

# DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | January 2016

## Alternative High School Hosts Thanksgiving Feast



Students from the Alternative High School hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for their families on Nov. 24 in the Holley Elementary Café. They prepared all of the side dishes, including stuffing, corn casserole and potatoes, and they also made all of the desserts. They learned how to prepare and carve the turkeys alongside the cafeteria staff.

There are currently 20 students in the program, and many of their families attended the Feast. The students eagerly pointed out which dishes they prepared to their families. They proudly introduced the Holley faculty and 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, faculty and staff members dined with them.

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.





# Superintendent's Message

## Dear Parents and Community Members,

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration and staff, we wish you all a very happy and healthy new year. January marks the beginning of the budget development season for us as we anticipate the Governor's proposal for state aid to schools and look forward to the final aid figures once he meets with the state legislature. Regardless of the outcome, it has always been our objective to develop a school budget that addresses the needs of our students and one that the community can afford. This year will be no different.

From an academic standpoint, the second semester is one that is jam-packed with all sorts of activities. They range from intense instruction and remediation of students to the administration of tests, but also include events such as moving up days, prom and graduation. I am looking forward to the positive impact our school improvement teams will have on academic activities as we continue to supplement classroom lessons to strengthen our students' abilities and confidences in their coursework. Our overall goal is to maintain continuous improvement in test scores by analyzing test data each year, then developing a detailed plan to attack areas of deficiency. We have adhered to this plan for the past few years and it has produced desirable outcomes.

I realize that I state this each time that I communicate with you, but I cannot stress enough the importance of your interaction and involvement in your child's education. All research on this topic indicates that children do better in school when home and school work closely together. We are a team, and our goal must always be the success of each and every child. Please feel free to visit our schools during day and/or evening activities as your schedule permits. We like to see you and work with you. Also, please visit our Family Fitness Center, located in the Elementary School. It is open to residents of the Holley School District when school is in session on Monday-Thursday evenings from 5:30-8 p.m.; there is no charge for you to use the state-of-the-art fitness equipment.

Once again, Happy New Year!

*Robert C. D'Angelo*  
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Superintendent of Schools

## 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.

## HTA Helps Families Celebrate Holidays

For over 20 years, the Holley Teachers Association (HTA) has organized the collection of food for Thanksgiving dinners for local families. The faculty and staff in both the ES and MS/HS participate in the effort, pulling together donations for complete turkey dinners. In the last five years, there's been an increase in need for this service, so HTA has coordinated the fixings for 20 dinners each year. The HTA receives the names of recipients from the district's mental health team. This year, members of the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team helped load the dinners for distribution.

In 2001, the HTA started the Giving Tree, where wish lists for holiday gifts for 50 people, from infants to adults, were posted. The HTA receives this information from the Eastern Orleans Community Center and has seen the numbers increase in the last six years

to 60 recipients. The ES and MS/HS faculty and staff voluntarily select and fulfill each person's list, wrap the gifts and deliver them to the Community Center for distribution.

The HTA's PR Committee plans and organizes the Thanksgiving dinners and holiday gifts. The committee consists of Chairperson Karin Richards and members Tricia Draper, Cathy Mason, Chris Grasta, Sue Thornton, Meg Schubert, Tanya Pittinaro, Shannon Meyer, Chris Langelotti and Tammy Menzie. The Committee conducts a spring fundraiser to help fund the November and December community service activities, with the funds raised staying within the Holley community. The HTA has carried on these long-standing traditions to ensure that Holley district families are able to enjoy the holidays.





## Scholarships

### Character Council of WNY & Harvest Time Partners' Character Excellence Scholarships

The Character Council of WNY and Harvest Time Partners are offering eight awards to aspiring 2016 Character Excellence Scholarship applicants. Scholarship applications may be downloaded by visiting: [www.charactercouncilwny.org](http://www.charactercouncilwny.org). Click the Scholarship Page link. Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 1, 2016**.

