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Congratulations to Holley's Graduating Class of 2022

Sixty seniors graduated from Holley Middle School/High School (MS/HS) on June 25. All students wore red caps and gowns as they filed into the MS/HS Auditorium and found their seats on stage. Thirty graduates headed off to higher education, 20 joined the workforce, three enlisted in the military and seven were undecided. Three graduates received the Seal of Biliteracy for the first time in Holley High School history and three graduates received the Seal of Civic Readiness for the first time in both Holley High School and New York State history.

Seniors led the ceremony, conducting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the "Star-Spangled Banner," greeting the audience, giving the salutatory and valedictory addresses, and performing as a senior ensemble. Class Vice President Breanna Girangaya offered the class gift, honoring the



custodians in the MS/HS, and providing funds to the classes that follow them.

Retired Holley high school science teacher Dan Burke gave the commencement address. In addition to his more than 30 years teaching at Holley, he also directed the musical and coached baseball during his tenure. He works in the district as a substitute teacher now. He gave students some rules to live by. Burke told students to never give up. "Embrace the uncertainty of your path and be confident in

where that uncertain path will lead you," he said. "Challenge yourself. Give more than you take. Everything will be all right in the end. If it's not all right, it's not the end."

Graduates were acknowledged with awards from retiring Spanish teacher Tammy Menzie. After Holley staff announced the graduates' names and future plans, MS/HS Principal Susan Cory posed for photos with the graduates after giving them their diplomas. This was her final graduation ceremony, as she retired from the district at the end of June. She told students, "Find good where you can. You hold a special place in my heart as my last class of seniors. Do great things." Superintendent Brian Bartalo and the Board of Education members offered handshakes to the graduates on their way back to their seats. Graduates adjourned outside for the traditional cap toss photo.



A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings Holley Families,

Reflecting back on the 2021-22 school year, it was quite remarkable. We started the school year with full, in-person learning, but wearing masks and taking other precautions. We thankfully ended the school year with what has felt much more "normal" than what we've experienced for the last two years. Such incredible times!

This summer, we're again hosting "Camp Rising Hawk" at Holley Elementary School for students entering grades 1-7. Last summer, this program was successful in getting students back on track with learning, and we're pleased to be able to offer it again. The four-week program of half days of instruction, with breakfast and lunch included, keeps students engaged in learning over the summer. Again, this summer, there is no cost to families for this program.

With the community support to establish a Capital Improvements Reserve Fund during our budget vote in May, we are moving forward with plans for a new Capital Improvement Project for the district. We will have plans available for public review in the fall, and then a vote to approve our next

Capital Improvement Project will be held in December 2022. This project will be funded with over 90% state aid, which will mean that there will be no tax increase for the community.

We are very excited for all the projects and work occurring around the district this summer. We will be hosting sports camps, curriculum writing projects and professional development for staff, along with preparing our buildings and grounds to open school in September. Everyone is looking forward to having an incredible 2022-23 school year, full of academic and extracurricular successes!

Have a safe, healthy and happy summer. Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Holley Central School District.

Go Hawks!

Brian Bartalo
Superintendent

2022-23 Budget Passes and Board Members Elected

On May 17, Holley voters passed the budget with 235 yes votes and 130 no votes. The Establishment of Capital Improvements Reserve Fund proposition passed with 233 yes votes and 138 no votes. The Purchase of Replacement School Buses proposition passed with 232 yes votes and 139 no votes. The budget for the Holley Community Free Library passed with 274 yes votes and 100 no votes.

Holley voters also elected Tracy Van Ameron (287 votes) and Anne Winkley (281 votes) to the Board of Education (BOE) for three-year terms.

The district congratulates Tracy and Anne on their elections, and thanks the voters for supporting our budget and propositions.

Health Office News

Attention all students needing a health exam for fall sports:

Dr. Goetz will be coming to the MS/HS Health Office on Monday, Aug. 8, at 9:30 a.m. Please call the Main Office at 638-6335 ext. 5500 to register for an exam time slot.

Reminder for all students entering Pre-K, kindergarten, and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11:

A current NYS physical for the 2022-23 school year needs to be completed and sent to your school's Health Office. Please contact your doctor's office to set up an appointment for your child to have a health exam. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the ES Health Office at 638-6316 ext. 2404, fax: 638-5016; or the MS/HS Health Office at 638-6335 ext. 5100, fax: 638-6827.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Aug. 3

The High School Student Council is hosting the next American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the HS Dining Hall. To register for the blood drive in advance, visit [Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation | American Red Cross \(redcrossblood.org\)](https://www.redcrossblood.org).

Retirees Honored at Board Meeting

On June 13, six Holley faculty and staff members were honored at the monthly Board of Education meeting for their years spent working in education. MS/HS Principal Susan Cory, MS/HS Library Media Specialist Lisa Osur, Payroll/Chief Information Officer Karen Gaylord, administrative assistant Karen Bower, MS/HS physical education teacher Jill Klotzbach and Spanish teacher Tammy Menzie retired this year and were present at the meeting. Teacher aides Trudy Brooks and Darlene Gervasi, cleaner Kim Miller and elementary teacher Leslie Piedmonte also retired this year. Congratulations to all on your retirements!



