



HOLLEY DIMENSION

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First Day of School



A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings, Holley Families!

I hope this first edition of the Dimension for the 2021-22 school year finds you well and excited for the fall season and all that's ahead of us. Our theme for this year is **Holley Means Family.**

We are ready and eager for all our "school family" members to have a successful year with everyone back full-time.

Over the past 18 months, we have learned a lot and we have been through a lot. We've experienced changes and even some hardships that none of us could have ever imagined. However, it was the spirit of the people - students, staff and Holley community - that shined through it all and revealed incredible traits of caring and perseverance that will carry us forward here at Holley CSD. It became clear that we have supported and taken care of each other in so many ways. This is what families do. They take care of each other. Therefore, Holley means family.

This year, we still have to consider safety as a top priority. Although we are encouraged that most of our typical activities (athletics, music, clubs and activities) are occurring, and we're back to five days-a-week of in-person learning, we are still concerned about the health and well-being of all who enter our school. We will be following all NYS and local health department regulations, adhering to any need for testing and quarantining to keep everyone safe and healthy. If there are any changes to expectations for students, staff or visitors, we will communicate them as soon as possible.

We also need to "get back on track" with teaching and learning. We have had two very unusual school years in a row with remote and "hybrid" schedules; many students need support and encouragement to re-establish and maintain good learning habits. Some students must work hard to catch-up from any gaps in their learning, and we provide support for that. We have increased staffing for our younger learners and reinstated before and after-school learning programs to help students. We are currently working on revising our Response to Intervention programs (RtI or Academic Intervention Services (AIS)) to more of a multi-tiered support system, to reach all

learners who need a boost academically, socially or emotionally.

To ensure success for all, we need everyone to work together. We continue to look for a strong partnership between our staff and families, sharing the same high expectations for all our learners for their safety, learning, social well-being and emotional health. Thank you for remaining in close contact with us when you have questions or concerns, and for remaining in touch with our district by reading school communications and our Dimension newsletter, and checking our website and social media outlets.

I appreciate your continued support of Holley CSD. Thank you once again for all you're doing at home and in the community to partner with us to educate our students. We are excited to have the best school year possible with our family all back together again!

Go Hawks!

Brian Bartalo
Superintendent of Schools

Family Fitness Center Reopens



The Family Fitness Center is reopening on Oct. 4. 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 26, 2022. **Masks must be worn by everyone at all times in the center, even while exercising.**

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.

Holley Students in Grades K-12 Have Free School Meals Again This School Year

During the 2021-22 school year, all Holley students in grades Pre-K-12 will receive free breakfasts and lunches. Holley Central School District (HCSD) was approved by the New York State Education Department to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program beginning in the 2019-20 school year. Schools that are in high poverty areas that currently participate in the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs are eligible for the CEP program. HCSD will be in the CEP program for four successive school years, ending at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year.

Students may still purchase a la carte items, such as chips, ice cream, cookies, etc. Such items may not be charged. Visit the Food Services Department page <http://www.holleycsd.org/FoodServices.aspx> for more information on a la carte pricing and monthly menus.

For any questions, contact Assistant Superintendent for Business Sharon Zacher at (585) 638-6316, extension 2001 or szacher@holleycsd.org.

Camp Rising Hawk Helped Students Soar This Summer

Holley students entering grades 1-9 this fall were invited to attend Camp Rising Hawk over the summer. For four weeks, 155 students attended classes at the Elementary School (ES), four days each week from 9 a.m.-noon. Classes focused on social-emotional learning (SEL), math and ELA skills. Games were played to make learning engaging.

The camp was designed to be "low-tech" so that students would not use electronic devices, but interact with each other in classes of 15 or less students, following all COVID-19 safety protocols. Director of Teaching and Learning Brendan Keiser said the program was designed because "there is a lot of unfinished learning due to the pandemic." The program was also designed to help students ease back into in-person learning five days a week when school began in September.



Classes often went outside to enjoy the good weather and play on the playground. Students also picked up grab'n'go breakfasts and lunches before and after each session. Transportation was provided to students.

In an SEL lesson held outside with rising fourth graders, ES physical education teacher Sharon Gross taught students about empathy through a series of games. In a ball game where students were "rescued" by catching a ball after being tagged with a pool noodle, she told students to raise their arms to indicate they needed help. She asked students, "How do you know when someone needs help? Look for signals. Greet them. If you don't know their name, ask them." In another game of "builders and destroyers" played by rising first graders using buckets, she taught students that it's easier to destroy people (knock over the buckets), then build them up (put the buckets upright). "To build

someone up requires more effort and thought, right?" she asked. "It was easy to knock over the buckets, but did you find it was harder to put them back up?"

