



# HOLLEY DIMENSION

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## Free Summer Meal Program Helps District Families

Holley children received free breakfast and lunch at the MS/HS Dining Hall once again this summer due to a partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The district provided meals Monday through Friday to children age 18 and younger who lived within the Holley Central School District this summer, regardless of income level. "We were proud and pleased to offer this program in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture," said Superintendent Brian Bartalo. "We urged everyone in the district to participate." Pre-registration was not required.

While district children enjoyed these meals for free, adults, including Holley staff members, purchased breakfast for \$2.60 and lunch for \$4.35 from the district during this program.

Students who participated in the BLAST summer conditioning sessions or attended local summer recreation programs were able to grab meals before and/or after their sessions. Breakfast was served from 8-11 a.m. and lunch was served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Breakfast included bagels, cereal, muffins, pancakes, Frudels, fresh fruit, juice and milk. Lunch included subs, wraps, tacos, pizzas, chicken patties, salads, vegetables, fruit, water and milk. The meal program ended on August 16. Transportation was not provided by the District.

Cereal, muffins and bagels were cited as students' top choices for breakfast. Subs, wraps, pizzas and tacos were their favorites for lunch. "All the food here is good," said junior Zach Dann. "I like the people who work here, too." Broek Ostrom agrees. "I like that I don't have to make my own lunch, I can stop here instead," he said. (continued on p. 6)

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# A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings Holley Community,

It's back to school time! I know that all of us at Holley Central School District are very enthusiastic to start the 2019-20 school year, and I hope that you are, too. We have a great deal to look forward to as we continue to work together to make Holley the best district it can be for our students.

There's a great deal to be proud of and excited about as we anticipate this upcoming school year. This summer, multiple teams of teachers worked on curriculum and prepared instruction to better engage our students and prepare them for bright futures. We are planning to roll out our 1:1 technology initiative this school year, and all our students in first, fifth and ninth grades will receive school-issued laptop devices. The plan is to continue with a similar "roll out" pattern for other grade levels so that in a few years, all students will have laptops. We had to stagger the yearly distribution due to budgetary and technical

limits, but this plan will be fully implemented in three years! We're excited for the new learning opportunities this initiative brings. Parents of first, fifth and ninth grade students receiving laptops will be given more detailed information from your building leaders soon.

One change for the 2019-20 school year is the selection of Holley CSD to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program that entitles all students to free meals at our school. Starting in the 2019-20 school year, each and every student in our district can receive a free breakfast and/or lunch on a daily basis. No paperwork is required. It's a free opportunity for our students and families, and it's something we're very excited about. Students can still bring in food from home, but if they choose a healthy school meal, it will be free, due to our district qualifying for this special program sponsored by the U.S. government.

There is also a lot of work that will go into improving our school district to best meet the needs of all our students. As a NYS "Target District," we've worked this summer on writing improvement plans designed to increase the

academic achievement of our students. This planning process has included students, teachers, parents and administrators. We reviewed data (assessment and survey) and designed goals and actions that will help us improve all facets of our instructional program. We begin implementing our plans at the start of the 2019-20 school year.

From the work of organizing our various bus runs to the upkeep of our beautiful buildings and grounds, plus the hard work we've done to prepare effective instructional practices at all levels, we are ready for a great school year! Thank you in advance for your continued support of Holley CSD. I look forward to the continued partnership of the school district and community which makes Holley a special and unique place to live, learn and work.

Educationally yours,

Brian Bartalo  
Superintendent of Schools

Go Hawks!

## Holley Welcomes New Staff Members in New Positions This Year



Meghan Fox



Brendan Keiser

Holley Central School District welcomed two new employees to the district team this summer. Meghan Fox joins the district as a Human Resources Manager and Brendan Keiser is the Director of Teaching and Learning for the district. Both of them are eager to support the district's needs in their new roles.

Fox is working two days a week for Holley as the district shares the human resources services provided by Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (BOCES 2) with the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, where she works three days each week. She will be helping with teacher certifications, hiring and

training tasks, and assisting with implementation of personnel processes. Fox was previously a Regional Certification Evaluator at Monroe One Educational Services (Monroe One BOCES) for three years, and prior to that, she was an elementary school teacher. Originally from Angelica, NY, she attended SUNY Oswego to obtain her bachelor's degree, then received her master's degree from Towson University in Maryland.

