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Congratulations to Holley's Graduating Class of 2024

Sixty-three seniors graduated from Holley Middle School/High School (MS/HS) on June 29. Dressed in red caps and gowns, students entered from the back of the MS/HS Auditorium and took their seats on stage.

The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance, a student performance of the "Star-Spangled Banner," and an opening address from Principal Matthew Feldman. Class President Layne Walker then greeted the audience and introduced salutatorian Kayla Neale. Kayla talked about how it is normal to be fearful of change. "Now that the shackles of being a teenager are gone, we are going to have to make many decisions," she said. "My hope is that everyone can create a group of supportive friends like I have built here."

Valedictorian Caitlin Dobri took the podium next. She talked about the uncertainty that lies ahead and the importance of committing to yourself. "Today we say goodbye to everything familiar," she said. "Uncertainty is one of life's greatest

constants." She encouraged her peers to "embrace every uncertainty with open arms."



Class advisor Suzanne Lepkowski acknowledged the recipients of over 50 awards before Superintendent Brian Bartalo was introduced. Bartalo, who retired at the end of June, was chosen by the senior class to give the commencement address. He has worked for the district for six years. "Holley has been your nest, your home," he said. "Since I've arrived here, I have felt that Holley means family. Be proud of where you're from, be relentless in the pursuit of your goals and your happiness, and good luck in all the adventures of your life." He gave each graduate a feather to represent

a hawk's feather. "I hope it will remind you of where your family is and your home," he said.

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Once a Hawk, always a Hawk.
- Former Superintendent Brian Bartalo

Bartalo was left speechless when class vice president Leigha Walker presented the class gift of a \$2,400 check to Genesee Valley Rotary Camp, a summer camp for young people with various disabilities. Bartalo has been involved with the camp for over 30 years, and currently serves as its director.

Holley staff then announced each graduate's name and plans for the future. Superintendent Bartalo, Board of Education members and district administrators offered handshakes to the graduates as they crossed the stage. Principal Feldman presented them with their diplomas. Graduates adjourned to the gymnasium for the traditional cap toss.



Schiavone Named Superintendent



The Holley Board of Education has selected Karri Schiavone as the next superintendent of the Holley Central School District. Schiavone was appointed at a special board meeting on

Thursday, June 6. She

assumed her new role on July 1, succeeding Brian Bartalo, who retired on June 30 after six years with the district.

"Karri brings an unmatched wealth of knowledge, experience and dedication to Holley that shined through our search. Her passion for education coupled with her love for the Holley community will bring growth

and success to our school district. We look forward to collaborating with her to support the needs of the district," said Holley Board President Anne Winkley. "We are thankful for the outstanding leadership Superintendent Bartalo has given to our district these past six years and wish him a happy, healthy retirement."

Schiavone has spent a total of 26 years working in the Holley Central School District, including the past 12 years as the principal of Holley Elementary School. Prior to that, she served as the director of instruction and special programs in Holley. Her educational career also includes work in Medina, Brockport and Buffalo. She graduated from SUNY Buffalo State with a Bachelor of Science in Education, SUNY Brockport with a Master

of Science in Education and an Advanced Study in Educational Administration Degree.

"I am humbled and honored to have been selected as the next superintendent of the Holley Central School District, a place I call home," said Schiavone. "I look forward to working with the Board of Education, staff, students and community as we continue our journey toward excellence. Together, we will further build on the district's successes and ensure that every student has the opportunity to achieve their highest potential."

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES District Superintendent Jo Anne L. Antonacci assisted the Holley Board of Education as search consultant throughout the process.

2024-25 Budget Passes and Board Members Elected

On May 21, Holley voters passed the district budget with 340 yes votes and 113 no votes. The Purchase of Replacement School Buses proposition passed with 332 yes votes and 121 no votes. The budget for the Holley Community Free Library passed with 362 yes votes and 94 no votes.

Holley voters elected four board members. Salvatore De Luca Jr. (303 votes), Joseph Flanagan (300 votes) and Jennifer Reisman (313 votes) will serve on the Board of

Education (BOE) for three-year terms starting July 1, 2024. Shannon Brett (292) was also elected for a two-year term starting May 22, 2024.

Following the election, Shannon Brett resigned her position and Salvatore De Luca Jr. did not accept his newly elected term, leaving two vacancies on the board. The BOE decided to fill these vacancies by appointment and interviewed those who turned in letters of interest. At the June 17 meeting, the BOE approved and appointed Jessica Sniatecki and Stephanie Merkley. They will both serve from July 1, 2024 until May 20, 2025, the day of next year's election. At that time, their seats and the remainder of their terms will be up for election.

The district welcomes and congratulates Joseph Flanagan, Jennifer Reisman, Jessica Sniatecki and Stephanie Merkley. Thank you to all who ran and to voters for their support. Any questions can be directed to District Clerk Connie Nenni at 585-638-6316 ext: 2003 or cnenni@holleycsd.org.



From left: Jennifer Reisman, Anne Winkley, Tracy Van Ameron, Jennifer Sniatecki, Joseph Flanagan, Trina Lorentz, Stephanie Merkley.

Health Office News

Attention all students needing a health exam for fall sports:

Dr. Goetz will be coming to the MS/HS Health Office on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 9:30 a.m. Please call the Main Office at 638-6335, ext. 5500 to register for an exam time slot. For students playing a fall sport, their health exams must be current.

Reminder for all students entering Pre-K, kindergarten, and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11:

A current NYS health exam for the 2024-25 school year needs to be completed and sent to your school's Health Office. Please confirm with your student's doctor that their immunizations are current. Students have 14 calendar days from the start of the new school year to complete these requirements or they will be unable to attend school. Please contact your doctor's office to have your student vaccinated or contact the Orleans County Health Department for clinic dates and times at 585-589-3278.

