



# KNOW Your Schools

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## Superintendent's Message

If we were to solely focus on what we see in the news media and social media threads, the state of our world appears to be awfully bleak. But, when I reflect upon what our staff and students have accomplished this school year, in the face of a pandemic, I am filled with pride and incredible hope that this hardship will make our community stronger than ever! On March 13, we were ordered to close our schools and transition to distance learning for the duration of the school year due to a global pandemic that has wreaked havoc on the health and economies of communities across the nation. When I met with our teachers, administrators, and staff on the morning of March 13, this incredible team, without hesitation, put together learning packets, communication plans, and loaded backpacks to help our students stay engaged with learning. In addition to this, our food service and transportation staff moved quickly to set up a plan to keep our kids fed for the duration of the closure. Approximately 61,000 breakfasts and lunches were delivered during the closure in addition to suppers, snacks, and Hand2Hand meal packs. Our meal service will continue to operate for the duration of the summer. The eager willingness of our Holton Public Schools team to serve our community during this difficult time has been absolutely inspiring. Our students have worked to stay connected to learning through virtual classes, phone calls and visits from teachers, and checking in via email. Our seniors earned scholarships and awards and were able to enjoy a Flipped Senior Skip day to have a "last day" as Holton students. So much has been taken away due to the virus that shutdown our schools. This has not been the ideal way to learn or experience school. However, I want to challenge all of us to look for the positive in the face of adversity. Even amidst a crisis, amazing things are happening that bring hope. And with hope, we can overcome anything.



I know our last few months have been frustrating and sad. We know, even with our efforts to provide instruction, there was curriculum missed and learning progression lost. We learned a lot in our experience through distance learning. And we are preparing to support our learners in the fall to build upon what went well and improve where we struggled. I have two requests as we approach beginning to think about next year.

- **Advocate for Public Education:** The COVID-19 pandemic impacted school budgets substantially. Please join me in advocating financial assistance to our public schools from the federal government. Public schools are critical to our children and our economy. You can learn more about how to advocate for funding by visiting <http://ourkidsfuturemi.com/>.
- **Support Your School:** Please be patient with us. I wish I could tell you I know exactly how school will open in the fall. I simply don't. We are preparing for a normal fall return. But we know we need to be prepared for other scenarios that we may be ordered to follow. We are committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. Regardless of what we are required to do in the fall, please know that Holton Public Schools is ready to provide for your children. We will do our best to meet the needs of our families. We are partners and together will get through this!

Recently, we presented our Golden Apple Award to the Hand2Hand program. Hand2Hand is a weekend meal program for students that started this year with the support of area churches coordinated by Amy Stoll. Hand2Hand continued to provide for our students and families for the duration of the school closure by providing meal and snack packs. We appreciate the hard work done by the volunteers and donors from Hand2Hand. We are so happy to recognize their efforts with the Golden Apple Award! We also celebrate our 20, 25, and 30 years of service employees. This year Mrs. CJ Johnson completed her 25th year and Mr. Jeff Scott completed his 30th year of service. We are incredibly thankful to the dedication of Ms. Johnson and Mr. Scott! Finally, we have two retirees this year. Mrs. Tracey Taylor and Mrs. Kim Felt will be retiring this year. Both have been outstanding educators impacting hundreds and hundreds of students and families. We wish them a very happy and healthy retirement!

You will be hearing from us this summer as we learn more about reopening in the fall. For now, we are planning to have a new and improved open house/registration on September 1st and our first full day of school on September 8th. More details will be shared as soon as we know them. Enjoy your summer! I hope it is filled with the people and adventures that bring you joy. On Holton!

Respectfully, Dr. Adam Bayne



Ms. CJ Johnson recognized for 25 years of service. Not pictured Mr. Jeff Scott recognized for 30 years of service.



Our retirees, Mrs. Tracey Taylor and Mrs. Kim Felt (not pictured)

## 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Student 1/2 Day/Open House	September 1
Full Day of School	September 8
Homecoming	September 18
No School - Teacher PD	October 9
Middle/High School Conferences (Half Day)	October 15
Elementary Conferences	November 5
Christmas Break (Half Day)	December 18
Christmas Break	Dec 21 - Jan 1 (Return January 4th)
Half Days - End of Semester	January 20 - 22
Mid Winter Break	February 11 - 15
Middle High Conferences	March 4
Elementary Conferences	March 18
Spring Break	April 2 - 9 (Return April 12)
No School - Teacher PD	May 28
No School - Memorial Day	May 31
Half Days - End of Year	June 8 - 10
Start time: MS/HS.....7:43 a.m.	End time.....2:34 p.m.
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Half day end time:	MS/HS.....10:56 a.m. Elem.....12:03 p.m.

