

# DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | January 2017

## Holley Schools Enters Final Phase of Capital Project

Holley Central School District will complete its last phase of the Capital Improvement Project by fall of 2017. On Dec. 13, 2016, they will accept bids for this third and final phase. By the end of the project, over \$30 million of improvements will have been made to district facilities, at zero tax impact to taxpayers.

Throughout the phases of the Capital Improvement Project, large transformations have taken place. A complete renovation of the Middle School/High School (MS/HS) has been accomplished, providing a state-of-the-art library media center, auditorium, dining hall and classrooms; and a new bus loop and student drop off loop were created. A completely new Transportation Center now houses a bus wash bay, which helps extend the life of the busses and keeps them in better shape. A new football stadium and an all-weather track were installed for the use and enjoyment of all district residents.

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*- District Superintendent Robert D'Angelo*

There are more large transformations planned for the last phase of the Capital Improvement Project in 2017. New tennis courts will be constructed, and some existing tennis courts will be renovated to become basketball courts. This will add another physical education teaching station and allow community use of the courts when school is not in session. Both the MS/HS and Elementary School (ES) will have heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) units replaced, and the ES will have windows and doors

replaced, which will increase overall energy efficiency. The ES will have two new playgrounds next year, along with a new bus loop to separate busses from car traffic.

“The entire project has provided the district with one of the finest facilities in Western New York, from both an instructional and extracurricular standpoint,” said District Superintendent Robert D'Angelo. “Over the past few years, it's been great to see the community enjoy using the track and fitness center, attending performances in the auditorium, and noticing the improvements made at large for students, especially at the MS/HS. I look forward to the end of the project, and all the additional benefits it will bring to the students and community. Our long-term goal for the campus is to maintain it as a state-of-the-art school facility and learning environment.”



### Our District's Mission

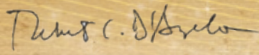
We, the students, parents, staff and community of the Holley Central School District, will work together to provide the opportunity and means for all students to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become responsible and productive citizens in a diverse and changing society. The ideal is to instill a passion for lifelong learning.



## A Holiday Message from the Superintendent

### Dear Holley Community,

This holiday season is one that is always looked forward to as a time that permits us to really enjoy the things in life that truly matter. Spending time with family and friends, enjoying some of our favorite foods, and celebrating the true meaning of this holiday season are things that enhance the overall experience of this time of year. I hope that you will be able to take time amidst all of the holiday rush to relax and enjoy this season. On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Holley Central School District Staff, I wish the very best to you and your family for a wonderful holiday and a happy and healthy 2017.



Robert C. D'Angelo  
Superintendent of Schools

## Holley Buildings & Grounds Dept. Receives Award

At the Nov. 21 Board of Education (BOE) meeting, the Holley Central School District's Buildings & Grounds Department received the Jim Ellegate Memorial Award from the Niagara Orleans Football Association (NOFA). The Eastern Orleans Jr. Hawks nominated the department for the award because of the stellar conditions of the youth football field and the district's facilities as a whole. They were impressed with how well-maintained, clean and welcoming the campus is, showing a high level of hard work and dedication by this department. BOE Vice President Robin Silvis presented Director of Facilities John Sherman with the award plaque at the meeting. "The Buildings & Grounds Department supports our community's youth by doing their job, but the time and energy put into the extras stands alone," said Silvis. "Our football fields and the surrounding areas are always top notch. They make it possible for our youth to not only play on beautiful grounds, but they helped make a portable scoreboard possible for use in each contest, which is absolutely outstanding. They make the cheer mats available for our cheerleaders; they seamlessly provide everything possible that our young athletes need."

The award is named after Jim Ellegate, who was a football coach for the RoyHart Rams Beginner Football Team until he died coming home from a football game. Ellegate gave freely of his time, volunteering to coach football and baseball, and acting as a Cub Scout leader. NOFA's Executive Board and Commissioners created the award to keep Ellegate's spirit alive. It is awarded to a person or organization that shows their passion for the love of the game and for the love of children.



## Using Games to Teach

by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Librarian

Using games to teach is not a new concept. Games are often used at the elementary level to teach collaboration, problem solving and key ideas. However, playing board games in middle and high school classrooms using curriculum-aligned board games is a new tool encouraged in the Holley MS/HS Library.

