

DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | May 2016

Holley Team Takes Top Honors at Tech Wars

Holley's Tech Club, under the direction of Technology Teacher Tim Rogers, attended Tech Wars on March 17 at Genesee Community College (GCC) and came away with top honors in the bridge building competition. Seniors Brady Smith, Ricci Shenck and Cameron Bennage won first and third place in the bridge building competition by building a bridge to hold 400 pounds of weight. According to the judge of the event, they now hold the record for building the lightest bridge (1.6 pounds) to hold that much weight in the nine-year history of the competition. The bridge, along with the winning plaques, is displayed in the large display case outside the MS/HS Library.

Eighth grader Brad Kingdollar won first place in the middle school CO2 car race. He had the fastest time of the day for both high school and middle school divisions.

Thirty-two students from Holley participated in the competition, up from six students who attended last year. They were among 730 students from the GLOW counties to compete in 27 events. Congratulations to all on a job well done!



Brad Kingdollar



From left, Ricci Shenck, Cameron Bennage and Brady Smith

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 Central School District

2016-17 BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 17

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Holley Middle School/High
School (MS/HS) Foyer**

**PLEASE
VOTE**

**While you're in the district
on May 17, please enjoy:**

**Holley Music Department
Annual Chicken BBQ, 3-7 p.m.**

MS/HS Dining Hall – eat in or take-out; tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance from any music student or the Elementary or MS/HS Main Offices. A **limited** number of dinners will be available to walk-ins that day.

PTSA Free Ice Cream Social
4-6 p.m. in the MS/HS Foyer

Superintendent's Message

WHY IS ASSESSMENT IMPORTANT?

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The administration of the NYS assessments in math and ELA are now completed. Once again, there has been a great deal of debate regarding the value of these assessments. Personally, I respect a parent's right to make decisions concerning what they believe to be in the best interest of their children. So, I am not debating the opt-out issue as, for me, it is a subjective topic. However, as a life-long educator, I place great value on assessment, if done correctly. Assessment is instruction. I recently read an article in Edutopia (www.edutopia.org), which is a part of the George Lucas Educational Foundation. The theme of the article stresses that when assessment works best, it should produce the following (the subjectivity enters into it as to your beliefs about assessments, but I ask you to consider these points):

WHEN ASSESSMENT WORKS BEST, IT DOES THE FOLLOWING:

PROVIDES DIAGNOSTIC FEEDBACK

- What is the student's knowledge base?
- What is the student's performance base?
- What are the student's needs?
- What has to be taught?

HELPS EDUCATORS SET STANDARDS

- What performance demonstrates understanding?
- What performance demonstrates knowledge?
- What performance demonstrates mastery?

- How is the student doing?
- What teaching methods or approaches are most effective?
- What changes or modifications to a lesson are needed to help the student?

RELATES TO A STUDENT'S PROGRESS

- What has the student learned?
- Can the student talk about the new knowledge?
- Can the student demonstrate and use the new skills in other projects/lessons?


MOTIVATES PERFORMANCE FOR STUDENT SELF-EVALUATION

- Now that I am in charge of my learning, how am I doing?
- Now that I know how I am doing, how can I do better?
- What else would I like to learn?

FOR TEACHER SELF-EVALUATION

- What is working for the students?
- What can I do to help the students more?
- In what direction should we go next?

These are all excellent points to think about and they help to generate good discussions during each building's School Improvement Team (SIT) meetings and beyond. As I stated above, it is your right to make decisions that you feel are in the best interest of your children. However, if we can arrive at a point where assessments can satisfy the statements above, the time spent in doing so will result in our Holley students truly maximizing their abilities and potentials. As always, thanks for your support.


Robert C. D'Angelo
Superintendent of Schools

EVALUATES PROGRESS

COUNSELING News

Take FREE college classes with Genesee Promise Plus

Genesee Promise Plus is a special program designed specifically for seniors graduating in June 2016 from a high school located in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming (GLOW) counties in New York State. Under Genesee Promise Plus, **every** GLOW area 2016 graduate will receive a scholarship covering the cost of tuition for one or two summer 2016 courses offered by Genesee Community College (GCC) at any of its campuses located in Albion, Arcade, Batavia, Dansville, Lima, Medina and Warsaw. For more information, visit <http://www.genesee.edu/gcc/promise/>.

