

DIMENSION

Holley Central School District | October 2018



Hello Holley Families,

Since school has opened, our first month has flown by! We're off to a great start. Students, staff, parents and community members whom I've met thus far have been welcoming, making me feel right at home. I've heard it said by many that the school district is the heart of the community. I experienced it firsthand during homecoming weekend, seeing such amazing support for the parade and at our home athletic events. We have a great school district and a fantastic community that supports it.



At my opening meeting with Holley staff on August 30, I highlighted an "entry plan." The information I will gain through this process will not only help me better serve as superintendent as I learn more about Holley, but it will also help me develop a district strategic plan. This plan will be used to set improvement goals and guide our work for the future.

The entry plan involves me meeting with various district and community members and conducting "interviews" and open conversations about Holley CSD and the community. Meetings with staff are underway, and I'm setting up meetings with members of the community, including local politicians, business owners and first responders, to name a few. This

invitation extends to any parent/guardian, grandparent or community member who would like to participate as well.

You can participate in two ways: you can request to meet with me one on one or in a group (Rotary Club, Fire Department, etc.) setting. If you're interested in scheduling a time to meet with me, please contact my administrative assistant, Connie Nenni. She may be reached at 638-6316, ext. 2003 or cnenni@holleycsd.org. Please let Connie know if you're requesting a meeting as an individual or with a group, and your preference of meeting in my office or at your location. I will be taking notes as a way to inform my plan. Be assured that no names will be used, and your responses will be kept confidential. I am proud to serve as your superintendent and I look forward to meeting with many of you soon.

Thanks for your continued support of the Holley Central School District. Go Hawks!

Educationally yours,

Brian Bartalo
Superintendent of Schools

Accepting Donations for Holiday Days of Shopping Event

The Holiday Days of Shopping Event is accepting donations of new or gently used toys, books, games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, video games, sports items, purses, jewelry, etc. suitable for children in Pre-K-grade 12. Drop off donations at the ES or MS/HS Mental Health Offices by Nov. 20. Please label them as "holiday donations." Monetary donations are also accepted.

An Amazon Wish List has been created if you'd like to contribute through a purchase on this site:
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y8YQRRXS2FRR?type=wishlist>.

The annual Holiday Days of Shopping Event, held on Nov. 29-30, allows Holley School District families to "shop" for holiday presents for their children.

Please note: we are unable to accept clothing, stuffed animals, and household or baby items. The Holley Community Center accepts these types of donations. Thank you for your support.



Holiday Days of Shopping Event

All parents/guardians of Holley Central School District students are invited to "shop" for their children for the holidays on Nov. 29-30. Each parent/guardian will be able to choose a limited number of gifts for each of their children, free of charge. There are no income requirements for this event, but only one parent/guardian is able to shop for each child. This means that the second parent/guardian and other relatives cannot shop for the same child. No prior registration is needed, but we will be verifying they are Holley students at the event.

This event is held on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 30, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the ES Primary Gym. Please report to the ES Foyer first. Be prepared for long wait times and plan extra time in your schedule. There will be no babysitting service available, so please make other arrangements for your children.

If you have any questions, contact Kelly Bates, Elementary Social Worker, at 638-6318, extension 2558 or kbates@holleycsd.org.



Homecoming Week

At the MS/HS, special events took place in the week leading up to Homecoming. Each day, students dressed in class colors or in themed clothing. The Spirit Week themes were Class Color Day, Fashion Disaster Day, Movie/Book Day, Beach Day and School Colors/Sports Uniform Day. On Friday, Sept. 28, there was a pep rally in the gym, with the classes competing against each other in a hula hoop relay, beach ball run and hungry, hungry hippos game. On Friday evening, students participated in the annual Homecoming parade and float competition. Floats designed by students in grades 7-12 were featured, showcasing a countries theme. The seniors won the float competition with their USA float.

On Saturday, Sept. 29, student athletes took the stage, competing against Warsaw/Letchworth in boys' soccer games, Attica in girls' soccer games and Oakfield-Alabama/Elba in football. At the Woodlands, the Holley Varsity Girls' Soccer team beat Attica, 2-0, but the Varsity Boys' Soccer team lost to Warsaw/Letchworth, 1-2. The Varsity Football team lost to Oakfield-Alabama/Elba, 6-64.