Keiser will focus on instruction and how students learn to make sure the Holley curriculum is being aligned correctly to meet those needs. "He will be our leader that focuses on academic achievement and growth needs," said Superintendent Brian Bartalo. "I want to be the partner for teachers, administrators, families and students to meet their goals for an incredible educational experience," said Keiser. "I realize that the district is the heart of the community and I want to be a part of that. My plan is to be visible with stakeholders and build relationships with them. I'm here to support the district's improvement plans. I want to make sure

the curriculum and instruction are rigorous and highly engaging. I want students to be actively engaged in their learning and really own it." He encourages community members to reach out to him with any questions or ideas for community partnerships. Keiser was previously a Coordinator for Curriculum and Professional Development for Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, where he delivered professional development opportunities to 21 component school districts and worked as the Curriculum Coordinator for the Franklinville Central School District for three-and-a-half years. Prior to that, he was a middle school and high school ELA teacher in the Salamanca City Central School District for eight-and-a-half years. Originally from Long Island, he attended SUNY Fredonia to obtain his bachelor's degree, then received his master's degree from Edinboro University and his administrative certification from Stony Brook University.

We look forward to their professional expertise in helping the district meet their goals for the 2019-20 school year.

# Elementary School (ES) Update

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy the summer break. Tim Artessa and I are very excited to start the school year and look forward to the first day!

Holley ES has worked hard to be a bully-free and safe place to learn. We will continue to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in all areas of the school environment because we believe that by creating and maintaining a safe and supportive school environment, we will pave the way for increased academic success. At school, **Respect, Responsibility** and **Safety** are the words students will see and hear. There will be many opportunities throughout the school year for parents to participate in and support student learning. The very first opportunity will be to help prepare your child for a positive start to the school year by sharing your learning and behavioral expectations with them.

**Back to School Night:** We are welcoming many new staff members to the building; please join us for Back to School Night on Sept. 3 so you have a chance to meet everyone! As we did last year, Back to School Night will start at 5:30 p.m. with a 20-minute pep assembly in the Intermediate Gym. We can't wait to celebrate the return of our students and families!

**2019-20 School Year Important Arrival and Dismissal Information:** Elementary students can arrive at school as early as 8:15 a.m. for breakfast. The first bell rings at **8:40 a.m.** and the second bell rings at **8:45 a.m.**, with the Pledge of Allegiance and announcements immediately following. If you want to walk your child to their class, you must sign in at the Attendance window and receive a visitor's pass. Dismissal time is 3:20 p.m. If a change needs to be made to your child's normal dismissal routine, you must send in a note requesting that change. New people who pick up students will be asked to show ID. **Changes to your child's dismissal routine must be received before 2:30 p.m. each day.** For the safety and well-being of our students, **change requests received after 2:30 p.m. will not be honored.** The Elementary School staff work diligently to keep our students safe, and change requests received after 2:30 p.m. create confusion and chaos. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated as we continue to keep every child accounted for at all times.

You can continue to access your child's assignments through the SchoolTool Parent Portal at any time throughout the year.

Here are a few events to add to your family calendar as you prepare to return to school on Sept. 4:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 3,** 5:30-7 p.m. – Back to School Night (starts with a 20 min. pep assembly in the gym)! Come and visit your new teachers and classrooms!
- **Wednesday, Sept. 4** – First day of school for grades 1-12
- **Wednesday, Sept. 4** – Kindergarten Orientation:
  - ° A.M. Session 9-11 a.m.
  - ° P.M. Session 1-3 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 4** – Pre-K Orientation (held in your child's classroom):
  - ° A.M. Session 9:30-10:30 a.m.
  - ° P.M. Session 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 5** – First day of school for Pre-K and Kindergarten students

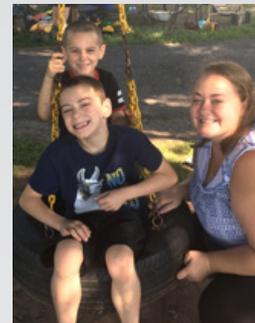
The following important documents can be obtained through the district website (<http://www.holleycsd.org/default.aspx>) Code of Conduct, Attendance Policy, District Calendar, Parent Handbook and SchoolTool Parent Access Letter.

I look forward to Back to School Night and the first day of school!

