7, 2025 - 10th grade Cleveland Permission slip return date

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Saturday, March 22, 2025 - Open House

Monday , March 31, 2025 - Costa Rica Service Learning trip departure date

TBD- March, 2025 - 10th Grade PSAT Exam

TBD- March, 2025 - 11th Grade SAT Exam

April

Thursday April 3, 2025 - Friday April 4, 2025 -**Final exams: 11am dismissal for grades 9-11; full day for 12th grade**

Friday April 4, 2025 - All Senior Package Payments must be paid in full

Monday April 7, 2025 - Costa Rica Service trip return date

Tuesday April 22, 2025 - **First day of Trimester 3**

City Charter High School 2024 - 2025 School Calendar - Student

First Trimester 55 School Days	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
August 2024 (2 school days)					1	2	3
29 - First Day of School for 9th Grade Only	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
30 - First Day of School for 10th - 12th Grade	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2024 (16 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
2 - Labor Day (No School-No Staff)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13 - Teen Quest - 12th Grade	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18 - Board Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27 - Kon-O-Kwee - 9th Grade	29	30					

October 2024 (19 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
5 - Fall Open House			1	2	3	4	5
14 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Staff)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
14 - Title 1 Parent Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
16 - Board Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25 - Fall Dance	27	28	29	30	31		
28 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities							
TBD - 10th Grade Field Trip							
TBD - 11th Grade Ohio Pyle							

November 2024 (15 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
4 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities						1	2
14 - Art Night	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20 - Board Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
27 - Dismissal at 3:00pm	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
28 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break - (No School, No Staff)	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2024 (4 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
5 - 6 - Final Exams / Half Day 9, 10 & 11th Grade Only	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 - Last Day of Trimester 1 for Students	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Dec 16 - Jan 1 - Administrative Offices Closed for Winter Break	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

Second Trimester 53 School Days	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
January 2025 (17 school days)				1	2	3	4
3 - First Day of Trimester 2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
15 - Board Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
20 - MLK Day	26	27	28	29	30	31	
TBD - Keystone Testing - 10th & 11th Grade							

February 2025 (16 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
3 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities							1
8 - Snow Ball	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
17 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Staff)	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19 - Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2025 (16 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
3 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities							1
3 - SAT Exam Day - 11th Grade	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13 - Literacy Night	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19 - Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
22 - Open House	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
TBD - 10th Grade - PSAT Exam	30	31					

April 2025 (T2: 4 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
(T3: 6 school days)			1	2	3	4	5
3 - 4 - Final Exams / Half Day 9, 10 & 11th Grade Only	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4 - Last Day of Trimester 2 for Students	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22 - First Day of Trimester 3	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
TBD - Costa Rica Service Learning Experience	27	28	29	30			

Third Trimester 54 School Days	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
May 2025 (18 school days)					1	2	3
5 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 - No School - 12th Grade Only / Prom (All Staff)	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21 - Board Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
TBD - Keystone Testing - 11th Grade	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2025 (15 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
2 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2 - Title 1 Parent Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7 - 9th gr. Orientation	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18 - Board Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
19 - Juneteenth (No School - No Staff)	29	30					
21 - Graduation at Soldiers & Sailors							
TBD - 10th Grade Spring Trip							
TBD - 11th Grade Spring Trip							

July 2025 (15 school days)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
4 - Independence Day (No School - No Staff)			1	2	3	4	5
14 - 4 PLUS Monday Activities	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16 - Board Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
24 - 25 - Final Exams / Half Day	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25 - Last Day of Trimester 3 for Students	27	28	29	30	31		
TBD - 9th Grade Spring Trip							
July 30 thru August - Summer Break							



THESE ITEMS **MAY NOT** BE WORN AT SCHOOL

Students **MUST** arrive at school dressed **IN DRESS CODE** appropriate clothing.

Students are permitted to change into school appropriate SHOES at their locker.



- Boots and shoes which cover the ankle
- Leggings/footless tights, jeggings
- Sweaters with hoods
- **Jeans/sweats over or under dress pants, skirts or dresses**



- Short sleeved shirt over a long sleeved tee shirt (including short sleeved shirts with attached long sleeves)
 - Pants (any material—including corduroy) with 5 pockets AND/OR rivets; cargo pants
 - Fleece tops, thermal shirts, sweatshirts, long sleeved tee shirts
 - Dresses and skirts: must be knee length or longer and skirts must originate at the waist
- *A complete listing of appropriate attire can be found in the Student Handbook and on the school's website.*

Winter Weather Alert

Please Note: City High does not follow the Pittsburgh Public School Weather Emergencies Schedule.

Please listen to your radio and/or television for the City High delay or closing announcement. The City Charter High School closing or delay announcement will appear on television channels 2 (KDKA), 4 (WTAE), 11 (WPXI) and on their websites. The school closing, delay and early dismissal announcement will also be available on our website - www.cityhigh.org.

Parents/guardians and students can choose to receive emails, text-messages or voice mail notifications as well.

Delays: If there is a two-hour delay, school will begin promptly at **9:50 AM**. **Students should not arrive at the school before 9:00 AM.**

Closings: If a closing is announced, students are to remain at home for the day.

Early Dismissal: If an early dismissal should ever be needed due to weather, students will be given an opportunity to call home by using our phones or their cell phones. However, please keep in mind that this decision will need to be made quickly and will be dependent on the advice of the Pittsburgh Public Safety Department. We will not follow the Pittsburgh Public Schools in making this decision as the downtown area is a unique situation and we need to be aware of different transportation issues.

Please make sure your youngster knows where to go after school in case of an emergency and in case you cannot be reached.