Tenured Teachers

At the May 16 Board of Education meeting, three Holley teachers were granted tenure. Vocal music teacher Samantha Heagerty, teaching assistant Amy Bennage and kindergarten teacher Lindsay Cooper completed the four-year process to become tenured teachers for the district. Congratulations to all!

Holley's Hiring!

The Holley Central School District is hiring for the following positions:

- Full-time bus mechanic
- Part-time transportation clerk
- Substitute bus drivers - free training
- Two, 1:1 Teacher Aides
- Teaching Assistant
- Custodial Worker
- Substitutes for all positions

Visit our [Job Opportunities](#) page on the district website to find out how to apply.

College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that John Patt was accepted to SUNY Brockport and Nazareth College; and Kylie Towne was accepted to Belmont University.

John also earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts.

Congratulations!

Soaring Awards

The Masterminds and Academic Challenge Bowl teams received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on June 13. This award is given to deserving students and adults who go above and beyond expectations, and lend their skills and abilities to help others. Students and faculty advisors received the award from MS/HS Principal Susan Cory for outstanding achievement this season. The Varsity Masterminds team is made up of Cora Bennage, Adriana Botello, Katie Dobri, Thomas Dobri, Mason Neale, Broek Ostrom, John Patt, Karissa Robinson and Jalen Tette, and advised by Dan Goodwin. The Academic Challenge Bowl team is made up of Lexi Salamone, Jax Richards-Dyson, Kohle Pachla, Cooper Wolf, Brody Williams and Aidan Kelley, and advised by Lisa Tubinis. Congratulations to all for having such a successful year!

At the April 11 BOE meeting, senior Broek Ostrom received the "Soaring to New Heights" award. He received the award from Superintendent Brian Bartalo for being an outstanding student and citizen. Broek broke a school basketball record and was selected for the Ronald McDonald All Star Basketball game. Elementary school teacher and coach Wil Prince, who has coached Broek in baseball, basketball and football, said, "Broek is a good basketball player, but he's an even better person." Congratulations to Broek for working hard on the court, in school and in the community!



Three Seniors Recognized as Community All Stars

by Nicole Solazzo, MS/HS Counselor

Three Holley seniors have received Community All Star recognition: Thomas Dobri, Mason Neale and Broek Ostrom. This award recognizes students who have gone above and beyond to commit to creating a positive impact in the lives of individuals in their school and community. Students can be recognized for one of three categories, and this year we had students recognized in each of the categories!

Thomas received the Community All-Star award because he is a high school senior who has shown a commitment to positively impacting the lives of those in his school or community.

Mason received the Diversity & Inclusion All-Star award because he is a high school senior who is

dedicated to advocating for those facing racism, bias and inequality, and he has helped his peers take positive action, bridging the social divide within his school or community.

Broek received the Wellness All-Star award because he is a high school senior who goes above and beyond to demonstrate active leadership in engaging and encouraging health, wellness and healthier living throughout his school or community.

Congratulations to Thomas, Mason and Broek! We are so proud of them! The profiles about these students and their accomplishments appeared in the May 20 edition of Buffalo Business First, along with other high school Community All-Stars.



Thomas Dobri



Mason Neale



Broek Ostrom

Summer Meals: July 6-Aug. 11

The Free Summer Meals program runs from July 6-Aug. 11, Monday through Thursday each week. Breakfast is served from 8-10:45 a.m. and lunch is served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the ES Cafeteria. Enter from the back bus loop off of High Street. Dine-in or grab-n-go meals are available. Meals are free for children from ages birth to 18 years old. Adults pay \$2.70 for breakfast and \$4.50 for lunch. All are welcome!



Second Annual Kindergarten School Bus Safety Event

by Tammy Beaney, Transportation Director

Children attending kindergarten in September 2022 are invited to attend the Holley Transportation Department's School Bus Safety Event on **Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9-11 a.m.** Our department takes your child's safety very seriously, and we have created a bus safety program specifically designed for kindergartners. This gives parents/guardians and kindergartners the advantage of learning bus safety prior to the first day of school. Participants will have an opportunity to ride a big bus and participate in five, 15-minute safety stations which include: bus stop loading and unloading, bus stop crossing loading and unloading, danger zone, behavior on the bus, and school bus safety drills. Please **RSVP by Aug. 19** by calling 638-6297.



Niagara Region PTA Spelling Bee

by Jenna Chevier, LTS Math RTI TA

On June 4, a select few Holley fourth and fifth graders competed against other students in the Niagara Region at Newfane Middle School. The fourth graders who competed were Henry Dioguardi, Grace Cater, Philomena Arnold, Brody Pilon and Baylee Lowe. The fifth graders who competed were Kallan Babcock, Peyton Caufield and Rosa Scroope. Rosa took second place in the fifth grade competition. All of our students were Spelling Superstars! Students were sponsored by the Holley CSD PTSA.



