



Girls' Varsity Soccer Players Sign with Colleges



From left, Renee Wolf; Theresa, Kayleigh and Keith Neale; and Emily Harms.



From left, Renee Wolf; Lorraine, Halee and Michael Passarell; and Emily Harms.

On Dec. 1, two senior Holley Varsity Girls' Soccer players signed on to play collegiate soccer. Kayleigh Neale and Halee Passarell will continue their soccer careers at Baldwin Wallace University and Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC), respectively. Kayleigh, a two-time Genesee-Region League All-Star, plans on majoring in Psychology. "I am really excited about playing college soccer," said Kayleigh. "I think it will be a lot of fun, and it will provide me with great experiences." Halee, a three-time Genesee-Region League All-Star, plans on majoring in Viticulture and Enology. "I am very excited to be able to continue my soccer career," said Halee.

Both girls were coached by Holley teachers Renee Wolf and Emily Harms, who were named Genesee-Region Co-Coaches of the Year for 2020. "We are very proud of these young ladies," said Coach Wolf. "They have worked hard to be where they are today, and they have the skill and dedication to be successful

at the next level. Both players were key parts of our success this year; we will miss them greatly. We wish them the best of luck." Congratulations, Kayleigh and Halee!



Kayleigh Neale



Halee Passarell



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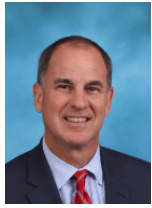
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A Message from the Superintendent



Happy New Year, Holley!

I've been looking forward to saying "Happy New Year" for a long time! I'm sure all of you have, as well. Leaving behind all that was 2020, it is now with great anticipation and hope that we welcome 2021. We all want this year to be full of health and happiness, filled with success and celebration, and a year that renews our spirit.

Reflecting back on this past year, some things are clear to me. First and foremost, good health and well-being are our most important gifts. Being with family, understanding the importance of time spent together and love shared, can't be understated. Community matters, and being around those who care for others gives us strength and purpose. It is with these three important factors in mind that the staff of the Holley Central School District will

continue to dedicate ourselves to the education of our students, regardless of our circumstances. Health, family and community are values that reflect Holley CSD and provide us with guideposts for our mission as a school district.

Ben Franklin once said, "Out of adversity comes opportunity." Although school has looked and felt differently, and we have faced much adversity, the work to support our students and to remain together in our efforts has been a constant. We've learned so much about what matters most, and how to adapt and adjust; I couldn't be prouder of the staff, students and families for how well we've done as a district in response to all the challenges we've faced.

Looking ahead, we will continue to maintain high standards of safety to ensure the health and well-being of students and staff in our district. We will remain connected to our families to communicate

regular district updates, provide important information, and report on student progress and any concerns we may have. We will continue to work together as a district and community until this pandemic is behind us, so that all our students can return to school, and all our activities and events become fully operational. The thought of having school "back to normal" motivates me and gives me hope for all the possibilities that await us in 2021.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the Holley Central School District.

Have a healthy and prosperous new year!

Brian Bartalo
Superintendent of Schools

October was Full of Soccer Games

Due to the delay in the start of the fall sports season because of coronavirus concerns, Holley was unable to host their traditional Homecoming soccer games.

The Holley Girls' Varsity Soccer team played against Kendall on Oct. 10 at Kendall. Holley won the game with a score of 3-2.

The Holley Boys' Varsity Soccer team played against Kendall on Oct. 31 at Holley. Holley won the game with a score of 3-0.

The Lady Hawks ended the season by capturing the Genesee-Region (G-R) Division 1 championship, and they advanced to the Section V Class C1 semifinals, where they lost to Avon, finishing with an overall 12-2-2 record. The last time the Lady Hawks received a Division 1 championship title was 11 years ago. Halee

Passarell was named to 2nd Team All-State for Class C, and Halee, along with Kayleigh Neale, Samantha Bates and Emma Brady made the G-R All-Star team.



The Hawks ended their season by advancing to the Section V Class C1 championship, where they lost to East Rochester, finishing with an overall 11-4-1 record. The Holley Boys' Varsity Soccer team was a runner-up in the final G-R standings. Nathan Nothnagle, Kayden Servais, KJ Biedlingmaier and Charlie Turpyn made the G-R All-Star team.

Congratulations to both teams on their outstanding seasons!