The ES and MS/HS Health Offices are closed during the summer; the MS/HS Health Office will be open limited hours in August. Health office fax numbers: MS/HS: 585-638-6827; AS: 585-638-7925; ES: 585-638-5016

District Breaks Ground on Capital Project

On May 20, Holley Central School District officially broke ground to begin renovations for its latest capital project. Photos were taken in the Holley Elementary School small courtyard, located near the main foyer, where its new science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classroom will be.

The project was approved by voters in December 2022 and is expected to be finished by the fall of 2025. The district completed the construction bid process in March 2024. This capital project is led by architects from LaBella Associates and a project management team from Turner Construction. The district is working to ensure that there is as little disruption to students' regular school day experiences as possible.

"The District is excited to work with professionals from Turner Construction and LaBella Associates on this project so that the students and staff of Holley continue to have a safe, innovative, and well-maintained learning environment that the entire community will be proud of for years to come," said former Holley Superintendent Brian Bartalo.

The \$18,100,000 project is fully funded by New York State building aid and the Capital Reserve Fund, meaning there is no tax impact to district residents.



Holley Superintendent Brian Bartalo with project managers from Turner Construction and LaBella Associates



Holley Board of Education at time of ground breaking.

What to expect:

Safety

- New secure entrances at the Elementary School (ES) and Middle School/High School (MS/HS)
- Security film applied to doors at both schools' main entrances

Program Improvements

- Music rooms renovated in both schools
- New STEM and instructional spaces created at the ES
- MS/HS Auditorium lighting updated

Site Renovations

- New bleachers, scoreboard, lights and parking lot installed at The Woodlands
- Air conditioning established in remaining ES classrooms
- Storage added inside and outside district buildings
- Signage increased on campus
- Track resurfaced in Hawk Stadium
- Hawk Drive and sidewalks upgraded

American Red Cross Blood Drives Were Successful

The American Red Cross Blood Drives sponsored by the Senior High School Student Council were successful, which helped more than 50 people. Thank you to all who supported our blood drives this year. Because of you, \$250 in scholarships from Red Cross were awarded to our seniors.

Summer Meals: July 8–Aug. 8

The Free Summer Meals program runs from July 8–Aug. 8, Monday through Thursday each week. Breakfast is served from 8-10 a.m. and lunch is served from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in the **Middle School/High School Cafeteria**. Dine-in only. Meals are free for children from ages birth to 18 years old. Adults pay \$2.71 + tax for breakfast and \$5 + tax for lunch. All are welcome!

Tenured Teachers

At the May 20 Board of Education meeting, seven Holley teachers were granted tenure. They each completed the required four-year process to receive this title. Congratulations!

Pictured from left: ES second grade teacher Hannah Bushen, MS/HS special education teacher Rhian Aviles, ES art teacher Amanda LeClair, district Instructional technology specialist Sarah Misco, ES second grade teacher Julie Murphy, and ES fourth grade teacher Heather Rickman. Missing from photo: Alternative High School ELA and special education teacher Kristen Bless.



Senior Citizen Breakfast Tradition Continues

Approximately 75 people attended the 17th Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast on May 9 in the Holley Elementary Café. The buffet breakfast was provided by Personal Touch, food supplier for both the Holley Elementary School and Middle School/High School (MS/HS) cafeterias. Elementary Character Club students created placemats for each table setting, art students created origami centerpieces and high school student volunteers served the senior citizens. Kindergarteners and the Senior High Chorus performed during breakfast. Representatives from the Orleans County Office for the Aging were there to provide information for attendees. Next year's Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast will be held on May 8, 2025.



Student Commended for Life-Saving Efforts

Holley senior Leigha Walker earned her American Red Cross CPR, AED and First Aid certifications while taking a Sports, Safety and Fitness elective course at Holley MS/HS last school year. While those who are certified are prepared to act, it is rare to come across a situation where life saving measures are needed. On June 9, Leigha was at work when she witnessed a customer go into cardiac arrest and crash their car, and she was quick to jump into action. Leigha not only called 9-1-1, but she assessed the scene, helped to extract the individual from the vehicle and administered chest compressions while awaiting emergency medical services.



The family of the individual later reached out to Leigha to let her know he was recovering and expressed their gratitude. Leigha's actions were deemed heroic and she was interviewed by multiple local media stations where she shared her experience.

At the June 17 Holley Board of Education meeting, both Leigha and teacher Renee Wolf were recognized by the Holley Board of Education with Soaring to New Heights awards. Leigha, for acting quickly in an emergency medical situation and rendering CPR lifesaving measures to a person in need, and Renee, for teaching a student CPR skills that she then used to help save someone's life. Leigha was also recognized by the Town of Sweden and the Brockport Fire District.

Community Members Soaring

At the May 20 Board of Education meeting, community members were recognized with Soaring to New Heights awards for collaborating with the MS/HS job skills development program for students with special needs. The following individuals allowed students to intern with their businesses and gain real world job experience. Chief Robert Barton of Holley Police Department, George Berg of George's Fancher Road Service, Vicki Scroger and Pam Coopenberg of Personal Touch Food Service, Henry Maier of Maier Farm, Mark Grove and Molly McMillion of J & M Repair, and Eric and Tess Zuber of Zuber Farm. The district is grateful for their partnerships.



Q3 Honor and High Honor Roll

The Middle/High School has announced the honor roll and high honor roll for the third marking period of the 2023-24 school year. High honors are for all students who maintain a grade average of 89.5 percent or higher. Honors are for students who maintain a grade average of 84.5 to 89.4 percent. The full list of students can be found on www.holleycsd.org under the latest news section.

Retirees and Board Members Honored

On June 17, six Holley faculty and staff members were honored at the monthly Board of Education meeting for collectively serving 170 years in education at Holley. Congratulations and best wishes in retirement. Three Board Members were also recognized for their years of service.