ES Students Participate in PARP Program Once Again

Holley Elementary School students participated once again in the Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program this winter. They read books with a partner for three weeks, and names were drawn from each grade level to determine the winners of a McDonald's lunch. Students dined in the district board room with Principal Karri Schiavone, ES teacher Lisa Hendry and teaching assistant Jennifer Morgan.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the luncheon: Kellan Farrel, Annabelle Neff, Olivia Davis, Amelia Wright, Robby Scroope, Anna Peters, Sophia Satter, Julia Castner, Philomena Arnold, Abigail Reed, Emma Kinsey, Ryan Clawson, Michelle Lonnen and Alexiana Guerrero. The following Pre-K students were given gift cards to McDonald's: Sophie Snook, Caleb West and Sadie-Lynn Ritchie; congratulations to them as well.

Congratulations to all who participated in PARP this year!



ES Students Had a Lot to Celebrate with i-Ready Growth This Year!

ES students worked for seven weeks on their math and reading skills to earn points in a contest. They completed i-Ready lessons and the percentage of lessons passed was calculated. Kindergarten through grade 2 competed against each other and grade 3 through grade 6 competed against each other. The grade level with the most points earned in the i-Ready lessons competition won an ice cream party. Congrats to grades 2 and 3! Photos of students celebrating their accomplishments are on the district's Facebook page, in the iReady Celebration album: [Facebook](#)

The i-Ready mascot, Snargg, visited kindergarten and grade 1 classrooms on the day of the ice cream party. He also showed up for the party, but students gobbled up the treats before he had a chance to have any!

The HS Interact Club assisted with the ice cream party. They came dressed in bright pink shirts with ice cream cones on them! We thank them for their help.



Yearbook Dedications

During an MS/HS assembly on June 10, students dedicated their yearbook to two staff members who have shown dedication to the school district and shared their passion with students. The Holley Middle School/High School Yearbook was dedicated to math teacher Whitney Lagas and Spanish teacher Tammy Menzie. Lagas has been a teacher at Holley for 13 years and received a Golden Apple Award from WROC-TV in September. Menzie is retiring this year after working for the district for 34 years.



At far left, Tammy Menzie with her family.



Second from left, Whitney Lagas with her family.

Top 10 Seniors Honored

The Top 10 Seniors were honored at the Academic Excellence Awards Dinner on June 14 at White Birch Golf Course. Pictured are, front row, from left, Kirsstin Althoff, Salutatorian Adriana Botello, Valedictorian Cora Bennage, Grace McKeon and Rachel Kinsey; back row, from left, Deanna Schubmehl, Sara Kingdollar, Thomas Dobri, Tatum Gagne and Kalen Brady. Congratulations to the 2022 Top 10 Graduating Seniors!

Valedictorian: Cora Bennage

I have been a member of National Honor Society, the tennis team and masterminds, and I also participated in hip-hop and ballet. I have received the Catherine B. Press award, Soaring to New Heights award, student of the month and honor roll. After high school, I plan to attend SUNY Brockport with a dual major in Journalism and Spanish, with the goal of becoming an editor in a publishing company.

Salutatorian: Adriana Botello

I have participated in many activities throughout my six years in the MS/HS. I played volleyball, basketball and softball from 7th to 12th grade; I also participated in cross country in 11th grade. I received Genesee Region (GR) All-Star for cross country and Honorable Mention for volleyball in my junior year. In my senior year, I received GR All-Star for volleyball and Honorable Mention for softball. I also received scholar-athlete for many of these seasons. After high school, I plan to go to Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) for healthcare studies, then transfer to University at Buffalo (UB) and enroll in the occupational therapy program.

Kirsstin Althoff

I'm ranked third in my class. My school activities are National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, SkillsUSA, Rotary Club and Tennis. Some of my awards and honors are #1 at Regional Health Knowledge Bowl, Career and Technical Education (CTE) High Honor Rolls, CTE and Holley Student of the Month, and CNA Best Senior. I recently passed my Nursing Assistant Certification Exam at CTE. I plan to work as a CNA while attending Monroe Community College to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Thomas Dobri

I'm ranked fourth in my class. I remained very involved in my years of high school. I enjoyed playing on the golf and football teams on the varsity level, as well as playing Unified Basketball during my senior year. I have also enjoyed Holley's music programs, participating in the choir and theater programs every year since middle school. I was also a part of the Holley chapter of National Honor Society, and part of Holley's Rotary Interact Club. I was devoted to serving my community throughout high school through community service.

Sara Kingdollar

I'm ranked fifth in my class. I participated in soccer, basketball, trapshooting, the musical, softball, and I am a member of Interact Club. I have received awards for scholar athlete, English, math, PE, music, sportsmanship, most improved and top female in the conference for trap shooting. I was also selected to participate in the HOBY Leadership seminar. I decided to skip my junior year so I can go to Genesee Community College (GCC) early to explore career options and play soccer.

Grace McKeon

I'm ranked sixth in my class. Throughout high school, I have participated in Concert Band and Choir, volleyball, softball, golf, the musical, and Interact Club. During sophomore year, I was selected to participate in the HOBY Youth Leadership Conference. Junior year, I received the George Eastman Young Leaders Award and a \$40,000 scholarship from Clarkson University as well as the Excellence in Choir Award. After high school, I plan to attend SUNY Cobleskill for Agricultural Business, and I will play volleyball there.

