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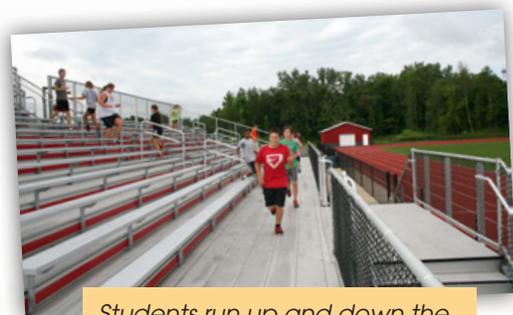
## BLAST Program Conditions Athletes for Sports Season

This summer, Holley MS/HS athletes had an opportunity to participate in free daily training sessions at the High School. The program, Biomechanical Learning And Stability Training (BLAST), led by Jodi Wiborg, Holley's Athletic Trainer from Leroy Village Fitness, was a way for Holley students to maintain their physical fitness to participate in sports. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for an hour and a half, seventh through 12th grade students ran laps, stretched, did plyometric exercises, worked in the weight room and played kickball, tag or ran relay races to keep themselves in shape for their upcoming sports seasons.

Wiborg said that Holley had the best turnout for the summer session out of all the other schools she works with, with attendance ranging from 15 to 44 students during the six week session. Kara Miller, who also works for Leroy Village Fitness and is the Athletic Trainer for Leroy, assisted Wiborg with the BLAST sessions. "The kids come to pre-season training so out of shape, so they really need a program like BLAST, to help prevent injuries," Miller said.

Most of the athletes participating play soccer, football or volleyball, and run cross-country. Wiborg enjoyed meeting the players this summer that she'll be working with during the year. There are plans to have this session again next summer, so she hopes for even greater student participation, especially from the football players.

Towards the end of the session, Wiborg let the students pick the games to play at the end of each workout. For example, the winners of a basketball game might pick stretching exercises that they know the losers don't like to do or have everyone run an extra lap around the track. Ava Kohut, a volleyball player, enjoyed the BLAST session. "I liked it. It was hard, it pushed my limits and made me really work," she said.



Students run up and down the bleachers as part of their BLAST workout



MS/HS students do push-ups

## FIT4U! Program Keeps Holley Students Active This Summer

Holley students could be found doing yoga, gymnastics or biking on the Elementary School and MS/HS campuses this summer. They were participating in the free FIT4U! program, which was a result of the Carol White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant Holley was awarded this year. The grant allows all Holley students the opportunity to participate year-round in the FIT4U! physical fitness and nutrition program for the next three years.

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High school group - L to R Sitting: Peyton Sargent, John Morgan, Travis Mounts, Matt Wilson, Alyssa McDowell L to R Standing: Kayla Wilson, Instructor Dawn Trask, Alex Mounts, Dalton Major, Matt Skehan, Jacob Downey

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## Superintendent's Message - Welcome To The 2014-15 School Year

Welcome back to school. It is my most sincere wish that this school year is both successful academically and fun. Parental involvement plays a key role in a child's academic and social development. Parents who take an active interest in their child's education and extracurricular activities may notice their child is more willing to put his/her best effort forward. Educational research has found that students with involved parents, no matter their income or background, are at an advantage over their counterparts whose parents are not actively involved in their child's education. They tend to earn higher grades and test scores, enroll in higher level programs, attend school more regularly, have better social skills, adapt better to school and are more likely to graduate and go on to post-secondary education.

There are many ways for parents to become involved in their child's

school and most schools have a parent-teacher organization. Holley Central Schools are very fortunate to have an outstanding PTSA group which accomplishes many fine things on behalf of our students, schools and community. Joining the PTSA is a great way to get involved and has a number of benefits:

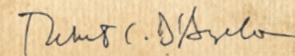
**Be The First To Know** - Involvement in a parent organization enables you to get accurate, firsthand information about upcoming events and plans for the school.

**Send A Supportive Message** - Active involvement with your child's school demonstrates that you place an emphasis on the importance of education to your child and others.

