



# THE HAWK'S REPORT

ONE HOLLEY

NOVEMBER 2022



## Message from the Principal

November is often a time to pause, reflect, and show gratitude. It was amazing to experience Holley's Homecoming Weekend the first week of October. From the pep rally to the parade, to the Friday night football game, and then a Saturday filled with athletic events, the weekend highlighted the pride the community has in its school. While we have many differing identities making up our school, our ability to come together towards a common goal highlights our unity. We want each student to feel a sense of belonging, and hopefully Holley's Homecoming Weekend provided an opportunity for each student to feel they were part of something more. Thank you to the student council, coaches, and staff who worked tirelessly to ensure our facilities were ready, our games were positive, and our events were organized. Thank you to our students, parents, and community members who came out to support our classes for the parade and our athletes on the field and court.

I would also like to thank the staff, students, and parents who came to me with their concerns regarding Halloween costumes. I appreciate the positive conversations, the risk taken to express ideas, and most of all the willingness to listen. It is refreshing to know when there are conflicting ideas, if we listen with positive intentions, there can be compromise. Thank you for showing grace.

I hope you know the school cares deeply for the community. Each day we hope the decisions made are those that best support creating a positive environment where each student learns. Know that if you ever have a concern, we are here to listen, learn, and reflect.

Mr. Feldman

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

November 3 - PTSA Meeting at  
4:30 PM, ES Rm 49

November 5 - SAT Exam

November 9 - JV/V Fall Sports  
Awards, 7pm HS Auditorium

November 11 - No School.  
Veteran's Day

November 14 - JV/V Winter  
Sports begin

November 17 - Parent Teacher  
Conferences 3-6pm  
NHS Induction 7pm HS Aud  
Spaghetti Dinner HS Dining Hall  
5-7pm

November 21 - Board of  
Education Meeting at 6pm

November 22 - Alt HS  
Thanksgiving Feast 10:30am ES  
Cafeteria

November 23-25 - No School.  
Thanksgiving Recess



## Mental Health Minute

Planning for life after high school can be difficult. Navigating through some of these plans can be confusing and overwhelming. We wanted to share some information that may help. Seniors should continue to apply to college and complete their FAFSA before winter break. Many colleges are free to apply to and others waive their application fee. Be sure to check their website to see what they offer. New York Higher Education Services Corporation offers a lot of financial aid information and scholarship opportunities. The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination of other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY school tuition free. The program covers tuition for eligible students of families who earned \$125,000 or less per year in the tax year 2020.

As of now, most colleges are test optional which means it won't count against an admissions decision if they haven't taken or don't take the SAT and/or ACT. If you are unsure of something or need help applying to college, please contact the counseling office or the college you are applying to. We do not know if colleges will stay test optional. If you are a junior, you may want to take the SAT or ACT in the Spring or again if needed in the fall of your senior year. It is best to continue to check with the counseling office or the college you are interested in applying to in case any application requirements change.

If you are just starting high school, it is very important to take challenging courses throughout high school. If colleges stay test optional, your high school transcript will be weighed heavily when a college makes decisions on who to admit. Get involved in and out of school. Write down what you do and when you do it. By the time you are a senior, you should have a list of activities you have participated in. You will be asked to list what you have done on your college application or resume. Being able to maintain good grades while being involved in and/or out of school will show an admissions representative that you are a good candidate for their school.

**\*\*Seniors, the list of scholarships is available now on the website. You can start applying for scholarships now!**



## Hawk Talk (Athletics)

The Fall sports awards will be held on November 9th at 7pm in the High School Auditorium to recognize our JV and Varsity athletes.

Dr. Goetz will be coming to do sports physicals on 11/1 at 9am. Please call the health office at 585-638-6335 ext 5100 to be put on the list.

### Winter 2022 Start Dates:

Monday, 10/31: Modified Wrestling Begins  
(Registration now open)

Monday, 11/14: JV/V Winter Sports Begin  
(Registration now open)

Monday, 1/17: Modified Girls & Boys Basketball Begins (Registration will open 12/17)

- All student athletes must be registered & approved in Family ID prior to participating EACH season (Fall/Winter/Spring). Family ID Athletic Registration Link: [Click here](#)
- Mixed Competition Information: [Click here](#)
- The Advance Placement Process (APP) must be initiated by the Varsity Coach. Varsity Coaches will communicate with parents directly regarding any 7th and 8th grade students looking to play Varsity or JV. [Information here](#)

## Library

The library has been full of researchers lately! Economics, College Spanish, Participation in Government, and College History are some of the classes that have been exploring the information databases, books, and other library resources this month.

Makers Fridays are back, and we have worked on some Social Emotional Learning projects! Last Friday (10/14), students decorated pumpkins accompanied by a note of gratitude written to its recipient. Students had the opportunity to gift these to friends, teachers, and/or their families. The next Makers will focus on STEAM and 21st Century skills using Kava Plank collaborative construction.

If you have not already joined, here is just a reminder that Library Club meets the first Thursday of every month! At our first meeting, club members had fun writing pen pal letters to some first graders! The library also has brand new books - come check them out!





## Art

The Art department in conjunction with the PTSA are working with community businesses to showcase student artwork!

Keep a look out for students' artwork at the following locations: Van's, Wiley's Ark, Sam's Diner, Dustin's Pizzeria, Redwood Trades & Cafe, Holley Falls Restaurant, Hair Affair and Holley Community Library.

The High School and Middle School student's artwork will be displayed later in the school year! Thank you to all that have made this possible!



Artwork by Casey Onisk, 12th grade

## Volleyball Tournament

The Holley Volleyball Team is hosting a Challenge Court Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, November 19th in the High School Gym. Challenge Court is a 4 vs. 4 player tournament where each player is assigned a number and competes in a series of times games. Team members will change each game based on players' assigned numbers. Scores for each individual player are added up over the course of the tournament to determine the winner. Gift cards and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There will be 2 courts, one for adults and 1 for students. Adults cost \$10 to enter and students cost \$5. There is a limited number of players, so sign-up ASAP. Please see Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Frost, or Mrs. Pelkey for more information.

## Music

The Holley MSHS Music Department would like to wish Harrison Flanagan, Layla Jones, and Aidan Kelley luck as they travel to Bloomfield Jr/Sr High School on November 4th & 5th for the NYSSMA Zone 2 Area All-State festival. Each student was selected to the Jr. High Concert Band based on their excellent Solo Festival scores from last spring. Congratulations and good luck!

## Activity Night!

Attention all 7th, 8th, and 9th graders!!

The National Junior Honor Society is hosting an activity night! Come join us on November 10th from 6-8pm. We will be playing games in the gym along with movies, karaoke and more in the library. Admission is \$5

See you there!

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PARTY



## Student Council

The High School Student Council is one avenue for students to express their voice. We meet the third Monday of each month, or as needed, any student grades 9-12 are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The High School Student Council sponsors several events throughout the year, including spirit weeks, pep rallies, blood drives, charitable events, and other activities. We are currently working on a Holiday spirit week and a winter pep rally.