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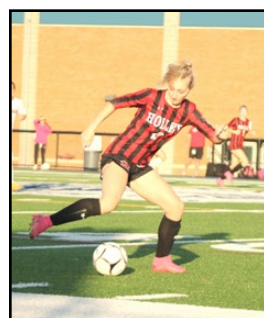
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Girls' Soccer Team Crowned Regional Champions for First Time in School History

Team Secured First Sectional Title Since 1994

The Holley girls' varsity soccer championship banners hang high on the walls of the MS/HS gymnasium where they have remained untouched for 29 years. This year, that changed. On Oct. 27, the Girls' Varsity Soccer team walked off the turf to an erupting Holley spectator section after defeating Williamson 2-1.



This win earned the team the title of Section V Class C Division 1 Champions. It has been seven years since any Holley athletic team won sectionals. The last time a Holley girls' soccer team brought home a sectional title was 1994, making this win even more unforgettable.

After earning consecutive league titles in 2021, 2022 and 2023, and appearing in the sectional finals in 2022, this year's squad was eager to have another chance at the sectional block. With only two losses, the No. 1 seeded Hawks breezed through sectional playoffs, outscoring their opponents 11-0 ahead of the finals.

From there, the Hawks went on to upset rival Byron-Bergen 3-2 in overtime in the Class C Crossover Game. This win earned Holley their ticket to the Far West Regional Final, meaning an appearance in the state tournament, something a Holley Girls' soccer team has never done. To capture the regional title, they defeated Frewsburg (Section VI) 2-0. This advanced Holley to the Final Four of the state tournament.

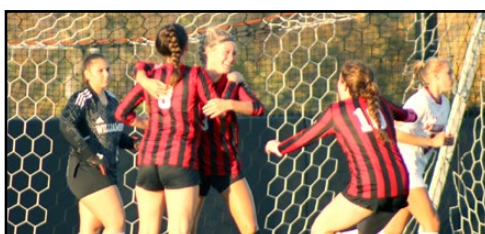
On Nov. 11, the team traveled over two hours to play Waterford-Halfmoon (Section II) in the semifinals. Holley was defeated 3-0, finishing their season with a 19-4 record.



“We were that team, the one to go to states.”

- said senior defender and captain Leigha Walker.

“Even though we ended with a loss, I feel like we were still on a high. I was always excited to step on that field the first day and the last day, no matter what.”



The 2023 team housed five Genesee Region All-Stars, with four named to the Section V All-Tournament team, five earning All Greater Rochester Area honors and two earning All-State honors (see page 8). Of the 25 players on the team, 11 members are seniors.

“Every single player contributed to this season's success,” said senior forward and captain Samantha Bates who was the team's lead scorer with 31 goals in the 2023 season. “This is something we have been working toward and it is a great feeling.”

“They were able to come back from being down in several games without folding,” said Coach Renee Wolf. “When you work together, you can make anything happen.” Wolf has coached soccer and taught health at Holley MS/HS since 2005. She coached the junior varsity team for 10 years and varsity for the past eight. This year, she was named Section V Class C Coach of the Year. “I've truly enjoyed being their coach and I hope they know how proud I am,” said Wolf.

The school and community showed endless support with student ticket fees covered by Holley Sports Boosters, a send-off parade from the Elementary School ahead of sectional finals, escorts from the Holley Murray Joint Fire District, and a MS/HS Pep Assembly ahead of the state semifinal game.

“They had such an impact on this season - our community supported us every step of the way,” said Bates. “We will forever be thankful for them, they were truly our 12th man,” said Wolf.



A Message from the Superintendent



Happy New Year, Holley Families!

I hope this opening message in the first edition of the *Dimension* for 2024 finds you healthy, happy, and ready for all that this new year will bring. It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through this school year as we look forward to having a great second semester!

It is with mixed emotions that I have announced my retirement as Superintendent of the Holley Central School District, as of June 30, 2024. I have loved my time in Holley, and have come to truly appreciate the great people who are associated with this wonderful district and community. I am very proud to have had the opportunity to serve as your superintendent. I look forward to remaining committed to the plans we have for continuous improvement and academic achievement for all our students for the remainder of this school year. Holley is a very special place to me, and it truly means family.

At the time of the production of this newsletter, our capital improvement project plans were still awaiting approval from the New York State Education Department. Once approved, we will be going out for competitive bids for the various construction projects planned for around the district. We will have to remain within the budget that was passed by the taxpayers back in December 2022. The goal continues

to be for work to begin here in the late spring and early summer of this year. We will be scheduling projects through the fall of 2025, trying to have as little disruption to students' school experiences as possible. As work begins, we will inform the community of anything that could have an impact on schedules or facility usage.