### WACE National Co-Op Scholarship

To qualify for this scholarship, high school students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and apply for the 2016-17 year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions. Students must submit an application and include a typed one-page essay (200 words) describing why they have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. For more information, visit <http://www.waceinc.org/scholarship/index.html>. The deadline is **Feb. 15, 2016**.

### New York Water Environment Association, Inc. (NYWEA) Scholarships

NYWEA offers six \$2,000 scholarships, one \$5,000 scholarship and one \$10,000 scholarship. For more information on the scholarships offered and the application process, visit <http://nywea.org/scholarship/>. The deadline is **Feb. 17, 2016**.

### Manning and Napier Scholarship

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. 4 at <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/manningnapier>. Deadline to submit is **Feb. 26, 2016**.

## Freshman and Sophomores Have Opportunity to Earn College Credit in the Summer

Current ninth and 10th grade students interested in engineering, robotics, designing and manufacturing are offered the opportunity to attend the Summer Advanced Manufacturing Experience (SAME) to learn advanced manufacturing skills. Through a collaboration with Monroe County, Monroe Community College (MCC), Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES and Finger Lakes Advanced Manufacturers' Enterprise (FAME), the free, three-week session will allow students to earn three college credits through MCC. Students will learn how to design and manufacture a product and visit companies and MCC during the summer session. SAME will be held at the WEMOCO Career and Technical Education Center at 3589 Big Ridge Road in Spencerport from June 27-July 15, 2016, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day. Students must provide their own transportation and lunch. There will be no class on July 4. If interested, obtain an application from the Counseling Office. Deadline to submit the application with letters of recommendation is March 10, 2016.

## COUNSELING News

### Save the Date!

The College and Career Readiness Night (formerly known as CAIN) will be held on April 14 at 6 p.m. at Brockport High School. More details to follow.

### Scholarships

Scholarships are posted on our website on a rolling basis at [www.holleycsd.org/scholarships](http://www.holleycsd.org/scholarships). Please continue to check the website (under Departments, Counseling, Scholarships) and visit Kristina Tese to obtain applications. Pay particular attention to the deadlines!

### Attention, Seniors!

Senior students should be applying to colleges by now. They also should be taking the SAT and/or ACT again, if they haven't already. Watch for college application and scholarship deadlines. Make sure application information is sent on time. In addition, seniors should provide their counselors with a list of colleges to which they have applied and been accepted.

### 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 and actstudent.org for SAT and ACT registrations. In addition, career exploration and completion of college applications is ongoing.

### Financial Aid Night!

Financial Aid night will be held in the Holley MS/HS Library on January 14 from 5:30-7p.m. Seniors and parents of seniors are highly encouraged to attend. Joe Bailey and Jim Simon will be presenting important information on how to complete the FAFSA process. If interested, please call 638-6335 ext. 5510 to register.

### Scheduling is Upon Us

Counselors will begin to meet with students very soon to discuss and select courses for next year. If you would like to be a part of the registration process, please call your child's counselor to schedule an appointment.

### 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.

## Sixth Grade Students Experiment with Balloon-Powered Cars

On Nov. 24, sixth grade students at Holley Elementary put their math and science skills to the test when they participated in Derby Day. Students learned about motion, testing a scientific hypothesis, and applying the concepts and mathematical formulas of calculating distance, rate and time with different objects. They designed and created cars out of simple materials, using up to two balloons for power. They raced against their classmates to determine who could make a car that would go the farthest, be the fastest and have the best rate.

"The students are incredibly excited and proud of their projects," said Janelle Baker, sixth grade social studies and science teacher. The students were awarded prizes for having the car that went the farthest distance, the best looking car and the best rate.