Suburban Students: For families who live far from the downtown area, please use good judgment and make the decision as to whether to send the youngster to school based not only on the official announcement but also on your actual weather condition, as they may be better or worse than conditions in the city. An absence note will be necessary if your student remains at home on a day we are open. Suburban students may also be sent home earlier than city students if the weather conditions deteriorate during the course of the day.

4 PLUS MONDAY

Trimester 2- 2024-2025

We are excited to continue our 4 PLUS Monday schedule. Below you will find the programs we will be offering between **1:00pm - 3:00pm** for this trimester. We have academic, wellness, and activity other options for our students. The space is limited on certain activities and will be given on a first-come first-served basis. Lunch will be served prior to your activity at 12:30 pm. **If you would like to come early for lunch please indicate YES on the google registration form.** To sign up for an activity, please complete the Google form that is sent to your email the week before the event.

Date	Activity	Location	Description/Notes
Jan 6, 2025 Feb 3, 2025 March 3, 2025	Academic Support w/Teacher(s)	Virtual	1-on-1 w/Teacher(s) (Virtual only / Requires appointment) Schedule with your teacher - Every 4 Plus Monday
Jan 6, 2025 Feb 3, 2025 March 3, 2025	Wellness	In-Person or Virtual	Wellness (In-Person or Virtual / <u>Requires appointment</u> with your assigned Wellness counselor) Every 4 Plus Monday
Jan 6, 2025 Feb 3, 2025 March 3, 2025	STEM/ ROBOTICS	Robotics lab	Want to learn about 3D printing? AI Generative Art? Robots or coding? Come join us for open time to explore whatever you are interested in. Every 4 Plus Monday
Jan 6, 2025 Feb 3, 2025 March 3, 2025	City High Podcasting & Music	Second floor tech room	Students now have the opportunity to explore the world of audio production in our new Audio Production Studio! Whether you have a passion for creating original music, recording podcasts, or producing commercials, this 4Plus Monday activity may be for you. Every 4 Plus Monday
Jan 6, 2025	Trading Card Games	Second floor Cult Lit	Calling All Duelists and Trainers! Are you a fan of Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic: The Gathering, or Lorcana? Join our Trading Card Game 4Plus Monday! Come and: -Battle your friends -Trade cards -Learn new strategies -Make new friends No experience necessary! All skill levels are welcome.
Jan 6, 2025	SCIENCE OF SLIME	412	Want to revisit your younger days where things were simpler and we all thought we could own a slime business? Look no further! Join us as we discover different ways to make slime, and learn the science of how it works. We will make three different slimes: regular, puffy, and an edible slime. You will also get to take your creations home! If you have slime materials you like to use, feel free to bring them. Limit 20 students. Ms. Cottrell

4 PLUS MONDAY

Trimester 2- 2024-2025

Feb 3, 2025	Cookie Decorating	Quiet Lunch	If you're looking to learn a fun and tasty skill, this beginner Valentines day Cookie Decorating Class is just the class for you! Learn different icing techniques and then eat or share your creations! Limited to 25 students - Ms. Rinn
Feb 3, 2025	Learn to Dance	Fitness center	Have you ever wanted to learn to dance or try out some cool moves? Now's your chance! Join us for a "Learn to Dance" activity! You'll get to learn some easy, fun dance steps and even try out awesome breakdancing moves just like Mr. Laughrey! If you've seen him showing off his skills at school dances and thought, "I want to do that," then don't miss this! Bring your friends, have a blast, and let loose! If you have any questions or special dance requests, reach out to Mr. Laughrey.
Feb 3, 2025	City High Yarn Squad	TBD	Looking for a fun and relaxing way to get creative? Join our Yarn Squad! Whether you're a beginner and ready to learn the basics of knitting or an experienced knitter/crocheter looking to work on a project, this two-hour session is perfect for you. Bring your own project to work on or pick one of these projects: You can pick from one of the following projects: fingerless gloves, coasters, keychain, bookmark or headband. Come stitch, chat, and unwind! Ms. Fossum
Feb 3, 2025	Make a Fleece blanket	TBD	Has the weather made you just want to cozy up on your couch with a warm blanket? Come make a fleece blanket with Ms. Welch! Be prepared to cut and tie your way to a warm blanket to take home with you.
Feb 3, 2025	Black History Month Movie	Auditorium	In celebration of Black History Month join us for a movie and soul food tasting- limited to 40 students
March 3, 2025	Rock Climbing	Meet in the lobby	Do you want to learn to rock climb? Come to the 4PLUS Climbing Event! Meet at school and travel together to ASCEND PITTSBURGH ON THE SOUTHSIDE- All students must complete the waiver. Don't forget your bus pass! Limit 15 students Ms. Mancuso

4 PLUS MONDAY

Trimester 2- 2024-2025

March 3, 2025	Spring Cookie Decorating	Quiet Lunch Room	Join us for "Spring Cookie Decorating" where students can decorate sugar cookies with springtime themes like flowers, bunnies, butterflies, and chicks, using colorful frosting, sprinkles, and other decorative toppings. Have fun and express your creativity while learning basic decorating techniques. Limit to 25 students Ms. Bhojwani
March 3, 2025	3rd Annual Super Smash Bros Tournament	Auditorium	Pick your main, brush up on your skills, and get ready to battle on November 4th. Don't want to compete at Smash, you can come and spectate and cheer on your friends. Prizes for the top three players and raffle prizes. More details as the challenger, I mean date, approaches. Doors open at 12:30 and the fighting begins at 1:00. Check your email for the sign-up form. It will be coming from zatezalo@cityhigh.org Lights snacks served - Mr. Z
March 3, 2025	Movie screening: Titanic	TBD	Come experience the 90s epic drama, Titanic. Enjoy themed snacks and participate in movie trivia and games. Event to begin at 12pm Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Koleck