

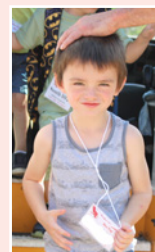
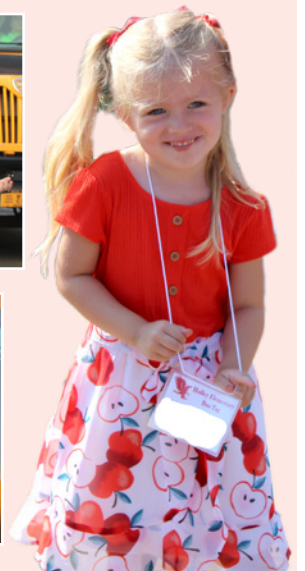


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BACK TO SCHOOL



A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings Holley Families,

The 2023-24 school year is off to a fantastic start, and we are very excited for the year ahead. Our theme this year is "Hawks Rising," as we strive to learn, grow and improve together. The school year opened with positive events such as Back to School Night and Homecoming. There has been a great deal of enthusiasm shown by students, staff and families. We are off to a successful year of Hawks

Rising and we look forward to guiding our students as they continue to rise to new challenges and reach new heights.

Items to note:

- **Strategic Plan:** Last spring, we were notified by the NYS Education Department that we are no longer on the "Target District" need of improvement list. While we are proud of this accomplishment and all our gains academically, our work is not done. We will be starting the creation of a five-year strategic plan this fall, to establish goals and actions to continue to improve as a district. If you are interested in being a part of the strategic planning team, please reach out to District Clerk Connie Nenni (638-6316 ext. 2003) for information. All families will have an opportunity to participate in the process by completing a survey, which will be sent out this fall.

- **Transportation:** We appreciate everyone's patience as we work through schedule changes and adjustments again this year due to our shortage of bus drivers. We still have an incentive program to recruit new drivers to join our transportation team. We are again offering a \$1,000 sign-on bonus to anyone who is approved, trained and remains with the district for at least a year. More information on this is found on our website. Please contact the Transportation Dept. (638-6316 ext. 2200) or Human Resources (638-6316 ext. 2323) if interested.

Thank you for your continued support of the Holley Central School District. As always, we look forward to having parent and community involvement at our school events and activities, and we appreciate your partnership in the education of your children. Together, we are Hawks Rising!

Respectfully,

Brian Bartalo
Superintendent of Schools



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 3 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.

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:

- Thursday, Nov. 16
- Thursday, Feb. 8

We hope to see you there!



Family Fitness Center Open for Community Use

The Family Fitness Center reopened on Oct. 2, featuring multiple new pieces of equipment, including new ellipticals, stationary bikes, treadmills and a rowing machine. The fitness center is open Monday through Thursday, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Elementary School.

The center is free to utilize and open to district residents ages 10 and older. 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 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 ext. 2003. We look forward to seeing the center continue to be used regularly by both returning and new fitness enthusiasts.

You are invited to the Veterans Day Assembly on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Intermediate Gym at Holley Elementary School.



Three Summers of Camp Rising Hawk

For a third summer, Camp Rising Hawk continued to help over 100 Holley students soar to new heights. The four-week, half-day program for students entering grades 1-7 offered a traditionally fun summer camp atmosphere while simultaneously meeting learning needs through daily ELA, math and social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons.

“The curriculum is always being revised to not only reflect the priority standards for math and ELA, but also to reflect the learning needs of the students that are actually attending,” said Brendan Keiser, Director of Teaching and Learning.

While many students admitted that playing on the playground was one of their favorite things to do at camp, an equal number shared that they enjoyed strengthening their math skills and being introduced to forms of math that they will see in the new school year. Some students are specifically looking forward to skills ranging from calculating averages to learning how to tell time.



Pam Schuner, who was involved in the program as an intern in its inaugural year in 2021, served as Director this year.

“The staff we have are just amazing,” said Schuner. “It is a very well-rounded program that supports all learners.”

Teachers were given multiple days to work on curriculum and collaborate with each other ahead of the program to ensure their lessons are in alignment. These efforts enable a seamless transition into the next grade level.

