

DIMENSION

Holley Central School District | July 2018



Congratulations
to Holley's
Graduating

CLASS
2018

Eighty-eight seniors graduated from Holley Middle School/High School (MS/HS) on June 23. All students wore red caps and gowns as they filed onto the stage in the MS/HS Auditorium. Sixty-one graduates will head off to colleges and trade schools, 18 will join the workforce, six are undecided, one will join the military, and two foreign exchange students will return to their home countries. Graduates received over \$20,000 in local and community scholarships and awards, and are eligible for up to \$450,000 in specific college scholarships.

Class of 2018 President Matt DeSimone started the ceremony, and Vice President Madison Papaj and Secretary Melody Purtell presented the music department with a \$700 donation as their class gift. Salutatorian Nina DiLella and Valedictorian Dakota Thompson gave their speeches to an audience that filled the MS/HS Auditorium and overflowed into the Dining

Hall. This is the first year that Holley was able to video stream the graduation ceremony through the district website and families could watch it on any device from home or in the Dining Hall. Graduates were acknowledged with awards from Senior Class Advisor Suzanne Lepkowski. MS/HS Social Studies Teacher Nick D'Amuro gave the commencement address.

After Holley staff announced the graduates' names and future plans, MS/HS Principal Susan Cory posed with the graduates after giving them their diplomas. Interim Superintendent John Carlevatti, Assistant Principal Dan Courtney and the Board of Education members offered handshakes to the graduates on their way back to their seats. Graduates adjourned to the MS/HS Gym for the traditional cap toss photo.





BLAST Program Offered to School Athletes This Summer

Holley Central School District is pleased to announce that the BLAST program (Biomechanical Learning And Stability Training) will return to Holley MS/HS this summer to help students in grades 7-12 stay conditioned for sports. Leroy Physical Therapy & Village Fitness offers this program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. from July 10 to August 9. This session is offered for free to Holley students as part of our Athletic Training contract with LeRoy Physical Therapy. Sessions will be held on the Holley School District campus. Students will meet in the MS/HS Foyer each day.

Transportation to school for this session is not provided. Students can enjoy a **free** breakfast in the MS/HS Dining Hall before or after each session.

Enrollment forms are available in the MS/HS Main Office and must be returned to the office for registration prior to participation in the program.

FREE Summer Breakfast and Lunch Program

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Holley Central Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch to all children age 18 and under, from July 9-Aug. 17. Children age 18 and under who live in the district are eligible for this summer program, regardless of income level. Pre-registration is not required. Transportation will not be provided by the district for this program.

Breakfast will be served from 8-11 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the MS/HS Dining Hall.

Adults may also purchase breakfast and lunch during this program. Breakfast is \$2.50 and lunch is \$4.25.

Free Airplane Rides Offered to Kids This Summer

Free airplane rides are being offered to kids age 8-17 this summer at the Ledgesdale Airport in Brockport. The EAA Chapter 44 Sport Aviation Center of Western NY, located at 44 Eisenhower Drive, is offering this opportunity. The dates to fly will be: July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 15. More information is available online at www.EAA44.org or contact Elise Isler at www.flyyoungeagles44@gmail.com.

A Sport Aviation Camp is also being offered from Aug. 6-10 at the Ledgesdale Airport for kids age 11-17. Cost is \$250. For applications and information, visit www.eaa44.org or contact Jeff Peters at jpeters2@rochester.rr.com.



Online Registration for Athletes

Holley Athletics is excited to announce that for the second year, we are offering the convenience of online registration for sports clearances through **FamilyID** (www.familyid.com). When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

You may begin to create your FamilyID profile anytime. Clearance forms can be uploaded using the online system. Completing the FamilyID profile prior to registering your son/daughter for each sports season will help expedite the sign-up process. For more information on how to register, visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/OnlineRegistrationforSports.aspx>.

The registration for Fall 2018 sports will open on **Friday, July 13**. Dr. Goetz will be at Holley MS/HS to perform sports physicals on Aug. 6 at 9 a.m.

Student Earns First Place at States, With a Shot at Nationals

In April, junior Braden Ferranti traveled to Syracuse to compete in the New York SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference. He is a plumbing student in the BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education program. He had

to install drainage/supply piping for working sinks, which took him six-seven hours to complete. He

earned first place as a State Champion in plumbing. In June, he traveled to Louisville, KY, to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. He placed seventh out of 51 competitors.

