



HOLLEY DIMENSION

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Holley Central School District • OCTOBER 2022

First Day of School



A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings, Holley Families!

The 2022-23 school year is off to a successful start, and we're very excited for the months ahead. Our theme this year is "One Holley," as we move forward together with our schools and community to provide the best education possible for our students. The district opened the year with well-attended events such as Back to School Night and Homecoming. There's been a great deal of

enthusiasm shown by students, staff and families. It seems we've set the stage for a very positive year!

Items of Note:

- **Security:** Safety and security remain our first priority at Holley CSD. We are again fully staffed this year by our contracted service, COP Security (COPS). Our security guards are current or recently retired police officers. We have a guard at each school daily and also at special events. We will be conducting lockdown drills and other school safety procedures this month, as is required by law. The Holley Police Department continues to support us, particularly as we work through our safety plan, and we're fortunate to have them as partners.
- **Transportation:** We appreciate everyone's patience as we work through bus schedule changes and adjustments this year due to a shortage of drivers. We have also created an incentive program to

recruit new drivers to Holley. We are offering a \$1,000 sign-on bonus to anyone who is approved, trained and remains with the district for at least a year. More information is found on our website or contact the district Transportation Department or Human Resources.

- **Capital Project:** With the community support to establish a Capital Reserve account during our budget vote in May 2022, we are moving forward with a new capital improvement project for the district. We will have plans available for public review later this fall. A vote to approve our next Capital Improvement Project will be held on **December 13, 2022**. This project will be funded with the Capital Reserve and over 90% state aid, which will mean that there will be **no tax increase** to the community. Look for a special edition of the Dimension in November highlighting all the details of this capital project.

Thank you for your continued support of the Holley Central School District. We look forward to having parent and community involvement at our school events and activities this year, and we appreciate your partnership in the education of your children. We are ... One Holley!

Go Hawks!

Brian Bartalo
Superintendent of Schools

Family Fitness Center Reopens

The Family Fitness Center is reopening on Oct. 3. Days of operation continue to be Monday through Thursday, from 5:30-8 p.m. The center is open to district residents age 10 and older. At this time, the Family Fitness Center is scheduled to remain open until May 31, 2023.

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

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

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

save the date

The Capital Project Vote will be
on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from
6 a.m.-9 p.m. in the MS/HS Foyer.

In November, a Capital Project edition of the *Dimension* will be mailed out with more details on this project vote. We will also post ongoing updates on our website so stay tuned for more information soon.



American Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 25

The High School Student Council is hosting the next American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium. To register for the blood drive in advance

visit https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=10nyp&utm_source=siebel&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bdc_email.

Walk-ins are also welcome. If you have questions, contact Jim Di Sessa at jdisessa@holleycsd.org or 585-507-1623. We were able to help over 340 people with the donations that were made last year, and we earned \$1,000 in scholarships for our students. Thanks for your support!

Students Soar at Camp Rising Hawk for a Second Summer

by Nicole Mauro

Camp Rising Hawk engaged nearly 100 students this summer as they immersed themselves in social-emotional learning (SEL), math and ELA lessons during the four-week program.

The camp was offered from Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon for students entering grades 1-7. Small class sizes allowed for an environment that was highly interactive and low-tech. The program was originally designed to combat any setbacks caused by the pandemic.

"Our goal with Camp Rising Hawk was to create a summer program that supported all students' learning needs through a fun, camp/school hybrid program," said Brendan Keiser, Director of Teaching and Learning. "It promotes a

stronger school community by developing meaningful relationships between educators and students, while also providing access to high quality learning experiences."



Character building runs deep throughout the program. Students could hardly wait to join physical education teacher Lori Passarell for different SEL lessons where they could be active while simultaneously gaining a deeper understanding of life skills. One of the weeks focused on relationship skills, where each class participated in trust and teamwork-based partner activities. In one activity, students guided their blindfolded partners through an obstacle course. They learned to trust their partners and communicate effectively to find their way through the obstacles successfully.