The MS/HS Library has always had board games students can check out and play; many are childhood favorites such as Monopoly, Sorry and Scrabble. This year, the library has built a board game collection that teaches specific topics while engaging students, providing context and practice, and connecting our students to the content.

### The new games are:

- Freedom: The Underground Railroad
- Pandemic: Can you save humanity?
- Evolution: The beginning
- Code Master: Programming Logic Game
- Twilight Struggle: The Cold War, 1945-1989

Several of the games have corresponding books written by Christopher Harris and Patricia Harris, Ph.D. Christopher Harris is the School Library System Director for Genesee Valley Educational Partnership whose passion is using games to educate, and he is a wonderful, local source for us in Western NY. He has an enormous game library. The books provide lessons with historical background information, a lesson plan, primary source documents, worksheets and assessment ideas.

### The books are:

- "Teaching the Underground Railroad Through Play"
- "Teaching the American Revolution Through Play" (goes with 1775 - Rebellion game which is on order)
- "Teaching Financial Literacy Through Play" (works with several games)
- "Teaching Programming Concepts Through Play" (works with Code Master game and others)
- "Teaching Secondary Science Through Play" (works with Evolution and Pandemic games)

When asked, students said that games increased their interest in school, provided a more interesting way for them to learn, made it easier for them to understand difficult concepts, and personalized their learning (Project Tomorrow 2016 <http://tomorrow.org>).

## COUNSELING News

### Holley Welcomed Joe Bailey for Another Successful Financial Aid Night!

Joe Bailey, Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Dean for Enrollment Services at Genesee Community College, welcomed parents and students for another successful Financial Aid Night. Bailey discussed types of loans, work study, scholarship opportunities, and the nuts and bolts of the financial aid process. Parents and students were fully engaged, and they asked questions about how to complete the financial aid online application. Thank you, Mr. Bailey, for your contributions to help our parents and students!



### Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The FAFSA applications have been available for submission since Oct. 1. Holley MS/HS counselors conducted in-class presentations to discuss scholarships, loans and work study for students interested in attending college upon graduation. Seniors who plan on attending college must complete the FAFSA forms ASAP.

### Scholarships

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

### Get Ready, Juniors!

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

### 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.

## 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 2017 Character Excellence Scholarship applicants. Scholarship applications may be downloaded by visiting: <http://charactercouncilwny.org/scholarship/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 1, 2017**.

## Hillabush Signs with Niagara to Play Ball

Holley senior Dylan Hillabush has signed with Niagara University to play Division I Baseball for them next year. He will receive a full scholarship. After many years of hard work and dedication to developing his baseball skills, Dylan is one of the top baseball players in Section V. As a left-handed pitcher, he has a great pickoff move to first, and he throws in the mid- to upper-80s. He had 78 strikeouts last year and a .855 ERA as a junior for the Hawks.

*Congratulations and good luck, Dylan!*



## College Acceptances



We are pleased to announce that Lisa Alemu was accepted to Marymount University with an \$8,000 scholarship, Long Island University with a \$20,000 scholarship, St. John's University with a \$21,000 scholarship and Adelphi University; Christopher Balys was accepted to Waynesburg University with two scholarships totaling \$72,000, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford with an \$11,000 scholarship and Gannon University; McKenna Hargreaves was accepted to Monroe Community College for their Liberal Arts and Health program; McKenzie Hendrickson was accepted to The College of Saint Rose; and Corinne Johnson was accepted to Cazenovia College and Villa Maria College.

*Congratulations!*



## December was Full of Holiday Music

In December, Holley students entertained their families and friends with the sounds of holiday music. Two concerts took place in the MS/HS Auditorium, with grades 7-12 performing on Dec. 1 and grades 4-6 performing on Dec. 6. The Middle School Chorus and Band kicked off the concert on Dec. 1, followed by the Concert Choir and Band, and Women's Choir. Traditional favorites such as "The Christmas Song" were performed alongside modern songs like "That's Christmas to Me" by Pentatonix. The chorus and choir were directed by Kelly Marzano and the bands by Zachary Busch, both of them music teachers at Holley MS/HS.

