



# HOLLEY DIMENSION

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## Library Hosts Character-Inspired Pumpkin Contest

In October, 100 pumpkins disguised as characters from children's books were displayed on top of the shelving units in the Holley Elementary School Library. Julie Bader, elementary library media specialist, challenged students to decorate pumpkins to look like their favorite book characters. Entries varied from Batman to Fly Guy. The winners were:

- Pre-K-kindergarten:
  - o First place – Little Red Hen by Eve Wright
  - o Second place – Sally by Emma Marquez
  - o Third place – Cinderella by Emily Klafehn
- First-second grade:
  - o First place – Elvis by Caiden Murray
  - o Second place – Oscar the Grouch by Gavin Mosher
  - o Third place – Baby Deer by Julianna Church
- Third-fourth grade:
  - o First place – The Genie by Anabelle Moore
  - o Second place – Winnie the Pooh by Veronica Flow
  - o Third place – King Arthur by Arthur Boggs
- Fifth-sixth grade:
  - o First place – Very Hungry Caterpillar by Lily Newman
  - o Second place – Bambi by Angelina Church
  - o Third place – Very Hungry Caterpillar by Nora Lindsay
- Classroom Winner: The Giving Tree by Mrs. Giarizzo's class

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# A Message from the Superintendent



Season's Greetings!

Our calendar year is almost over, and we're nearly halfway through our school year as well. Reflecting back to the start of the school year, we realize it's gone by very quickly, and we've had many positive things to celebrate. We look forward to all that 2020 has to bring to Holley Central School District!

With the new year comes opportunities for goal setting, resolutions and a renewed sense of purpose for all that's to come. We will continue to focus on increasing academic achievement for all our students. Our staff will work hard to ensure that every student is able to reach his or her potential to the fullest extent.

To ensure that we're doing the best for all our students, we need your help. We'll be asking parents and guardians of our students to give us feedback twice this year, once in the near future and again at the end of the year. To better understand how well we're communicating with families about how your child is performing in school, we will ask you to complete a brief online survey. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this important information and feedback. Please look for the survey soon.

We continue to be focused on doing the best we can for our students. We consider their social and emotional health and wellbeing, as well as their academic achievement. I'm proud of the work we do in this area, as we continually look for ways to support our students and provide them with opportunities to grow socially and emotionally. To that end, if you have concerns about your student that you feel aren't being addressed, please get in touch with us. This time of year can be joyful, but it can also be stressful and challenging, even for our youngest students.

The Holley Central School District is full of exceptional professionals, and I'm proud of the work we're doing here. We'll continue to look for ways to get better, and we appreciate the partnership we have with our families and community members in that quest for improvement. I'm very excited for 2020 as we all work together to provide the best education possible for our students.

Happy New Year!

Brian Bartalo  
Superintendent of Schools



## HSSC Sponsors Fundraiser for Vets

The High School Student Council (HSSC) would like to thank everyone who supported their dress down for Vets Day fundraiser in November. HSSC collected \$225 that was donated to the Batavia Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

## Fall Blood Drive a Success

*by Jim Di Sessa, Senior High Student Council Advisor*

At our first High School Student Council blood drive this year, the American Red Cross was able to collect 29 units, which combined with the nine units collected at the Holley American Legion in October, will help over 100 people. We met the goal set for us by the American Red Cross, so they will provide a \$250 scholarship for our students. Thank you to those who came out to donate and volunteer at this event.



## Download the Orleans Aware Preparedness App

Orleans County residents can now download the Orleans Aware Preparedness App to their mobile devices. This free app helps residents prepare and protect themselves and their families in case of a disaster. The Orleans Aware app is available to anyone using an iOS or Android device and can be downloaded directly from the App Store or Google Play.

To download:

- From your mobile device, go to <http://readydl.com/orleans-aware>
- Select **App Store** if using an iPhone or **Google Play** if using an Android smartphone
- Click **GET** icon
- Launch the app

The app includes interactive and instructional guides to help users prepare for emergencies. Orleans County can use the app to send out news alerts, hazardous weather alerts, evacuation routes and emergency shelter information. The Orleans Aware app can also be used to transmit public information about health issues and emergencies.

# Fire Prevention at Holley Elementary

On Oct. 10, the Holley Fire Department demonstrated to the Pre-K-grade 3 students at Holley Elementary School what to do in case of a fire. The students practiced stop, drop and roll; went through a simulated fire in a safety house and practiced their escape route; watched a fireman put on his protective gear; and learned about the different tools on the fire trucks. The firefighters didn't want the children to be afraid of them in their full gear so they demonstrated what it sounds like talking through a mask and how hard it is to hear with the head gear on. This is the third year that Holley students had a chance to tour the safety house provided by Orleans County that better simulates a typical house layout.