**Impart Change** - The PTSA can be a way to voice opinions, enact new programs and offer feedback.

**Get To Know The Educators** - In addition to getting to know the other parents and creating a school based network, joining the PTSA and getting involved are great ways to develop a rapport with the principal, teachers and other members of the school community.

Please consider joining our PTSA and getting involved in our school activities. Students clearly become the beneficiaries when the ties between home and school are strong. Throughout this upcoming school year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or principal if they can be of assistance to you with any matter. Once again, please accept my best wishes for a successful school year.



Robert C. D'Angelo  
Superintendent of Schools

## How We Communicate with Parents and Residents

The Holley Central School district has a variety of communications tools we use to communicate with parents and residents on a regular basis. Here's an overview of the tools we rely on to share important information.

- **Connect-Ed** – this online messaging system is how we tell you about breaking news that is urgent in nature and may require your immediate attention. For this reason, it is important that we have your current phone number and/or email address. If your number or address has changed or if you haven't provided this information previously, please be sure to do so now. Simply call your child's school and tell us your current number and address.

- **SchoolTool** – this is our student management system which allows parents to see student information online, including student schedules, attendance, interim and report card grades, discipline information and more. If you have not already registered with SchoolTool, do so today at [www.holleycsd.org/SchoolTool](http://www.holleycsd.org/SchoolTool). You will find a downloadable sign-up form on the

website that you will need to return to your child's school. You only need to register once to have access to this secure online system.

- **Website** – the district website is a comprehensive and continually-updated resource for parents and residents alike. Refer to it often for everything from Board of Education meeting minutes to school lunch menus, athletic schedules, homework assignments, news and more. We are also employing Social Media on our website, so be sure to "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

- **Electronic Bulletin Board** – our electronic bulletin board in front of the Elementary School enables us to share timely news with you in a more immediate way. Messages on this board will change regularly, so become accustomed to reading the board as you pass the school to know what's going on inside the ES and MS/HS on a day-to-day basis.

- **District Newsletter** – throughout the school year we will publish a district-wide newsletter on a monthly basis so you can

see what has happened and what's ahead. As a cost saving measure, we post this newsletter online at [www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org) (see "Quick Links" on the left for "Dimension Newsletters"). A limited quantity of newsletters is printed and available at shops and businesses around town.

- **District Calendar** – The 2014-15 Holley Central School District calendar is now complete and posted online. To view or download the calendar, visit our website at [www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org) and click on the "Calendar" tab at the top, then select "District Calendar." This calendar will be updated throughout the year to include new events or changes in times and dates. Please check the calendar regularly and use our sorting feature to customize your calendar view.

- **Local News Media** – we regularly share our news with local news publications including the Suburban News, Batavia Daily News and Journal Register.

- **Parent Handbook** – parent handbooks have been updated and are available online at [www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org).

## New Staff Join Holley Central



**Julie Bader**

*Elementary library media specialist*

A native of Albion, Julie has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Westminster College and a master's degree in Library Science from University at Buffalo.



**Shannon Meyer**

*3rd grade elementary teacher*

A Greece native, Shannon has a bachelor's degree in Childhood and Special Education from Niagara University and a master's degree in Education from Nazareth College.



**Gregory Parzych**

*Secondary social studies teacher at the alternative high school and JV football coach*

A native of Akron, NY, Greg has a bachelor's degree in American History from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a master's degree in Adolescence Education from Niagara University.



**Tracy Annable**

*ELA teacher*

A native of Middleport, NY, Tracy has a bachelor's degree in Childhood Education/English from Buffalo State College and a master's degree in Literacy from St. Bonaventure University. Tracy is currently pursuing her certification for Special Education.



**Jeffrey Shannon**

*8th grade math teacher*

A Brockport native, Jeff has bachelor's and master's degrees in Adolescence Mathematics Education from SUNY Geneseo.

### Familiar Faces in New Places

**Kellie Robertson,**  
*6th grade math teacher*

**Andrew Grillo,**  
*Elementary physical education teacher*

**Keri Pratt,**  
*School psychologist*

**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.

## Plan Your Family Vacations Around These Important Dates

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on critical instructional time when planning your next family vacation. Here are some important dates to keep in mind.