Brian McKeon (3 years), Anne Smith (6 years) and Sal De Luca (9 years).



From left: Penny Cole, MS/HS counseling office secretary; Kellie Burke, MS/HS English teacher; Sandy Smith, MS/HS special education teacher; Dan Goodwin, MS/HS earth science teacher; Amie Callen, elementary teacher; and Suzanne Thornton, elementary special education teacher; Brian Bartalo, superintendent. Missing from photo: Clay Sheldon, bus driver.

New Director of Technology

Holley Central School District welcomed Technology Director Justin Radford to the district on May 1. His focus will be on providing innovative technology solutions to all staff to enhance productivity and learning in alignment with district goals. Radford will oversee the district's technology services department and work with Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (BOCES 2) to maintain and implement policies, procedures, and protocols to ensure physical safety and security, as well as cyber and data security. He will collaborate closely with district and building administrators to ensure technological changes and practices are implemented to foster curricular and instructional need.



Radford has worked in the educational technology field for the past 20 years, beginning at BOCES 2, where he supported several area school districts. He has spent the last five years as the Help Desk Manager at Hilton Central School District, where he has been employed since 2012. "I'm excited to bring my experience to Holley and work alongside staff, students and community," said Radford. The implementation of this position comes after the district shifted from using Managed IT Service with Monroe Regional Information Center (RIC).

Holley Bus Driver Honored

Congratulations to Holley Bus Driver James Hofschneider for receiving the Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year recognition from the Rochester Area Transportation Supervisors Association (RATSA). Members of area transportation teams are nominated for being friendly, accident free, having good attendance, readily accepting and exceeding responsibilities, working well with coworkers, parents and children. He was honored at their brunch in May. "We are very lucky to have James as part of our transportation team," said Transportation Director Tammy Beaney. "He is very compassionate and proud of his important role as a school bus driver. He always goes the extra mile."



Bartalo Receives Supervision Award

On May 9, Holley Superintendent Brian Bartalo was recognized by the Genesee Valley Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (GVASCD) with the 2024 Supervision Award. Each year, GVASCD celebrates the accomplishments of educational leaders who achieve excellence in the areas of Supervision, Curriculum and Service.

"Mr. Bartalo has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership in everything he does, and this recognition is a testament to his hard work and commitment to our district," said Dan Courtney, Holley Middle School/High School Assistant Principal.

"He has changed the culture of our district to one that embraces continuous growth and improvement; celebrates its achievements in academics, sports, and extracurriculars; and leans on the community's and staff's belief that 'Holley Means Family,'" said Brendan Keiser, Holley CSD Director of Teaching and Learning.

Superintendent Bartalo was joined by his colleagues and family to celebrate his accomplishment. The district congratulates him on this well-deserved recognition and commends him for his leadership during his time here at Holley.



Students Build Two Sheds for H4H

The Holley MS/HS Geometry in Construction class continued its partnership with Homesteads for Hope (H4H) this school year. Students taking the class had the opportunity to combine their math and construction skills to assemble two 8' x 10' storage sheds that were donated to H4H, a non-profit community farm in Ogden, NY, that provides an all-inclusive place for young adults of all abilities to learn, work, live and grow.



This course was implemented in the 2016-17 school year. Since partnering with H4H, Holley students have built six structures for their use. Math teacher Russ Albright and technology teacher Dylan Sharpe co-teach Geometry in Construction, with students rotating between math days and building days each week. There are 14 sophomores in this year's class. The sheds serve as the final project for the class.

This year, students worked on two roof styles. One shed featured a traditional gable or triangular, end-shaped roof, and one had a salt box roof, or asymmetrical gable style. The class helps students learn how math concepts can be applied to real-world problems and offers a chance to create tangible solutions. "Some students benefit from a 'hands on' learning approach," said Albright. "Not every student that takes the class will want to pursue a career in construction, but they will all leave with a general understanding of building techniques and see how geometric concepts are used in the construction field."



Students Witness DWI Crash Simulation Ahead of Prom

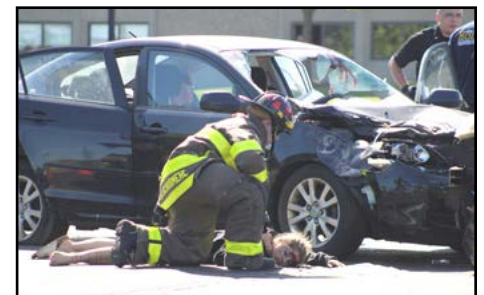


Before Holley juniors and seniors headed to their prom on May 31, they attended an assembly and mock accident scene to understand the results of driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Students watched a staged video of a party that their classmates attended where an intoxicated student got behind the wheel with three passengers. After watching and listening to the 911 call, students went out to the parking lot where they were met with a scene where two vehicles had collided. One student crashed through one vehicle's windshield and lay lifeless on the pavement in front of their classmates; others were trapped in the vehicles.

Local law enforcement, first responders and fire departments were on scene. Emergency responders enacted what they would do at the scene of a two-car motor vehicle crash with a fatality and individuals trapped. The fire department worked to extract the victims as the driver of one car was questioned by a police officer and put through a field

sobriety test before he was handcuffed and placed in the back of the officer's vehicle. After students were evaluated, they were loaded onto stretchers and placed in ambulances. Jasmine Apicella portrayed the "deceased" student. The coroner had her siblings identify her body before she was placed into a body bag.

Students filed back into the MS/HS Auditorium to witness the re-enactment of the arraignment hearing against the "arrested" student in front of Orleans County judges and attorneys. They talked through the legal ramifications in a case like this, answered student questions and strongly encouraged them to make smart decisions.