Each January, we begin our budget process for the following school year. We will be hosting various budget workshops that coincide with our regular Board of Education meetings, which are open to the public. We will also be hosting our annual budget hearing, where the 2024-25 budget will be presented, held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. **The annual Budget Vote and Board of Education election will be held from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21.**

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Holley Central School District. We are grateful for our families and we are proud to have the opportunity to educate the students of Holley.

Have a healthy and prosperous new year!

Brian Bartalo; Superintendent of Schools



HCSD Receives 3 Awards in NYSRA Contest

The Holley Central School District received three awards in the 44th Annual NY School Public Relations Association (NYSRA) Communications Contest. The article titled, "Holocaust Survivor's Story Inspires History Lessons," received the Excellence award in the Excellence in Writing category. This article was featured on page 6 of the [April 2023 Dimension](#). Two articles featured in the [October 2022 Dimension](#) received Merit awards, "Meet the New MS/HS Principal: Matthew Feldman" on page 7, and "Students Soar at Camp Rising Hawk for a Second Summer," on page 3.

Pre-K and K Registration

Holley Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration will occur on Wednesday, March 13, from 1-5 p.m. Registration will be held in the Elementary Library Classroom. Please bring the following original documents to register your child: completed registration packet, birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency (for example, utility bill). Copies will be made during your visit. You will not be able to register without these documents. To be eligible to register for Pre-K, children must be 4 years old by December 1, 2024. To be eligible to register for Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2024. Pre-K and Kindergarten health physicals are required to be completed by September 1, 2024. To request a registration packet be mailed to you, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/2024KDGUPK> or scan the QR code. If you need assistance completing the registration packet, bring it in along with your other required documents on March 13, and we can help you. If you have any questions, please call Alexa Downey at 585-638-6318, extension 2580.



ASVAB Test Sign Up

Holley will be hosting an ASVAB test on February 13, 2024, at the MS/HS Gymnasium at 8 a.m. for 10th-12th graders interested in joining the military after graduation. The ASVAB or Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a timed, multi-aptitude test that helps to determine if you are a good fit to join the service, which branch of the service may be best for you, and which jobs you can hold after basic training or boot camp. To sign up or learn more, please see Nicole Solazzo in the counseling office or contact her: 585-638-6335 x5512, nsolazzo@holleysd.org.

2024 FAFSA Details

For those that have a child going to college next year, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available beginning December 31, 2023. The FAFSA has been updated. The changes will provide a more streamlined application process, expanded eligibility for federal student aid, and a new user experience for the FAFSA form. Please see the links below for more information. If you have specific questions, please contact the financial aid office at the college your child will be attending.

Information and resources for the FAFSA:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/federalstudentaid>

<https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/announcement-detail.jsp?id=better-fafsa-better-future>

Information and resources for New York State aid such as the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Excelsior Scholarship and more: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/>

Future Plans and College Acceptances



Mason Merriam was accepted to Buffalo State, Alfred State and SUNY Brockport; **Layne Walker** was accepted to SUNY Brockport and Keuka College; **Alyssa Wright** was accepted to Alfred State and SUNY Fredonia; **Ruthie Patton** was accepted to SUNY Brockport; **Katie Dobri** was accepted to St. John Fisher University where she received the Merit Scholarship and plans to study Pre-pharmacy; **Samantha Bates** was accepted into Keuka College, D'youville University, Alfred University, Genesee Community College, and Nazareth. Bates plans to attend Keuka where she received the Green and Gold Scholarship and will play soccer while studying Business/Sports Management. **Cavan Bennage** was accepted into Rochester Institute of Technology and has committed to attending.

Students can scan the QR code or follow the link to share their future plans in the next Dimension.



<https://www.holleycsd.org/CollegeAcceptances.aspx>

Students Attend Roc2Change Summit

On Friday, November 17, 2023, four Holley High School seniors joined more than 400 students from over 40 local school districts for the 15th Roc2Change Student Summit on Race. The event was held at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES in Spencerport and hosted by Victor High School and Wilson High School. The Roc2Change Summit is a region-wide, student-led summit that explores the boundaries of geography, race and life experiences, helping students become effective change agents. The theme of this fall's summit was Give Respect 2 Get Respect. Over the course of the summit, students discussed topics such as their definition of respect, what it means to respect personal boundaries, and how they can work to respect other's culture. This event continues to challenge everyone in attendance to listen and learn, to be that change we all wish to see in the world. The next student summit will be March 2024, and we look forward to being a part of it.



Take The Plunge

The MS/HS is participating in the Polar Plunge to support the Special Olympics! This year, High School Student Council and Interact Club are organizing this activity. Please consider taking the Plunge with them or donating to the Holley Team. You can join by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/HolleyPlunge>, selecting "join team" and following the steps. If you would like to donate, select the name of the team member and then select "donate now." The Polar Plunge event will take place on Feb. 4 at Ontario Beach Park.