- Monday, Sept. 1, 2014 - Labor Day, *No School*
- Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 - Staff Development Day, *No School*
- Friday, Sept. 19, 2014 - Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:33, Elem dismissed at 11:30)
- Monday, Oct. 13, 2014 - Columbus Day, *No School*
- Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014 - Staff Development Day, *No School*
- Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 - Veterans' Day, *No School*
- Wednesday – Friday, Nov. 26-28, 2014 - Thanksgiving Recess
- Monday, Dec. 22, 2014-Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 - Holiday Recess
- Monday, Jan. 19, 2015 - MLK Day, *No School*
- Monday – Thursday, Jan. 26-29, 2015 - Regents Exams
- Friday, Jan. 30, 2015 - Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:33, Elem dismissed at 11:30)
- Monday – Friday, Feb. 16-20, 2015 - Mid-Winter Recess
- Friday, March 6, 2015 - Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:33, Elem dismissed at 11:30)
- Monday, March 30-Friday, April 3, 2015 - Spring Recess
- Tuesday – Thursday, April 14-16, 2015 - Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Testing
- Wednesday – Friday, April 22-24, 2015 - Grades 3-8 Mathematics Testing
- Monday, April 27, 2015 - Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:33, Elem dismissed at 11:30)
- Tuesday, May 19, 2015 - Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:33, Elem dismissed at 11:30)
- Friday – Monday, May 22-25, 2015 - Memorial Day Observation, *No School*
- Tuesday, June 2, 2015 - June Regents Exams
- Tuesday – Wednesday, June 16-24, 2015 - June Regents Exams
- Wednesday, June 24, 2015 - Last Day of School
- Saturday, June 27, 2015 - Commencement

Revised Student Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices policy is posted at [www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org) under "News" tab.



## Middle School/High School UPDATE

It is hard to believe that the summer is over and we are ready for another school year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to a new and exciting new year.

Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Locker assignments will be given out at that time. Students and parents are welcome to explore the school, find their classes, meet their teachers and put their school supplies in their lockers.

We are looking forward to an exciting school year. Many teachers did some curriculum writing this summer and are ready to begin their instruction. The first day of school for students is September 3. The first class of the day begins at 7:30 a.m. and period 9 ends at 2:21 p.m., following the afternoon announcements.

On the first day of school, students will attend every class. Students will also attend an assembly on how to “Be an Upstander.” This is a program on how to face bullying and not be a victim.

The code of conduct and attendance policy have been updated and can be viewed on the district website.

Attendance and punctuality to school will be stressed from the very first day. Please make sure that your students are in school each day and arrive with time to get to their first period class. Student attendance in school directly impacts student achievement.

New to the Code of Conduct is our cell phone and electronic device policy. Students at the MS/HS will clearly see when it is ok and when it is not ok to use cell phones and electronics by a red, yellow and green light policy. Red symbolizes no use, yellow symbolizes use with teacher permission and green means free to use. Also new is the beverage policy: only water may be brought in to school in see-through, re-sealable containers.

Respect, Responsibility and Safety will continue as a common theme for this school year throughout the district. It is my expectation that our entire school community respects themselves and others. Be responsible and accept the responsibility that is given to you, for all of us to be safe. In our ever-changing world, people who possess and understand those qualities will be

ready to take on the daily challenges, while being productive citizens in their community.

Regular communication is always encouraged. It is important for you to have open communication with all members of the school community. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers, staff and administration with any questions, comments or suggestions. Please utilize the district web site to get the most updated information regarding the school and programs available.

Please make sure that you utilize our student management system, SchoolTool. If you have signed up in the past, you are still “good to go.” If you have not used the system before, please sign up for access to your student’s grades, schedule, attendance and discipline. Check out the school website for more information.

It is my hope that all students, parents and community members take pride in their entire school program. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable school year.

Susan R. Cory  
*Middle School/High School Principal*

## Holley Brings Back 5 p.m. Bus and Adds Homework Lab and Extended Day Programs



Holley is bringing back their 5 p.m. bus run this year to provide students more opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities and receive academic support at the end of the school day. Students are able to stay after school Monday through Thursday until 5 p.m. for Homework Lab, Extended Day program, extra-curricular activities, intramurals and sports practices and events.