Karri D. Schiavone  
Elementary School Principal

## ES Staff Meet Kindergarteners on Their Home Turf

This summer, members of the Elementary School staff participated in an outreach effort to welcome kindergarteners and their families to the Elementary School. Members of the teaching team, support staff and administration traveled in small groups



to visit incoming students in their homes. While students did not necessarily meet their assigned kindergarten teacher, they met members of the team, which included four teachers, three teacher's aides, the principal, the assistant principal, the elementary social worker and counselor. Their goal was to introduce students to members of the school community and provide resources so that students starting school in September would recognize friendly faces, ensuring a smoother transition to a full day of school. They also hoped to form a stronger connection with parents to help increase parental involvement in each student's education.

Earlier this summer, families were mailed a letter inviting them to contact the Main Office to set appointments for their home visits. The team worked together to create goodie bags for every student. Each string bag was filled with a t-shirt for the student, a folder with forms to be completed for this school year, a parent handbook and a student workbook. These bags were brought to every home visit and reviewed with families. The groups also collected information about incoming students during each visit.

Each kindergarten outreach group also tried to drop in on families who had not set an appointment; this method helped groups meet several more families. For those that were not at home, a door hanger was left behind with information on how to schedule a visit. This tactic worked to elicit responses from those they had not previously been able to reach. Overall, outreach groups were able to meet with 90 percent of kindergarteners and their families.

Teams reported they felt welcomed by families during their visits. Feedback received from families was positive, with many responding that they were impressed the elementary school staff cared enough to visit students at home.

# Middle School/High School (MS/HS) Update

I am especially excited to welcome everyone back to this new school year. There are so many great things that happen regularly in our school; we have plans for improvements that will help us be our best yet. We look forward to working TOGETHER to make this a very successful year for everyone.

We are looking forward to an exciting school year. The first day of school for students is Sept. 4. First period begins at 7:30 a.m. and period 9 ends at 2:24 p.m. On the first day of school, students will attend every class.

Back to School night is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3 from 5:30-7 p.m. The format for the evening is changing this year. A packet of information, including students' schedules and locker assignments, was sent out Aug. 20; please contact the school if you have not yet received this information.

We have reorganized our building so that MS students (grades 7-8) have all of their classes in the 200 hallway and HS students (grades 9-12) have the majority of their classes in the 100 hallway. We will continue to explore ways to expand opportunities for MS students to transition successfully from the elementary school to high school. We welcome Matt Hennard, teacher on special assignment (TOSA), to his new role as the MS coordinator overseeing some of the MS initiatives.

The code of conduct and attendance policy have been revised, and they are posted on the district website (<http://www.holleycsd.org/CodeofConduct.aspx>). Attendance and punctuality in school continues to be stressed, beginning on the very first day. Please make sure that your students are in school each day and arrive with time to get to their first period classes. Students' attendance in school directly impacts students' achievements.

The cell phone and electronic policy had a major change made to it for **students in grades 7-8**; cell phones will not be used at any time during the school day. **Electronic devices need to be stored in backpacks prior to students departing from school busses and vehicles; when leaving school, devices must not be removed from backpacks until students are on school busses or in vehicles.**

For students in grades 9-12, the cell phone and electronic policy remains the same. Students will clearly know when it is OK and when it is not OK to use cell phones and electronics by a red, yellow and green light policy. Red symbolizes no use, yellow symbolizes use with teacher permission and green means free to use. A reminder that students who refuse to give up their devices when asked will stay for an extended detention until 5 p.m.

TOGETHER ... Respect, Responsibility and Safety will continue as a common theme this school year throughout the district. It is our expectation that our entire school community respect themselves and others. For all of us to be safe, you must be responsible and accept the responsibility that is given to you. In our ever-changing world, people who possess and understand those qualities will be ready to take on daily challenges, while also being productive citizens in their communities.

Regular communication is always encouraged. It is important for you to have open communication with all members of the school community. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers, staff and administration with any questions, comments or suggestions. Please utilize the district website to obtain the most updated information regarding school and the programs available.

Please make sure that you utilize our student management system, SchoolTool. If you have registered in the past, your account is still active. If you have not used the system before, please register for access to your student's grades, schedule, attendance and discipline information. Our interim reports are not mailed home, but they are available on SchoolTool. Visit the district website for more information.

It is my hope that TOGETHER all students, parents and community members take pride in their entire school program. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable school year.

Susan R. Cory  
Middle School/High School Principal

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## Printed Copies of the Dimension

If you are interested in receiving a printed black and white copy of the Dimension each month, please complete the form below and send it to: Holley District Office, 3800 North Main Street, Holley, NY 14470. **Please note:** even if you indicated in the past that you would like newsletters mailed to you each month, we are updating our mailing list, so you need to register **each year** to receive your newsletters in the mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# School Bus Safety Reminders

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



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

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

For more information, visit [www.safeny.ny.gov/opsafstp.htm](http://www.safeny.ny.gov/opsafstp.htm).