“The format of this program has especially allowed teachers to exercise their creativity while fostering an environment where students can refresh content from the previous school year and build confidence as they head into the new year,” said Schuner.

Speaking of creativity, for Lindsay Cooper and Nicole Ohler’s class of soon-to-be first graders, one of their weekly themes was camping. This was fitting, as many of their students had summer camping plans with

their families. Reading books about camping like “Maisy Goes Camping” by Lucy Cousins helped set the scene and addressed camping-related challenges that often arise and how to overcome them.

Like previous years, SEL has remained a priority at camp, infusing daily games that exercised soft skills while students were up and moving. The activities incorporated honesty, teamwork, emotions, fairness, problem solving and self-control. These games, facilitated by Physical Education Teachers Lori Passarell and Sharon Gross, were revisited and played on the last day of camp during field day.

“Camp Rising Hawk has evolved into its own annual event filled with traditions,” said Keiser. “The last day is always a field day, celebrating all that has been learned and the new friendships made.”

The program continues to be funded through emergency COVID-19 funds, but options for the future will be explored based on community needs.



10 Years of Free Summer Meals

From July to August 2023, Holley CSD’s Free Summer Meals program served a total of 2,598 free meals to the community. This is the 10th year the school has partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for this program.

“This continues to be a great program for families to take advantage of in the summer to help feed the kids some of their favorite foods,” said Food Services Director Vickie Scroger. “Holley is an open site and anybody who has children between the ages of 1 to 18 can come to Holley and get a nutritious breakfast or lunch during the summer.”

One community member who had children enrolled in both Camp Rising Hawk at the ES and the Summer Recreation program across the street said, “it was relieving to have this option and not have to worry about preparing breakfast or lunch.”

Students also showed their appreciation. Some shared that it gets expensive for their parents to provide food and are glad they have the option of free meals. “If it wasn’t free, I wouldn’t have any lunch!” said one third grader eating lunch after Camp Rising Hawk. Some of the student’s favorite meals included breakfast pizza and spaghetti.

The 2024 Free Summer Meals program will run from July 8 – August 8.



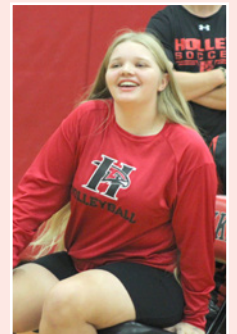
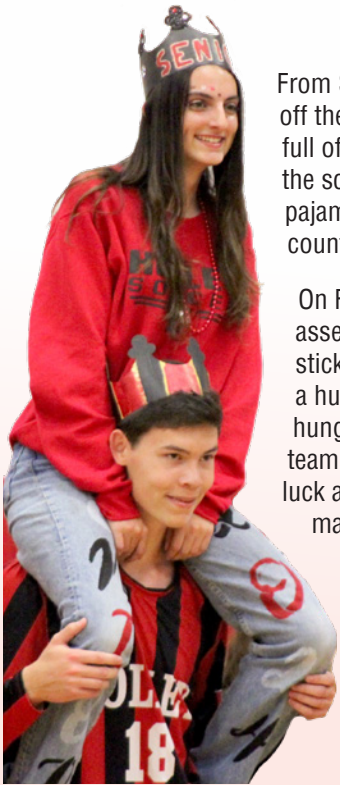
Homecoming Week 2023

From Sept. 25-30, the MS/HS and ES spirit was off the charts leading up to a weekend packed full of special events. Daily themes throughout the schools included class color day, beach day, pajama day, Barbie and Ken day, country club vs. country western day, and school spirit day.

On Friday, MS/HS students participated in a pep assembly where classes competed for the spirit stick through friendly competitions including a hula-hoop relay, musical chairs and hungry, hungry hippos. During the assembly, athletic teams were introduced and wished good luck as many of them competed in home matches on Saturday.

That evening, each MS/HS class participated in the Homecoming Parade. The theme for the floats this year was countries. The senior class float came in first place with their portrayal of the USA, but creativity was not lacking from any of the class floats. The freshmen had France, sophomores had Italy, juniors had Great Britain and middle schoolers had Mexico. Many MS and HS students ended the evening by attending the homecoming dances.