The Homework Lab provides students with a place to complete their homework assignments before going home. At the Elementary School, it is open from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. At the MS/HS, it is located in the library and is open from 2:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The Lab is supervised by a staff member and third grade through 12th grade students have access to computers and other library resources.

The Extended Day program provides students with additional academic support in English Language Arts (ELA) and math. MS/HS students also receive academic support in science. At the Elementary School, the Extended Day program is available to third through sixth grade students, Monday through Thursday. A calendar of dates available by grade level will be distributed the first day of school. For MS/HS students, the tentative schedule is to have ELA support on Mondays and Wednesdays, math support on Tuesdays, and science support on Thursdays.

Students who take the 5 p.m. bus need to have a 5 p.m. Bus Pass from the teacher, advisor, coach, or supervisor that they stayed after school with. Two buses are assigned to the 5 p.m. run, splitting the district geographically, in order to get the students home efficiently.

## Elementary School UPDATE

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy the summer break. Mr. Ashley John Grillo and I are very excited to start the school year and look forward to the first day!

Holley Elementary has worked hard to be a bully-free and safe place to learn. We will continue to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports in all areas of the school environment because we believe that by creating and maintaining a safe and supportive school environment, we will pave the way for increased academic success. At school, **Respect, Responsibility and Safety** are the words students will see and hear.

This year, students will be expected to read, think critically, problem solve and write a great deal more. Parents will be essential in this initiative as we increase the rigor of instruction and increase student skill mastery. There will be opportunities throughout the school year for parents to participate in and support student learning. The very first opportunity will be to help prepare your child for a positive start to the school year by sharing your learning and behavioral expectations with them.

We are welcoming many new staff members to the building (including our very own school librarian), so please join us for Back to School Night to meet everyone!

If your child will need bus transportation and you have not submitted a transportation request form, please do so ASAP. The form can be obtained in any of the school offices or at <http://www.holleycsd.org/transportation>.

### Changes from Normal Bus Transportation Procedures

New York State Education Law obligates the District to transport students to and from their residence in accordance to the district boundaries. The District has no other obligation in this regard.

However, we understand that the child care provider's residence becomes the school bus stop for many students. The District will honor requests for

transportation to/from a point within the District other than the family residence on an ANNUAL basis. Requests for any permanent changes must be submitted to the appropriate school office one week prior to the change on a new transportation request form.

### DAY-TO-DAY CHANGES IN A STUDENT'S BUS ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

- Parents desiring to have their child ride a bus other than their own, have their child picked up or dropped off at a location other than the normal location, **must submit a written request one week in advance. This will be strictly enforced for the safety of our students.**
- All requests for changes must be for a specific time period.

Here are a few events to add to your family calendar as you prepare to return to school on September 3, 2014:

- Tuesday, September 2 – 5:30-7 p.m.  
Back-to-School Night  
Come and visit your new teacher and classroom!
- Wednesday, September 3 – First day of school for grades 1-12
- Wednesday, September 3 – Kindergarten Orientation (Morning Session 9-11 a.m.), (Afternoon Session 1-3 p.m.)
- Wednesday, September 3 – Pre-K Orientation (Held in your child's classroom) (Morning Session 9:30-10:30 a.m.), (Afternoon Session 1:30-2:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, September 4 – First day of school for Pre-K and Kindergarten students

The following important documents can be obtained through the same web address below: Code of Conduct, Attendance Policy, District Calendar, Free and Reduced Meal Application, Parent Handbook and SchoolTool Parent Access Letter - [www.holleycsd.org/districtwidefiles](http://www.holleycsd.org/districtwidefiles).

I look forward to Back to School Night and the first day of school!

Karri Schiavone  
Elementary School Principal

## Letter from Director of Athletics, Dan Courtney

As another summer comes to an end, it is again my pleasure to welcome you to our 2014-15 Holley Hawks' athletic year. We look forward to many exciting athletic events this fall and throughout the year. Last year, we celebrated Genesee Region titles, numerous all-conference selections and Scholar Athlete Team awards. Good work, Hawks!