## District Services Building

### Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 3:30  
Phone (231) 821-1700

## Flipped Senior Skip Day

The class of 2020 has certainly had an interesting and challenging end to their school careers. It's no surprise that "Senior Skip Day" became "Flipped Senior Skip Day". Instead of the senior class picking a day to skip school and do something together, they actually came to school for a day. Flipped Senior Skip Day was held on June 10, 2020.

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**Chloe Bayne** is the daughter of Scott and Michelle Bayne. She is ranked seventh in her class, and plans to attend Aquinas College where she will earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.



**Nathan Slowik** is the son of Mike and Angela Slowik. He is ranked eighth in his class, and plans to attend Cornerstone University to study digital media and play basketball.



**Chip Wright** is the son of Stacy Wright and Carleton Wright. He is ranked ninth in his class, and plans to attend Muskegon Community College and then transfer to a larger university. Chip's career plans are undecided.



**Alexia Stewart** is the daughter of Kristal and Chris Stewart. She is ranked tenth in her class, and plans to attend Ferris State University and Belmont University where she will major in Entertainment Business and minor in Psychology.

## Class of 2020 - Top Ten Graduates



**Paige Byrnes** is the daughter of Brian and Erin Byrnes. She is Valedictorian of her class, and plans to study business management and play volleyball at Albion College.



**Emma Wisniewski** is the daughter of David and Lori Wisniewski. She is the Valedictorian of her class, and plans to major in Film studies and minor in Women and Gender studies at Michigan State University.



**Sydney Byrnes** is the daughter of Brian and Erin Byrnes. She is Valedictorian of her class, and plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a degree in English Secondary Education.



**Kaleb Kitchka** is the son of Amanda Kitchka and Dennis and Tara Plekes. He is the Salutatorian of his class and plans to attend Kalamazoo College to play football and major in Psychology. He will then pursue a masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan.



**Drew Trygstad** is the son of Rick and Kris Trygstad. He is the Valedictorian of his class, and plans to attend the University of Michigan to study Astronautical Engineering.



**Reed Conzemius** is the son of Todd and Kristi Conzemius. He is ranked sixth in his class, and plans to attend Muskegon Community College where he will continue his studies in Machining and Engineering.



## Greetings . . . from Holton High/Middle School

I hope this message finds your summer off to a great start. Summer can be the best time of the year to spend quality time with family and friends and forget about school for a while.

Spring did not go as planned. It is usually the busiest and yet most fun time of the year with testing, field trips, camp, and spring sports. We were able to do some celebrations virtually and host a flipped senior skip day. The staff did an amazing job turning the traditional brick and mortar school into a full virtual learning experience. I want to thank the staff, parents, and the community for pulling together, not just for students, but for the Holton community.

Virtual learning created new experiences as well. I had the opportunity to take a virtual tour of a middle school student's farm! How cool is that?

Summer school for middle school will be a little later than usual, starting late July. I will be sending out detailed information to families at the end of the month.

On behalf of the entire Holton staff, I would like to wish you a wonderful summer break with your children creating many memories that will last throughout a lifetime!

*Sincerely, Erik Carlson, Principal*



## Hey Soon to be 6th Graders! BEGINNING BAND INFORMATION

The study of music could be one of the most valuable steps in your child's education. Current research shows that playing an instrument increases brain development and — along with developing **responsibility, mental discipline, teamwork and self-esteem** — will provide enjoyment while fostering a lifelong appreciation of music and other arts!

This Spring I lost the opportunity to work with the 5th grade to show them instruments and give them the opportunity to try them all out. I hope to be able to offer an alternative "Instrument Fitting/Try Out" on **Wednesday, AUGUST 12th\***, from 12-2PM at the Band Room. You may have a short visit to try out instruments or take your time. Everything will be safe and sanitized with the help of my friends at West Michigan Band Instruments. I hope you can join us!

