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### Superintendent's Message

Dear Holton Families:

Spring has arrived and I am looking forward to more sun and warmer breezes! Spring is always a busy time of year. Please refer to our website and Facebook page to keep up to date on all of the great things happening! As a reminder, we do have an app which is another way to get updates directly to your phone. You can learn more about the app by visiting <u>https://www.holtonschools.com/</u><u>downloads/news/holtonpublicschoolsapp.pdf</u>.

There are several important updates to share with you! Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Operating Millage Renewal:** As a result of the passage of Proposal A, it is an expectation of the

State of Michigan for school districts to levy 18 mills on non-homestead property as a component of the funding that schools receive in per pupil funding sources. To do that, Holton Public Schools is required to periodically ask its voters to consider the renewal of the non-homestead portion of the millage that the district levies. That non-homestead millage is paid by owners of commercial and industrial property and those who own second homes. Non-homestead property taxes are not levied upon a homeowner's primary residence, which means that the residents of Holton Public Schools, who own one home in the district, will not pay this tax on that home.

The non-homestead property taxes represent approximately \$944,000, or nearly 10% of the district's annual operating budget. If the renewal is not passed, Holton Public Schools will lose this revenue from its 2024-2025 annual operating budget, as the state will not replace this funding through the per pupil foundation allowance that the district currently receives.

This goes without saying that May 7th is an important day for Holton Public Schools. Please consider the following points of emphasis as you make your decision regarding this matter: (1) This would be

simply a renewal of the operating millage that has previously been levied on commercial property, industrial property, and second homes; (2) Homeowners would not be subject to this tax on their primary residence; (3) The revenue generated from non-homestead property taxes equals approximately 10 percent of the school district's annual operating budget; and (4) If the renewal proposal fails, homeowners will not see a decrease in their property taxes that they pay on their primary residence.

Please be sure to visit our website at: <u>http://www.holtonschools.com</u> for more information. Also, please feel free to contact me at: (231) 821-1700 or <u>abayne@holton.k12.mi.us</u>. Thank you for your time and consideration!

**Turf Replacement:** The time for our turf field to be replaced is near. The first game played on the turf was in 2006. With a general life span of ten years, our turf field has maintained wonderfully. Our architect and construction management team believe it may be the oldest turf field in the state. While it still looks great, the fibers have degraded making the surface harder and more difficult to play on. We recently completed an Impact Assessment and we are able to get one more season of play on the existing turf before a full replacement is needed. The Board has begun conversations about a construction timeline and cost estimates. The current timeline is to replace the turf in the spring of 2025. The replacement is very expensive (estimated to be over \$1 million). As a district, we did begin setting aside funds to help pay for this replacement most of which came from savings due the pandemic shutdown. We have set aside approximately \$300,000 to help fund this project so we will need to finance a portion of the project. The Board is looking at a short term, non-voted bond as a way to pay for the remaining costs of the project. Additional information about the project will be in the coming months. Let me know if you have questions in the meantime!

**Student Superintendent Advisory Board:** I continue to meet monthly with approximately twenty 9-12 grade students who serve on the Student Superintendent Advisory Board (SSAB). The SSAB is a chance for me to hear directly from students about their school experiences and give input on a variety of priorities from facilities to our academic programs. This year we have been discussing how to improve the climate and culture of our school district and give feedback on our next strategic plan. I am thankful for the insightful thoughts these student leaders have provided!

**Strategic Planning Update:** Thank you for taking the time to complete our surveys, attend community focus groups, and share feedback to inform our next 5 year District Strategic Plan. The team at Holton Public Schools is currently in the process of analyzing all of the feedback and data we have to determine our priorities and actions for the next five years. A final version of the strategic plan will be released at the end of May or beginning of June. The future is bright at Holton Public Schools! Thank you for your ongoing support!



