

# DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | January 2015

## Alternative High School Hosts Thanksgiving Feast



Students from the Alternative High School hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for their families on Nov. 25 in the Holley Elementary Café. They prepared all of the side dishes, including stuffing, corn casserole, and fruit salad, and they also made an appetizer and all of the desserts. The cafeteria staff prepared the turkeys. The boys carved the turkeys while the girls set the table under the direction of Food Service Director Vickie Scroger.

There are currently 20 students in the program, and a large number of their families attended the Feast. Tim Dunham, Director of Special Programs, said this was the largest audience for a feast so far. The students eagerly pointed out which dishes they prepared to their families and thanked their guests for attending. They proudly introduced the Holley staff members to their families as part of their extended “family” support system at school. For students whose family members couldn’t attend the feast, staff members dined with them. Many of the students proudly wore ties loaned from the staff to add to the festive air of the meal.

The students in the Alt High program are ones who aren’t as successful in the structure of traditional high school and benefit from smaller classes and more individual attention. Some of the students transition to attending Holley MS/HS for part of the day or attend Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education for half a day and then spend the rest of their day at the Alt High, which is housed in the Holley Elementary School building. When the students graduate from the Alt High program, many of them attend community college, join the military or accept employment. The students learn to create their own definitions of success and become independent. A lot of them enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their culinary skills at the Thanksgiving Feast.



The line for food

Maja Pugh prepares her fruit salad



Front row, from left, Spencer Black, Kyle Webster, Brandon Cowan, Nate Schoonmaker and Dylan Werner. Back row, from left, Greg Parzych, Liz Klaver, Shane Dipilato, Brittani Diaz, Maja Pugh, Breanna Hagberg, Aliesha Wright and Lisa Hinckley. Missing from photo: Matthew Perry.



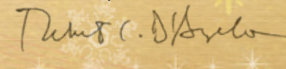
## Superintendent's Message

### Thank You Holley School Community

On behalf of the Board of Education, the students and staff, I would like to thank you for your support of our capital project on Dec. 9. The Phase III portion of the project enables us to take care of some very important needs such as the replacement of rooftop HVAC units which are "aging out," replacement of radiators and water pumps, and a new tennis court and playground. The construction of a bus loop in the front of the elementary school will separate bus from vehicle traffic at arrival and dismissal times, thereby creating a more safe and orderly environment for everyone. These are just some examples of the work which will be completed during this project.

The improvements under Phase III will not only benefit the students and staff, but they will also provide benefits to the community at large. These enhancements will enable the district to become more energy efficient and save money on utility

costs through the use of new and more efficient machinery and equipment. For years to come, the community will also be able to enjoy the new tennis courts and playground. The best part of all is once this project is finished, the district will have completed almost \$40 million of capital construction work with zero tax impact. That's an accomplishment that we can all be very proud of. Our physical plant will become the most modern and up-to-date of any school district in Orleans County and that is also quite an accomplishment, considering the state of our physical plant prior to the capital projects. Once again, thank you for your continued support of our students and schools, and we look forward to working with you for the benefit of the students, schools and community at large.

  
Robert C. D'Angelo  
Superintendent of Schools

## National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on Nov. 25. Eighteen students were inducted based on their application to the faculty selection committee and maintenance of a 90 percent or higher academic average. The students must demonstrate the four qualities of NHS membership: character, scholarship, leadership and service.

The ceremony began with the current NHS members in their red gowns leading a candlelight procession down the main aisles of the High School Auditorium. Current members tapped the shoulders of the new inductees sitting in the audience, who then exited the auditorium to put on their red gowns. The new inductees then joined the current NHS members in seating on the stage. The current inductees' families sat in rows at the back of the stage. The current NHS officers lit the ceremonial candles and described each of the qualities of membership. When each inductee's name was announced, the student received their certificate from Principal Susan Cory and signed their name in the book that maintains a record of every National Honor Society

inductee since 1938. Superintendent Robert D'Angelo handed the NHS pin to each student's family member to pin their child to complete the induction.