Rotary Club Makes Donations to District

In October, the Holley Rotary Club approved several donations to organizations within the Holley Central School District. The first donation was \$450 in Sam's Diner gift cards to be distributed by the district's social workers to needy families and students. The second donation was \$500 to the Middle School/High School's Interact Club to help them with their community service projects this year. The third donation was \$1,000 to the Sports Boosters to help with their operations this year. In a year when it has not been possible to hold fundraisers for many organizations, the donations from the Rotary Club are very much needed and appreciated. Thank you, Rotary Club!



From left, Director of Special Programs Stephanie Sanchez, Sports Boosters President Sal DeLuca, Holley Rotary Club President John Heise and Rotarian Jeff Martin.

HCSD Receives Award in NYSPRA Contest

The Holley Central School District received an award in the 41st Annual NY School Public Relations Association (NYSPRA) Communications Contest. A photograph of a car crash "victim" that was taken during the mock accident re-enactment in June 2019 received the Honor award in the Photography category. The photo is featured on page 9 of the [July 2019 Dimension](#). The award-winning entries were on display in October at the NYS School Boards Association virtual convention.



Student-Athletes Have Character

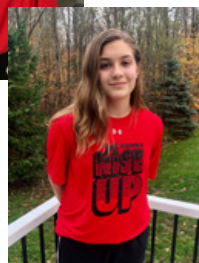
At Holley Middle School/High School, student-athletes are working on character development. Coaches are encouraging and teaching athletes to strive for excellence not only on the field, but off the field as well. They implement a character word-of-the-week into each practice. The theme is "Hawks R.I.S.E." with the letters meaning:

- R = Respect – treat others the way you want to be treated
- I = Integrity – know and do what is right
- S = Sportsmanship – bring your best to all competitions
- E = Excellence – set high standards in both athletics and academics

Each week, coaches and/or team members vote on who should be the weekly winner of a t-shirt and "(Character Word) Certificate of the Week." Well done, Holley Hawks!



Julianna Thomas
respect winner



Katie Dobri integrity winner

Spirit Week at MS/HS

Spirit Week was conducted over two weeks this year to include both Red Hawks and White Hawks into the themed days for each class. During the week of 10/19, students participated in Class Color Day and Mismatch Day; during the week of 10/26, both cohorts participated in Wear Orange Day in honor of fellow student Evan Valentine, who is battling leukemia, and Wear Hawk Gear, Uniform or School Colors Day. Pictured are students on Wear Orange Day.



Two Honored with Soaring Awards

Second grader Gianna Canne was the first recipient of the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Oct. 19. This award is given monthly to deserving students and adults who go above and beyond expectations, and lend their skills and abilities to help others. Gianna received the award from BOE President Robin Silvis for having her story published in a book called "Spooky Sagas." When Gianna was in first grade, she wrote "The Spooky Graveyard" and entered it into the Young Writers Contest. Her work was selected to be published; Gianna received her own copy of the book and another copy is housed in the ES Library collection. Congratulations, Gianna, for being one of our district's youngest published authors!

The second recipient of the "Soaring to New Heights" award was Special Education teacher Jason Maihofer. Maihofer was a beloved special education teacher for 25 years in the district who died suddenly in June 2020.

Speech Language Therapist Anna LaForce nominated Maihofer for the award. "He found

every moment a teachable moment, putting students' feelings and perspectives first," LaForce stated in her nomination. "Mr. Maihofer made everyone feel special and important. He was a great role model, not only to the students in his life, but also to the adults around him. He showed us all how lucky we are to have family, friends and a caring community. Jason had a great sense of duty to seeing our students become caring, successful, employed citizens, and he showed this through the commitment and compassion he put forth as a Holley teacher. He



From left, ELA teacher Lisa Hendry, Gianna Canne, second grade teacher Heather Rickman and ES Principal Karri Schiavone.

Dann Enlists in Marines

Holley senior Zacharie Michael Dann enlisted in the United States Marines Corps on Oct. 21. He will go to Parris Island on June 28, 2021 to begin basic training. Congratulations, Zach!



Two Alumnae Win Writing Contest

Two Creative Writing students in Kellie Burke's English class won the Young Writers Contest. Class of 2020 graduates Victoria Emery and Michaela Auch had their work published in a book entitled, "Mission Contamination: It's Going Viral." Burke's entire class responded to the zombie themed prompt to enter the contest, but both of these young women won the contest. Congratulations, Victoria and Michaela!

went above and beyond his job requirements for our students, including taking the extra steps to connect with parents and outside agencies that are a part of our students' lives."

