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High School Students Host December Day of Caring

The Interact Club and High School Student Council conducted a collection drive for their first Day of Caring in December. They collected needed items for Elderwood of Lakeside, PAWS Animal Shelter and Holley Community Center. Forty-three students sacrificed their first day of holiday recess on Dec. 23 to deliver donated items to all three organizations and work at each location. They washed dishes; played with, walked and cleaned up after shelter dogs; unloaded pet food; met with nursing

home residents; and performed random acts of kindness in the community. These random acts included leaving over \$300 worth of gift cards in various amounts on people's cars. High school students asked to do a Day of Caring this year, and they worked with the Holley Rotary Club and Interact Club Advisor Samantha Zelent to coordinate the activities. Students would like to thank everyone who helped with the collection drive.

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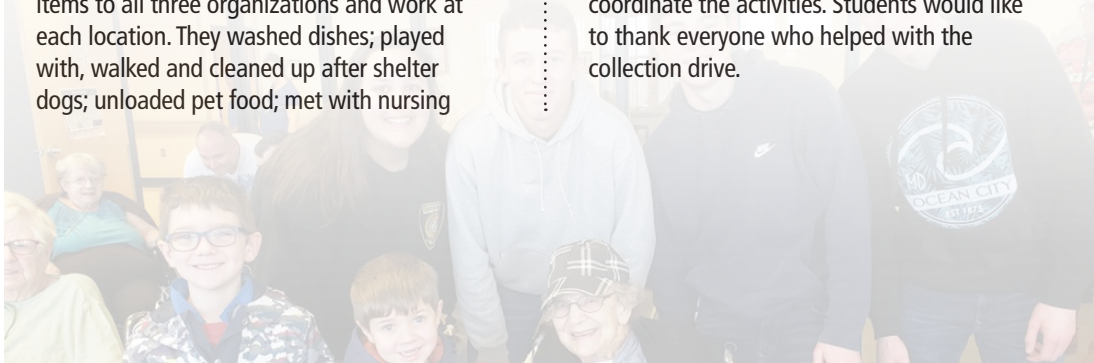
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A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings Holley Families,

Happy New Year! We are excited at Holley CSD for all that 2020 has to offer. We continue to work hard to improve our school district to provide the best education possible for our students. We've seen some progress on our goals, but we are still working on finding ways to get better. We appreciate your ongoing support and feedback.

If you're a parent of a current Holley student, hopefully, you have completed our family engagement survey. If not, please check your email, go to the survey link on our [district website](#) or contact your child's school to gain access to the survey. The survey is part of our district improvement plan. The data collected from it will help us learn more about how we can improve communication to families and our overall school-to-home connection. Thank you!

It's the midpoint of our school year, and we've already begun our budgeting process for next year. The Board of Education has received the first pieces of information that go into building our budget for the 2020-21 school year. This is always a challenge, as the state aide factor is always unknown until later in the spring. The Board will have budget updates and "workshops" at our regular board meetings through our May 19 budget vote date, and the public is invited to attend. We want to have a responsible budget for the

community that falls within NYS guidelines and provides the best education possible for our students.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the Holley community for all the recent efforts to support others during great times of need. From the holiday season filled with generous amounts of giving to the community rallying to support the victims of the recent house fire in the village, you always band together to help students in need. I am humbled and impressed by how this district and community work together to support their own. For that, I'm extremely grateful to be your superintendent as I am always reminded of how much Holley truly cares. We are truly #HolleyStrong!

I hope this issue of the Dimension highlights for you many of the wonderful things that have happened in our district recently, while also giving you information about upcoming events and activities. I appreciate your partnership in serving the students of the Holley Central School District. Thank you for reading our newsletter!

Go Hawks

Brian Bartalo
Superintendent of Schools

Invitation for Annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on May 7

Holley Central School District would like to thank you for your continuous support of our students and schools. Please join us for the 15th Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, May 7, from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Holley Elementary Café. Transportation is available, so please let us know if you need a ride when you RSVP. You may RSVP by calling Connie Nenni at 585-638-6316, ext. 2003 by Friday, May 1.