### 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

No School - Spring Break Early Release Early Release Early Release No School - Memorial Day	March 29 - April 7 April 17 May 1 May 15 May 27
Graduation	May 29
Early Release	June 5
1/2 Days - Exams	June 10 - 11
Start time: MS/HS7:4 Start time: Elem8:5	*
Half day end time:	MS/HS10:55 a.m. Elem12:00 p.m.
Early Release end times:	MS/HS1:05 pm Elem2:15pm

### **Red Devil Legacy**

The Holton Education Foundation Board held the annual Red Devil Legacy event to raise funds for the Holton Education Fund. The event was held at the Frau Lounge at the Frauenthal Center. The evening was filled with St. Patrick's Day themed games, raffles, silent auction, and a school administrator competition! The Holton Education Foundation Board also gave the Distinguished Alumni Award to Class of 2010 Holton High School graduate, Blake Kelley. Blake was honored for his service in the United States Navy as a Search and Rescue Swimmer. He served six years earning many decorations and medals. We are grateful for Blake's

service and inspired by his selfless efforts to keep our country safe. Blake accepted the award with his family and friends. He expressed his gratitude for the experiences he had at Holton Public Schools and is excited to be back in the community to raise his own family.



Distinguished Alum, Blake Kelley pictured here with his family.

With the support of sponsors and donors, including generous contributions from many staff members and businesses, over \$4,500 was raised for the Holton Education Foundation! The Holton Education Foundation Board is thankful for the incredible support of the table sponsors, raffle and silent auction donors, and volunteers who helped make this a very successful event. Hopefully you can make the Red Devil Legacy event next year! If you'd like to learn more about how to support the Holton Education Foundation which provides scholarships and teacher mini grants visit https://www.holtonschools.com/ourdistrict/holton-publicschools-education-endowment-fund/.



There is much to be proud of at Holton Public Schools. Our students are excelling and demonstrating tremendous growth this year. I am thankful for this community including each one of you! On Holton!

*With Great Respect and Pride, Dr. Adam Bayne* 

**Snowcoming 2024 Court Members:** 

### **SNOWCOMING 2024**

HS Student Council Presents "SNOWCOMING 2024" This year the HS Student Council selected "Music Genres" as their theme! The Winner of this year's wagon competition was the Freshman. The Freshman chose "Rock" their quote "Watch out Spartans, we like to Rock and Roll all Night and Party Everyday" The Over All Winner of this year's Spirit Competition was the SENIORS, Advised by Mrs. Wagenmaker and Mr. Wharton, 2nd place Freshman, 3rd place Sophomores and 4th place Juniors.



#### Senior Representatives

(L to R): Iris Wright, Daniele Tomasi, Ava Crowell, Alax Hawk, May Newell, Hezekiah Larson, Emma Monette, and Trent Koomen

**Juniors** - Logan Grabe and Kaitlynn Bailey,

**Sophomores** - Kaiden Tallarico and Kendra Dean

**Freshmens** - Marcus Newell and Rebecca Wolting



The **Freshmen Float** pictured with Emma Edwards

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## **High School and Middle School**



Dear Students and Families,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and happy. Spring is finally here, and we are looking forward to warmer weather and more outdoor activities.

Spring is a very busy time of year here at the school with state testing, spring sports, awards assemblies, a spring play, band concerts, and graduation. Before we know it, summer will be here.

State mandated testing will be upon us as soon as we return from spring break in early April. Students in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 will be testing at various times throughout the month. More

details will be sent out as we get closer to test dates. Please make sure your student gets plenty of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast during this time of testing.

It is also time to sign up for CTC, Dual Enrollment, Early College, and Internships for Sophomores and Juniors. Mrs. McCormick will be in ELA classrooms soon sharing more information on these opportunities. Students will have a survey to complete showing their interest in these programs.

On March 27, 9th Graders will have the exciting opportunity to go to the MI Career Quest at the DeVos Center in Grand Rapids. While there, they will see hundreds of hands-on career exhibits from various pathways. It's a fun day for all involved! Have a great spring!