## Safe Riding Rules

### Be Respectful

- Keep hands and feet to yourself.
- Keep noise level down and use respectful language.

### Be Responsible

- Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Be at your stop at least five minutes early and ready to load the bus.
- Boarding of authorized passengers at authorized stops is allowed; unauthorized passengers are not allowed.
- Eating and/or drinking are **not allowed** on the bus.

### Be Safe

- Remain in your assigned seat **at all times** until the bus is stopped.
- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
- Go back to where you started if you hear the horn while loading/unloading from the bus.
- Wear headphones or earbuds while using electronic devices. **Remove them** while loading/unloading from the bus for your safety.

# School Tax Payments



The Holley Central School District is using M&T Bank - Brockport branch as the designated bank for tax collection for the 2019-20 school year. You may visit the Brockport branch or mail your tax payment to the address below. Due to new government regulations, cash payments will only be accepted from customers of M&T Bank. All other payments must be in the form of a check or money order. Debit or credit cards will not be accepted. Make checks payable to Holley Central School District. Please attach the payment coupon to your payment.

Payment addresses:

In Person: M&T Bank, 6560 Fourth Section Road, Brockport, NY 14420

By Mail: Holley Central School District, P.O. Box 824, Buffalo, NY 14240

# Costa Rica 2021 Trip Information

Students and their families who are interested in the trip to Costa Rica in 2021 are invited to stop in to Room 105 at the MS/HS on Sept. 3 during Back to School Night from 5:30-7 p.m. The theme of this trip is "Touch of the Tropics." More information on this trip and details regarding a limited time price reduction will be revealed that evening.



## Holley Sports Boosters

Holley Sports Boosters welcomes parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers, coaches, students and anyone interested in seeing what we're about to join us, get involved, and help improve our sports programs and community. We realize everyone's time is valuable. Any amount of time you're able to give is a big help and greatly appreciated. If you're not interested in becoming a member just yet, there are still ways to help. Come and see what we're all about!

Call for more information: President - Sal DeLuca at 585-259-7358 or Vice President - Mike Sander at 585-301-3853.

Meetings are monthly on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the MS/HS Library. Dates for 2019-20:

Sept. 9  
Oct. 7  
Nov. 4  
Dec. 2  
Jan. 6  
Feb. 3  
March 2  
April 13  
May 4

Follow us on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/HolleySportsBoosters](http://www.facebook.com/HolleySportsBoosters).

## Holley Athletes Had a BLAST This Summer

The BLAST program (Biomechanical Learning And Stability Training) returned to Holley MS/HS this summer to help student athletes in grades 7-12 stay conditioned for sports. Athletic trainers from LeRoy Physical Therapy & Village Fitness led the free hour and a half sessions, held three times a week for five weeks. Students worked on their speed, core strength, flexibility, balance, muscular strength and endurance. Each week, they completed cardio workouts on the track and used weights in the gym. At the end of each week, students completed a light workout and then played active games, such as tag, kickball, four square and dodgeball. The workouts became more challenging as the summer session progressed.

While sessions averaged about six students in attendance, middle school and high school athletes were represented equally in most sessions. Cross country runners, cheerleaders and soccer players participated in the BLAST program. Many of the soccer players enjoyed the drills during the BLAST workouts as these drills will help them prepare for similar team drills in the fall. Eighth grade soccer player Brenden Trowbridge said he enjoyed the weight room workouts. "It's helped me work on my core and increase my arm strength," he said. Senior Mikaela Auch, a cross country runner, attended the sessions to help her with conditioning for her upcoming season. "This program teaches you to work together as a team," she said.

This summer session for Holley students was offered as part of the district's athletic training contract with LeRoy Physical Therapy.



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## Free Summer Meal Program Helps District Families

Parent Priscilla Church brought her daughters for breakfast and lunch regularly. "The girls enjoy it, and I like that they have fruit and vegetables with their meals," she said. "It helps me save money because the girls are eating food they like and we're not wasting any." Dana Harner, who has nine kids, agreed with the cost savings. "I like that there are no financial requirements to participate in this program," she said. "My kids are eating nutritious food and I'm not spending a fortune to do that. They like having their meals made to order."