Last year in my opening letter, I set a goal to promote sportsmanship. Our coaches have worked hard to provide direction and demonstrate sportsmanship. Last winter, both our boys' and girls' basketball teams were recognized by Section V as the highest rated teams in the Genesee Region for sportsmanship. This award is voted on by varsity officials, based upon principals of character and integrity to the team that best exemplifies "the highest degree of sportsmanship, character and ethics among its coaches, players and spectators." This is a remarkable accomplishment by both teams.

This year once again, I remind you of the need for all members of the Hawks' Family to promote and display sportsmanlike behavior, both on the playing field and in the stands. In our society today, winning has come to mean everything. However, if winning comes at the expense of sportsmanship, everyone is a loser. Nothing is gained in the long run. Sportsmanship is the result of a disciplined effort to respect yourself, your opponents and game officials. Remember, good sports are winners, so Be A Sport and practice sportsmanship.

I greatly appreciate your attendance at Holley Central School (HCS) contests and trust that you will cheer heartily for the Hawks and have an enjoyable athletic experience.

Go Hawks!

Dan Courtney  
Middle School/High School Assistant Principal  
and Director of Athletics

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## FIT4U! Program Keeps Holley Students Active This Summer

On Monday through Thursday mornings for two hours, each student was able to participate in fitness activities, while also learning about nutrition. Project Director and elementary coordinator Lisa Campbell and MS/HS coordinator John Grillo designed the program so that 15 minutes would be spent discussing nutrition at each session. The students also received a healthy snack every week. Students also took a pre-test on nutrition at the start of each three week session and then a post-test at the end. Grillo said he saw a great increase in scores, from students scoring less than 30% at the beginning to achieving 85% or higher scores at the end. Campbell said the goal of the FIT4U! program is to improve students' physical fitness scores and nutrition knowledge. The results will be submitted to Washington, D.C. as part of the requirements of the grant.

Students in grades one through six were able to participate in three week sessions of gymnastics and/or yoga and "Couch to 5k" training at the Elementary School. Lori Passarell taught the gymnastics session and Michelle Williamson taught the yoga and "Couch to 5k" sessions. Breanna Girangaya, who participated in the yoga session, said "I like doing leg lifts the least and my favorite part is getting snacks on Thursday!" Mya Hayes, who also participated in the yoga session, said she likes running, yoga, and "being with my friends." She said she'd participate again. Campbell plans on offering a variety of programs with shorter durations next summer.

Students in grades seven through 12 were able to participate in three week sessions of outdoor adventures and/or backyard barbeque games at the MS/HS. Dawn Trask taught the sessions at the MS/HS. After having the kids warm up and stretch out, the student chose what activities they wanted to do, such as playing four corner soccer or four square, or going biking.

Some students participated in both the FIT4U! and BLAST programs, like Travis Mounts. Travis, who is a seventh grader



*Front: Jesse Crawford, Julia Scrope, Iris Capurso, Sloane Kruger, Cadence Merkley, Alexis Salomone, Alyssa Abbondanzieri, Joshua Silpoch, Ryleigh Weader  
Middle: Alyssa Armstrong, Emma Legan, Maggie Skehan, Abigail Merkley, Jailyn Bishop, Adriana Botello, Madilyn Beachner, Emma Brady, Dillon Penders  
Back: Abigail Tanis, Allyson Skehan, Joseph Silpoch, Jakob Silpoch, Alexis Clemons, Instructor Lori Passarell*

playing modified soccer this year, called the FIT4U! program "amazing." He said "We played a lot of games. It didn't really feel like I was working out."

Approximately 50 students participated in the FIT4U! program this summer. Grillo said that they expect to offer more FIT4U! programs throughout the year, like archery, conditioning, walking, running, eye-hand coordination, strength training, dance and Pilates. They will be looking for instructors who are trained in CPR, AED and First Aid to run these programs. There will also be a CPR, AED and First Aid training offered to those who would like to run a program, but don't have the certification. If interested in instructing one of these programs, contact Grillo at the MS/HS at [jgrillo@holleycsd.org](mailto:jgrillo@holleycsd.org) or Campbell at the Elementary School at [lcampbell@holleycsd.org](mailto:lcampbell@holleycsd.org).