In Brenda Schurr's rising fourth grade class, students built their names with blocks that were base 10 units, then calculated the total of their letters. They tossed a ball around, and where their hands landed on the ball, determined what question they answered about the book they were reading. In Loretta Giarrizzo's fourth grade class, students worked on prefixes and determining meanings of words based on those prefixes. They ended their day by playing musical chairs, which helped students gain more points towards prizes they could earn at the end of the week. Candy was a great incentive for these students!

The program ended with a large field day event, where students played games, ate ice cream and enjoyed a BBQ lunch.



Students Learn to GLOW with Their Hands

by Nicole Solazzo, MS/HS Counselor

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, 15 Holley high school students and two chaperones attended the GLOW With Your Hands event. This event is a hands-on career day where students experience various kinds of trade work, including agriculture, food production, advanced manufacturing and more.

Students tried different skilled trades to explore their interests in occupational pathways. Students' experiences varied from learning about dairy farming and agriculture to laying bricks and smoothing concrete! Students practiced their EMT skills, learned about machinery, experienced how different light bulbs are energy-efficient and used hoists to lift weights.



Soaring Award

Pre-K bus drivers and attendants George Goldthwaite, Danny Daniels, Tracey Sicurella and Jennifer Michael received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Sept. 20. This award is given monthly to deserving students and adults who go above and beyond expectations, and lend their skills and abilities to help others. The Pre-K transportation team was nominated by the Pre-K teaching team for "being attentive to their students, making personal connections, celebrating birthdays, giving gifts at holidays, and delivering hugs, high-fives and smiles, all while remaining safe and on top of their bus routes." This group received the award from BOE President Robin Silvis. Thank you, Mr. George, Mr. Dan, Miss Tracy and Miss Jen, for all you do for our students!



From left, Alexa Downey, Tracey Sicurella, Danny Daniels, George Goldthwaite, Jennifer Michael and Amie Callen.

Pre-K Hosts Grandparents' Day

Amie Callen's Pre-K class celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sept. 22 by inviting students' grandparents to a tea of juice and cookies in the Elementary School Café. Callen and teaching assistant Alexa Downey taught the children songs and dances that they performed for the grandparents. The grandparents sang and danced to one of the songs their grandchildren taught them. The children presented keepsakes to their grandparents, which included a photo, a bookmark with their footprint on it, a sign with their handprint on it and handmade cards. This celebration helped the children complete their classroom unit on families.



Students of the Month for September

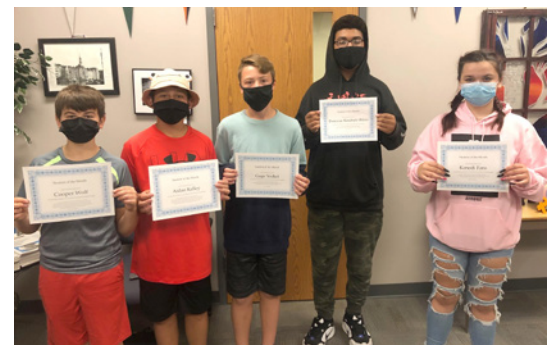
Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades Pre-K-12. Elementary students are nominated from each classroom, and middle and high school students are nominated in each subject area, all on a monthly basis. At the ES, each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. A group photo of the elementary students is displayed in the hallway near the ES Library. MS/HS students assemble in the MS/HS Foyer for a group photo, where they receive a certificate with their nomination from their teacher written on it.

Their names are read during announcements, and their group photo is later displayed in the Music Department hallway.

Once each month, students of the month from grades Pre-K-6 have breakfast together with the principals in the Elementary Café. Breakfast is supplied by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for September: Anthony Dix, Arianna Rivera, Sophia

Hendrickson, Nolan Blake, Khloe Leone, Allison Gallert, Vincent Licata, Evalena Adams, Oakley Pogel, CJ Hardie, Kennedy Keller, Julian Sauer, Avery Tinkous, Layla Trejo, Logan Wright, Aryanna Mogle, Samantha Gnage, Miori Fisher, Shiloh Stanley, Savanna Antram, Emma Logsdon, Cayden VanGelder, Dominic Gnage, William Schumacher, Kendall Gurslin, Lily Moore, Brianna Pellegrino, Jaydon Efig, Aiden O'Brien, Aliyah Roth, Sadie-Lynn Ritchie, Korbryn Yockel, Aidan Kelley, Abigail Merkley, Cooper Wolf, Donovan Hendrick-Hayes, Gage Yockel, Julia Robinson, Kenedi Faro and Zane Christakes.