Three Holley students medal at SkillsUSA

The 2024 New York State SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Championships took place at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY from April 26-28. Holley Central School District was represented at the event by students who participate in Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education.



Computer Technology students Riley Knopp and Mason Merriam collaborated to form a seven-member Opening and Closing Ceremonies team. The group earned a bronze medal in the competition.



Residential and Commercial Electrical student Ethan Race was part of the silver medal-winning team who collaborated in the TeamWorks competition.

National Junior Honor Society Inducts 20 Students



The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony occurred on May 28 in the MS/HS Auditorium. Twenty students in seventh through ninth grade were inducted based on their application to the faculty selection committee and maintenance of a 90 percent or higher academic average. To be inducted, students must demonstrate the five qualities of NJHS membership: character, citizenship, leadership, scholarship and service.

The ceremony began with the current NJHS members leading a candlelight procession down the main aisles of the High School Auditorium. Current members called forth the new inductees sitting in the audience, who then exited the auditorium to receive boutonnieres. The new inductees then joined the 41 current NJHS members on the stage. The current NJHS officers lit the ceremonial candles and described each of the qualities of membership. The new members were sworn in as a group. When each inductee's name was announced, the student received their certificate from Principal Matthew Feldman and signed their name in the book that maintains a record of every NJHS inductee since 1989.

New inductees:

Isaac Bartlett, Addison Bevins, Madison Bonacci, Jayna Burris, Christopher Caliguiri, Ruby Carlston, Peyton Caufield, Owen Cornell, McKenna Diel, Kaeleigh Eiland, Kaitlyn Feis, Tarek Garrett, Cameron Kelley, Olivia Kirkpatrick, Calista Maggard, Liam Maloney, Isabella Paniccia, Helen Schofield, Rosa Scroope and Trent Walker.

Current members:

Aurora Arnold, Marek Auch, Destiny Baynes, Arthur Boggs, Mya Brown, Kyla Burne, Damian Chadsey, Immanuel Cornell, Harrison Flanagan, Veronica Flow, Charli Gearing, Cadence Girangaya, Tessa Hazzard, Aidan Kelley, Chase Kempa, Alyssa Lipke, Alexis Lujan, Lily Moore, Haidynn Mullins, Jack Newman, Lillian O'Brien, Grace Ou, Angelina Paniccia, Brianna Pellegrino, Addison Probst, Serenity-Ann Rath, Kailyn Robinson, Naelia Rodriguez, Isla Schultz, Hunter Sommerfeldt, Mia Thom, Brynn Thomas, Grace Torpey, Nathan Torpey, Dylan Warner, Zoey Warner, Isabella Warney, Ella Wilson, Cooper Wolf, Gage Yockel and Adrianna Zava.

The guest speaker at the Induction Ceremony was Middle School English Teacher Mark Thomas. He encouraged inductees to continue to build their character, be an active member in their school community, and pursue their academics with passion.

"Who you are matters," said Thomas. "Doing the right thing, even when no one is looking; that is the most critical and foundational component to having character. You all have the power to make a significant change here. The culture and environment in our school is a reflection of the students in this building."

To close the ceremony, MS/HS Principal Matthew Felman addressed the new inductees. "Being a leader means you are going to have to make decisions that are not always easy," he said. "There will be critics. When you find yourself faced with tough decisions, I hope that you can look around you and find that those sitting beside you will support you."



MS/HS Yearbook Dedication

It was a special morning on June 11 as students, staff, alumni and retirees attended the annual MS/HS yearbook assembly to help celebrate retired counseling office secretary and cheerleading coach Penny Cole as she received the 2023-24 yearbook dedication.

Penny graduated from Holley High School in 1975. Holley HS is where she met her husband, where her children attended school and where her grandchildren currently attend. Her family joined her on stage as yearbook editors read the dedication aloud and shared how Penny has positively impacted generations of Holley students.

"Penny has poured her heart and soul into every student who has walked through these doors since she began working at the school when she was 32 years old," said student presenters. "She represents everything that is positive and amazing about our tiny little town and school. She would give the very shirt off her back to anyone here and never ask for anything in return. We would like to thank you for giving so much of yourself to the students here in Holley over the past 35 years. Your impact will be felt for generations."



Top 10 Seniors Honored

Holley's Top 10 graduating seniors were honored at the Academic Excellence Awards Dinner on June 11 at White Birch Golf Course. Holley 2021 alumna Callie Updike was the guest speaker. She had the opportunity to address student-honorees from across the county. She was 16 years old when she accepted a full-ride scholarship to Columbia University. She is now entering her senior year and plans to graduate with her degree in Film and Creative Writing. Three years ago, she was sitting in the audience receiving the same recognition. She reminded students to be grateful for what they have, be proud of where they came from and to take every opportunity that comes. "No one else is going to do it for you," said Updike. "You all made it here with your own ambition and drive. You didn't have to work so hard, but you did. And that is the energy you need to bring to the rest of your life." Congratulations to Holley's Top Ten:

Caitlin Dobri

Rank: Valedictorian

I am a class officer and president of the National Honor Society. I was a member of S.O.A.R., Concert Band, All-County Band, and Varsity Soccer, Softball, and Golf. I was on High Honor Roll throughout school. I will graduate with an Advanced Regents diploma with honors and a mastery in science, along with the Seal of Civic Readiness. With my soccer team, I volunteered for the Games for the Physically Challenged. Through NHS, I've volunteered at my local community center during the holidays. I plan to attend St. John Fisher University to study Pharmacy.