SAVE THE DATE

HOLLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

THE MUSICAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 7PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 2PM & 7PM

Show times were corrected from the October Dimension.
Ticket info will be shared on the Holley CSD website and social media at a later date.

Junior High Musicians Selected to Perform at Area All-State Festival

On Saturday, Nov. 2, four students from Holley MS/HS traveled to Batavia High School to perform in the Junior High Band at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Zone 2 Area All-State Festival.

To be selected to participate in this festival, the students had to complete a NYSSMA Solo Festival performance in the spring, achieve a high score, and have their teacher complete a recommendation and application on their behalf. A committee then selects the very best instrumental students from Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Monroe, Genesee Valley, Ontario and Wayne Counties.

Representing Orleans County from Holley were: ninth grader Harrison Flanagan, trombone; ninth grader Aidan Kelley, clarinet; seventh grader Cameron Kelley, clarinet; and seventh grader Rosa Scroope, horn.



“This is such an incredible experience for our students because it is an opportunity to experience making music at a high level with students of the same age from all over the region,” said Holley MS/HS Band Director Zach Busch. “These students spend months practicing and perfecting their solos, scales and sight-reading. They have a work ethic and dedication to their craft that sets them apart.”

Aidan Kelley and Harrison Flanagan were also selected for last year’s Area All-State Junior High Band. “We love music and it’s a goal of ours for the year,” said Aidan. “We mostly prepare independently. Practicing can be a pain, but there are ways to make it fun.” “It was a lot of practice,” said Harrison, who suggests practicing songs you like to keep it interesting. “We are working to be good enough for All-State in senior high.”

The band this year consisted of 85 students, much larger than most of the schools in the area. It was conducted by Dr. Adam Brennan of Mansfield University in Pennsylvania. Students in the ensemble performed a variety of music from standards in the concert band repertoire to contemporary music, including the premier of Dr. Brennan’s newest work, entitled “Whimsy.”



Congratulations to high school students Gabriel Lindsay, Aidan Kelley and Jose Valentin on their opportunity to perform in the Gala Holiday Pops High School Chorale with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

Winter Sing-a-long

On Thursday, Dec. 21, all ES students gathered in the gymnasium for a holiday sing-a-long. They were dressed in their pajamas for spirit week. It was the perfect way to kick off winter recess!



HTA Celebrates 25 Years of Giving Back

For 25 years the Holley Teacher Association (HTA) has worked with the Eastern Orleans Community Center for both The Giving Tree and our Thanksgiving Dinner Drive. The HTA PR Committee coordinates both giving projects with help from teachers and the Mental Health Team. This year, they were able to provide 20 full Thanksgiving meals for families in our community. With a giving tree in both schools, they generously and anonymously were able to provide over 60 Holley students with special gifts for the holidays. Holley teachers and staff continue to go above and beyond for their students and community each year, especially during the holidays. “We hope that this continues for years to come, and we thank all those who take part,” said Karin Richards, HTA PR Committee Chair.

Veterans Day Assembly Honors Holley's Own

The annual Veterans Day Assembly at Holley Elementary School on Nov. 9 allowed students to pay tribute to veterans in the Holley community.

Veterans from the American Legion and VFW posted and retired the colors to begin and end the assembly.



Many special guests were in attendance, representing the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and National Guard. The Elementary Band played the "The Star-Spangled Banner." The Elementary Chorus sang "The Reason We're Free" and "Thank You, Soldiers." The Band played "Embark." Student emcees helped lead the assembly, while Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance and other classes performed patriotic songs. Students then presented a flag made of individual "thank you" squares that

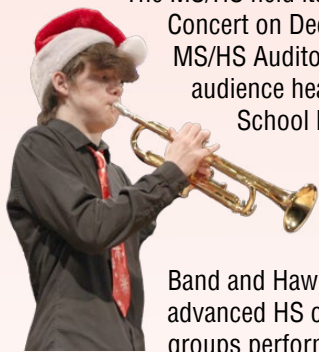
they created in art class which they will donate to the Holley Legion. MS/HS Interact Club members also visited ES classrooms where they worked with students to help make cards to send to local heroes to thank them for their service.



Winter Concerts Showcase District-Wide Musical Talent

Ahead of winter recess, Holley musicians took to the stage for their annual winter concerts where they had the chance to perform holiday tunes for friends and family.