Braden has a co-op placement at Van Hook Services in Rochester, where he works three days a week. While co-ops are usually only for seniors, Braden's excellent plumbing skills and attention to tasks earned him a place among his senior peers. Congratulations, Braden!



Soaring Awards

Community member David Mitchell received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on June 18. 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. Mitchell received the Soaring award from Elementary School (ES) Principal Karri Schiavone for his donations to the ES that included financial contributions for field trips, food, and clothing. He even adopts families around the holidays. He fills the emergency needs of students, and prior to this recognition, usually donates anonymously to the school.



From left, Principal Karri Schiavone and David Mitchell.

Second graders Dylan and Zoey Warner also received a Soaring award for calling 911 when their mother needed medical assistance while they were on an outing with her. "They exhibited the grown-up skills of remaining calm, cool and collected during an emergency," said Principal Schiavone. "They are true heroes for their bravery."



The Warner family.

College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Ryan Andrews was accepted to Hartwick College with a \$40,000 Founders' Award and a \$76,000 President's Scholarship, Genesee Community College and Alfred State College.

Congratulations!



Scholarship Recognitions

We are happy to announce that Alexis Penna received the \$1,000 High School Rodeo Scholarship. Patrick Bower received the \$5,000 Make All the Difference Scholarship from the Monroe 2-Orleans Educational Foundation. He receives this scholarship for taking a non-traditional path through his K-12 schooling and plans on continuing his education through college or career training.

Congratulations!

Senior Receives Financial Scholar Recognition

Each year, the Finance class participates in a national financial literacy test given by Working in Support of Education (WISE). This year, senior Dakota Thompson earned the recognition of National Financial Literacy Scholar because she received a grade of 96 percent on the test.

Congratulations, Dakota!

Senior Breakfast

The parents of the senior class hosted a breakfast for the graduating students on June 22 in the MS/HS Dining Hall. The parents also put together a slideshow of photos of the seniors over the years and gave each of them a water bottle with candy in it. Seniors also received a class t-shirt with all of their names listed on the back. Senior athletes received plaques from the Sports Boosters. Many faculty and staff members from both the Elementary and Middle/High Schools dined with the students.



Top 10 Seniors Honored



The Top 10 Seniors were honored at the Academic Excellence Awards Dinner on May 4 at Hickory Ridge Golf & Country Club. Pictured, front row, from left, Jessica Sedore, Hanna Waterman, Hannah Bailey, Dakota Thompson, Nina DiLella and Melody Purtell. Back row, from left, Matt DeSimone, Board of Education President Brenda Swanger, Alex Lane, Interim Superintendent John Carlevatti, Dalton Thurley, Principal Susan Cory and Brandon Dillenbeck.

Yearbook Dedications

During an MS/HS assembly on June 8, students dedicated their yearbooks to two staff members who have shown compassion and commitment to the Holley community. The Holley Middle School Yearbook was dedicated to Special Education Teacher Kelly Frost and the High School Yearbook was dedicated to Secretary Roxanne Wagner. Both women were nominated by Holley students in grades 7-12.

Senior Walk

Holley seniors completed their third "Senior Walk" on June 6. Wearing their graduation gowns and a sign listing their post-graduation plans, seniors walked through the halls of the MS/HS one last time, cheered on by the underclassmen, faculty and staff. Seniors also walked through the hallways of

the Elementary School, accompanied by kindergartners, as they greeted teachers from their elementary school days.



Art Show Awards

Holley MS/HS students had their artwork on display in the foyer of the high school this spring. Students were recognized in several categories as their artwork included painting, drawing, mixed media, textiles, sculpture, printmaking and ceramics. Winners were announced during the MS/HS Concert on May 24. The winning artwork is pictured below.



The Martin Best in Show
Emma Morlino



Principal's Pick
Andrea Payne



Excellence in Mixed Media
Ava Kohut



Excellence in Printmaking
Kennedy Jones



Superintendent's Award
Autumn Moy



Excellence in Painting
Emma Morlino



Excellence in Ceramics
Andrea Payne



Excellence in Drawing
Serene Lin



Excellence in Art 8
Jordan Bull



Excellence in Sculpture
Andrea Payne



Excellence in Folk Art
Britney Donovan



Excellence in Textiles
Alassia GianCursio

Scholarships

Scholarships are posted on our website on a rolling basis at <http://www.holleycsd.org/Scholarships2017-18.aspx>. A number of them have deadlines this summer. Please pay attention to the deadlines, and allow enough time to mail the applications and supporting documents. Most scholarships require an online application. Also, many colleges offer scholarships through their own websites, so be sure to check those sites as well.