Kayla Neale

Rank: Salutatorian

I'm president of Art Club and Library Club, secretary of the National Honor Society, and previously vice president of Gay Straight Alliance. I was the assistant set painter for this year's musical. I was on the Chess team and the JV Softball team. While in Interact Club, I participated in community service projects. I have maintained High Honor Roll throughout high school. My artwork has won the VFW's 3-D Patriotic Art National Scholarship as well as the HCSD Superintendent's Award. I plan to pursue a degree in Illustration at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Cavan Bennage

Rank: Third

I am the treasurer of the National Honor Society. I played soccer and tennis and have earned titles including Genesee Region All-Star, GR Player of the Year, and Sectional Champion. I participated in Masterminds, Concert and Jazz Band, as well as All-County Band. I had the honor of receiving Holley's 2024 Outstanding Senior award. I volunteered at the Games for the Physically Challenged and mentored at a youth chess club. I will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall to study Engineering Technology.

Layne Walker

Rank: Fourth

I was the president of my class. I was a member of S.O.A.R., Concert Band, All-County Band, and National Honor Society (NHS). I participated in the Interscholastic Equestrian Association and 4-H. I played Varsity Soccer, Basketball and Softball. I was on the High Honor Roll throughout high school. I will graduate with the Seal of Civic Readiness. With my soccer team, I volunteered at the Games for the Physically Challenged and wrapped Christmas gifts for foster children. With NHS I volunteered at the community center. I helped with the senior citizen breakfast and elementary ice cream social. I plan to attend Niagara University, where I received a presidential scholarship, to study Childhood Education.

Isabella Thom

Rank: Fifth

I am a three-time Genesee Region All-Star and named to the 2023 Section V All-Tournament Team for soccer. I participated in Interact Club, was on the High Honor Roll throughout school, and a member of the National Honor Society. I hold an associate's degree in applied sciences from Genesee Community College. I plan to attend D'Youville College in Buffalo where I will study Pharmacy.

Leigha Walker

Rank: Sixth

I participated in Band, Soccer, Basketball, Softball, 4-H, Horseback Riding, and National Honor Society. I was captain of the Varsity Soccer and Softball teams and named Genesee Region All-Star for softball. I will graduate with an Advanced Regents diploma and the Seal of Civic Readiness. I plan to attend SUNY Morrisville to play soccer and pursue a degree in Equine Management.

Jasmine Apicella

Rank: Seventh

I was treasurer of my class and the treasurer of the Student Council. I was a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, S.O.A.R., and Concert Band. I played Varsity Soccer, Cheerleading, Softball and Golf. I was on the High Honor Roll throughout school. I will graduate with the Seal of Civic Readiness. I volunteered with Interact Club to make cards for veterans and clean up on Earth Day. With my soccer and cheer teams, I volunteered at the Games for the Physically Challenged and visited nursing homes. I plan to attend the University of Miami in Ohio where I will major in Psychology.

Ryleigh Weader

Rank: Eighth

I was a member of the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Interact Club, Concert Band, and All-County Band. I played varsity soccer and softball. I was named to the High Honor Roll many times throughout school, and I received excellence awards in Geometry and Chemistry. I volunteered often in the community, which included participating in the Clean Sweep, singing with a community choir, and as a buddy at the Games for the Physically Challenged. I plan to attend Roberts Wesleyan University to study Forensic Science.

Gabriel Lindsay

Rank: Ninth

I am a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Interact Club, S.O.A.R., ROC2Change, Drama Club, ACB/Masterminds, Concert Choir, Advanced Choir, All-County Chorus, Gala Holiday POPS with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band and All-County Band. I was on the stage as Jeffery, Ryan Evans, Jack Scott, Reverend Shaw Moore, Willy Wonka, The Candy Man, and Seymour Krelborn in the Holley High School Musicals. I participated in American Legion Boys' State. I volunteered through the Interact Club for many community service events. I received the George Eastman Young Leaders Award and the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award. I will graduate with the Seal of Civic Readiness, Honors in Music, and the Character Council of Western New York Character Excellence Scholarship. I plan to attend SUNY Geneseo and major in Musical Theatre.

Grace Fuller

Rank: 10

I am a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. I have also been on a High Honor Roll throughout high school. I will graduate with the Seal of Civic Readiness. I received the Monroe 2-Orleans Educational Foundation Make All the Difference Scholarship. I am an active member in my church's youth group and volunteer at various dinners and rummage sales that are held there. After graduation, I plan to attend SUNY Brockport and major in Nursing.



Pictured are, from left, Leigha Walker, Ryleigh Weader, Gabriel Lindsay, Caitlin Dobri, Jasmine Apicella, Layne Walker, Grace Fuller, Isabella Thom, Cavan Bennage and Kayla Neale.

Awards

Hayli Kuellertz, Gabriel Lindsay and Tarek Garrett each received a Youth Recognition Award from the Orleans County Youth Board. Students chosen for this award are positive role models, perform outstanding service for their communities or assume extraordinary roles within their families. Gabriel Lindsay also received the Character Council of Western NY scholarship. He was one of 12 chosen from 238 applications from 81 schools in western NY.



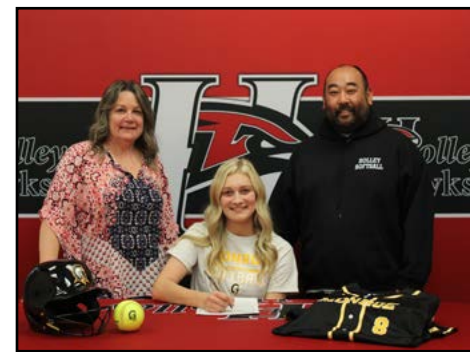
The Monroe County Council of School Superintendents (MCCOSS) recognized senior Cavan Bennage as the Outstanding Senior at Holley Central Schools. This award distinguishes students based on their scholarship, service and leadership.

The Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation awarded a \$5,000 Make All the Difference scholarship to Holley senior Grace Fuller. The scholarships help students in alternative programs pursue further education or career training after high school. Grace participated in the BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education Nursing program.