All instruction for band is free, and all that is necessary for us to do is obtain an instrument (rent/buy/borrow) and a method book (around \$8) for the student to play. A quality instrument is essential for each child's success. Details for obtaining an instrument can be obtained by contacting me at the school or West Michigan Band Instruments (616-447-8124, [www.westmichiganband.com](http://www.westmichiganband.com)). I strongly encourage starting with a rental plan from for many reasons, one being the **FREE maintenance** of the instrument that is included while a student rents and another being that the rental program is an inexpensive process that eventually purchases an instrument quite reasonably. Those who are unable to rent instruments from WMBI please contact me so that we can discuss other options available and what I can try to do to help.

There will be a **Rental Meeting on Thursday, September 10th\***, from 5:30PM-6:30PM in the Holton Band Room for those who still need instruments in the Fall. The meeting will not last an hour, but rather set aside a time to make available representatives from WMBI (and Mrs. T) to aid in rental plans and answer questions. It is important that parents and/or guardians attend this meeting or contact me if there are any conflicts if an instrument needs to be acquired.

Every child should have the chance to participate in music, to understand it, and to appreciate it. I look forward to hearing from those interested (*and am very excited for those of you who have already asked to be put on the Beginning Band roster!*)

If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail me. I LOVE to answer questions in the summer!

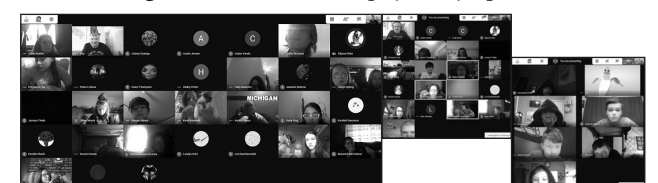
Musically,  
Gretchen Thompson, Band Director  
Holton Public Schools 231.821.1950 (Band office)  
[gthompson@holton.k12.mi.us](mailto:gthompson@holton.k12.mi.us)

*\*All dates are tentative pending the state and school mandated safety guidelines.*

## Staying Connected While Apart! By Andrew Haak

Maintaining connectedness and relationships has been particularly difficult for many of us during this time. The Holton teaching staff has been working diligently to not only transition successfully to distance learning, but also to continue a sense of classroom community by using the Google Meet(ing) app to communicate with students on a regular basis. Mr. Haak's classes have been learning online for several years now, and during the shutdown, he has led a weekly "Power Hour & Long-Distance Assistance" online meeting with his middle school classes, where students can discuss the week's academic topics and ask questions.

To keep things lively, Mr. Haak has also planned some fun connectedness activities, like playing "Would You Rather" Kahoot quizzes, a Pet Show & Tell, and even a Virtual Scavenger Hunt! Mr. Haak also discovered a program to add fun Augmented Reality backgrounds and hats, and even change his facial features altogether, similar to SnapChat. All of these efforts have been received well and have helped better support students during this emotionally demanding time. We will see each other in person soon enough, but until then, it's great to see students smiling and having a fun time learning online while we are physically apart!



## SNOWCOMING 2020



Left to Right: Ethan Legard, Frankie Klootwyk, Chase Young, Hunter Porter, Cody Wright, Chip Wright, King Brock Horton, Queen Jenna Bultema, Ashton Thompson, Hannah Thompson, Alexia Stewart, Danni Coburn, Alanna Cregg and Kyleigh Jager

## MEMORY PROJECT



Three students, Kendra Westerhouse, Jasmin Cooper and Gina Nye participated in the Memory Project this year. The Memory Project is an international program that connects students through portraiture. This year, the girls painted portraits of children from ethnic minorities across southeast Asia, and many are from the Rohingya ethnic group. They are living as refugees in Malaysia with few personal belongings to call their own.

## MARCHING BAND

Mrs. Thompson is preparing a Rock show for Marching season! Tunes selected are from favorites suggested by current music students and will be announced soon! Leading the band again this year are Senior Drum Majors, KAYLA CHARTRAND and JALEE TICE! Serving the Band as Field Commander is SABRIELLE PENTONEY and Spirit Leader, MADISON BLOOM. Incoming 7th and 8th grade Band students are invited to participate in Marching Band if they choose. If you are a middle school student, and want to be in the Marching Band – make sure Mrs. T knows so that she can write you into the drill!