The guest speaker at the Induction Ceremony was Devon Jedamski, a Holley alum from the graduating class of 2009. He is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and studying jet engines. Jedamski is conducting research in the MIT Gas Turbine Lab in collaboration with Rolls-Royce North America. He will graduate from MIT in June 2015. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Clarkson University, where he majored in Aeronautical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Jedamski has received many academic awards and scholarships, along with his current fellowship from Rolls Royce that provides a full scholarship to MIT and an annual salary. He has also worked for NASA in their Glenn and Langley Research Centers. He credits his time at Holley as providing him with the discipline to reach his goals.



### New NHS inductees are:

- **Seniors:** Mikayla Hargreaves, Zachary Peashey and Lucas Silvis.
- **Juniors:** Xander Apicella, Cameron Bennage, Flint DiLella, Gillian Gallets, Anne Jewell, Melanie Klossner, Kristen Nenni, Jared Scherer, Ricci Shenck, Brady Smith, Mikala Smith, Zachary Trask, Kailey Waterman, Melanie Wolf and Ganna Yaroshchuk.

*Current NHS members are:* President Nicole Boyle, Vice President Emily Radford, Secretary Jessica Skehan, Treasurer Leah Baker, and members Taylor DeSimone, Tessa McArthur, Bailey Papaj, Ian Penders, Cole Quiter, Cassandra Rivera, Andrew Rowley, Andrew Sychalski, Jade Underwood and Brianna VanAmeron.



# Scholarships

## Simons Scholars Scholarship On Campus Competition, applications due Jan. 5, 2015

The Simon Scholars \$15,000 annual scholarship opportunity is for students with an interest in business, entrepreneurship or related areas. For more information, visit <http://enrollment.rochester.edu/simon-scholars> or email [admit@admissions.rochester.edu](mailto:admit@admissions.rochester.edu). Only high school seniors intending to apply to the University of Rochester may participate.

## Character Excellence Scholarship, applications due Jan. 31, 2015

This scholarship is worth \$1,000. It's awarded to a senior who exemplifies character in his/her daily life. This scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior enrolling in a college or trade school for the fall of 2015. Download an application from <http://charactercouncilwny.org/scholarship>.

## America's Farmers Grow AG Leaders, applications due Feb. 1, 2015

America's Farmers Grow AG Leaders is offering a \$1,500 scholarship for higher education. Students apply online at [FFA.org/scholarships](http://FFA.org/scholarships) starting Nov. 15-Feb. 1. Students need three farmer endorsements of their application and have to maintain a GPA of 2.5. Farmers have until Feb. 8 to endorse applications. Scholarship recipients will be announced in Spring 2015. Visit [GrowAGLeaders.com](http://GrowAGLeaders.com) for more information.

## Holley PTSA Scholarships, applications due Feb. 23, 2015

The Holley PTSA awards two \$500 scholarships for college. Scholarships will be awarded to two seniors who best explain how volunteering in the community has enriched their lives. Volunteering is defined by donating your time and energy for the benefit of others without financial reward. Submit an essay explaining how you have volunteered your time for the benefit of others by Feb. 23, 2015 to Kristina Tese or Andy Ruff. No late entries are accepted. A concise reflection of your past achievements or future plans is appreciated.

## Manning and Napier Scholarship, applications due Feb. 23, 2015

Rochester based Manning & Napier provides an \$8,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 renewable scholarships annually to students who are planning to attend a four-year college or university next year. The recipient of the \$8,000 scholarship award will also receive a paid internship with Manning & Napier, between their sophomore and junior years of college. Applications become available online on Jan. 5 at <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/manningnapier>. The application deadline is Feb. 23, 2015.