On Dec. 6, the Fourth Grade Chorus began the concert, followed by the Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus, both directed by Sally Martin, vocal music teacher. The Elementary Concert Band ended the concert, directed by Hannah Bock, instrumental music teacher. Full band performances were intermixed with small ensemble performances, as both groups played many traditional holiday tunes.

*Congratulations to all on their fine performances!*



HS Women's Choir



HS Choir



MS Band



Elementary band

## Elementary Chorus Gives the Gift of Music

*by Sally Martin, Music Teacher*

On Dec. 4, members of the fourth-sixth grade choruses entertained shoppers at the Kiwanis Craft Fair in Brockport. Shoppers took a break from their purchases as they listened to several songs by the elementary choruses. The fourth graders opened the program with "Snow Angels." They sang the two-part round unaccompanied (their first a cappella piece). "Sights of Christmas" is about the things we see, hear and smell during the Christmas season. What a fun song!

The fifth and sixth graders opened their part of the program singing "Christmas is Coming." This song is about the goose getting fat. No mention of turkey in that song - I guess everyone is still full from Thanksgiving. "Mele Kalikimaka" means "Merry Christmas" in Hawaiian. It would be fun to be in Hawaii for Christmas! "Let's Take a Sleigh Ride" is a piece usually performed as an instrumental piece. One of our kindergarteners accompanied us on the bells. This chorus' favorite song is "The Reindeer Prom."

Both choruses joined together and sang "God Bless the USA." Shoppers and craft vendors were delighted by the singers and joined in the sing-a-long. We had many positive comments and they have been invited back for next year.

*A special thank you goes out to the parents who brought their singers to spread some holiday cheer.*



Elementary chorus



Elementary Band Students Perform Christmas Music at Java Junction on Dec. 4.



## Alternative High School Hosts Thanksgiving Feast

Students from the Alternative High School hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for their families on Nov. 22 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 18 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.



## Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

Kindergarteners dined on a Thanksgiving feast with their families on Nov. 18 in the Elementary Café.



## Pre-K is Thankful in November

by Lori Passarell, Pre-K Teacher Assistant

On Nov. 15, the Pre-K classes celebrated Thanksgiving in the Elementary Café with a delicious breakfast provided by the cafeteria staff. Pre-K also hosted a food drive to help local families. They filled a wagon and transported the donations to the school counselor.





# National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on Nov. 17. Twenty-one 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. New inductees were called down to the front of the auditorium before changing into their red gowns. The new inductees then 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, received their membership certificate 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 pins to the students' family members. The new inductees ended their procession across the stage by being pinned by their family members. The guest speaker at the Induction

Ceremony was Sheena Hamiter, a Holley alumnus from the graduating class of 2000. She has been a Global Studies teacher at Holley MS/HS for four years and received the NYS Senate Golden Apple award. Hamiter was class president and valedictorian when she was a student at Holley. "Eighteen years ago tonight, I sat on this same stage and became a member of the National Honor Society," she said. She spoke about the qualities of NHS membership. "Scholarship is important; it involves the love of learning. You'll continue to gain knowledge by listening to experts and professors," said Hamiter. "I've learned a lot by just listening to people. I think everyone has something they can teach you. I learned more about character by watching my mother battle inoperable and incurable cancer than I could have learned from any person with a Ph.D. Gratitude is another important part of character. We should be congratulating the people who have helped young people become who they are today. Our country needs people of strong character, like the ones on this stage, to continue to be good people and focus on what's important. I really look forward to seeing all of the success these students achieve in their future careers."

## New NHS inductees are:

**Seniors:** Jesse Beach, Claudia Drechsel and Spencer Tupis.

**Juniors:** Patrick Bower, Briana Colucci, Matthew DeSimone, Brandon Dillenbeck, Jacob Downey-Cruz, Allison Howard, Alexander Lane, Andrew Moseman, Melanie Norman, Madison Papaj, Michael Passarell, Andrea Payne, Alexis Penna, Jessica Sedore, Dakota Thompson, Dalton Thurley, Nathan Towne and Hanna Waterman.