Reminder of Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Thursday, Nov. 18 3-6 p.m. MS/HS
- Monday, Nov. 22 3:30-6:30 p.m. ES
- Tuesday, Nov. 23 12:30-3:30 p.m. ES

There will be early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. from the ES on Nov. 23 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. 19.

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. 18.



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 18, 2021
- February 10, 2022
- April 28, 2022

We hope to see you there!

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.

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. 23 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!



American Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 26

The High School Student Council is hosting the next American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 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!

New Staff Join Holley Central



Samantha Claffey
MS/HS Spanish &
Intervention Teacher



Haylee Cogovan
ES Teacher



Julie Murphy
ES Teacher



Riley Zanett
ES Teacher



Kaitlyn Dodge
MS/HS
Secretary



Chaplin Fabry
MS/HS Social Studies
Teacher



Amanda LeClair
MS/HS Art
Teacher



Sarah Misco
Educational Technology
Specialist



Nicole Solazzo
MS/HS School
Counselor



Scott Wheeler
ES Music
Teacher

Security Keeps Holley Safe

The men walking the hallways and grounds of the Holley campuses are there to serve one purpose: to keep everyone safe. They are the security force at Holley, employed by C.O.P. Security. These four men are retired deputies and officers from local law enforcement agencies. They spend their days, evenings and weekends patrolling the Holley school properties inside and out, monitoring the security cameras and supervising the various events on campus. They enjoy working with the students and staff. The officers who keep our schools safe are:



Bob Welch
ES

Welch is a retired deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office with 25 years of service.



Mike Roffe
MS/HS

Roffe is a retired sergeant from the Greece Police Department with 24 years of service, including 12 years as a criminal investigator.



Drew Frate
MS/HS

Frate is a retired sergeant with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office with 25 years of service.



Shawn O'Mara
MS/HS

O'Mara is an active patrolman with the Gates Police Department with 28 years of service.

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.
- Wear face mask before entering bus, and while riding and exiting bus.
- 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.

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 (<http://www.holleycsd.org/default.aspx>) 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 (www.facebook.com/Holley-Central-School-District-332907976725723/)

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 2021-22 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>.

Holley Employees Receive Service Awards

On Sept. 1, 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, 2021. District employees were recognized on Opening Day.

Pictured are some of the award recipients. Employees with five years of service: Crystal Elliott, Kristina Rich, Emily Harms, Leslie Neale, Bill Donovan, Julie Giancursio, John Sherman, Scott Kelley and Clay Sheldon. Employees with 10 years of service: Kristen Bless, Stacy Braley, Colleen Milner, Lisa Osur,

Kristina Tese, Lisa Tubinis, Caryn Updike and Tanisha Franzese. Employees with 15 years of service: Anna LaForce, Amy Ostrum, Michelle Roman, Andrew Ruff, Mark Thomas, Melissa Iacobucci and Dawn Trask. Employees with 20 years of service: Jason Cole, Karen Conrad, Lisa Hendry, Ann Buzzard and Tammy Spencer. Employees with 25 years of service: Russ Albright, Sharon Gross, Leslie Piedmonte and Cathy Passarell. Employee with 30 years of service: Mary Beach. Congratulations to our employees on achieving these milestones!



5 years of service



10 years of service



15 years of service



20 years of service



25 years of service



30 years of service

Important Event Dates This Year

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

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 – Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021 – ES Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 – MS/HS Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 – All County Performance at Holley CSD, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 5, 2022 – All County Performance at Albion CSD, 2 p.m.
Friday, March 11, 2022 – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 12, 2022 – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 – District Choral Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 24, 2022 – District Band Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – Annual Board of Education Meeting, District Office Board Room, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 12, 2022 – Senior Citizen Breakfast, ES Café, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – Budget Vote & Board Member Election, MS/HS Foyer, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday, May 27, 2022 – Memorial Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 2, 2022 – MS/HS Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – ES Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 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.

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.

You are invited

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



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.