# Movember a Success at Holley MS/HS

The MS/HS Student Council challenged students, faculty and staff to raise awareness and funds for men's health by hosting a Movember event during the month of November. To participate, male MoBros started the month clean-shaven and then grew mustaches, beards or goatees and documented their progress through photos at the end of the month. Female MoSistas participated by purchasing mustache tattoos or sponsoring and supporting the MoBros. All participants encouraged conversations about men's health awareness and participation in the movement through growing facial hair, fundraising or sponsorship.

At the end of "Movember," \$100 was collected, with \$40 raised through the Holley Team online (<http://us.movember.com/get-involved/>) and \$60 raised through the sale of mustache tattoos in the MS/HS store. The funds raised help target support for prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health problems.



## 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.





## CREATIVITY CORNER

Nicole Rowley's art class spent time recently learning the "pen and ink" technique. Students had to create value and detail by using a fine tip Sharpie. Pictured are 10<sup>th</sup> grade students Emily Herzog's turtle, which is made up of all dots, and Collin Papaj's lion, which is made up of many small lines.



## Holley Art Class Takes Trip to Memorial Art Gallery

by Nicole Rowley, High School Art Teacher

Students from Nicole Rowley's Drawing and Painting class went to the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester for a field trip. They had the opportunity to see world renowned paintings and artwork in person from many different cultures, time periods and parts of the world. While they were there, they worked with docents and learned how to analyze and "read" a piece of artwork, looking closely to decipher an artist's material and imagery choices to find and understand meaning. They also had the chance to explore the gallery on their own and to complete a scavenger hunt, in which they had to find different types of art. The different types of artwork included Functional, Persuasive, Expressive, Ceremonial and Narrative.

Sophomore Collin Papaj commented on the trip, "I really liked all of the different styles of artwork they had on display. The trip has really inspired me to continue improving my art skills. It was great exploring on our own, as well as with the tour guides."



## MUSIC EVENTS

### Holley Women's Choir Performs at Library Christmas Party

Members of the Holley Women's Choir performed at the Holley Community Free Library Christmas party on Dec. 5. Pictured, from left, Kayla Guck, Brianna Barber, Sienna Steier, Kayla Thrower, Kailey Waterman, Makenzie Ferranti, Natalie Mrzwyka, Hannah Ellsmore and Alicia Lutes.



### Elementary Band Performs at Java Junction

The Holley Elementary Band performed holiday tunes at Java Junction on Dec. 7. Over 20 elementary students participated in small ensembles.

Participants included: Deanna Schubmehl, Ally Skehan, Kayleigh Neale, Michael Stoll, Abby Bubb, Hayley Skidmore, Callie Updike, Thomas Dobri,

Rachel Kinsey, Alex Mendoza, Elaina Arquette, Jordan Bull, Grace McKeon, Brandi Heffernan, Kasey DeFrank, Justin VanAmeron, Mason Neale, Karl Biedlingmaier, Andrew Drechsel, Nathan Nothnagle, Charlie Turpyn and Ethan Hudzinski.





## COUNSELING News

### Save the date!

The Career and College Readiness Night will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 6-8 p.m. in the Spencerport High School Auditorium. This event is open to any student in grades 8-12 who would like to learn more about college and careers. Career and Technical Education (CTE) has paired with many college representatives to discuss career goals and discuss the career planning process. You can choose two of the following sessions to obtain more information: Culinary and Hospitality, Information Technology, Skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, and Healthcare. A two- and four-year college panel will also be available. **Representatives from the following SUNY colleges will be attending:** Alfred State College, Binghamton University, State University College at Brockport, Finger Lakes Community College, Genesee Community College and Monroe Community College. **Representatives from the following area colleges will also be there:** Rochester Institute of Technology, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College and University of Rochester. **Community/industry representatives attending:** Electrical Union, Wegmans, Carpenter's Union, SPX, Earth Link and Unity Health.

