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Holley Central School District | October 2017



First Day of School

Our District's Mission

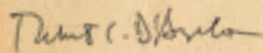
We, the students, parents, staff and community of the Holley Central School District, will work together to provide the opportunity and means for all students to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become responsible and productive citizens in a diverse and changing society. The ideal is to instill a passion for lifelong learning.

Superintendent's Message: Enjoy Your Public Schools!

Dear Holley Community,

Now that the district's capital project has been completed, we have time to reflect on what we have accomplished together. Our school buildings are in outstanding physical shape and offer the latest in educational technology. This is a huge plus for students, as they come to us not only to receive instruction in specific content areas, but to learn the skills to be good citizens, too. They are able to do so in pleasant environments that are safe and educationally sound. Each year, we host various public elections, music festivals, athletic contests and academic awards programs, and we continue to receive resounding compliments and accolades on our buildings and grounds. These comments by our visitors not only positively compliment the school district, but also the community-at-large.

The old tennis courts have been restructured to accommodate tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts (full and half courts). In addition to our physical education staff using these courts for classes, all of these courts, including the new tennis courts, are available for you to use during non-school hours. We have two new playgrounds for kids to enjoy both during and after school hours. In keeping with the thinking that public schools exist for the benefit of the communities they serve, we should be amazed at all the district has to offer the community from a functionality standpoint. I thank you for working with us to produce such an outstanding school district, one that will continue to serve the community for many years to come.



Robert C. D'Angelo
Superintendent of Schools

Flu Clinic on Oct. 11

There will be a Flu Clinic sponsored by the Orleans County Health Department on Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 3:30-6:15 p.m. in the Elementary School Café. Nasal spray is unavailable this year. Those who wish to be vaccinated must be on site by 6:15 p.m. Bring your insurance card if you have one. Traditional Medicare cannot be billed for this immunization. For more information on what types of shots are available and which insurances are accepted, contact Mary Ellen Messmer at Orleans County Health Department at 589-2764.



FAMILY FITNESS CENTER

Hours Of Operation

Monday-Thursday

5:30 - 8 p.m.

(Closed when school is not in session)

Benefits from using the district family fitness center

- Keeps you moving
- Socialization with community members
- Supervisor and security on duty
- Directions on use of equipment
- Free to all Holley School District residents age 10 and older



Holley CSD Walking Program

Chart your progress and challenge yourself!



Route = .35 mile
3 times around = 1.05 miles

Location of AED in school building

Donations Accepted for Holiday Shopping

Donations for the holiday shopping event that will be held in December are currently being accepted in the Elementary Mental Health Office. Items needed are:

- All age toys
- CDs
- Books
- DVDs
- Puzzles
- Video games

Please label your items as "holiday donations." Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Bates, Elementary Social Worker, at 638-6318, extension 2558 or kbates@holleycsd.org.



Final Phase of Capital Project Nears Completion at HCSD

Holley students are reaping the benefits as final touches are being made to the campus during the last phase of the Capital Project this fall. The elementary playground was redone and a new Pre-K playground added to the Elementary School (ES) campus. Students will enjoy using brand new equipment on both playgrounds this fall. New tennis courts were installed at the Middle School/High School (MS/HS) while the existing tennis courts were repurposed as tennis, pickleball and basketball courts. This transformation adds outdoor physical education stations for students. When school is not in session, all of these areas are available for community use.

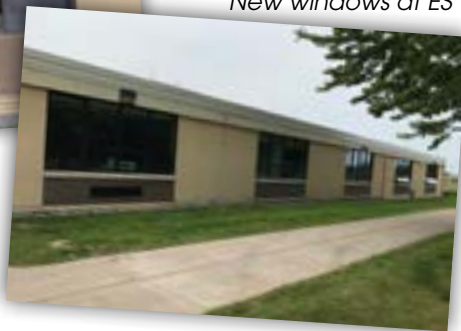
A new bus loop was created in front of the ES, near the District Office entrance, to separate car traffic from school bus traffic. This helps keep students safe as they get on and off the bus at this entrance.

Structural changes have been made to both schools, too. Heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) units were replaced in both buildings. The ES also had windows and doors replaced. The new windows allow more light into classrooms. These upgrades allow the district to use their energy more efficiently and save money on utility costs.

By the end of this project, over \$30 million of improvements will have been made to the district facilities, at zero impact to taxpayers. "The entire project has provided the district with one of the finest facilities in Western New York," said District Superintendent Robert D'Angelo. "I'm pleased to be able to bring these benefits to our students and community. Our long-term goal for the campus is to maintain it as a state-of-the-art school facility and learning environment. We thank the community for their patience and continued support of this project as we've completed each phase."