Deanna Schubmehl

I'm ranked seventh in my class. I have been a part of the varsity cheer team for both fall and winter seasons since my freshman year of high school. I have played softball at Holley for three years. I am a member of the National Honor Society. I am also the treasurer of my class. During fall cheerleading, I earned most valuable player, and I was my cheer team's scholar-athlete. I have been a scholar-athlete since freshman year. After I graduate, I plan to attend SUNY Brockport for nursing.

Rachel Kinsey

I'm ranked eighth in my class. Throughout my time at Holley, I have been involved in every way possible. I am a member of the student council, the National Honor Society and the Yearbook Staff. I also have played volleyball for six years and plan to continue in college. This year, I also decided to try tennis. I plan to attend SUNY Brockport as part of their Honors Program and pursue a degree in Psychology.

Tatum Gagne

I'm ranked ninth in my class. I played soccer, basketball, softball and volleyball for school, and I have played on a travel soccer team as well. I am a member of the National Honor Society and Interact Club, participating in many community activities. My awards include MVP for basketball and Most Improved for Softball. I am also the recipient of the 2021 Orleans Youth Recognition Award. My plans after graduation are to attend GCC, as I recently signed to play on their soccer team. After GCC, I plan to attend SUNY Cortland for physical therapy.

Kalen Brady

I'm ranked 10th in my class. I played soccer and baseball all throughout my high school career and attend CTE for Carpentry. I have also maintained high honor roll throughout high school as well. My plan after high school is to join the workforce and eventually start my own business.



National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony



The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on April 7 in the MS/HS Auditorium. 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.

The ceremony began with the current NJHS members leading a candlelight procession down the main aisles of the High School Auditorium. Current members called forth the new inductees sitting in the audience, who then exited the auditorium to receive boutonnieres. The new inductees then joined the 29 current NJHS members on the stage.

The current NJHS officers lit the ceremonial candles and described each of the qualities of membership. The new members were sworn in as a group. When each inductee's name was announced, the student received their certificate from Principal Susan Cory and signed their name in the book that maintains a record of every NJHS inductee since 1989.

The guest speaker at the Induction Ceremony was Principal Cory. She told students to keep striving to meet their personal goals; don't just stop with attaining NJHS membership. "Each characteristic you must possess to be a member of NJHS is backed by attitudes and action," said Cory. "Keep those moving forward in a positive way and you will do well."



New NJHS inductees are: Mya Brown, Landyn Burch, Immanuel Cornell, Kylee Dann, Harrison Flanagan, Charli Gearing, Cadence Girangaya, Adrianna Houseknecht, Layla Jones, Aidan Kelley, Chase Kempa, Nora Lindsay, Haidynn Mullins, Lily Newman, Grace Ou, Genia Perrin, Naelia Rodriguez, Isla Schultz, Hunter Sommerfeldt, Gabriel Stevens, Mia Thom, Isabella Warney, Cooper Wolf and Gage Yockel.

Current NJHS members are: President Owen Schultz, Vice President Jax Richards-Dyson, Treasurer Isabella Emery, Secretary Alexis Van Ameron, and members Frances Caraballo-Vazquez, Natalie Foose, Xavier Garcia, Elena Girangaya, Annalee Ham, Cora Hudzinski, Hunter Johnson, Elizabeth Kinsey, Carissa Klossner, Abigail Merkley, Allison Merle, Hunter Pachla, Kohle Pachla, Alanna Reed, Alexia Renner, Kaden Rheinwald, Alexis Salamone, Brenden Sargent, Maggie Skehan, Julianna Thomas, Ronald Thorn, Hailey VanGelder, Ari Warney, Alivia Wolf and Zoey Wolf.

Fifteenth Annual Senior Citizen Breakfast a Success in Holley

Approximately 60 people attended the 15th Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast on May 12 in the Holley Elementary Café. The buffet breakfast was provided by Personal Touch, food supplier for both the Holley Elementary School and Middle School/High School (MS/HS) cafeterias. Elementary Character Club students created placemats for each table setting. The senior citizens were served by the High School Student Council members. Kindergarteners and the Senior High Chorus provided the entertainment during the breakfast. They sang everything from "You Are My Sunshine" to "City of Stars" from the movie "La La Land." After the breakfast, senior citizens were invited to have their blood pressure checked, and visit booths sponsored by the Orleans County Office for the Aging and The Whole Approach. Next year's Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast will be held on May 11, 2023.



Senior Walk

Holley seniors completed their "Senior Walk" on June 9. Wearing their graduation gowns and signs



listing their post-graduation plans, seniors walked through the halls of the MS/HS, cheered on by the underclassmen, faculty and staff. Seniors also walked through the hallways of the Elementary School as they greeted teachers from their elementary school days. This is the sixth year Holley CSD has hosted a Senior Walk for students.



Students of the Month for March-May

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. 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. MS/HS students assemble in the MS/HS Foyer for a group photo, where they receive a certificate with their nomination from their teacher written on it. Their names are read during announcements, and their group photo is later displayed in the Music Department hallway.