Students from Holley Middle School/High School also participated in the fire prevention activities. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to belong to the Youth Fire Group. This group has expanded to include members who attend Kendall, Albion and Rush Henrietta schools, bringing current membership numbers to 12. The Youth Fire Group works with the Clarendon Fire Company, and Holley and Fancher Hulberton Murray (FHM) Fire Departments. They meet every Monday at the Clarendon Fire Company and receive the same training, with some restrictions, as adult firefighters. They use turn-out gear donated by other fire departments. Earlier in October, they ran in the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5k in Brockport while wearing their turn-out gear.

Students were able to raise \$300 for cancer research through this event. The group visited Mercy Flight to explore how they respond to emergencies. The Youth Fire Group is planning a trip to New York City this spring.

Several graduates of Holley have gone through this program and are now paid firefighters or medics for ambulance services, and studying nursing or firefighting in college. "There aren't many youth groups like this across the country, but this group has been at Holley for seven years," said Clarendon Fire Assistant Chief Bob Freida. To join the Youth Fire Group, contact Chief Freida at [rfreida@outlook.com](mailto:rfreida@outlook.com) or call (585) 764-6540.



## Holley Students Interact with Professionals

Sixth graders at Holley Elementary School had the opportunity to ask questions of professionals when they participated in two live webinars in October. The first session was the Heart of a Hall of Famer program with professional football player Will Shields and the second was the Scientists in Action: Ancient Mummies, New Discoveries program with archaeologist Dr. Michele Koons. Schools across the U.S. register to participate in the webinars, but only a handful are selected to participate in live question and answer sessions with the featured speakers in each presentation.

Tara Grillo's class participated in the session with Shields, who was an offensive player for

the Kansas City Chiefs. Students researched information about him before drafting their questions. They listened to a presentation from Shields, who spoke about the traits of integrity, character and pursuing excellence to encourage students to make good choices in life. As time allowed, various students from the class stepped up to the webcam and asked him questions about his career and the lessons he's learned from it.

A cross-section of sixth graders from all the classes at Holley met in Grillo's room to participate in the second webinar with Dr. Koons, curator of archaeology at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. She showed

students photos of various kinds of mummies and spoke about the different scientific strategies used to determine information about them. Students asked her several questions about her methods and experiences on archaeological digs. This webinar helped them kick off their unit on early civilizations.

Students enjoyed their moments on the "big screen" as they interacted with the professionals. It was eye-opening for them to gain insight into classrooms across the U.S. as they watched other students participate in the webinar. Holley Elementary School was very fortunate to be chosen to participate in two webinars in the same week!



# Alternative High School Hosts Thanksgiving Feast



Students from the Alternative High School hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for their families on Nov. 26 in the Holley Elementary Café. They prepared all of the side dishes, including stuffing, corn casserole and potatoes, and they also made all of the desserts. They learned how to prepare and carve the turkeys alongside the cafeteria staff.

There are currently 22 students in the program, and many of their families attended the Feast. Students eagerly pointed out which dishes they prepared to their families. They proudly introduced the Holley faculty and staff members to their families as part of their extended "family" support system at school. For students whose family members couldn't attend the feast, faculty and staff members dined with them.

Students in the Alt High program are ones who aren't as successful in the structure of traditional high school and benefit from smaller classes and more individual attention. Some of the students transition to attending Holley MS/HS for part of the day or attend Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education for half a day and then spend the rest of their day at the Alt High, which is housed in the Holley Elementary School building. When the students graduate from the Alt High program, many of them attend community college, join the military or accept employment. These students learn to create their own definitions of success and become independent. A lot of them enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their culinary skills at the Thanksgiving Feast.

## Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

Kindergarteners dined on a Thanksgiving feast with their families on Nov. 22 in the Elementary Café. Students made butter and muffins to share with their families and friends. Students also made their headpieces, placemats and turkey table decorations.



## Pre-K is Thankful in November

In November, the Pre-K classes celebrated Thanksgiving in the Elementary Café with a delicious breakfast of sausages, eggs, hash browns and fruit provided by the cafeteria staff. They were thankful for such a great meal!

Pre-K students made placemats and turkey headpieces for their meal. They learned turkey and Native American songs during their Thanksgiving unit.