### Scholarships

Scholarships are posted on our website on a rolling basis at [www.holleycsd.org/scholarships/](http://www.holleycsd.org/scholarships/). There is a list of scholarship search sites located on the website as well. To access these sites from the Holley website ([www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org)), click the **Departments** heading, then click **Counseling**, and click **Scholarships Search Sites**. A list of search sites displays for your review. A list of scholarships is also available at the attendance desk. Please pay particular attention to the deadlines, and allow enough time to mail the applications. Most scholarships require an online application. Also, most colleges offer scholarships through their own website. Access the scholarships from the college sites for more information. If you need an application, please see Kristina Tese in the guidance office. Good luck!

### Get ready, Juniors!

Now is the time that juniors should start thinking about plans after graduation. Before the holiday break, counselors met with juniors to discuss their PSAT results, and created accounts on [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) and [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org) for SAT and ACT registrations. In addition, career exploration and completion of college applications is ongoing.

The **FREE FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** is now available at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)! The **FAFSA** is the source of all federal and state aid, loans and work study programs. This form must be filled out online and submitted to the colleges by, or preferably before, their due dates in order to be eligible for these programs. **Please note:** Do not access websites that require you to "pay" for their services.

### Final tip:

Students planning to apply to **four-year** colleges will need to complete their applications **ASAP**. Those students planning to attend **two-year** colleges should be making appointments to take **placement tests** and meet with advisors if they have already applied and been accepted.

We apologize for the error, but Callise Monk (grade 7) and Jocelyn Chilton (grade 8) were also on the High Honor Roll for first quarter.

## Holley Hosts Chess Match, Academic Challenge Bowl and Masterminds Tournament

On Dec. 4, Holley hosted three different events that tested the mental strength of middle school and high school students from Brockport, Pembroke, Albion, Kendall and Holley. Chess matches occurred in the MS/HS Library. In the 200 Hallway, Academic Challenge Bowl took place in one room between seventh and eighth grade students, while JV and Varsity Masterminds tournaments were going on in other classrooms. Both Academic Challenge Bowl and Masterminds tournaments are played in a format much like Jeopardy. Once a team answers the first question correctly about a certain topic, they have an opportunity to answer more questions in that same category and gain additional points before that round ends and the next topic is introduced, with both teams having an equal opportunity to play in the next round.

In the first Academic Challenge Bowl match, Holley played against Kendall and won; in the second match against Brockport, they lost. In the Masterminds competition, Holley's JV team played against Brockport and lost; in the second match against Kendall, they lost. Holley's Varsity Masterminds team played against Albion and lost; in the second match, they lost against Pembroke on the last question.

Holley has two chess teams, A and B, because of so much student interest. In the first match for Team A, they won against Kendall. In the remaining three matches for Team B, they lost against Albion High School, Brockport and Albion Middle School.



Academic Challenge Bowl participants

## Seventh Graders Use Math Skills to Complete Scavenger Hunt

by Patti Gauer, Middle School Math Teacher

On Friday, Dec. 19, seventh grade math students applied their math skills to complete a scavenger hunt through the halls of Holley MS/HS. With the assistance of many Holley faculty and staff members, Patti Gauer's math classes practiced the art of ciphers. A cipher is defined as a method of secret writing using substitution or transposition of letters according to a key.

Students, working in pairs, picked up their first coded message in their math class. Utilizing a decoder ring, a school map and their critical thinking skills, they solved a math problem related to one of the modules that they have worked on in class: ratio and proportional relationships, rational numbers, or expressions and equations. The solution of their problem gave them the shift (the number that tells them how to rotate the decoder ring), which allowed them to break the code and unscramble the secret message. They followed the decoded message to the next location to pick up another cipher. Students worked through their 41 minute math period to solve math problems and decode the secret messages, ultimately returning their decoded messages to their math class. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the hunt.