Once each month, students of the month from grades Pre-K-6 have breakfast together with the principals in the Elementary Café. Breakfast is supplied by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for March: Everett Neri, Amelia Bellanca, Josslyn Moak, Raighynn Schumacher, Sawyer Norman, Beau Hughson, Aryan Bower, Helena Reed, Brantley Satterly, Noelani Andrews, Olivia Streicher, Dexter Vonglis, Nolan Wright, Mackenzie Townsend, Eric Strong, Liam Gambacorta-Hoffman, Sariya Richardson, Baylee Lowe, Emma Burne, Elliott London, Vivian Chadsey, Harlow Ashton, Jacob Diehl, Calista Maggard, Aurora Arnold, Autumn Bradley, Olivia Kirkpatrick, Zhoe Biaselli, Blake Huffer, Paxton Tooley, Claire Streicher, Dustin Reisman Jr.,

Alexia Renner, Kaiden Godfrey, Layla Jones, Miguel Vazquez-Pulcino and Rhiannon Kaminski.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for April: Alyssa Armstrong, Anthony GianCursio, Alyssa Lipke, Grant Smith, Harleigh Andrews, Maya Kipp, Rylee Barend, Alice Nichols, Hayden Gallert, Lily Wing, Mary Scroope, Cruz Stevens, Emma Whitney, Abigail Dukes, Riley Payne, Isabella Wheeler, Mario Botello, Oakley Pogel, Ryder Dale, Lillian West, Anna Peters, Madison Lasher, Ethan Mackey, Julius Botello, Ava Grzywacz, Sara Yohe, Bryson Phillip, Lauren Fredendall, Hope Weist, Astrea Engert, Andrea Mendoza, Autumn Monk, Chelsea Cervone, Damian Chadsey, Aiden Robins, Grace Torpey, Zakkerya Jenks, Melody Gartland, Colt Tumia, Kamrin Ornt and Cole Sidari.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for May: Kellan Farrell, Jaxton O'Dell, Lincoln Sage, Wayne Barr, James Rivera, Araya-Lynn Salvatore, Robert Mendenhall, Riley Culbertson, Alexa Hills, Grace Phillips, Geno Fallato, Cheyanne Bowen, William Sage, Jack Snook, Salvatore Mignano, Chase Lasher, Nicholas Fleming, Paysen Soehner, Philomena Arnold, Makenna Seaward, Ryan DiLorenzo, Carsyn Mogle, Gage Campbell, Mason McGuire, Loretta Windnagle, Kourtney Gates, Addison Bevins, Kaeleigh Eiland, Andrew Stevens, Blake Huffer, Caleb West, Matthew Fittos and Sloane Reed.



Elementary students of the month for March



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Elementary students of the month for May



High School students of the month for March



High School students of the month for April

Principal Cory Retires After More Than 30 Years in Education



At the end of June, MS/HS Principal Susan Cory retired after working for Holley Central School District for 34 years. She spent 38 ½ years working in education, getting her start as a Home Economics teacher at Ticonderoga

School District, then working for Brighton Central Schools as a Home and Careers teacher. She came to Holley CSD in 1988 as a school counselor. Cory also worked for the district as a Teacher On Special Assignment (TOSA), Middle School Principal for grades 7-8, and Director of Student Services before assuming her current role in 2011. She witnessed the creation of the Alternative High School and assumed administrative responsibility for it when she was in the Director role.

Cory has a bachelor's degree from SUNY Oneonta and a master's degree, including Certificates of Advanced Study in School Counseling and Administration, from SUNY Brockport.

Her plans for retirement are to relax, travel, volunteer, and spend quality time with her husband, Dan, and other family members. She's happy to not have to make all the decisions anymore, to eat lunch and take a walk instead of being tethered to her desk.

Cory said that the best parts of her job were the people she worked with, the Holley community and the students she supported. "While I don't live in Holley, Holley is my home, my community," she said. "I really mean it. I have made a lot of connections with people here, and that is what keeps me going. They are my 'why.'"

One of the most challenging parts of her job was keeping up with changes in technology. "While technology is awesome, we are a people business," said Cory. "You have to know how to communicate orally and in writing, not just via text or email." Another challenge was losing a little bit of the small-town feel over the years as the school became less of the social hub in the community. "It used to be that school was the focus of all the events in the community, so participation and attendance were better," she said. "We were a little bit isolated from the drama in the world, but that has changed. It's our job as educators to help

students process those changes and become global members of society. We have to help students find what is right for them; they don't have to do what their friends are doing."

One of Cory's favorite memories was watching the MS/HS building transform through capital project renovations. She said she was fortunate to have the yearbook dedicated to her twice over the years, once under her maiden name and again under her married name. She was also grateful to the staff and students who threw her a surprise congratulations party as she was getting married and transitioning to MS Principal 17 years ago. Cory said she enjoyed sharing experiences on trips and fieldtrips with students over the years. "All of my favorite moments involve people," she said. "My advice to students and staff is to pay it forward. You have touched a lot of lives and people have touched your lives, too. I love seeing students be successful, in spite of past challenges. I'm starting to see children of students I taught come through and that's rewarding - they chose to send their kids to the district they attended."