You can also RSVP by completing the form below and mailing it by **May 1** to: Holley District Office at 3800 North Main Street, Holley, NY 14470.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

☐ Yes, I need transportation _____ Number attending the breakfast _____

Did you attend Holley High School? _____ If so, what year did you graduate? _____

Petitions for Board of Education

Any district resident interested in running for the Holley Central School District Board of Education must submit a petition on or before 5 p.m. on April 20, 2020. Petitions are available in the District Office or by calling District Clerk Connie Nenni at 638-6316, extension 2003. The petition must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of Holley Central School District. The petition may be submitted at any time during business hours to the District Clerk, as long as the deadline of April 20 at 5 p.m. is met.

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms of office commencing on July 1, 2020. Current board members Robin Silvis and Andrea Newman have terms that expire on June 30, 2020.

The school budget vote and board member election is on Tuesday, May 19 from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Holley Middle School/High School Foyer.

Food for Families

Mid-winter recess is fast approaching in February. We know that a week with no school in session means hungry mouths to feed. Our Food for Families program can help with those "extra" meals that the kids will now be home for. This program provides your family with a small bag of food to help get through the week off from school. This program is first come, first served, so please call Roxanne Wagner in the MS/HS Main Office at 638-6318, extension 5500 to reserve your food. The registration deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 11, by 1 p.m. Unfortunately, there is no "drop off" service. You will need to pick up your food on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Center.

Budget Vote Reminder

Save the date to vote on the school budget and board member election on May 19 from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Holley Middle School/High School Foyer. More information about the vote and election will be available in the Budget News that comes out in early May.

"High School Musical"

Holley MS/HS will be hosting several performances of "High School Musical" from March 13-14. The musical tells the story of a group of high school students who are auditioning and rehearsing for their school's musical. What happens when students defy stereotypes and stretch themselves by taking on new roles within their community? What happens when the drama on stage overlaps into real life? To find out, attend one of the shows taking place on March 13 at 7 p.m. or March 14 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased online at www.showtix4u.com or in the MS/HS Main Office. All seating is reserved.

SAVE THE DATE

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration on March 18

Holley Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration will occur on Wednesday, March 18 from 1-5 p.m. **only**. Registration will be held in the Elementary Library Classroom. Bring the following documents to register your child: birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency (for example, utility bill). You will **not** be able to register without these documents.

Pre-K and Kindergarten health physicals are required to be completed by September 1, 2020.

No Pre-K registration will be allowed before March 18.

To be eligible to register for Pre-K, children must be 4 years old by December 1, 2020. To be eligible to register for Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2020.

If you have any questions, please call Karen Bower at 585-638-6318, extension 2580.

Giving Tree Fulfills Holiday Need in Holley

Thank you to the faculty and staff at the MS/HS and ES for participating in the Giving Tree this year. Each person picked a tag off the tree and bought a present for the child specified. The presents were then wrapped and picked up by the Eastern Orleans Community Center to be distributed before the holidays. This picture shows what was picked up at the ES; there were even more gifts picked up at the MS/HS. Thank you to the PR Committee for coordinating this community outreach effort again!

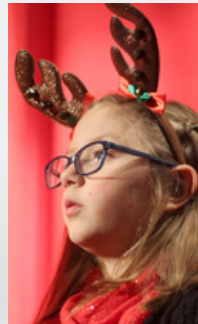
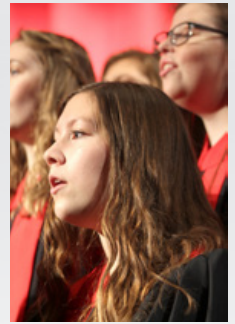


December was Full of Holiday Music

In December, Holley students entertained their families and friends with the sounds of holiday music. Two concerts took place in the MS/HS Auditorium, with grades 4-6 performing on Dec. 3 and grades 7-12 performing on Dec. 5. The Elementary Chorus began the first concert, and was followed by the Concert Band. Each group performed four songs each, with the chorus directed by Samantha Heagerty and band directed by Brandon McArde, who are both music teachers at the Elementary School.

The Middle School Chorus and Band kicked off the second concert, followed by the Concert Choir and Band. Traditional favorites such as "O Holy Night" were performed alongside modern songs like "White Winter Hymnal" by Pentatonix. The chorus and choir were directed by Kelly Marzano and the bands by Zachary Busch, who are both music teachers at the MS/HS.