## Current NHS members are:

**President:** Diana Yaroshchuk

**Vice President:** Ashlyn Hotchkiss

**Secretary:** Megan Fribance

**Treasurer:** Anna Brasted

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



# 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:** Kirsstin Althoff, Harleigh Andrews, Cora Bennage, Adriana Botello, Kalen Brady, Jordan Bull, Thomas Dobri, Hope Falls, Ava Franklin, Hanna Guck, Rachel Kinsey, Alexander Knopp, Grace McKeon, Mason Neale, Brock Ostrom, John Patt, Libbie Pecora, Leah Rheinwald, Deanna Schubmehl, Caleb Schultz, Alexis Taylor, Kylie Towne, Breeonna Vargas, Riley Weaver, Emily Webster and Brodie Wright.

**Eighth Grade:** Karl Biedlingmaier, Sabrina Blosenhauer, Abigail Bubb, Julia Buck, Amya-Omar Cancino, Kasey DeFrank, Andrew Drechsel, David Farruggia III, Jayden Gibaud-Mastowski, Brandi Heffernan, Brianna Heffernan, Rachael Howard, Erin Kelly, Elizabeth Kruger, Allison Lyndaker, Shashona MacPhee, Alexandra Mendoza, Skyla Milazzo, Jazmin Mounts, Kayleigh Neale, Nathan Nothnagle, Halee Passarell, Rylee Secor, Jakob Silpoch, Allyson Skehan, Hayley Skidmore, Madelyn St. John, Michael Stoll, Cody Thorne, Annalise Tinkous, Antonio Torres, Allison Trowbridge, Charles Turpyn, Callie Updike, Parker Walker and Jordan Wright.

**Ninth Grade:** Sierra Apicella, Mikaela Auch, Megan Barrett, Amber Bartel, Ally Benson, Kamryn Berner, Autumn Bieber, Ashleigh Boyce, Nicole Bull, Morgan Cary, Laura Ellsmore, Haleigh Falls, Damian Gamble, Brian Gay, Gianna Grathouse, Megan Harrington, Sarah Harrington, Regan Hodge, Jade Hoffarth, Tyler Jones, Rachel Killian, Bradley Kingdollar, Ryan Lang, Janelle Miles, Ruth Miller, Kohl Morgan, Autumn Moy, Grant Moy, Ava Parr, Olivia Radford, Victoria Rich, Malachi Rowcliffe, Halle Shepherd, Tyra Shepherd, Cody Tanis, Rachael Vanelli, Anthony Wallace, Aliyah Weaver, Ashlee Wright and Kristina Yaroshchuk.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sebastian Bartholomew, Emily Bibby, Jocelyn Cervone, Megan Donohue, McKenzie Hill, Abrianna Kruger, William Lavender, Xi Lin, Shawna Lusk, Madison Marsh, Ericka Mendoza, Gregory Morrill, Lexianne Seewagen, Julia Smith and Anastasiya Yaroshchuk.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Liam Anderson, Hannah Bailey, Patrick Bower, Paige Brimacombe, Diana Castillo, Briana Colucci, Matthew DeSimone, Brandon Dillenbeck, Jacob Downey-Cruz, Alexis Gamble, Alassia GianCursio, Allison Howard, Kennedy Jones, Ava Kohut, Sonya Kordovich, Alexander Lane, Jacob Lang, Alexis Milazzo, Alexandra Miller, Andrew Moseman, Melanie Norman, Madison Papaj, Michael Passarell, Andrea Payne, Alexis Penna, Kamryn Penna, Melody Purtell, Tiffany Rowley Vega, Jessica Sedore, Salvador Solis, Brendan Stevens, Dakota Thompson, Dalton Thurley, Nathan Towne, Anthony VanLogten, Hanna Waterman, Angela Weaver and Alexis Younes.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Anna Adams, Lisa Alemu, Christopher Balys, Brooklynn Bartholomew, Bryce Baxter, Jesse Beach, Rosa Bender, Hannah Biedlingmaier, Anna Brasted, Andie Carpenter, Andrew Cary, Kelsey Daniels, Zachary Day, Claudia Drechsel, Hannah Ellsmore, Makenzie Ferranti, Isaiah Flow, Megan Fribance, Kenneth Greenman, Tyler Harkins, William Harrington, Megan Hatfield, McKenzie Hendrickson, Derrick Hildreth II, Dylan Hillabush, Tyler Hill, Ashlyn Hotchkiss, Corinne Johnson, Jason Kimmel, Rebecca Kinsey, Braxton Leary-Hart, Jessica Mandigo, Alice McAllister, Derek McArthur, Dylan McKay, Helana Mclean, Jennah McMillion, Veronica Mendoza, Katie Morgan, Collin Nothnagle, Ryley O'Mara, Collin Papaj, Antonio Puente, Heather Ramsey, Katharina Reisenbauer, Hayley Rowley, Madeline Rowley, James Skehan, Maya Thorne, Kayla Thrower, Melea Towsley, Ethan Tupis, Spencer Tupis, Jeffrey VanOrden II, Mika Vazquez-Pulcino, Diana Yaroshchuk and Jordan Zumbo.