**Pre-Camp:** Aug. 5\* (Wednesday) 9AM-1PM - Drum Major(s) & Color Guard report to Band Room  
Aug. 6\* (Thursday) 9AM-1PM - Drum Major(s) & Percussion report to Band Room

**Camp:** Aug. 10-14\* (Monday-Friday) 9AM-2PM - Full Band reports to Band Room (see themed spirit days below!)  
(Bring TENNIS SHOES, a sack lunch, water, sunscreen! Also your instrument, a flip folder & lyre [if you can get one], a pencil.

**MONDAY 8/10\*:** "Would you be my friend if I wore this?" Day (Dress silly, but always school appropriate.)  
**TUESDAY 8/11\*:** Luau Spirit Day! - Slip & Slide if weather permits (Bring a towel...and prepare for splashes!)  
**WEDNESDAY 8/12\*:** Dress Like Your Section-mates Day! - AKA: COOKIE & KAZOO DAY! (YAY!)

**THURSDAY 8/13\*:** Dress Like your favorite rockstar/book/tv/comic Character Day!

**FRIDAY 8/14\*:** Red & White School Spirit Day!  
-Marching Band T-shirts will be available (\$15).  
(Anyone can get one, help support the band!)

**doors** -Performance for friends and families,  
1PM @ the Stadium

-Potluck/picnic (all are invited) in front of the Band room @  
1:30PM then Spirit Royalty Crowned!

Reminders will be posted via the Marching Band Facebook page. **Camp will be full of fun, surprises, and most importantly, lots of MUSIC!**

Monday Night Rehearsals (MNRs) will be used to keep the routines and music improving. MNR dates are TBA.

**If you are involved in sports, summer jobs, etc...let Mrs. T know and she'll accommodate those schedules.**

**Mrs. T can help you with music or instrument needs over the summer. Reach out if you need anything!**

Keep communicating with Mrs. Thompson with questions!

[gthompson@holton.k12.mi.us](mailto:gthompson@holton.k12.mi.us)

231.821.1950 (Band Office)

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## Flipped Senior Skip Day (continued from page 1)

Seniors started their day by turning in Chromebooks, textbooks and any other items that belonged to the school. The seniors were given their class tee shirts and gathered on the football field for group photos. After the photos, seniors played old school games like musical chairs, water balloon toss and egg relay before lunch. The class of 2020 enjoyed a cookout lunch with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, potato salad and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

The students were supposed to play yard games in the afternoon while waiting for the parade in the evening. Unfortunately, as has so often been the case for the seniors, plans changed. A thunderstorm rolled in and forced everyone to return home to wait until it was time for the parade. The parade began at 5:15 p.m. It was great to see the community come out and support the seniors. Everyone had a great time celebrating the end of a very unique school year.







## Holton Families

What a crazy Spring we have had. The elementary has been too quiet and empty since March 13th and I have missed all of the students and their families the last two months. It is sad to think about all of the fun activities that happen in the Spring here at school like: field trips, track and field/fun in the park day, fifth grade graduation, Kindergarten/1st grade music concert, and so many more. But I have been so proud of the students and families that have worked so hard at home to continue to learn and grow.

Holton Elementary will be hosting a Summer school this year beginning July 20th through August 7th. It will run Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Information will be sent home to the parents of students that teachers have recommended for this program. If you have questions please contact me at [ebyrnes@holton.k12.mi.us](mailto:ebyrnes@holton.k12.mi.us) or 231-821-1828.

As you go into Summer this year, enjoy the time outside and the fresh air. Stay active with your family and continue to read. The public library is still holding their Summer Reading Program and I encourage you to join in.

We are looking forward to school again in the Fall and welcoming our new Kindergarteners. If you have a child that is ready for Kindergarten in the Fall or know of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child in Kindergarten, please contact Robin Taylor for enrollment information at 231-821-1826 or [rtaylor@holton.k12.mi.us](mailto:rtaylor@holton.k12.mi.us).



*Wishing you a great Summer,*

*Erin Byrnes  
Elementary Principal*

## FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION



The fifth graders of the 2019-2020 school year officially graduated from elementary and will be moving on to middle school next year. 62 students make up the Class of 2027. Fifth graders are normally celebrated with a ceremony during one of the last days of school. However, with the school closure they needed to be celebrated differently this year. Fifth grade teachers visited each of the fifth grade students at their home. They were given a graduation cap, diploma, and a fifth grade graduation t-shirt. We have missed having them in the halls of Holton Elementary for their last months of elementary school. They are ready to move on to bigger things and we wish them all the best of luck in sixth grade.