When asked how the job has changed over the years, Cory said it's easy to get lost in the paperwork, procedures and policies. "It's hard to find a balance between the people part and the paperwork," she said. "Make your presence known, both in school and in the community. Become involved, make connections. Seek out the good things and celebrate them. Don't judge teaching by the last few years. To be successful in education, you need to like kids and you have to be flexible. Do the best you can. Don't sweat the small stuff."



Susan Cory and her husband unwrap her retirement gift from Holley staff of Holley t-shirts that were sewn into a quilt for her.



From left, Clarendon Fire Chief Robert Freida, Principal Susan Cory, and Youth Fire Group students Brody Fiorito, MacKenzie Fiorito and Kylee Dann. Cory received a plaque from the Youth Fire Group in recognition and appreciation of her dedication and support of this group and the fire departments throughout the years.

"What has been surprising to me about working in education is that you never know the impact you will make on someone's life," said Cory. "Sometimes you'll hear about it, sometimes you won't. Just by being there, modeling good behavior, you're being observed, you're having an influence. You can't do it for the recognition, though, you do it because you want to do it."

One of her mentors was John Heise, a long-time Holley educator and board member, who died in 2020. He hired Cory. "He was a strong, but caring administrator, and he set a great example," she said. Her other influences were Terry McCarthy, former Holley HS Principal, and ES Principal Karri Schiavone. "We have a strong administrative team at Holley, with a real teamwork philosophy," said Cory. "That made it easy to work together, when you share a philosophy."

Cory wants to be remembered as someone who cared deeply, was kind and compassionate, a champion for students and teachers, and who would never ask someone to do something she wouldn't do herself. "I work as hard as I expect others to work," she said. "I truly love Holley, and I want to continue to watch it be successful. I'm known for being 'toxically positive,' but that's okay. I like to see everyone move forward with their lives and be kind."

Geometry in Construction Class Installs Classroom Barn at H4H

Students in the Geometry in Construction class traveled to Homesteads for Hope (H4H) in Ogden, NY on May 26 and 31 to install their final project. They combined their math and construction skills to build a 16' x 32' classroom barn for H4H this year. This is the third and largest barn they have completed for H4H, which is a non-profit community farm that provides an all-inclusive place for young adults of all abilities to learn, work, live and grow.

Math teacher Russ Albright and technology teacher Dylan Sharpe co-teach Geometry in Construction, with students rotating between math days and building days each week. There are 19 sophomores in this year's class. The class helps students learn how math concepts can be applied to real-world problems to create solutions.

In the fall, students went on a fieldtrip to the H4H farm so they could better understand how the organization operates and where the barn would be placed on the property. Building this additional classroom space enables H4H to expand their Social Garden Program, summer camps and field trips.

Students planned for the project by working on a scale model of the barn. The barn was staged on a specially built platform at school before it was dismantled and transported to H4H to be installed permanently.

Students were excited to be completing the build onsite. "I got to build a barn and it was fun," said Lily Naylor. "The saws were very scary in the beginning, but now I can say,



'yeah, I'll go cut that.'" Gabriella Houseknecht said, "It was nice to work with classmates that I don't normally talk to and learn from them."

Because this class was one of the largest classes to participate in a barn build, students were able to finish more in one day than past classes. "We were able to accomplish a lot because students did a great job of working in shifts," said Albright. "If some of them were taking a water break, another group would continue the work. These are time management lessons students were able to figure out for themselves. I'm so impressed with their hard work and efficiency this year." Sharpe agreed. "Students learned basic work ethics and understood that teamwork is really important in projects like these," he said.

Participating in a class like this gives students insight into possible careers. "Here is where students can find out if they want an office job or field job," said Sharpe. "It might be fun in the shop cutting boards, but when you go onsite, there are a lot of other factors that tie-in to the job. Weather is a big one and you have to adapt to the elements, wearing

appropriate clothing. Simple things, like making sure you have all your tools before you go to the job site. Working in public, being able to work with all kinds of people and using good communication skills are part of the job, too."

The skills students learn in this class will be carried with them beyond high school to be used in future jobs or to make home repairs. "Students enjoy this class because they can see the real-world application of math," said Albright. Lily agreed. "This project gives you something to tie the math to, instead of being in class and just taught math," she said. "Putting it all together with angles and measurements and building a structure, it shows you how math is used in the real world so it's not so confusing." Gabriella added, "I might have a project of my own one day that I will be able to apply these skills to."

"Many students who don't traditionally perform well in math class are performing much better in this class," said Albright. The scores from previous years' Regents Exams continue to show that Geometry in Construction students score better than traditional geometry class students. Regardless of how students perform on any Geometry test, they leave class feeling proud of completing a community service project that helps others.

"Driving past, I can say, 'hey, I built that barn,'" said Lily. "It feels really good knowing at the end of the day that I helped people that needed help."