During this lesson, students from Riley Graham's second grade class were asked to share examples of what it might mean to be trustworthy. They agreed that "no one wants to be friends with someone who is not trustworthy" and a trustworthy person is "someone who does not lie."

Sue Thornton's second grade classroom was full of storytelling. After listening to stories like "Elizabeth Leads the Way" by Tanya Lee Stone and "My Rotten Red Headed Older Brother" by Patricia Polacco, students were able to practice text-to-self connection, retelling important events, and identifying key details and main ideas. Following each story, students made crafts that creatively reflected their lessons.

What brought students to Camp Rising Hawk? Fourth grade teacher Hayley Cerasuolo's class loved to see their favorite teachers, make new friends, avoid a boring summer, and experience shorter school days and a relaxed learning environment.

On the last day of camp, a field day was held where students reflected on lessons learned, played games, enjoyed ice pops during a group read-aloud and ate a barbecue lunch.

"The success of the program is a testament to our educators' dedication and our families' support of our vision," said Keiser. The program is currently funded through emergency COVID-19 funds, but options for the future will be explored based on community needs.

Free Summer Meals Program Continues to Have Community-Wide Impact

by Nicole Mauro

Holley Central School District's free Summer Meals program returned for its ninth year in partnership with the U.S.

Department of Agriculture. Held Monday through Thursday from July 6-August 11, children from birth to age 18 were able to receive breakfast and lunch daily.

Breakfast was served from 8-11 a.m. and lunch was served from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. each day, and meals could be picked up in the ES bus loop or eaten in the ES Cafeteria. Adults were able to purchase breakfast for themselves for \$2.70 and lunch for \$4.50.



"It's a convenient option for the community," said sixth grade teacher Dustin Gardner. "It's a relief for parents to know that two out of three daily meals are covered for their kids."

"When we are running late, we don't have to worry about being hungry," said students in fourth grade teacher Carrie Rebis' class at Camp Rising Hawk. During the summer program at school, students enjoyed breakfast together and shared how appreciative they were to have a cost-free option available to them daily. Another student shared that, "it makes it easier when Dad is working and might not have time to shop or cook."

While chicken tenders are always a favorite lunch item and strudels are among the top-ranked breakfast items, more fruit and vegetables were



included in the program this year. "Students loved getting fresh fruit," said Personal Touch Food Services Director Vickie Scroger. "They would always want to know what fresh fruit and vegetable we had each day."

Throughout the five-week span, almost 5,000 meals were served to the Holley community. Some families made a day out of it where they ate lunch, visited with friends and enjoyed the school's playground together. Children in local summer recreation programs were able to take advantage of the free meals as well.

"Many of the families are so grateful for the extra help with meals in the summer for their children," said Scroger. "It's a really nice program that Holley is able to offer to the community, and it helps all the families financially."

Homecoming Week

At the MS/HS, special events took place in the week leading up to Homecoming. Each day, students dressed in themed clothing. The Spirit Week themes were Class Color Day, Top Artists Day, Mismatch Day, Comfy Clothes Day and Holley Hawk Hype Day. On Friday, Sept. 30, there was a pep rally in the MS/HS Gym, with classes competing against each other in a hula hoop relay and tug of war. On Friday evening, students participated in the annual Homecoming parade and float competition. Floats designed by students in grades 7-12 were featured, showcasing a decades theme.

The seniors won the float competition with their 60s float.

On Friday night and all-day Saturday, Oct. 1, student athletes took the stage. At Hawk Stadium on Friday night, the Varsity Football team lost a hard-fought game to Canisteo. At the Woodlands on Saturday, the Varsity Boys' Soccer team tied with Sodus, despite going into double overtime. The Varsity Girls' Soccer team won against Alexander in the last game of the evening at the Woodlands.