## Kindergarten & School Learning at Home

Kindergarten has been using Seesaw as the primary educational source for online learners. It has allowed students to be very creative and allowed teachers to interact with them. Students are able to send pictures and videos as well as write and draw to show off their amazing skills. Several students have shared outdoor projects they are doing at home with families. Projects have included building bird houses and observing animals like earthworms and salamanders.



*Kindergarten teachers  
wish you a great Summer!*



## Kindergarten Registration

### 2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN Options & Enrollment Information

For the 2020-2021 school year, Holton Elementary will continue to offer two options for our new Kindergarten students! There will be traditional Kindergarten classrooms as well as a transitional Kindergarten classroom. As the academic expectations of Kindergarten increase, it has been shown that some children need more time to grow socially and emotionally before they are completely ready for traditional Kindergarten. There is strong research to support delaying the heavy academic demands for some children leads to much more confident learners.

The transitional Kindergarten class is a two-year experience for students who can use the extra time. The first year will be in the transitional Kindergarten classroom using a curriculum that focuses on a play-based experience and allows them to become curious and confident learners. The second year, students would enroll in a traditional, academic Kindergarten classroom.

If you have a child that will be five before December 1st, 2020 and you are interested in traditional Kindergarten or transitional Kindergarten, please call the elementary office at 231-821-1826 for enrollment information.

## Free Books for Elementary Students

Holton Elementary students had free books delivered to them multiple times throughout the school closure. The books were purchased with gift certificates from First Book Market Place. The donations of funds were provided from New York Life Insurance and Pizza Hut. This was a nationwide donation program. Many of our staff members were chosen recipients and given a \$250 gift certificate. The certificates had to be used in the Book Bank at First Book. Those books are donated to First Book from large and small publishing houses through the US and World. Mrs. Almond ordered the books and individually packed them for each of the elementary students. Hoping all of the students enjoyed their books and keep reading all Summer.

## March is Reading Month . . . Cut Short



Reading month was celebrated half at school and half at home this year. March 13th was the last day of school on campus before changing to at home learning. While at school students and staff were able to participate in a daily dress up day to encourage reading.

There was also a book swap that took place, where students could bring in one of their books and exchange it for a different book. Although not all of the planned activities for reading month took place this year, students were encouraged to continue to celebrate reading month at home and, as always, encouraged to read every day.



## ELEMENTARY READING CHALLENGE

Mrs. Almond, the elementary librarian, gave the elementary students a challenge as they were doing their learning from home. The challenge was set for April 13 – May 25th. She challenged them to pass 500 Accelerated Reader quizzes. These quizzes are taken after they complete the reading of a book. 122 of the elementary students joined in the challenge and they did amazing. Students took 1,900 quizzes and passed 1,842 of them.

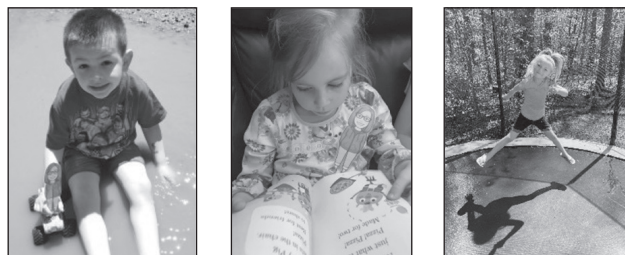
*Way to go readers!!!!*

## FLAT TEACHER PROJECT

Mrs. Kulicamp and Mrs. Brueck both created a flat teacher project for their students in order to give students a fun project that let them know their teachers were missing them and wanted to know what they were up to during their time apart from each other. The teachers created miniature versions of themselves and sent them home to their students. They asked the students to take their "mini teacher" with them on their daily adventures. Students documented their adventures with pictures.

Mrs. Kulicamp played Barbies, went to the sand dunes, jumped on a trampoline, played in the mud, read stories, and ate dinner with her students.

Mrs. Brueck had so much fun and was able to go on so many different adventures with her students. Some of her exciting adventures included swimming, riding dirt bikes, helping with science experiments, cooking, building a raft, riding a quad, playing many games, and even learning to play a guitar!