Old windows at ES



New windows at ES



New HVAC rooftop units



New bus loop at ES



Old Elementary playground



Old tennis courts



New Elementary playground



New Pre-K playground



New tennis courts being installed

New Staff Join Holley Central



Kelly Bates
ES Social Worker



Amy Bennage
ES Pre-K Teaching Assistant



Kenneth Clause
ES Art Teacher



Jeff Cumpston
ES Physical Education (PE) Teacher



Jane DelGudico
MS/HS Long-term Substitute (LTS) Spanish Teacher



Kaleigh Dumigan
MS/HS LTS Guidance Counselor



Pamela Foss
ES LTS Fourth Grade Teacher



Mark Hill
Alternative High School Math Teacher



Allison Jaworski
ES Pre-K Teacher



Lori Passarell
ES PE Teacher



Jana Penders
MS/HS LTS Science Teacher



Tristin Rider
ES Sixth Grade Math Teacher



Michael Votry
Alternative High School History Teacher



Kelsey Wadhams
ES First Grade Teacher



Megan Wakefield
MS/HS LTS Music Teacher

Familiar Faces in New Places

Angie Davis
ES Academic Achievement Center

Andrew Grillo
MS/HS PE Teacher

Carrie Rebis
ES Fourth Grade Teacher

Sports Boosters News

Sports Boosters is hosting a pumpkin carving/painting contest at the Woodlands on Oct. 12 for students in grades 7-12. Prizes will be awarded. A flyer will be sent home with more details about the contest on Oct. 2.

We always welcome help running the Woodlands concession stand, so please stop down and and sign up!

Elementary Library Hosts Fourth Annual “Book Character” Pumpkin Decorating Contest

The Holley Elementary School Library is sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest for Pre-K-grade 6 students. Contest runs from Oct. 9-30. Contest rules are:

1. Entries must follow the theme of “My Favorite Book Character.” Students may pick a character from any book they have read.
2. Participation is voluntary. The entry should be done by the student with help from their families, if needed. Students must provide their own pumpkin and decorating materials. Classrooms may also choose to participate.
3. **Pumpkins must not be carved.** Pumpkins can be painted or decorated, using acrylic paints, spray paint, permanent markers, yarn, construction paper, pipe cleaners, cloth, wigs, tape, paste, glue, etc. **Do not** puncture the pumpkin to attach items; use a hot glue gun instead. Any holes in pumpkins will increase the chances of rotting before the entries have a chance to be judged. Carved pumpkins will not be accepted and will be returned to the submitter.
4. One entry is allowed per student. A 3x5” index card must be submitted with the pumpkin, listing the student’s name, grade and teacher’s name on the back, and the name of the book character, book title and author on the front.

5. Pumpkins must be brought to the Elementary Library beginning Oct. 9 and ending Oct. 30. No late entries will be accepted. All entries will be on display in the library.
6. There will be a first, second and third place winner from each of these grade level categories: Pre-K through kindergarten, first through second grade, third through fourth grade and fifth through sixth grade. Prizes will also be awarded to classroom entries. All participants will be recognized. Winners will be announced on Oct. 31.
7. All entries must be picked up from the library and taken home by Nov. 8. If any pumpkins remain after this date, they will be discarded. If pumpkins begin to rot at any time, they will be discarded.

To see examples of last year’s entries, refer to the cover of the **December 2016 Dimension**. If you have questions about the contest, contact Library Media Specialist Julie Bader at jbader@holleycsd.org.



Holley ES is on a “Star” Search

Holley Elementary has amazing students, and the faculty and staff want to start recognizing students more frequently for being such fine young citizens. The focus this year will be on promoting and recognizing positive behavior in a number of ways.

In addition to the Student of the Month recognition program and individual classroom systems implemented by teachers, Holley faculty and staff will be recognizing students with Star Cards. The Star Cards will be given out to students who are being respectful, responsible and safe in their classrooms. The Star Cards will be collected in a jar in each classroom every month and then brought to a bimonthly student celebration. A few students from each grade level will be recognized for being a “star” at the school-wide assembly and then chosen to participate in Character Club activities. Star Cards will be sent home with students after the bimonthly student celebrations.



Students may also be “caught” doing the right thing and receive a Caught You star sticker from Holley faculty and staff. Parents should be on the lookout for the Caught You stickers and Star Cards. Ask your student what they did to behave positively that day.