Saturday Varsity Game Highlights: at The Woodlands, the Girls Varsity Soccer team defeated Leroy and the Boys Varsity Soccer Team tied Roy-Hart under the lights after going into double overtime.



Over 40 Former Players Return For 2023 Alumni Soccer Game

Amid Homecoming festivities, an alumni soccer game was held under the lights at The Woodlands on Friday, Sept. 29. Many Holley graduates returned to spectate and participate. There weren't just alumni playing on the field; former cheerleaders took to the sidelines, 1969 Holley player and former professional soccer player David Landry did the coin flip, and 1993 player and Hawks Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Hai Nguyen refereed the game. Player and cheerleader graduation years ranged from 1990 to 2019. The co-ed match ended in a 3-3 draw. Thank you to the alumni who took the time to organize the event and to all for a memorable night.



Cheerleaders Earn First Place

Holley Varsity Cheerleading took first place in their division at the Phyllis Greene Cheer Competition on Oct. 8. This was their first time competing as a Game Day cheerleading squad.

Game Day cheer gives teams a forum to compete in categories that reflect what they do on the sidelines to engage the crowd and demonstrate school traditions. The routine is three minutes long and has four sections; band chant, situational sideline, crowd cheer and band dance. In the winter, the cheer team competes in Competitive Cheer, which requires a two-and-a-half-minute high-energy routine with music that includes stunts, jumps, and tumbling, and is judged based on difficulty and execution.

Jose-Angel Valentin, a junior on the team, received the Phyllis Greene Do What You Love award based on his performance. Congrats to all! They will compete in three other competitions to prepare for the Game Day Cheerleading Sectional Tournament at Gates Chili High School on Oct. 28.



MS/HS 2023-24 Yearbooks are available for pre-order!

Scan the QR code or visit link: <https://www.jostens.com/> to place your order. Please contact Whitney Lagas, wlagas@holleycsd.org, with any questions.



Ski Club Deadline Approaching

MS/HS Ski Club members must have their passes and packages purchased by November 15!

Go to the Holley CSD website under the news section for instructions. Questions? Contact Mark Thomas at mthomas@holleycsd.org.

Fall Hawk Athletes of the Week



Zoey Wolf, Girls' Varsity Soccer; Jose Angel Valentin, Varsity Cheerleading; Destin Kuyal, Varsity Football; Christopher Mosier, Boys' Varsity Soccer; and Keon Haughton, Boys' Varsity Soccer. October Hawk Athletes and Genesee Region recognitions will be shared in the next issue.

Holley Senior Named Teen of The Week

Holley senior Lorenzo Zaragoza was named Batavia Daily Teen of the Week for the week of Sept. 24-30. He is now one of 58 students who are candidates to be named the 2023-'24 Teen of the Year. Lorenzo was nominated by his school counselors for his leadership skills and ability to connect with fellow students. Lorenzo is the recipient of the Keuka College "George Ball" Award, a 2022-23 Roc2Change Student Leader and a SOAR peer mentor. He plays varsity soccer and is a two-year captain on the team where he was awarded the Sportsmanship award for the 2022 season. He plays varsity tennis, is on the high honor roll, is fluent in Spanish and works for his family business, Lorenzo's Mexican Products Inc.

"Intelligent and personable, he relates well to others while at the same time maintaining his own individuality," said Counselor Andrew Ruff. "Lorenzo has excelled in our most challenging academic courses. He is a goal-oriented young man who holds learning and personal growth as high priorities in his life. His teachers and I are particularly impressed with Lorenzo's sense of responsibility and personal initiative." Congratulations to Lorenzo.

Holley Senior Awarded Grand Prize at VFW National Convention

The VFW hosted two national patriotic art scholarships last year, one for two-dimensional art and a new category for three-dimensional art. Senior Kayla Neale is enrolled in the Visual Arts program at Holley. She had the opportunity to create a mixed media "Eagle Perched on An Ash Log" sculpture using scraps of recycled materials. In the spring of 2023, the Holley local VFW assisted Kayla in entering her sculpture into the VFW's Patriotic Art Scholarship contest in the three-dimensional art category. Her eagle was shipped to Albany for statewide judging where she won, earning her a plaque and \$150. She was gifted an additional \$150 from Holley VFW Post 202.