	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
<b>Best Design</b>	Broek Ostrom & Alex Knopp	Kaitlyn Johnson, Mya Hayes & BrookeLynn Kruger	Hanna Guck & Emma Lavender	Brooke Boyko & Leah Rheinwaldt
<b>Best Rate</b>	Broek Ostrom & Alex Knopp	Hanna Guck & Emma Lavender	Dylan Clemons & Caleb Schultz	Ashanty Gonzalez & Marissa Pokol
<b>Farthest Distance</b>	Broek Ostrom & Alex Knopp	Hanna Guck & Emma Lavender	Justin VanAmeron, Zachary Grinnel & Hailey Herring	Andrew Huffer & Fabryce Polite

## Fourth Grade Chorus Hard at Work During Practice



## The Library Elf Educates Students in December



by Julie Bader, School Library Media Specialist

Dewey, the library elf, spent most of December teaching elementary students about different parts of the library and where special collections of books are found. Each day, classes went on a hunt for Dewey and his props. The elf was located in a different part of the library each day, accompanied by a poem to show what types of books are found in that section. Students were met with rhymes such as:

"I'm here, I'm here," cried Dewey the Elf,  
picking a bookmark on the library shelf,  
"I can read, read, read, and when I'm done,  
I'll always know which page was the one!"

Through these trips to the library, classes were taught where certain authors' books are found, where the Early Chapter book shelf is, and the correct call number to use to find the shark books.



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# Holley Cheerleaders Support the Games for the Physically Challenged

by Penny Cole, Varsity Cheerleading Coach

On October 16, the Varsity Cheerleaders traveled to The College at Brockport to assist with the Games for the Physically Challenged. The games were started 29 years ago by Susan Maxwell, who is still the director today. This is the 11th year that the Holley cheerleaders have attended. They cheer for the athletes during the opening ceremony parade and torch lighting. Each cheerleader is "buddied up" with an athlete and assists them with their various events. The girls look forward to this day all year. The girls make so many new friends and the athletes look forward to them being there. We do it to help them, but in the end, it is our students that reap the reward. It is an amazing day filled with lots of laughter, smiles, joy and yes, even some tears, as they realize how truly fortunate they are. These beautiful athletes range in age from four to 21 and have numerous physical challenges. On this very special weekend, it's as if all their challenges disappear for a brief moment as they cross that finish line to the cheers of proud coaches, teachers and parents. We strongly encourage everyone to volunteer to help. These athletes are so grateful for the love and attention that they are given on this day, and we are truly honored to be invited back each year. Mark your calendars for next year's games on October 14-15, 2016. Come out and support these amazing athletes!



Front row, from left, an athlete, Kelsey Daniels, Juli Cuccaro, Jessica Mandigo and Alexis Younes. Second row, from left, Maddie Rowley, Kennedy Jones, Alassia GianCursio, Nina DiLella, Kamryn Penna and Sierra Kuhn. Back row, from left, Sonya Kordovich, Dakota Thompson, Sierra Verhagen, Alaina Roniger, Melody Purtell, Hanna Waterman and Alexis Gamble.



## Sports Booster News

The Sports Boosters will be running the concession stands during the Boys' Basketball home games. Come out and support your Holley Hawks and stop by the concession stands!

## Holley Faculty and Staff Raise Money for Movember Foundation

Several members of the Holley School District participated in Movember by growing facial hair in November to raise awareness of men's health issues. Donations went to support the Movember Foundation.



## College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Gillian Gallets was accepted to Mercyhurst University with an \$88,000 scholarship, University of Pennsylvania and Newbury College; Ricci Shenck was accepted to The College at Brockport and Monroe Community College; Mikala Smith was accepted to Alfred State College; and Brady Smith was accepted to Rochester Institute of Technology. Congratulations!



## Fall Scholar Athletes Announced

The NYS Public High School Athletic Association announced the Fall 2015 Scholar Athlete team awards for each fall sport. Congratulations to the following Holley Central School District teams: Cheerleading, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, Volleyball, Football and Boys' Cross Country.

# Holley Announces First Quarter Honor Roll for MS/HS

The Middle School/High School has announced the honor roll and high honor roll for the first marking period. High honors are for all students who maintain a grade average of 89.5 percent or higher. Honors are for students who maintain a grade average of 84.5 to 89.4 percent. The following students received these honors.

