

# DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | November 2015

## 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, Famous Person Day, America Day, Twin Day and School Colors Day. On Friday, Oct. 9, there was a pep rally in the gym, with the classes competing against each other in a hula hoop relay and dizzy bat race. 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 movie theme, and the PTSA judged the competition and awarded prizes. The seniors won the float competition with their "Star Wars" float.



On Saturday, Oct. 10, student athletes took the stage, competing against Kendall in boys and girls soccer games, and girls volleyball matches. The Holley Varsity Boys' Soccer team beat Kendall 5-1 at the Woodlands, but the Varsity Girls' Soccer team lost to Kendall, 3-0. Holley Varsity Girls' Volleyball team lost their match to Kendall, 3-1. The Varsity Football team played Oakfield-Alabama, but lost, 43-24.



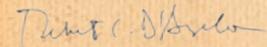
## Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I recently received information from William Hochul, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Western New York, about the serious matter of middle and high school students continuing to use prescription drugs without the approval of a doctor. Hochul also provided information on the dangers of heroin use, especially when it's mixed with fentanyl. According to recently published data, student use of drugs overall in grades 8-12 has decreased. The proportion of 12th graders misusing prescription drugs has also declined from 17.1 percent in 2005 to 13.9 percent in 2014. Regrettably, some 12th graders have exchanged prescription pills for heroin.

Heroin on its own is highly addictive and potentially deadly. When mixed with fentanyl, the consequences can be much more severe. In addition to prescription drugs, marijuana, heroin and fentanyl, we must continue to monitor the dangers of "synthetic" drugs. Here is the link to a Drug Guide for Parents that provides important facts to help keep your child safe:

[http://www.drugfree.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/drug\\_chart\\_10.25.10\\_opt.pdf](http://www.drugfree.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/drug_chart_10.25.10_opt.pdf). As always, let's continue to work together on this very important matter. The entire staff, including our counselors, social workers and teachers, is available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact them, or any other staff member, if we can be of assistance to you.



Robert C. D'Angelo  
Superintendent of Schools

## Accepting Donations for Holley for the Holidays Event

As you clean out those closets, don't throw away those new and gently used toys, books, games, DVDs, sports items, purses and jewelry suitable for children in grades Pre-K through 12. Instead, donate them to Holley for the Holidays and drop them off at the Elementary or Middle/High School Counseling Offices by Dec. 1. The annual Holley Days of Shopping event held on Dec. 3-4 allows Holley School District families to "shop" for holiday presents for their children.

**Please note:** we are unable to accept clothing, household or baby items.

Thank you for your support.

## Holley Days of Shopping Event

All parents/guardians of Holley Central School District students are invited to "shop" for their children for the holidays. 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.

The event is held on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Elementary School Primary Gym. Please report to the Elementary School 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 the Elementary Counseling Office at 638-6318, ext. 2408.

## New Form to Use for MS/HS Student Appointments

For MS/HS students who miss all or part of the school day to attend an appointment, there is a new form to be completed by the professional they have the appointment with. Students should bring the Appointment Excuse Slip with them to the appointment, have it completed and return it to the Attendance desk in the Main Office after the appointment. The **Appointment Excuse Slip** can be picked up from the Attendance desk prior to the appointment or found online on the district website under **Files and Documents, Middle School/High School** subcategory ([http://www.holleycsd.org/files/filesystem/holley\\_attendance2.pdf](http://www.holleycsd.org/files/filesystem/holley_attendance2.pdf)). If you have any questions about the use of this form, please contact Paula Barrus ([PBarrus@holleycsd.org](mailto:PBarrus@holleycsd.org)) in the Main Office.

## COUNSELING *News*

### Attention, Seniors!

Now is the time to be applying to colleges and registering again for the ACT and/or SAT. Make sure application information is sent out in a timely manner. Please pay particular attention to the deadlines. Additionally, please see the Scholarship page under the Counseling Department link on the district website (<http://www.holleycsd.org/scholarships>) if you would like further information on scholarship opportunities. The applications for many of the scholarships are located in the Counseling Office. If you have any questions, please contact your counselor.

### Big Brother Big Sister Program

The Big Brother Big Sister program is up and running again for this year. The "Big," or volunteer, is not an academic tutor, but someone who will help boost the "Little's," or younger student's, self-esteem and confidence, improve his or her social skills, and help give him or her that extra desire to want to attend school. A Big will be chosen for each Little and will see him or her, on average, once a week during school. All mentors are screened and trained. For more information about the program, please contact the MS/HS Counseling Office at 638-6335, ext. 5510.