Holley Students Attend Teen Book Festival

Twenty-five Holley students attended the Thirteenth Annual Teen Book Festival (TBF) at Nazareth College on May 19. Students had a chance to meet authors, make friends and experience a college campus. Two students from Kendall and their chaperone also attended the event with the Holley contingent. Thanks to Holley chaperones Kristen Bless and Amie Callen for accompanying students to this event.

Autumn Moy received a framed copy of the program that she designed, with all of the visiting authors' signatures on it. As part of her prize for winning the program design contest, Autumn attended the Friday Night Author Dinner with her friend, Viktoria Emery.



Holley Budget Passes and Three Board Members are Elected

On May 15, Holley voters passed the budget with 437 yes votes and 207 no votes. Both propositions passed - one for the purchase of school buses and an SUV with 418 yes votes and 224 no votes, and the other to support the Holley Community Free Library with 473 yes votes and 173 no votes.

Holley voters also elected three members to the Board of Education, each with three-year terms: Mark B. Porter (348 votes), Anne Smith (351 votes) and Melissa Ierlan (441 votes).

The District congratulates the members of the board on their election and thanks voters for supporting our budget and propositions.

Art Students Paint Portraits

by Brandi Zavitz, Art Teacher

Students in Brandi Zavitz's portfolio class worked on painting oil portraits this spring. Their first task was to select a candidate for the portrait, who was much older than themselves. Students were supplied with interview questions to ask their models, and then they wrote biographies of their subjects. Students could select any style in which to paint the portrait. Because most of the students have never used oil paints before, most of them decided to paint their model realistically. Students learned the process of under painting, shadowing and highlighting, and they had to do several practice pieces before actually starting to paint with oils. Through this process, students discovered what it was like to paint like the "Old Masters."



Andrea Payne working on the portrait of her grandfather.



Anastasiya Yaroshchuk painted her mother.



Kennedy Jones painted her grandparents.



Ava Kohut with a portrait of her grandmother.



Allison Howard painted a portrait of her grandmother.

MEMORIAL DAY ASSEMBLY



On May 25, elementary students participated in a Memorial Day assembly in the Intermediate Gym to honor those who lost their lives serving our country. Local veterans posted and retired the colors. The Elementary Chorus and Concert Band performed several patriotic songs. Three poems were read by students and a history of Memorial Day was recited. This assembly is one of three events that are led by students during the school year to celebrate those who serve in the military and patriotism in America.



MS/HS Students Make Beautiful Music

On May 24, the MS/HS music students hosted a spring concert. The Middle School Band and Chorus performed, along with the Concert Choir and Band. The Ukulele Ensemble also performed, with Holley Security guard Mike Roffe singing and playing alongside students and MS/HS Band Director Zach Busch. All varieties of music were played or sang by students; everything from an Irish ayre to "This is Me" from the movie "The Greatest Showman." Seniors were also recognized at this event; they will leave some big gaps to fill for next year! Congratulations to all students on their performances.



Students Entertained by Animals

Students in Pre-K through grade 3 attended the Nickel City Reptiles & Exotics show on June 12 in the ES Primary Gym. Jeff the Animal Guy brought a scorpion, African bullfrog, shingleback skink, binturong, black-capped capuchin monkey and boa constrictor with him for students to learn about. He talked about the habitat each animal lives in, what kind of food they eat, their defense mechanisms and behavior. Students were very excited to observe each animal and learn more about them. Six students were selected out of the audience to help hold the boa constrictor, and they did a great job of following Jeff's directions.



Students Organize Activity Day Fundraiser

The Elementary Student Council organized an Activity Day fundraiser on May 17 as part of their year-long efforts to raise funds for Holley alumna Sierra Mendes. Sierra lost her leg in a car accident and hopes to purchase a prosthetic running blade. Many students stayed after school to color and decorate their footprints, jump through hula hoops, make origami, walk on crutches and operate remote controlled cars. Snacks and water were also sold as part of the fundraiser for this event. Students paid \$2 each to participate in activities.



Theatre Guild Performance

On June 12, Holley Elementary Theatre Guild students performed the play "Just Like Us" for half of the student body in a morning assembly. It was a play about friendship. Forty-two kids in grades 4-6 participated in the play, which they had been working on since Spring Recess. In the words of director Alexa Downey, "they were like *Hollywood* professionals!"



