

DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | October 2016



First Day of School

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.

Superintendent's Message: The Decline of Reading



Dear Holley Community,

Many of us grew up following the old adage that "if you can read, you can do anything." While I find that still to be true, recent studies reveal a steady decline of reading among all age groups in our country. According to a new report from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the percentage of adults who read literature (novels, short stories, plays, etc.) fell to a three-decade low. In 2015, 43 percent of adults read at least one work of literature in the previous year. That is the lowest percentage in any year since the NEA began tracking these numbers in 1982, when the rate was 57 percent. The NEA's focus is on pleasure reading and excludes required readings for school or work. Also, they make no distinction between physical books and e-readers so as to capture the broadest group of leisure reading. Women are significantly more likely to read literature (50 percent) than men

(36 percent), but the biggest driver of literary reading is education. About 68 percent of people with graduate degrees engaged in literary reading in 2015, compared with 59 percent with a bachelor's degree and 30 percent with a high school education.

What are some of the possible causes for the drop in pleasure reading? There are a lot more products out there competing for our attention than there were 30 years ago. Video games and movies have transformed from something we did at an arcade or theater to something we do at home. More significantly, the Internet, with its endless amount of distractions, did not exist 30 years ago.

What are the implications for education? First of all, there is plenty of research to support that if we are reading less literature and concentrating more on the Internet, it seriously impacts our ability to interact and communicate with others, especially from a verbal standpoint.

Regardless of what our students' plans are for their futures, whether they be college, work or the military, the ability to positively relate and communicate with others is a significant skill for success. We all acknowledge that the Internet aspect of our world is here to stay, and we must effectively prepare our students to become proficient in the world in which we live. It is also equally important to provide our students with opportunities to interact with others in many ways. Regardless of a person's occupation or vocation, the ability to positively relate to others in written and verbal forms is essential for success. Please encourage your child to read for pleasure, as it is an activity that both broadens the mind as well as enables the child to effectively communicate with others. Thank you.

Robert C. D'Angelo
Superintendent of Schools

Flu Clinic on Oct. 12

There will be a Flu Clinic sponsored by the Orleans County Health Department on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 3:30-6:15 p.m. in the Elementary School Café. Nasal spray is unavailable this year. Those who wish to be vaccinated must be on site by 6:15 p.m. Bring your insurance card if you have one. Traditional Medicare cannot be billed for this immunization. For more information on what types of shots are available and which insurances are accepted, contact Cheryl Mills at Orleans County Health Department at 589-2874.



School Bus Safety Reminders

Did you know that an estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses every day? Don't become one of them! In New York State, it is illegal to pass a bus when its red lights are flashing. When drivers see the red lights flashing, they must come to a complete stop at least 20 feet away from the bus so that the bus driver can pick up or discharge students. This rule applies even when a bus has its red lights flashing in a parking lot, on school grounds, on a multi-lane highway or on the opposite side of a divided highway. Drivers must stop, whether they are approaching the bus from the front or the rear. When the red lights stop flashing or when the bus driver signals, drivers may resume driving. Drivers must yield to flashing yellow lights on a bus, slow down and be prepared to stop.

Penalties for passing a school bus involve fines, points added to your license and possible jail time. Refer to the table below.

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First conviction	\$250	\$400	Up to 30 days
Second conviction (within 3 years)	\$600	\$750	Up to 180 days
Third or subsequent conviction (within 3 years)	\$750	\$1,000	Up to 180 days

For more information, visit www.safeny.ny.gov/opsafstp.htm.

COUNSELING News

FAFSA Has New Submission Date

Attention Seniors attending college:

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has an earlier submission date of **Oct. 1**. Seniors have received information from Kristina Tese in regards to this new date. We are encouraging students to apply early.

Seniors should have toured colleges over the summer break. They should now be narrowing their search. They should register to take the **SAT and/or ACT** sometime in the fall. Online registration is available for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. Seniors should be working on their college applications, with the goal of completing them by Thanksgiving. Some colleges have different deadlines, so be sure to check the application deadline of the particular college you are applying to. Please allow ample time when requesting letters of recommendation from your teachers to complete your college applications.