# Holley MS/HS Featured on Friday Morning Lights

On Oct. 4, WHAM-TV's Michael Schwartz visited Holley MS/HS to film the "Friday Morning Lights" segments. Students, faculty and staff were at the high school at 5:15 a.m. right before filming commenced at 5:30 a.m. Throughout the morning, various groups of students were live on camera with Schwartz to show what kind of spirit Holley has. Sports team captains talked about their seasons, cheerleaders led the crowd in various cheers, students demonstrated the hula hoop relay from the previous week's pep rally, many students showed off their acrobatic skills, and the Holley Hawk taught Schwartz how to engage the crowd. Schwartz visited the Geometry in Construction classroom to learn about the project that students would be working on this year. To watch all the clips, visit <https://foxrochester.com/sports/friday-morning-lights/friday-morning-lights-holley-jr-sr-high-school>. What a great opportunity to highlight our #HolleyStrong spirit!



## Norman Named Defensive Player of the Year

Senior Jake Norman was named the Section V Defensive Player of the Year in the 8-man football league. Both an offensive and defensive player, he completed 67 tackles, 4 sacks, 8 tackles for loss, 1 fumble recovery and 2 forced fumbles for the defense, along with 65 carries for 533 yards, 5 touchdowns and 2 passing touchdowns for the offense.

Varsity Football Head Coach Wil Prince nominated Jake for this honor. "I nominated him for this award because he is a player that never comes off the field, playing through aches and pains at times that might bring others off the field," said Prince. "Jake is a player that every coach loves to have on the field. He is very knowledgeable and understands the game. He leaves everything on the field. As a coach, I appreciate everything he did for our program." Congratulations, Jake!



## Real-Life Applications Class Plans a Holiday Meal

by Jim Di Sessa, Business Teacher

The Real-Life Applications classes hosted a traditional Thanksgiving dinner the week leading up to Thanksgiving. Students planned a menu and prepared a budget for the meal, then went shopping at Wegmans for all of the items that were needed for the meal. Students looked at promotions, unit pricing and a variety of other factors that need to be considered when shopping. The most important goal was to stay within the budget! Students prepared the meal and cleaned up after it.



## Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team Hosts Fundraiser

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team held a fundraiser for the Arc of Orleans County on Oct. 17. They held a basket raffle that raised \$360 for this organization. The team would like to thank everyone who donated and supported this event.

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team earned the Genesee Region League Sportsmanship Award this season. Congratulations, ladies!



## Interact Club Students Speak at Youth Conference

Rotary District 7090 hosted their first Youth Conference in Niagara-on-the-Lake in October. Many young adults from Western New York and Southern Ontario attended the conference. Holley Board of Education Vice President and Rotary Club member John Heise attended the event with two Holley Interact Club students, Megan Harrington and Harleigh Andrews.

With only 20 minutes to prepare, Megan and Harleigh spoke to 150 people at the closing of the conference. They shared why the Interact Club is important to them and what skills they have learned by participating in it. "I was very proud of them for embracing this opportunity," said Heise. "It was a real lesson in leadership for them. Their speech was well-received."



## Two Holley Students Inducted into NTHS

Holley students Tyler Jones and Connor Kaminski were two of 26 students inducted into the WEMOCO Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on Nov. 19. To be a member of NTHS, a student must have good academic standing, an excellent attendance record, a CTE teacher recommendation and be graduating with a local, Regents or Regents with Distinction diploma. Inductees must adhere to the seven tenets of the NTHS: skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship and leadership. Tyler is enrolled in the Advertising Design/Multimedia program and Connor is enrolled in the Residential and Industrial Electricity program at the Career and Technical Education Center at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. Congratulations, Tyler and Connor!



From left, Tyler Jones and Connor Kaminski.

## Student Returns as a Professional at CTE Fair

Holley graduate Hunter McLean was one of the professionals meeting with students at the Scientific Career Exploration Fair held at the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (BOCES 2) this fall. When he attended the Laboratory Technology program at BOCES 2 in his senior year, he participated in a co-op with Eastman Kodak. His job performance in the co-op led to him being hired at Kodak as a full-time film technician after graduating high school this past June.

"It was clear from the start of my co-op that if all went well and I liked doing the work, they would discuss a professional career right after high school," he said. He works on testing film and said the job is a good fit for him, as he enjoys working in the background as opposed to a career with a lot of public contact. By attending the Laboratory Technology program, he learned to use laboratory equipment, follow chemical safety procedures, collaborate in a team environment and develop time management skills.