### Your child may be a victim of bullying if he/she:

- Comes home from school with torn or dirty clothing, or damaged books.
- Has cuts, bruises or scratches
- Has few, if any friends
- Seems afraid to go to school, complains
- Has nondescript illnesses
- Has trouble sleeping
- Loses interest in schoolwork
- Seems sad or depressed, moody
- Is anxious
- Has poor self-esteem
- Is quiet, sensitive or passive.

### Your child may be bullying others if he/she:

- Teases, threatens or is physical with others
- Is hot-tempered or impulsive
- Has a hard time following rules
- Is aggressive toward adults
- Lacks sympathy for others
- Has been involved in antisocial behaviors, such as theft or vandalism
- Is quick to blame others.

## Spanish Student Fieldtrip to SUNY Geneseo

by Tammy Menzie, High School Spanish Teacher

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, a group of Holley High School Spanish students attended a special event at SUNY Geneseo to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. El Repertorio Espanol performed an adaptation of the play "El Ingenioso Hidalgo Don Quijote de la Mancha" (commonly known in English as "Don Quixote") by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra. The play was performed entirely in Spanish and was a great opportunity to hear native speakers from a variety of Spanish-speaking countries. Students also had an opportunity to walk around the campus prior to the show. The weather was perfect and our students' behavior was excellent. It was a very enjoyable cultural event.



## FIT4U! Fall Session

The fall session of the FIT4U! program began on Sept. 21, offering free activities for students in the Elementary School and Middle School/High School. Students in grades 3-6 can participate in African Dance on Thursdays in the Vocal Music Room. Cardio-Strength Training is held in the Elementary Fitness Room on Thursdays for students in grades 2-3 and on Mondays for students in grades 4-6. Kickball Tournaments are held at the outdoor fields for grades 3-4 on Tuesdays and on Wednesdays for grades 5-6. If the weather is bad, this session will be held in the ES Café, where indoor games can be played. All sessions run from 3:30-5 p.m. and students can ride the 5 p.m. bus home.

MS/HS students can participate in Morning Fitness sessions at 6 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They can also participate in Fitness Room Activities on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30-3:05 p.m. Students can participate in Movement and Fun classes from 2:45-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All students can obtain FIT4U! permission slips from their physical education teachers; the slips must be returned to school before the students begin their sessions. All programs end on Nov. 21.



## Soaring Awards

Siblings Marli Woods, fifth grade, and Donovan Ross, eighth grade, received the “Soaring to New Heights” award at the Holley Board of Education meeting on Sept. 21. This award is given monthly to deserving students and adults who go above and beyond expectations and who lend their skills and abilities to help others. Marli and Donovan received this award from Middle School/High School Principal Susan Cory and Elementary School Principal Karri Schiavone for calling an ambulance when their mother showed stroke symptoms. The students provided ambulance workers with important information to ensure their mother received quick medical attention. Board of Education members commended the students for their ability to be brave, think quickly and know what to do in an emergency.

Food Service Director Vickie Scroger also received a “Soaring to New Heights” award at the meeting. She received it from Board President Brenda Swanger for qualifying as a semi-finalist for the “Jimmy” award, sponsored by Personal Touch Food Service, Inc., the food vendor for Holley Central Schools. The award is named after Personal Touch’s founder, Jim McHugh, and it recognizes high-achieving management personnel. Vickie has worked in the district for 18 years and is always looking for ways to expand the menu offerings for the students.



From left, Donovan Ross, Karri Schiavone, Marli Woods and Sue Cory



From left, Vickie Scroger and Brenda Swanger

## REMINDER

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, Nov. 19 3-6 p.m. MS/HS

Monday, Nov. 23 3:30-6:30 p.m. ES

Tuesday, Nov. 24 noon-3:30 p.m. ES

There will be early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. from the ES on Nov. 24 to accommodate the parent/teacher conference times.

At the MS/HS, we will have scheduled conferences from 3-4:30 p.m. and drop-in conferences from 4:30-6 p.m. Please contact Penny Cole at 638-6335, ext. 5510 to schedule a conference. Parents will receive a letter from the Counseling Office if a teacher wants to schedule a conference with them.