The eagle was then transported to Arizona for the 110th Annual National Convention of the VFW. This is where it won first place at the national level and Kayla won the \$2,500 grand prize. "Eagle Perched on An Ash Log" is currently displayed at the Holley Middle/High School in the foyer; afterwards, it will be displayed at Holley VFW Post 202. We are immensely proud of Kayla's efforts, determination and vision!



1990 and 1991 State Championship Soccer Teams Inducted into Hawks Sports Hall of Fame

On Saturday, Sept. 30, the Holley Central School District in partnership with the Holley Sports Boosters inducted the 1990 and 1991 Class D State Championship boys varsity soccer teams into the Holley Hawks Sports Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held under the lights at the Woodlands between the girls' varsity soccer and boys' varsity soccer Homecoming contests.

Following tradition, the inductees exited from behind the trees and onto the field to the sound of "Hells Bells" by AC/DC playing over the speaker. Together, they walked to centerfield alongside Coach Dan Orbaker and Assistant Coach Jim Palermo where they were introduced. They each wore Hawk Red headbands that read "Have no heart! Feel no pain!"

Articles from the 1990 and 1991 December editions of Holley's Dimension newsletter were read aloud at the ceremony.

"For the first time in Section V history, a team has won the state championship two years in a row," wrote Orbaker in 1991. "What the team did was incredible, a record of 24-0-1. The greatest record in school history once again brought Holley a place in state history. The TEAM concept was critical to their success, and through their hard work, determination and trust in each other they truly became champions!"

Along with the two teams, Coach Dan Orbaker was individually inducted into the Holley Sports Hall of Fame that evening. Orbaker retired from his role as a high school chemistry teacher and varsity boys' soccer Coach at Holley in 2019 after 33 years. In that time, the Hawks secured 15 Genesee Region League titles, 9 Section V championships and 2 state titles. Inducted into the Section V Hall of Fame in 2019, Orbaker led the Hawks to over 450 wins and was named Section V Coach of the Year 10 times.

"For 33 years, the Holley boys' soccer team filled these bleachers with hundreds of fans," said Orbaker's wife, Darlene Orbaker, when she spoke at the ceremony. "Game nights were when many in Holley and neighboring towns would plan to meet up, have a chicken sandwich, maybe some of the Sport Boosters famous hand cut fries, and a hot apple cider while they anxiously awaited...the BELLS. Those bells are symbolic of many things beyond winning, they symbolize brotherhood and legacy. A brotherhood and legacy of a time Dan bonded with hundreds of players over the love of the game of soccer."

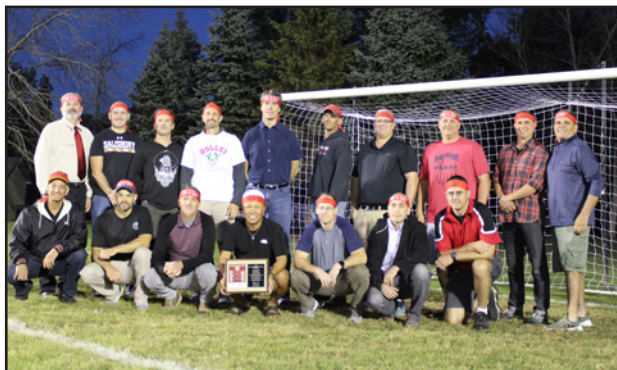
Adding to the excitement, the Holley varsity boys soccer team tied Roy-Hart 2-2 following the induction that evening after going into double overtime. Playing in goal for the Hawks is senior Cavan Bennage, son of 1990 team member and inductee Mike Bennage. It was truly a special night. Congratulations to the inductees.



1990: Front Row: Scott Seely, Lee Dillenbeck, Keith Jarosinski, Hai Nguyen, Nick Hansen, Frank Mitchell and Ben Schiavone. Back Row: Coach Dan Orbaker, Tan Le, John Gorman, Brian Hein, Jeff Dinehart, Jason Rees, Rob Requa, Steve Young, Orlando Perez, Chris Mitchell, Mike Bennage, Carl Pedly, Ian Casperson, Chip Sugar and Assistant Coach Jim Palermo. Absent: Nick Voges.