The MS/HS held its Winter Concert on Dec. 7 in the MS/HS Auditorium where the audience heard from Middle School Band, Middle School Chorus, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Concert Band and Hawkappella, the advanced HS choir. The groups performed holiday

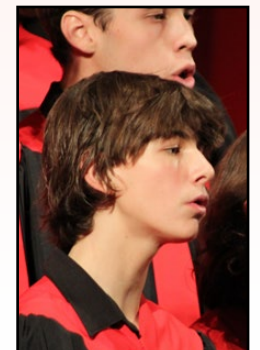


classics like "The Polar Express" by Alan Silvestri, arranged by Johnnie Vinson and "Deck The Halls" by Francisco Nunez and Jim Papoulis. Middle School Chorus offered a warm, modern twist with "Until I Found You" by Stephen Sanchez. The Jazz Band featured multiple soloists, and the Concert Choir had fun with "A Muppet Christmas Carol Medley" by Ryan O'Connel. The choral groups were directed by Kelly Marzano and the bands by Zachary Busch, who are both music teachers at the MS/HS.

The ES held their concert on Dec. 12. The audience heard from fourth, fifth and sixth grade students in Concert Band, Choir and Beginner Band. More holiday tunes filled the auditorium like "Holiday Cheers" by James

Swearingen from Concert Band and "Oh Mister Santa" by Mark Weston from the Choir. This year's Beginner Band was made up of a staggering 65 members, which is exciting for the music program. The choir was directed by Samantha Heagerty and the bands were directed by Scott Wheeler, who are both music teachers at the ES.

In addition to their winter concerts, Holley musicians have been active in the community. The ES Chorus performed at the Village of Holley Tree Lighting, Hawkappella performed at the Albion Nutrfair Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving Luncheon and many HS Choir members participated in the Eastview Mall Concert Series.



Holley Announces First Quarter Honor Roll for M/HS

The Middle/High School has announced the honor roll and high honor roll for the first marking period of the 2023-24 school year. High honors are for all students who maintain a grade average of 89.5 percent or higher. Honors are for students who maintain a grade average of 84.5 to 89.4 percent. The following students received these honors.

High Honor Roll

12th Grade

Jasmine Apicella, Cavan Bennage, Jailyn Bishop, Dylan Boyko, Emma Brady, Laci Brown, Matthew Bull, Caitlin Dobri, Grace Fuller, Hayli Kuellertz, Gabriel Lindsay, Mason Merriam, Nicole Millis, Kayla Neale, Ruthie Patton, Harlee Schicker, Jaxson Schicker, Isabella Thom, Nicholas VanLogten, Luminara Virgilio, Layne Walker, Leigha Walker, Ryleigh Weader, Marlene Welch, Michael Wolfe, Alyssa Wright, Aiden Zadorecky, Akiyah Zadorecky and Lorenzo Zaragoza.

11th Grade

Atabey Caraballo-Vazquez, Nicholas DeFilipps, Natalie Foose, Hunter Johnson, Madison Johnson, Abigail Merkley, Allison Merle, Alexia Renner, Kaden Rheinwald, Rhea Robertson, Owen Schultz, Maggie Skehan, Gabriel Stevens, Alivia Wolf and Zoey Wolf.

10th Grade

Jordan Anderson, Colton Bradley, Landyn Burch, Elena Girangaya, Sheelsy Gonzalez, Annalee Ham, Layla Jones, Rhiannon Kaminski, Bailey Kleckner, Carissa Klossner, Lauralrene Kretschmer, Cadence Lujan, Cadence Merkley, Cassandra Miconi, Lily Newman, Hunter Pachla, Kohle Pachla, Payton Preston, Alanna Reed, Jax Richards-Dyson, Alexis Salamone, Emma Schultz, Jayda Shampine, Logan Stoick, Ella Turpyn and Alexis VanAmeron.

Ninth Grade

Mya Brown, Eden Diehl, Harrison Flanagan, Charli Gearing, Brianna Heberle, Liam Jenks, Aidan Kelley, Layla Kingdollar, Brian Kinsey, Alexis Lujan, Madilyn Lujan, Haidynn Mullins, Grace Ou, Serenity-Ann Rath, Naelia Rodriguez, Isla Schultz, Hunter Sommerfeldt, Mia Thom, Brody Williams, Cooper Wolf and Gage Yockel.

Eighth Grade

Aurora Arnold, Marek Auch, Isaac Bartlett, Destiny Baynes, Addison Bevins, Arthur Boggs, Madison Bonacci, Kyla Burne, Jayna Burris, Damian Chadsey, McKenna Diel, Jaydon Efung, Veronica Flow, Cole Fredendall, Tarek Garrett, Kourtney Gates, Olivia Kirkpatrick, Lily Moore, Jack Newman, Lillian O'Brien, Hanna Ostrom, Angelina Paniccia, Isabella Paniccia, Brianna Pellegrino, Kailyn Robinson, Brynn Thomas, Grace Torpey, Nathan Torpey, Dylan Warner, Isaiah Wheelock, Ella Wilson and Adrianna Zava.