GLOW With Your Hands Career Day

by Nicole Solazzo, MS/HS Counselor

On Sept. 25, Holley ninth and 10th graders attended GLOW With Your Hands Career Day. Two chaperones and 35 students traveled to Genesee County Fairgrounds for a day highlighting the trades. GLOW With Your Hands Career Day was started to bring attention to the workforce opportunities that exist right within our region, create career awareness and encourage students to experience something new. Students experienced a variety of different things such as bricklaying, maple syrup tapping and heavy equipment operation. The GLOW With Your Hands Career Day featured hands-on activities in manufacturing, skilled trades, construction and agribusiness. Over the course of the day, students learned of the many different engaging opportunities for trade work in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming (GLOW) counties!



SOAR Orientation Program

by Nicole Solazzo, MS/HS Counselor



This summer, Holley MS/HS launched their brand-new orientation program, SOAR. SOAR stands for Scholarship, Opportunity, Achievement and Responsibility. SOAR is a mentoring program where 11th and 12th grade students become peer mentors to seventh graders. This program helps transition students from the ES to the MS/HS.

On August 30, 13 SOAR leaders welcomed 70 seventh graders to the building. The incoming students were split into smaller groups to learn all the key elements of starting seventh grade. These included learning to read the schedule, touring the school, finding out what clubs and activities are offered, and making valuable connections to other students in the building. We could not be more pleased with how this day went! Students engaged in teambuilding challenges and created friendships that will last throughout the year and beyond!

Since August, our students had an opportunity to get back together to discuss how their year was going. This day was filled with chatter and more teambuilding. Over the course of the year, students will have multiple opportunities to meet with their peer mentors to discuss successes and challenges, and ask any questions they may have. We are excited to have implemented this new program, and we are already looking forward to next year! Holley Hawks soar!



Family Literacy Nights Return

The Elementary Library will once again sponsor themed literacy nights this year. Families are invited to attend these evening events in the ES Library and read together. Books, activities and snacks will be provided, as well as a quiet, warm space for snuggling up with great stories!

Family Literacy Nights will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on the following dates:

- November 17, 2022
- February 9, 2023
- April 27, 2023

We hope to see you there!



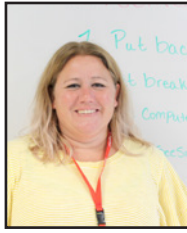
New Staff Join Holley Central



Kayleigh Bopp
ES Teacher Aide



Morgan Cary
ES Teacher Aide



Alyssa Kennedy
ES Teacher Aide



Robin Lewis
ES Teacher Aide



Lesley Peter
ES Teacher Aide



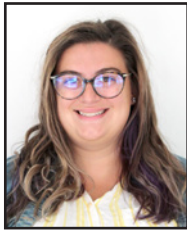
Valerie Brett
MS/HS Custodial
Worker



William Spruce
MS/HS Custodial
Worker



Kathryn Burgio
Bus Driver



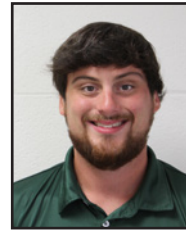
Alexis Carbonel
ES Teacher



Maranda Dobbertin
ES Teacher



Jennifer Morgan
ES Teacher



Wyatt Wink
ES Teacher



Jenna Chevier
ES Teaching
Assistant



Kristy Dale
ES Teaching
Assistant



Jessica Seaward
ES Teaching
Assistant



Alexa Downey
ES Secretary



Kimberly Ellis
District-wide Art
Teacher



Matthew Feldman
MS/HS Principal



Samantha Gleason
Transportation Clerk



Rebecca Kinsey
Long-term Substitute
(LTS) ES Teacher



Steven Lockner
Transportation
Mechanic



Chad Markel
Alternative HS
Math Teacher



Natalie Pelliccia
BOCES 2
ES Teacher



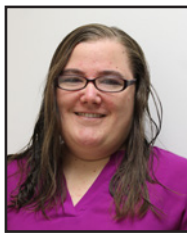
Kenneth Radigan
MS/HS Physical
Education Teacher