## Students of the Month for September

Holley Central Schools is changing its recognition program for Students of the Month in grades K-12 this year. While students from each classroom at the elementary level will continue to be nominated each month, students at the middle and high school levels will be nominated monthly in each subject area. Each student will receive a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. The certificates will also be displayed in the glass display case outside the MS/HS Library and then filed in a binder that will be kept in

the MS/HS Main Office. Pictures of the elementary students will be displayed in the hallway near the Elementary Library and archived in a binder in the library.

Once a month, select students of the month from grades K-12 will have breakfast together with the principals in the MS/HS Dining Hall. Breakfast will be supplied by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for September: Mason Merle, Artie Boggs, Payton Vogt, Liam Jenks, Emeline Capurso, Layla

Kingdollar, Alexis Salamone, Cady Merkley, Cassidy Bowen, Laura Moak, Amarionna Vargas, William Kruger, Allison Merle, a second grade student, Isabella Thom, Jasmine Apicella, Teanna Church, Laci Brown, Ruthie Patton, Kameron Walch, Timothy Warney, Emma Downey, Lily Sprague, Caleb Wright, Breeonna Vargas, Brooke Boyko, Erin Kelly, Anthony Cardenas, Ricky Hodge, Allyson Skehan, Rachael Vanelli, Dania Moore, Briahna Milot, Cody Tanis, Grant Moy, Irie Oppel-Booth, Janelle Miles, Emily Bibby, Tyler Johnson, Diana Castillo, Jacob Lang and Chris Barrett.



## Safety Patrol Keeps Students Safe at Holley Elementary

Twenty sixth-grade students serve on the Elementary School's safety patrol. Pictured in front row from left, Alexis Blosenhauer, Jesse Reome, Ethan Hudzinski, Justin VanAmeron, Harleigh Andrews, Rachel Kinsey, Libbie Pecora and Jordan Bull. Back row, from left, Hailey Herring, Broek Ostrom, Breanna Girangaya, Maximus Floyd, Jordan Lonthair, Abigail Tanis, Leah Rheinwald, Elaina Arquette and Cambrielle Engert. *Missing from photo: Mason Neale, Kayla Pagano and Emily Webster.*



## Invitation to Veterans Day Assembly

You are invited to the Veterans Day assembly on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Intermediate Gym at Holley Elementary School.

## FIRE PREVENTION AT HOLLEY ELEMENTARY



The Holley Fire Department demonstrated to the Pre-K-3 students at Holley Elementary School what to do in case of a fire. The students practiced stop, drop and roll; went through a simulated fire in a safety house; watched a fireman put on his protective gear; and learned about the different tools on the fire trucks. The firefighters didn't want the children to be afraid of them in their full gear so they demonstrated what it sounds like talking through a mask and how hard it is to hear with the head gear on.

Students from Holley Middle School/High School also participated in the fire prevention activities. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to belong to the Youth Fire Group and they work with the Clarendon, Holley and Fancher Hulberton Murray (FHM) Fire Departments. Currently, about 14 students in grades 7-12 belong to the group and several have joined the Clarendon and Holley Fire Departments. The students meet every other Monday at the Clarendon Fire Department and receive the same training, with some restrictions, as adult firefighters. They use turn-out gear donated by other fire departments. "There aren't many youth groups like this across the country, but this group has been at Holley for three years," said Clarendon Fire Chief Bob Freida. To join the Youth Fire Group, contact Chief Freida at [cfchief@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cfchief@rochester.rr.com) or call (585) 764-6540.



## New Staff Join Holley Central



**Jennifer Boerner**

*Alternative High School Science Teacher*

A native of Hamlin, NY, Jennifer has a bachelor's degree in Archaeology from Boston University and a master's degree in Science Education from the College at Brockport.



**Leslie McMillion**

*Benefits Administrator*

A Holley alumnus and former teacher's aide, Leslie has had a variety of clerical jobs since ending her 16-year career as a travel agent.



**John Sherman**

*Director of Facilities*

A Royalton resident, John is certified in HVAC and spent the last four years working for the Royalton-Hartland Central School District.



**Laura Wagner**

*MS/HS Spanish Teacher*

A native of Niagara Falls, NY, Laura has a bachelor of science degree in Secondary Spanish Education from Buffalo State College and master's degrees in Differentiated Instruction and Educational Leadership from Canisius College.