Congratulations to all on their fine performances!



MS Students Celebrate Before Holiday Recess

Right before holiday recess, the seventh and eighth graders attended an assembly to celebrate their accomplishments so far this school year. Students were recognized and cheered on by their peers for attaining honor roll, participating in clubs and/or winter sports teams, and having birthdays in the fall/winter. Led by Assistant Principal Dan Courtney and MS Coordinator Matt Hennard, the event helped students practice "social intelligence" which is one of the character traits they have worked on this year. Social intelligence is being aware of other's thoughts and feelings, and understanding why people behave in certain ways. Attributes of social intelligence are compassion, altruism, pity, sympathy and empathy. After the assembly, students went to the cafeteria for popcorn and juice. Students spent the remainder of the afternoon having fun by visiting one of three spaces: watching "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" in the auditorium, playing games or using the makerspace in the library, or playing recreational games in the gym.



From left, Principal Susan Cory and Assistant Principal Dan Courtney attend the assembly.

Students Help with Holleydays of Shopping Setup

On Dec. 4, approximately 24 students, including members of the Interact Club, volunteered to set up the Elementary Primary Gym for the Holleydays of Shopping event on Dec. 5-6. Students worked with Social Workers Samantha Zelent, Stacey Braley and Kelly Bates, and Counselor Wanda Farrell to bring donated gift items to the gym, sort them into categories, and arrange them on tables, floors, shelves and the stage so that district families could shop for holiday presents. The shopping event helped 62 families, including 139 children, receive gifts this year. Any remaining items were packed up by the cheerleading team and sent to the Community Center. "We cannot thank the community and local organizations enough for the support we received this year," said Kelly Bates, Elementary School social worker and coordinator of Holleydays of Shopping. "Everyone who donated their time, money and/or gifts made this event possible. I am so proud to be a part of such a dedicated community and district!" Thank you to Clarendon Lions Club; Community Free Library; Disciples United Methodist Church; Dr. Daniel Schiavone, DDS; First Presbyterian Church of Holley; Girl Scout

Troop 82204; Holley Rotary Club; Holley VFW Post Auxiliary 202; Mitchell Family Funeral Homes; Thompson Dental Care; and numerous staff and community members. Just like the back of the Interact Club students' t-shirts states, this community believes in "Service Above Self."



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- Kelly Bates, Elementary School social worker and coordinator of Holleydays of Shopping.



Theatre Guild Performance

On Dec. 18, Holley Elementary Theatre Guild students performed the play "What Could Go Wrong The Night Before Christmas." It was a play about how the words and tone you use affect others. Think it through before you talk to someone. Thirty students in grades 4-6 participated in the play, which they had been working on since the beginning of the year. In the words of co-director Alexa Downey, "they were like *Hollywood* professionals!"



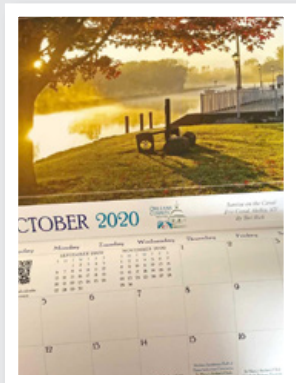
Holley Students Raising Funds for Polar Plunge

The Senior High School Student Council is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Polar Plunge event held at Ontario Beach Park on Feb. 9. Members of the Holley Central School District community are invited to join the Holley team and/or make a donation through the Holley Hawks Plunge page: http://events.nyso.org/site/TR/Plunge/POLARPLUNGE?team_id=7836&pg=team&fr_id=1910. Contact Student Council President Callie Updike or Senior High Student Council Advisor Jim Di Sessa to make a donation or to find out more information about joining the team. This fundraiser benefits the Special Olympics New York organization. Last year, over \$2,100 was raised by the Holley team; let's see if we can exceed that amount this year!

Portfolio Class Uses Photos for Future Projects

Students in Brandi Zavitz's Portfolio class travel to the Village of Holley in October to take photos of the canal basin, Holley Falls and downtown Holley. These photos will be used for future painting projects.

Senior Tori Rich entered her photo into the 2019 Orleans County Tourism Photo Contest and it was selected to be published in the 2020 Orleans County Tourism Calendar. Congratulations, Tori!



