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Superintendent's Message

Dear Holton Families:

Thank you for a great school year! While the year has not been without challenges, I am thankful for the ongoing support the community provides Holton Public Schools. The partnership between the school and families is critically important. Together we can ensure our students are safe, healthy, and ready to reach their fullest potential! There is so much to be proud of at Holton Public Schools! Below are a few updates as we launch into summer break:

2022-23 Enrollment: We continue to enroll students for the 2022-2023 School Year. We have a variety of options for enrollment. You can learn more about how to enroll by visiting https://www. holtonschools.com/for-parents/enrollment/. Holton Public Schools is a great place to grow, learn, graduate, and succeed!

Service Award Recognition: We recently celebrated our 20, 25, and 30 years of service employees. This year Mrs. Jane Behm, Mr. Aaron Brown, Mr. Jason Gripton, Mrs. Jennifer Mulder, and Mr. John Vold completed their 25th year of service to Holton Public Schools. We are incredibly thankful to the dedication of each of these staff members! There were no retirements this year! Golden Apple Award: The Golden Apple Award was established long ago with the intent of honoring an individual or group

of people who have contributed to Holton Public Schools by volunteering significant time to support our students. This year's winner has volunteered on numerous occasions to photograph our students excelling in athletics and other activities. The photos are of very high quality and help celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our students. Holton Public Schools honored Dan Packard at our end of year luncheon for his dedication and service. Dan was provided a plaque to recognize his contributions. Facility Projects: We will be working on a variety of facility improvements throughout the summer. This includes seal

coating and striping some of our parking lots, scrubbing and waxing the floors, painting the hallways in the elementary and secondary buildings, and other general maintenance tasks to get the buildings ready for Fall 2022!

I hope you and your family have a great summer filled with lots of time to read and enjoy all the beauty West Michigan has to offer! Thank you for all of your support throughout the school year! On Holton!

With Great Respect and Pride, Dr. Adam Bayne

PBIS/Ride With Pride Assembly



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HEALTH PROJECT

A COMMUNITY BENEFIT MINISTRY OF **WERCY HEALTH**

Holton Middle/High School held its end of the year PBIS/Ride With Pride Assembly on May 20th. This assembly is held every year to recognize and reward our students for making positive choices and meeting our school's behavioral expectations. Tons of prizes were given away, including three brand new bikes, a moped and a car! Congratulations to our Middle School Ride With Pride winners: Johnny English, Kailey Evartt, and Mackenzie Grenell. They all went home with brand new bikes donated by Walmart. Eric Langlois took home a moped. The moped was purchased with donations from the Pizza Mill, Twin Lake Greenhouse, and Slater Contractors. Ten students took home gift cards donated by S & M Heating and Congratulations to Matthew Haight for winning the car donated by Fremont Ford! This assembly was a lot of fun and it could not have happened without all of our generous sponsors. We would also like to thank the Grand Haven Community Foundation for their donation at the beginning of the year. This funded our PBIS program throughout the school year.



Mr. Ed Devine and Mr. Mike Robinson of Fremont Ford congratulate Mathew Haight, this year's winner of the car!

Class of 2022 - Top Ten Graduates



Robert Norton is the son of Brian Norton and Kimberly Norton. He is the Co-Valedictorian of his class and plans to attend Western Michigan University to Study Aerospace Engineering.



Gracie Sullivan is the daughter of Shelley Brewster and Terry Sullivan. She is the Co-Valedictorian of her class. After finishing the Early College Program, Gracie plans to transfer to UNC in Charlotte to become a Psychologist.



Cameron Edgerton is the son of Louis Edgerton. He is the Salutatorian of his class. Cameron plans to attend Western Michigan University to become an Occupational



Leah Fox is the daughter of Rodney and Ranee Fox. She is ranked 4th in her class. Leah plans to use the Muskegon Promise to earn her Nursing degree before transferring to complete her education as a Pediatric Physical Therapist.