Holley's Football Team Begins New Season in Eight-Man League

Holley's football team started practicing for their first season of eight-man football in August. Holley is one of many small schools across the state that is switching to a new format for football. Due to declining numbers of students trying out for football, the district made the decision this spring to transition from the traditional 11-man team to eight-man football this fall.

"I feel Holley is a perfect fit for eight-man football," said Holley Central School District Athletic Director Dan Courtney. "The number of players on the field will not change the experience or growth that we strive to see in our student-athletes."

Twenty-two student-athletes are on the team this fall, with the majority of the players in eighth through 10th grades. Many of them are playing football for the school team for the first time, crossing over from other sports like soccer and cross country. "This is a builder year," said Coach Wil Prince. "We're adjusting to a new format and teaching them the skills they need to play the game. We'll be playing against teams that we haven't played against before, so it's a learning process."

The mood on the team has been positive. "We're excited," said junior Jamel Hildreth. "We've got a lot of kids on the team this year who are willing to give eight-man football a try. We'll have a lot more field to cover, but it also means more opportunities for each of us to play. I'm happy we still have a Holley team."

Holley's football team was recently featured on the "Vision High School Sports Beat" that aired on Sept. 15. To view this episode:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zo7fL0hiEg&feature=youtu.be>



Holley board members are, from left, Andrea Newman, John Heise, President Brenda Swanger, Mark Porter, Vice President Robin Silvis, Anne Smith and Melissa Ierlan.

School Board Recognition Week

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo proclaimed School Board Recognition Week as Oct. 22-26, 2018. To quote Governor Cuomo's proclamation, "members of local school boards are dedicated to children, learning, and community, and devote many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence, and progress in education"; this is an accurate description of the Holley Board of Education. Thank you to the members of the board for all you do to support the Holley community. At the October board meeting, the board members were recognized for their service.