Holley faculty and staff created a scholarship in Maihofer's honor, and the first scholarship was awarded to a member of the Class of 2020. BOE President Silvis presented the award to Maihofer's wife, Evelyn, and sons, Ian and Colin. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family, and at the same time, congratulate them on the legacy Jason leaves behind at Holley CSD.



From left, MS/HS Principal Susan Cory, Speech Therapist Anna LaForce, and Evelyn, Ian and Colin Maihofer.

ES Student Leads Donation Drive for Shelter Animals

A recent arrival from Mexico, sixth grader Josmar Hernandez participated in a discussion on global warming while reviewing latitude and longitude. He said he had learned about the effects of this from reading and watching nature shows on TV, and he knew that many animals were losing their homes. He told his ESL teacher Crystal Gurney that he loves animals and wants to help them, but he didn't think he could help them because he isn't rich. Gurney asked him if he would like to help animals locally and lead a donation drive to collect items for the Orleans County Animal Shelter. He enthusiastically agreed, and he used the opportunity to practice his English skills by creating a flyer and visiting with Elementary School staff to ask for donations. At the end of the three-week donation drive, over 300 new and/or gently used items were collected for the shelter.

Many community members also gave generously to the drive. Josmar thanked everyone who donated and created a video to thank them for their contributions. "Josmar is over-the-moon excited," said Gurney. "I am so proud to be his teacher. In a world where many people, kids especially, feel like things are happening **to** them, he was able to go above and beyond and

do something to help others. I can't wait to see what else he might do in the future!"

In November, Orleans County Undersheriff Mike Mele and Orleans County Animal Control Officer Ariel Ambrose came to Holley ES to pick up the donations from Josmar. He was very excited to meet Orleans County Animal Shelter "Mascot" Wesson, Officer Ambrose's dog. After the visit, Josmar received a framed photo of him with Wesson and a thank you note from the Orleans County Sheriff's Office. Well done, Josmar!



Holley Clubs Make Cards for Nursing Homes

by Kellie Burke, Middle School Student Council Advisor

The Holley High School Art Club and Middle School Student Council gathered together after school on Dec. 11 to create beautiful Christmas cards for local nursing home residents. Thanks to Art Teacher Brandi Zavitz, the clubs had all kinds of art supplies to choose from. Many memories and cards were made. Good job, students!



Sixth Graders Participate in Kindness Challenge

by Dustin Gardner, Sixth Grade Teacher

Sixth grade students took part in the "Be a Light" challenge this year. They committed to performing at least one act of kindness during the week of Dec. 14-18. Students wrote kind letters to friends and family members, shoveled driveways, and helped their parents around the house. Way to go, sixth graders!

One student, Charli Gearing, went above and beyond to help a local animal shelter, Mr. Grey's Strays Rescue. On Dec. 17, Charli brought a collection of cans and bottles to a redemption center. She donated the money she earned from the redemption to Mr. Grey's. Way to go, Charli!



Retold Tales Inspires Students to Create Fairy Jars

by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Library Media Specialist

Ninth graders in Melanie Richards' and Kellie Burke's classes have been learning the elements of a fairy tale in a Retold Tales unit in English class. After reading the original tales, students then selected retold versions from the MS/HS Library's collection, including accessing eBooks and audiobooks through SORA. We incorporated a Maker activity, where students painted the inside of their jars, cut out fantasy silhouettes, and then built little fairy gardens in the bottom of the jars. Tea lights illuminated their Fairy Jars.



Holley Alternative High School Tradition Continues (With Some Tweaks) for Students and Staff

by Ben Slate, Teacher Assistant

Thanksgiving is a special time in the Alt School. Since its inception, our students and staff have looked forward to sitting down together as our "school family." It gives us a chance to give thanks for having such an incredible opportunity to work with each other, to grow with our students and achieve goals together. It also helps us form relationships with our students' families as they are always invited and welcome to come and share in the feast. Coming into this school year, we knew, more than ever, that our Thanksgiving tradition would be greatly anticipated by both our students and staff.

