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Holley Central School District | May 2018



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 in the MS/HS Auditorium, with students in grades 4-12 performing the song "Oye!" together. The District Concert Bands performed the evening of March 20. The High School Concert Band performed "All Glory Told" and "Bandology," which were songs they performed in a national band competition in Annapolis in late March.

The Elementary Concert Band and Chorus staged a repeat performance for the elementary students on March 23. Elementary student Ryan Clausen earned the prize of being a guest conductor of one of the Fifth and Sixth Grade Band songs. He correctly matched the list of elementary teachers to their instruments or vocal skills, and he was the only student with 100 percent accuracy in this school-wide contest.

Elementary students who performed in the All-County concerts were recognized and received pins for their participation from their music teachers.

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.



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

2018-19 BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 15

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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



Budget Highlights

- 2 percent tax levy increase
- Maintains school day programs and services

While you're in the district on May 15, please enjoy:

Holley Music Department Annual Chicken BBQ, 3-6:30 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. The meal includes chicken, roll and butter, macaroni salad, and salt potatoes. Food is provided by 58 Main BBQ & Brew.

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

Elementary School Spring Concert
7 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium
– Enjoy performances from our talented music students.

Holley MS/HS Digital Readiness TEAM

by Principal Susan Cory, MS/HS Library Media Specialist Lisa Osur and Instructional Technology Specialist Sarah Misco

This past fall, Holley MS/HS formed the Digital Readiness TEAM (DR TEAM) to proactively prepare for the improved connectivity, infrastructure and arrival of technology equipment to our school through the NYS Smart School Bond Act.

The DR TEAM is currently made up of an administrator, teachers, Information Technology (IT) staff and students. We will be reaching out to parents and the community in the coming year as we move forward.

The DR TEAM began by researching what has already occurred in local districts in terms of digital readiness. We attended conference sessions on 1:1 initiatives (rolling out computers to each student), and we participated in local events where districts shared their experiences. Holley has the advantage of following good examples from other districts who have gone through the process, learning from their mistakes, and receiving their shared practices and resources. All of the research we have done has helped us come to

the conclusion that successful tech-integration depends on the following:

- Professional development for teachers and staff
- Utilization of a Learning Management System (LMS), which is required by the Smart Bond Act. An LMS is a software application which allows for digital delivery and administration of a class, including class materials, assignment dropboxes, discussion forums and online formative assessments.
- A Digital Citizenship curriculum
- Communication and buy-in from all stakeholders

Given what we have learned, our goals for 2017-18 have been to:

1. Select and begin piloting an LMS
2. Evaluate professional development needs based on International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards
3. Find and/or develop a Digital Citizenship curriculum
4. Begin to involve, and communicate with, all stakeholders

Schoology has been identified as the LMS of choice, based on the recommendation of many districts within the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES consortium. Schoology has been introduced to staff, and some are in the very initial stages of piloting the basic version. A Schoology subscription for the MS/HS will be available for the 2018-19 school year. Professional development will be planned throughout the year, with the expectation that all teachers will be using it by Fall 2019. Staff and students have taken an ISTE Tech Skills evaluation, and professional development is being planned based on the results. Digital Citizenship curriculum has been shared by local districts with us, and we will evaluate and personalize it for Holley over the summer.

The coming school year is going to be a very busy and exciting one as we keep working towards providing our students with the skills and resources they need to be future-ready.

Soaring Award

Senior Glenn Thrower received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on March 19. 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. Glenn received the Soaring award from Principal Susan Cory for bringing in a birthday cake for another student. Glenn wanted the student to be able to celebrate his birthday at lunch time. Principal Cory commended Glenn for "making sure another student feels part of our community."



From left, Principal Susan Cory and Glenn Thrower.

Students Attend Leadership Conference

A small group of Holley MS/HS students attended The District XI-Genesee/Finger Lakes Region annual student leadership conference at SUNY Genesee in March. The theme was "Student Leadership on Fire." Students attended a variety of student-run workshops and listened to keynote speaker, Kyle Scheele. Scheele emphasized how the actions of one person can have an impact on others.



Coach Penny Cole Receives Award from RMH

Holley Varsity Cheerleading Coach Penny Cole was selected as the 2018 recipient of the McDonald's Community Service Award. It was awarded from the Rochester area McDonald's Restaurants and the Rochester Ronald McDonald House (RMH) High School All-Star Basketball Games. Cole received her award at the All-Star Banquet on March 21.



From left, Holley cheerleader Madison Papaj, Coach Penny Cole, Principal Susan Cory and cheerleader Kennedy Jones.