ES Library Hosts Family Literacy Nights Again This Year

The Elementary Library will be open several evenings this year and Holley families are invited to attend. Books will be accessible to all Holley families. Come on in, cozy up and enjoy reading some wonderful stories together!

Family Literacy Nights will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. on the following dates:

- October 24, 2017
- December 19, 2017
- March 6, 2018
- May 8, 2018

PTSA News & Events

The PTSA is hosting a Halloween Party on Oct. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. Students in grades Pre-K-3 will be in the ES Café and they can participate in costume and coloring contests, trick or treating and more! Students in grades 4-6 will be in the ES Intermediate Gym and concessions will be available. There will also be a costume contest for these students. Parent volunteers are needed to help with all grade levels, so please contact Jenn Morgan at jmorgan@holleycsd.org to help.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the Book Fair on Nov. 13-20 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Please contact Alexa Downey at adowney@holleycsd.org to volunteer.

Next PTSA meeting is Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. in Elementary School Rm. 49.

To join the PTSA, please complete the form below and send it to the main office where your child attends school.

You can join the PTSA at any time. The PTSA membership fee supports student field trips, Pick A Reading Partner (PARP), field days, Elementary Theatre Guild, MS/HS Musical, Flag Day popsicles, Budget Vote ice cream, Pre-K kits, senior scholarships, Homecoming float, Senior Breakfast and many other activities. Without the membership support and parent volunteers at events, we would not be able to provide these opportunities to our students and community. PTSA members are not required to volunteer; however, if you're interested in getting the most out of your PTSA membership, we encourage you to get involved.

Security Keeps Holley Safe

The men walking the hallways and grounds of the Holley campuses are there to serve one purpose: to keep everyone safe. They are the security force at Holley, employed by C.O.P. Security. The five men are retired deputies and officers from local law enforcement agencies. They spend their days, evenings and weekends patrolling the Holley school properties inside and out, monitoring the security cameras and supervising the various events on campus. They enjoy working with the students and staff. The officers who keep our schools safe are:



Chris Vigliotti
ES
Vigliotti is a retired lieutenant with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office with 25 years of service.



Mike Roffe
MS/HS
Roffe is a retired sergeant from the Greece Police Department with 24 years of service, including 12 years as a criminal investigator.



Drew Frate
MS/HS
Frate is a retired sergeant with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office with 25 years of service.



Roger Cole
ES and MS/HS
Cole is a retired patrolman with the Greece Police Department with 20 years of service.



Shawn O'Mara
ES and MS/HS
O'Mara is an active patrolman with the Gates Police Department with 24 years of service.

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HOLLEY PTSA - MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone numbers _____

Preferred method of contact: Phone Email Mail

Which school does your child attend? Elementary Middle School/High School

Please list any activities you are interested in or would like to see added to our programs (current activities include book fair, Halloween parties, sweetheart dance, and fundraising)

Membership dues _____ \$9 per family

Note: \$4 of dues for each family is remitted to the National PTSA

- Make checks or money orders payable to Holley PTSA
- Mail to: Holley PTSA, 3800 N. Main St., Holley, NY 14470 or place in our mailbox in the Elementary School Main Office or MS/HS Main Office
- Be sure to include this form and seal the envelope
- Please write on the envelope "ATTN: PTSA Membership"

For office use: Amount paid _____

Membership Card # _____

PTSA Officers:

Co-Presidents:
Jennifer Morgan & Alexa Downey

Secretary:
Carm Miller

Treasurer:
Donna Moore

Membership:
Amy Bennage

COUNSELING News

Attention Seniors attending college:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has a submission date of **Oct. 1**. School counselors are encouraging students to register on time in order to be eligible to receive scholarships, grants and loans.

Seniors should have toured colleges over the summer break. They should now be narrowing their search. They should register to take the **SAT** and/or **ACT** sometime in the fall. Online registration is available for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. Seniors should be working on their college applications, with the goal of completing them by Thanksgiving. Some colleges have different deadlines, so be sure to check the application deadline of the particular college you are applying to. Please allow ample time when requesting letters of recommendation from your teachers to complete your college applications.

Juniors: If you plan on attending a four-year college, the SATs/ACTs are required for admission. Please register! If you have questions, please stop in the Guidance Office and talk to your counselor.