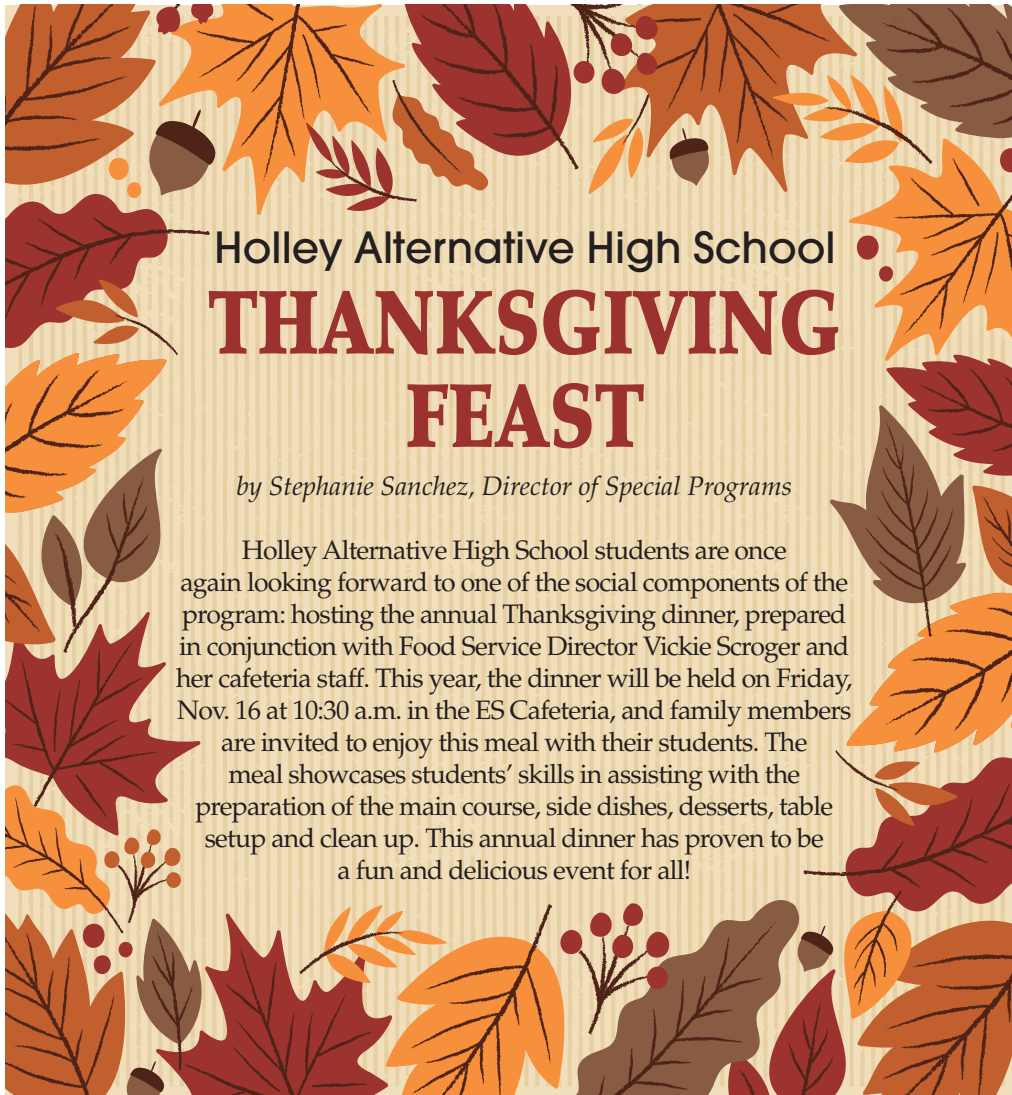
Sports Boosters News

by Sal DeLuca, Sports Boosters President

On behalf of Sports Boosters, I would like to thank the many people who stepped up to help us this year with concessions. Volunteers included Holley Jr. Hawks, Holley CSD Faculty and Building & Grounds Department, and countless parents and community members. We would not be able to continue running the Woodlands complex without the support of all of you!

Please note, we are always looking for new members. If interested, or you have questions, please contact me directly at sal32966@aol.com or 585-259-7358.

We look forward to seeing all of you during the winter sports season.



Holley Alternative High School THANKSGIVING FEAST

by Stephanie Sanchez, Director of Special Programs

Holley Alternative High School students are once again looking forward to one of the social components of the program: hosting the annual Thanksgiving dinner, prepared in conjunction with Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff. This year, the dinner will be held on Friday, Nov. 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the ES Cafeteria, and family members are invited to enjoy this meal with their students. The meal showcases students' skills in assisting with the preparation of the main course, side dishes, desserts, table setup and clean up. This annual dinner has proven to be a fun and delicious event for all!

Family Literacy Nights Return

The Elementary Library will once again sponsor themed literacy nights this year. Families are invited to attend these evening events in the ES Library and read together. Books, activities, computers and snacks will be provided, as well as a quiet, warm space for snuggling up with great stories!

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

- November 8, 2018
- February 7, 2019
- April 30, 2019

The theme for November's event will be a celebration of "being thankful." We hope to see you there!