## College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Emily Radford was accepted to Daemen College with a Presidential scholarship of \$62,500. Nicole Boyle was accepted to Campbell University with a scholarship of \$56,000 and to Seton Hall with a scholarship of \$52,000. Lucas Silvis was accepted to Seton Hall with a merit scholarship of \$40,000. Faith Battaglia was accepted to Genesee Community College (GCC).

*Congratulations!*



## PTSA News

PTSA is sponsoring a Winter Social for fourth through sixth graders on Jan. 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Elementary Café. Admission is \$3 and refreshments will be sold for an additional cost.

### Reminder:

There is still time to submit your PTSA Scholarship essay on volunteerism. Deadline is Feb. 23. Please see Kristina Tese in the MS/HS Counseling office for more information.

## Invitation to the Eighth Grade Debates

Parents/guardians are invited to the eighth grade debates, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 21, after school. Eighth graders will be debating Michelle Obama's school lunch initiative and school start times' effect on grades. Students who volunteer to participate will be placed in teams and play roles within the debate. For example, one student will portray a federal government agent arguing for the importance of school lunches while another student will portray a school lunch worker who disagrees with his/her perspective. Eighth grade Social Studies teacher Nick D'Amuro will be moderating the debate and the eighth grade teaching team will be helping the students with their research for the debate.

Educational research shows that students who debate are more likely to acquire knowledge because they are arguing with their peers and want to ensure they have the correct facts presented logically. The work they do to prepare for the debate strengthens the students' research skills, too.

## Eighth Graders Increase Core Connections Through Integrated Science and ELA Lessons

by Melanie Richards, ELA Teacher

The eighth grade team is pleased to be working with STEM coach Leslie Tanner this year. She provides valuable resources, time, energy and knowledge to the team of teachers. Recently, Tanner worked closely with Melanie Richards (ELA) and Lisa Wischerath (Science) to create integrated lessons that incorporate writing and science elements. Our goal is to increase students' writing ability through the connection of each of the core classes. Thus far, the work completed with Tanner increased students' writing, reading comprehension and content knowledge. Students also made connections between their core classes. Tanner has proved to be a valuable resource for the district and the eighth grade team. We look forward to continued success with her.

## GPA Challenge Winners

Holley High School Student Council hosted a GPA challenge for the first quarter to see which class would achieve the highest grade point average. The 10<sup>th</sup> graders won with a GPA of 88.39. They were rewarded with a movie day during periods 8 and 9 on Dec. 19.



# Newspaper Club Transforms into the Hawk News Network at Holley Elementary

by Lisa Hendry, Hawk News Network advisor

The Hawk News Network (HNN) delivers the latest breaking news and information on the top stories, events, weather, and sports at Holley Elementary. HNN will broadcast five times throughout the school year, bringing you some of the highlights of our elementary building. The HNN staff includes:

- **Executive producers:** Lisa Hendry and Alexa Downey
- **Reporters:** Nathan Nothnagle, Rachel Kinsey, Sara Kingdollar, Cameron Bates, Callie Updike, Andrew Thomas, Joseph Silpoch, Elise Quincey and Emma Downey
- **Editors:** Elizabeth Clark, Cora Bennage and Thomas Dobri
- **Camera operators:** Chris Lyndaker and Karl Biedlingmaier
- **Anchors:** Allyson Skehan, Andrew Drechsel, Ava Quincey and Evan Valentine

Our staff has been busy covering stories including the Veterans Day assembly, Girls On the Run and some after school programs. You can expect to see our first broadcast very soon and you will see our reporters on location for more upcoming events at Holley Elementary!



Front row, from left, Andrew Thomas, Chris Lyndaker, Cameron Bates, Sara Kingdollar, Elise Quincey, Emma Downey, Ava Quincey and Rachel Kinsey. Back row, from left, Callie Updike, Alexa Downey, Joseph Silpoch, Evan Valentine, Andrew Drechsel, Nathan Nothnagle, Karl Biedlingmaier, Lisa Hendry, Cora Bennage and Thomas Dobri. Missing from photo: Allyson Skehan and Elizabeth Clark.