In the past, we have the students choose their favorite dessert recipe, and we teach them a



number of life skills on how to prepare and make their delicious selection. At the end of our Thanksgiving feast, we usually approach the massive dessert table and select what delicacies we would like. The look on our students' faces when we select theirs has always been priceless. This year, our students still had the option to select a dessert to make and staff still had the chance to help them make it, but students took their desserts home to their families for their private Thanksgiving celebrations.

We could not invite students' families or the Board of Education to our feast this year because of the small number of people allowed in the dining area. Instead of the usual "buffet style" of serving the feast, we served our

students the meal. It was delicious and many of our students had seconds ... a few might have had thirds of the mashed potatoes! Students also took a meal to go. We cannot thank the cafeteria staff enough for their help with our feast this year! The most surreal thing we have experienced in our 2020 school year so far was eating our Thanksgiving dinner with Plexiglass between us, with no more than four people seated to a table!

Even with all of the changes to the meal this year, we still gave our students and staff the opportunity to take part in a Thanksgiving tradition that we hope will continue for as long as the Alternative High School exists. With full bellies and smiling faces, all of us in our "A-Block" family would like to wish you and yours happy holidays!



MS/HS Library Taker Kits

by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Library Media Specialist

Here at the Holley MS/HS Library, we stand by our philosophy that making, designing and exploring are all a part of learning. For the past several years, we hosted Maker Fridays, where each week, we selected a craft, building kit, robot, coding activity, and more to explore and create. These activities involved a lot of supplies, physical contact and high-touch areas that are off-limits during COVID-19.

We developed an alternative: Maker Kits TO-GO or as we like to call them, "Takers"! We created kits from supplies we had and some new ones we've collected. With the ingenious thinking of Library Aide Jodi Foster, who has cut colored pencils down to miniature size, no supplies need to be shared. Each kit contains the necessary supplies; some kits require items from home, such as scissors and glue. There are kits to create friendship bracelets, LED lightsabers, bullet journals, models of Corvettes or the Eiffel Tower, Kindness Project painted rocks, and learn-to-draw animals. We're developing new kits all the time.

Students can select one of the Maker Kits each week, and work on them here at school or take them home. Encourage your student to come pick up a kit today! Visit the Holley MSHS Library website Maker Friday tab for a list of current kits: <https://libguides.monroe2boces.org/HolleyMSHSLibrary/MakerFriday>.



College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Jacob Affronti was accepted to Genesee Community College, Neveah Conley was accepted to Nazareth College and Callie Updike was accepted to Columbia University. Congratulations!



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on Nov. 19 via Zoom. Thirteen 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: scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Current NHS officers lit the ceremonial candles and described each of the qualities of membership. Inductees received their membership certificates from Principal Susan Cory.

New NHS inductees are: Kirsstin Althoff, Harleigh Andrews, Cora Bennage, Adriana Botello, Thomas Dobri, Hope Falls, Tatum Gagne', Rachel Kinsey, Hayley Lipke, Grace McKeon, Broek Ostrom, Libbie Pecora and Deanna Schubmehl.

Current NHS members are: President Julia Buck, Vice President Allyson Skehan, Secretary Abigail Bubb, Treasurer Amya Cancino, and members KJ Biedlingmaier, Kasey DeFrank, AJ Drechsel, Brandi Heffernan, Rachael Howard, Erin Kelly, Allison Lyndaker, Kayleigh Neale, Hallee Passarelli, Hayley Skidmore, Madelyn St. John, Annalise Tinkous, Antonio Torres and Callie Updike.

Special thanks to Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Instructional Technology Specialist Sarah Misco for her technical assistance with making the Zoom ceremony possible.



Adriana Botello



Harleigh Andrews

National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony occurred via Zoom on Nov. 10. The event had been postponed from the spring due to the school closure for the coronavirus pandemic. Twenty-four students in seventh through ninth grade were inducted based on their application to the faculty selection committee and maintenance of a 90 percent or higher academic average. To be inducted, students must demonstrate the five qualities of NJHS membership: character, citizenship, leadership, scholarship and service. Students received their certificate from Principal Susan Cory.

New NJHS inductees are: Jailyn Bishop, Frances Caraballo-Vazquez, Isabella Emery, Natalie Foose, Cora Hudzinski, Hunter Johnson, Elizabeth Kinsey, Gabriel Lindsay, Abigail Merkley, Allison Merle, Casey Onisk, Alexia Renner, Kaden Rheinwald, Isabella Samons, Brenden Sargent, Harlee Schicker, Madison Schicker, Owen Schultz, Maggie Skehan, Julianna Thomas, Ronald Thorn, Hailey VanGelder, Alivia Wolf and Zoey Wolf.