According to Rich Dibble, the RMH All-Star Games Chairman, Cole received the award in recognition of her constant and unwavering support of the Ronald McDonald House and All-Star Games over many years, along with her incredible efforts to help raise funds for "The House." "Your tireless and creative fundraising efforts have been an inspiration to all of us," said Dibble. "You are an incredible role model for so many young people, demonstrating and showing them the importance of giving back to your community." Congratulations, Penny!

AMPED Class Begins T-Shirt Production

The Algebra, Manufacturing, Production, Entrepreneurship & Design (AMPED) class started making t-shirts. In the AMPED class, ninth grade students take algebra skills they've learned and apply them to running a business. They have created t-shirts for class members, and they are working on creating t-shirts for the Geometry in Construction class. Another customer has also approached them about creating t-shirts, so students are off to a great start with this business venture!



PTSA News

The Sixth Grade Semi-Formal is on May 11 in the ES Intermediate Gym from 6:30-8 p.m. More information about this event will be shared in a flyer sent home soon.

On May 15, when you visit the MS/HS Foyer to vote on the school budget and board member election, swing by the PTSA table to receive free ice cream. The PTSA Ice Cream Social will be held from 4-6 p.m. that evening.

Autumn Moy Wins GRTBF Program Design Contest

Holley sophomore Autumn Moy recently won the Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival (TBF) Program Cover design contest. Her artwork will be used for the cover of this year's program that will be distributed to attendees of the festival on May 19. Autumn receives two tickets to attend the Author Dinner on May 18 as part of her contest win. Her design will also be used for the brochure cover for TBF 2019.

Autumn is a Drawing & Painting student in teacher Evinn Neadow's class. Neadow has distributed the design contest as an assignment for her students during the past several years. Autumn is the second Holley student to win this contest; Diana Yaroshchuk won the contest in 2016.

Holley MS/HS Librarian Lisa Osur is one of the organizers for the TBF this year. "I knew it was special the minute I saw Autumn's design," said Osur

Congratulations, Autumn!



District Website Tips

If you've visited the Holley Central School District website, <http://www.holleycsd.org/default.aspx>, but can't find what you're looking for, try using the **Search** function. It appears at the bottom right corner of each page and has a magnifying glass symbol next to the search field. Enter any key word(s) into this field and click the magnifying glass. A new window will open, displaying a list of results.

To find the latest news, visit the Home page by clicking the **house** icon on any page; the house icon is displayed in the right top and bottom corners of all pages. Then click the photo box labeled **Latest District News** in the middle of the page. Five news items are also displayed on the middle pane of the landing pages for the Middle School/High School (MS/HS) and Elementary School (ES) pages. The individual school pages are accessed from the top navigation bar and listed under **Schools**.

Calendar events also display on the right side of the landing page for the MS/HS and ES. To access the calendar from the Home page, click the photo box labeled **Calendar of Events**. The calendar can also be accessed by clicking **Calendar** from the top navigation bar; once you land on this page, click **District Calendar** under the Calendar Links heading. There are a number of options for viewing and printing the electronic calendar listed at the top of each month, including an option to export the school calendars to your devices.

To access the **Staff Directory**, click the **people** icon in the lower right corner of any page. After entering search criteria, the faculty or staff member's record is displayed; click the **View More** link on the right to obtain additional information.

You are able to access our district social media accounts from any page within the site by clicking the Facebook or Twitter icons at the bottom of each page.

Important documents and links to resources are now located on the right side of each page under the **Downloads** and **Links** headings, as appropriate.

If you spot any information that is incorrect or outdated, please send an email to webmaster@holleycsd.org and include the page URL you are referring to. You can also click the **envelope** icon at the bottom right corner of any page to submit your comments or ask a question about the website.

Racing Group Helps With Fundraiser for Sierra Mendes

Are you ready for some racing? Wouldn't you love to race cars in the ES building? That is what happened in the ES Gym on April 7.



For 16 years, the RC Motorsports Group has hosted the Winter Monster Blast, a side-by-side radio-controlled monster truck race with proceeds donated to a children's charity. This year, the Winter Monster Blast was held at Holley ES, with proceeds donated to the Holley Elementary Student Council's efforts to support Holley alumna Sierra Mendes. Sierra lost her leg in a car accident and hopes to purchase a prosthetic running blade. RC Motorsports Group donated \$540 to the Student Council from this event.

Elementary Student Council member Annalee Ham sold refreshments to the thirsty racers alongside Elementary Student Council Advisor Sally Martin.

Holley alumni Bill Donovan, Brandon Donovan, and Gordon Tinkous, along with Holley sophomore Britney Donovan, organized the event. Holley alumni Mike Dale, along with many others, also participated in the event.

If your group or organization would like to host an event to support Sierra, please contact Sally Martin at smartin@holleycsd.org.