Spirit of the Holidays is Evident at HCSD

Fifth graders helped spread kindness over the holiday season by making ornaments and cards to donate to a local hospital.



At the end of Winter Spirit Week in December, the High School Student Council hosted an Ugly Sweater Day. MS/HS students and staff participated, with the following named as winners of the contest: students Randy Dash, Steven Hein and Rosie Emery; and staff members Dan Goodwin, Sandy Smith and Zach Busch. Congratulations to all on your fantastic(?) taste in sweaters!



Teacher Crystal Elliott won the ES Staff Ugly Sweater Contest, decided by the audience at the sing-along.

PTSA NEWS

The PTSA hosts a Grades 4-6 Social on Feb. 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the ES Café. Admission is \$3. Food and drinks will be available for sale.

Young Writer Competes in Contest

First grader Gianna Canne wrote a story for The Young Writers Spooky Sagas Contest. Out of 10,000 entries, she was chosen to be published in Spooky Sagas 2019 - Authors From New York. Congratulations, Gianna!

On Dec. 20, elementary students and staff gathered in the Intermediate Gym to celebrate and sing holiday songs. Choral director Samantha Heagerty accompanied the audience on some songs, while the band, led by director Brandon McCardell, performed familiar holiday tunes for everyone to sing along. It was a great way to end the day before beginning holiday recess.



Kindergartener Eowynn Snell was invited to lead the song "Let It Go" from the movie "Frozen" during the sing-along. She sang her heart out in front of the whole school! Great job, Eowynn!

AMPED Class Takes Trip to Optimax

by Jim Di Sessa, Business Teacher

Our Algebra, Manufacturing, Production, Entrepreneurship and Design (AMPED) class visited Optimax on Jan. 9. We met with members of the Optimax team who provided a history of the company, discussed what they manufacture and who they manufacture for, the skill sets needed to work there, and the career opportunities available. We toured the facility in small groups and attended a Q&A session. Our students asked a lot of great questions!

The Optimax team showed our students how the business and math concepts we are learning in class are used in the "real-world." Students learned how Optimax applies lean manufacturing theory to their processes and constantly looks for ways to improve. Members of the Optimax team demonstrated how important several math and business concepts are to their processes. It was a great trip!



New Character Trait Initiatives at the ES: Positivity Project and Principal's Chair

The Positivity Project is a new initiative this year for students in kindergarten-grade 6. Students participate in daily mini-lessons to learn about the weekly character traits. These traits have included curiosity, teamwork, perspective, kindness, bravery and gratitude. Overall, the theme of the project is that other people matter. All teachers that a student interacts with reinforce the weekly character trait, so that even when a student travels to the art and music rooms, the gym or the library, they are learning about the character trait for the week. At the end of each week, a student is selected by their teacher to receive a certificate for going above and beyond demonstrating the trait of the week. You can find additional information about the Positivity Project by visiting www.posproject.org.

To accompany our character education efforts, a new reward for students is the Principal's Chair. Students who go above and beyond with their consistent demonstration of positivity character traits are nominated by staff members to sit in Assistant Principal Tim Artessa's chair for the day. Students who are nominated are announced at the end of morning announcements, and then the chair is delivered to their classroom. The student is presented the chair by Artessa or Principal Karri Schiavone. Students also receive an ice cream ticket and a few other treats to go along with the privilege of sitting in the chair for the day.



Real-Life Applications Class

by Jim Di Sessa, Business and Computer Science Teacher

The Real-Life Applications class is in its second year. The class covers a variety of topics that students will need to learn about as they become adults. Think of it as "Adulting 101."

Topics include career planning (resume writing, interviewing, career research), personal financial planning (budgeting, student loans, using credit, investing), cooking (meal planning, nutritional information, grocery shopping), and major life events and purchases (planning a wedding or funeral, buying a car, purchasing housing, financing college). We ask students if there are any topics they would like to cover during the year. Last year's class wanted to learn the steps to make a doctor's appointment.

Students select a career in the beginning of the year, and many of the projects that we do throughout the year are tied to that career. For example, students research the type of car that they would like to buy, but their choice also needs to be affordable based on the career that they select.



At the November Board of Education meeting, MS/HS Principal Susan Cory, on right, introduced new Alternative High School English Teacher Kayleigh Meyers.