SAT/ACT for Juniors

If you haven't taken the SAT/ACT or would like to retake the exams, you are encouraged to sign up online or by mail. Registration forms are located in the Counseling Office. Many scholarships require scores as part of the selection process.

ACT website: www.actstudent.org

SAT website: www.collegeboard.org

Financial Aid for Seniors

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is still available to any family who has yet to apply! If you haven't applied, please do so **immediately** so you don't miss out on funding from loans, grants or other financial aid that is available to you. Please visit the website, www.fafsa.ed.gov, to complete the form online. Contact the online financial aid office for further assistance with completing the application. Worksheets are also available on the site to assist you with completing the form. Do **not** mail the worksheets to the Financial Aid Center.

Scholarships

Seniors are encouraged to visit the Counseling Office for scholarship opportunities. Many of the scholarships are located on the district website at: www.holleycsd.org/scholarships. In addition, a hard copy has been printed and is located at the Attendance Desk. Information can also be found on the scholarship board in the Counseling Office. You can visit the following websites for further scholarship information: www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com. Please see Kristina Tese for details.

Holley MS/HS Students' Artwork Selected for Local Events

Three Holley MS/HS students will have their artwork displayed in local venues. Eighth grader Nicole Bull and 10th grader Briana Colucci will have their artwork on display at the Rochester Institute of Technology's (RIT) Tora-Con event in the Gordon Field House on April 23-24. They both entered the RIT Tora-Con Art Contest.

Eleventh grader Diana Yaroshchuk will have her artwork displayed on the cover of this year's Teen Book Festival program. The Festival takes place at Nazareth College on May 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Diana Yaroshchuk



Nicole Bull



Briana Colucci

Holley Art Show on May 17

The Holley Art Show will take place in the MS/HS Foyer during the budget vote and board member election on May 17. There will also be a slideshow of artwork images on the monitor outside the Main Office. Families are invited to stop by the display to view the talents of our students.



Brian Gates



Diana Yaroshchuk

PTSA News

by Jennifer Morgan, PTSA Co-President

PTSA's next meeting is May 11 and we will be electing new officers for 2016-17 board. Come share your ideas and become involved; we are always looking for new parents!

We would also like to **thank** our local business for their generous donations and support: JPR Trailer Sales; Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc.; Daniel W. Schiavone, DDS; J P's Farm Market; Head over Heels Acrobatics & Dance; WNA Holley; VFW Post 202 Auxiliary; Laundry Matters; Holley Rotary Club; and Steven Thompson, DDS.

The Holley PTSA is also sponsoring the Sixth Grade Semi-Formal on May 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Elementary Intermediate Gym. Admission is \$3.

When you stop in to vote on the school budget and board member election on May 17, enjoy ice cream, compliments of the PTSA, from 4-6 p.m.

College Acceptances



We are pleased to announce that Brittney Shattack was accepted to The College at Brockport.

Congratulations!

Correction

We apologize for the error, but Anne Jewell was left off the 12th grade high honor roll list for the second marking period that was published in the April issue.

March Was Full of Music at Holley

Students in grades 4-12 performed in two concerts to highlight March as Music in Our Schools Month. The District Choral Groups performed the evening of March 15, while the District Concert Bands performed the evening of March 17 in the Holley MS/HS Auditorium. The Elementary Concert Band and Chorus staged a repeat performance on Friday, March 18 for the elementary students.

Under the direction of Sally Martin, the Fourth Grade Chorus performed "Chim Chim Cher-ee," from the movie "Mary Poppins," followed by "Get on Board This Train," which combined two songs into one. The Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus performed "Small Voices," "If You Can Walk, You Can Dance; If You Can Talk, You Can Sing" from Zimbabwe, and "Friend Like Me" from the movie "Aladdin." Both choruses combined to sing "We Sing for the Children," which was a song performed Tuesday night by all choral groups.