## HONOR ROLL

**Seventh Grade:** Joshua Estevez-Snyder, Sophia Exley, Kira Gantman, Breanna Girangaya, Ashanty Gonzalez, Brookelynn Kruger, Erik Lang, Emma Lavender, Nicolas Mandigo and Jesse Reome.

**Eighth Grade:** Charity Ambeau, Storm Boyce, Makayla Famoly, Emily Gemerek, Caleb Gogal, Richard Hodge II, Arrianna Ianello, Irmayr Inostroza, Isabella Jenks, Devon Malone, Zachary McAllister, Jared Strathearn, Robert Torres and Evan Valentine.

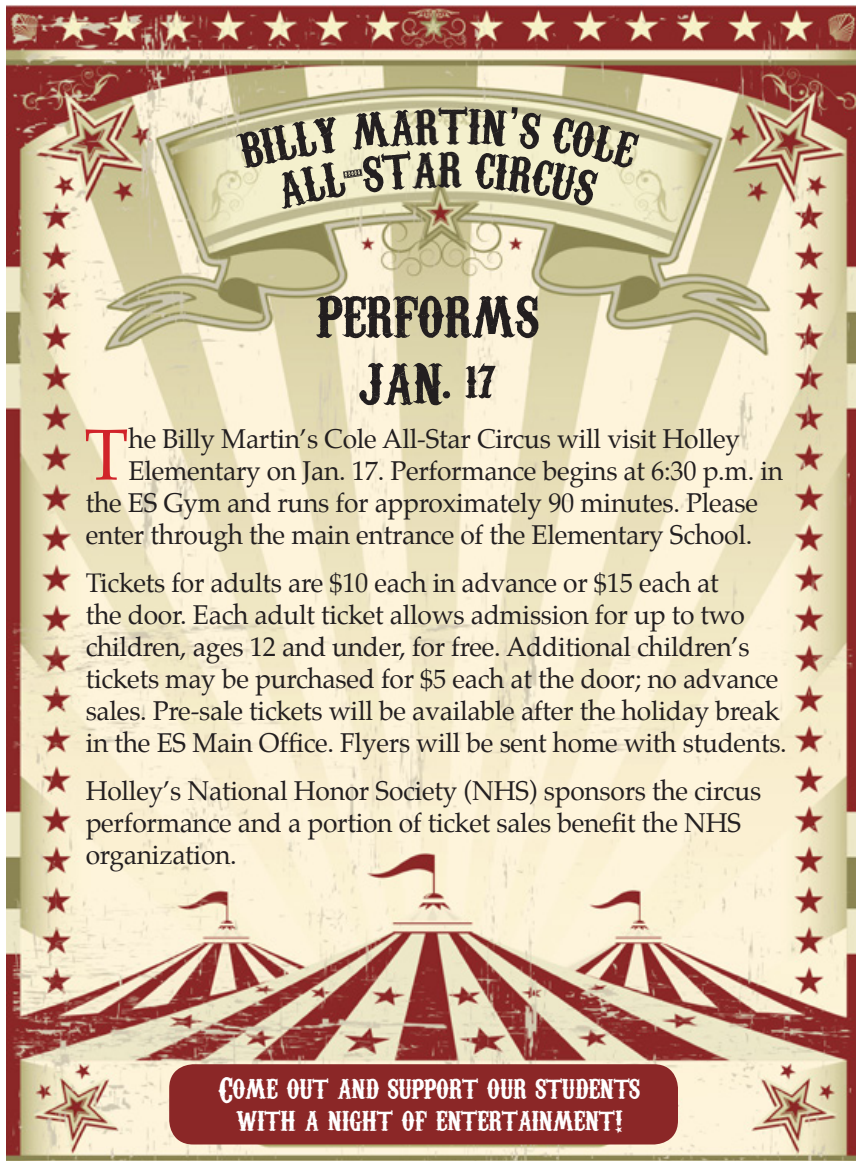
**Ninth Grade:** Tia Brien, Roberto Castillo, Viktoria Emery, Antonio Farruggia, Harley Felerski, Matthew Gemerek, Yasmin Helsdon, Jamel Hildreth, Christa Jacobs, Nickolas Kinmond, Allana Knopp, Melissa Kuhn, Carson Major, Travis Mounts, Jacob Norman, Emilie Strayer, Aaliyah Vicens, Ethan Waldron, Richard Webster and Charlotte Wright.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Erik Balys, Elijah Bibby, Ethan Bibby, Jocelyn Chilton, Jeremy Crandall, Danyan Famoly, Braden Ferranti, Sarah Klatt, Nicole Mrzywka, Alicia Osborne, Cheyan Palmer, Daniel Sonera, Aaron Strathearn, Julie Wagner, Abigail Williams and Corina Wright.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ryan Andrews, Khrystva Conrad, Paige Dolliver, Delilah Grathouse, Kelsie Johnstone, Emma Kennedy, Sierra Kuhn, Samuel Lammes, Breanna Laurer, Dalton Major, Hunter McMillion, Nicholas Schutz, Noah Shipe, Jacob Vania and Kayla Wilson.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jacob Crandall, Benjamin Downey, Julianna Drewry, Ryan Harner, Emily Herzog, Dillon Kuyal, Nicholas Merlau, Tyler Merritt, Alexander Mounts Jr., Garrett Moy, Trent Osborne, Brandon Reome, Bailey Schubmehl, Easontae Wilshire and Aliesha Wright.