## Bowling Class Strikes Out at Brockport Bowl

Elementary physical education students taught by Lisa Campbell, Andrew Grillo and Sharon Gross completed the In School Bowling Program sponsored by Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA). The students were taught the proper approach, scorekeeping and etiquette in the gymnasium on carpeted lanes. The culmination of the unit was a field trip to Brockport Bowl on Friday, Nov. 14. The fourth through sixth grade students were able to practice all the skills learned in the gymnasium in an actual bowling alley. An awareness of bowling as a sport and lifetime activity was also emphasized during their classes.



## A Kindergarten Thanksgiving

Holley kindergarteners enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal with a member of their family in the Elementary Café on Friday, Nov. 21. The day before, each class made muffins and churned their own butter and served both at the meal on Friday. With the assistance of their classroom teachers and art teacher Mimi Reyngoudt, the children made their hats, placemats and pinecone turkey centerpieces. Parent volunteers came in to set the tables and carve the turkeys, while Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her staff cooked a traditional Thanksgiving meal and helped serve the students and their family members. Each student came dressed as a Native American or Pilgrim. Some of the Holley staff, including the principal and assistant principal, also enjoyed the meal with their students.





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**JANUARY 2015**

- 1-2 No School - Holiday Recess** ❄️
- 6 Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Fitness Center 6:30 p.m.** ✨
- 9 PTSA Winter Social for grades 4-6, ES Caf  6:30-8 p.m.**
- 12 Board of Education, District Office 6 p.m.** ❄️ ✨
- 16 Elementary Hoedown** ✨
- 19 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day** ❄️ ✨
- 24 SAT Exam**
- 26-30 Grades 7-12 Regents Exams and Midterms** ❄️
- 30 Second Marking Period Ends**
- 30 ES Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. for Staff Development Day**

*Check the district calendar online for additional detail.*

# HOLLEY DISTRICT HOSTED GRAND OPENING OF FITNESS CENTER!

**I**t was all about fitness on Dec. 1 when Holley community members came out to celebrate the grand opening of the Holley Family Fitness Center. Students and adults eagerly tried out the iDance pads, treadmills and stationary bikes with virtual reality screens attached.

Holley Board of Education President Brenda Swanger cut the ribbon and officially opened the center, located in the Elementary School. The Fitness Center was made possible through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant. The district qualified for almost \$800,000 of federal funding to promote good nutrition and physical exercise among the students, staff and district families.

The Fitness Center is available for use by classes during the school day and by staff when not in use by classes. The Fitness Center is open for family fitness activities on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Trained supervisors are on duty during family

fitness times to assist participants and to promote a safe and orderly environment in which to work out.

Virtual reality bikes, gaming bikes and interactive treadmills are available in the fitness center, bringing a fun twist to the traditional cardiovascular equipment. Also available are a cross trainer, weight bench, upper body ergometer, adaptive motion trainer and iDance.

Some pieces of equipment are youth-sized to enable children ages 10 and older to exercise alongside their family members. Fourth-grader Tia Hoffarth enjoyed running on the treadmill. She is also a member of Holley's Girls on the Run team and said, "I wished we could have practiced on these instead."

The district is pleased to offer such an outstanding fitness center to the students, staff and families. Community members are encouraged to attend one of the family fitness evenings and experience all the center has to offer.



*From left, Clarendon Town Supervisor Richard Moy, Murray Town Supervisor John Morriss, Orleans County Republican Chair Edward Morgan, State Senator-elect Rob Ortt, Chief of Staff (for Assemblyman Steve Hawley) Eileen Banker, Board of Education President Brenda Swanger, Board of Education Vice President Robin Silvis, Physical Education Teacher Lisa Campbell and Board member Salvatore DeLuca, Jr. attend the ribbon cutting ceremony.*