Reminder of Parent/Teacher Conferences

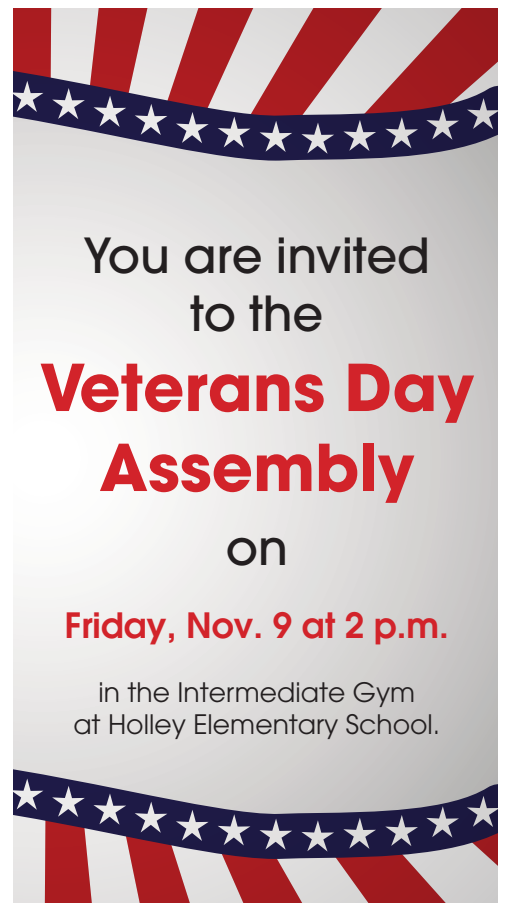
Thursday, Nov. 15 3-6 p.m. MS/HS

Friday, Nov. 16 12:30-3:30 p.m. ES

Monday, Nov. 19 3:30-6:30 p.m. ES

There will be early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. from the ES on Nov. 16 to accommodate the parent/teacher conference times. Elementary Report Cards will be hand-delivered at parent/teacher conferences. MS/HS Report Cards will be mailed home on Nov. 16.

At the MS/HS, teachers will be contacting parents to schedule conferences. You are welcome to schedule one for yourself by contacting Penny Cole at 638-6335, ext. 5510, or contacting your student's teacher. To locate your student's teacher in the **Staff Directory**, click the **people** icon on the lower right corner of any page on the district website (<http://www.holleycsd.org/>). You may also walk in for a conference on Nov. 15.



You are invited to the Veterans Day Assembly

on

Friday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.

in the Intermediate Gym
at Holley Elementary School.



It's All About Apples in Pre-K

by Allison Jaworski, Pre-K Teacher

The Pre-K littles in Allison Jaworski's and Amy Bennage's room had a lot of fun celebrating Johnny Applesseed Day! Students conducted an apple experiment where they taste-tested three different kinds of apples and decided which one they liked best. They talked about apple color, whether the apple was crisp or soft, and if it tasted tart or sweet. Students practiced their pinch-grip and fine motor skills by tearing red paper into small pieces and gluing them onto a plate. After adding a stem and a leaf, their apples looked good enough to eat! Students also used their pinch-grip to place red, green and yellow pom-pom "apples" onto trees, and finished off the apple fun with apple counters.



New Staff Join Holley Central



Brian Bartolo
Superintendent



Lindsay Cooper
ES Kindergarten
Teacher



Samantha Heagerty
ES Music Teacher



Julie Irvine
ES Sixth Grade
Teacher



Jana Penders
MS/HS LTS
Science Teacher



Janet Voigt
ES Cafeteria Monitor

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.

Holley Employees Receive Service Awards

On August 30, Holley faculty and staff members received service pins based on their years of service to the district. Pins were awarded to district employees who had achieved five-year milestones (5 years, 10 years, 15 years, etc.) as of June 30, 2018. District employees were recognized on Staff Development Day.

Pictured are some of the award recipients. Employees with five years of service: Dan Courtney, Sonya Schicker, Donna Lenz, Ben Ainsworth, Jo Ann Church, Tom Flow, George Goldthrite, Eileen Gallagher, Lisa King, Jennifer Michael, Andrew Grillo, Kristen Pelkey and Melanie Richards. Employees with 10 years of service: Jodi Foster, Stacey Morlino, Cindy Jones, Connie Nenni, David Brooks, Ryan Klatt, Gerold Mauro, Kim Harrington and Sue Thornton. Employees with 15 year of service: Pat Elschker, Penny Cole, Kevin Selbig, Sandy Smith, Valarie Webb, Melissa Kinsey and Cheryl Kipp. Employees with 20 years of service: Janine Kraatz, Karin Richards and Michelle Williamson. Brandi Zavitz has 25 years of service with the district. Congratulations to our employees on achieving these milestones!



5 years



10 years



15 years



20 years

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

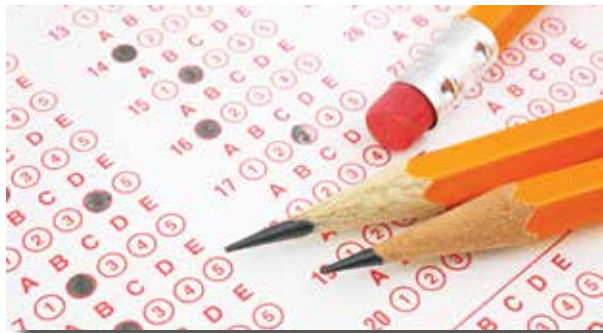
ES and MS/HS
O'Mara is an active patrolman with the Gates Police Department with 25 years of service.