Juniors: If you plan on attending a four-year college, the SATs/ACTs are required for admission. Please register! If you have questions, please stop in the Guidance Office and talk to your counselor.

The **PSAT** (Practice SAT—College Entrance Exam) will be given at Holley MS/HS on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 7:45 a.m.-noon. All college-bound **sophomores and juniors** are encouraged to take this exam. Students must register in the High School Counseling Office with Andrew Ruff. The cost of the exam is \$15 and may be paid by cash or check made payable to Holley Central School.

Senior interviews began in September. The purpose of the senior interview is to review high school graduation requirements and credits, confirm the student took or is taking the classes needed to graduate, and discuss post-graduation plans, such as college, military or employment. If you would like further information or to meet with your child's School Counselor, please call the Guidance Office to set up an appointment.

Please visit the [Counseling Department website](http://www.holleycsd.org) for additional information. **Scholarships** are listed as they are received. Feel free to review these scholarships and pay particular attention to the deadline dates. In addition, seniors have received additional information from Kristina Tese on various websites to assist in planning for their college careers, including www.mycollegeoptions.org. Scholarship search engines and other important information are located on this website. During classroom visitations, students registered for this site to access available resources.

Correction

We apologize for the error, but Bus Driver Linda Barber was left out of the September article on district employees who retired. Congratulations, Linda!

Homecoming Events

Spirit Days: 10/3-7

- Monday – Class Color Day
- Tuesday – Occupation Day
- Wednesday – Holiday /Season Day
- Thursday – Hawaiian Day
- Friday – School Spirit Day



Events on 10/7

- Pep rally at 9:30 a.m. in the MS/HS Gym
- Parade 6 p.m. in the village, starting at Geddes St. and ending at the old bus garage parking lot behind the MS/HS
 - Float Themes – Biomes:
 - Middle School – Grasslands
 - Class of 2020 – Tundra
 - Class of 2019 – Savannah
 - Class of 2018 – Oceans
 - Class of 2017 – Rain Forest
- Dances
 - Middle School Students – MS/HS Foyer from 7-9 p.m.
 - High School Students – MS/HS Dining Hall from 7-9 p.m.

Sporting Events on 10/8

- Visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/athletics.cfm?subpage=45131> for the complete schedule and locations.

Come and Join the Fun!

by Sally Martin, Elementary Music Teacher

The Holley Elementary Chorus is getting ready for their next performance. These students entertained the shoppers at the annual Kiwanis Club Craft Fair last year, and we have been invited to perform again this year. The Elementary Chorus performs at school assemblies and several evening concerts in Holley. Chorus members will also be performing at Greece Ridge Mall and the Lilac Festival this year. There may even be a surprise performance at another location! Come and join the fun! Stop by Sally Martin's room for a permission slip.



PTSA News & Events

PTSA is sponsoring a Mixed Bag fundraiser from Sept. 30 to Oct. 14. Visit mixedbagsdesigns.com to see examples of the merchandise. Information was sent home with students.

Please come out and support the student floats at the Homecoming Parade on Friday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. Float judges are needed, so please contact Jenn Morgan at jmorgan@holleycsd.org if interested.

Halloween Party for Pre-K-grade 3 on Oct. 14, 6:30-8 p.m. in ES Café – refreshments will be sold, costume and coloring contest, trick or treating, and more.

Halloween Social for grades 4-6 on Oct. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. in ES Café – refreshments will be sold and admission is \$3.

Parent volunteers are needed for both events! Contact Jenn Morgan at jmorgan@holleycsd.org to volunteer.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the Book Fair on Nov. 14-22 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Please contact Alexa Downey at adowney@holleycsd.org to volunteer.

Next PTSA meeting is Oct. 12 at 5 p.m. in Elementary School Rm. 49.

You can join the PTSA at any time. The PTSA membership fee supports student field trips, Pick A Reading Partner (PARP), field days, Elementary Theatre Guild, MS/HS Musical, Flag Day popsicles, Budget Vote ice cream, Pre-K kits, senior scholarships, Homecoming float, Senior Breakfast and many other activities. Without the membership support and parent volunteers at events, we would not be able to provide these opportunities to our students and community. PTSA members are not required to volunteer; however, if you're interested in getting the most out of your PTSA membership, we encourage you to get involved.

