

HAWK'S REPORT



Holley's Annual Musical

Get ready to be transported back to the 1950s. Holley students will bring "Grease" to the stage this year. Performances will be held in the Holley MS/HS Auditorium on Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 15 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$7 at the MS/HS main office or online [here](#). There is a \$1.80 service charge when purchased online. Tickets will also be available for \$7 at the door.



Course Selection

Course selection will end in March. While our hope is to ensure all students get into each of their desired classes, that is not always possible. We pride ourselves on being a small school with a variety of opportunities. We want students to have a variety of courses to choose from.

We have some electives that only have one section and ensuring every student is able to get into every elective they desire is not feasible with so many constraints on our schedule. Please know we will make every effort to ensure students get into electives they desire.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hawk Families,

I hope everyone had a restful February break! Good luck to our athletes participating in sectionals as they continue into the post season. Break a leg to the cast and crew of *Grease* which will hit the Holley stage March 14th and 15th! Also, best of luck to all our students participating in All-County! It is always exciting to see our musicians collaborate with peers across the county, bringing a spectacular concert to our community.

With course selection almost complete, we will begin building our schedule for the 2025-26 school year. Please know we pride ourselves on being a small school with big school opportunities. With that we have many courses that only have one section running each year. Therefore, we cannot guarantee each student will get into every course they signed up for. We will ensure they get into each course they *need* but cannot guarantee they will get into each course they *want*. We ask families to understand we try to make decisions that benefit our community and student body as a whole.

Progress reports will be available to parents via SchoolTool on March 14th. Several parents reached out to me after the second quarter report cards concerned about grades. I would like to thank those who reached out directly to me with their concerns. Our responsibility as educators is to teach students utilizing New York State Standards in each course. Grades are not a reflection of a student's character or work ethic. Grades are supposed to be a reflection of a student's understanding of standards in a subject. We want students to do well. We want them to set goals and utilize positive habits to help them reach those goals. We want students to work hard to learn and meet state standards. Please note when talking to teachers about grades, the focus should be on a student's learning and habits that support learning. It is not a reflection of their character or work ethic.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at mfeldman@holleycsd.org or 585-815-5459.

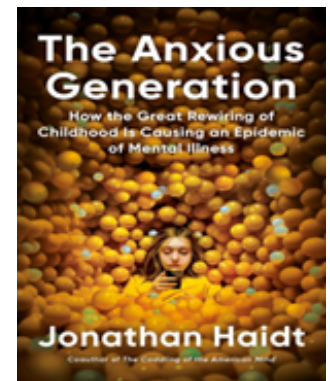
Mr. Feldman
Holley MS/HS Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

- Second quarter report cards were sent out the week of 2/3 to 2/7/2025.
- The High Honor and Honor Roll recipients are listed on the achievement wall outside the counseling office and published on the Holley Central School District [website](#). Your student will receive a certificate in the mail for their accomplishment.
- Additional scholarships are being added to the Scholarship Wall each week. Please check out the wall and note the deadlines for submission.
- If you would like to have access to School Tool or if you did not receive a phone call or email regarding school closings contact the office at 585-638-6335 X5510.
- We will be starting a new round of colleges and military visits for the spring. If there is a college or military branch that you are interested in coming to Holley for a visit, please see Ms. Horth in the counseling office.

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

The counseling office continues to be a source of open support to students who may be struggling with issues ranging from friendship struggles, relationships, social/emotional and academic needs. In all aspects, students' phone usage and obsession with social media platforms and online communication seems to be a huge distraction and cause of a lot of their emotional distress. I have recently read "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt, which examines the social and emotional toll early access to social media and cell phones has had on our current generation of young people. The evidence is significant, and the solution recommends holding off on unfettered access to social media for as long as possible while encouraging children to interact in the real world through play and other social opportunities.



While it is difficult to pull back permissions and access to kids once they are given, I strongly encourage parents and families to have discussions surrounding the social media accounts their students are using. It is a cause of many social problems encountered at school and at home. Even when cell phone usage may not be a "problem", it is a distraction from their learning. Even with cell phone policies in place, students tend to be easily distracted by even having their phones on their person. School is a time for learning, engaging with peers, and using problem-solving skills to navigate personal development. I have seen firsthand how these skills are stunted by the students' over-dependence on their phones. If you are interested in finding resources to help have these conversations at home, follow the hyperlinks to develop family plans to put limits on social media usage.

[Family Agreement](#)

[Family Media Plan](#)

SOARING SPORTS

Spring Sports Registration Now Open

Get ready for the upcoming season. Registration for springs sports is now open. Be sure to sign up early to ensure your eligibility. Registration can be found [here](#).