Under the direction of Hannah Bock, the Fifth and Sixth Grade Band performed "Japanese Festival," "Ultimatum," and "Serengeti Dreams." They ended the concert with "The Final Countdown," a song from the 1980s by the band Europe, which is now featured in Geico commercials. These students also performed this song with the MS/HS bands on Thursday night.

All performances in March gave students a chance to show off the skills they've learned through many hours of practice. The concerts also demonstrated the musical progression these students can make throughout the years as they advance through the music program at Holley.



Music Students Travel to Boston

by Kelly Marzano, Music Teacher

Holley High School music students traveled to Boston, MA on March 31-April 2 to compete in the WorldStrides OnStage music competition. The Concert Choir took first place in the 1A division with a "Gold" rating. Kayla Thrower received the "Maestro" award for her solo in the Concert

Choir's performance. The Women's Choir received a "Gold" rating in the 1A division. The Concert Band moved up to a more difficult division, 2A, and received a "Silver" rating. Holley also received the "Sweepstakes Program" award for entering three ensembles into competition and averaging the highest score.



While in Boston, the students:

- Dined at the Hard Rock Cafe
- Walked the Freedom Trail with our very own tour guide, History Teacher Mike Crissman
- Shopped and dined at Quincy Market
- Visited the Salem Witch Museum
- Enjoyed a dinner cruise around the harbor
- Dined and danced at the awards ceremony with 866 other student musicians



Disney's "The Little Mermaid" Charmed Audiences at Holley



Holley MS/HS presented three performances of Disney's "The Little Mermaid" in March. The musical tells the tale of mermaid Ariel (Makenzie Ferranti), who longs to live above the sea and explore the world of humans. Her father, King Triton* (James Skehan), discourages her love of all things human. She rescues Prince Eric (Matthew Skehan) from the ocean and falls in love with him, and he is charmed by her beautiful singing voice. Ariel makes a deal with sea witch Ursula (Kayla Thrower) and trades her singing voice for a pair of legs so she can live on land and join Prince Eric in the human world. Ursula's cohorts, Flotsam (Shayna Swisher) and Jetsam (Callie Updike), keep trying to pull Ariel back into the undersea world. Ariel's friends, Flounder (Kohl Morgan), Sebastian (Kory Puente) and Scuttle (Melanie Wolf), help her figure out how to survive in both worlds. Prince Eric's companion Grimsby (William Harrington) and Chef Louis (Matthew DeSimone) provide some comic relief during events on land, while Ariel's sisters Aquata (Alice McAllister), Andrina (Sienna Steier), Arista (Lexianne

Seewagen), Atina (Megan Fribance), Adella (Hannah Bailey) and Allana (Allyson Skehan) fail to understand her longing to be human.

The student actors did a fine job of playing their roles as the much-loved characters from this Disney classic, adding the appropriate level of wonder, humor, longing and evilness to the story. Costumes were deceptively simple looking, but clever in how they captured the essence of each character. The performers on stage and in the pit band sang, danced and played their way through the familiar tunes, easily engaging the children in the audience. The strategic lighting and beautifully painted backgrounds transformed the stage into believable undersea and land worlds. Congratulations to all involved!

**Note: The cast varied by performance, so the actors cited for these roles performed in the matinee on March 12.*



Sports News

by Dan Courtney, Athletic Director

Scholar Athlete Team Awards

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) announced the Winter 2016 Scholar Athlete team awards for each winter sport. Congratulations to the following Holley CSD teams: Cheerleading, Boys' Basketball and Girls' Basketball.

Unified Basketball Team Begins at Holley

Playing basketball for a school team is something many special needs students thought they would never be able to do. Last year, Section V started a Unified Basketball league and Holley is participating in the 2016 season. The league is sponsored by the Special Olympics, NYSPHSAA and Section V. A Unified League means anyone can play. They play by standard rules, they must meet Holley and New York State eligibility requirements, and they compete against other teams.