Karensa Reber
MS/HS Library
Media Specialist



Kayla Thrower
MS/HS LTS Social
Studies Teacher



Ashley Weber
Orleans County
Mental Health
Counselor

Familiar Face in a New Place



Wil Prince
ES Physical Education Teacher

Meet the New MS/HS Principal: Matthew Feldman



Entering his 18th year of working in education, MS/HS Principal Matthew Feldman is beginning his first school year at Holley. He has a lot in common with the seventh graders who are also new to the MS/HS: meeting teachers, finding his way around the building, figuring out the schedule of classes and making friends. While learning about the traditions at HCSD, he's also interested in bringing new ideas and methods to the school community. "I want this to be a place where everyone feels they belong, where we honor traditions, but we're still innovative enough to ensure students become lifelong learners," said Feldman. "I want our students to feel a calling to give back to their community and always be able to call Holley home, no matter how far away they may travel."

Feldman moved over the summer to the Rochester area to begin his role as principal on July 1. He worked for 12 years in the City of Buffalo school district as a middle school ELA and social studies teacher, and five years as an assistant principal in the City of Schenectady school district. He has also been a consultant for Growing Education and several school districts, offering workshops on

reading and writing. Feldman holds many degrees from SUNY Fredonia: a bachelor's in childhood education with a focus on adolescent social studies, a masters in curriculum and instruction, and advanced degrees in school building leadership and school district leadership.

He is working together with staff to enhance students' educational experiences at Holley. He would like to provide:

- A rigorous, relevant education, so that as society changes, Holley students are able to lead that change.
- Opportunities that all students have access to.
- Big school options in a small school environment.
- A space where students are connected to each other and the larger community.
- A place where students feel welcome and safe.

Feldman also wants to increase course offerings to challenge students and cut down on the number of study halls. "I want to encourage students to take risks academically," he said. "Let's provide them with courses so they can be their best selves. I enjoy talking to students in class, to see what they think about their own learning. I ask them why they're learning a concept."

He views classes like Geometry in Construction as offering relevant applications of learning to the real world. He is pleased the district is offering the

Civic Readiness program to prepare students to be informed citizens. Feldman is excited to see the social studies capstone project, which is in its first year, rollout to students.

He has been impressed by the campus and how welcoming students and staff have been since he started working in the district. "Holley students are good kids," said Feldman. "I want them to respect themselves and others. I want them to have a strong sense of self and to know they're supported here. Our mental health staff provides great coaching and holds students accountable. They know they can't resolve problems for students; students need to learn to do that for themselves."

"Our teachers care," said Feldman. "That is evident in the way that the whole Holley community rallies the troops for any cause. They do it with no questions, no hesitation, and with lots of compassion. What a great example to set for our students, who in turn, do the same for their peers. We need to nurture this spirit so that they continue to do this throughout their lives."

He has been putting new systems in place at the MS/HS to address the needs of students, staff and families. With these changes, come questions, so he encourages people to talk to him. "Sometimes I have the answers, sometimes I don't," said Feldman. "Don't speculate, talk to me directly. If I make a mistake, I own up to it."

HCSD Receives Award in NYSPRA Contest

The Holley Central School District received an award in the 43rd Annual NY School Public Relations Association (NYSPRA) Communications Contest. A photograph of three Geometry in Construction students building the roof of a poultry barn in June 2021 received the Merit award in the Photography category. The photo is featured on page 14 of the [July 2021 Dimension](#).



Holley Alternative High School Thanksgiving Feast

by Stephanie Sanchez, Director of Special Programs

Holley Alternative High School students are once again looking forward to one of the social components of the program: hosting the annual Thanksgiving dinner, prepared in conjunction with Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff. This year, the dinner will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 10:30 a.m. in the ES Cafeteria, and family members are invited to enjoy this meal with their students. The meal showcases students' skills in assisting with the preparation of the main course, side dishes, desserts, table setup and clean up. This annual dinner has proven to be a fun and delicious event for all!