1991: Front Row: Scorekeeper Julie Pasarell, Floyd Hanes, Orlando Perez, Jeff Dinehart, Hai Nguyen, Mark Golden and Carl Pedley. Back Row: Dan Haslip, Grant Seaward, Reuben Kernan, Ian Caspersson, Andres Rick, John Gorman, Rob Requa, Anders Voigt, Bill Sargent, Chris Mitchell, Steve Young and Coach Dan Orbaker.



Holley Football Program Welcomes Lyndonville Players with Open Arms

If you made it to a varsity football game this season, you may have been introduced to some unfamiliar faces on the field and in the stands. That's because this was the first year Holley merged with Lyndonville, which helped meet a player roster of 18 as Holley entered its sixth year in the 8-man program.

Holley pivoted from an 11-man to an 8-man program in 2018, a trend which is becoming more common throughout the Genesee Region. In 8-man competition, the width of the field is reduced to 40 yards, 13 1/3 yards narrower than the 11-man field.

In fact, from 1948-1955, Holley had a 6-man football program. It was almost 50 years later that the school reinstated football in 2002 as an 11-man program.

When looking to rebuild programs, merging players from neighboring schools and dropping from 11 to 8 on the field is a competitive option for small schools. This season, Holley/Lyndonville had seven scheduled games against other 8-man teams.

"It is a win-win for both schools," said Athletic Director Daniel Courtney. "The merger creates opportunities for a lot of students."



Holley seniors Anthony Fallotto, Shawn McCallister and Lyndonville's Patrick Hargrave.

was brought to the Hawk's nest. While the uniforms are still Hawk Red, and the games are on Hawk grounds, "we want our Lyndonville players to be proud to be part of this program," said Prince. "We would love to see this merger continue to grow for years to come."

"We really wanted to make the Lyndonville players and community feel welcome," added Courtney.

Team members and coaches shared their excitement about the merger with WHAM-TV, WHEC-TV and Spectrum News earlier in the season.

The program looks forward to growing its numbers at both the modified A and varsity levels with Lyndonville's help.

Other merged programs at Holley include wrestling and marching band which are combined with Kendall to create more opportunities for students.



"Our main goal is to be as successful as we can and to build the program back to what it was," said Head Coach Wil Prince.

With new players, a whole new atmosphere

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. 21, 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!

SOAR Orientation Program Takes Flight for Second Year

by Nicole Solazzo, MS/HS Counselor

This summer, Holley MS/HS hosted its second annual seventh grade orientation program, SOAR. SOAR stands for Scholarship, Opportunity, Achievement and Responsibility. SOAR is a mentoring program where 11th and 12th grade students become peer mentors to incoming seventh graders. This program helps transition students from the ES to the MS/HS.

On August 17, 18 SOAR leaders welcomed the Holley Class of 2029. While there, MS/HS Principal Matt Feldman introduced himself and addressed the group. "Fitting in should not be your goal," said Feldman. "We do not fit in at Holley. That would mean we would have to give up a part of ourselves. We want you to come to school as your full selves. We are not asking you to be perfect; we are asking you to bring the best version of yourself to school each day." The incoming students were then split into smaller groups to learn all the key elements of starting seventh grade. These included learning to read the schedule, touring the school, finding out what clubs and activities are offered, and making valuable connections to other students in the building. Students worked together to create team names and posters that are displayed in the middle school hallway.

Students engaged in teambuilding challenges and created friendships that will last throughout the year and beyond. The counseling team is looking forward to watching the Holley Class of 2029 SOAR in the MS/HS.



Students Explore Trades at GLOW With Your Hands

by Nicole Solazzo, MS/HS Counselor

On Sept. 26, Holley ninth and 10th graders attended GLOW With Your Hands Career Day. Two chaperones and 30 students traveled to Genesee County Fairgrounds for a day highlighting the trades. This event was started to bring attention to the workforce opportunities that exist right within our region, create career awareness and encourage students to experience something new. Students experienced a variety of different things such as bricklaying, maple syrup tapping, heavy equipment operation, welding and virtual reality trade work. The event featured hands-on activities in manufacturing, skilled trades, construction and agribusiness. Over the course of the day, students learned of the many different engaging opportunities for trade work in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming (GLOW) counties.