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Open House Aug. 29 Sept. 2- Sept. 5 First Day of School ½ Day No School Early Release Early Release
Early Release
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No School - Teacher PD
½ Day - MS/HS Conferences
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Early Release Sept. 21 Oct. 5 Oct. 7 Oct. 13 Oct. 19 Nov. 2 1/2 Day - Elem Conferences Early Release No School - Thanksgiving Break Nov. 3 Nov. 16 Nov.23-25 Early Release Early Release Dec. 7 Dec. 21 1/2 Day - Christmas Break Dec. 23 Christmas Break Dec. 26 - Jan. 6 School Resumes No School Jan. 9 Jan. 16 Early Release
Half Days - Exams
Early Release
Early Release
No School - Teacher PD Jan. 18 Jan. 19-20 Feb. 1 Feb. 15 Feb. 16 Feb. 17-20 Mid-Winter Break Early Release March 1 1/2 Day MS/HS Conferences Early Release March 2 March 15 1/2 Day - Elem Conferences No School - Spring Break March 16 March 31-April 7 School Resumes April 10 Early Release Early Release Early Release No School April 19 May 17 May 29 June 7-8 Half Days Start time: MS/HS.....7:45 a.m. Start time: Elem.....8:50 a.m. End time.....2:35 p.m. End time.....3:45 p.m. Half day end time: MS/HS.....10:55 a.m. Elem.....12:00 p.m. MS/HS 1:05 pm Early Release end times:



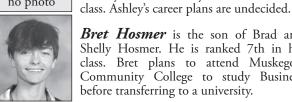
Austin Laster is the son of Jeff and Jolee Laster. He is ranked 5th in his class, and plans to complete his associates degree from Muskegon Community College.

Ashley Fialek is the daughter of Andrea

and Bryan Fialek. Ashley is ranked 6th in her

Elem 2:15pm

Ashley has no photo



Bret Hosmer is the son of Brad and Shelly Hosmer. He is ranked 7th in his class. Bret plans to attend Muskegon Community College to study Business before transferring to a university.



Austin Fowler is the son of Tammy and Brian Fowler. He is ranked 8th in his class. Austin plans to get his associates degree from Muskegon Community College before transferring to a University.



Andrew Haight is the son of Matthew Haight and Jennifer Williams. He is ranked 9th in his class. Andrew plans to begin an apprenticeship with the Pipefitters Union.



Mariah Hutchings is ranked #10 in her class. Mariah will use the Muskegon Promise to pursue a photography degree from Muskegon Community College.

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High School and Middle School



Principal Letter

I hope to find everyone enjoying their summer. I want to thank the Holton community for all of your support in making this school year a success. We have many reasons to celebrate as a school community. I would like to acknowledge the efforts made by our students, staff and parents in the Holton community during the course of this school year. The extraordinary commitment made by all of our staff, both academic and support staff alike, means that we can continue to succeed and flourish as a learning community. Be sure to take time to reflect on the school year while setting goals for the upcoming year.



On behalf of the entire Holton staff, I would like to wish you a wonderful summer break with your children. Hopefully you will be creating many memories that will last a lifetime! I am looking forward to another great school year this fall.

Sincerely, Erik Carlson, Secondary Principal

District Services Building Summer Hours

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

Back to School Open House August 24, 2022 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Graduation 2022!



Graduation for the Class of 2022 was held on June 1, 2022. The ceremony marked the culmination of 13 years of hard work for our students. It was a beautiful evening at Red Devil Stadium, and graduates were treated to some words of wisdom from the special guest speaker and Holton alum, Dr. Valeria Sanchez-Johnson.

Congratulations to the class of 2022 and good luck!

HOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Three (4) four-year terms. One Partial Term (2 years)

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, 26th, 2022, at the Muskegon County Clerk's office.

The election date is Tuesday, November 8th, 2022.

6th Grade Camp!

The sixth graders were at Grace Adventures from May 31st through June 3rd. The kids got to engage in many activities like a ropes course, climbing wall, swimming, laser tag, "capture the flag", survivalist training, and boating. After a long day of activities, the students were able to sit around the bonfire at night and make s'mores. Everyone had a great time!





High School Quiz Bowl Team

The High School Quiz Bowl Team recently qualified for the national tournament!. With the support of parents, local businesses, community members and grants from local foundations the funds were raised to travel to Atlanta to compete. They were very competitive in the majority of their matches and won two in convincing fashion.

While in Atlanta, the team also traveled to the Georgia Aquarium, The World of Coke, took in a Braves game, and shopped and explored the Ponce De Leon plaza.



