



# THE HAWK'S REPORT

HAWKS RISING

DECEMBER 2023



## Message from the Principal

We look forward to the holiday season this month and hope families come out to support the arts. The middle/high school winter concert is on December 7, 2023, at 7:00PM in the auditorium. We ask families to please join us in celebrating the season with our amazing band and chorus. We also ask families to stay for the entirety of the performance to support all members of our community. Our students work very hard as a group to put on a festive show and are eager to share their talents with such an amazing, supportive Holley community.

Recently, a survey was emailed to families regarding feedback for the district. If you did not receive this email from me, please contact the middle/high school to ensure the correct email address is on file.

Earlier this year we conducted a successful lockdown drill with our local law enforcement agencies. Please note in the event the schools are in lockdown blue lights will flash outside. This means we are in a lockdown, and no one will be allowed to leave or enter the building. This does happen during our drills. Please note we practice these drills in the event of a worst-case scenario. However, the best way to prevent danger in our schools is for us to work together with families in promoting a welcoming environment where each student feels they belong. We ask students to pay close attention this season to those that may seem withdrawn. As stated earlier, the holidays may be joyous for some, but stressful for others. We want to ensure we are instilling our students with empathy and to reach out when others need it most.

As always please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Mr. Feldman

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

December 7 - MSHS Winter Concert 7pm @ HS Aud

December 8 - 1/2 day Staff Development Day

December 18 - Board of Education meeting @ 6pm

December 21 - MSHS Interim Reports available online

December 22- January 1 - No School, Holiday Recess



## Hawk Talk (Athletics)

**Dr. Goetz will be doing sports physicals on December 11. Please call the nurse to sign up.**

As we start the winter season, I want to urge all our spectators to follow the Section V motto, "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive!"

Holley Central School District is committed to promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play at all our events both home and away. The following are the expectations of spectators at all sporting events.

Spectator Code of Behavior/Ethics: It is the responsibility of the spectator to:

1. Keep cheering positive. There should be no profanity or degrading language or gestures.
2. Avoid actions that offend visiting teams, individual players, and coaches.
3. Show appreciation for good play by both teams.
4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a better informed spectator.
5. Treat all visiting teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated.
6. Accept the call/judgment of coaches and officials.
7. Encourage other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
8. Avoid the use, abuse, and resulting negative influence of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco/vaping.

Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship!

## National Honor Society

Congratulations to our new members of the National Honor Society! Thank you to Mr. D'Amuro for being our guest speaker and giving a wonderful speech!

There are four "pillars" of NHS, scholarship, service, character and leadership. To be eligible to apply for membership, students must have a cumulative high school average of 90.0% or better, which satisfies the scholarship pillar. The students fill out an application and need four letters of recommendation, two from former teachers so the faculty council can get an idea of what the potential inductee is like in school, and two letters from community members so the faculty council can get an idea of what the potential inductee is like outside of school. Once the potential inductees turn in the application and the letters, the faculty council of 5 members look over all of the information, discuss each candidate, and makes a final vote as to whether or not the student will be accepted for membership.





Four students in Mrs. Roman's high school class attend WeMoCo in the morning and for 2-3 afternoons per week they participate in a work study program in the community, as well.

Two students, Michael Wolfe and Jared Bowen, are working at George's Fancher Road Service. Prestyn McMillion is working at J&M Repair, LLC while Homer Mathes is doing his work study at H.A. Maier Farms in Spencerport. Ernest LaPlante is attending WeMoCo in the afternoons and participates in a work study with Holley Police Chief Barton one morning each week. Jordan Anderson and Lauralrene Kretschmer work in our high school cafeteria.

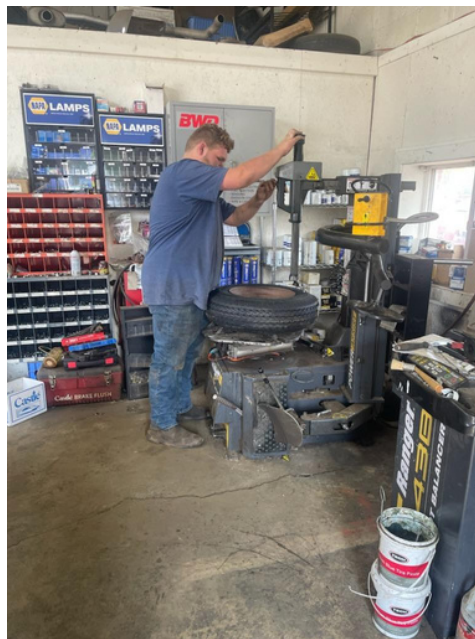
These work studies are an integral part of their school curriculum to build upon their life, social, and job skills for life beyond Holley High School.



**Jared Bowen - George's Service**



**Michael Wolfe - George's Service**



**Prestyn McMillion - J&M Repair**



**Ernest LaPlante - Holley Police**



## Art

The Visual Arts Department went to the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) conference in Albany. Katie Veremeychik and Kim Ellis spoke about Mental Health in the Art Room. Sharing their knowledge and strategies with other Art Teachers from around New York State. Along with presenting they learned about new products, skills, management and implementation techniques they are excited to share with their students. Amanda LeClair presented on All Inspiring Art Shows sharing tips and tricks on how other districts can have a successful and impactful art show. Our annual district wide art show is March 28, noted on your district calendar.

The MS/HS Visual Arts teachers recently went to the Flower City Arts Center, 7713 Monroe Avenue Rochester, NY 1460713 Monroe Avenue, 7th annual pottery invitational. They met local artists in both the field of ceramics and digital media. They have gained new connections, collaborators and skills they have already started to incorporate into their curriculum. Keep an eye out for an interview with Holley senior Kayla Neale. Spectrum news came to interview her on November 29th about her Nationally winning 3D Egle that earned her scholarship money from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).



## Library

Students are working hard in the library these days! Seniors, especially, as they are in the throes of English papers and the Senior Capstone in addition to their other coursework! Be sure to come and see the newly designated Senior area in the library. We also have had many students working hands-on for our Makers projects and even helping around the library with rearranging and tending to our many plants. The Library Club also put together an exciting display with all of our brand-new mystery reads! Be sure to check it out!



## Music

Please come get in the Holiday Spirit with our Holley Musicians at our Winter Concerts this month! The Band and Choir students have been working incredibly hard since September to prepare their concert repertoire and are excited to share the progress they have made with their families and community. We hope to see you there!

**MSHS Winter Concert 12/7 @ 7pm, MSHS Aud**  
**Elementary Winter Concert 12/12 @ 7pm, MSHS Aud**