## High Honor Roll

**Seventh Grade:** Karl Biedlingmaier, Abigail Bubb, Amya-Omar Cancino, Anthony Cardenas-Ramirez, Kasey DeFrank, Andrew Drechsel, Brandi Heffernan, Rachael Howard, Arrianna Ianello, Erin Kelly, Allison Lyndaker, Shashona MacPhee, Kayleigh Neale, Nathan Nothnagle, Halee Passarell, Jakob Silpoch, Allyson Skehan, Hayley Skidmore, Madelyn St. John, Annalise Tinkous, Charles Turpyn, Callie Updike, Evan Valentine, Parker Walker and Jordan Wright.

**Eighth Grade:** Sierra Apicella, Mikaela Auch, Megan Barrett, Ally Benson, Kamryn Berner, Autumn Bieber, Tia Brien, Nicole Bull, Morgan Cary, Laura Ellsmore, Viktoria Emery, Haleigh Falls, Damian Gamble, Brian Gay, Gianna Grathouse, Megan Harrington, Sarah Harrington, Yasmin Helsdon, Jamel Hildreth, Regan Hodge, Jade Hoffarth, Rachel Killian, Bradley Kingdollar, Nickolas Kinmond, Melissa Kuhn, Ryan Lang, Carson Major, Janelle Miles, Ruth Miller, Briahna Milot, Ella Mohny, Kohl Morgan, Autumn Moy, Grant Moy, Ava Parr, Olivia Radford, Victoria Rich, Malachi Rowcliffe, Tyra Shepherd, Emilie Strayer, Cody Tanis, Rachael Vanelli, Ethan Waldron, Anthony Wallace, Emily Weezorak, Ashlee Wright and Kristina Yaroshchuk.

**Ninth Grade:** Emily Bibby, Ethan Bibby, Jocelyn Cervone, Jeremy Crandall, Megan Donohue, McKenzie Hill, Sarah Klatt, Noah Kowalski, Abrianna Kruger, William Lavender, Shawna Lusk, Madison Marsh, Hunter McLean, Ericka Mendoza, Gregory Morrill, Cheyan Palmer, Kory Puente, Lexianne Seewagen, Matthew Skehan, Julia Smith, Aaron Strathearn, Amanda Valerio, Abigail Williams and Anastasiya Yaroshchuk.

**10th Grade:** Hannah Bailey, Jesse Beach, Patrick Bower, Briana Colucci, Matthew DeSimone, Nina DiLella, Brandon Dillenbeck, Jacob Downey, Allison Howard, Kelsie Johnstone, Kennedy Jones, Ava Kohut, Alexander Lane, Jacob Lang, Andrew Moseman, Melanie Norman, Madison Papaj, Michael Passarell, Andrea Payne, Alexis Penna, Kamryn Penna, Melody Purtell, Jessica Sedore, Dakota Thompson, Dalton Thurley, Nathan Towne, Jacob Vania, Hanna Waterman and Angela Weaver.

**11th Grade:** Lisa Alemu, Christopher Balys, Brooklynn Bartholomew, Bryce Baxter, Hannah Biedlingmaier, Anna Brasted, Andie Carpenter, Andrew Cary, Kelsey Daniels, Hannah Ellsmore, Makenzie Ferranti, Isaiah Flow, Megan Fribance, Megan Hatfield, Derrick Hildreth II, Dylan Hillabush, Ashlyn Hotchkiss, Corinne Johnson, Jason Kimmel, Braxton Leary-Hart, Jessica Mandigo, Alice McAllister, Dylan McKay, Veronica Mendoza, Katie Morgan, Collin Nothnagle, Trent Osborne, Collin Papaj, Bailey Schubmehl, James Skehan, Nicholas Smith, Maya Thorne, Kayla Thrower, Melea Towsley, Spencer Tupis, Jeffrey VanOrden II, Mika Vazquez-Pulcino, Diana Yaroshchuk and Jordan Zumbo.