Before the basketball season began, Holley MS/HS formed a Youth Activation Committee (YAC). Anyone in the school can join the committee. YAC's sole mission is to raise awareness and acceptance of students with disabilities, and students in general, to improve the school climate. The group runs campaigns such as "Spread the Word to End the Word," and they raised money for the Special Olympics by participating in the Polar Plunge in February.

Holley Alumnus Receives SUNY Chancellor Award

by Kristina Tese, Guidance Counselor

Holley alumnus Nicole Blackburn was one of 248 students selected for the SUNY Chancellor's Award. The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence acknowledges students who have received recognition for distinguished achievements. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by SUNY. Over 48,000 students were nominated throughout the state.

Blackburn was nominated because of her tireless work ethic, both on the basketball court and in the classroom; her high academic achievements; her leadership on and off the basketball court; and her role as a student campus guide for prospective students at North Country Community College. College President Steve Tyrell said, "Nicole serves as a student ambassador and shares a welcoming perspective with students and families new to the college community. She is also the captain of the North Country Community College Women's Basketball team. As a result of her academic success, she is the recipient of the North Country Scholar of Promise Award and the Trudeau Institute Biology Award."

Blackburn is currently being recruited by eight colleges to play basketball for her next two years of college. "I can attest to her determination, character, tireless work ethic, self-motivation, high moral standards, the high expectations she holds for herself and her ability to be coachable," said her former Holley Basketball Coach Mark Thomas. "She

was an incredible student to coach, but an even better person when it came to how she treated others, her high competitive level and her ability to push herself past any obstacle. I am proud to have had the opportunity to coach such an incredible athlete, but more importantly, proud to have known such an incredible individual." During a discussion with Guidance Counselor Kristina Tese, Blackburn stated, "I am so glad that I graduated from Holley (in 2014). I am really happy that I attended a small school that was able to provide me with the skills and tools necessary to be successful. I am so grateful for the staff and coaches that supported me throughout my high school career. Thank you, everyone!" We are all very proud of Nicole and her success!



From left, Mark Thomas, Nicole Blackburn and Kristina Tese

Holley Wrestling in the News

Varsity Wrestling Coach John Grillo's letter to the editor of the Orleans Hub was posted March 24.

To read the letter thanking the community for their support of the wrestling program, visit

<http://www.orleanshub.com/news2016/Letter-Many-supporters-help-make-Holley-Wrestling-program-a-success.htm>.

The Youth Wrestling Club was also featured in the Orleans Hub on March 22:

<http://orleanshub.com/sports2016/Holley-youth-wrestlers-complete-season.htm>.

Elementary Library Showcases the Work of Dr. Seuss

by Julie Bader, School Library Media Specialist

Theodor Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss, was a man with a mission. That mission was to make reading fun and exciting by adding mischief, love, lessons and pure whimsy to create literature loved by children! Seuss felt that reading was one of the most important skills a child needed to develop to be successful in life. The Elementary Library set aside the month of March to celebrate this great man and his contributions to children's literature!



Using a center approach to learning, the library was transformed into a place where students could choose from a variety of "Silly Seuss Senters"! These areas of learning were developed to encourage reading, cooperation, communication and pure fun! The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2, and the Lorax were all spotted daily in the library, as students celebrated beloved characters by dressing up at the Seuss Photo Booth center. Seuss memory games, puzzles, Seuss Bingo, art centers and author study centers were other areas that students could participate in activities. One of the most popular centers to attend was the bookmark-making center, where students made a Thing 1 or Thing 2 bookmark to take with them.

Students were encouraged to promote their love of Seuss through performing skits, listening to his famous quotes, and watching photos on the cafeteria projector.

Our younger students enjoyed an introduction to some of the most cherished Seuss books such as "The Cat in the Hat," "Green Eggs and Ham," and "The Foot Book." We talked about the goofy characters and rhyming words that are typical of Seuss' books.

Smiles are seen and laughter is heard as the library continues to encourage a love of books and their characters!



PRE-K REGISTRATION

Holley is currently accepting Pre-K registrations for the 2016-17 school year. To be eligible for Pre-K registration, a child must be four years old by December 1, 2016.