## FRACTIONS & MEASUREMENT

Madeline Burkett practicing fractions and measurement at home while baking cookies. Cooking is a real life application of fractions and a great way to learn.

*Nice job, Madeline!*





## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

8/21	@ Beal City Invitational	9:00 am
8/25	@ Mason County Central	9:00 am
8/26	@ Morley-Stanwood	5:30 pm
9/3	Newaygo	5:30 pm
9/9	Lakeview	5:30 pm
9/10	Hart/Tri-County	5:00 pm
9/16	Kent City	5:30 pm
9/19	@ Fruitport Calvary Invite	9:00 am
9/23	Hesperia	5:30 pm
9/30	Morley-Stanwood	9:00 am
10/3	@ Shelby Invite	8:30 am
10/6	White Cloud	5:30 pm
10/14	@ Lakeview	5:30 pm
10/17	GMAA@ Reeths-Puffer	9:00 am
10/21	@ Kent City	5:30 pm
10/27	@ Muskegon Catholic	5:30 pm
10/28	@ Hesperia	5:30 pm
11/4-7	Districts @ TBA	TBA

## JV VOLLEYBALL

8/22	Holton Invitational	9:00 am
8/26	@ Morley-Stanwood	5:30 pm
9/3	Newaygo	5:30 pm
9/9	Lakeview	5:30 pm
9/10	Hart/Tri-County	5:00 pm
9/12	@ Hesperia Invite	9:00 am
9/16	Kent City	5:30 pm
9/23	Hesperia	5:30 pm
9/30	Morley-Stanwood	9:00 am
10/6	White Cloud	5:30 pm
10/10	@ WMC Showdown	9:00 am
10/14	@ Lakeview	5:30 pm
10/21	@ Kent City	5:30 pm
10/22	Grant/Hart/N. Muskegon	5:00 pm
10/27	Reed City/Ravenna	5:00 pm
10/28	@ Hesperia	5:30 pm

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/20	Scrimmage HOME	6:00 pm
8/27	Hart	7:00 pm
9/3	@ Britton Deerfield	7:00 pm
9/11	Morley-Stanwood	7:00 pm
9/18	White Cloud	7:00 pm
9/25	Lakeview	7:00 pm
10/2	@ Kent City	7:00 pm
10/9	@ Hesperia	7:00 pm
10/16	Perry	7:00 pm
10/23	@Tri County	7:00 pm

## JV FOOTBALL

8/20	Scrimmage HOME	6:00 pm
8/27	Hart	3:30 pm
9/3	@ Britton Deerfield	4:00 pm
9/10	@ Morley-Stanwood	6:30 pm
9/17	@ White Cloud	6:30 pm
9/24	@ Lakeview	6:30 pm
10/1	Kent City	6:30 pm
10/8	Hesperia	6:30 pm
10/16	Perry	4:00 pm
10/22	Tri County	6:30 pm

## VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

8/22	@ Muskegon Catholic	9:00 am
8/24	@ Fruitport Invite	4:30 pm
9/8	@ Hesperia	4:30 pm
9/12	@Fremont Hill & Bale	9:00 am
9/19	@ Ludington (Briggs)	8:00 am
9/22	@ White Cloud	4:30 pm
9/26	@ Oakridge Invite	8:00 am
10/3	@ Fruitport Invite	9:00 am
10/6	@ Lakeview	4:30 pm
10/17	GMAA @ Mus. Com. Col.	TBD
10/20	@ Kent City	4:30 pm
10/27	@ White Cloud	4:30 pm
10/31	Regionals @ TBD	TBD

## VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

8/19	@ Moss Ridge (Sparta)	9:00 am
9/2	@ Waters Edge (Fremont)	9:00 am
9/9	@ Moss Ridge (Kent City)	9:00 am
9/15	Stonegate (Holton)	9:00 am
9/17	@ Granview (Montague)	9:00 am
9/29	@ CSAA Championship	9:00 am
10/8-11	Regionals @ TBD	TBD

\*All schedules are subject to change. Please check <https://holtonathletics.com/> for the most up to date schedules.

## NEW ATHLETICS LOGO

Starting the spring season of 2020 we have adopted a new logo for our athletics. This will be used in all of our future signage and uniforms for athletics.



On Holton!

## Bowler Qualifies for State Finals

This winter, Kylie Gould, represented Holton as the first ever bowler at the state finals in Lansing. Kylie finished in the top 10 at the regional tournament to qualify.