★ Flag Day Celebration ★

You may have seen a parade of Holley Elementary students and staff dressed in red, white and blue walking through the village on June 14. They were headed to the grounds of the former train depot to celebrate Flag Day for the 61st year. The Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Elementary Chorus sang patriotic songs, and the Concert Band played their tributes to the flag. The American Legion Honor Guard ended the ceremony with a gun salute.

Good Citizen Awards were handed out to students at all grade levels. The Catherine B. Press Award winners were Owen Schultz and Allison Merle. This award goes to the fifth grade boy and girl who demonstrate honesty, responsibility, respect and courage. Their names will be added to the plaque in the ES Foyer; both students received gift cards to Barnes & Noble.

The Elementary Student Council announced the results of their year-long fundraiser for Holley graduate Sierra Mendes. They presented her with a check for \$2,834.50 to go towards a purchase of a running blade for her prosthetic leg.

The Flag Day program was a wonderful way for Holley Elementary to show their patriotic pride, which is something that this community holds near and dear to its heart.



Sixth Grade Graduation

Seventy-five sixth graders received certificates of graduation on June 20 as they left their elementary school days behind. They proudly crossed the stage to shake hands with Interim Superintendent John Carlevatti and nervously smiled for photos. They also received numerous awards for their involvement in school activities and academic achievements. Congratulations to these students and keep an eye on the future Class of 2024!



KINDERGARTEN YEAR-END PROGRAM

Students in Meg Schubert's, Leigh Weaver's and Kim Harrington's kindergarten classes participated in a year-end program on June 19. They performed a variety of songs. Good luck in first grade!



PRE-K GRADUATION

Allison Jaworski and Amy Bennage's Pre-K P.M. class held their graduation ceremony on June 20. Fifteen students performed nine songs. Congratulations to the Pre-K graduates!



English Students Experience a Different Time Period

by Melanie Richards, English Teacher

Ninth graders in Melanie Richards' English class have been reading the novel *"Ashes of Roses,"* which is about a young girl named Rose who immigrates to the United States from Ireland. In the novel, Rose has two jobs, one making paper roses and the other working at the Triangle Factory. In order to provide authentic experiences, students made paper roses with library aide Jodi Foster, and then watched math teacher Val Webb demonstrate how Rose would have made a peplum as part of her shirtwaist. Students found both jobs interesting. Through these experiences, students were able to understand how hard each job is, allowing them to connect with Rose and the time period in which she lived on a more meaningful level.



Gymnastics Club is a Hit

Thirty-five students in grades 2-6 participated in Gymnastics Club for three weeks this spring. Students met with Physical Education Teacher Lori Passarell and her helper, 10th grader Viktoria Emery, three days each week to practice their skills. They learned how to use the parallel bars, springboard and balance beam, and worked on floor exercises. In small groups, students created floor routines to perform for an audience on the last day of the club. Gymnastics Club was a big success this year!



Life Skills Students Practice First Aid

by Lynnette Short, Special Education Teacher

Anna LaForce, Jason Maihofer and Lynnette Short's Life Skills class has been studying Emergency First Aid. On June 1, EMS Trainer Barb Morlino conducted a presentation for the class. She reviewed with students first aid for medical emergencies such as heavy bleeding, choking, loss of consciousness, broken bones and heart attacks. The class was shown how an AED operates.



From left, Cassandra Heaster and Nicole Ramsey work with Barb Morlino.



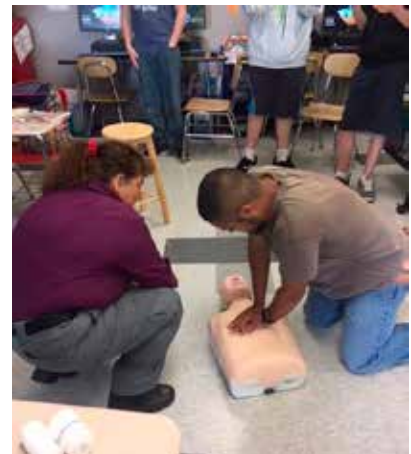
From left, Nicole Ramsey, Jesse Reome, Dawson Moy, Cassie Heaster, David Mandigo and Zachary Warney watch Barb Morlino demonstrate the AED.



Life Skills Class

Teachers Make Surgical Caps for Kids

Holley teachers Valarie Webb and Colleen Milner sewed surgical caps for pediatric patients at Golisano Children's Hospital this spring. Milner saw a posting on Facebook about the need for caps that would fit children's heads. They picked a variety of fabrics, cut out the patterns and then sewed everything together, creating 20 caps. Well done, ladies!