John DiLorenzo brings his son in for lunch after he attends the summer recreation program. "It saves me time before I head in to work," he said. "My son can have a good lunch and it's less I have to worry about." Jennifer Schmidt appreciates the convenience

of having this program in the community. "My kids like coming and visiting with their friends," she said. "I don't mind bringing them here." Amanda Fallato incorporates stopping in for lunch as part of her family's activities. "We ride bikes here," she said. "It gets us all out of the house. They have more choices for lunch than I can offer at home, and I don't have to make as many meals."

Food service worker Pam Coopenberg said the busiest days of the meal program were Tuesdays and Wednesdays when the summer recreation program was in session. On average, 492 meals were served each week. Lunches proved more popular than breakfasts, with a total of 1,513 lunches served versus 1,436 breakfasts at the end of six weeks of summer meals.



## Homecoming Events

Homecoming Weekend is Sept. 27-28. Be on the lookout for more information on events as the dates grow closer. Some events already planned are:

- Friday, Sept. 27 – Pep Assembly at 9 a.m. in the MS/HS Gym
- Friday, Sept. 27 – Parade at 6 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28 – Homecoming Games – visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/SportsSchedules.aspx> to see the full schedule

Come out and show your Holley spirit as we remain Holley Strong for another year!

## Online Registration for Athletes

Holley Athletics is excited to announce that for the third year, we are offering the convenience of online registration for sports clearances through FamilyID ([www.familyid.com](http://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>.

## Flu Clinic on Oct. 9

There will be a Flu Clinic sponsored by the Orleans County Health Department on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 3:30-6 p.m. in the Elementary School Café. Those who wish to be vaccinated must be on site by 6 p.m. Bring your insurance card if you have one. For more information on what types of shots are available and which insurances are accepted, contact Mary Ellen Messmer at Orleans County Health Department at 589-2764.

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## Important Event Dates This Year

Please keep these important district event dates in mind this year:

- Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019** – Community Flu Clinic, ES Café, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 8, 2019** – Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019** – ES Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019** – MS/HS Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020** – All County Performance at Lyndonville CSD, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7, 2020** – All County Performance at Kendall CSD, 2 p.m.
- Friday, March 13, 2020** – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14, 2020** – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 19, 2020** – District Choral Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 31, 2020** – District Band Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5, 2020** – Annual Board of Education Meeting, District Office Board Room, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7, 2020** – Senior Citizen Breakfast, ES Café, 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 19, 2020** – Budget Vote & Board Member Election, MS/HS Foyer, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 19, 2020** – ES Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 21, 2020** – Memorial Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 28, 2020** – MS/HS Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 12, 2020** – Flag Day Parade, Village Depot, 9:30 a.m.

For athletic events, please visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/SportsSchedules.aspx> for a full schedule, as these dates and times may change.



Important

# Counseling News

## College Preparation News from the MS/HS Counseling Office

There are some important college events happening in September and October. College-bound high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend the events below. Save these dates as well as the following PSAT, SAT and ACT exam and registration dates.

### Upcoming College Fairs:

- Rochester College Night at the Marketplace Mall      Sept. 25      6:30-8 p.m.
- Rochester College Night at the Greece Ridge Mall      Sept. 26      6:30-8 p.m.
- Holley MS/HS College Expo      Sept. 30      6th Period

### PSAT:

- What:** Practice SAT (college entrance exam)
- Why:** The PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship qualifier and practice for the SAT
- Who:** All juniors who think they might want to go to college
- When:** Oct. 19, 7:45 a.m.-noon
- Where:** Holley MS/HS
- Fee:** \$17 cash or check made payable to Holley Central School  
To register: Contact Andrew Ruff in the Counseling Office

## NCAA Division I and II Sports

If you are interested in playing college sports at Division I or II schools, you must register for the NCAA Clearinghouse at [www.ncaa.org/student-athletes](http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes).

## Financial Aid

To apply for any need-based aid or federal loan programs, students and their parents/guardians will need to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form online between October 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Please register for an account at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) prior to submitting the FAFSA form.

### SAT:

Exam Dates	Regular Deadline
Oct. 5, 2019	Sept. 6, 2019
Nov. 2, 2019	Oct. 3, 2019
Dec. 7, 2019	Nov. 8, 2019
March 14, 2020	Feb. 14, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020

**Fees:** with essay \$64.50, without essay \$49.50

**Late registration:** additional fee \$30

Students can register online at [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html).  
Holley CEEB CODE: 332-415.