Current NJHS members are: Jasmine Apicella, Cavan Bennage, Caitlin Dobri, Gary Falls, Hayli Kuellertz, Carter McGuire, Kayla Neale, Ruthie Patton, Karissa Robinson, Julia Scroope, Isabella Thom, Layne Walker, Leigha Walker and Ryleigh Weader.



Gabe Lindsay



Casey Onisk



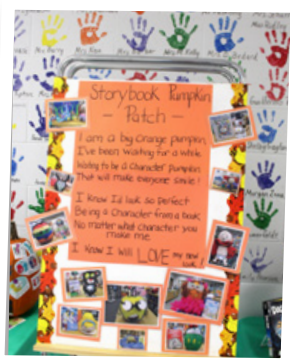
Isabella Emery



Kaden Rheinwald

Library Hosts Storybook Pumpkin Patch

In October, more than 25 pumpkins disguised as characters from children's books were displayed in the hallway outside 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 Dr. Seuss characters to "Toy Story" characters.



Students of the Month for September–November

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades Pre-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. All cohorts of students are included in the nominations. At the ES, each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. Photos of the elementary students are displayed in the hallway near the ES Library. MS/HS Red and White Hawks receive a certificate, nomination form and snack voucher. When they assemble in the MS/HS Foyer for a group photo, their nominations are read aloud and photos are later displayed in the Music Department hallway. MS/HS Silver Hawks receive a certificate, nomination form and coupon for a free treat that is hand-delivered by Matt Hennard or Kristina Tese.

Once each month, students of the month from grades Pre-K-6 have breakfast together as the Red Hawks or White Hawks cohort with the principals in the Elementary Café. Proper social distancing procedures are followed at these breakfasts, including the use of transparent dividers at tables so that students may safely eat together in small groups. Breakfast is supplied by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff.

Photos of Students of the Month are on our district Facebook page: www.facebook.com/holleycsd/. For a complete list of students who were nominated for Student of the Month, visit www.holleycsd.org/StudentsoftheMonth.aspx.



Counseling News

Get Ready, Juniors:

Now is the time to start thinking about plans after graduation. Please check Schoology and your emails for specific information sent from the counselors. The Counseling Department website lists SAT/ACT prep sites. In addition, Schoology lists many sites available if you need additional assistance for career planning. If you have questions, please make an appointment with your counselor to plan for your future goals.

Seniors Tip:

Students planning to apply to four-year colleges need to complete their applications ASAP. Those students planning to attend two-year colleges should be making appointments to take placement tests and meeting with advisors if they have already applied and been accepted. If you plan on attending a college out of state, some colleges require you to take an accu-placer test. Due to COVID-19, most colleges are waiving the SAT/ACT tests for college acceptance. Please contact your college directly for admission requirements. If you have questions, please review the applicable college website or contact your counselor. Please inform your counselor as to which college(s) you have been accepted to.

Scholarships!

Scholarships are posted on our website on a rolling basis at <http://www.holleycsd.org/Scholarships.aspx>. Scholarships are also listed in Schoology. Please pay particular attention to scholarship deadlines and allow enough time to submit all the required documentation. Most scholarships require an online application. Many colleges provide their own scholarships on their websites; visit their websites for further information. Contact Kristina Tese to obtain paper applications, if needed. Good luck!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

Seniors who plan on attending college must complete the FAFSA forms ASAP at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA is the source of all federal and state aid, loans and work study programs.

Please contact your counselor directly if you have questions:

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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.

HOLLEY STRONG

JANUARY 2021

- 18 No School, MLK Day
 - 29 Early Dismissal, Staff Development Day
 - MS/HS at 10:31 a.m.
 - ES at 11:30 a.m.
- Second Marking Period Ends

FEBRUARY 2021

- 5 PARP Ends
Report Cards Sent Home
- 6 ACT Exam
- 8 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.
- 10 PTSA meeting via Zoom 5 p.m.
- 15-19 No School, Mid-Winter Recess
- 24 ASVAB

Check the [district calendar online](#) for additional detail.



Kim Harrington's kindergarten class enjoyed making paintings in the style of Jackson Pollock in Katie Veremeychik's art class.



The ES Library was decorated as a cozy place to read in December.