Save A Life Tour

The Save A Life Tour was on campus for high school students on May 2nd. The Save A Life Tour aims to educate high school students on issues like careless driving, seatbelt usage, impaired driving, and distracted driving. The day started out with students watching a 35 minute educational video. Following the video, students from grades 10-12 were able to use driving simulators. The simulators allowed students to "drive" while simulating impairment and distractions. This helps students feel how difficult it is to drive safely while impaired or distracted. This was a great experience for the students and will hopefully lead to safe choices!





College Field Trips

College Advisor, Ben Spadafore, recently took some students on some great field trips to learn more about college. The eighth graders visited Ferris State University while various groups of junior students were able to visit Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Loyola University Chicago, and the University of Chicago.

All A's Breakfast

May 6th was the day of our annual All A's Breakfast. This is a day to reward the students who have worked hard to get all A's this year. The day starts off with a delicious breakfast, followed by a day off from school to do something fun.



Freshman: Left to Right: Ashley VandenAkker, Grace Thompsen, Kenzie Greene and Abbie Beattie



Sophomores: Left to Right Kylee Rickle, May Newell, June Newell, Zoey Carty, Bo Larabee and Ryann Robins



Juniors: Left to Right Alexis Oles, Haily McKee, Skylar Larson, Kate Conzemius, Courtney Boes, Teagan Bayne, Vanessa Peltoniemi and Aiden Potter



Seniors: Left to Right: Back Row: Magnus Heuer, Gianna Reed, Robert Norton, Wyatt Monette, Austin Fowler, Nil Akinturk Front Row: Gracie Sullivan, Leah Fox and Cassandra Biot.

LAW DAY



Freshman, **Abbie Beattie** competed with many other Muskegon County High School students in grades 9-11 in a public speaking event at the Muskegon County Courthouse known as, "Law Day". Abbie chose to research and write her four minute speech on which Amendment she thinks has had the most impact on unifying our nation and she selected the 19th Amendment. Abbie's research, poise, preparation (all done on her own time), and presentation earned her 4th place out of 21 tremendous public speakers.

Congratulations Abbie! On Holton!

2022 CSAA Talent Revue



Sophomore, **Joslin Vanderboegh**, represented Holton at the 2022 CSAA Talent Revue! Joslin gave an excellent performance alongside students from other schools in

the Silver division of the CSAA. Congratulations, Joslin!

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Principal Letter

Holton Elementary Families,

Another school year has come to an end, as the year went on many of our normal routines have been able to happen again. I was so happy to watch students board buses this Spring to head off to field trips and then hear about all the fun they had when they came back to school. We had beautiful weather for park day/track and field to help close out the end of the school year.

The students this year have shown amazing resilience as they have overcome so much of the learning that has been missed due to the disruption to our schedules the last two years. The student growth

on our Spring assessments has been overwhelmingly positive. This is due to the hard work of our students, staff members, and parents to help students continue to grow and learn.

As we move into the summer months, we are excited to be hosting a fun filled summer program beginning June 20th through August 4th. This program includes mornings with our Holton teachers focusing on math and ELA academic needs, then transitioning to a partnership with Project Focus for afternoon hands on learning activities. This will be a great opportunity of learning and new experiences for our students.

Most of all, I am hoping that everyone gets time this summer to relax and enjoy many outdoor activities and fun with their families and friends. As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me anytime at ebyrnes@holton.k12.mi.us or 231-821-1828.

Happy Summer, Erin Byrnes Holton Elementary Principal



For the 2022-2023 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

If you have a child that will be five before December 1st, 2022 and you are interested in traditional Kindergarten or transitional Kindergarten, please call the elementary office at 231-821-1826 for enrollment information through June 17th; after June 18th contact the district services office for enrollment information at 231-821-1700.

5th Grade Graduation

Holton Elementary fifth graders were celebrated with a graduation ceremony at the Holton Recreation Park on June 6th. Moving out of elementary and into middle school is an exciting transition for students and we will our fifth graders the best of luck in middle school next year.



Elementary Field Trips

All grades were able to go on a field trip this spring to celebrate the end of an amazing school year.

- Kindergarten & 1st Grade visited Lewis Farms 2nd Grade visited John Ball Park Zoo
- 3rd Grade went bowling
- 4th Grade went to the Grand Rapids Museum
- 5th Grade went to Michigan's Adventure





Congratulations Teachers!

Congratulations to Angie Brueck, who is one of five teachers to win the American Legion Teacher of the Year in Michigan for 2021-2022. The criteria for winning the award was based on a teacher's competence, community involvement, and patriotism/Americanism. Mrs. Brueck was presented with a plaque and a \$500 grant. We are so proud of all of the efforts that Mrs. Brueck puts into her classroom, school, students, and community. This is an extremely well deserved honor.