MS/HS Hosts College Fair

On Oct. 2, the Rochester Area College Fair visited the MS/HS gymnasium where juniors and seniors got the chance to visit with representatives from the following colleges:

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

Hawk Heroes Introduced Alongside Fifth Year of Positivity Project

Holley Elementary School is embarking on the fifth year of its school-wide character strength program: the Positivity Project. The program is rooted in the belief that other people matter, and the pillars of the program are kindness, bravery, gratitude, collaboration and instilling a love of learning. The language and teachings of the weekly character strengths are integrated with daily morning announcements, daily classroom mini-lessons and reinforced throughout all areas of the school.

In conjunction with the Positivity Project, the elementary mental health staff designed an extension of the program called Hawk Heroes. It was created to acknowledge students who have exhibited a specific character strength that the Positivity Project focuses on. Each month, staff will nominate students who they feel best exemplify the monthly trait. The mental health staff then randomly pulls names and recognizes those students with donated gift cards and special tokens of appreciation.

The Hawk Hero mascot will be displayed in the cafeteria to remind all students what they can work toward. The Hero will have inter-changeable traits on its chest to signify each Positivity Project

character strength. The traits for each month are

as follows: October: Creativity, November: Bravery, December: Self-Control, January: Perseverance, February: Love, March: Perspective, April: Fairness, May: Enthusiasm, and June: Leadership.



Pre-K Continues Grandparent's Tea Tradition

Pre-K classes celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sept. 21 by inviting students' grandparents to the Elementary School Café for Grandparent's Tea. After performing "You Are My Sunshine," "Skidamarink" and "Rise and Shine," the children presented hand-made keepsakes to their grandparents. They then joined their special guests at their tables for a tea of juice and cookies. This event helps students complete their classroom unit on families.



Heroes Thanked on Patriot Day



On Patriot Day, second graders at the ES spent time in their classrooms talking about the heroes of 9/11 and how our country united to thank them. They then made hearts to say thank you to their heroes and gave them to Holley school security, local fire fighters and police officers!

Service Pins

At Opening Day on August 31, over 30 district staff members received recognition for reaching service milestones.



5 years

Jane DelGudico – MS/HS Spanish Teacher
 Lindsay Fredendall – Teacher Aide
 Amy Bennage – Teaching Assistant
 James D’Andrea – Custodial Worker
 Tristin Mitchell – ES Teacher
 Kelsey Yantz – ES Teacher



20 years

Karri Schiavone – ES Principal
 Kevin Selbig – MS/HS Special Ed Teacher
 Cheryl Kipp – ES Teacher
 Valarie Webb – MS/HS Math Teacher
 Sandy Smith – MS/HS Special Ed Teacher
 Melissa Kinsey – ES Teacher

Not in photo: Penny Cole – MS/HS
 Counseling Administrative Assistant



10 years

Ben Ainsworth – Custodial Worker
 George Goldthrite – School Bus Driver
 Jennifer Michael – School Bus Attendant
 Eileen Galagher – School Bus Attendant
 Sonya Schicker – Café Aide
 Kristen Pelkey – MS/HS Science Teacher
 Bottom row:
 Andrew Grillo – MS/HS PE Teacher
 Melanie Richards – MS/HS English Teacher
 Dan Courtney – MS/HS Assistant Principal/
 Athletic Director

Not in photo:
 Tom Flow – School Bus Driver

Thank you & congrats!



15 years

Ben Slate – Teaching Assistant
 Kim Harrington – ES Teacher
 Gerold Mauro – School Bus Driver
 Dave Brooks – School Bus Driver
 Jodi Foster – Teacher Aide
 Cindy Jones – Cleaner
 Stacey Morlino – Teacher Aide
 Connie Nenni – District Clerk/Admin.
 Assistant to the Superintendent



25 years

Michelle Williamson – ES Special Ed Teacher
 Karin Richards – ES Teacher

School Board Recognition Week

School Board Recognition Week was October 16-20, 2023. Thank you to the Holley Board of Education (BOE) members for all you do to support the Holley community. Board members were recognized at the Holley BOE meeting on Oct. 16.