McLean participated in the first ever Scientific Career Exploration Fair at CTE. The Laboratory Technology program hosted the event. Seniors and juniors enrolled in this program had a chance to ask professionals about their personal career journeys and what their daily work life entails.



From left, Laboratory Technology Instructor Jim Payne and graduate Hunter McLean.

## Students Place in Ghost Tales Writing & Art Contest

Congratulations to the following Holley students who placed in the Ghost Tales Writing & Art Contest sponsored by The Daily News and Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (GO ART!): Cora Bennage (story), Nicole Bull (art), Autumn Moy (art) and Ruth Miller (art). Artwork was displayed at GO ART! In Batavia. To view the students' story and artwork, visit <https://www.thedailynewsonline.com/bdn07/2019-ghost-tales-winners-20191026>.

# National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on Nov. 21. Eighteen students were inducted based on their application to the faculty selection committee and maintenance of a 90 percent or higher academic average. The students must demonstrate the four qualities of NHS membership: character, scholarship, knowledge, leadership and service.

The ceremony began with current NHS members in their black gowns leading a candlelight procession down the main aisles of the High School Auditorium. New inductees were called to the front of the auditorium, where they were escorted by current members out of the auditorium to change into their black gowns. When they returned, new inductees joined current NHS members on stage for the ceremony. NHS officers lit the ceremonial candles and described each of the qualities of membership.



When the inductees' names were announced, students shook hands with Principal Susan Cory, received their membership certificates and signed their names in the book that maintains a record of every NHS inductee since 1938. Superintendent Brian Bartalo distributed membership pins to students' family members. New inductees were then pinned by their family members before taking the NHS oath of membership as a group.

The guest speaker at the Induction Ceremony was Superintendent Bartalo. "This is the nicest honor I've received, to be selected by students to be the speaker this evening," he said. He focused on the tenet of leadership in his speech. "All of you are leaders by your membership in NHS," said Bartalo. "I want you to remain leaders. You can find all kinds of ways in your life to be leaders. Be a leader by being an example to others. Be brave and stand up for

what's right, even when it's unpopular. Be of service in your communities. Always thank the leaders in your life." He congratulated the new inductees on their achievement.

New NHS inductees are: Karl Biedlingmaier, Abigail Bubb, Julia Buck, Amya Cancino, Kasey DeFrank, Andrew Drechsel, Brandi Heffernan, Rachael Howard, Erin Kelly, Allison Lyndaker, Kayleigh Neale, Halee Passarelli, Allyson Skehan, Hayley Skidmore, Madelyn St. John, Annalise Tinkous, Antonio Torres and Callie Updike.

Current NHS members are: President Bradley Kingdollar, Vice President Cody Tanis, Secretary Megan Harrington, Treasurer Tyra Shepherd, and members Sierra Apicella, Mikaela Auch, Ally Benson, Kamryn Berner, Autumn Bieber, Morgan Cary, Laura Ellsmore, Sarah Harrington, Jade Hoffarth, Janelle Miles, Olivia Radford, Victoria Rich and Rachael Vanelli.



## "Our Future Fridays" is a Hit with Sixth Graders

by Dustin Gardner, Sixth Grade Teacher

Sixth graders have been busy learning about different careers through the new program "Our Future Fridays." Every other Friday, sixth graders get together and welcome presenters from certain professions. Students were surveyed at the beginning of the year to find out what careers they were interested in and what their hobbies were. Presenters were chosen based on students' interests. So far, we have welcomed a veterinary technician, nurse, an actress and college athletes from The College at Brockport. We plan on inviting more professionals to visit, such as marine biologists and people who work in the criminal justice field. We also hope to invite professionals from careers students may have not thought about, like music therapists and culinary artists.

Student reaction to the Friday events has been positive. "I love Our Future Fridays!" said Alondra Mendez. "We ask guests questions so we know what their jobs are like."



# Students of the Month for October

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades K-12. Elementary students are nominated from each classroom, and middle and high school students are nominated in each subject area, all on a monthly basis. At the ES, each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. A group photo of the elementary students is displayed in the hallway near the ES Library. A group photo of the MS/HS students is displayed outside the MS/HS Counseling Office and then filed in a binder in the MS/HS Main Office. MS/HS students also receive Dining Hall vouchers for food and their names are read aloud on the announcements.