Students of the Month for November and December

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades 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. A group photo of the MS/HS students is displayed outside the MS/HS Counseling Office and then filed in a binder in the MS/HS Main Office. MS/HS students also receive Dining Hall vouchers for food and their names are read aloud on the announcements.

Once each month, students of the month from grades K-12 have breakfast together with the principals in the Elementary Café or MS/HS Dining Hall (location rotates monthly). 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 November: Kyle Grim, Nora Restivo, James Drysdale, Giovanni Fallato, Jackson Spencer, Samantha Gnage, Jeremy Lutes, Olivia Rebis, Lucas Bradley, Archer Hills, Brody Pilon, Cameron Kelley, Gunner Knight, Rosa Scroope, Christopher Andrews, Aurora

Arnold, Ava Mosier, McKenley Jenks, Mia Thom, Breyden Crawford, Desiree McCormack, Skyler Zava. Laura Moak, Alanna Reed, Chelsea Bowen, Devin Hendrick-Hayes, Ethan Amrhein, McKenlee Butterbaugh, Riley Culbertson, Edward "Teddy" Jones, Kyle Lutes, Jared Bowen, Matt Eden, Leigha Walker, Kylee Dann, Lena Golisano, Joe Silpoch, Hayli Kuellertz, Thomas Dobri, Logan McHenry, Teanna Church, Brendan Sargent, Alyssa Armstrong, Brian Gay, Owen Schultz, Morgan Cary and Catalina Solis.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for December: Andrew Drechsel, Thomas Dobri, Branden Loveless, Cora Hudzinski, Jaxson Schicker, Tatum Gagne, Harleigh Andrews, Janelle Miles, Zoey Wolf, Cecilia (CeCe) Farruggia, Julianna Thomas, Constance Fernandes, Nicholas Ballard, Madeleine Farrell, Eli London, Kaydence Boyce, Bailee Beebe, Kendra Snell, Isabella Roselli, Gavin Mosher, Maxwell Girangaya, Celina Bogoniewski, Emma Burne, Philomena Arnold, Gabe Haggerton, Astrea Engert, Madilynn Gearing, Cayden Vangelder, Kailyn Robinson, Lily Moore, Max Milazzo, Oliver Fox, Aubrey Hazzard, Hunter Sommerfeldt, Grant Smith, Layla Jones, Skyler Gallagher, Teigen Bieber, Alexandria Vega, Abigail Grinnell, Emma Merrill, Jake Bevins, Logan Spencer and Evalena Adams.



Elementary students of the month for November



Elementary students of the month for December



Middle School/High School students of the month for November



Middle School/High School students of the month for December

Grillos Inducted Into Sports Hall of Fame

The Holley Sports Boosters inducted father and son duo John and Andrew Grillo into the Holley Hall of Fame on Jan. 7. Both were inducted for their many contributions to athletics at Holley Central School District.

Oldest brother Ashley John Grillo recounted the many accomplishments of his father and brother during the induction ceremony. Andrew was honored for his years as a student-athlete on the tennis and wrestling teams. He wrestled on the varsity team for five years, resulting in a 186-11 record that includes four Genesee Region titles and four Section V championships. He was a league All-Star four times and received the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award in his senior year. Andrew was also an Academic All-American. He was a state wrestling champion in his senior year at Holley with a 42-0 record; his banner still hangs in the MS/HS Gym. He was also a two-time Genesee Region All-Star in tennis.

In his acceptance speech, Andrew thanked his family, teammates and Sports Boosters. While his father was his coach, his older brothers, Ashley and Adam, were his biggest fans and toughest grappling opponents. "Adam was my training partner in my senior year, and he never allowed me to take him down," he said. "When I finally did, I knew I had earned it." All three brothers coached wrestling alongside their father for



From left, Adam, Andrew, John and Ashley Grillo.

many years. "He made us better wrestlers and better people," said Andrew.

John was a long-time wrestling and tennis coach for the district. He retired from 30 years of coaching in the 2018-19 school year. He was a Genesee Region Coach of the Year 16 times and a Section V Coach of the Year six times for wrestling. John has the most mat wins – 796 – of any coach in NYS. His coaching career in wrestling boasts 20 Genesee Region titles, 12 Section V championships and five state champions. He coached his tennis teams to 14 Genesee Region titles, two Section V championships and three Section V titles. He was a three-time Genesee Region Coach of the Year for tennis. He will be inducted into the Section V Wrestling Hall of Fame this spring. Sports

“This honor wouldn’t be possible without the many great and dedicated athletes I coached throughout the years.”