Back row, from left, Tracy Van Ameron, Vice President Salvatore De Luca Jr. and Trina Lorentz.
 Front row, from left, President Anne Winkley, Brian McKeon and Anne Smith.

ES September Students of the Month

Leon King	Evalena Adams
Kyleigh Diel	Lukas Le
Baylee Lowe	Wyatt Vazzana
Melody Gartland	Lily Wing
Aiden O’Brien	Arianna Rivera
Sara Yohe	Vivian Applegate
Audrey Pahman	Ava Steiner
Reece Passarell	Matthew Fittos
Ruthie Davis	Aubrey Knowlton
Ivy Kerstetter	Colton Schneider
Jesse Rivera	Alayna Rivera
Tiana Jones	Willow Herry
Madeline Farrell	Claire Boss
Carly Siebert	William Kingdollar
Brantley Satterley	Harper Riesman
Allison Gallert	Mia Moyer

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.
- 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.

New Board Member Appointed

We are excited to announce the newest member of the Holley Board of Education, Jennifer Reisman. Jennifer was appointed at the October 16, 2023, Board of Education meeting to fill the vacant seat of former Board member and President Robin Silvis. Jennifer's appointed term will end on May 21, 2024, which is the date of the annual Board Election and Budget Vote. During the Sept. Board of Education meeting, Anne Winkley was appointed as Board President and Salvatore De Luca Jr., as Vice President.



About Jennifer:

Jennifer Reisman has been a resident of Holley for 10 years. Jen and her husband have two children at Holley Elementary. Jen is a graduate of Williamson High School, and her husband is a Holley alumnus. Jen graduated from SUNY Delhi with an associate degree in hospitality management and a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a concentration in hospitality. Professionally, Jen works as a financial analyst for the University of Rochester. Jen and her family are local business owners, where they consistently strive to be a positive entity in the community. Having children who will be students in the school system for many years to come, Jen has a keen interest in maximizing the effectiveness of the school system. As a school board member, Jen will challenge herself and others to make the best decisions for the students, staff and all residents of the Holley School District.

Fun in the Fall

On Sept. 26, second grade classes hosted their very first Fall Fun Festival at the Fireman's Field. They had lots of fun seeing their parents and guardians, and participating in all kinds of creative fall-themed games and activities! Some of the activities included pumpkin bowling, gourd toss, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, painting pumpkins, a fall scavenger hunt, candy corn bingo, spooky face painting, and more. They hope to continue this event annually.



Welcome New Staff



Bridget Aina
ES Teacher



Annette Allis
HS Science Teacher,
Alternative School



Jamie Bish
MS Math Teacher,
Alternative School



Dillon Boyle
HS Social Studies Teacher,
Alternative School



Jayden Ciravola
Computer Specialist



Madison Day
Custodial Worker



Caroline Finucane
Custodial Worker



Patrick Gallagher
Bus Driver



Bonita Gekoski
Cafeteria Aide



Mariah Grabowski
Clerk, Transportation



Ashley Grillo
MS Science Teacher



Jessica Haggerton
ES Special Education
Teacher



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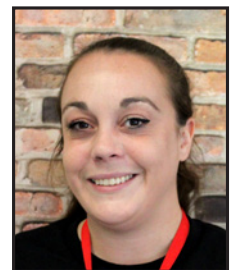
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How We Communicate with Parents and Residents

The Holley Central School District has a variety of communication 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, Facebook and Twitter/X 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. You can also find our district social

media channels linked on our website, so be sure to “like” us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter/X which are linked on our website home page.

- **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 2023-24 Holley Central School District calendar is posted online. To view or export the calendar, visit <https://www.holleycsd.org/calendar.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 can be found online at <http://www.holleycsd.org/ParentHandbooks.aspx>.



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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. Visit the district website to see the full calendar of events for the 2023-24 school year.