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 – Veterans Day, No School

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021 – Half-day for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday - Friday, Nov. 24-26, 2021 – Thanksgiving Recess, No School

Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:26 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Friday - Friday, Dec. 24-31, 2021 – Holiday Recess, No School

Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 – MLK Day, No School

Tuesday - Friday, Jan. 25-28, 2022 – Regents Exams

Friday, Jan. 28, 2022 – Staff Development Day (ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday - Friday, Feb. 21-25, 2022 – Mid-Winter Recess, No School

Friday, March 11, 2022 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:31 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Tuesday - Wednesday, March 29-30, 2022 – Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Testing

Friday, April 8, 2022 – Staff Development Day, No School

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – Half Day for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Friday - Friday, April 15-22, 2022 – Spring Recess, No School

Tuesday - Wednesday, April 26-27, 2022 – Grades 3-8 Mathematics Testing

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – Grade 8 Science Performance Testing

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – Grade 4 Science Performance Testing

Monday, May 30, 2022 – Memorial Day, No School

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – Regents Exams - MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Monday, June 6, 2022 – Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Testing

Monday – Friday, June 13-17, 2022 – MS/HS Finals – MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Wednesday - Friday, June 15-17, 2022 – Regents Exams - MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Friday, June 17, 2022 – Last Day for Pre-K

Monday, June 20, 2022 – Juneteenth, No School

Tuesday - Thursday, June 21-23, 2022 – MS/HS Finals & Regents Exams - MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Thursday, June 23, 2022 – Last Day of School for Students

Friday, June 24, 2022 – Rating Day/Superintendent's Conference Day

Saturday, June 25, 2022 – Commencement

RAC Visit Helps Juniors and Seniors Explore College Options

On Oct. 1, 13 area colleges hosted information booths in the MS/HS Gym. Juniors and seniors were invited to speak with college representatives to learn more about academic programs and the application process, and obtain answers to any questions they may have about the college experience. The Rochester Area Colleges (RAC) sponsored the visit to Holley. This is the 10th year Holley has participated in the program. The following schools were represented at the event:

- Alfred State College
- Alfred University
- Finger Lakes Community College
- Genesee Community College
- Houghton College
- Keuka College
- Monroe Community College
- Nazareth College
- Roberts Wesleyan College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- St. John Fisher College
- SUNY Brockport
- University of Rochester



Download the Orleans Aware Preparedness App

Orleans County residents can now download the Orleans Aware Preparedness App to their mobile devices. This free app helps residents prepare and protect themselves and their families in case of a disaster. The Orleans Aware app is available to anyone using an iOS or Android device and can be downloaded directly from the App Store or Google Play.

To download:

- From your mobile device, go to <http://readydl.com/orleans-aware>
- Select **App Store** if using an iPhone or **Google Play** if using an Android smartphone
- Click **GET** icon
- Launch the app

The app includes interactive and instructional guides to help users prepare for emergencies. Orleans County can use the app to send out news alerts, hazardous weather alerts, evacuation routes and emergency shelter information. The Orleans Aware app can also be used to transmit public information about health issues and emergencies.

Fire Prevention at Holley Elementary

On Oct. 7, the Holley Fire Department demonstrated to the Pre-K-grade 3 students at Holley Elementary School what to do in case of a fire. The students practiced stop, drop and roll; crawled to stay low to the ground; watched a fireman put on his protective gear; and learned about the different tools on the fire trucks. The firefighters didn't want the children to be afraid of them in their full gear, so they demonstrated what it sounds like talking through a mask and how hard it is to hear with the head gear on.

Students from Holley Middle School/High School also participated in the fire prevention activities. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to belong to the Youth Fire Group. This group has expanded to include members who attend Kendall, Albion and Rush Henrietta schools, bringing current membership numbers to 12. The Youth Fire Group works with the Clarendon Fire Company,

and Holley and Fancher Hulberton Murray (FHM) Fire Departments. They meet every Monday at the Clarendon Fire Company and receive the

same training, with some restrictions, as adult firefighters. They use turn-out gear donated by other fire departments. Earlier in October, they ran in the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5k in Brockport while wearing their turn-out gear. Students were able to raise \$300 for cancer research through this event. The group visited Mercy Flight to explore how they respond to emergencies. The Youth Fire Group is planning a trip to New York City this spring.