- John Grillo

Boosters also announced that the first wrestling dual meet of the season will be named after John.

In his acceptance speech, John thanked the Sports Boosters and Holley Central School District. He encouraged others to join the Sports Boosters to make a difference. "This honor wouldn't be possible without the many great and dedicated athletes I coached throughout the years," said John. "This night isn't about me, it's about Andrew. He was the one who did a lot for this program, the only individual state champion in this school's history. He is the one who set the tone. He didn't want to be good, he wanted to be great. He worked hard in the off-season and did everything he possibly could to finish his career at the level he achieved."

Congratulations to Andrew and John on their well-deserved honors!

Holley Elementary Student Council

The Elementary Student Council has been busy planning events and attending meetings this year. They meet at least monthly after school to decide on school matters, such as fundraising, and represent their classrooms from grades 4-6. Students are currently raising money for a Day of Caring event in the community. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

A monthly bottle and can fundraiser helps fund Student Council activities. Bottles and cans may be dropped off just inside the ES school doors or taken to Upstate Bottle Return at 61 North Main Street in Holley. If you are taking your donations to the recycling center, be sure to tell them they are in support of Holley Elementary's Student Council. Student Council earns \$0.06 for each donation. Thank you for your support.



Front row, from left, Mia Thom, Dakota Arnold, Logan Stoick, Ryker Knight and Landyn Burch. Middle row, from left, Chase Kempa, Lily Newman, Skylar Gallagher, Alyssa Abbondanzieri, Diana Escobar-Escamilla, Kailyn Robinson, Aidan Kelley, Mason Merle, Dylan Warner and Isaac Bartlett. Back row, from left, Isla Schultz, Cooper Wolf, Jayda Shampine, Alexis Salamone, Haidynn Mullins, Charli Gearing, Allyssa Lipke, Layla Jones and Annalee Ham.



The Holley PR Committee donated the proceeds from the Jim Ferris 5k race that was held in the spring to the Holley PTSA. Karin Richards, Sue Thornton and Jenn Morgan presented a check for \$1,200 to PTSA President Lisa Hendry.

Counseling News

Seniors Tip:

Students planning to apply to four-year colleges need to complete their applications ASAP. Those students planning to attend two-year colleges should be making appointments to take placement tests and meet with advisors if they have already applied and been accepted. If you plan on attending a college out of state, some colleges require you to take an accu-placer test. Please contact your college directly for admission requirements. Please inform your counselor as to which college(s) you have been accepted to. Don't forget to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) located at www.fafsa.ed.gov! FAFSA is the source of all federal and state aid, loans and work study programs.

Get Ready, Juniors:

Now is the time to start thinking about plans after graduation. Counselors recently met with juniors to discuss their PSAT results, and create their accounts on www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org for SAT and ACT exam registrations. Now is the time to register for these exams. Many four-year colleges require these exams as part of the admissions process. The Counseling Department website lists SAT/ACT prep sites. Career exploration and completion of college applications is currently underway.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test

This test will be administered at the MS/HS on Feb. 25. If you plan on enrolling in the military upon graduation, this test is mandatory. Any student in grades 10-12 who is interested in taking the exam needs to register with Kristina Tese in the Counseling Office. If you would like to know more about which careers you would be successful in, we recommend registering for the test. The test is free! The ASVAB workshop to review and discuss student results will be on March 5.

Scholarships!

Visit the "Scholarships 2019-20" page, listed under the Counseling Department link on the district website (<http://www.holleycsd.org/Scholarships.aspx>), for information on scholarship opportunities. There is also a list of scholarship search sites on this page. The list of scholarships on the site and posted in the Counseling Office changes weekly, so check both places frequently. Contact Kristina Tese to obtain paper applications. Please pay particular attention to scholarship deadlines and allow enough time to submit all the required documentation. Many colleges provide their own scholarships on their websites. Visit college websites for further information. Good luck!