Once each month, students of the month from grades K-12 have breakfast together with the principals in the Elementary Café or MS/HS Dining Hall (location rotates monthly). Breakfast is supplied by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for October: Broek Ostrom, Ethan Hudzinski, Matthew Bull, Ally Skehan, Sarah Kelly, Jordan Wright, Cody Tanis, Nick DeFillips, Hunter Johnson, Chris Mosier, Ronald Thorn, Drew Carlston, Nick Wolf, Morgan Blösenhauer, Josh Estevez-Snyder, Kayla Pagano, Jordyn Feiock, Deanna Schubmehl, Abigail Merkley, Lily Knopp, Cassie Heaster, Zachary Sonera, Rhea Robertson, Emma Brady, Hayley Skidmore, Anita MacGregor, Jesse Dorland, Avery Tinkous, Audrey Blake, Macie Moore, Noah Heller, Ava Grzywacz, Owen Campbell, Cooper VanOrden, Edgar Hernandez-Nichols, William Butler, Hunter Mullins, Annabel Buzard, Carsyn Mogle, Sophia McCormack, Matthew Armstrong, Dylan Warner, Angelina Paniccia, Layla Kingdollar, Cassandra Emery, Isla Schultz, Carissa Klossner, Joshua Silpoch, Blake Coleman, Landen Goodrich, Brendon Peters, Mikenna Nolan-Hilfiger, Lance Nunnenkamp, Damileth Cortes-Pulcino, Skylar Race and Autumn Schlonski.



Elementary students of the month for October



Middle School/High School students of the month for October

## Cast of Characters Parades Through Holley Elementary

Holley elementary students had a chance to parade through school in their Halloween costumes on Oct. 31. There were two parades throughout the Elementary School, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and both were led by the Student Council. They proudly carried the banner they made in a Student Council meeting. Animals, princesses, superheroes and scary characters were seen walking through the halls, along with costumed teachers and staff.



# Counseling News

The School Counselors conducted presentations with the seventh graders to discuss bullying and provide strategies to assist with bullying situations. Additional information is listed below for your reference.

## Your child may be a victim of bullying if he/she:

- Comes home from school with torn or dirty clothing, or damaged books
- Has cuts, bruises or scratches
- Has few, if any, friends
- Seems afraid to go to school, complains
- Has nondescript illnesses
- Has trouble sleeping
- Loses interest in schoolwork
- Seems sad or depressed, moody
- Is anxious
- Has poor self-esteem
- Is quiet, sensitive or passive.

## Your child may be bullying others if he/she:

- Teases, threatens or is physical with others
- Is hot-tempered or impulsive
- Has a hard time following rules
- Is aggressive toward adults
- Lacks sympathy for others
- Has been involved in antisocial behaviors, such as theft or vandalism
- Is quick to blame others.

## Attention High School Seniors

Seniors should be applying to colleges at this time and taking the SAT ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)) and/or ACT ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)). Pay attention to deadlines and make sure application information is sent on time. In addition, seniors should provide their counselors with a list of colleges to which they have applied and been accepted.

## Scholarships!

Visit the "Scholarships 2019-20" page, listed under the Counseling Department link on the district website (<http://www.holleycsd.org/Scholarships.aspx>), for information on scholarship opportunities. Check the website regularly and contact Kristina Tese to obtain paper applications. Scholarships are also posted outside the counseling offices on the bulletin board; stop down to see if you qualify! Please pay particular attention to the deadlines and apply early. Many colleges provide their own scholarships on their websites. Visit college websites for further information. More scholarship information is located simply by searching online (for example, [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)). Based upon GPA and SAT/ACT scores, many colleges submit students automatically for certain scholarships.

## FAFSA Night on Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Attention parents, juniors and seniors: Joe Bailey, Vice President for Financial Aid of GCC, will be at Holley MS/HS to offer free information and advice on how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Any** student who plans on attending college upon graduation or in the near future should make every effort to attend! The information is very informative and provides great tips on how to complete the financial aid process.

## Orleans United Drug Free Communities Coalition Underage Drinking Tipline: 1-800-851-1932

The tipline is for concerned individuals to report underage drinking parties or other activities that are harmful to the health, safety and/or welfare of young people. The tipline is anonymous, confidential and free. Just by calling the tipline, you will be asked basic information; you could save a life!

The Counseling Mental Health Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

# Scholarships

## American Chemical Society Scholars Program

The ACS Scholars Program awards renewable scholarships to underrepresented minority students majoring in undergraduate chemistry-related disciplines, and are also intending to pursue careers in chemistry-related fields. Application information is found at <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html>. Deadline is **March 1, 2020**.

## Heavy Equipment Parts Scholarship

Students must be currently in high school, college or university, residents of the U.S. or Canada, and be at least 16 years old as of the deadline. Students must answer the essay question found on the application page. Application information is found at <https://excavatorpartsalabama.com/dozer>. Deadline is **April 1, 2020**.