Pre-K Students Enjoy Some Bunny Fun Before Break

Pre-K students in Amie Callen's and Alexa Downey's classes received a visit from the Easter Bunny on March 29. Students also created their own version of "bunny ears" in class. Nothing escapes these "wascally wabbits"!



National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on March 27. Twenty-two 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. To be inducted, 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 new inductees sitting in the audience, who then exited the auditorium to receive boutonnieres. The new inductees then joined the 44 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 Special Education Teacher Kelly Frost. She told students how impressed she was with their accomplishments and how they made her feel optimistic for the future. "You guys get it," she said. "You get that you have to work hard no matter what, and that life isn't easy. You get that donating your time isn't just something you have to do, but instead something you choose to do to feel good inside. You get that the people around you are the ones who made you who you are today and that is what makes you amazing. Because of you, I am hopeful that we will have a future of bright, intelligent and compassionate individuals who want and need to change the world." She encouraged them to keep working hard towards their goals. "You all have a voice and a passion," said Frost. "Whatever your passion is, use your voice and make sure to continue to develop that passion. Make sure you appreciate not only the good in life, but the bad, too. Without having to struggle, you never really know how strong you are. Be who you want to be and continue to 'get it.'"

Cory ended the induction ceremony with a brief message to students and their parents. "I am always happy to see so many of you join this society every year," she said. "This is just another example of

being Holley Strong."

New NJHS inductees are: Morgan Blosenhauer, Rayelle Bonacci, Julia Buck, Erin DeFrank, Harriet Emery, Hope Falls, Sarah Kelly, Shannon Kelly, Hunter Kennedy, Sara Kingdollar, Mason Neale, Evan Press, Ava Quincey, Elise Quincey, Katelyn Randall, Leah Rheinwald, Summer Roselli, Catalina Solis-Escamilla, Lily Sprague, Lydia Sprague, Jordan Wright and Trent Wright.

Current NJHS members are: President Callie Updike, Vice President Thomas Dobri, Secretary Harleigh Andrews, Treasurer Allyson Skehan, and members Kirsstin Althoff, Cora Bennage, Karl Biedlingmaier, Adriana Botello, Abigail Bubb, Amya Cancino, Kasey DeFrank, Andrew Drechsel, David Farruggia, Hanna Guck, Brandi Heffernan, Brianna Heffernan, Rachael Howard, Erin Kelly, Rachel Kinsey, Hayley Lipke, Allison Lyndaker, Shashona MacPhee, Grace McKeon, Kayleigh Neale, Broek Ostrom, Halee Passarell, John Patt, Libbie Pecora, Madelyn St. John, Deanna Schubmehl, Jakob Silpoch, Hayley Skidmore, Peyton States, Michael Stoll, Alexis Taylor, Annalise Tinkous, Antonio Torres, Kylie Towne, Charles Turpyn, Evan Valentine, Parker Walker, Riley Weaver, Emily Webster and Brodie Wright.



New NJHS members



Current NJHS members

COUNSELING News

Take FREE college classes with Genesee Promise Plus

Genesee Promise Plus is a special program designed specifically for seniors graduating in June 2018 from a high school located in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming (GLOW) counties in New York State. Under Genesee Promise Plus, **every** GLOW area 2018 graduate will receive a scholarship covering the cost of tuition for one or two summer 2018 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 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. Fee waivers are available, please see your counselor if you need one.

- ACT website: www.actstudent.org
- SAT website: <http://www.collegeboard.org/>

Financial Aid for Seniors

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) 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: <http://www.holleycsd.org/Scholarships2017-18.aspx>. In addition, hard copies are printed of the scholarships, and they are 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.

College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Nicholas Kuhls was accepted to Genesee Community College and Monroe Community College.

Congratulations!



NYS Excelsior Scholarship

The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free. The application for the 2018-19 academic year for new applicants is now open. Go to www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior for more information and to find out how to apply. **The application deadline is July 23, 2018.** Current Excelsior Scholarship recipients should **not** complete this application.

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term;
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- have either graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test, as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department;
- have a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$110,000 or less;
- be pursuing an undergraduate degree at a SUNY or CUNY college, including community colleges and the statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University;
- be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program;
- if attended college prior to the 2018-19 academic year, have earned at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program prior to applying for an Excelsior Scholarship;
- be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award;
- be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by a NYS award that the applicant has previously received; and
- execute a Contract agreeing to reside in NYS for the length of time the award was received, and, if employed during such time, be employed in NYS.

To complete the application, eligible students will need:

- to complete the 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the TAP Application,
- copies of 2016 New York State income tax return(s) filled by students and their parent(s) or students' spouses, as applicable.