Seventh Grade

Kallan Babcock, John Blosenhauer, Christopher Caligiuri, McKenna Canne, Ruby Carlston, Peyton Caufield, Aidan C., Owen Cornell, Jacob Diehl, Kaitlyn Feis, Madilynn Gearing, Devin Hendrick-Hayes, Charles Jewell IV, Cameron Kelley, Emma Kinsey, Maizen Kruger, Logan Lane, Emma Logsdon, Calista Maggard, Liam Maloney, Sophia McCormack, Mason McGuire, Carsyn Mogle, Rosa Scroope, Ryan Seaward, Aiyana Stevens, Brianna Tomasino, Felicity Virgilio, Trent Walker and Araceli Williams.

Honor Roll

12th Grade

Lance Babcock, Samantha Bates, Colin Broomfield, Dakota Burch, Ava Buzard, Benjamin Cox, Anthony Fallato, Gary Falls, Riley Knopp, Elijah Lang, Lily-Angelina Naylor, Madison Schicker, Noah St. John and Brenden Trowbridge.

11th Grade

Megan Baker, Frances Caraballo-Vazquez, Kylee Dann, Isabella Emery, Xavier Garcia, Mason Hein, Thomas Hein, Donovan Hendrick-Hayes, Cora Hudzinski, Hunter Jewell-Smith, Lorraine Jones, Elizabeth Kinsey, Maya Kipp, William Kruger, Colin Liese, Homer Mathes, Prestyn McMillion, Kassidee Modzel, Christopher Mosier, Koryn Neale, Ethan Race, Rebecca Scharping, Ronald Thorn, Ari Warney and Lyndsay Young.

10th Grade

Chelsea Bowen, Caleb Donley, Maizy Ehrhardt, Adrianna Houseknecht, Kai Kennedy, Nora Lindsay, Laura Moak, Tyler Moore, Braden Read, Joscelyn Underwood, Mariska VanLogten and Brooke Waldron.

Ninth Grade

Dakota Arnold, Immanuel Cornell, Jaiden Enright, Oliver Fox, Cadence Girangaya, Aubrey Hazzard, Josmar Hernandez, Chase Kempa, Alyssa Lipke, Madison Lowell, Desiree McCormack, Noah Patten, Addison Probst, Karlee Sanders and Leon Wilcox.

Eighth Grade

Autumn Bradley, London Bull, Alexander Davis, Kaeleigh Eiland, Anais Feliciano, Mason Girangaya, Jayden Gleason, Tessa Hazzard, Mason Merle, Maximus Milazzo, Sawyer Schutz, Grant Seaward III, Zoey Warner and Landen Wurzer.

Seventh Grade

Christopher Andrews Jr., Harlow Ashton, Bethany Bianchi, Annabel Buzard, Chelsea Cervone, Ryan Clawson, Kaitlyn Dodson, Elliana Ebbs, Astrea Engert, Bentley Harner, Averie Johnson, Andrea Mendoza, Autumn Monk, Anabelle Moore, Hunter Mullins, Marrix Newton, Xzonte Richardson, Helen Schofield, Angel Vazquez-Mendoza, Keira Vierling, Kamari Williams, Kamari Windnagle, Munazah Yunus and Michael Zaragoza.

Students Inducted into National Honor Society

The Holley High School National Honor Society (NHS) held its Induction Ceremony in the MS/HS Auditorium on the evening of Nov. 16, where seven students were honored. To be considered, 11th and 12th grade students with an academic average of 90 percent or higher can submit an application to the faculty selection committee to show how they demonstrate the four pillars of NHS membership: scholarship, service, character and leadership.

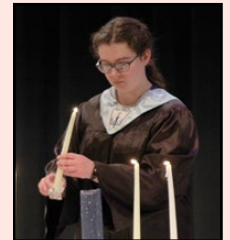
Current NHS members began the ceremony with a candlelight procession from the back of the auditorium. New inductees were called forward and escorted by current NHS members out of the auditorium to change into their gowns. When they returned, new inductees joined current NHS members on stage. NHS officers then lit the four ceremonial candles, symbolic of each pillar of membership, and described their meaning.

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

This year, students invited former Holley social studies teacher Nicholas D'Amuro to speak at the ceremony. D'Amuro has his master's degree in history from SUNY Geneseo. He taught many of the inductees during

his 10 years at Holley. "I had the privilege of watching you grow from wild-eyed middle schoolers into the young men and women that sit here tonight," said D'Amuro. He encouraged them to live in the present moment, and he spoke about the pillars, putting them into perspective. "The best leaders know they do not have all the answers, instead, they know where to find those answers and who to lean on when different challenges arise. I encourage you to choose colleagues with different ideas, listen carefully and speak with honesty." He went on to reference historic figures and their exemplary action so he emphasized,

“ You should never underestimate your capacity for change. Where others shy away from the challenge, be the one who reaches for it.