**BILLY MARTIN'S COLE  
ALL-STAR CIRCUS**

**PERFORMS  
JAN. 17**

**The Billy Martin's Cole All-Star Circus will visit Holley Elementary on Jan. 17. Performance begins at 6:30 p.m. in the ES Gym and runs for approximately 90 minutes. Please enter through the main entrance of the Elementary School.**

**Tickets for adults are \$10 each in advance or \$15 each at the door. Each adult ticket allows admission for up to two children, ages 12 and under, for free. Additional children's tickets may be purchased for \$5 each at the door; no advance sales. Pre-sale tickets will be available after the holiday break in the ES Main Office. Flyers will be sent home with students.**

**Holley's National Honor Society (NHS) sponsors the circus performance and a portion of ticket sales benefit the NHS organization.**

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS  
WITH A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT!**

## Elementary Students Participate in Cup Stacking Event

On Nov. 17, 262 elementary students participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) Cup Stacking Event during physical education classes. Students had a chance to rotate through fitness stations, including fitness stacking, relays, competitions, creative stacking and tower building. Cup stacking helps students develop better hand-eye coordination, increase concentration and focus, and improve their reaction times. By participating in this year's event, Holley students helped break the Guinness World Record of 625,000 stackers participating in one event held in multiple locations in one day.



## Jump Rope for Heart Event Coming in January

On Jan. 27-28, Holley Elementary School will welcome Rene Bibaud as their guest performer during their Jump Rope for Heart events. On Friday, Jan. 27, Bibaud will lead a school assembly and demonstrate her jump roping skills. On Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9-11 a.m., she will lead the Jump Rope for Heart family event in the Elementary School Intermediate Gym. Bibaud is a five-time world jump rope champion, ESPN commentator and former performer with Cirque du Soleil. She formed her own company named Ropeworks, and she is a motivational speaker who tours the country leading school assemblies on the art of jump roping. She shows students how to attain physical fitness just by using a jump rope.



We hope you'll join us on Jan. 28!

## FIT4U! Winter Session

The winter session of the FIT4U! program began on Nov. 28, 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.

Games, Games and More Games are held in the Cafeteria for second graders on Mondays. Students in grades 3-6 can participate in Fitness Club on Thursdays in the Instrumental Music Room/Cafeteria. Cardio Fitness is held in the Elementary Fitness Room on Thursdays for students in grades 3-6. 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 Tuesdays 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 Jan. 30.