Friday, Nov. 10, 2023 – Veterans Day, No School

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, Half-day for Elementary Students (dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday - Friday, Nov. 22-24, 2023 – Thanksgiving Recess, No School

Friday, Dec. 8, 2023 – Staff Development Day, Half Day for PreK-12 Students (MS/HS dismissed at 10:30 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Friday - Monday, Dec. 22, 2023 - Jan. 1, 2024 – Holiday Recess, No School

Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 – MLK Day, No School

Tuesday - Friday, Jan. 23-26, 2024 – Regents Exams

Friday, Jan. 26, 2024 – Staff Development Day, Half Day for PreK-12 Students (MS/HS dismissed at 10:30 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday - Friday, Feb. 19-23, 2024 – Mid-Winter Recess, No School

Friday, March 15, 2024 – Staff Development Day, Half Day for PreK-12 Students (MS/HS dismissed at 10:30 a.m., ES dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Friday-Monday, March 29 - April 8, 2024 – Spring Recess, No School

Wednesday - Thursday, April 10-11, 2024 – Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Testing

Friday, April 26, 2024 – Staff Development Day, No School

Wednesday-Thursday, May 1-2, 2024 – Grades 3-8 Mathematics Testing

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – Grade 8 Science Testing

Monday, May 27, 2024 – Memorial Day, No School

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – MS/HS Finals & Regents Exams, MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Friday, June 14, 2024 – MS/HS Finals & Regents Exams, MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Monday-Tuesday, June 17-18, 2024 – MS/HS Finals & Regents Exams, MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – Juneteenth, No School

Thursday-Friday, June 20-21, 2024 – MS/HS Finals & Regents Exams, MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Thursday, June 25, 2024 – Last Day of School for Students

Friday, June 26, 2024 – Rating Day/Superintendent's Conference Day

Saturday, June 29, 2024 – Commencement

Important Event Dates This Year

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

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 – Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 – JV/Varsity Fall Sports Awards, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 – MS/HS Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 – ES Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 – All County Performance at Albion CSD

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 – ES Kids Heart Challenge, ES Int. Gym, 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2024 – All County Performance at Kendall CSD

Thursday, March 7, 2024 – JV/Varsity Winter Sports Awards, HS Aud, 7 p.m.,

Friday, March 8, 2024 – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Saturday March 9, 2024 – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – District Choral Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 28, 2024 – District Band Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 28, 2024 – K-12 District Art Show, MS/HS Foyer, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – Annual Board of Education Meeting & Meet the Candidates Night, District Office Board Room, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – Blood Drive, MS/HS Aud, 10 a.m.-4p.m.

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – Senior Citizen Breakfast, ES Café, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – Budget Vote & Board Member Election, MS/HS Foyer, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday, May 24, 2024 – Memorial Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 30, 2024 – MS/HS Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – ES Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 6, 2023 – JV/Varsity Spring Sports Awards, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 - Holley-Kendall Marching Band Showcase & Awards, Hawk Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 14, 2024 – Flag Day Parade, ES, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 29, 2024 – Commencement

Music Boosters

All parents of band and/or choir students in the ES and MS/HS are encouraged to join the Holley Music Boosters! Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the MS/HS Band Room at 6 p.m. We will be planning upcoming fundraisers and events to benefit our Holley musicians!



Reminder of Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Thursday, Nov. 16, 3-6 p.m. MS/HS
- Monday, Nov. 20, 3:30-6:30 p.m. ES
- Tuesday, Nov. 21, 12:30-3:30 p.m. ES

There will be early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. from the ES on Nov. 21 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. 20. At the MS/HS, teachers will be contacting parents to schedule conferences. You are welcome to schedule one for yourself by contacting Roxanne Wagner 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. 16.



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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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Job Opportunities

Hiring Bus Drivers to safely transport our students!



The district is offering paid training and a \$1,000 sign-on bonus* according to the following timeline:

- Paid training is provided by the district upon hiring.
 - \$500 is paid upon completion of training and Board of Education approval.
 - \$500 is paid upon completion of one year of employment.
- *Applies to new bus drivers hired after 10/1/22.*

To apply:

Complete the Orleans County Civil Service application: <https://www.holleycsd.org/JobOpportunities1.aspx> and return it to the Holley District Office at 3800 North Main St., Holley, NY 14470.

Contact District Clerk Connie Nenni with any questions: 585-638-6316, ext. 2003 or cnenni@holleycsd.org.