How to Access Dimension Newsletters on the District Website

If you'd like to access past issues of the Dimension online, visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/Dimension.aspx> or click the **Dimension** box on the Home page of the website. A list of newsletter editions displays, categorized by year. Click the link to a specific issue to view that newsletter.

COUNSELING News

Seniors attending college: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available as of **Oct. 1** for students attending college in 2019-20. School counselors are encouraging students to complete this application 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 deadlines for each one. Please allow ample time when requesting letters of recommendation from teachers as part of the college application process. Students are encouraged to register with the colleges' Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). More information will be given to juniors and seniors in regards to eligibility. Any questions, please contact Kristina Tese.

Juniors that plan on attending a four-year college: the SATs/ACTs are required for admission. Please register for these exams! Students should contact their counselors with any questions.

Senior Interviews began in September. The purpose of these interviews are to review high school graduation requirements and credits, confirm students took or are taking classes needed to graduate, and discuss post-graduation plans, such as college, military or employment.

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. Many colleges have their own scholarships as well, so check with each college on specific requirements.

Scholarships

American Muscle Student Scholarship Program

Students currently enrolled full-time in an American college or technical institute, or high school seniors planning to attend a college or post-secondary institution are eligible for a scholarship through this program. American Muscle Student Scholarships are non-renewable, however, winning applicants may re-enter in future contests by writing and resubmitting a new essay. Only one essay per student, per semester is allowed. Scholarships are restricted to those students pursuing an automotive degree or related field of study. To be considered for scholarship, candidates must write a 700-1,500 word essay telling who you are and how you plan on using your automotive education to incite positive change and innovation within the custom car industry. Your essay must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft Word document to scholarships@americanmuscle.com. Entries must also be accompanied by proof of current enrollment in an accredited United States college or university. For more information, visit <https://www.americanmuscle.com/scholarships.html>. Deadline for spring semester is **Oct. 15** and deadline for fall semester is **June 15** each year.



American Legion Auxilliary Scholarship

Two scholarships in the amount of \$200 each will be awarded to eligible students. To be eligible, students must be seniors in high school and planning to attend an accredited institution of higher education, trade school or the military. Students must have completed 10 hours of volunteer service to the American Legion and/or Auxiliary. Candidates must be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters or great-grandsons of veterans who served in the military during battles dating from World War I through the present. Students must complete an original essay of less than 1,000 words (see requirements on the topic in the application paperwork) and submit it along with a letter of recommendation from the principal or guidance counselor, a letter verifying hours of service, and a statement of military service of their relative along with a copy of the person's discharge papers. Information on the application process and the application form is found at http://www.holleycsd.org/Downloads/35b00af1_RTF.rtf. Application materials must be sent to the Scholarship Chair of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit, Sue Orman, 96 W. Albion St., Apt. A, Holley, NY 14470. Deadline is **March 1, 2019**.

PTSA News & Events

We are looking for volunteers to help run the Book Fair on Nov. 13-19 and Santa Shop on Nov. 30-Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for both events. Please contact Alexa Downey at adowney@holleycsd.org to volunteer. To find out other events we need volunteers for, visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/HolleyPTSA.aspx>, open the volunteer registration form, complete it and send it in. Our meeting dates are also listed on the site. The next PTSA meeting is Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. in Elementary School Rm. 49. Please join us!

We want to thank everyone who supported our Mixed Bags fundraiser this fall.

You can join the PTSA at any time. The PTSA membership fee supports Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program, Flag Day popsicles, Budget Vote ice cream social, Homecoming Parade, Senior Breakfast, senior scholarships, Pre-K-Grade 6 Halloween Parties, Santa's Gift Gallery, Pre-K-Grade 3 February event, Grades 4-6 St. Patrick's Day Social, Sixth Grade Semi-Formal 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. To join the PTSA, please complete the form below and send it to the main office where your child attends school.