## RAC Visit Helps Juniors and Seniors Explore College Options

On Oct. 6, 12 area colleges hosted information booths in the gym at Holley MS/HS. Juniors and seniors were invited down to speak with the 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 fifth 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
- Keuka College
- Monroe Community College
- Nazareth College
- Roberts Wesleyan College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- St. John Fisher College
- The College at Brockport
- University of Rochester



## Biggest Winner Session Begins Nov. 3

The Holley Biggest Winner Weight Reduction program kicks off on Nov. 3 with a presentation by the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Fitness Center. You do not need to be a participant in the Biggest Winner program to attend this seminar. Natalie Ann Heller will be giving a nutrition seminar on the recommended daily amounts of food. Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension is a Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant partner with the Holley Central School District.

### 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 Athletes Earn Honors in September

Three Holley athletes earned Genesee Region Player of the Week honors in September. They were:



Football player Nick Passarelli (12th grade) during the week of Sept. 20



Boys' Soccer player Gabriel Mendoza (12th grade) during the week of Sept. 20



Girls' Cross Country runner Lindsey Allen (10th grade) during the week of Sept. 28



## Holley Alternative High School THANKSGIVING FEAST

by Stacey Braley, Alternative High School Social Worker

The 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 Tuesday, Nov. 24. The students invite their family members to join them for this meal. The students will showcase their skills in assisting with the preparation of the main course, desserts, table setup and clean up. This annual dinner has proven to be a fun and delicious event for all!

## Holley Elementary Student Council

The Elementary Student Council has begun their meetings for the year and they recently elected their officers. They are responsible for meeting at least monthly afterschool to decide on school matters, such as fundraising, and representing their classes from grades 4-6. The bookstore helps fund Student Council activities. This year, the Student Council will focus on fundraising for the Clarendon Historical Society to help preserve the Hillside Cemetery Chapel.



Front row, from left, Cameron Bates, Efrain Cruz, Lance Babcock, Brenden Trowbridge, Mason Merriam, Emmanuel Floyd, Elizabeth Clark and Ryan Frank. Second row, from left, Katelyn Randall, secretary; Isabella Thom; Emma Brady; Hayli Kuellertz; Harleigh Andrews; Rachel Kinsey, vice president; Thomas Dobri, president; Max Floyd; and Leigha Walker. Back row, from left, Erik Lang, Makayla Evans, Tia Hoffarth, Kylie Towne and Hanna Guck, treasurer.

## Pre-K Hosts Grandparents Day

Amie Callen's Pre-K class celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sept. 25 by inviting the students' grandparents to a tea of juice and cookies in the Elementary School Café. Callen and teaching assistant Lori Passarelli taught the children songs and dances that they performed for the grandparents. The grandparents sang and danced to one of the songs their grandchildren had 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. The celebration helped the children complete their classroom unit on families.



## Superintendent of Schools

Robert C. D'Angelo

## Board of Education

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## NOVEMBER 2015

- 3 Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Fitness Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 4 MS/HS Make-up Picture Day
- 6 First quarter marking period ends
- 7 SAT Exam
- 10 Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 2 p.m.
- 11 No School, Veterans Day**
- 13 First quarter report cards sent home
- 16 ES Make-up Picture Day  
Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m.
- 16-24 PTSA Book Fair, ES Rm. 49, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- 19 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3-6 p.m.
- 23 ES Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- 24 ES Parent/Teacher Conferences, noon-3:30 p.m.  
NHS Induction Ceremony, HS Aud., 1 p.m.
- 25-27 No School, Thanksgiving Recess**

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.

## PTSA News

PTSA will host a book fair on Nov. 16-24 in Holley Elementary Room 49 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day.

PTSA will also sponsor the Santa Shop on Dec. 11 in Holley Elementary Room 49 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer for either of these events, please contact Jennifer Morgan ([jmorgan@holleycsd.org](mailto:jmorgan@holleycsd.org)) or Alexa Downey ([adowney@holleycsd.org](mailto:adowney@holleycsd.org)).

Thank you to all who participated in the Mixed Bag Fundraiser.

We apologize for the error, but Joanne Major is the Holley PTSA Treasurer.

## Dimension Newsletter Receives Award from NYSPRA

The Holley Dimension newsletter received the Honor award in the Community Newsletter category of the 36th Annual NY School Public Relations Association (NYSPRA) Communications Awards. The **March** and **June** 2015 issues were submitted as entries into the contest, highlighting how the school district and Holley community support each other. The award-winning entries will be on display at the NYS School Boards Association convention in New York City.