In order to register your child, you must bring **your child's birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency (utility bill, tax bill, etc.)** to school at the time of registration. You will **not** be able to register your child without these documents. Contact Karen Bower at kbower@holleycsd.org or 585-638-6391, extension 2580 to register your child.

Pre-K medical physicals are **required** to be completed by September 1, 2016.

Students Learn About the Magic of Vitamins

Magicians Rob and Carol Allen came to Holley Elementary on March 15 to entertain the kindergartners and first graders, while slipping some learning in, too. Students were spellbound by the magic tricks. The Allens taught students about the vitamins that come from different healthy foods and how to make healthy food choices. Their show is sponsored by the Western New York Dairy Association.

This is the 40th year that the Allens have brought their show to schools. Two students helped out as assistants during the show and received rings for their participation. Rob said he was inspired to learn magic in second grade when a magician performed at his school. He encouraged students who are interested in learning magic to visit their local libraries to check out books on the subject, just like he did. The Allens will be bringing their magic show to Olcott Beach Carousel Park this summer, where they will perform at 2 p.m. daily.



Students of the Month for March

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 March: Jayden Miller, Elliana Ebbs, Madilynn Gearing, Alexandria Vega, Kailyn Robinson, Cole Fredendall, Kaylee Barr, Keira Warren, Isabella Warney, Isla Schultz, Chloe Onofreychuk, Ethan Amrhein, Tyler Moore, Grant Smith, Liana Robb, Koryn Neale, Natalie Foose, Isabella Emery, Randy Dash, Lena Hayes, Ava Buzard, Harlee Schicker, Kenadi Nickel, Sara Kingdollar, Morgan Blosenhauer, Lydia Sprague, Libbie Pecora, Rubie Maxwell, Caleb Schultz, Hailee McGuire, Halee Passarell, Hope Diaz, Shashona MacPhee, Brad Kingdollar, Regan Hodge, Tyra Shepherd, Ava Parr, McKenzie Hill, Angela (Angie) Weaver, Jordan Zumbo, Kayla Thrower, Rebecca (Becky) Payton, Jessica Mandigo, Kailey Waterman, Melanie Wolf, Angelica (Angie) Kavanagh, Cameron Bennage and Randi Gergely.



Holley Student Places in Top 3 at SkillsUSA Competition

Eleventh grader Kelsey Daniels received a second place award for Nurse Assistant in the SkillsUSA Area 1 Classroom Competition earlier this year. She attends the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certified Nurse Assisting program at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (BOCES 2). She competed in the Health Knowledge Bowl in a team of four nursing assistant students.

CTE students attend SkillsUSA competitions at the local, state, national and international levels to receive leadership training and compete in contests based on their fields of study. Kelsey went on to compete in the regional competition in Alfred, NY on March 8 with 51 other students from CTE, but she did not place. Kelsey is pictured in the second row, first student on the left.



Soaring Award

Fourth Grade Teacher Lynn Vendetti received the “Soaring to New Heights” award at the Holley Board of Education meeting on March 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. Vendetti received the Soaring award from Elementary School Principal Karri Schiavone for her recent Golden Apple Award from WROC-TV (Channel 8). Vendetti’s student, Alexis Kowalski, nominated her for the Golden Apple Award because Vendetti helped Alexis overcome anxiety about attending school. Alexis’ attendance improved and she started participating in after school activities, joining Vendetti’s Girls on the Run (GOTR) team. Schiavone talked about how Alexis struggled since kindergarten to have regular attendance at school and how much her attendance has improved this year under Vendetti’s guidance and encouragement to get involved in activities like GOTR. Vendetti’s Golden Apple Award segment aired on Channel 8 on March 22; view it here: <http://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/golden-apple/lynn-vendetti-receives-golden-apple>.