Holley-Kendall Marching Band Gives Field Performance

The Holley-Kendall Marching Band held a Spring Showcase on June 10 in the Holley Hawks Stadium. Thirty-seven students comprise the color guard and band, which is made up of students from both Holley and Kendall schools. Marching Band Director Zach Busch led the presentation, with students demonstrating routines they've memorized while performing music. Awards were handed out to students and the lone senior was recognized. It was great to hear live music on a nice evening outside!



Students' Musical Skills on Display in Spring Concerts

The MS/HS Auditorium hosted three concerts in less than a week in June! The Spring Concert was on June 2, featuring students in grades 7-12 performing in the Middle School Choir and Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Choir and Band. The Elementary Spring Concert was on June 7, with Beginner Band, Elementary Choir, Concert Band and Jazz Band performing, comprised of students in grades 4-6. The Music Showcase was on June 8, which featured students in grades 7-12, singing and playing music from movies, musicals and various artists. Well done!



Holley and Kendall Join Forces to Play Unified Basketball This Year

On May 5, the Holley-Kendall Hawks Unified Basketball Team played against the Brockport Blue Devils in the Holley Elementary School Gym. This is the fifth year that Holley has participated in this league. Unified sports brings together students with cognitive disabilities and those without to compete together on an authentic school team. While this program provides an opportunity to play a sport, it also promotes understanding of differences and displays how these differences can be overcome with the involvement of all.

What's it like to attend a Unified Sports basketball game? You'll see and hear more direction given from coaches and teammates, so that players are at the right end of the court

and in their proper position. There's more kindness exhibited, with players handing off the ball to teammates who haven't had a chance to make a basket yet. There's plenty of supportive cheering from the stands, as the hosting team's friends and families, as well as the opposing team's fans, encourage all players to shoot for the basket, hustle down the court or pass to a teammate.

The referees are supportive, helping to instruct players on what they need to do when the whistle is called. One ref even stopped the game to tie a player's shoe that was all knotted up.

Fouls are still called. Players fight for possession of the ball. Mad basketball skills are exhibited



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

Celebration of One School, One Book

This year, the entire ES participated in the One School, One Book initiative by reading "Matilda" by Roald Dahl. Every student and adult in the building was supplied with a copy of the book. Students read the book a few chapters at a time, discussed it in class and performed activities with their grade level partners related to the book. Once the book and all activities were completed, students brought their books home to add to their personal libraries.

"Matilda" told the story of kindness, bravery, courage and friendship, which directly correlated with the district's social-emotional learning and character education initiatives. This annual initiative is something the ES is very proud of, as it allows students and staff to build connections and relationships schoolwide through the common thread of literature.

In Crystal Elliott's class, students had a tea party. They dressed up, wore various hats, and enjoyed hot or iced tea, little sandwiches and scones. Students also created displays of their favorite parts of the movie "Matilda." Wil Prince's class visited, looking at the displays, partaking in tea and discussing with other students if the book or movie version of "Matilda" was better. While students were equally divided on this matter, they all agreed that having the tea party was a lot of fun!



Our Futures Week

In April, sixth grade students had a chance to investigate their possible futures. Over four days, students listened to seniors talk about their high school experiences and plans beyond graduation, veterans discuss their careers in the military, and a school counselor explain the trades and involve students in hands-on demonstrations. Sixth graders took a fieldtrip to SUNY Brockport to experience a college campus and learn about the college experience. All of these opportunities were designed

to help students explore what options are available to them after they graduate high school, and what is required to reach these goals and prepare for careers. The young students met in small groups with each of the experts daily, which gave them a chance to ask questions and talk about what they are interested in that could lead to a job one day. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event to help students discover their futures!



A Night of History

Six Holley high school students participated in "A Night of History" on June 21 in the MS/HS Auditorium. They presented on various historical topics that they voluntarily researched on their own, with guidance from district staff members and sponsored by the Social Studies Department. The public was invited to attend the evening presentation, where students prepared slideshows and lectured from the podium on stage. Students also answered questions from the audience at the end of their presentations. Symposium talks included use of drugs in Nazi Germany, indigenous people in the past versus the present, the effect of the United Fruit Company on the world, Roe v. Wade and women's rights, perspective on sexual orientation throughout the years, and unexpected heroes. This event counted as the final exam for the students who participated. The Social Studies Department plans to turn this into an annual event for students to participate in. Congratulations to Owen Schultz, Jax Richards-Dyson, Maggie Skehan, Allison Merle, Lillian Haight and Abigail Merkley for their thought-provoking questions and answers about historical perspectives this year.



Flag Day Celebration

You may have seen a parade of Holley Elementary students and staff dressed in red, white and blue walking through the village on June 14. They were headed to the grounds of the former train depot to celebrate Flag Day for the 65th year. The Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Elementary Chorus sang patriotic songs, and the Concert Band played their tributes to the flag. Good Citizen Awards were handed out to students at all grade levels. The Catherine B. Press Award winners were Mason McGuire and Chelsea Cervone. This award goes to the fifth grade boy and girl who demonstrate honesty, responsibility, respect and courage. Their names will be added to the plaque in the ES Foyer. The Flag Day program is a wonderful way for Holley Elementary to show their patriotic pride!