“Rarely are the right decisions easy decisions,” said Principal Feldman as he congratulated the inductees. “Part of being in the NHS requires looking into your character. Tomorrow when you come into school, what decision are you going to make that creates a positive contribution to our community?”



Current NHS members

Caitlyn Dobri
(President)
Emma Brady
(Vice President)
Kayla Neale
(Secretary)
Cavan Bennage
(Treasurer)

Jamine Apicella
Grace Fuller
Hayli Kuellertz
Gabriel Lindsay
Isabella Thom
Layne Walker
Leigha Walker
Ryleigh Weader

New NHS inductees

Senior:
Mason Merriam

Juniors:
Natalie Foose
Allison Merle
Alexia Renner
Owen Schultz
Maggie Skehan
Zoey Wolf

Two Students Inducted into CTE National Technical Honor Society

On November 28, Holley High School students Grace Fuller and Jaxson Schicker were inducted into the Monroe 2-Orleans (BOCES 2) Career and Technical Education (CTE) National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). Grace studies Nurse Assisting and Associated Health Careers and Jaxson studies Welding. The induction took place at the BOCES 2 Educational Services Center where they were honored alongside more than 70 students, the largest class of honorees BOCES 2 CTE has ever inducted.

Each year, the NTHS honors the achievements of the top CTE students across the country. Membership in NTHS is one of the highest honors a CTE student can attain. This national organization recognizes outstanding CTE students who have distinguished themselves academically in their chosen fields, and who possess qualities such as leadership, citizenship, honesty, and responsibility. Criteria includes: an 85% or above average in their CTE program; an excellent attendance record; a high standard of personal conduct in their home school and at CTE; a CTE teacher recommendation; and be on track to both complete their CTE program and graduate at the end of the second year of their CTE program.



ES Students of the Month

One student from each ES classroom is chosen each month for going above and beyond to demonstrate respectful, responsible and safe behaviors. Hawk Heroes are also nominated and recognized each month for demonstrating the Positivity Project traits of the month. Recipient names and photos can be found on the HCSD website and social media.

October

Hope Wiest, Archer Hills, William Butler, Michael Butler, Michael Coffey, Ariya Lusk, Grayson Kelley, Aryanna Mogel, Isabelle Logsdon, Austin Eiland, Dexter Vonglis, Jacob Knowlton, Aidan Spamer, James West, Riley Culbertson, Lance Nunnenkamp, Teddy Jones, Adi-Ann Reuther, Robbie Weit, Jaxon Dodson, Bodi Gillow, Timothy Hendrickson, Isabella MacGregor, Mila Adams, Everett Koch, Ma'Ciyah Harrell, Riley Klatt, Everett London, Lexiana Cooper, Jayce Rivera, Jania Richardson and Emilia Lasal.



December

Meadow Regester, Cooper VanOrden, Jayden Rivera, Blake Huffer, Emma W., Alaya Bisig, Mya Gerringer, Olivia Rebis, Nelson Ou, Robby Scroope, Alina Boychuck, Geno Fallato, Avery Shultz, Amelia Wright, Micah Trejo, Kacey Flow, Matthew Meyers, Selden Bebee, Henry Bless, Liam Payne, Olivia Fleming, Ethan Greean, Jaiden Taylor, Timothy Kingdollar, Paxton Tooley, Jordyn Garris, Madelyn Bringenberg, Olivia Klatt, Braelyn Rushing, Maisey Roth, Remington Doerr and Alyvia Chmylak.



November

Elliot London, Miranda Blana, Ellie Fox, Logan Sommerfeldt, Emma Whitney, Samantha Gnage, Beckett Link-Bedard, Noah Heller, Liam Gambacorta-Hoffman, Dominic Paniccia, Abigail Dukes, Lilly West, Maddox MacIntyre, Henry Wiberg, Mario Botello, Tommy Hasek, Avariella Link-Bedard, Cruz Stevens, Alice Nichols, Logan Klatt, Hayden Gallert, Luke Niles, Bentley Statt, Paige Wallenhorst, Haley Palermo, Luke Hackenberg, Sawyer Rath, Dustin Perkins, Charlotte Hughson, Leila Leggett, Bentley Hamm and Reed Nunnenkamp.