Several graduates of Holley have gone through this program and are now paid firefighters or medics for ambulance services, and studying nursing or firefighting in college. "There aren't many youth groups like this across the country, but this group has been at Holley for eight years," said Clarendon Fire Assistant Chief Bob Freida. To join the Youth Fire Group, contact Chief Freida at rfreida@outlook.com or call (585) 764-6540.

Lagas Receives Golden Apple Award

What do you do when 13 of your students nominate you for a Golden Apple Award? You are shocked when these students come busting into your classroom just as you are signing on to a Zoom session with a local TV station. Holley MS/HS teacher Whitney Lagas was surprised virtually by WROC-TV (Channel 8) News Anchor Lia Lando on Sept. 29 with her award. The Golden Apple Award recognizes teachers making a difference in their communities. The segment airs weekly on WROC-TV and Lagas' episode aired on Sept. 29. Watch it at: <https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/golden-apple-award/golden-apple-congratulations-to-whitney-lagas/>.

Lagas' students cited her as being funny, sarcastic and inspirational. Her students are thankful for her advice and dedication. She's known as always being there for her students, going out of her way to help others. Her students said she is like a mom to them. Senior Breanna Girangaya said, "She always

puts things in a brighter, more positive perspective for all of us. I just wanted to show her how much we appreciate her."

Lagas has worked for the district for 13 years. While teaching is not always an easy job, for her, it's rewarding. "Especially when a student struggles with math, or with school in general, to watch that light bulb finally turn on, it's definitely worth it," she said. "I have lots of kids that I actually consider as my own children, so I'm so happy for them when they succeed."

"It means the absolute world to receive this award, especially this year," said Lagas. "It's been kind of rough to transition back to five days a week with full classes. This honor is just amazing because I love teaching! I want my students to know how much I care about them. Even if life gets them down and times get tough, they can overcome it. They can persevere and just be wonderful people. That's what I want them to remember."

School Board Recognition Week

School Board Recognition Week is Oct. 18-22, 2021. 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. 12, the district administration team recognized the BOE for their service to the district by making a \$300 donation to the John Heise Scholarship fund. Heise was a long-time educator and BOE member for the district. Board members also received gourds and cookies as thank you gifts.



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

The News 8 Golden Apple Award winners are selected based on information received through a [nomination form](#). Any professional working for or with any school district within the Rochester designated market area is eligible for this award. The nominator must submit an essay of 250 words or less describing the character of the nominee.



Whitney Lagas, at far right in the front row, is pictured with some of her students who nominated her for the award.

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, World Culture Day, Favorite Character Day and Spirit Day. On Thursday, Oct. 7, there was a pep rally in the Hawk Stadium, with classes competing against each other in a hula hoop race, three-legged race 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 mythology theme. The juniors won the float competition with their Egyptian mythology float.

On Friday night and all-day Saturday, Oct. 9, student athletes took the stage. At the Woodlands on Friday, the Holley Varsity Boys' Soccer team lost to Byron-Bergen, 1-3. At the Woodlands on Saturday, the Holley Varsity Girls' Soccer team lost to Wheatland-Chili, 0-1.





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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 2021

- 23 ACT Exam
- 25-29 Red Ribbon Week
- 26 Blood Drive, HS Aud. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 29 ES Halloween Parades, 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

November 2021

- 4 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 4 p.m.
- 5 MS/HS Picture Retake Day
- 6 SAT Exam
- 10 Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermed. Gym 2 p.m.
JV/Varsity Sports Awards, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 11 **No School, Veterans Day**
- 12 First Marking Period Ends
- 15 Winter Sports begin
Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 18 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.
- 19 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast, ES Café
Report Cards Sent Home
- 22 ES Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.

- 23 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.
- 24-26 **No School, Thanksgiving Recess**
- 29 PTSA Santa's Gift Gallery begins

December 2021

- 2 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 4 p.m.
- 3 PTSA Santa's Gift Gallery ends
- 4 SAT Exam
- 7 ES Winter Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 10 School-wide Community Service Project
Early Dismissal, Staff Development Day
 - MS/HS at 10:26 a.m.
 - ES at 11:30 a.m.
- 11 ACT Exam
ES Student Council Candy Cane Lane, ES 5-6:30 p.m.
- 14 MS/HS Winter Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 20 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 23 ES Winter Sing-a-Long, ES Intermed. Gym 2 p.m.
MS/HS Interim Reports Available Online
- 24-31 **No School, Holiday Recess**

Check the **district calendar online** for additional detail.