To join the PTSA, please complete the form below and send it to the main office where your child attends school.



HOLLEY PTSA - MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone numbers _____

Preferred method of contact: Phone Email Mail

Which school does your child attend? Elementary Middle School/High School

Please list any activities you are interested in or would like to see added to our programs (*current activities include book fair, Halloween parties, sweetheart dance, and fundraising*)

Membership dues _____ \$9 per family

Note: \$4 of dues for each family is remitted to the National PTSA

- Make checks or money orders payable to Holley PTSA
- Mail to: Holley PTSA, 3800 N. Main St., Holley, NY 14470 or place in our mailbox in the Elementary School Main Office or MS/HS Main Office
- Be sure to include this form and seal the envelope
- Please write on the envelope "ATTN: PTSA Membership"

For office use: Amount paid _____

Membership Card # _____

PTSA Officers:

Co-Presidents:
Jennifer Morgan
& Alexa Downey

Secretary:
Carm Miller

Treasurer:
Joanne Major

Membership:
Donna Moore
& Jeana Hayes

Donations Accepted for Holiday Shopping

Donations for the holiday shopping event that will be held in December are currently being accepted in the Elementary Mental Health Office. Items that are needed:

- All age toys
- Books
- Puzzles
- CDs
- DVDs
- Video games

Please label your items as "holiday donations." Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Erica Bailey, Elementary Social Worker, at 638-6391, extension 2558 or ebailey@holleycsd.org.



5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course Dates

Holley offers the 5-hour pre-licensing course through the HLSJ Driving Academy, Ltd. Students who register to take the course must already have their driver's permit. The cost of the class is \$35 and checks may be made payable to HLSJ Driving Academy. Students must register with the Guidance Office or online at hlsjdriving.com/signup.php. The course is taught in the Holley HS/MS Dining Hall from 3:30-8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Oct. 18, 2016
- Nov. 15, 2016
- Dec. 13, 2016
- Jan. 17, 2017
- Feb. 14, 2017
- March 14, 2017
- April 11, 2017
- May 9, 2017
- June 6, 2017

Students must bring a writing utensil to class.

Elementary Library Hosts Third Annual “Book Character” Pumpkin Decorating Contest

The Holley Elementary School Library is sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest for Pre-K-grade 6 students. Contest runs from Oct. 11-27. Contest rules are:

1. Entries must follow the theme of “My Favorite Book Character.” Students may pick a character from any book they have read.
2. Participation is voluntary. The entry should be done by the student with help from their families, if needed. Students must provide their own pumpkin and decorating materials. Classrooms may also choose to participate.
3. **Pumpkins must not be carved.** Pumpkins can be painted or decorated, using acrylic paints, spray paint, permanent markers, yarn, construction paper, pipe cleaners, cloth, wigs, tape, paste, glue, etc. **Do not** puncture the pumpkin to attach items; use a hot glue gun instead. Any holes in pumpkins will increase the chances of rotting before the entries have a chance to be judged. Carved pumpkins will not be accepted and will be returned to the submitter.
4. One entry is allowed per student. A 3x5” index card must be submitted with the pumpkin, listing the student’s name, grade and teacher’s name on the back, and the name of the book character, book title and author on the front.

5. Pumpkins must be brought to the Elementary Library beginning Oct. 11 and ending Oct. 27. No late entries will be accepted. All entries will be on display in the library.
6. There will be a first, second and third place winner from each of these grade level categories: Pre-K through kindergarten, first through second grade, third through fourth grade and fifth through sixth grade. Prizes will also be awarded to classroom entries. All participants will be recognized. Winners will be announced on Oct. 31.
7. All entries must be picked up from the library and taken home by Nov. 9. If any pumpkins remain after this date, they will be discarded. If pumpkins begin to rot at any time, they will be discarded.

To see examples of last year’s entries, refer to the cover of the **December 2015 Dimension**. If you have questions about the contest, contact Library Media Specialist Julie Bader at jbader@holleycsd.org.