Athletes Commit to College Ball

On June 19, senior Leigha Walker signed her letter of intent to play collegiate soccer at SUNY Morrisville. Leigha, a defender and team captain, has been a part of the Holley soccer program for the last six years. She plans to study Equine Management at college.



On April 9, senior Teanna Church signed her letter of intent to play collegiate softball at Monroe Community College next school year. Church, a

center fielder, has been a part of the Holley softball program for the last six years. She plans to study Radiology while attending MCC.

Fourth Clean Sweep in the Books

Holley's Interact and EarlyAct clubs hosted their fourth Clean Sweep on Saturday, May 4. It was a great success with over 100 community participants, 85 of them being Holley students.

This event is hosted in alignment with the Parks & Trails New York annual state-wide Earth Day Canal Clean Sweep. Participants split up and swept the canal park, walking paths and village sidewalks collecting trash to both better the environment and restore beauty to the Holley community.

The Holley MS/HS implemented Interact Club in 2017. It is offered to students in grades 7-12 interested in volunteering their service to their community and school. Inspired by Interact, the Elementary School launched EarlyAct Club in 2023 where fifth and sixth graders can gain an increased awareness of knowledge of their community and world and participate in service projects. Both clubs are sponsored by the Holley Rotary Club.



Memorial Day Assembly



On May 24, elementary students participated in a Memorial Day assembly in the Intermediate Gym to honor those who lost their lives serving our country. Local veterans posted and retired the colors. The Elementary Chorus and Concert Band performed several patriotic songs. Fourth grade students signed the pledge in ASL. Student Council representatives emceed the event. It is one of three events held throughout the school year at the ES to celebrate those who serve in the military and patriotism in America.



Flag Day Celebration

On June 14, Holley Elementary students and staff marched into the village for the 67th Annual Flag Day Ceremony. The sun shined bright as students, staff and community members dressed in red, white and blue filled the bleachers. Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Elementary Chorus sang patriotic songs, and the Concert Band played their tributes to the flag. Good Citizen Awards were handed out to students at all grade levels. The Catherine B. Press Award winners were Chase Lasher and Mya Gerringer. This award goes to the fifth grade boy and girl who demonstrate honesty, compassion, responsibility, respect and courage. Their names will be added to the plaque in the ES Foyer.



Senior Walk

Holley seniors took part in a Senior Walk on June 11. Wearing their graduation gowns and signs listing their post-graduation plans, seniors walked through the halls of the MS/HS, cheered on by the underclassmen, faculty and staff. They finished their walk at the Elementary School where they paired up with kindergarteners to walk the hallways and greet teachers from their elementary school days. This is the eighth year Holley CSD has hosted a Senior Walk for students.



Marching Band Showcases "Decades of Pop"

The Holley-Kendall Marching Band hosted its Spring Showcase on June 12 at Hawk Stadium where they presented their field performance, "Decades of Pop." 45 students comprise the color guard and band, which is made up of students from both Holley and Kendall schools.



During the season, the marching band participated in the Springville Pageant of Bands where they placed third in Class C. They also made their first appearance at the Sherburne Pageant of Bands where they placed 2nd in the Parade Class and 3rd in the Color Guard Class. Congratulations to all on their performances this season.



Musicians Shine at Spring Concerts

Many musical events took place in June as the school year wrapped up. The MS/HS Spring Concert was on May 30, featuring students in grades 7-12 performing in the Middle School Chorus and Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Choir and Band. Graduating seniors with four years in Concert Band or Choir received their music chords to wear at graduation. Gabriel Lindsay received Music Honors, the first to accomplish this newly implemented milestone. The Elementary Spring Concert was on June 4, which featured students in grades 4-6 in Beginner Band, Chorus, Jazz Band, and Concert Band. The HS Music Showcase was on June 5, which featured high school students singing and playing music of their choice.



HS Band and Chorus Victorious at Competition

The Holley High School Band and Chorus traveled to Hershey, PA to compete in the Music in the Parks Festival on April 20. Congratulations to our musicians on their performances. Band earned 1st Place in High School Concert Band Class A with a Superior rating and score average of 91.75 of 100. Choir earned 2nd Place in High School Mixed Choir Class A with an Excellent rating and score average of 86.75 of 100. Students spent the weekend exploring Philadelphia while there. Thank you to the Holley Music Department and Holley Music Boosters for making this experience possible.



Thank You from Holley Sports Boosters

It was a monumental school year for Holley Athletics. Each season, there was a team or individual athlete who competed at the state level, which is something that does not happen often. Sometimes it takes 10, or even 30 years. The Holley Sports Boosters is extremely proud and commend the hard work and dedication of Holley athletes, coaches and administrators.

The Boosters would like to thank its members and the community for continued support. Without you, they would not be able to support Holley athletes the way they do. This school year, the boosters:

- Purchased tickets for over 150 student spectators for sectional and state games.
- Purchased 15 sets of warmups (jacket and pants) for the cheer program. (pictured)
- Purchased a 10'x20' tent with sidewalls for the track and field program and the school to use (pictured), along with portable benches.
- Purchased a new back drop net for the Woodlands soccer field.

- Provided lights for the homecoming football game.
- Purchased a hydration station and lineman chute for the football program.
- Purchased six range finders as well as both putting greens and driving mats for the golf program.
- Purchased a set/spike practice stand for the volleyball program.

Donations totaled over \$10,000 and could not have been possible without the many volunteers that worked concessions, as well as donations from the public.

Next time you pay a small fee to watch a game at the Woodlands soccer field or order your favorite item from the concession stand at a soccer or football game, know that your money is being spent to support Holley athletes. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Holley Sports Boosters, please visit <https://www.holleycsd.org/SportsBoosters.aspx>.

Go Hawks!