## Review It Scholarship

Students must be attending a U.S. college or university no later than September 2020. They must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater and submit a movie review. Application information is found at <http://www.chiureviews.com/reviews.php>. Deadline is **April 30, 2020**.

## LM Scholarship

Student must be a resident of the U.S. or Canada and attend a school in the U.S. or Canada. Student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and plan to enroll in a degree program of two years or longer by September 2020. Application information is found at <https://forkliftcertificationedmonton.com/certifications.php>. Deadline is **May 31, 2020**.

# College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Alexis Clemons was accepted to Hilbert College; Jordyn Feiock was accepted to Genesee Community College; Jade Hoffarth was accepted to St. John Fisher College (SJFC); Olivia Radford was accepted to SJFC with a Presidential Scholarship; and Rachael Vanelli was accepted to SJFC with a Presidential Scholarship. Rachael has also been accepted to the Pharmacy Early Assurance Program at SJFC, where she will have an opportunity to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the Wegmans School of Pharmacy once she completes her pre-pharmacy coursework.

*Congratulations!*

# Holley Announces First Quarter Honor Roll for MS/HS

The Middle School/High School has announced the honor roll and high honor roll for the first marking period. High honors are for all students who maintain a grade average of 89.5 percent or higher. Honors are for students who maintain a grade average of 84.5 to 89.4 percent. The following students received these honors.

## HIGH HONOR ROLL

**Seventh Grade:** Madilyn Beachner, Camila Buchiere, Frances Caraballo-Vazquez, Nicholas DeFilipps, Isabella DeLeon, Isabella Emery, Natalie Foose, Sophia Galanti, J'Lenn Garcia, Cora Hudzinski, Hunter Johnson, Madison Johnson, Elizabeth Kinsey, Maya Kipp, Colin Liese, Abigail Merkley, Allison Merle, Koryn Neale, Ethan Race, Alexia Renner, Kaden Rheinwald, Rhea Robertson, Brenden Sargent, Owen Schultz, Maggie Skehan, Gabriel Stevens, Julianna Thomas, Ronald Thorn, Hailey VanGelder, Ari Warney, Alivia Wolf, Zoey Wolf and Lyndsay Young.

**Eighth Grade:** Jasmine Apicella, Cavan Bennage, Jaily Bishop, Dylan Boyko, Emma Brady, Laci Brown, Atabey Caraballo-Vazquez, Chloe Crossett, Caitlin Dobri, Gary Falls, Cecelia Farruggia, Grace Fuller, Gabriella Houseknecht, Riley Knopp, Hayli Kuellertz, Gabriel Lindsay, Carter McGuire, Evan McKeon, Mason Merriam, Nicole Millis, Lily-Angelina Naylor, Kayla Neale, Ruthie Patton, Karissa Robinson, Isabella Samons, Harlee Schicker, Jaxon Schicker, Madison Schicker, Julia Scroope, Isabella Thom, Brenden Trowbridge, Nicholas VanLogten, Luminara Virgilio, Layne Walker, Leigha Walker, Ryleigh Weader, Aiden Zadorecky and Akiyah Zadorecky.

**Ninth Grade:** Riley Allen, Matthew Barlow, Morgan Blosenhauer, Drew Carlston, Dylan Clemons, Erin DeFrank, Hunter Kaminski, Sarah Kelly, Sara Kingdollar, Branden Loveless, Roman Odeychuk, Casey Onisk, Ava Quincey, Elise Quincey, Zachary Sonera, Lily Sprague, Lydia Sprague, Timothy Warney and Trent Wright.

**10th Grade:** Kirsstin Althoff, Cora Bennage, Adriana Botello, Kalen Brady, Jordan Bull, Zander Carpenter, Neveah Conley, Thomas Dobri, Matthew Eden, Hope Falls, Tatum Gagne, Kaitlyn Johnson, Rachel Kinsey, Nicolas Mandigo, Grace McKeon, Mason Neale, Broek Ostrom, Kayla Pagano, Libbie Pecora, Dylan Plum, Leah Rheinwald, Amanda Ryan, Deanna Schubmehl, James Tette, Kylie Towne, Zachary Warney, Emily Webster and Brodie Wright.