From left, Barb Morlino talks Nathan D'Andrea through CPR with practice dummy Annie.

Holley Students Witness the Results of Unwise Decisions

On June 1, Holley seniors attended an assembly and mock accident scene to understand the results of driving while under the influence of alcohol. After watching a video of a party that their classmates attended, students transferred to the parking lot, where two vehicles had collided. One student had crashed through the windshield of one vehicle and the remaining students were trapped and appeared unresponsive in both vehicles. Students portraying the victims of the accident were made up to look like they were injured.

The Holley police, ambulance and fire departments responded. The emergency responders enacted what they would do at the scene of a two-car motor vehicle crash with injuries and a fatality. The fire department worked to free the victims from the vehicles by removing a door on one vehicle and prying another door open. The driver of one car was questioned by police and went through a sobriety field test before he was handcuffed and placed in the back of a police car. Several students were evaluated by ambulance and fire department personnel; two were loaded onto stretchers and placed in ambulances. The coroner had the "deceased" student's mother identify him before he was zipped into a body bag.



Students filed back into the MS/HS Auditorium to witness the re-enactment of the reading of the charges against the "arrested" student in front of a judge. Orleans County District Attorney Joe Cardone and Gaines Town Justice Bruce Schmidt negotiated the date for a preliminary hearing, set bail and remanded the student to jail.

Holley Police Chief Roland Nenni told students "don't make bad choices." "You have to be courageous and have that courageous conversation with a friend who should not be driving," said Nenni. "Tell them not to drive. Call 911 if you can't get home because you're drunk or your ride is drunk. We will find a way to get you home."

One of the "victim's" mothers urged students to call someone else's parents if their own parents can't drive them home.

Principal Susan Cory urged students to think before they get behind the wheel. "I'd rather have a friend mad at me because I told them they can't drive, then end up in an accident with them behind the wheel," she said. "Studies have shown that watching an assembly like this only affects students for 24-48 hours after the event. Since tonight is your prom, I want you to use your heads and make smart decisions. I want to see you at graduation. This is the time of year where we hear about accidents daily and I don't want to hear that one of you was involved." She reiterated that the consequences for arriving at prom under the influence of drugs or alcohol would mean that students are suspended from school and cannot participate in any senior activities.



Humanities Presentations

Humanities students gave their Passion Project presentations on May 30 in the MS/HS Auditorium. Each student picked a topic they were passionate about, researched how a positive change could be made and gave a presentation about their ideas. A panel of community members gave feedback and asked questions after each presentation. Students talked about turning shelter animals into service animals, cutting down on plastic bag use, changing school hours, creating a stricter cell phone policy for students, teaching foreign languages to elementary students, changing gun laws, adding bulletproof shelters to schools, and practicing active shooter drills in schools. These students tried to follow the practice that Gandhi preached: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."



Prom 2018 at Plantation Party House on June 1



Geometry in Construction Class Completes Project

Students in the Geometry in Construction class traveled to Second Wind Cottages in Newfield, NY on May 10 to install their final project. They built a one-man shelter to be added to the property; this is the second shelter that Holley students have built since the partnership with Second Wind Cottages was formed in the 2016-17 school year. Second Wind Cottages is a rescue mission that provides one-man shelters to homeless men. For the past two years, students have used their knowledge of geometry and construction skills to solve a real-world problem: the lack of shelters for the homeless.

This year's class admitted that it felt "surreal" to realize that the project they had been working on all year was finally done. "We actually made something for a human being to live in," said Brian Gay. "It felt really rewarding to do this," said Katie Lipton.

Students in the Algebra, Manufacturing, Production, Entrepreneurship & Design (AMPED) class created t-shirts for the Geometry in Construction students to wear on their fieldtrip. The AMPED students use their knowledge of algebra and apply it to running a business; this year, they ran a t-shirt production company as one of their business ventures.



For many Geometry in Construction students, this was the first construction project they had ever completed. One student commented that he enjoyed working up on the roof, while another student said that was too scary for him. A few students have been inspired to enroll in the carpentry program at the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center through Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES in the fall.

While technology teacher Tim Rogers taught students construction skills and math teacher Russ Albright taught geometry, students had to figure out how to work as a team on this project. "We had to figure out the leadership roles," said Gianna Grathouse. "Students had to step out of their comfort zones," said Albright. "We saw many students unexpectedly step up to the plate to take leadership of some aspect of the project. No one really waited around, they just jumped in and got the

tasks accomplished, especially when we were assembling the shelter on site."