Security Keeps Holley Safe

The men walking the hallways and grounds of the Holley campuses are there to serve one purpose: to keep everyone safe. They are the security force at Holley, employed by C.O.P. Security. The five men are retired deputies and officers from local law enforcement agencies. They spend their days, evenings and weekends patrolling the Holley school properties inside and out, monitoring the security cameras and supervising the various events on campus. They enjoy working with the students and staff.

The officers who keep our schools safe are:



Bob Lillie, ES

Lillie is a retired deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office with 25 years of service.



Roger Cole, ES and MS/HS

Cole is a retired patrolman with the Greece Police Department with 20 years of service.



Mike Roffe, MS/HS

Roffe is a retired sergeant from the Greece Police Department with 24 years of service, including 12 years as a criminal investigator.



Shawn O’Mara, ES and MS/HS

O’Mara is an active patrolman with the Gates Police Department with 23 years of service.



Drew Frate, MS/HS

Frate is a retired sergeant with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office with 25 years of service.

ES Library Hosts Family Literacy Nights This Year

The Elementary Library will be open several evenings this year and Holley families are invited to attend. Books will be accessible to all Holley families. Come on in, cozy up and enjoy reading some wonderful stories together!



Family Literacy Nights will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on:

- October 19, 2016
- December 14, 2016
- March 8, 2017
- May 10, 2017

New Staff Join Holley Central



Ryan Bloom

MS/HS Eighth Grade Math Teacher

A native of Spencerport, Ryan has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University at Buffalo and a master's degree in Education from Canisius College.



Zachary Busch

MS/HS Band Director

A native of Medina, Zach has a bachelor's degree in Music Education from SUNY Fredonia and is working on his master's degree in Music Education at SUNY Fredonia.



Crystal Gurney

ES ESOL Teacher

A Holley grad, Crystal has a bachelor's degree in Spanish and Elementary Education from SUNY Brockport and a master's degree in Education from George Mason University.



Sarah Misco

District Instructional Technology Specialist

A native of Syracuse, Sarah has a bachelor's degree in Childhood with Special Education from SUNY Geneseo and a master's degree in Educational Technology from Nazareth College.



Carrie Rebis

MS/HS Ninth Grade English Teacher

A Greece native, Carrie has a bachelor's degree in English Education and a master's degree in Childhood Education and Students with Disabilities from Nazareth College.



Tim Sampsell

ES Sixth Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher

A native of East Rochester, Tim has bachelor's degrees in Childhood Education, and Broadcast and Mass Communications from SUNY Oswego and a master's degree in Literacy from Canisius College.

American Red Cross Blood Drive on Oct. 24

The first blood drive of this school year is scheduled for Oct. 24 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Holley MS/HS Auditorium. Please consider participating. To make an appointment to donate or ask questions, please contact Jim Di Sessa at JDiSessa@holleycsd.org.

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 age 10 and older



Holley CSD Walking Program

Chart your progress and challenge yourself!



Location of AED in school building

FIT4U! Fall Session

The fall session of the FIT4U! program began on Sept. 26, offering free activities for students in the Elementary School and Middle School/High School as part of the Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant the district received in 2014.

Students in grades 2-6 can participate in African Dance on Thursdays in the Vocal Music Room. Games, Games and More Games are held in the Cafeteria, Gym and outside for grades K-1 on Thursdays. After School Friends Club is held in the Cafeteria, Back Art Room and outside on Wednesdays for students in grades 4-6. All sessions run from 3:30-5 p.m. and students can ride the 5 p.m. bus home.

Students in grades 7-12 can participate in Early Morning Fitness sessions at 6 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the High School Fitness Room and Gym.

All students can obtain FIT4U! permission slips from their physical education teachers; the slips must be returned to school before students begin their sessions. All programs end on Nov. 18.

The Biggest Winner Contest Starts in November

Holley Central School District will host the Biggest Winner weight loss challenge again, starting Nov. 1. This free program is open to residents of the community and district employees. Participants meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month from November until June in the Elementary Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Participants weigh-in from 6:30-7 p.m., then an educational seminar or activity that focuses on nutrition or fitness will begin at 7 p.m. and last for an hour. Each monthly meeting has a different focus. During each meeting,

prizes will be raffled off from local businesses, with grand prizes handed out in June at the end of the program.