Sign ups are now available online

ArbiterSports | **FamilyID**



REGISTER YOUR ATHLETE NOW!
 SPRING SEASONS BEGIN
 MARCH 17 (JV&VAR), MARCH
 31 (UNIFIED BASKETBALL),
 APRIL 17 (MODIFIED)



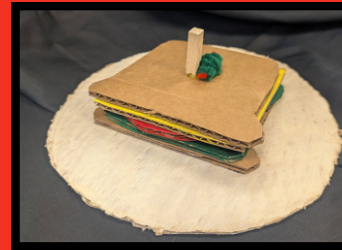
Check out the upcoming April Dimension and the HCS D Facebook page for more winter athletic highlights.

Holley Sports Boosters

The Holley Sports Boosters welcomes parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers, coaches, students and anyone interested in seeing what we're about to join us, get involved, and help improve our sports programs and community. We realize everyone's time is valuable. Any amount of time you're able to give is a big help and greatly appreciated. If you're not interested in becoming a member just yet, there are still ways to help. Come and see what we're all about! Meetings are monthly, for dates and times, follow Holley Sports Boosters Facebook page.

HOLLEY MS/HS VISUAL ARTS

Students in Mrs. Ellis' 8th grade art classes have been working on a sculpture project inspired by artists Pattianne Stevenson and Claus Oldenburg. They created these sculptures using cardboard as a base then adding details with found objects and supplies from around the art room!



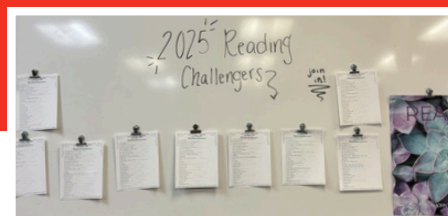
March is "Youth Art Month"! The middle school and high school art classes will be participating in a March Madness Art Bracket! Each day we will vote for our favorite famous work of art - stay tuned to see who the winner is!



Please join us for our annual district wide art show on March 25th from 5-7pm in the HS light court A! More details to come!

LIBRARY MEDIA UPDATE

Happy February! We have some fun updates this month! There are lots of exciting new things to see and do in the library. A new "beat the winter blues" book display was created and set up by a couple of creative library club members! We also have a display of new books to check out. More students have signed up for our 2025 Reading Challenge, and we are hoping for more! Also, students have been having lots of fun voting with our new monthly "polarizing questions" activity! Pineapple on pizza haters won out this time. . .



FINE ARTS UPDATE

On February 7th and 8th, students from the Holley MSHS Music Department participated in the first of two All-County Festivals hosted by the Orleans County Music Educators Association (OCMEA) at Kendall MSHS.

There were 14 participants in grades 7-9 in the Jr. High All-County Band, including: Grace Cater, Peyton Caufield, Ella Alcott, Rosa Scroope, Isabella Paniccia, Angelina Paniccia, Marek Auch, Logan Lane, Owen Cornell, Trent Walker, Hanna Ostrom, Kallan Babcock, Madilynn Gearing, and Nathan Torpey. The OCMEA Jr. High All-County Band was guest-conducted by Mr. Matthew Tichy, Band Director at Mill Middle School in Williamsville, NY.

There were 10 participants in grades 10-12 in the Sr. High All-County Choir, including: Abigail Merkley, Layla Jones, Isabella Emery, Maggie Skehan, Alexis VanAmeron, Kylee Dann, Isla Schultz, Aidan Kelley, Owen Schultz, and Leonidas Ladd. The OCMEA Sr. High All-County Choir was conducted by several choir directors from Orleans County high schools, including Holley’s Mrs. Marzano.

Also at the All-County Festival; Owen Schultz was recognized as a nominee for a new award being given, the OCMEA Scholar Artist Award. To be nominated, students must maintain a GPA of 90.0 and above, be an active participant in their Music Department, and be a leader in their school/community. Owen was nominated by Mr. Busch.



IMPORTANT DATES

March 7
25 Weeks Ends

March 8
All County at Lyndonville CSD

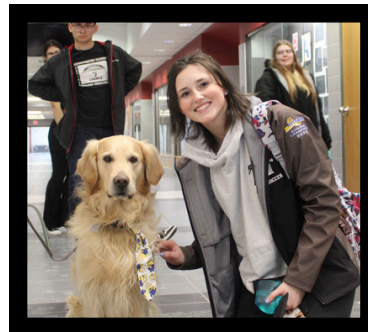
March 13
Interact Field Trip Orleans Kitchen

March 14
Progress Reports on SchoolTool

March 14
Roc2Change Field Trip

March 14 and 15
Grease Musical

March 17
GLOW Healthcare Field Trip



March 20
Genesee Youth County Leadership Conference

March 20
Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-6PM

March 24
District Band Concert 7:00PM

March 25
District Chorus Concert 7:00PM

March 26-28
8th Grade Trip to Washington DC

March 28
**Superintendent Conference Day
No School for Students**

SENIOR INFORMATION

The senior trip is slated for May 28th. We will venture to Lewiston Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours. The cost of the trip is \$40 per student. A \$20 deposit is due to Ms. Andrews in the main office by April 1st.

Please note prom will be on June 6th. The Senior Breakfast will be on June 27th and Graduation will be on June 28th. More details regarding each of these events will come out soon.