### ACT:

Exam Dates	Regular Deadline
Oct. 26, 2019	Sept. 20, 2019
Dec. 14, 2019	Nov. 8, 2019
April 4, 2020	Feb. 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020

**Fees:** with writing \$67, without writing \$50.50

**Late registration:** additional fee \$30

Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org/regist/](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/).  
Holley CEEB CODE: 332415.

If students need a fee waiver for either exam, they should contact their guidance counselor.

## Scholarships

Visit the Scholarships page on the Holley website: <http://www.holleycsd.org/Scholarships.aspx>. Listen for scholarship announcements and drop by the Counseling Office for information starting in mid-December. Also, consider visiting [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for national scholarship searches. Don't wait until March or April – you might be out of luck!



# Scholarships

## OppU Achievers Scholarship

To apply for the OppU Achievers Scholarship, submit a short essay responding to the prompted question. Winners for the OppU Achievers Scholarship are selected four times a year. To be eligible for the OppU Achievers Scholarship, a student must: be enrolled full-time in high school or at least part-time in college, graduate, professional or trade school and possess a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0/4.0. Application information is found at: <https://www.opploans.com/scholarship/>.

**Deadlines are 9/30, 12/31, 3/31 and 6/30 each year.**

## American Muscle Student Scholarship Program

Students currently enrolled full-time in an American college or technical institute, or high school seniors planning to attend a college or post-secondary institution are eligible to be awarded a scholarship through this program. American Muscle Student Scholarships are non-renewable, however, winning applicants may re-enter in future contests by writing and resubmitting a new essay. Only one essay per student, per semester is allowed. Scholarships are restricted to those students pursuing an automotive degree or related field of study. To be considered for scholarship, candidates must write a 700-1500 word essay telling who you are and how you plan on using your automotive education to incite positive change and innovation within the custom car industry. Your essay must be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft Word document to [scholarships@americanmuscle.com](mailto:scholarships@americanmuscle.com). The entries must also be accompanied by proof of current enrollment in an accredited United States college or university. For more information, visit <https://www.americanmuscle.com/scholarships.html>.

**Deadline for spring semester is Oct. 15 and deadline for fall semester is June 15 each year.**

## ZipRecruiter Recurring Scholarship

To be eligible for this \$3,000 award, students must be 18 years old and enrolled in classes by the deadline date (June 30 and December 31 each year). Students must write a 500-800 word essay that includes an email template for writing a follow-up email after a job interview; on a separate page, they must describe the sections of the email, explaining why each section was included. To apply, visit <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/scholarship>. **Deadline is Oct. 31, 2019.**

## Petroske Riezenman & Meyers Divorce Scholarship

This \$1,000 award is for high school seniors and current college students attending a 4-year college/university or 2-year community college for Spring 2020. Special consideration is given for students with divorced parents or who have gone through a divorce themselves. Application information is found at <https://www.petroskelaw.com/long-island-divorce-attorney/#scholarship-application>.

**Deadlines are July 1 and Dec. 1 each year.**

# Family Fitness Center Reopens

The Family Fitness Center will reopen during the week of Oct. 1. Days of operation continue to be Monday through Thursday, from 5:30-8 p.m. The center is open to district residents age 10 and older. At this time, the Family Fitness Center is scheduled to remain open until May 28, 2020.

Any elementary student, age 10 or older, must have a parent/guardian present with them while using the center. Children under the age of 10 are prohibited from being in the Family Fitness Center during community use hours.

Children cannot be left unsupervised at any time while in the Elementary School building.

Returning and new fitness center users must sign a waiver form each year before using the center. There is a supervisor on staff to show you around the center and explain the proper use of the equipment. Any questions, please call Connie Nenni at 638-6316, extension 2003. We look forward to seeing the center continue to be used regularly by both returning and new fitness enthusiasts.



# Join the Holley PTSA

The Holley PTSA is focused on giving students a voice, supporting learning and celebrating success. This organization and its volunteers coordinate a number of programs and special events annually, ranging from the Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program to the popular Santa's Shop at holiday time. Volunteer opportunities are plentiful, so attend a PTSA meeting and learn more. Meetings are usually the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Elementary School Room 49. All are welcome.