Congratulations to Kelli Moran who was nominated by a parent and won the Lake Michigan Credit Union's Roots in Education award. Mrs. Moran will be presented with an award and a \$1000 check to use for classroom projects. Way to go, Mrs. Moran



Congratulations to Shannon Sundberg, who was awarded the Holton Education Foundation mini grant. Ms. Sundberg used this money to create a Makers Space in her classroom. This is a place with a variety of items that students can design and put together any item their imagination and thinking can create. Thank you Ms. Sundberg for adding this to your classroom.



YEARBOOK COVER **DESIGN CONTEST**

This year the elementary once again held a yearbook cover design contest with the fourth and fifth grade students. All of the students did a great job of designing and creating amazing covers. It was a difficult decision to choose one winner, but this year we are excited to congratulate our fifth grader, Josh Little, for being this year's winner.



Foundry Society

On May 13, a group from the American Foundry Society visited with school board member Beth Barnard, to work with 5th graders for career awareness and science principles doing tin mold ornaments. The students were able to select from a number of possible molds, pack the mold with green sand, pour the melted tin into the mold, drop it into cooling tank, and then file down the rough edges for the finished product.





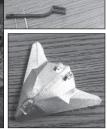












Instrument Petting Zoo

Band students from the Middle and High school visited the Elementary school to host their very first "Instrument Petting Zoo"! Elementary students were given opportunities to try to play and hold musical instruments and were able to make lots of interesting sounds! Red Devils Rock!





Athletics and Community



Recognized for 25 years of service to Holton Public Schools!



Jason Gripton, Jen Mulder, Jane Behm, and John Vold. Not pictured is Aaron Brown

Spring All-Conference Athletes



Baseball- Rice Robins, Austin Fowler, Chase Albright (HM) **Softball**- Gianna Reed, Abbie Fowler, Grace Thompsen, Kenzie Greene, Ryann Robins (HM)

Golf- Wyatt Monette (HM)

Track- James Hunter (100M, 110M Hurdles,

300m Hurdles, High Jump),

Cooper Rusco (At-Large), Ava Crowell (Long Jump)

HOLTON TO JOIN THE WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE IN 2022

The 2022-23 school year marks the first year of Holton in the newly expanded West Michigan Conference (WMC). Holton will compete in the Rivers Division against Mason County Central, Hart, Shelby, Hesperia, North Muskegon, and Ravenna. This transition will put most of our travel on the lakeshore and build some new rivalries with Muskegon County schools similar in size. Our non-conference will continue to have some of our long standing Newaygo County Conference rivals including White Cloud, Newaygo, and Grant. We are excited for the new opportunities competing in the WMC will provide.

Summer Youth Golf Opportunity

The First Tee of West Michigan is partnering with local golf courses around the area to provide opportunities for our students to explore and become acclimated with the game of golf. Holton's in district golf course, Stonegate Golf Club (4100 Sweeter Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457), has an introductory program on Monday evenings from 5:00-6:30 PM for any student ages 7-17. This program runs from June 20th through August 8th. A scholarship rate of \$5 is charged for all Holton students. For more information or to register go to https://www.firstteewestmichigan.org/

Hunter earns all-state honors at the State Meet

Senior, James Hunter, recently ended his 2022 track campaign at the state meet held at Hudsonville High School. Hunter qualified in the 100m Dash and 110m High Hurdles. James earned a trip to the podium for his finish in the 110m hurdles finishing in 8th place. Way to go James!

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

We had a great school year this year! Our teaching classrooms received new projectors and laptops to give brighter/clearer views and faster/more reliable teaching tools. We upgraded our security camera system with a new server/software/app for our staff to use and we were able to purchase enough Chromebooks for every student to have one to use. This next school year will bring new tools for our staff and students to use in teaching and learning. We have already begun to get ready for fall!

Enjoy your summer!



GOLDEN APPLE AWARD WINNER

Dan Packard with his award.

BEGINNING BAND INFORMATION

This Spring Mrs. Thompson had the opportunity to work with the 5th grade to show them instruments and give them the opportunity to try them all out on fittings day! If there are any incoming 6th grade students who would like to try out Band, please contact Mrs. Thompson throughout the summer via email (gthompson@holton.k12.mi.us) or by calling the Band Room office at (231) 821-1950.