Students Complete Poetry Unit

by Melanie Richards, English Teacher

Tenth graders in Melanie Richards' English class participated in the third annual Dead Poets Day. Students wrote their own poems as a culminating activity for the unit. I am always eager to read what students write about. They often choose topics they are passionate about. I enjoy watching the evolution of students who dislike poetry at the beginning of the unit, but end up loving it by the end of the unit!

"The True Re-kindle"

by Michael Snell

Firefighters, the guards of Hell's gates.
They do their duty true till their expiration date.
Whenever flames may slip from the deep unknown.
The feeling of fear will not be shown.
Danger and safety, he must distinguish.
He battles the fire he must extinguish.
The suit he dons is his pride.
To better in his work he will stride.
He would never put his life above another.
And serves with his partner like a brother.
Being unsuccessful is not always a fail.
His persistence to save life will always prevail.
Exiting a building with a child in his arms.
Is his hope when he responds to fire alarms.
If it is his debt to pay his life.
He will give it without a trace of strife.
The battle is never truly won.
A firemen's job is never truly done.
The flame in his heart will never dwindle.
The fire reborn in him is the true re-kindle.

"Heavy"

By Anonymous

It's all so heavy
Everything on your back.
It feels like there's a Chevy
Resting there, waiting for your bones to crack.

They all tell you to get a boyfriend
Look nice every day
Tell everything to your best friend
It's disgusting, the things they say.

They talk about your body
You just want to hide
It makes you feel gaudy
Everywhere you just feel eyed.

You do your best
You're not good enough
It's like there's no rest
Maybe on yourself you're too tough.

Too many responsibilities
You can't even breathe
These things are beyond your capabilities
Every day your blood seethes.

Ex-best friend on your toes
Stepping all over you
There's no doubt that she knows
It really gets to you, no matter what you do.

Try to be positive
Work through it all
The faking is never causative
Further down you fall.

Even when you try to leave
You can't escape the web
Just keep trying to breathe
Eventually, if you pray enough they'll
be out of your head.

Scholarships

Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Women Educators

This scholarship recognizes an outstanding incoming freshman who attended any high school in Monroe County, New York, or in a New York State school district where an Alpha Alpha member resides or is employed. The student must plan to attend The College at Brockport to prepare for a career in education and possess leadership qualities, outstanding academic ability and potential for success in the education profession. Applicants must include recommendations from a high school counselor and at least one other high school educator. Preference is given to female students. Application information is found at <https://brockport.academicworks.com/opportunities/8340>. Deadline is **Feb. 15, 2020**.

The Community Foundation - Diversity in Multimedia Journalism Intensive Workshop & Peter B. Taub Memorial Award

To support high school and community college students participating in the Diversity in Multimedia Journalism Intensive Workshop, sponsored by the Democrat & Chronicle and Rochester Institute of Technology. From July 13 to 17, 2020, selected students will be immersed in digital storytelling workshops with professionals from the D&C and RIT. Participants will receive hands-on experience in video and audio production, social media technique and strategy, writing for mobile audiences and other essential skills for today's multimedia journalists. High school juniors and seniors and community college students living in the six-county area (Monroe, Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Ontario and Wayne counties) may apply. Students must be able to attend all five, full-day sessions on the Rochester Institute of Technology campus. Due to the lack of diversity in journalism, special emphasis will be placed on recruiting students of color. More information on the application process is available at <https://www.racf.org/Scholarships/Scholarship-Database?s=1112>. Deadline is **Feb. 15, 2020**.

Western New York Safety Conference Scholarship

Applicants must be at least a high school senior attending college in the fall of 2020 and a resident of Western New York. An application package must contain the following to be considered: a completed application; a typed essay of at least 400-500 words; certification of grade point average; at least one letter of recommendation. The essay must reflect your understanding of the importance of occupational safety and health. Describe your background and how safety and health has impacted you. Include safety and health programs in which you participate(ed). Explain the far-reaching impact laws and standards protecting workers have had on society, and the role and impact of safety and health on you in your chosen career path. Application information is found at <https://wnysc.com/scholarship-application/>. Deadline is **Feb. 21, 2020**.