**12th Grade:** Xander Apicella, Brianna Barber, Christopher Barrett, Eva Beadle, Amber Becker, Cameron Bennage, Jake DeSimone, Flint DiLella, Gillian Gallets, Melissa Gates, Rebecca Gay, Randi Gergely, Anne Jewell, Skylar Keiffer, Lillian Klafehn, Melanie Klossner, Brittany Kunker, Colton Major, Connor McGrath, Ryan Moseman, Natalie Mrzywka, Ashley Nenni, Kristen Nenni, Gaje Papponetti, Ross Pinson, Patrick Purtell, Alaina Roniger, Riley Sanger, Jared Scherer, Brittney Shattuck, Nicholas Shenck, Ricci Shenck, Nikki Siplo, Brady Smith, Mikala Smith, Sienna Steier, Shayna Swisher, Richard Tamblin, Zachary Trask, Zachary Vaccarelli, Kailey Waterman, Courtney Winkley, Heather Winkley, Melanie Wolf and Ganna Yaroshchuk.

## HONOR ROLL

**Seventh Grade:** Sabrina Blosenhauer, Julia Buck, Zacharie Dann, Makayla Famoly, Jordan Gates, Jayden Gibaud-Mastowski, Kiana Haughton, Brianna Heffernan, Richard Hodge II, Elizabeth Kruger, Madison Lorenzo, Skyla Milazzo, Jazmin Mounts, Estrella Sanchez, Rylee Secor, Michael Snell, Michael Stoll, Jared Strathearn, Antonio Torres and Allison Trowbridge.

**Eighth Grade:** Cheyenne Bell, Ashleigh Boyce, Roberto Castillo, Christopher Fichter, Matthew Gemerek, Miracle Geska, Christa Jacobs, Tyler Jones, Nathaniel Lonthair, Donald Miller III, Callise Monk, Travis Mounts, Jacob Norman, Irie Oppel-Booth, Halle Shepherd, Aaliyah Vicens and Aliyah Weaver.

**Ninth Grade:** Sebastian Bartholomew, Jocelyn Chilton, Hunter Cleveland, Anthony Flynn, Michael Klimchuk, John Mounts, Nicole Mrzywka, Alicia Osborne, Robert Peters, Mackenzie Tower, Zachery VanAmeron and Patrick Wolfe Jr.

**10th Grade:** Liam Anderson, Ryan Andrews, Paige Brimacomb, Diana Castillo, Madison Day, Alexis Gamble, Alassia GianCursio, Delilah Grathouse, Khiva Huxhold, Dennis Jenks Jr., Emma Kennedy, Sonya Kordovich, Sierra Kuhn, Samuel Lammes, Dalton Major, Hunter McMillion, Rachel Miconi, Alexis Milazzo, Alexandra Miller, Tiffany Rowley-Vega, Nicholas Schutz, Noah Shipe, Anthony VanLogten, Sierra Verhagen, Brandy Walker, Kyle Webster, Kayla Wilson and Alexis Younes.

**11th Grade:** Brandon Cowan, Zachary Day, Alexandria Edwards, Kenneth Greenman, Tyler Harkins, Ryan Harner, William Harrington, McKenzie Hendrickson, Emily Herzog, Tyler Hill, Rebecca Kinsey, Dillon Kuyal, Derek McArthur, Helana McLean, Jennah McMillion, Alexander Mounts, Ryley O'Mara, Taylor Poprawski, Madeline Rowley, Zachary Schultz and Tyler Singer.

**12th Grade:** Helen Alemu, Emily Bailey, Joshua Baker, Vitalii Boichuk, Meghan Clark, John Heinlein, Ceallachan Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Tiffany McMillion, Gabriel Mendoza, Bradley Moore, Santino Morales, Chelsea Norman, Nicholas Passarell, Angela Pinson, Sabrina Shea, Camron Thorn, Austen Vroman and Sarah Westcott.