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 from. A quality instrument is essential for each child's success. Details for obtaining an instrument can be obtained by contacting Mrs. T at the school or West Michigan Band Instruments at (616) 447-8124, or by visiting their website (www.westmichiganband.com). Mrs. T strongly encourages starting with a rental plan from WMBI 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, feel free to contact Mrs. T so that she can discuss other options available and try to provide help.

There will be a rental meeting scheduled after school begins in the Fall for those who need instruments. The meeting will not last long, 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 try to attend this meeting or contact Mrs. T if an instrument needs to be acquired.

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

MARCHING BAND

Mrs. Thompson is preparing a QUEEN show for Marching season! Tunes selected are going to be from QUEEN'S Greatest Hits and will be announced soon! Leading the Band again this year is Drum Major, JOSLIN VANDERBOEGH! Joining Joslin at the helm and newly appointed to the position of Drum Major is FAITH HALE! Serving the Band in the positions of Field Commanders this year will be ABBIE BEATTIE and KYLEE RICKLE! The last (but certainly not least) of the leadership roles being filled by a new person is the Spirit Leader, AIDEN HIPPLER! 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 ASAP so that she can write you into the drill!

2022 Marching Band Camp

Pre-Camp:

Percussion Camp: Aug. 10 (Wed.) 9:00AM-11:30AM Guard Camp: Aug. 11 (Thurs.) to 9:00AM-11:30AM

Camp: Aug. 15-19 (Monday-Friday) 8:30AM-1:00PM, Stadium & Band Room — Full Band reports to Band Room Please bring TENNIS SHOES, a sack lunch/snack, water, and sunscreen! Also your instrument, a flip folder & a lyre if you can get one.

*If you are involved with Volleyball, Cross Country, Football, work etc...let Mrs. T know and she'll accommodate those schedules. No worries - we can work with that. :) Alert Mrs. T ASAP to any conflicts so she can help. :)

**Mrs. T will be at the school a lot over the summer, BUT she can most definitely help you with music or instrument needs, turning in payments, etc. on <u>TUESDAYS</u> between 8AM & 1PM. She'll also need help with other things throughout the summer and Tuesdays will be your opportunity to grab some volunteer time. (NHS members - don't forget about getting your volunteer hours in!)

Email Mrs. T if you need anything at gthompson@holton.k12.mi.us

COLOR GUARD 2022

Welcome back to the 2022 Holton Color Guard, JILLIAN MOORE! Jillian will be promoted to CAPTAIN of the Guard this year. Holton Band would also like to welcome our new Guard member, HANNAH MCFARLAND! If you are entering grades 9-12 in the Fall and would like to try out Color Guard, email Mrs. T at gtbmpson@holton.k12.mi.us for info and fun with a flag!:)

CONTACT NUMBERS

Administration Office:
821-1700 Fax: 821-1724

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821-1725 Fax: 821-1774

Middle School Office:
821-1775 Fax: 821-1774

Elementary Office:
821-1825 Fax: 821-1849

Transportation Office:
821-1707 Fax: 821-1722

Maintenance Office: 821-1709

Athletic Director: 821-1930

Athletic Office: 821-1707

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Girls Track: Mark English, menglish@holton.k12.mi.us
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Bus Drivers Needed for the 2022-23 school year

We will provide training

Contact Stacy @ 821-1707 for more details.



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SUMMER READING CLUB 2022 Oceans of Possibilities

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Club

Every Monday from June 13 - July 25 @ 1:00 pm

Holton Family Storytime

Every Wednesday from June 15 - August 17 @ 11:15 am

Into the Wild Scavenger Hunt and Storytime

Wednesday, July 13 @ 11:15 am (Holton Township Park - Syers Rd.)

Holton Community Days Celebration

Saturday, July 30 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Teen Craft Program

Friday, July 1 @ 1:00 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Holton Book Club - Every Fourth Tuesday (June 28, July 26, August 23) @ 6:00 pm

Tech Open Hours - Every second Tuesday (June 14, July 12, August 9) @ 2:00 pm

Senior Navigation Services - Every second Friday (June 10, July 8, August 12) from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Author Meet and Greet

Saturday, July 30 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Summer Book Sale

Friday, July 29 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm Saturday, July 30 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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