When asked how prepared students felt prior to taking the Regent's exam in Geometry, they universally said they felt ready. "I'm pretty confident I'll pass the exam," said Tyler Jones. "I'm able to grasp math concepts better in this class than in other math classes I've been in," said Katie.

Next year's enrollment for the Geometry in Construction class is up to 23 students. Tentatively, they will be working on a structure for Homesteads for Hope (H4H) in Spencerport. H4H is in the process of creating a community farm where people of all abilities are able to learn and work.

Many years down the road, these students may not remember the different types of triangles, but they will remember the satisfaction of creating something to help someone else.



Students of the Month for May

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades K-6. Elementary students are nominated from each classroom on a monthly basis. Each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. 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-6 have breakfast together with the principal in the Elementary Café. 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 May: Sullivan Flanagan, Lilyanna Lorback, Bryce Gibaud, Ryan Seaward, Angel Vazquez-Mendoza, Felicity Virgilio, Sophia McCormack, Aurora Arnold, Alexis Stephens, Michelle Lonnen, Angellina Church, Karlee Sanders, Chase Kempa, Joshua Silpoch, Xander Andrews, Alyssa Abbondanzieri, Ella Turpyn, Alivia Wolf, Jose Angel-Valentin, Natalie Foosse, Harlee Schicker, Madison Schicker, Noah St. John, Nicholas Vanlogten, Donovan Hendrick-Hayes, Haven Price, Salvatore Mignano, Ariya Lusk and Cian Foss.



Hawks Play Unified Basketball Against Kendets

On May 17, the Holley Hawks Unified Basketball Team played against the Kendall-Hilton Kendets team in the Kendall Junior /Senior High School Gym. This is the third year that Holley has participated in this league. Unified sports brings together students with cognitive disabilities and those without to compete together on an authentic school team. While this program provides an opportunity to play a sport, it also promotes understanding of differences and displays how these differences can be overcome with the involvement of all.

What is it like to attend a Unified Sports basketball game? You'll see and hear more direction given from coaches and teammates, so that players are at the right end of the court and in their proper position. There's more kindness exhibited, with players handing off the ball to teammates who haven't had a chance to make a basket yet. There's plenty of supportive cheering from the stands, as the hosting team's friends and families, as well as the opposing team's fans, encourage all players to shoot for the basket, hustle down the court or pass to a teammate.

There's a lot more dancing, not just at half-time, but at any time when there's a time-out and dance music is playing. Both teams participate in the dancing, and spectators from the stands come down onto the court to dance with them. The referees indulge players with this break as they shake their heads and smile, waiting for the teams to be ready to resume play.

Fouls are still called. Players fight for possession of the ball. Mad basketball skills are exhibited as players streak down the court and attempt to sink a shot at the hoop. The action may or may not be as fast, but the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat for each team are the same. However, these players seem to let the wins and losses roll off their backs as they become anxious to participate in the next game, work on their ball-handling skills or cheer on their teammates. Everyone looks forward to the next season and how they will work together as a cohesive unit once again. With a successful support system like this, who wouldn't want to participate?



Players on the Holley team are: front row, Jordyn Feiock. Second row, from left, Andrew Light, Arianna Ratchford, Amanda Ryan and Jake Lutz. Third row, from left, Yasmin Helsdon, Ally Benson, Kelsie Johnstone, Tyra Shepherd and Coach Matt Hennard. Back row, from left, Amanda Valerio, Nicole Ramsey, Damyan Famoly and Janelle Miles.



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District Calendar

The Board of Education approved the following dates for the 2018-19 school year:

School Opens – Sept. 5

Columbus Day – No School Oct. 8

Half Day for Staff Development – Oct. 19

Staff Development – No School for Students Nov. 6

Veterans Day – No School Nov. 12

Thanksgiving Recess – No School Nov. 21-23

Half Day for Staff Development – Dec. 7

Holiday Recess – No School Dec. 24-Jan. 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed – No School Jan. 21

Midterm & Regents exams (all students report) – Jan. 22-25

Mid-Winter Recess – No School Feb. 18-22

Recess – No School March 22

Spring Recess – No School April 15-19

Staff Development – No School for Students April 26

Half Day for Staff Development – May 17

Memorial Day Recess – No School May 24-27

Half Day for Elementary Students – May 31

Regents exams – June 3, 18-25

Half Day for Elementary Students – June 7, 14

Last day of school for students – June 25

Regents rating day/last day for teachers – June 26

High School Graduation – June 29