**11th Grade:** Sebastian Bartholomew, Karl Biedlingmaier, Abigail Bubb, Julia Buck, Amya-Omar Cancino, Kasey DeFrank, Hope Diaz, Andrew Drechsel, Jayden Gibaud-Mastowski, Brianne Heffernan, Rachael Howard, Erin Kelly, Allison Lyndaker, Zachary McAllister, Skyla Milazzo, Jazmin Mounts, Kayleigh Neale, Halee Passarell, Rylee Secor, Allyson Skehan, Cody Thorne, Annalise Tinkous, Antonio Torres, Callie Updike and Parker Walker.

**12th Grade:** Sierra Apicella, Mikaela Auch, Ally Benson, Kamryn Berner, Autumn Bieber, Nicole Bull, Morgan Cary, Roberto Castillo, Adrian Corrochano, Laura Ellsmore, Haleigh Falls, Jordyn Feiock, Harley Fellerski, Cheyenne Foster, Brian Gay, Megan Harrington, Sarah Harrington, Jade Hoffarth, Tyler Jones, Connor Kaminski, Rachel Killian, Bradley Kingdollar, Nickolas Kinmond, Ryan Lang, Taylor LaPlante, Katelynn Lipton, Janelle Miles, Donald Miller III, Ruth Miller, Dania Moore, Kohl Morgan, Grant Moy, Ava Parr, Loriana Proctor, Olivia Radford, David Roe, Malachi Rowcliffe, Halle

Shepherd, Tyra Shepherd, Milla Steenholdt, Emilie Strayer, Cody Tanis, Rachael Vanelli, Aaliyah Vicens, Aliyah Weaver and Jordan Wright.

## HONOR ROLL

**Seventh Grade:** Alyssa Armstrong, Neeko Caterisano, Kylee Dann, Ryan Dunn, MacKenzie Fiorito, Xavier Garcia, Destin Kuyal, Kassidee Modzel, Rebecca Scharping and Peyton Wright.

**Eighth Grade:** Samantha Bates, Colin Broomfield, Dakota Burch, Adrian Gamble, Angelena Golisano, Ethan Gonzalez, Lily Knopp, Elijah Lang, Logan McHenry, Noah St. John, Nolan Sullivan, Marlene Welch, Michael Wolfe and Lorenzo Zaragoza.

**Ninth Grade:** Cameron Bates, Rayelle Bonacci, James Burch, Emma Downey, Harriet Rose Emery, Joshua Estevez-Snyder, Emmanuel Floyd, Shannon Kelly, Miles Lammes, Christopher Lyndaker, Jesse Patterson, Evan Press, Katelyn Randall, Ryan Sanfilippo, Joseph Silpoch, Catalina Solis-Escamilla and Caleb Wright.

**10th Grade:** Harleigh Andrews, Alexis Blosenhauer, Brooke Boyko, Zane Christakes, Brandon Diamond, Cambrielle Engert, Kira Gantman, Breanna Girangaya, Hanna Guck, Cassandra Heaster, Ethan Hudzinski, Emma Lavender, Hayley Lipke, John Patt, Jesse Reome and Abigail Tanis.

**11th Grade:** Alexandra Mendoza, Nathan Nothnagle, Madelyn St. John, Jared Strathearn, Robert Torres, Allison Trowbridge and Charles Turpyn.

**12th Grade:** Nicholas Ballard, Ashleigh Boyce, Tia Brien, Viktoria Emery, Miracle Geska, Jamel Hildreth, Christa Jacobs, Allana Knopp, Carson Major, Ty'Esia Millette, Raymond Modzel Jr., Autumn Moy and Ethan Waldron.

# Veterans Day Assembly at Holley Elementary

The annual Veterans Day assembly at Holley Elementary School on Nov. 8 featured patriotic music, veterans and lots of red, white and blue. A group of local veterans from the American Legion and VFW posted and retired the colors to begin and end the assembly. Many local veterans were in attendance, representing the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and National Guard. The Elementary Chorus sang while the Elementary Band played the "The Star-Spangled Banner." The Chorus also sang "Reason for Our Freedom" and "Thank You, Soldiers." The Band played "March of Freedom."

Students led the assembly. Pre-K students led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dakota Arnold, Kohle Pachla and Cooper Wolf emceed the event, with Kohle reciting facts about Veterans Day. Poems were read by groups of students. A box of cards made by students was presented to the veterans.



# School-wide Celebration of One School, One Book

The entire Elementary School has been participating in the One School, One Book initiative by reading "The Adventures of a South Pole Pig" by Chris Kurtz this year. Every student and adult in the building has a copy of the book, with different grade levels partnered together to participate in various activities throughout the year. Students have weekly assignments to complete specific chapters in the book. While the books remain at school until all activities surrounding it are completed, students will be able to bring their books home to add to their home libraries.