In the past four years, 203 participants have lost a grand total of 1,140.9 pounds in the Biggest Winner Contest.

Sign up forms will be sent home with students in October, are available in school offices and posted on the district website. Contact Lisa Campbell (lcampbell@holleycsd.org) for details.

HS Dessert Concert on Nov. 2

The Holley Music Department is hosting the annual HS Dessert Concert fundraiser on Nov. 2 in the MS/HS Gym at 7 p.m. Students in grades 9-12 will perform a variety of solos and small ensemble pieces. Enjoy refreshments and desserts prior to the concert at 6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Foyer. Donations to support our music program are gratefully accepted at the door.

Thank you for your support of our musicians. We look forward to seeing you!

Invitation to Parent Breakfasts

The Holley Board of Education (BOE) would like to invite you to attend one of three Parent Breakfasts they will host this year. These breakfast meetings will give district parents/guardians the opportunity to meet with BOE members to discuss what is working well in the district and what needs to be improved upon. The breakfasts will be held on October 21, 2016; March 3, 2017; and May 5, 2017. Breakfast will start at 8 a.m. in the District Office Board Room and food will be supplied by Personal Touch, the district's food vendor. Each breakfast meeting should last one hour.

Prior registration is required for each breakfast. The first 12 parents/guardians that register with Connie Nenni, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, via phone (638-6316, extension 2003) or email (cnenni@holleycsd.org) will be admitted to each breakfast. Parents/guardians are permitted to attend one breakfast per year and may register for any of the dates. We hope you'll join us!



SPAGHETTI FOR SPAIN (Espaguetis para España)

Please join us at the
**SPAGHETTI FOR SPAIN
FUNDRAISER DINNER**

Nov. 17 from 5-7 p.m.
MS/HS Dining Hall.

This fundraiser helps students raise money for tips and excursions for their Spain trip in February 2017. Trip participants are selling tickets for \$8 each for adults and \$5 each for children age 10 and younger during the month of October. You may also purchase tickets by contacting Tammy Menzie at tmenzie@holleycsd.org. It's a convenient way to grab dinner between Parent/Teacher Conferences and the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony the same evening, so please come out and support our students!



New Mural in HS Fitness Room

During the last week of school in June, students Sienna Steier (on left) and Anna Brasted painted a mural of a Holley hawk on a wall in the High School Fitness Room. Well done, ladies!

Superintendent of Schools

Robert C. D'Angelo

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| 1 | SAT | 19 | Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m. |
| 1-14 | PTSA Mixed Bags Fundraiser | 21 | Parent Breakfast, DO Board Rm. 8 a.m. |
| 3 | Rochester Area College Fair, MS/HS Gym
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | | Grades 4-6 Halloween Social, ES Caf  6:30-8 p.m. |
| | Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m. | 22 | ACT |
| 3-4 | ES Picture Day | 24 | Red Cross Blood Drive, MS/HS Auditorium
10 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| 3-7 | Spirit Week | | Modified Wrestling & Girls' Basketball begin |
| 7 | Early Dismissal for Staff Development Day
• MS/HS 10:33 a.m.
• ES 11:30 a.m. | 24-31 | Red Ribbon Week |
| | Homecoming Parade 6 p.m. | 28 | MS Halloween Dance, MS/HS 7 p.m. |
| | Homecoming Dances:
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• HS - Dining Hall 7-9 p.m. | | |
| 8 | Homecoming Sporting Events | | |
| 10 | No School, Columbus Day | | |
| 11-27 | ES Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest | | |
| 12 | Flu Clinic, ES Caf  3:30-6:15 p.m.
PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m. | | |
| 14 | Pre-K-Gr. 3 Halloween Party, ES Caf  6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 15 | PSAT, MS/HS 7:45 a.m.-noon | | |
| 17 | Board of Education meeting 6 p.m. | | |

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.

How to Access Dimension Newsletters on the District Website

If you'd like to access past issues of the Dimension online, visit www.holleycsd.org/documents.cfm and select **Dimension District Newsletter**. You can also select **Dimension Newsletters** off the Quick Links list on the district home page to view current and past issues.