# Holley HS Students Interact with Their Community This Holiday Season

In late November, Holley High School students volunteered to set up the Elementary Primary Gym for the Holley Days of Shopping event on Dec. 1-2. The students worked with Social Worker Samantha Zelent to bring donated gift items 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 helped 53 families, including 141 children, receive gifts this year. Any remaining items went to the Community Center. "A big thank you to those who donated their time, money and/or gifts to make this event so wonderful," said Erica Bailey, Elementary School social worker and coordinator of Holley Days of Shopping. "All who attended were very appreciative of the opportunity. Several stated that without this support, their children would not be receiving gifts this year. I am proud to be part of a wonderful district that truly cares for its community."

Many of the students who volunteered their time at the shopping event are part of the new Interact Club at Holley MS/HS. This group is sponsored by the Holley Rotary Club. About 30 students in grades 7-12 have joined in its first year. Their focus is on volunteer work at both local and global levels. They have already volunteered at the Rotary



Beefeater dinner, and shopped and wrapped presents for seven Holley children, using money provided by the Rotary Club. They are assisting teachers at the Elementary School, and they will help with a spaghetti dinner in January to benefit a Holley family. They plan to volunteer at a soup kitchen soon and conduct a prom dress drive in the winter for the MS formal dance. They're also planning a book drive in the spring, where books will be shipped to children in another country. Rotary member John Heise is the Rotary Club liaison and Holley MS/HS Social Worker Samantha Zelent and Art Teacher Evinn Neadow are the staff advisors. "Whatever volunteer work the students want to do or ideas they have to help, we make it happen," said Zelent, who is Heise's daughter and very familiar with Rotary Club efforts over the years. "This is a

great opportunity for students to interact with the community, and it empowers them to help meet some of the needs they've identified in their environment that need support."

Zelent has been excited to see so many students who want to participate in the Interact Club. She has also been happy to see the support from Holley alumni to provide donations for the Holley Days of Shopping and to sponsor about 30 students this holiday season. "Former students who have graduated in the last five years have been contacting me asking how they can help," said Zelent. "Many of them are still going to school or just getting started in their careers, but they still want to give back. Isn't that fantastic? We live in such a caring community."



## Soaring Award

Senior Hannah Biedlingmaier received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education meeting on Nov. 21. This award is given monthly to deserving students and adults who go above and beyond expectations, and lend their skills and abilities to help others. Biedlingmaier received the Soaring award from MS/HS Principal Susan Cory for sewing new National Honor Society (NHS) stoles for the induction ceremony and graduation. The stoles are worn over the red gowns at both ceremonies to indicate members who have been inducted into NHS. "Hannah went above and beyond, and saved the district hundreds of dollars by creating 30 new stoles," said Cory. "She sews her own clothes, so she volunteered to help when she learned of the need for new stoles."



From left, Susan Cory and Hannah Biedlingmaier.



## Dewey the Library Elf Returns Again

Dewey, the library elf, visited the Holley Elementary Library once again throughout the month of December. He popped up in a new location each day within the library and challenged students to find him. He helped students learn about the different parts of the library and where various genres of books and special collections were found. Classes visited the library daily to find Dewey and his props. He was always accompanied by a poem to explain what is found in that section of the library.

### A sample poem:

*Pass, kick, score, cheer!*

*Dewey yells, "I'm over here!"*

*Books about soccer are full of facts,  
796.33 is where you'll find the stacks.*

For those classes who could not make it to the library, School Library Media Specialist Julie Bader sent photos to teachers to post on their classroom smart boards.



*Who knows where he'll be  
found next year?*

## Global Studies 2 Students Debate Revolutions

Students in Matt Hennard's Global Studies 2 classes conducted debates in November about the Industrial Revolution versus the Modern Technological Revolution in the MS/HS Auditorium. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade students researched each revolution and then they were split into teams to represent each revolution. Hennard instructed students to prepare examples of how life changed in each revolution. The teams prepared opening and closing statements and asked and answered questions from the opposite team, trying to persuade each other and the audience that one revolution had more of an impact on society than the other.