Music Boosters News

by Zach Busch, MS/HS Music Teacher

All parents of band and/or choir students in the ES and MS/HS are encouraged to join the Holley Music Boosters! Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month in the MS/HS Band Room at 6 p.m. We will be planning upcoming fundraisers and events to benefit our Holley musicians!

Class of 2020 Tiles Unveiled

The Class of 2020 tiles that seniors brought to their graduation ceremony have been framed and mounted in the music hallway at the MS/HS. They were unveiled during Homecoming Weekend. Kohl Morgan, President of the Class of 2020, represented his class at the unveiling of the tiles. His mother, Holley special education elementary school teacher Jennifer Morgan, was pleased with the display. "Thank you so much for doing this," she said to MS/HS Principal Matthew Feldman and Assistant Principal Dan Courtney.



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Important Event Dates This Year

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

- Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022 – Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2022 – MS/HS Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 – ES Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 – All County Performance at Medina CSD, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, March 4, 2023 – All County Performance at Lyndonville CSD, 2 p.m.
- Friday, March 24, 2023 – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 25, 2023 – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 28, 2023 – District Choral Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 30, 2023 – District Band Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 2, 2023 – Annual Board of Education Meeting, District Office Board Room, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 11, 2023 – Senior Citizen Breakfast, ES Café, 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – Budget Vote & Board Member Election, MS/HS Foyer, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, May 26, 2023 – Memorial Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 1, 2023 – MS/HS Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – ES Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – Flag Day Parade, ES, 9:30 a.m.

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

School Tax Payments

Note: No Internet payments of any kind can be accepted. A copy of your bill must accompany your payment.

Tax payments can be made in person at the Holley Central School District Office - Lockbox, located at 3800 North Main Street, Holley, NY 14470. Payments can also be mailed with your tax bill to the district tax collector at this address. Make checks payable to Holley Central School District.

October 1 through October 31: Pay full amount plus 2% penalty.

On **November 1**, taxes revert to the county and are no longer payable through the school district.

School Board Recognition Week

School Board Recognition Week is Oct. 17-21, 2022. Thank you to the members of the board for all you do to support the Holley community.

At the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Oct. 17, the board was recognized for their service to the district with many sweet treats and handwritten messages.



Holley board members are, from left, Brian McKeon, Vice President Anne Winkley, Anne Smith, President Robin Silvis, Salvatore De Luca Jr., Tracy Van Ameron and Andrea Newman.

How We Communicate with Parents and Residents

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

- **Connect-Ed** – this electronic messaging system is how we tell you about breaking news that is urgent in nature and may require your immediate attention. For this reason, it is important that we have your current phone number and/or email address. If your number or address has changed or if you haven't provided this information previously, please be sure to do so now. Simply call your child's school and tell us your current number and address.
- **SchoolTool** – this is our student management system which allows parents to see student information online, including student schedules, attendance, interim and report card grades, discipline information, and more. If you have not already registered with SchoolTool, do so today at <http://www.holleycsd.org/SchoolTool.aspx>. You only need to register once to have access to this secure online system. If you have registered in the past and your email address remains the same, no further action is required; you still have access to this site.
- **Website & Social Media** – the [district website](#) is a comprehensive and continually updated resource for parents and residents alike. Refer to it often for everything from Board of Education meeting minutes to school lunch menus, athletic schedules, news and more. We also employ social media on our website, so be sure to "like" us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

There are four Twitter handles to follow:

- District: [@HolleyCSD](#)
- Superintendent: [@HolleySupt](#)
- Elementary School: [@HolleyElem](#)
- Middle School/High School: [@Holley_MS_HS](#)
- **Electronic Bulletin Board** – our electronic bulletin board in front of the Elementary School enables us to share upcoming important dates with you.
- **District Newsletter** – throughout the school year, we publish a district-wide newsletter on a quarterly basis so you can see what has happened and what's ahead. We post this newsletter online at <http://www.holleycsd.org/Dimension.aspx>. Newsletters are mailed to district residents.
- **District Calendar** – the 2022-23 Holley Central School District calendar is posted online. To view or export the calendar, visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/protected/mastercalendar.aspx>. This calendar will be updated throughout the year to include new events or changes in locations, times and dates. Please check the calendar regularly and use the filtering options to customize your calendar view.
- **Local News Media** – we regularly share our news with local news publications including Westside News, The Daily News (Batavia) and Orleans Hub.
- **Parent Handbook** – parent handbooks have been updated and are available online at <http://www.holleycsd.org/ParentHandbooks.aspx>.

Pre-K Welcomes Special Guests for Grandparents' Tea

Amie Callen's Pre-K classes celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sept. 21 by inviting students' grandparents to a tea of juice and snacks in the Elementary School Café. Callen and teaching assistant Kristy Dale taught the children songs and dances that they performed for the grandparents. The grandparents then took center stage and allowed their grandchildren to teach them a dance. The children presented keepsakes to their grandparents, which included a sunshine-shaped photo, a bookmark with their footprint on it, a sign with their handprint on it and handmade cards. This occasion helped the children complete their classroom unit on families.



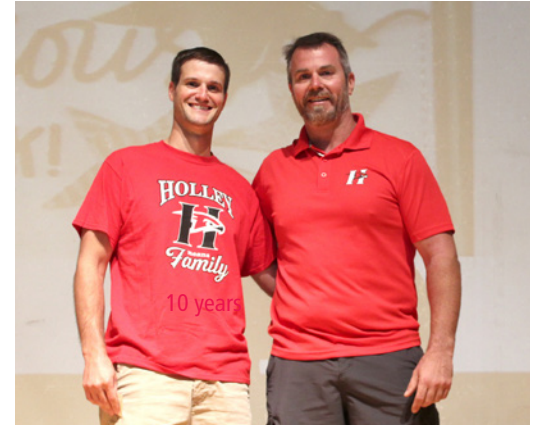
Holley Employees Receive Service Awards

On August 31, Holley faculty and staff members received service pins based on their years of service to the district. Pins were awarded to district employees who had achieved five-year milestones (5 years, 10 years, 15 years, etc.) as of June 30, 2022. District employees were recognized on Opening Day.

Pictured are some of the award recipients. Employees with five years of service: Tim Artessa, Loreen Brice, Zachary Busch, Crystal Gurney, Orissa Hill, Carrie Rebis, Kathy Waldron and Gerard Westveer. Employees with 10 years of service: Chrystal Gantman, Andrew Grillo and Bill Silpoch. Employees with 15 years of service: Gina Cliff, Kate Connor, Alexa Downey, Karen S. Gaylord, Kelly Marzano, Cathy Mason, Melinda Miles, Jennifer Morgan, Heidi Thurley, Bill Tuttle and Samantha Zelent. Employees with 20 years of service: Joe Keiffer and Chris Langelotti. Employee with 25 years of service: Mike Crissman. Congratulations to our employees on achieving these milestones!



5 years



10 years



15 years



20 years



25 years

Reminder of Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Thursday, Nov. 17, 3-6 p.m. MS/HS
- Monday, Nov. 21, 3:30-6:30 p.m. ES
- Tuesday, Nov. 22, 12:30-3:30 p.m. ES

There will be early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. from the ES on Nov. 22 to accommodate the parent/teacher conference times. ES Report Cards will be given out at Parent/Teacher Conferences and MS/HS Report Cards will be mailed home on Nov. 18.

At the MS/HS, teachers will be contacting parents to schedule conferences. You are welcome to schedule one for yourself by contacting Penny Cole at 638-6335, ext. 5510, or contacting your student's teacher. To locate your student's teacher in the **Staff Directory**, click the **people** icon on the lower right corner of any page on the district website (<http://www.holleycsd.org/>). You may also walk in for a conference on Nov. 17.