From left, Lynn Vendetti and Karri Schiavone

Business and Personal Law Class Spend Time in County Courts

by Alexandria Klaver, Student

On March 9, the Business and Personal Law class went on a fieldtrip to the Monroe County Court. Students toured the building and observed cases in Drug Court, Arraignment Courts and the Monroe County Trial Court. During one of the Drug Court cases, the judge presiding over it spoke to our class directly. He explained certain factors about his court, such as not talking to the audience and the right to appeal. The class also attended a court case where allegations were made, multiple witnesses were examined and cross-examined, and issues with *ex parte* statements were discussed. Through this fieldtrip, students were better able to comprehend and understand how a case and courtroom work, versus just learning about it in the classroom.

After the experience we had, I believe we’ll be able to understand more about the class and how court systems work in the “real world.”



Pennies for Patients Collection a Success

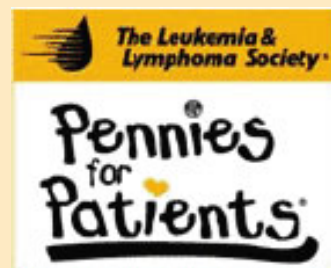
by Sally Martin, Music Teacher

The Elementary Student Council recently sponsored the Pennies for Patients collection. Each day, students brought their daily collection to the office. The coins were weighed and taken to the bank. Do you know how long it takes for the coin machine to sort over \$1,200 worth of change?

Cheryl Kipp’s class collected 65 pounds of coins and won free ice cream! Shannon

Meyer’s class came in second with 42 pounds and Kim Harrington’s Pre-K class came in third with 40 pounds of coins. All three classes will receive a bronze pennant for collecting more than \$100 each.

Overall, the elementary school collected \$1,262 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Since 2007, the Elementary School has collected more than \$5,500!



Congratulations to all!

Jump Rope For Heart Results From the Feb. 6 Event

by Lisa Campbell, Physical Education Teacher

Individuals Raising the Most Money

- First Place – Fifth grader Ryan SanFilippo - \$555
- Second Place – Kindergartener Terek Garrett - \$290
- Third Place – Kindergartener Kaeleigh Eiland - \$280
- Fourth Place – Kindergartener Olivia Kirkpatrick - \$225
- Fifth Place – Fifth grader Ethan Dart - \$220

Classes That Raised the Most Money

- First Place – Sheri Viscardi's class - \$900
- Second Place – Kris D'Angelo's class - \$648
- Third Place – Meg Schubert's class - \$542.20

Team That Raised the Most Money

- Team #15 (Sheri Viscardi's team) - \$900:
 - Ryan SanFilippo
 - Makayla Eldridge
 - Gavin Baney
 - Cameron Bates
 - Caleb Brannan

This class wins a free PE class with games of their choice.



From left, Cameron Bates, Gavin Barney, Ryan SanFilippo, Caleb Brannan and Makayla Eldrige raised the most money as a team in Sheri Viscardi's class.



This was our 31st year of participation. We had a terrific turn out! We had 118 student participants this year and 25 parent and staff volunteers, including two retirees. The Holley Elementary School raised a grand total of \$7,749.95 for the American Heart Association. Over the past 31 years, we have raised a grand total of \$251,333.06! We made it over the quarter of a million mark! Yippee!

Spring Fling Strikes ES

In the halls of Holley Elementary during the week of March 14-21, students could be seen wearing pajamas, costumes, hats, green, neon and their coolest clothes. They were celebrating the advent of spring during Spring Fling Celebration, where each day they participated by wearing themed clothing.



National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on April 5. Twenty-eight students in seventh through ninth grade 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 five qualities of NJHS membership: character, citizenship, leadership, scholarship and service.

The ceremony began with the current NJHS members 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 receive boutonnieres. The new inductees then joined the 52 current NJHS members on the stage. The current NJHS officers lit the ceremonial candles and described each of the qualities of membership. The new members were sworn in as a group. 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 NJHS inductee since 1989.

The guest speaker at the Induction Ceremony was Holley Social Studies Teacher Nick D'Amuro, who has taught

classes at Holley for the last 3 years. He talked about the qualities of membership in NJHS, and the importance of taking pride in accomplishments. He urged the students to not be satisfied with their achievements and improve their lives every day. "Whatever your passion may be, never be satisfied," said D'Amuro. "Finish everything you do to the best of your ability, and it will pay off. The result may not always be what you want, but you will establish an undying work ethic that you will carry with you all your life." Towards the end of the speech, D'Amuro began to recite a quote that is in his classroom, and the students finished it for him: "Nothing worthwhile in life is given to you – it's earned." His speech ended with a request to the students to not lose their sense of humor, treat others with respect and be a lifelong learner.

