



IN THE KNOW

BUFFALO PREP ANNOUNCES 2009 TALENT SEARCH

Dreams Become Reality at Buffalo Prep

Buffalo Prep is currently seeking academically talented and highly motivated 5th, 6th, and 7th graders for the following programs:



Primary Prep: A 10-week (Jul 6 - Aug 7), challenging summer academic enrichment program that provides 5th and 6th grade students with academic, cultural and social enrichment.-- increasing their chance for success in school. *See enclosed application.*

Secondary Prep: A 14-month (summer following 7th grade through summer following 8th grade), intensive academic enrichment program that prepares students for the area's best college preparatory high schools and the nation's leading colleges. *Applications available at informational meetings.*

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BISON Fund Scholarship Application

Primary Prep Application

All information Meetings will be held at:

Buffalo Prep
University @ Buffalo, South Campus (Main Street)
18 Acheson Annex
Buffalo, NY 14214

Saturday, February 21
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Thursday, March 5
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 26
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 12
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 28
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, March 14
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Thursday, March 26
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

In order to be considered for admission,
a parent or guardian **MUST** attend an informational meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the Buffalo Prep office at
716.829.3605 or visit www.buffaloprep.com

Q: Why choose a private high school?

A: Private high schools generally:

- Have smaller class sizes, which allow greater access to teachers when needed.
- Are considered ‘college preparatory’, and are clear in the goal of preparing students for admission to the colleges of their choice.
- Have higher expectations for behavior, which allow students to feel safer and experience fewer distractions from academics.
- Expect students to complete a certain number of community service hours, which encourages students to experience and contribute to the greater community.
- Provide financial assistance and scholarship opportunities to qualified students.

If you are considering a private school education for your child, plan to visit school Open Houses, which are usually held in the early fall (September/October). Watch for the FALL 2009 issue of “In the Know”, for a complete listing of BISSNET School Open Houses. While attending Open Houses, ask about financial aid packages that might be available to your family. Follow up by having your child take the Entrance Exam in late fall (November) at his/her first choice school.

CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS

ADDRESS:

PHONE #: WEB

Cardinal O’Hara High School	39 O’Hara Rd. Tonawanda, NY	695-2600	www.cardinalohara.com
Niagara Catholic High School	520 66th St. Niagara Falls, NY	283-8771	www.niagaracatholic.org
Nichols School	1250 Amherst St. Buffalo, NY	875-8212	www.nicholsschool.org
Park School of Buffalo	4625 Harlem Rd. Snyder, NY	839-1242	www.theparkschool.org
St. Mary’s High School	142 Laverack Ave. Lancaster, NY	683-4824	www.smhlancers.org

SCHOOLS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart	3860 Main St. Buffalo, NY	834-2101	www.sacredheartacademy.org
Buffalo Seminary	205 Bidwell Pkwy. Buffalo, NY	885-6780	www.buffaloseminary.org
Holy Angels Academy	24 Shoshone Dr. Buffalo, NY	834-7120	www.holyangelsacademy.org
Immaculata Academy	5138 S. Park Ave. Hamburg, NY	649-6161	www.immaculataacademy.com
Mount Mercy Academy	88 Red Jacket Pkwy. Buffalo, NY	825-8796	www.mtmercy.org
Mount Saint Mary Academy	3756 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY	877-1358	www.mt-st-marys.org
Nardin Academy	135 Cleveland Ave. Buffalo, NY	881-6262	www.nardin.org

SCHOOLS FOR YOUNG MEN

Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School	601 McKinley Pkwy. Buffalo, NY	826-3610	www.bishoptimon.com
Canisius High School	1180 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY	882-0466	www.canisiushigh.org
The Gow School	2491 Emery Rd. S. Wales, NY	652-3450	www.gow.org
Saint Francis High School	4129 Lakeshore Rd. Athol Springs, NY	627-1200	www.stfrancishigh.org
Saint Joseph’s Collegiate Institute	845 Kenmore Ave. Buffalo, NY	874-4953	www.sjci.com

For information regarding admission and financial assistance, please contact the schools directly.

Would you like your child to attend private grammar school?

The BISON Fund can help!

The BISON Scholarship Fund is a tuition assistance program for economically disadvantaged families. The assistance is based on need – not academics, race, gender or religion. Families awarded a BISON scholarship are able to enroll their child in a private or Catholic grammar school (Kindergarten through 8th grade) in the greater Buffalo area.



The application process for the 2009-2010 school year is now open! If you live in: the city of Buffalo, Lackawanna (14218), West Seneca (14224), Cheektowaga, Eggertsville/Snyder (14226) or Kenmore and the Town of Tonawanda, are financially eligible and have a child in grammar school – you are eligible to apply!

This school year, BISON is helping 1,520 children who attend 58 different private schools. Each year, children graduate out of the program, move or choose different schools – so we always have openings!

It's easy to apply! Simply fill out the application enclosed in this newsletter OR visit the BISON Fund website (www.bisonfund.com) and download and application and mail in. The deadline to apply is **April 30**. This is *not* a first-come, first-served process, so don't worry! Just get your application in! Don't miss this great chance for your child!

The BISON website has other helpful information to assist with your decision about private grammar school, including a listing of grammar schools (by area), as well as additional financial aid resources. If you have questions, or need further information you can contact the BISON Fund at 1-888-216-8380.

ALSO: yellow bus service is NOW available for most Catholic grammar schools in the city and suburbs. Please contact the school you are considering to see if they offer busing.

Don't miss the chance for your family to have a choice in your child's education!

IMPORTANT Tax Information!

It's that time of year! Time to file your federal and state tax returns.

Here are some important tips for you:

In 2007, New York State started the Empire State Child Credit Program.

This program helps the hard-working families of New York by giving \$330 per child tax credit for parents of children ages 4-17.

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**Many Catholic Elementary Schools
hold Open House events.**

**For dates and
Information go to**

www.wnycatholicschools.org

or call 847.8700

**For financial assistance to attend a
Catholic Elementary School ask
the school about the
Catholic School Tuition Aid Program
or visit the website listed above.**

Tutoring & Educational Resources

Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo & Erie County
876.8991 www.literacybuffalo.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo & Erie County
825.1016

Project Flight
878.4303 878.6820

EPIC
332.4121

Buffalo Public Libraries

1 Lafayette Square	856.8900
633 Elmwood Ave.	883.6651
2010 South Park	823.1854
1929 Clinton	823.5626
1187 E. Delavan	896.4433
280 Porter Ave.	882.1537
332 E. Utica St.	883.4418
2351 Delaware Ave.	875.3748
820 Tonawanda St.	875.0562

For complete information on tutorial and literacy
services in the city of Buffalo go to
www.buffaloreads.org or call 843-8895

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