PTSA Officers and members currently include:

- Alexa Downey and Jennifer Morgan, Co-Presidents
- Donna Moore, Treasurer
- Carm Miller, Secretary
- Amy Bennage, Membership
- Karen Quaranto, Fundraising
- Jennifer Morgan, Publicity
- Vickie Scroger, Hospitality
- Lisa Hendry, PARP
- Jennifer Morgan & Alexa Downey, Liaisons to High School
- Karri Schiavone, Elementary School Principal ([kschiavone@holleycsd.org](mailto:kschiavone@holleycsd.org))
- Sue Cory, Middle School/High School Principal ([scory@holleycsd.org](mailto:scory@holleycsd.org))

There will be a PTSA membership drive in October. Membership is \$9 per family to join. Membership fees help support events like field trips, Homecoming float prizes, Elementary Theatre Guild productions, PARP, senior scholarships, senior breakfast/picnic, Flag Day popsicles, Arts in Education activities, end of year celebrations and many more. Membership information can be found on the district website at <http://www.holleycsd.org/HolleyPTSA.aspx>.

# Plan Your Family Vacations Around These Important Dates

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on critical instructional time when planning your next family vacation. Here are some important dates to keep in mind.

Monday, Sept. 2, 2019 – Labor Day, No School

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019 – Staff Development Day, No School

Friday, Sept. 27, 2019 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:31 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Friday, Oct. 11, 2019 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:31 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday, Oct. 14, 2019 – Columbus Day, No School

Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 – Veterans Day, No School

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019 – Half-day for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday - Friday, Nov. 27-29, 2019 – Thanksgiving Recess, No School

Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:31 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 – Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 – Holiday Recess, No School

Monday, Jan. 20, 2020 – MLK Day, No School

Tuesday - Friday, Jan. 21-24, 2020 – Midterm & Regents Exams – all students report to school

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 – Half Day for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 – Half Day for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday - Friday, Feb. 17-21, 2020 – Mid-Winter Recess, No School

Friday, March 13, 2020 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:31 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday - Thursday, March 25-26, 2020 – Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Testing

Friday, April 3, 2020 – Staff Development Day, No School

Monday - Friday, April 6-10, 2020 – Spring Recess, No School

Friday, April 17, 2020 – Half Day for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Tuesday - Wednesday, April 21-22, 2020 – Grades 3-8 Mathematics Testing

Tuesday - Wednesday, May 19-20, 2020 – Grade 4 Science Performance Testing

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – Grade 8 Science Performance Testing

Friday - Monday, May 22-25, 2020 – Memorial Day Recess, No School

Monday, June 1, 2020 – Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Testing

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – Regents Exams - MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – Half Day for MS/HS Students (dismissed at 10:31 a.m.)

Wednesday - Thursday, June 17-25, 2020 – Regents & Final Exams – MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Tuesday - Thursday, June 23-25, 2020 – Half Days for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Thursday, June 25, 2020 – Last Day of School for Students

Saturday, June 27, 2020 – Commencement

# How We Communicate with Parents and Residents

The Holley Central School District has a variety of communications tools we use to communicate with parents and residents on a regular basis. Here's an overview of the tools we rely on to share important information.

- **Connect-Ed** – this electronic messaging system is how we tell you about breaking news that is urgent in nature and may require your immediate attention. For this reason, it is important that we have your current phone number and/or email address. If your number or address has changed or if you haven't provided this information previously, please be sure to do so now. Simply call your child's school and tell us your current number and address.
- **SchoolTool** – this is our student management system which allows parents to see student information online, including student schedules, attendance, interim and report card grades, discipline information, and more. If you have not already registered with SchoolTool, do so today at <http://www.holleycsd.org/SchoolTool.aspx>. You will find a sign-up form on the website that you will need to complete and return to your child's school. You only need to register once to have access to this secure online system. If you have registered in the past and your email address remains the same, no further action is required; you still have access to this site.
- **Website** – the district website (<http://www.holleycsd.org/default.aspx>) is a comprehensive and continually updated resource for parents and residents alike. Refer to it often for everything from Board of Education meeting minutes to school lunch menus, athletic schedules, homework assignments, news and more. We also employ social media on our website, so be sure to "like" us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/Holley-Central-School-District-332907976725723/](http://www.facebook.com/Holley-Central-School-District-332907976725723/)) and follow us on Twitter. There are four Twitter handles to follow:
  - District: [@HolleyCSD](https://twitter.com/HolleyCSD)
  - Superintendent: [@HolleySupt](https://twitter.com/HolleySupt)
  - Elementary School: [@HolleyElem](https://twitter.com/HolleyElem)
  - Middle School/High School: [@Holley\\_MS\\_HS](https://twitter.com/Holley_MS_HS)
- **Electronic Bulletin Board** – our electronic bulletin board in front of the Elementary School enables us to share upcoming important dates with you.
- **District Newsletter** – throughout the school year, we publish a district-wide newsletter on a bimonthly basis so you can see what has happened and what's ahead. As a cost saving measure, we post this newsletter online at <http://www.holleycsd.org/Dimension.aspx>. A limited quantity of newsletters are printed and available at shops and businesses around town.
- **District Calendar** – the 2019-20 Holley Central School District calendar is now complete and posted online. To view or export the calendar, visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/calendar.aspx>. This calendar will be updated throughout the year to include new events or changes in locations, times and dates. Please check the calendar regularly and use the filtering options to customize your calendar view.
- **Local News Media** – we regularly share our news with local news publications including the Suburban News, The Daily News (Batavia) and Orleans Hub.
- **Parent Handbook** – parent handbooks have been updated and are available online at <http://www.holleycsd.org/ParentHandbooks.aspx>.