# National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on Nov. 24. Twenty-six 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 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 new inductees sitting in the audience, who then exited the auditorium to put on their red gowns. The new inductees joined the current NHS members on the stage. The current NHS officers lit the

ceremonial candles and described each of the qualities of membership. When the inductees' names were announced, one by one, the students shook hands with Principal Susan Cory and signed their names in the book that maintains a record of every National Honor Society inductee since 1938. Superintendent Robert D'Angelo distributed the membership certificates to the students' family members. The new inductees ended their procession across the stage by greeting their family members and receiving their certificates.



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## Students of the Month for November

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, 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 November: Averie Johnson, Emma Kinsey, John Blosenhauer, Alexander Labarbera, Dylan Warner, London Bull, Isaac Bartlett, Cadence Girangaya, Isaiah Johnson, Mya Brown, Violet Kipp, Cassandra Miconi, Andrea Withrow, Alexis VanAmeron, a second grade student, Jacqueline Thompson, Gisella Garcia, Owen Shultz, Iris Capurso, Jared Bowen, Carter McGuire, Julia Scroope, Emma Brady, Elise Quincey, Catalina Solis Escamilla, Dillon Penders, Zachary Warney, Brodie Wright, Kalen Brady, Broek Ostrom, Abby Bubb, Halee Passarell, Ally Benson, Ethan Waldron, Janelle Miles, Autumn Moy, Tyler Jones, Autumn Bieber, Ryan Lang, Matt Skehan, Sebastian Bartholomew, Aaron Strathearn, Noah Shipe, Tiffany Rowley-Vega, Kyle Webster, Brooklynn Bartholomew, Jordan Zumbo, Melody Purtell, Anne Jewell, Nick Shenck and Ganna Yaroshchuk.





## Soaring Award

**M**S/HS History Teacher Mike Crissman received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education meeting on Nov. 16. 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. Crissman received the Soaring award from MS/HS Principal Susan Cory for consistently having high expectations for all of his students and helping them to reach those expectations. "He believes that all students are capable and with work and support, can be successful," said Cory. "Students who have taken his College U.S. History course tell everyone that Mike has prepared them well for college coursework." Board member John Heise commented that "Mike expects the students to work hard, but he also works hard for them."

Principal Cory also awarded students Ruthie Miller, Mikaela Auch and Makenzie Ferranti for their partnership on the cross country team. Ruthie, a seventh grader who has a visual impairment, runs during cross country practice with her friend and classmate, Mikaela; Makenzie, a junior, runs with Ruthie during cross country meets so that Mikaela can compete. Cory cited Ruthie for not letting anything stop her despite her impairment when she wants to do something; Mikaela for her loyalty to a friend and unselfish character; and Makenzie for her unselfish character and time and dedication to helping Ruthie compete.



## School Board Recognition Week

**N**ew York State Governor Andrew Cuomo proclaimed School Board Recognition Week as Oct. 26-30, 2015. To quote Governor Cuomo's proclamation, "the men and women serving as members of 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 November board meeting, the board members received a gift certificate to the Hawks store and a pen from Student Council as their thank you gift.



Holley board members are, front row, from left, President Brenda Swanger, Vice President Robin Silvis and John Heise. Back row, from left, Anne Winkley, Melissa Ierlan, Salvatore De Luca, Jr., and Mark Porter.

## Student Artists Build House of Clay

**S**tudents in Brandi Zavitz's art class created houses out of clay. The students had to design the houses in two dimension and then construct them in three dimension. This project required the students to do a lot of measuring and configuring, thus incorporating math from the common core curriculum into the arts. The project also provides the students with an opportunity to be creative.