Interact Club Members Attend Leadership Seminar

Holley Interact Club members journeyed to Albion High School on March 22 to learn from local community leaders. Holley students attended the Rotary Interact Leadership Seminar with Albion student leaders. The focus of the seminar was "Service Above Self," which is also part of the Rotary Club motto. The Holley Rotary Club sponsors the Interact Club at Holley MS/HS.

Five community members talked to students about how they can take action in their communities to make a positive impact on their world. The seminar speakers were Albion Schools Superintendent and President of the Albion Rotary Club Michael Bonnewell; Pastors Aligned for Community Transformation (PACT) Founder and Harvest Christian Fellowship Reverend Tim Lindsay; Clarendon Code Enforcement Officer, Clarendon Historian and Holley Board of Education member Melissa Ierlan; Orleans County Sheriff Randy Bower; and former State Assemblyman Charlie Nesbitt.

Nesbitt shared with students his story of being a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. When he was 20, he was tasked with extracting a Special Forces unit from Laos, where the unit's chopper had crashed. Under enemy fire, he picked up the crew. When they realized one member was missing, Nesbitt turned around and rescued him, even though his chopper was low on fuel. Nesbitt received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions. He told students that his experience taught him that leaders identify a problem and develop a strategy to solve it, often using tenacity to get the job done. "With leadership, the key element is vision," he said. "You have to understand the situation and imagine the outcome." He urged students to give back to their communities throughout their lives, just like he has done. "It's within any individual to make a difference," he said.

Bonnewell advised students not to wait to make an impact on their community; they can begin now. "Don't wait until



you're settled in your career," said Bonnewell. "The world is yours now and you can shape it." Lindsay agreed with Bonnewell about students acting now. "Do you want to be part of the solution?" Lindsay asked students. "Identifying the problem is easy." His organization, PACT, has been trying to tackle poverty and drug addiction, two of the biggest challenges in the community. He urged students to be character driven in their lives, especially during the ages of 16-26. "The decisions you make now will affect you later on," he said. "Live for something bigger than yourself. You can leave a great legacy behind you when you live for others."

Bower told students to have a "strong moral compass" to guide their decisions and actions, and to help them overcome any challenges. He advised students to always look people in the eye and not be overly distracted by their electronic devices. "Make eye contact and engage in conversation with those around you," said Bower. "Have a firm handshake. These are the things you need to do, especially when you're interacting with, and trying to impress, adults."

Ierlan advised students to get a job, work hard and not ask for handouts. "Parents keep giving you things, like cars and phones, but when they don't make you pay for car insurance or the phone bill, you're receiving a handout from them, and that doesn't help you in the long run," she said. "If you want to find out how to help others, call your village and town clerks for ideas or contact the historical societies. They always need help with projects."

Bower seconded Ierlan's advice about volunteering. He told students that local youth sports leagues need coaches. Student athletes, as well as recent graduates, would be ideal candidates to work with the younger kids. Service clubs, churches and fire departments are always seeking new members, too.

Holley MS/HS Social Worker and Interact Club Advisor Samantha Zelent said there are many stereotypes that exist about today's young people being lazy and self-absorbed, but she doesn't agree with these assessments. "These kids will change this world when they are motivated and asked to act," she said. Ierlan agreed, talking about how supportive and active Holley students have been with many community partnerships over the last several years. "We have tons and tons of people in our area who model 'Service Above Self' every day," Ierlan said.



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| 1 | Meet the Candidates Night 5 p.m.
Board of Education meeting 6 p.m. | Annual Chicken BBQ, MS/HS Dining Hall 3-6:30 p.m.
PTSA Ice Cream Social, MS/HS Foyer 4-6 p.m. |
| 1-3 | Grades 3-8 Math Assessments | Board of Education meeting 6 p.m. |
| 3 | Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast,
ES Café 9-10:30 a.m. | ES Spring Concert, MS/HS Aud. 7 p.m. |
| 4 | Spanish Club Cinco de Mayo Celebration | 17 MS/HS Interim Reports Available |
| 5 | SAT Exam | 23 Grade 8 Science Performance Assessments |
| 7 | Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m. | ES Students only - early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. |
| 8 | Blood Drive, MS/HS Aud. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m. | 24 Grade 4 Science Performance Assessments
MS/HS Spring Concert, MS/HS Aud. 7 p.m. |
| 9 | PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m. | 25 ES Memorial Day Assembly, ES Intermed. Gym
9:30 a.m. |
| 11 | Grade 6 Semi-Formal, ES 6:30-8 p.m. | 28 No School, Memorial Day |
| 15 | Budget Vote & BOE Election, MS/HS Foyer
6 a.m.-9 p.m. | 29-June 1 PTSA Scholastic Book Fair |

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.