



THE MS/HS HAWK'S REPORT



APRIL 2024

Message from the Principal

This April is sure to be an exciting one for our Holley community. Not only did we experience a total solar eclipse this month, but it passed directly over our own community.

This month also brings New York State testing for students in grades 7 and 8. The New York State English Language Arts exam is on Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th this year. We encourage families to ensure all students do their best to demonstrate their learning on these exams. They are created and reviewed by hundreds of teachers across New York State. This year Holley will be partaking in Computer-Based Testing. Students will take the state exams on their devices. We will collect student devices a few days before the exam to ensure all students have a fully charged computer. If you have any questions regarding state testing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We hope everyone had a restful break and look forward to an exciting rest of the school year. Please note the third quarter closes on Friday, April 19th and we will mail home report cards to families on Monday, April 29th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone at 585-815-5459 or email at mfeldman@holleycsd.org.

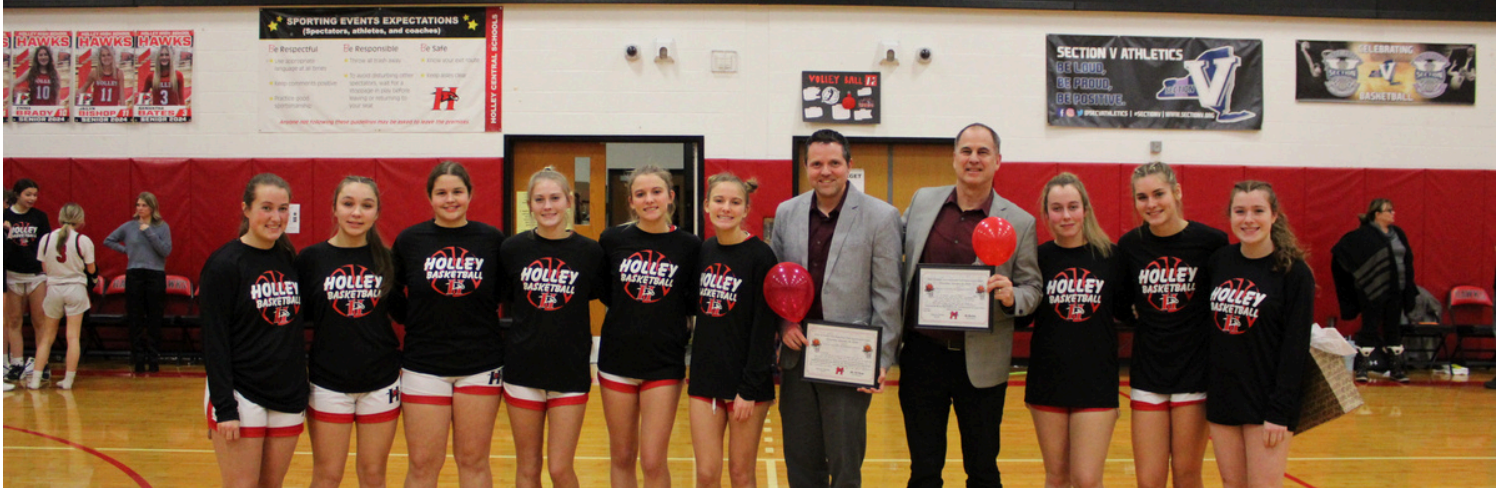
Sincerely,
Mr. Feldman
MS/HS Principal

IMPORTANT EVENTS

April 1-8 - Spring Break, No
School

April 15 - Board of Education
Meeting

April 26 - No School,
Superintendent's Conf. Day



Hawk Talk (Athletics)

Dr. Goetz will be doing sports physicals on May 13th. Please call the nurse to sign up.

Spring sports pictures are April 25th. If you'd like to purchase photos, be sure to send payment with your athlete the day of pictures.

Tech Wars

Genesee Community College's annual Tech Wars competition occurred on March 21 and Holley M/HS sent 26 students to participate against schools across the Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming Counties. Students engaged in competitions such as CO2 Car racing, a Regatta race, and the Mystery Challenge. The Regatta is a boat race where students constructed a 7 foot long vessel using only corrugated plastic and duct tape. The Mystery Challenge involved cutting and folding of paper into an aerodynamic design which was flown from the top of a staircase towards a target on the floor below. Great job to all who participated!