HOLLEY PTSA - MEMBERSHIP FORM

Family Name(s) _____

Family Member Adult Name(s) _____

Family Member Child(ren) Name(s) and Teacher(s)/Grade(s)

Address _____

Email _____

Phone numbers _____ I can receive texts: yes no

Membership dues _____ \$10 per family Cash Check payable to Holley PTSA

Please return this form with payment in an envelope addressed to Holley PTSA.



Pre-K Hosts Grandparents' Day

Amie Callen's Pre-K class celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sept. 28 by inviting students' grandparents to a tea of punch and cookies in the Elementary School Café. Callen and teaching assistant Alexa Downey taught the children songs and dances that they performed for the grandparents. The grandparents sang and danced to one of the songs their grandchildren taught them. The children presented keepsakes to their grandparents, which included a photo, a bookmark with their footprint on it, and a card with their handprint on it. This celebration helped the children complete their classroom unit on families.



English Class Writes Restaurant Reviews

by Melanie Richards, English Teacher

In an effort to provide students with authentic, real-world writing experiences, Melanie Richards' Creative Writing class took a field trip to Sam's Diner in Holley to write a restaurant review. Prior to the field trip, students analyzed a variety of restaurant reviews, described their favorite restaurants and devised a list of their top priorities when choosing a restaurant. Students enjoyed the experience and developed well-written, informed reviews.



RAC Visit Helps Juniors and Seniors Explore College Options

On Oct. 1, 14 area colleges hosted information booths in the MS/HS Gym. Juniors and seniors were invited to speak with college representatives to learn more about academic programs and the application process, and obtain answers to any questions they may have about the college experience. The Rochester Area Colleges (RAC) sponsored the visit to Holley. This is the eighth year Holley has participated in the program. The following schools were represented at the event:

- Alfred State College
- Alfred University
- Finger Lakes Community College
- Genesee Community College
- Houghton College
- Keuka College
- Monroe Community College
- Nazareth College
- Roberts Wesleyan College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- St. John Fisher College
- SUNY Geneseo
- The College at Brockport
- University of Rochester



Student Sworn Into Marines

Senior Elijah Morales Stanton was sworn into the Marines in July 2018 and will be leaving for Parris Island, SC on August 5, 2019. We wish Eli all the best on his future endeavors.



Superintendent

Brian Bartolo

Board of Education

Brenda Swanger, *President*

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OCTOBER 2018

27 ACT

31 ES Halloween Parades 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2018

3 SAT

5 MS/HS Winter Sports begin
Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.

6 No School for Students, Staff Development Day
Five Hour Pre-Licensing Course, MS/HS Dining Hall 3:30-8:30 p.m.

8 MS/HS Picture Retake Day
Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m.

9 First Marking Period Ends
Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermed. Gym 2 p.m.

12 No School, Veterans Day

13 ES Picture Retake Day

13-19 PTSA Scholastic Book Fair, ES
14 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.

15 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6 p.m.
College & Career Readiness Night, BOCES 2 6-8:30 p.m.

15 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, MS/HS Aud. 7 p.m.

16 Report Cards Sent Home
Alt HS Thanksgiving Dinner, ES Café 10:30 a.m.

Early Dismissal for ES Students 11:30 a.m.

ES Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30 p.m.

19 ES Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Book Fair Parent Night, ES 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.

20 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast, ES Café Noon

21-23 No School, Thanksgiving Recess

29 Holiday Days of Shopping, ES Primary Gym 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

30 Holiday Days of Shopping, ES Primary Gym 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

30-Dec. 7 PTSA Santa's Gift Gallery, ES

DECEMBER 2018

1 SAT

3 Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.
6 MS/HS Winter Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.

7 Early Dismissal, Staff Development Day
• **MS/HS at 10:30 a.m.**
• **ES at 11:30 a.m.**

8 ACT

11 Five Hour Pre-Licensing Course, MS/HS Dining Hall 3:30-8:30 p.m.
ES Winter Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.

14 Kindergarten Caroling in the Village
Spanish Club Holiday Fiesta, HS Dining Hall 6-7:30 p.m.

15 ES Student Council Breakfast with Santa, ES Café 10 a.m.-noon

17 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.

21 ES Winter Sing-a-Long, ES Intermed Gym 2 p.m.

24-Jan. 2 No School, Holiday Recess

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.