Kindergarten Graduation



Sixty-four students in Nicole Ohler's, Leigh Weaver's, Lindsay Cooper's and Kim Harrington's kindergarten classes participated in a year-end program on June 17. They performed a variety of songs. Good luck in first grade!

Pre-K End of Year Program

Amie Callen and Alexa Downey's Pre-K P.M. class held their graduation ceremony on June 16. Sixteen students performed eight songs. Congratulations to the Pre-K graduates!



Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

Seventy sixth graders received certificates of graduation on June 22 as they left their elementary school days behind. They nervously smiled for photos with ES Principal Karri Schiavone as they proudly crossed the stage to "move up" to seventh grade. Students also received numerous awards for their involvement in school activities and academic achievements. Congratulations to these students and keep an eye on the future Class of 2028!



Holley Students Witness the Results of Unwise Decisions

On June 3, Holley seniors attended an assembly and mock accident scene to understand the results of driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. After watching a video of a party that their classmates attended, students traveled to the parking lot, where two vehicles had collided. One student had crashed through the windshield of one vehicle, and the remaining students were trapped and appeared unresponsive in both vehicles. Students portraying the victims of the accident were made up to look like they were injured.

Local law enforcement, first responders and fire departments responded. Emergency responders enacted what they would do at the scene of a two-car motor vehicle crash with injuries and a fatality. The fire department worked to free the victims from the vehicles. The driver of one car was questioned by a sheriff's deputy and put through a field sobriety test before he was handcuffed and placed in the back of the deputy's vehicle. After students were evaluated by ambulance and fire department personnel, one was loaded onto a stretcher and placed in an ambulance. The coroner had the "deceased" student's mother identify him before he was zipped into a body bag.

Students filed back into the MS/HS Auditorium to witness the re-enactment of the arraignment and sentencing hearing against the "arrested" student in front of a judge. Orleans County District Attorney Joe



Cardone presented the charges against the student to Murray Town Justice Ted Spada while Assistant District Attorney Susan Howard negotiated for her client. Spada talked through the legal ramifications in a case like this. He also issued an order of protection for the victim's family, which never expires, so the student could not have any kind of contact with the victim's family. Cardone stressed to students that it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to use marijuana. "Use good judgement, do the right

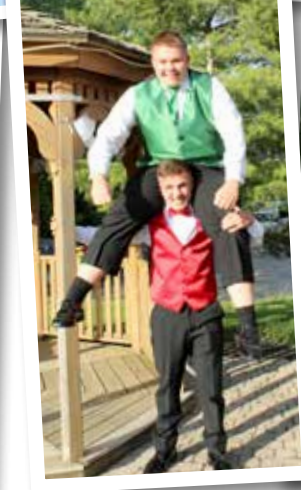
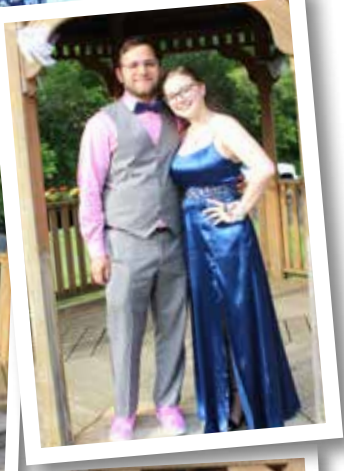
thing, and contact someone for help if you or your friends are too impaired to drive," said Cardone.

Holley firefighter Tina Reed started the mock accident program 27 years ago. Her 19-year-old cousin died after falling asleep at the wheel. He drank two beers at a party before driving home, but additional fatigue from working all day caused him to hit a tree and snap his neck. "Think, be responsible, make good choices for the rest of your lives," said Reed. "Have an open relationship with your parents so that you can call for help at any age."

Theresa Neale, who portrayed the mother of the "deceased" student, addressed her son's classmates. She spoke about the impact of seeing her son laid out on a stretcher, under a white sheet. "My tears were real," said Neale. "I'm still shaking. Don't do this to people who love you."



Prom 2022 at Sweet Briar Lodge on June 3





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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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DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Board of Education approved the following dates for the 2022-23 school year:

School Opens – Sept. 7

Half Day for Staff Development – Sept. 23

Staff Development – No School for Students Oct. 7

Columbus Day – No School Oct. 10

Veterans Day – No School Nov. 11

Half Day for ES Students & Parent/Teacher Conferences – Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Recess – No School Nov. 23-25

Half Day for Staff Development – Dec. 9

Holiday Recess – No School Dec. 26-Jan. 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed – No School Jan. 16

Midterm & Regents exams – Jan. 24-27

Half Day for Staff Development – Jan. 27

Mid-Winter Recess – No School Feb. 20-24

Half Day for Staff Development – March 17

Spring Recess – No School April 3-7

Staff Development – No School for Students April 28

Memorial Day – No School May 29

Final & Regents exams – June 14-16, 20-22

Juneteenth – No School June 19

Last day of school for students – June 22

Regents rating day/last day for teachers – June 23

High School Graduation – June 24