Art

The Visual Arts Department held their annual K-12 Art show on Wednesday March 27th. There was an amazing turnout and show of support for our young artists and the art program. We are proud to announce our Principal award went to 10th grader Chelsea Bowen for her vibrant photograph of a Chicory plant, awarded by Mr. Feldman. One of the Board of Education awards went to 9th grader Anthony Brown for his meticulous colored pencil recreation of an enlarged tiger python eye. Last but not least the superintendent's award was rightfully earned by senior Kayla Neale with her pallet knife depiction of Holley in Spring. These amazing works of art will be displayed in the district office for the next year.



One of the winners of our 4 generous art raffles was 10th grader Carissa Klossner! Congratulations to all of our young Holley artists for such a creative showcase of art!





Library

In addition to the new books we have displayed, students have been enjoying our Lego Makers, Ozobots, KEVA planks, and (as always) puzzles! The library also has some thriving plants thanks to our awesome Work Study students! With the warmer weather, it has been nice to bring some of "the outside" in! We constantly have new book displays up thanks to the Library Club students, and our year-round TikTok BookTok display is also always being updated! Be sure to check it out 😊



Library Club members have been hard at work! In addition to book discussions, shelving, making bookmarks, prepping Makers activities, and curating book lists for peers, they have created some amazing book displays! One of the biggest projects was for Black History Month. The students compiled a list of titles from our collection that celebrates black history and highlights black voices. We are proud of our Library Club students!

Music

Congratulations to the band and chorus students! They performed beautifully at the competition in Hershey, PA.

The Holley Band earned 1st Place with a "Superior" rating! The Choir earned 2nd place with an "Excellent" rating. Great job Hawks!





Spanish

The HS Spanish Department hosted a week-long trip to Costa Rica. We visited the beautiful sights of Guanacaste, Arenal and San Jose. We planned this trip for two years and were so lucky to share these great adventures with Holley students, parents and teachers.

Farm/Sustainability Tour
Ziplining
Cooking /Soap Making Class
Thermal Hot Springs
Dancing Cultural Exchange
Snorkeling
Night Walk
Rainforest Walk
Exploring Volcanic Activity
Wildlife Boat Tour
Chocolate Tour
La Fortuna Waterfall
Coffee Tour
Whitewater Rafting
Tropical Fruit Tasting





Apicella Teen of the Week

Holley senior Jasmine Apicella was named Batavia Daily Teen of the Week for the week of January 22-26. Jasmine was nominated by her school counselors for her kindness, leadership, and welcoming attitude. Jasmine is a National Honor Society student, tri-sport varsity athlete, student council treasurer, and has been on high honor roll throughout her time at Holley. Jasmine has been a SOAR peer mentor for the past two years, creating connections and community with incoming seventh grade students. Jasmine was a student leader in the Spring 2023 Roc2Change student-led summit, a recipient of the University of Rochester Fredrick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award and a recipient of the RIT Business and Leadership Award.

"Jasmine possesses all the qualities that make someone a good leader," said school counselor Nicole Solazzo. She is personable, confident, and respectful to others. Jasmine was one of the first peer mentors of the newly implemented SOAR program where I got to witness her thrive in a leadership role. I cannot wait to see where her journey takes her after graduation." Jasmine is now one of 58 students who are candidates to be named the 2023- '24 Teen of the Year.

Fiorito Heads to Girls State

Holley MS/HS junior MacKenzie Fiorito, has been selected to represent Holley and Orleans County at Empire Girls State this summer. The leadership and citizenship program hosted by American Legion Auxiliary at SUNY Brockport focuses on exploring the mechanics of American government and politics. Qualified juniors are interviewed and selected by a committee to participate. Throughout the week, participants create a mythical 51st state where they elect their own officials including county officials, judges, and a governor. They organize different parties, introduce and debate bills, and carry out the duties of the office in which they were appointed or elected. "We are so proud of MacKenzie and know she is going to represent Holley well. We cannot wait to hear all about her accomplishments at Girls State," said Nicole Solazzo, Holley MS/HS School Counselor.