Athletic Recognitions

Remaining Hawk Athletes of the Week for Fall Sport

Girls' Soccer
Samantha Bates
Emma Brady
Alivia Wolf

Girls' Volleyball
Ali VanAmeron

Cross' Country
Mason Merriam

Scholar Athlete Teams

Boys' and Girls' Soccer
Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country
Volleyball

Girls' Soccer

All-State First Team
Samantha Bates

All-State Fourth Team
Emma Brady

All Greater Rochester Area Team
Samantha Bates

All Greater Rochester Area Honorable Mention

Jailyn Bishop
Zoey Wolf
Bella Thom
Emma Brady

Section V All-Tournament Team

Samantha Bates
Zoey Wolf
Bella Thom
Emma Brady

Section V Coach of the Year
Renee Wolf



Genesee Region All-Stars

Football
Destin Kuyal - GR & First Team All-State

Boys' Soccer
Chris Mosier
Keon Haughton
Cavan Bennage

Girls' Soccer
Samantha Bates
Jailyn Bishop
Zoey Wolf
Bella Thom
Emma Brady

Cheerleading
Jose-Angel Valentin
Isabella Emery
Luminara Virgilio



Note: Winter athletic recognitions will be in the April Dimension.

Student Athletes Volunteer at Empire State Games

On Oct. 13, the Holley Varsity Cheerleading, Girls' Soccer and Boys' Soccer teams traveled to SUNY Brockport to volunteer at The Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged.

During the event, the participants get the chance to compete in adapted recreational activities like Archery, Track & Field, Power Wheelchair, Obstacle Courses and more. Holley students served as buddies where they were either partnered up with a participant or assigned to a station where they assisted the participants throughout the day.

"It feels good to help other people," said Luminara Virgillio, a senior on the cheer squad and first year volunteering at the event. "We would hold their hand when they walked across the balance beam or help them throw a ball. We are working with kids who have possibly been put down their whole lives for something that they can't control, and it is really fun and empowering to be able to show them what they are capable of."



Holley Varsity Cheerleading began volunteering at this event over 10 years ago when Cheer Coach and MS/HS Administrative Assistant Penny Cole initially formed the partnership, giving student-athletes a chance to give back to their community.

"We are there to lift their spirits," said Bella Emery, a junior on the cheer team and her second year volunteering. "I think about how I would feel if I was not able to do things like cheerleading. Volunteering in this event has made me want to do more to help others."

"The games are a great opportunity for participants to see other kids who might struggle with the same issues as them and know that they are not alone," added Virgillio.

There is no cost to participants or spectators at the Empire State Games thanks to sponsors and volunteers. This partnership has evolved to where the event organizers have requested more volunteers, and for years now, the girls' soccer team has accompanied the cheerleading team. This year was the first time the boys' soccer team joined. It has become an activity that is highly anticipated by the student-athletes, making them more inclined to step up when other volunteer opportunities arise.



“ You never know what kind of impact you can have on someone. *said Virgillio.* ”

Esports: Now streaming at Holley

Esports, short for electronic sports, was first offered to high school students at the MS/HS as an extracurricular activity in the spring of 2023. It offers students the chance to team up and compete virtually in real time against other schools in the Northeastern U.S. While there are a multitude of games to choose from, Holley kicked off their inaugural season with Rocket League, a video game described as a version of soccer using racecars, where students work as a team, typically 3 on 3, to score goals. For the fall 2023 season, participants chose to navigate a different game: Apex Legends. Apex is a character-driven, squad-based game. It blends last-man-standing gameplay with the exploration and scavenging elements of a survival game.



When competing in multi-player video games, students exercise collaboration, problem-solving, critical thinking, communication and leadership skills. The program also helps to foster a sense of belonging and brings together students with different interests. Federal funding allowed for the Esports room to be equipped with new high-performing gaming computers, controllers, chairs, and more. With a growing number of middle school students eager to get involved, the school has high hopes for the future of the program.

Introducing Mrs. C's Mathletes

There is a new and engaging after school program for fifth and sixth graders at Holley Elementary. Mathletes is designed to challenge students to achieve their maximum potential, in a space that is conducive to learning. This program helps teach important skills like collaboration, curiosity, and teamwork. Students play math games that challenge them to excel through mental math, speed and critical thinking. Students work together on logic problems, 24 math challenge cards, national math challenges, and other online resources. These exercises help children to complete math problems in the real world and encourage them to consider science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) career pathways. The program is led by Jenna Chevier who is a Math Response to Intervention (RTI) Teaching Assistant at the ES. It is offered on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in room 10.



The ES EarlyAct Club collected donations and assembled nearly 100 homeless necessity bags for those in need!

73 Interact Club Members Volunteer at Cemetary

On Sunday, Oct. 22, Holley MS/HS Interact Club members opted out of sleeping in and met their peers at the Hillside Cemetery in Clarendon for their first community service project of the school year. They braved the brisk, fall weather and got to work cleaning headstones.



“I know it helps families out who may not be able to do it,” said senior Lance Babcock. “Some of the people buried there don’t have any family members left to take care of them anymore, so I think it is important that someone does.”

Babcock joined Interact Club in ninth grade when his friend brought him along to work on another service project. “I liked the impact the Interact Club was making,” said Lance. “It is a lot of fun, and you have a lot of chances to help the community.”