*Pictured below, from left, Gillian Gallets and Riley Sanger.*

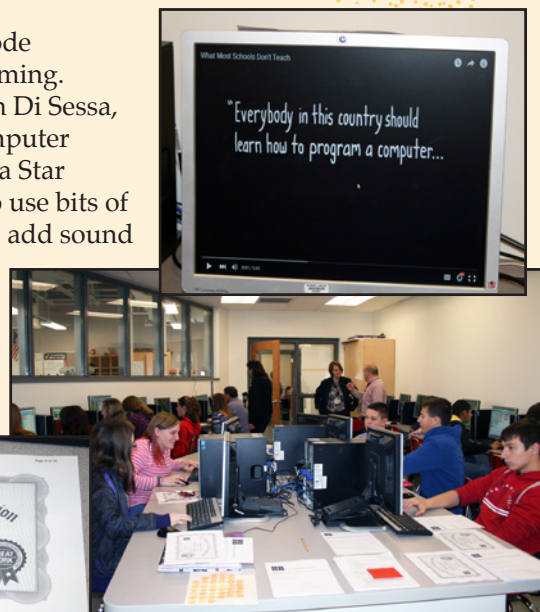




## Students Use Javascript to Venture Into A GALAXY NOT SO FAR AWAY

On Dec. 8, Holley eighth grade students spent an hour learning computer code and finding out how this would translate to a career in computer programming. Technology Teacher Tim Rogers, Business and Computer Education Teacher Jim Di Sessa, and Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES STEM Coach Leslie Tanner helped promote Computer Science Week (Dec. 7-13) by engaging the students in learning how to program a Star Wars game on computers in the technology classroom. Students learned how to use bits of Javascript code to make the characters in the game move in different directions, add sound effects and calculate points earned. Within an hour, the students were creating their own video games and using code to spell out the parameters of the game.

Students completed pre- and post-evaluations, gauging their interest in learning coding before and after the Hour of Code. Interest levels increased after spending time learning code, with more than half the 101 students citing increased interest in learning code. "This made me more interested in programming," said student Richard Hoyer. "I learned that you can use coding and get paid very well," said Aliyah Weaver. Weaver is correct, since computer programming is a career in demand.



## High School Students Set Up *Holley Days of Shopping*

In early December, Holley high school students volunteered to set up the Elementary Primary Gym in for the Holley Days of Shopping event on Dec. 3-4. The students worked with Social Worker Samantha Zelent to bring the donations to the Elementary School, sort them into categories and arrange them on tables, floors, shelves and the stage so that district families could shop for holiday presents. The shopping event has helped over 200 Holley students receive gifts in the past. Makenzie Ferranti, a junior, said this was her fourth year participating in the event and she enjoys helping out. Student volunteers were: Nick Smith, Zach Trask, Collin Papaj, Madison Papaj, Alaina Roniger, Allison Howard, Ava Kohut, Nikki Siplo, Ross Pinson, Courtney Winkley, Nick Passarell, Pat Bower, Juli Cuccaro, Nate Towne, Heather Winkley, Zach Vaccarelli, Jessica Mandigo, Amber Becker, Makenzie Ferranti, Melody Purtell, Kamryn Penna and Sonya Kordovich.



## New Social Worker Joins Holley Elementary

Erica Bailey began working as the Elementary School Social Worker on Dec. 1. A native of Greece, NY, Bailey has an associate's degree in Human Services from Monroe Community College, a bachelor's degree in Social Work from the College at Brockport and a master's degree in Social Work from the Greater Rochester Nazareth/Brockport Collaborative Social Work Program. She has worked for an affiliate of Rochester General Hospital, helping elderly patients receive services to stay in their homes, and RochesterWorks! as a career counselor and assessment specialist for youth and adults seeking employment. She also has experience working for Alternatives for Battered Women and with autistic children. Bailey said her ultimate goal has always been to work with students in a school district. "Holley is great," she said. "They are very supportive of mental health and getting services for their students."



*Erica Bailey*



## National Honor Society Induction Ceremony (cont. from pg. 7)

The guest speaker at the Induction Ceremony was Michelle Spychalski Christine, a Holley alum from the graduating class of 2000. She is a Secret Service Specialist in Washington, D.C. When she graduated from high school, she joined the Air Force with the goal of becoming an air traffic controller. "I picked the military because I didn't know what I wanted to do, but I knew they would tell me what to do," Christine said. She remained in the Air Force for four years, and then resumed civilian life for two years. After 9/11, she was aware that the Secret Service was looking for air traffic controllers to help them work with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to increase their safety measures. Christine recalled this as being a "step up moment" in her life, where she took a chance, knowing she met the minimum requirements, and decided to apply. She has been working for them for the last 10 years. "I've traveled, met a lot of interesting people and had the chance to attend historical events, like the Queen of England's birthday celebration," she said. "Don't expect anything to be handed to you, take those 'step up moments' when they're presented to you and work hard. Push yourself; you learn more from failure than success. Stay humble, but set high goals for yourself. Don't ever think you can't impact the world because you're just a kid from Holley."