The **PSAT (Practice SAT—College Entrance Exam)** will be given at Holley MS/HS on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 7:45 a.m.-noon. All college-bound **sophomores and juniors** are encouraged to take this exam. Students must register in the High School Counseling Office with Andrew Ruff. The cost of the exam is \$16 and may be paid by cash or check made payable to Holley Central School.

Senior interviews began in September. The purpose of the senior interview is to review high school graduation requirements and credits, confirm the student took or is taking the classes needed to graduate, and discuss post-graduation plans, such as college, military or employment. If you would like further information or to meet with your child's counselor, please call the Guidance Office to set up an appointment.

Please visit the [Counseling Department website](#) for additional information. **Scholarships** are listed as they are received. Feel free to review these scholarships and pay particular attention to the deadline dates. Scholarship search engines and other important information are located on this website. If you are interested in a specific college, certain colleges have their own scholarships as well.

Scholarships

Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship

This award is available to students who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, are role models or leaders in their schools or communities, and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The first 1,000 applicants will receive a Wendy's \$10 gift certificate. Any eligible student can register and begin the application process at www.wendysheisman.com. Completed applications are due Oct. 2, 2017.

WWE Star Gives Powerful Message to Holley Students

Zach Gowen has overcome tough circumstances in his life. At age 8, he lost a leg to cancer, but didn't let that prevent him from becoming the World Wrestling Entertainment's (WWE) first one-legged professional wrestler. He pushed his physical limits even further by competing on American Ninja Warrior. While Gowen experienced great professional successes, he also battled with alcohol, drugs and personal demons. After going through rehabilitation, he has been on the successful road of recovery for several years. Gowen has taken the lessons he's learned and turned them into a speaking tour, where he shares his experience with students across the country. On Sept. 6, he shared his wisdom with Holley MS/HS students.



From left, teacher Suzanne Lepkowski, speaker Zach Gowen and senior Glenn Thrower.

Gowen told students they can only control their own actions, reactions and attitudes, not anyone else's. "You define you," he said. "Don't let other people's labels for you get you down." He encouraged students to reach out to someone if they are struggling. "You need to take your shot at success and if that means you need help getting there, ask for it," he said. "Don't give up five minutes before the miracle happens. I am a living example of how someone can overcome some pretty tough obstacles and still succeed. Don't lose hope."

"Zach was a very dynamic speaker," said Assistant Principal Dan Courtney. "I believe Zach's message will leave a positive impact on our students for the entire year. His presentation was a great way to start off the school year."

United States Senate Youth Program 55th Annual Washington Week and \$10,000 Scholarship

The United States Senate Youth Program 55th Annual Washington Week in Washington, D.C. is March 3-10, 2018. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation United States Senate Youth Program offers a \$10,000 scholarship to students who are selected to attend this week in Washington, D.C. and are serving in a student government position. For more information, visit www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/senateyouth.html. Deadline to apply is Oct. 6, 2017.

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- 1 SAT
- 2 Rochester Area College Fair, MS/HS Gym 11:15 a.m.-noon
- 3-4 ES Picture Day
- 3 Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.
- 6 **Early Dismissal for Staff Development Day**
 - MS/HS 10:31 a.m.
 - ES 11:30 a.m.
- 7 SAT
- 9 **No School, Columbus Day**
- 9-30 ES Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- 11 Flu Clinic, ES Café 3:30-6:15 p.m.
PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 13 PTSA Halloween Party 6:30-8 p.m.
 - Pre-K-Gr. 3 ES Café
 - Gr. 4-6 Gym
- 14 PSAT, MS/HS 7:45 a.m.-noon
- 16 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- 23 Red Cross Blood Drive, MS/HS Auditorium 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Financial Aid Night, MS/HS Library 5-6 p.m.
- 24 Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m.
- 25 Unity Day
- 28 ACT
- 31 ES Halloween Parades 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.

Holley Graduate Paints Mural

by Evin Neadow, MS/HS Art Teacher

Holley MS/HS Art Teacher Evin Neadow and Holley Class of 2017 Valedictorian Anna Brasted spent a week in July working with Phoenix, AZ-based artist Lucinda Yrene (aka La Morena) in downtown Rochester. They created a mural on the side of an industrial building near the Rochester Public Market. The mural creation was part of a public arts festival called WALL \ THERAPY. WALL \ THERAPY is an art and community intervention project, using public murals as a means to transform the urban landscape, inspire and build community. WALL \ THERAPY murals have transformed walls, buildings and neighborhoods. This transformation has sparked inspiration in individuals and communities alike.



From left, Anna Brasted and La Morena.