Seventy-three of over 100 club members showed up to help at the cemetery this year, which “says so much about our students and their desire to make the world a better place,” said Samantha Zelent, Interact Club co-advisor. Town of Clarendon Historian and former Board of Education member Melissa Irelan helped arrange this activity with the school. This is the third year the club has participated. Interact Club is sponsored by the Holley Rotary Club. Cleaning supplies were provided by Dr. Daniel Schiavone.

Holley Students and Staff Help in the Fight Against Breast Cancer

The Holley Girls Volleyball program hosted its Dig Pink Volleyball Game on Oct. 13 where they raised over \$600. Proceeds benefited the American Cancer Society as well as Stephanie Hudzinski, a mother of one of the players and a former HCS D employee who is currently battling breast cancer.



On Oct. 22, Holley’s second grade teachers organized a team and participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Rochester where they raised \$825 for the American Cancer Society and honored those in the Holley community affected by breast cancer. Many donations came from Holley staff and community.



Welcome New Staff!

The following staff members were hired in November and December.



Savannah Baker
School Bus Attendant



Madison Giattino
ES Teacher Aide



Christopher Neff
Custodial Worker



Stephen Whitney
Custodial Worker



James Wallington
MS/HS Long Term Substitute Teacher, Social Studies

DAR Good Citizen Named

Congratulations to Gabriel Lindsay who received the Good Citizen of Holley CSD Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution Orleans Chapter. The award recognizes high school seniors who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their school, home, and community. Gabe is a member of the Interact club, a two-year SOAR peer mentor, was a Roc2Change student leader and a Boy’s State participant. Gabe has performed in the Festival High School Chorale for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, is an all-county band and chorus member, Jazz Band member, and musical performer. He starred as Willy Wonka in his most recent role.



Fall Festivities



This year marked the 10th Annual Book Character Pumpkin Patch at the ES. Just outside the Library doors, the pumpkin patch featured over 100 pumpkins which remained on display throughout October. Each pumpkin was accompanied by a book and the pumpkin was decorated to look like a book character. Visitors, students and staff are always impressed by the creativity. This has become a highly anticipated fall activity for our ES families.



Kindergarten classes and the Alternative School each hosted their annual Thanksgiving feast. They enjoyed welcoming loved ones to dine with them.



The ES held Halloween and Thanksgiving Day Parades throughout the halls which provides an exciting time for students to cheer on their peers and show off their costumes.



The Christmas Project Supports Record Number of Families

One thing that makes the Holley community special is their willingness to lend a hand when those are in need. It was six years ago when staff members at the Middle/High School noticed that many of the older kids in the district were not sponsored as often during the holidays. This realization is what brought The Christmas Project to life.

This year, 93 sponsors came forward, enabling The Christmas Project to help a record number of 84 students. What makes this project even more special is that almost half of the sponsors are Holley alumni. Other sponsors include current and retired teachers, families of current and past students, Girl Scout Troops, Disciples United Methodist Church, Holley Rotary and community members. Some sponsors even live across the country.

Organized by MS/HS Social Worker Samantha Zelent, families can anonymously seek support and volunteers can sign up to sponsor a family to help lift the financial burden and ensure a magical Christmas, even for older students. Sponsors are able to either donate money or shop for a student's wish list. Social media proved to be an important tool in the project's success.

One mother who received help last year decided to pay it forward by sponsoring a family this year. This has become a common trend as the project has evolved. "I completely understand where these parents are coming from," she said. "Last year was a rough year, and I didn't know how I was going to do it. But with that family's help we had such a wonderful and memorable Christmas. We still talk about it."

Silvis Recognized for Serving 16 Years on the BOE

At the October 16 Board of Education meeting, Board Member and President Robin Silvis was recognized for her 16 years of service. Her resignation became official at the Holley BOE meeting on Monday,



Sept. 18. Silvis was elected as board president in 2019 after serving as vice president for 10 years. The Board took time to thank her for her service and leadership. "The district appreciates the many contributions and dedication that Robin has provided during her time," said Brian Bartalo, Holley Central School District Superintendent. "Robin was committed to wanting to do what's best for students and to have Holley be a great place to learn and work."



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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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New HSCD website homepage coming soon!



Saving Lives Made Simple

On Oct. 24, Holley community members, students and staff rolled up their sleeves for the Holley High School Student Council (HSSC) sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive. The HSSC reached their goal of 28 units of blood, which can potentially help 84 people. Donating doesn't just help save lives, but enables the Red Cross to provide scholarship money to Holley students, determined by the amount of donations collected. **The next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, May 8,** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium. Schedule an appointment here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Students Learn Fire Safety

Thank you to the Holley-Murray Joint Fire Department and Clarendon Fire Company who visited ES students for Fire Safety Day on Oct. 16 to teach them about fire safety and prevention.



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