At right, Michelle Spychalski Christine.

## Elementary Band Students Perform Christmas Music at Java Junction on Dec. 6



### New NHS inductees are:

- *Senior:* Nikki Siplo.
- *Juniors:* Lisa Alemu, Christopher Balys, Brooklynn Bartholomew, Hannah Biedlingmaier, Anna Brasted, Andie Carpenter, Andrew Cary, Megan Fribance, William Harrington, Megan Hatfield, Derrick Hildreth, Dylan Hillabush, Ashlyn Hotchkiss, Corinne Johnson, Braxton Leary-Hart, Alice McAllister, Jessica Mandigo, Veronica Mendoza, Collin Nothnagle, Collin Papaj, Madeline Rowley, James Skehan, Nicholas Smith, Melea Towsley and Diana Yaroshchuk.

*Current NHS members are:* President Brady Smith, Vice President Melanie Klossner, Secretary Kailey Waterman, Treasurer Ricci Shenck, and members Xander Apicella, Cameron Bennage, Flint DiLella, Gillian Gallets, Anne Jewell, Kristen Nenni, Jared Scherer, Mikala Smith, Zachary Trask, Melanie Wolf and Ganna Yaroshchuk.



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## Chill Out with a Good Book in the ES Library



## Pre-K Classes Participate in Food Drive



## HS Photographers Use Many Photos *to Create One Image*

Students in Evin Neadow's Photography class had a chance to shoot an entire roll of film to create one image. They planned their shots so that each frame contained one portion of the overall image. After developing the negatives, they used them to make contact prints to create the single image. Examples from Pat Purtell (Christmas tree) and Corinne Johnson (bookshelf) are to the right and below.



## PTSA News

There are collection jars in the Elementary School foyer to collect Labels for Education (on Campbell's Soup, Pepperidge Farm and other products) and Tyson's labels as fundraisers for the PTSA. Please send them in to school with your child throughout the year. Keep an eye out for the collection bins around town, too.

Jan. 8 is the PTSA Winter Social for grades 4-6 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Elementary Café. Admission is \$3 and food will be available for sale.



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## JANUARY 2016

### 1 No School, Holiday Recess

Pick a Reading Partner Program Ends (PARP)

4 Sports Boosters Meeting, MS/HS Library ..... 7 p.m.

5 Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Café ..... 6:30 p.m.

8 Grades 4-6 Winter Social, ES Café ..... 6:30-8 p.m.

11 Board of Education meeting ..... 6 p.m.

13 Juggling Event, ES Intermed. Gym ..... 7 p.m.

14 PARP Assembly ..... 2 p.m.

### 15 No School, Staff Development Day

### 18 No School, Martin Luther King Day

20 PARP Limo Ride

23 SAT Exam

25-29 Regents & Midterm Exams - MS/HS students report for exams only

### 29 ES Early Dismissal for Staff Development Day ..... 11:30 a.m.

Second Marking Period Ends

*Check the district calendar online for additional detail.*

## The Library Elf Educates Students in December

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The library is such a special place with so much to offer students. This exercise helped everyone become comfortable with finding all types of books in the library. On any given morning, students were found rushing to the library to find the sneaky little elf. For those who could not make it to the library, photos were sent to all teachers so they could post them on their classroom smart boards.

Great fun was had and an immense amount of learning was done, thanks to the help of Dewey the library elf. Just before jumping into Santa's sleigh, Dewey promised the students of Holley Elementary that he'd be back again someday!