## Free and reduced price meal applications accepted throughout the school year

Parents/guardians needing assistance paying for their child's meals are encouraged to complete an application for free and reduced price meals. The application can be found online at [www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org) (select "Food Service" from the "Departments" tab). Extra copies are also available in the District Office.

Parents/guardians can file an application with the District Office at any time during the school year. Approved benefits are effective for the entire school year. This information remains **confidential** and children are not identified as receiving free or reduced lunches as they progress through the cafeteria line to checkout.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the New York state Education Department, the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

provide meals in schools that meet federal nutritional guidelines. Schools receive reimbursement for meal-related costs for each meal served through the programs.

For the 2014-15 school year, Holley student lunches will be \$1.65 at the Elementary School and \$1.75 at the Middle School/High School, and breakfast will be \$1.00 at both schools.

Parents can easily keep track of their children's food purchases and add money to their accounts by signing up for mySchoolBucks, a secure online prepayment service. Visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/mySchoolBucks> for more information. Remember that students are not able to charge any portion of their meal selections. Students without payment will be given a sandwich, fruit and milk.



## College Preparation News from the MS/HS Counseling Office

There are two important College Night events happening this month in Greece and Henrietta. College bound High School juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. Details are listed on the September calendar on page 8. On Sept. 30, Rochester Area College Fair will take place at Holley HS from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Save these dates as well as the following SAT and ACT test and registration dates.

### SAT Registration and Test Dates

TEST DATES	Regular Deadline (\$52.50)	Late Registration Deadline - Paper (\$80.50)	Online/Phone
Oct. 11, 19	Sept. 12	Sept. 26	Sept. 30
Nov. 8, 9	Oct. 9	Oct. 24	Oct. 28
Dec. 6, 7	Nov. 6	Nov. 21	Nov. 24
Jan. 24, 25	Dec. 29	Jan. 9	Jan. 13
March 14, 15	Feb. 13	Feb. 27	March 3
May 2, 3	April 6	April 17	April 21
June 6, 7	May 8	May 22	May 27

Registration packets are available in the counseling office or students can register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

### ACT Registration and Test Dates

TEST DATES	Regular Deadline (\$38)	Late Registration Deadline (\$62)
Sept. 13	Aug. 8	Aug. 9-22
Oct. 25	Sept. 19	Sept. 20 - Oct. 3
Dec. 13	Nov. 7	Nov. 8-21
Feb. 7*	Jan. 9	Jan. 10-16
April 18	March 13	March 14-27
June 13	May 8	May 9-22

\* No test centers are scheduled in New York State for the February test date.

Registration packets are available in the counseling office or students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

Holley High School code is 332-415

## Join the Holley PTSA

The Holley PTSA is focused on giving students a voice, supporting learning and celebrating success. This organization and its volunteers coordinate a number of programs and special events annually, ranging from the Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program to the popular Santa's Shop at holiday time. Volunteer opportunities are plentiful, so attend a PTSA meeting and learn more.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Elementary School library. All are welcome. PTSA Officers and members currently include:

- Nancy Manard, President
- Joanne Major, Treasurer
- Brenda Baxter, Secretary
- Carm Miller, Membership
- Jeana Hayes, Fundraising
- Jennifer Morgan, Publicity

## Scholarship Opportunities



### STAR Program at Rensselaer

The STAR (Science, Technology, Arts at Rensselaer) Program through Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is offering a college experience this fall for academically talented high school seniors, particularly those who are underrepresented minorities or young women. To apply, review application details at <http://admissions.rpi.edu/STAR/> and send an official high school transcript with application to [chaszk@rpi.edu](mailto:chaszk@rpi.edu) by Sept. 27, 2014. Applicants can also fax these materials to 518-276-6573 or mail them to Michael E. Moore, Rensselaer Admissions, 110 8th Street, Troy, NY 12180. If selected, a student will be invited to the program, which occurs Oct. 16-18 in Troy. This event will include an interactive leadership activity, academic experience, a campus tour, student panels, a student organization fair and more. Indicate need for a travel grant in the comment box on the application and a limited amount of travel grants may be available based on need and merit.

### Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship

This award is available to students who have at least a "B" average and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport. Qualifying students are eligible to win a Wendy's Gift Certificate worth \$5 to \$50. (Cards will be mailed in November.) Any eligible student can register and begin the application process at [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com). For more information on the program, email [wendys@act.org](mailto:wendys@act.org). Completed applications are due Oct. 3, 2014.

### AES Engineers Scholarship

The consulting firm of AES Engineers is offering a scholarship opportunity to future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. You are not required to take Engineering courses to be eligible. The \$500 award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post-secondary educational facility. To be eligible, students need to answer one of the following essay questions: When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? Submit essay to: [scholarships@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarships@aesengineers.com). Be sure to include your full name, as well as the name of the school you are attending this year and your plans for next year. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluating the essays that are submitted. For more information, visit their site at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>. The deadline is Oct. 6, 2014.

**Superintendent of Schools**

Robert C. D'Angelo

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# Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Oct. 19

The annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Rochester is a terrific way to support breast cancer research. For the 12th year, NYSUT (New York State United Teachers) is a flagship sponsor of this important event. The walk begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19 at Frontier Field in downtown Rochester. The Holley Teachers' Association invites others in the Holley community to participate by joining Team Holley in the fight against breast cancer. Depending on the number of people who sign up for the event, Team Holley t-shirts may be available to order in early September. To learn more or sign up, contact Tammy Menzie at [tmenzie@holleycsd.org](mailto:tmenzie@holleycsd.org) or call 585-638-6335 ext. 5104.

# Child Find

The Holley Central School District is required to locate, identify and evaluate all children with disabilities, or suspected as having disabilities, from ages 3 through 21. The mandate applies to all children who reside within the district, including children who attend private schools and public schools, highly mobile children, migrant children, homeless children and children who are wards of the state.

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify and refer children with disabilities and their families who are in need of Pre-School or School-Age Special Education Services through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

If you believe that your child may be a child with a disability or in need of support services, please contact Timothy Dunham, Director of Special Programs, at (585) 638-6316.

# SEPTEMBER 2014

- 2 Back to School Night
  - Elementary School, 5:30-7 pm
  - MS/HS, 6-7:30 pm
- 3 First Day of School
- 3 Pre-K orientation
  - 9:30-10:30 am session
  - 1:30-2:30 pm session
- 3 Kindergarten Orientation
  - 9-11 am session
  - 1-3 pm session
- 4 First full day Pre-K & Kindergarten
- 10 PTSA Meeting, 5 pm, ES café
- 15 Board of Education, 6 pm
- 19 Early Dismissal for Staff Development Day
  - MS/HS 10:33 am
  - Elementary 11:30 am
- 19 Homecoming Parade, 6 pm
- 20 Homecoming Games
- 24 College Night at Marketplace Mall, 6:30-8 pm
- 25 MS/HS Picture Day
- 25 College Night at Greece Ridge Mall, 6:30-8 pm
- 25 College Night at Niagara County Community College, 6:30-8 pm

# June Soaring Awards

Holley High School junior Cameron Bennage received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education meeting on June 18. This award is given monthly to deserving students and staff who go above and beyond expectations and who lend their skills and abilities to help others. Cameron received this award from MS/HS Principal Sue Cory for his hard work and dedication to running the light and sound system for various events in the HS Auditorium. He donated hours of his time to work with the performers, teachers, and guests to make sure that the lights and sound at each event were just right. Cameron conducted himself in a professional and calm manner, even when called in to make adjustments at the last minute. He could be paid for his services, but when asked to submit a claim form, he stated that he enjoyed doing it and was happy to do it.



Sue Cory also presented the "Soaring to New Heights" award to Darlene Pritchard and Beth Skehan for their hard work and dedication to organizing the costumes and props after the musical "Cinderella." They worked on costuming for the musical, then cleaned up the costume and prop area as a surprise for Musical Director, Daniel Burke.