## Holley Students in Grades Pre-K-12 Will Have Free School Meals in 2019-20 School Year

During the 2019-20 school year, all Holley students in grades Pre-K-12 will receive free breakfasts and lunches while school is in full-day session. Holley Central School District (HCSD) was approved by the New York State Education Department to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program beginning this school year. Schools that are in high poverty areas that currently participate in the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs are eligible for the CEP program. HCSD will be in the CEP program for four successive school years.

**On half days**, upon request, Take Home Bag Lunches will be offered at no charge. **Lunches must be preordered**; order forms will be sent home with elementary students the week prior to each early dismissal day.

Students may still purchase a la carte items, such as chips, ice cream, cookies, etc. Such items may not be charged. Visit the Food Services Department page <http://www.holleycsd.org/FoodServices.aspx> for more information on a la carte pricing and monthly menus.

There is no free and reduced price meal application required this year.

For any questions, contact Assistant Superintendent for Business Sharon Zacher at (585) 638-6316, extension 2001 or [szacher@holleycsd.org](mailto:szacher@holleycsd.org).



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*Mission Statement*

*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.*

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**SEPTEMBER 2019**

**OCTOBER 2019**

- 2 **Labor Day – No School**
- 3 **Staff Development – No School for Students**  
Back to School Night, ES & MS/HS 5:30-7 p.m.  
PTSA Membership Drive 5:30-7 p.m.
- 4 **First Day of School – Grades 1-12**  
Kindergarten Orientation:  
• A.M. Session: 9-11 a.m.  
• P.M. Session: 1-3 p.m.  
Pre-K Orientation:  
• A.M. Session: 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
• P.M. Session: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- 5 **First Full Day Pre-K & Kindergarten**
- 6 **ES Student Council’s “Groovin’ with the Grands” Dance Party, ES Café 5:30-7 p.m.**
- 9 **Sports Boosters, MS/HS Library 7 p.m.**
- 11 **PTSA Meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.**
- 14 **ACT Exam**
- 16 **Board of Education, District Office 6 p.m.**
- 23-27 **Spirit Week**
- 25 **College Night at Marketplace Mall, 6:30-8 p.m.**
- 26 **College Night at Greece Ridge Mall, 6:30-8 p.m.**
- 27 **Half Day for Staff Development**  
• MS/HS dismiss at 10:31 a.m.  
• ES dismiss at 11:30 a.m.  
Homecoming Parade 6 p.m.
- 27-28 **Homecoming Weekend**

- 1 **ES & MS/HS Picture Day**
- 2 **ES Picture Day**
- 5 **SAT Exam**
- 7-11 **Fire Prevention Week**
- 7 **Sports Boosters, MS/HS Library 7 p.m.**
- 9 **Orleans Co. Flu Clinic, ES Café 3:30-6 p.m.**  
PTSA Meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 10 **MS/HS Interim Reports Available Online**
- 11 **Superintendent’s Conference Day - No School for Students**
- 14 **Columbus Day – No School**
- 18 **PTSA Halloween Party Pre-K-Gr. 6, ES Café 6:30-8 p.m.**
- 19 **PSAT Exam, MS/HS 7:45 a.m.**
- 21-25 **Bus Safety Week**  
Red Ribbon Week
- 21 **Board of Education, District Office 6 p.m.**
- 26 **ACT Exam**
- 29 **Blood Drive, MS/HS Aud. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**
- 31 **ES Halloween Parades, 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