College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Ally Benson was accepted to Nazareth College; Kamryn Berner was accepted to Roberts Wesleyan College with a \$45,000 scholarship; Autumn Bieber was accepted to SUNY Genesee; Alex Brimacombe was accepted to Paul Smith's College; Haleigh Falls was accepted to SUNY Fredonia; Megan Harrington was accepted to SUNY New Paltz; and Yasmin-Morales Helsdon was accepted to Genesee Community College. Congratulations!

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Make All the Difference Scholarship

This scholarship supports individuals who have taken a nontraditional path to reach their career goals and those who aspire to work with those individuals. Students or graduates must have successfully completed an alternative or non-traditional program at BOCES 2 or one of its component districts. These students must be enrolled in or graduates of career and technical education, special education, or other non-traditional programs, including GED programs. Also eligible for this scholarship are students in alternative or regular education programs who intend to pursue a career working with special needs students. Applications may be picked up from the Counseling Office or are available online at <https://www.MakeAllTheDifference.org>. Deadline is **Feb. 26, 2020**.

Character Excellence Scholarship

High school seniors who exemplify character in their daily lives and will be enrolling full-time in a college or trade school in Fall 2020 are eligible for this scholarship. Students must be current residents of Allegheny, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans or Wyoming counties. Application information is found at <http://charactercouncilwny.org/scholarship/>. Deadline **Feb. 29, 2020**.

Young Women of Distinction Scholarship

Applicants must be young women who are high school seniors. Successful applicants will have a strong academic record, involvement in extracurricular activities and a strong desire to improve her community. Application information is found at <https://rocwomenscouncil.org/ywod-application-form>. Deadline is **March 1, 2020**.

American Chemical Society Scholars Program

The ACS Scholars Program awards renewable scholarships to underrepresented minority students majoring in undergraduate chemistry-related disciplines, and are also intending to pursue careers in chemistry-related fields. Application information is found at <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html>. Deadline is **March 1, 2020**.

ESL College Scholarship

Students must be members in good standing at ESL Federal Credit Union; high school seniors in the Greater Rochester area during 2019-20 school year; and attending accredited college or university in the Fall of 2020. Application information is found at <https://www.esl.org/community/esl-in-the-community/scholarships/esl-college-scholarship>. Deadline is **March 2, 2020**.

Harvard-Radcliffe Club Essay Contest

Any student currently attending school in the Greater Rochester Area in grades 10-12 may enter by completing the entry form and submitting a qualifying essay. Essays must be less than 1,000 words and address the topic of "Failure is impossible." Application information is found at <http://hrcrochester.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=164>. Deadline is **March 15, 2020**.



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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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MARCH 2020

- 2 Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.
- 5 ASVAB Workshop, MS/HS Computer Lab 8 a.m.
MS/HS Interim Reports Available Online
JV/Varsity Winter Sports Awards, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 6 All-County Music Rehearsal at Kendall
- 7 All-County Music Festival at Kendall 2 p.m.
- 9 MS/HS Spring Sports begin
- 11-12 ES Picture Day
- 11 PARP Limo Ride, ES 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 13 **Early Dismissal, Staff Development Day**
 - MS/HS at 10:31 a.m.
 - ES at 11:30 a.m.
Musical, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 14 SAT Exam
Musical, HS Aud. 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- 16 Board of Education meeting/Budget Workshop 6 p.m.
- 18 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration, ES 1-5 p.m.
- 19 District Choral Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 23-27 ES Student Council Coin Challenge
- 25-26 Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Assessments
- 27 ES Inline Skate Party, ES Intermediate Gym:
 - Gr. 4-6 3:30-5 p.m.
 - Gr. 1-3 5-6:30 p.m.
- 30 Budget Workshop, Board Meeting Rm. 6 p.m.
- 31 ES Music Assembly, HS Aud. 2 p.m.
District Band Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.

APRIL 2020

- 3 **No School for Students, Superintendent's Conference Day**
- 4 ACT Exam
- 6-10 **No School, Spring Recess**
- 10 Third Marking Period ends
- 13 Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.
- 14 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 15 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 16 ES Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- 17 **ES Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.**
ES Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30 p.m.
MS/HS Report Cards Mailed Home
- 20 Board of Education meeting/Budget Workshop 6 p.m.
- 21-22 Grades 3-8 NYS Math Assessments
- 23 Pre-K Graduation Pictures
- 24 MS Semi-Formal, MS/HS Dining Hall 7-9 p.m.
- 30 Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m.

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.