Spring Sports Highlights

Raising the Bar: Bates and Golisano Claim High Jump Titles

Holley seniors Samantha Bates and Vinny Golisano were named Section V Class B3 Champions in the track and field high jump events this season. To claim the girls' high jump title, Samantha jumped 5'3". For the boys' high jump title, Vinny jumped 5'11".

Both girls' and boys' track and field had a strong showing at New York Public High School Athletic Association (NYPHSAA) Outdoor Track and Field State Qualifiers with Holley athletes competing in 10 events. Samantha qualified for and competed at the NYPHSAA State Tournament for girls' high jump on June 8. Many athletes also set new school records throughout the season. They are listed on the right. Congratulations to all on a fantastic season.



Genesee Region All-Stars

Softball

Leigha Walker

Tennis

Cavan Bennage - Placed 2nd at Section V Class B2 Tennis Singles

Girls' Track

Samantha Bates
Jailyn Bishop
Emma Brady
Allison Merle
Brooklyn Wheeler
Alexia Renner
Mya Brown

Boys' Track

Keon Haughton

Hawk Athletes of the Week

Samantha Bates
Cavan Bennage
Keon Haughton
Jailyn Bishop

New School Records

Jailyn Bishop, Emma Brady, Mya Brown, Kyla Burne
Girls' 4 x 800 Meter: 10:23.5

Vinny Golisano
Boys' High Jump: 6'0"

Jailyn Bishop
Girls' Shotput: 32' 8.25"

Keon Haughton
Boys' 100 Meter: 11.44
200 meter: 22.89

Alivia Wolf
Girls' Pentathlon: 2221 points

Allison Merle
Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles: 16.92

Students of the Month

One student from each elementary classroom is chosen each month for going above and beyond to demonstrate respectful, responsible and safe behaviors. Please see the Student of the Month recipients listed below.

Hawk Heroes are also nominated and recognized each month for demonstrating the Positivity Project traits of the month. Recipient names can be found on the HCSD website and their photos are shared on district social media.



March - Clayton Vonglis, Julianna Church, Lilliana Gerringer, Blake Huffer, Liam Keller, Logan Wright, Jeremy Lutes, Kenneth Weese, Mickdoel Gonzalez, Sophie Kaltenbach, Colt Heisler, Nolan Wright, Kaydence Boyce, Lillian Neff, Tatyana Guerrero, Bennett Johnson, Lydia George, Finn Barhydt, Gianna DeFilippis, Maelanni Rivera, James Rivera, Hannah Hillabush, Colton Burne, Sophie Snook, Nathan Lutes, Aliyah Roth, Adlee Ralph, Henry Breuilly, Harmony Williams, Maverick Masters, Greyson Hills, Gemma Vaccarelli and Nolan Edmonds.



April - Emma Burne, Sullivan Flanagan, Brooklyn Williams, Andrew Stevens, Adam Pahman, Kayden Wahl, Keagan Beebe, Sophia Satter, Leah Pasch, Jeremy Revera, Jailynt Santos, Angel Nichols, Emily Klafehn, Abery Schultz, Jake Bevins, Adelyn Foeller, Brayden Adams, Natalie Young, Lukas L., Kyatt Ross, Mallori Laird, Lydia LeClair, Charlotte Sevor, Michael Edwards, Shane Nunnenkamp, Colt Tumia, Olivia McCarthy, Greyson Arthur, Sullivan Sevor, Josie Sutton, Hanry Mousso, Judy Wiberg and Jesse Fortunato.



May - Grace Cater, Abigail Reed, Paysen Soehner, Melody Gartland, Bailee Beebe, Salvatore Mignano, Sariya Richardson, Chase Lasher, Nicholas Fleming, Gemulett Villalobos, William Sage, Julian Sauer, Kaedin Quantz, Cole Stothard, Frank Patton, Kahless Steinmetz, Logan Spencer, Karina Boychuk, Everett Neri, Zion Richardson, Ryder Stevens, Sloane Reed, Korbyn Yockel, Caleb West, Jillian Sniatecki, Owen Gallo, Violet Martinez, Colton Ries-Stock, Jackson Brooks, Hunter Moak, Chance Spearin and Anna Lus.

Celebrating i-Ready Achievements

An impressive number of elementary students exceeded their end-of-the-year goals on their i-Ready Reading and Math Diagnostics. To help celebrate this great achievement, students were randomly selected to receive prizes. Congratulations to all!



For Reading: (from left) Riley Culbertson, Emily Klafehn, Timothy Hendrickson, Caiden Murray, Maelanni Rivera, Josephine Ferris, Olivia Rebis. Kinleigh Godfrey (not pictured).



For Math: (from left) James Culbertson, Annabelle Neff, Evan West, RJ Butler, Jacqueline Zelter, Ruthie Davis, Mackenzie Niles. Matthew Fittos (not pictured).

PARP Winners Ride in Style

Holley Elementary School students participated once again in the Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program this spring sponsored by the Holley PTSA. The program encouraged students to read books with a partner for three weeks. All students attended an assembly where names were drawn from each grade level's participants to determine the winners of a limo ride to McDonald's for lunch.



Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the luncheon: Kingdom Quick, Mira Page, James Nolte, Alayna Rivera, Timothy Hendrickson, Harper Casale, Adi-Ann Reuther, Skyler Curtin, Skylar Race, Alexa Hills, Maddie Farrell, Robert Scroope, Jane Arney, Max Girangaya, Leon King and Lilliana Gerringer.



Tricia Draper's class was recognized for having the highest participation. They received a pie baking class with Vickie Scroger and Haylee Passarell courtesy of Personal Touch Food Services. Tricia Draper's class also got to help celebrate Bus Driver Appreciation Day by delivering special pies and cards to all those in the transportation department.