The message of the book is teamwork, and students are working together to answer trivia questions, sit with reading partners, complete projects and earn trophies. The Alternative High School students and staff, who are housed in the Elementary School building, are also participating in the reading effort and act as judges for various competitions.

To celebrate teamwork and perseverance, traits that the main character exhibits, ES students and staff attended an assembly featuring jugglers. Nels Ross and his son, Noah, are professional jugglers who make up the comedic juggling act In Jest. Nels told students he learned how to juggle by reading a book. His parents encouraged him to get the "reading bug" which he has passed down to his five children. "Fun uplifts and reading empowers," said Nels. He taught students to recite the following during the assembly: "The more you read, the more you know; the more you know, the more you grow."

Nels and Noah performed their juggling feats together and separately, using a variety of items. Student Karlee Sanders was selected to be part of the act as items were tossed back and forth between Nels and Noah while she stood in the middle of them. Nels ended the assembly by telling students "Read a good book every day, and it can be the beginning of a journey for where you want to go."



## Local Author Visits MS/HS Students

On Oct. 18, Holley MS/HS students had the chance to spend the day with a local author. Melissa Ostrom visited classes, had lunch with students, signed books and answered students' questions. She recently released her latest book, "Unleaving," which is about a 19-year-old who survives a violent assault in college, but faces backlash when she reports it. Ostrom's visit was made possible by a joint effort between the Holley MS/HS Library, Holley Rotary Club and the Holley Community Free Library.

The author first visited Melanie Richard's ninth grade English class and gave students a quick lesson on her writing process. Ostrom told students that she has an English literature degree and a master's degree in teaching. She taught English for 11 years at Kendall Central Schools before she quit to raise her kids. She started writing for herself, which led to her new path as a published author. She currently has a two-book deal with Macmillan Publishers; her first book was "The Beloved Wild."



She also teaches writing courses part-time at Genesee Community College.

Next, she visited Kellie Burke's Creative Writing class and held a question and answer session with students. She found out what kinds of writing this small class of students was interested in. "If you write a couple hundred words a day, that is so helpful to your development as a writer," she said. "If you read a lot, you can be a writer." Ostrom had the class complete a short writing exercise about a memory of a room in a house that is important to them. She encouraged students to keep a journal of ideas for stories. "Questions are good places to start," she said. "Write down what details you notice about your surroundings or bits of overheard conversations. Make characters come alive to you ... they should become your friends in your mind."

Right before lunch, she visited Suzanne Lepkowski's ninth grade English class. Students had read passages from "Unleaving" and created public service announcements (PSAs) about teen issues. They created brochures and videos in small groups and presented the PSAs to Ostrom.

Students in the Library Club, as well as other interested students, faculty, staff and community members, ate lunch with Ostrom. Following the lunch, attendees had a chance to purchase Ostrom's books and have them signed by her. "This was a wonderful opportunity for our students and the Holley community," said MS/HS Library Media Specialist Lisa Osur.





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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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## JANUARY 2020

- 1-3 **No School, Holiday Recess**
- 6 PARP Kickoff  
Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.
- 8 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 10 ES Student Council New Year, New You Walkathon,  
ES Café 3:30-5 p.m.
- 13 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.  
Financial Aid Night, HS Aud. 6 p.m.
- 17 PE Family Fun Night for Pre-K & Kindergarten,  
ES Intermed. Gym
- 20 **No School, MLK Day**
- 21-24 Mid-term & Regents Exams – MS/HS students only  
report to school when they have a scheduled exam
- 24 **Early Dismissal, Staff Development Day**
  - MS/HS at 10:31 a.m.
  - ES at 11:30 a.m.
Second Marking Period Ends
- 29 PTSA Pre-K-Grade 3 Winter Party, ES Café 3:30-5 p.m.
- 31 **Early Dismissal for ES Students 11:30 a.m.**  
Report Cards Mailed Home

## FEBRUARY 2020

- 3 Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.
- 6 Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m.
- 7 PARP Ends  
All-County Music Rehearsal at Lyndonville  
PTSA Grades 4-6 Social, ES Café 6:30-8 p.m.
- 8 ACT Exam  
Kids Heart Challenge, ES Intermed. Gym 10 a.m.-noon  
All-County Music Festival at Lyndonville 2 p.m.
- 10 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 12 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 17-21 No School, Mid-Winter Recess**
- 25 ASVAB Exam, MS/HS Computer Lab 8 a.m.

*Check the district calendar online for additional detail.*

