



# THE MS/HS HAWK'S REPORT



MAY 2024

## Message from the Principal

As we transition into the blossoming month of May, our school community gears up for a plethora of exciting events and celebrations. From honoring our dedicated educators to recognizing outstanding achievements, May promises to be a month filled with pride, gratitude, and anticipation.

During the week of May 6th to May 10th, we have the wonderful opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for the incredible educators who dedicate their time, energy, and passion teaching our young people and pushing them to be the best version of themselves. Let's take this week to show our gratitude and recognize the invaluable contributions of our teachers.

On May 9th, we extend a warm invitation to our esteemed senior citizens to join us for a delightful breakfast at 9:00am. It's a time for our community to come together, share stories, and foster intergenerational connections.

We are thrilled to announce that our very own Superintendent Bartalo has been honored with the prestigious Genesee Valley ASCD Supervision Award for 2024. This recognition is a testament to his exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

Our 8th grade students are embarking on an exciting journey to our nation's capital from May 21st to May 23rd. This educational trip promises to be a memorable experience, providing students with an opportunity to explore history, cultures, and civic engagement firsthand.

Join us on May 28th at 7:00pm as we celebrate the academic achievements and service of our students at the National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony. It's an occasion to recognize and honor the hard work and dedication of our newly inducted students. More information regarding the ceremony will be sent home via Mrs. Lagas.

Our highly anticipated Jr/Sr Prom will be held on May 31st at the elegant Ridgement Country Club. More information regarding prom will come from Mrs. Lepkowski and Mr. DiSessa. Please note juniors and seniors attending the prom are required to participate in a morning presentation at the MS/HS.

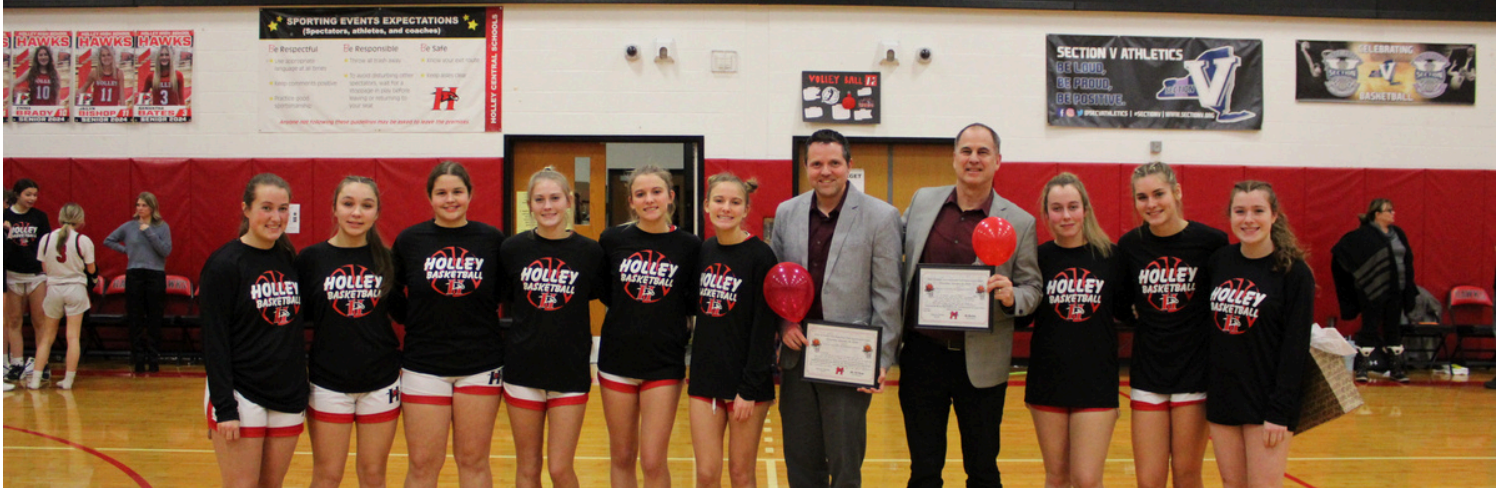
We ask our senior parents to please save the following dates:

- June 7th - Senior Trip
- June 11th - Senior Walk & Top 10 Dinner
- June 28th - Senior Breakfast & Graduation Rehearsal
- June 29th - Graduation Ceremony

More information regarding the above events will be distributed via Mrs. Lepkowski.

As we embrace the spirit of May, let's come together as a community to celebrate achievements, honor excellence, and create lasting memories.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Feldman  
MS/HS Principal



## IMPORTANT EVENTS

May 7 - Annual BOE Mtg/ Meet  
the candidates night @ 6pm

May 8 - Blood Drive from 10am-  
4pm

May 9 - Senior Citizen  
Appreciation Breakfast @ 9AM,  
Elem Cafeteria.

May 20 - BOE Meeting @ 6pm

May 21 - District Budget Vote &  
Chicken BBQ

May 30 - MSHS Concert @ 7pm

## 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.**





## 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

We have had lots of fun in the library this month! Students have shown some great creativity and collaboration skills with some of our Makers! Students have worked with Starbees, planting seeds, and they even created an Eiffel tower using the 3D pen! Library Club students have helped create some awesome displays! We have a new Holley Celebrates Diversity display, a Rom-Com display, and a Blind Date with a Book display! Additionally, several seniors have created book displays for their Senior Capstone! These students created a poster about their topic using Canva, curated and collected books from the library catalog, and then set up the display. They did a great job! Come check them out!



## 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.

## 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!