Junior/Senior Prom at Ridgemont Country Club on May 31



Pre-K Graduation

Thirty-seven students graduated from the Holley ES Pre-K program this year. Kim Harrington and Kristy Dale's two Pre-K classes held their graduation ceremonies on June 18. Jennifer Morgan and Jennah McMillion's Pre-K class held their graduation ceremony on June 17. Classes sang, danced and performed skits for their families before receiving their diplomas.



Kindergarten Celebration

Sixty-two students in Nicole Ohler's, Leigh Weaver's, Lindsay Cooper's and Courtney Langelotti's kindergarten classes participated in a year-end program on June 21 in the Intermediate Gym. They performed a variety of songs for their families and gathered for punch and cookies after. First grade, here they come!



Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

On June 24, sixth graders journeyed along the walkway from the ES to the MS/HS for their Moving Up Ceremony. Fifty-two students crossed the stage of the MS/HS auditorium and received their certificate of graduation from ES Principal Karri Schiavone. Students received numerous awards for their involvement in school activities and academic achievements. Sixth grade chorus and band members also got the chance to perform once more with their elementary chorus and band teachers. Congratulations to the future Class of 2030 and best of luck in middle school!



Fifteen Students Graduate with Seal of Civic Readiness



On June 3, the Holley Social Studies Department hosted its second annual Seal of Civic Readiness Night in the MS/HS Gymnasium. The following 15 seniors displayed and presented their final projects to earn the Seal of Civic Readiness distinction: Jasmine Apicella, Cavan Bennage, Emma Brady, Caitlyn Dobri, Grace Fuller, Hayli Kuellertz, Gabe Lindsay, Kayla Neale, Ruthie Patton, Karissa Robinson, Bella Thom, Layne Walker, Leigha Walker, Ryleigh Weader and Lorenzo Zaragoza.

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal NYS Education Department distinction. For students who earn the seal, it appears on their high school transcripts and diplomas, signifying that they understand civic responsibility, recognize the value of civic engagement, and completed an action project in civics or social justice.

For the project, students had to examine a constitutional, historical, political or social question through the lens of civics. They initially completed a research paper. Some of the research they conducted included surveys, informational interviews and field internships. Based on their research, they created tangible products and took informed action to make positive differences in the

community. Products students developed included posters, op-ed articles, websites and awareness initiatives.

"The importance of being involved in government, be it local or national, cannot be understated," said James Wallington, Economics and Participation in Government teacher. "The project gives students the opportunity to learn about the many ways they can participate."

The goal is for students to practice and encourage the notion of being active citizens, not passive ones. Many students chose topics related to the fields of study they are planning to pursue. Some chose a topic that they see those around them struggling with and hope to be able to help advocate for change. "Normalize talking about it. It is important to know that there are resources available," said Ryleigh Weader, whose presentation was on "Should the government care more about suicide prevention?"

Students began working on their projects at the beginning of the school year. While the project required a higher level of commitment, it paid off. "I am super well-versed in the topic," said Lorenzo Zaragoza, whose presentation was on "Should the U.S. adopt a universal healthcare system?" Caitlin Dobri, whose presentation was on "Should the U.S. government regulate the price of prescription drugs?", agreed that the project was good research practice and required students to keep up with what is going on in the world.

Cavan Bennage's presentation was on, "Should weapons of mass destruction be allowed in space?" "It is a dangerous thought," Bennage said. His initiatives

focused on building awareness of how the conversations and laws surrounding this topic are evolving globally.

Gabriel Lindsay's presentation was on "Should doctor assisted suicide be allowed?" "It is a heavy topic," said Lindsay. "Nobody enjoys talking about it; therefore, people are less educated on it."

The interactive presentations were the final part of the project. Students were evaluated by a four-person committee made up of Board of Education members and teachers, who visited each student's presentation and used rubrics that delegated points based on students' demonstration of civic knowledge and participation.

"I'm so proud of our students," said Mike Crissman, social studies teacher and department chairman. "They handled themselves so well as public speakers, not only sharing the information they had, but answering many questions."

The Seal of Civic Readiness was initially offered to Holley students in 2022. Holley was one of 50 schools in the state's pilot program. Three students from the class of 2022 graduated with this recognition and 11 in 2023. The Social Studies Department plans to offer the Seal for the foreseeable future.

"We cannot forget the words of Thomas Jefferson, 'We in America do not have a government of the majority. We have government by the majority who participate,'" added Wallington.





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We, the students, parents, staff and community of the Holley Central School District, will work together to provide the opportunity and means for all students to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become responsible and productive citizens in a diverse and changing society. The ideal is to instill a passion for lifelong learning.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Board of Education approved the following dates for the 2024-25 school year:

- Staff Development Day** – No School for Students Aug. 29
- Labor Day** – No School Sept. 2
- Superintendent’s Conference Day** – No School for Students Sept. 3
- First Day for Students** – Sept. 4
- Half Day for Staff Development** – Sept. 20
- Homecoming Weekend** – Sept. 27-28
- Superintendent’s Conference Day** – No School for Students Oct. 11
- Columbus Day** – No School Oct. 14
- Veterans Day** – No School Nov. 11
- Half Day for ES Students & Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Nov. 26
- Thanksgiving Recess** – No School Nov. 27-29
- Half Day for Staff Development** – Dec. 13
- Holiday Recess** – No School Dec. 23-Jan. 3
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day** – No School Jan. 20
- Midterm & Regents Exams** – Jan. 21-24
- Half Day for Staff Development** – Jan. 24
- Lunar New Year** – No School Jan. 29
- Mid-Winter Recess** – No School Feb. 17-21
- Superintendent’s Conference Day** – No School for Students March 28
- Spring Recess** – No School April 14-18
- Memorial Day** – No School May 26
- Final & Regents exams** – June 4, 10, 17-25
- Juneteenth** – No School June 19
- Last day of school for students** – June 25
- Regents Rating Day/Superintendent’s Conference** – June 26-27
- High School Graduation** – June 28