The students appeared very knowledgeable and passionate in their arguments. "I was very happy to see students were able to think on their feet, but still have a respectful debate," said Hennard. "I was happy with the exchange of ideas as each team challenged the other to explain their claims. Overall, I was pleased to see students come out of their shells and do more than I expected." The students on each team, along with students in the audience, completed feedback forms on the performance of both teams. The Global Studies 2 students also had a chance to evaluate themselves as a team and as individuals. Hennard said that the feedback forms will determine the winner of the debate in each class period.

The debate came about as a way for the social studies department to assess what students were learning after spending time studying these historic events. The assessment process was developed through the Teaching is the Core grant that Holley received two years ago.



## PTSA News

PTSA thanks everyone for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair and Santa Gift Gallery.

During the Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) program, PTSA encourages each student to read for 15 minutes per day with a partner until Jan. 6. For the students who participate in this program, their name is entered into a drawing for a chance to enjoy a limo ride out to lunch on Jan. 18. The winners will be announced at the PARP assembly on Jan. 13.

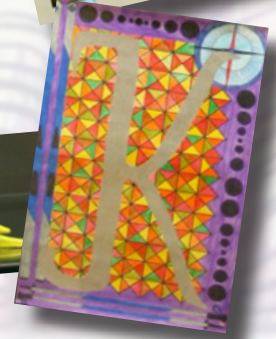
PTSA also sponsored a Santa visit to school this month.





# Art on Display in MS/HS

There are a variety of art projects featured in the display cases in the MS/HS Foyer. Be sure to check them out the next time you are in the building.



## Students of the Month for November

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades K-12. Elementary students are nominated from each classroom, and middle and high school students are nominated in each subject area, all on a monthly basis. Each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. The certificates are also displayed in the glass display case outside the MS/HS Library and then filed in a binder in the MS/HS Main Office. Pictures of the elementary students are displayed in the hallway near the Elementary Library and archived in a binder in the library.

Once each month, students of the month from grades K-12 have breakfast together with the principals in the Elementary Café or MS/HS Dining Hall (location rotates monthly). Breakfast is 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: Cameron Kelley, Averie Johnson, Autumn Monk, Araceli Williams, Kaeleigh Eiland, Arthur Boggs, Dylan Warner, Desiree McCormack, Aro Kruger, Brody Williams, Cadence Merkley, Anarosa Sanchez-Nichols, Andrea Withrow, Alondra Mendez, Colin Liese, Alexia Renner, Cora Hudzinski, Lena Hayes, Caitlin Dobri, Gary Falls, Shannon Kelly, Jesse Patterson, Matthew Barlow, Teanna Church, Kasten Davis, Hayden Brett, Thomas Dobri, Libbie Pecora, Julia Buck, Irmay Inostroza, Parker Walker, Tyra Shepherd, Emily Bibby, Madison Day, Melody Purtell, Tiffany Rowley-Vega, Alex Edwards, Hannah Biedlingmaier, Corinne Johnson, Veronica Mendoza and Katie Morgan.





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## JANUARY 2017

- 1-2 No School, Holiday Recess**
- 1-6 PARP
- 3 Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Café 6:30-8 p.m.
- 9 Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.
- 11 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 13 PARP Assembly, ES Intermed. Gym 2 p.m.
- 16 No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 17 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.  
All-Star Circus, ES Intermed. Gym 6:30-8 p.m.
- 18 PARP Limo Ride
- 21 SAT
- 23-27 Regents & Midterm Exams – MS/HS Students Report for Exams Only**
- 27 ES Early Dismissal for Staff Development 11:30 a.m.**  
Second Marking Period Ends
- 28 Jump Rope for Heart, ES Intermed. Gym 9-11 a.m.

*Check the district calendar online for additional detail.*

## Makerspace Holiday Activities

Holley HS/MS students have the opportunity to come down to the library every Friday during free periods and create something using the materials provided in the Makerspace. The Makerspace is a place where students can independently explore and create to discover new learning. The supplies provided and suggested projects vary each week depending on which bucket is selected. In early December, students had an opportunity to create pinecone reindeer, print plastic angels using the 3-D printer, and make trees out of magazines. To see other projects that students have completed in the Makerspace, visit <http://libguides.monroe2boces.org/holleymaker>

*On that page, click the tabs above the "Makerspaces" heading to view the different creations students have made.*