Cory echoed his message in her closing remarks to students and their parents. "I loved the message Mr. D'Amuro gave you," she said. "We all need to work hard for what we want. If we do not try, we will never get there. In life, things are not handed to you."

New NJHS inductees are: Karl Biedlingmaier, Abigail Bubbs, Amya Cancino, Kasey DeFrank, Laura Ellsmore, Andrew Drechsel, Brian Gay,

Rachael Howard, Brandi Heffernan, Brianna Heffernan, Tyler Jones, Erin Kelly, Allison Lyndaker, Janelle Miles, Ruth Miller, Kayleigh Neale, Cheyan Palmer, Ava Parr, Halee Passarell, Jakob Silpoch, Allyson Skehan, Hayley Probst, Annalise Tinkous, Charlie Turpyn, Callie Updike, Evan Valentine, Parker Walker and Emily Weezorak.

Current NJHS members are: President Ericka Mendoza, Vice President Emily Bibby, Secretary William Lavender, Treasurer Ethan Bibby, and members Sierra Apicella, Mikaela Auch, Megan Barrett, Ally Benson, Kamryn Berner, Autumn Bieber, Morgan Cary, Jocelyn Cervone, Jeremy Crandall, Megan Donohue, Viktoria Emery, Haleigh Falls, Damian Gamble, Megan Harrington, Sarah Harrington, McKenzie Hill, Regan Hodge, Jade Hoffarth, Rachel Killian, Bradley Kingdollar, Abrianna Kruger, Shawna Lusk, Madison Marsh, Ella Mohney, Callise Monk, Kohl Morgan, Gregory Morrill, John Mounts, Autumn Moy, Grant Moy, Nicole Mrzywka, Jacob Norman, Olivia Radford, Victoria Rich, Gina Sauro, Lexianne Seewagen, Tyra Shepherd, Matthew Skehan, Julia Smith, Aaron Strathearn, Emilie Strayer, Cody Tanis, Amanda Valerio, Zachery VanAmeron, Rachael Vanelli, Abigail Williams, Anastasiya Yaroshchuk and Kristina Yaroshchuk.



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MAY 2016

- 2 Sports Boosters Meeting, MS/HS Library 7 p.m.
- 2-13 NYSEASLAT Testing, ES
- 3 Blood Drive, HS Aud. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Meet the Candidates Night, ES Caf  5:30 p.m.
Board of Education Annual Meeting, DO 6 p.m.
Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Caf  6:30 p.m.
- 5 Senior Citizen Breakfast, ES Caf  9-10:30 a.m.
- 7 SAT Exam
- 11 PTSA Meeting, ES Room 49 5 p.m.
- 13 6th Grade Semi-Formal, ES Intermediate Gym 6:30-8 p.m.
- 17 Budget Vote & Board Member Election, MS/HS Foyer 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Annual Chicken BBQ, HS Dining Hall 3-7 p.m.
PTSA Ice Cream Social, HS Foyer 4-6 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.
Elementary Spring Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 25 Grade 8 Science Practical Assessment
- 25-26 Grade 4 Science Performance Testing
- 26 MS/HS End of Year Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 27 Memorial Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym 2 p.m.
- 30 **No School, Memorial Day**

FAMILY FITNESS CENTER

Hours Of Operation

Monday-Thursday

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Closed when school is not in session)

Benefits from using the district family fitness center

- Keeps you moving
- Socialization with community members
- Supervisor and security on duty
- Directions on use of equipment
- Free to all holley school district residents



Walking Program map is located on the district website:
<http://www.holleycsd.org/files/news/fitness%20flyer.pdf>

**Sixth Grade Moving Up Day is
June 21 in the MS/HS Auditorium at
9:30 a.m., with a reception to follow.**

**Save
the
Date!**