Way to go Kylie!

## BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER RECEIVES ALL-STATE HONORS

Nathan Slowik was named Division 3 All-State Honorable Mention by the AP and Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM).



Congrats Nate!

## Winter All-Conference Athletes

- Boys Basketball:** Nathan Slowik; Aidan Poling (HM)
- Girls Basketball:** Ally Seiber; Madison Bosset (HM)
- Wrestling:** Riley Moore 112 (HM); Graham Resterhouse (HM); Rice Robins 125 (HM); Joe Croewell 171 (HM)
- Boys Bowling:** Nathan Slowik (HM); Drew Trygstad (HM); Joseph McClean (HM)
- Girls Bowling:** Kylie Gould

## 2020 HOLTON DAYS IS CANCELLED

Unfortunately 2020 Holton Days is cancelled however planning will be ramping up soon for 2021 to celebrate the 40th year of Holton Days along with 150 years of Holton. Visit [www.onholton.com](http://www.onholton.com), facebook @holtondays and coming soon on facebook @onholton for news and information about these historic celebrations. Holton Days 40th anniversary will take place July 29-31, 2021.



Muskegon Area District Library – Holton Branch  
8776 Holton-Duck Lake Rd.  
231-821-0268

## 2020 Summer Reading Club

“Imagine Your Story this summer from June 15 – August 15. The Summer Reading Club is for all ages. Go to [www.madl.org](http://www.madl.org) or stop by the library to track your reading!

**MADL Make It/Take It**  
Looking for something fun to do? We will have craft kits available with the supplies you need. Available in July, while supplies last.

**Virtual Programs**  
Our programs have gone Virtual! Join MADL this summer online! Programs will include Pajama Storytime, Trivia Tuesday, RootTalk, Online Book Club, Magic, Animal Crossing, Essential Oils, Herbology, Campfire Songs, Virtual Escape Rooms, Bucket Drumming, Summer Book Talks and more!

**More Information**  
Watch madl.org and the MADL Facebook page for more information.

## Flipped Senior Skip Day Parade



## COLOR GUARD 2020

Welcome back to the Holton Color Guard, Cierra Pentoney (CAPTAIN) and Morgan Boyette! We would like at least one more member for this upcoming season. Contact Mrs. T if you are interested and are going to be in grades 9-12.

## BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

We have substitute and athletic trip bus driving positions available at Holton Public Schools. No previous bus driving experience necessary and we will provide the training! For more information please call (231) 821-1707

## HOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Four (4) four-year terms.

District residents interested in seeking election to the Holton Public Schools Board of Education are encouraged to contact the Holton Public Schools Administration building for the candidate's petitions and filing documents or to get information on filing and election process, under the Elections Consolidation Law. The deadline for filing petitions is 4:00 pm, Tuesday July, 21st, 2020, at the Muskegon County Clerk's office. The election date is Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is best to make an appointment with Brandee Tanner to pick up your petitions. Brandee can be reached at: [btanner@holton.k12.mi.us](mailto:btanner@holton.k12.mi.us) or by calling 231 821-1700

## 2020 RETIREES



### Mrs. Tracey Taylor

She will be retiring from Holton Public Schools after spending over 31 years as a teacher here. Mrs. Taylor is a truly dedicated educator, and one of a kind. She works diligently every day to connect with each student. She is one of the last people to leave the building every evening, spending extra time to prepare for the next day. Her kindness spreads throughout the entire building to both students and staff. Even though she has a quiet demeanor, she will be missed greatly in the halls of Holton Elementary. However, the impact that she has left on years of students and staff members will stay with us all.

*Thank you Mrs. Taylor for your dedication to the Holton Community and the families of Holton Public Schools.*



### Kim Felt

After 18 years of hard work and dedication to others, Kim Felt, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, has chosen to retire. For many years she has devoted herself to educating children and can now look back with pride at all she has accomplished. Thank you Kim for your endless patience, motivation, and persistence. Kim also served as the coach of our successful writing team. She tirelessly gave her time when it came to offering student support. This dedication has certainly made a difference in the lives of others. Holton Public Schools is certainly a better place due to her guidance and support. She will be greatly missed by staff and students alike.

*Congratulations, Kim and thank you for having such a positive impact on so many Children.*