You are invited

to the Veterans Day Assembly
on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. in
the Intermediate Gym at Holley
Elementary School.



How to Access Dimension Newsletters on the District Website

If you'd like to access past issues of the Dimension online, visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/Dimension.aspx> or click the **Dimension** box on the Home page of the website. A list of newsletter editions displays, categorized by year. Click the link to a specific issue to view that newsletter.

School Bus Safety Reminders

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



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

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

For more information, visit <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/operation-safe-stop>.

For more information on the rules and regulations, visit the Transportation Department page: <http://www.holleycsd.org/Transportation.aspx>.

Safe Riding Rules

Be Respectful

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

Be Responsible

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

Be Safe

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

Plan Your Family Vacations Around These Important Dates

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

Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 – Veterans Day, No School

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022 – Half-day for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday - Friday, Nov. 23-25, 2022 – Thanksgiving Recess, No School

Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 – Staff Development Day (MS/HS dismissed at 10:30 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday - Monday, Dec. 26, 2022-Jan. 2, 2023 – Holiday Recess, No School

Monday, Jan. 16, 2023 – MLK Day, No School

Tuesday - Friday, Jan. 24-27, 2023 – Regents Exams

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 – Staff Development Day (MS/HS dismissed at 10:30 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday - Friday, Feb. 20-24, 2023 – Mid-Winter Recess, No School

Friday, March 17, 2023 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:30 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday - Friday, April 3-7, 2023 – Spring Recess, No School

Wednesday - Friday, April 19-21, 2023 – Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Testing

Friday, April 28, 2023 – Staff Development Day, No School

Tuesday - Thursday, May 2-4, 2023 – Grades 3-8 Mathematics Testing

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 – Grade 8 Science Performance Testing

Monday, May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day, No School

Thursday, June 1, 2023 – Regents Exams - MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Monday, June 5, 2023 – Grade 8 Science Written Testing

Wednesday – Friday, June 14-16, 2023 – MS/HS Finals – MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Monday, June 19, 2023 – Juneteenth, No School

Tuesday - Thursday, June 20-22, 2023 – Regents Exams - MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Thursday, June 22, 2023 – Last Day of School for Students

Friday, June 23, 2023 – Rating Day/Superintendent's Conference Day

Saturday, June 24, 2023 – Commencement



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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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DISTRICT CALENDAR

October 2022

- 22 ACT Exam
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- 25 Blood Drive, HS Aud. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 31 ES Halloween Parades, 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
- Modified Block 1 Winter Sports begins

November 2022

- 3 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 4:30 p.m.
- 5 SAT Exam
- 9 JV/Varsity Sports Awards, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 10 Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermed. Gym 2 p.m.
- 11 **No School, Veterans Day**
First Marking Period Ends
- 14 Winter JV/V Sports begin
- 17 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner, HS Dining Hall 5-7 p.m.
Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m.
National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, MS/HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 18 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast, ES Café
MS/HS Report Cards Sent Home
- 21 ES Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.

- 22 Alt HS Thanksgiving Dinner, ES Café 10:30 a.m.
Early Dismissal for ES Students 11:30 a.m.
ES Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30 p.m.

23-25 No School, Thanksgiving Recess

December 2022

- 1 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 4:30 p.m.
- 3 SAT Exam
- 8 MS/HS Winter Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 9 **Early Dismissal, Staff Development Day**
 - MS/HS at 10:30 a.m.
 - ES at 11:30 a.m.
- 10 ACT Exam
ES Student Council Candy Cane Lane, ES 5-6:30 p.m.
- 13 ES Winter Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 19 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 22 MS/HS Interim Reports Available Online
- 23 ES Winter Sing-a-Long, ES Intermed. Gym 2 p.m.
- 26-30 **No School, Holiday Recess**

Check the *district calendar online* for additional detail.