Sincerely, Erik Carlson, Secondary Principal

### **Impaired Driving**

During the last week of January, high school students were able to experience just how dangerous impaired driving is. Deputy Lindahl, with the assistance of Ride With Pride, brought in a pedal car simulator and varying levels of intoxicant-goggles for the students to try. The goggles simulated different levels of alcohol intoxication, the effects of marijuana, and a combination of alcohol and marijuana. Students got to try using the driving simulator and performing other dexterity tasks while wearing the goggles. This event was fun, but also leaves a lasting impression.

Students really get to experience how difficult it is to be safe when intoxicated. *Thank you to Deputy Lindahl and all the students who participated*!

#### Hope Squad

The middle and high school Hope Squad has been hard at work building community and creating a positive atmosphere to improve mental health at Holton schools. A few of the activities that they have done this year include a gratitude

tree, food and coin drive for the Holton Community Center, an encouragement Christmas tree, cookie decorating, hosted a "shred your stress" day, and began reading books focusing on healthy management of emotions at the Holton Public Library. Their next project will be focused on self-care and ways to improve mental health

through self-care. This year's Hope Squad is brought to Holton by the Gerber Foundation and a generous private donation.







**Blood Drive!** A huge thank you to those community members and students who helped make our blood drive a success. 39 units collected with 17 new donors who faced their fears to help save people

Way to go Holton! Net drive is May 7th.

### Holton Ski Club

This year the Holton High School/Middle School Ski and Snowboard Club was able to make a couple of trips up to Caberfae. We applied for a number of grants, and were chosen by the Holton Education Fund to help offset costs. We truly would not have been able to make it work without their generosity.

Our goal is to get students

in Michigan.

Senior Steven Kersting hits

the slopes with the Holton Ski Club

outside during the winter months, increase their activity level, introduce them to a new activity, or give those that already participate the opportunity to save a lot of money with trips through school. We averaged 18-23 people participating. Everyone seemed to have a great time and thankfully we had no injuries! Unfortunately, Mother Nature is shortening our ski and board season, though interest continues to grow and our goal is to increase the number of trips and the number of students participating.

Special thanks go to Stacy Wright and Melissa Bayne for helping get the program going at the beginning of the year.



Middle School and High School students attend several career related field-trips throughout the year.

7th graders saw manufacturing in action during our MillerKnoll visit in honor of Manufacturing Day in November. They saw the production of office furniture from beginning to end during an informative walk-through tour. A highlight for students was seeing robots at work! The CTC hosted a tour of their amazing facility to 10th graders in December. While there, they went on a studentled tour where they were able to try their hand at a variety of activities, from chopping food to trying on welding gear. The CTC offers 17 programs that the students may apply for in their Junior and Senior years. In March, all 9th graders will go to MI Career Quest at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. This is a hands-on, interactive event that features careers in high-demand industries. Exhibitors will represent agribusiness, manufacturing, construction, health sciences, and information technology. Finally, 12th grade students will attend a Job Fair at the CTC in April. Dozens of local employers will eagerly meet with our students and introduce their companies. Seniors should come prepared in professional dress and with resumes in hand. There may be applications/interviews performed right on the spot!

### **Reading Buddies Program**

Holton Public Schools and Read Muskegon are proud to announce the successful launch of the Holton Middle School Reading Buddies Program, in partnership with Holton Public Schools and Muskegon Area ISD. A HUGE shout out to this amazing group of volunteer buddies who will be meeting with students each week to help build some serious excitement around reading!



Introducing Holton Robotics Team 4337! Mr. Wharton, Brenden Kolka, Treyvon Tobias, Emma Kempf, Hanna McFarland, Savanna Barjas, and Mrs. Kempf.

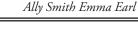


### Geometry in Construction

The Holton High School Geometry in Construction class gives students an opportunity to take a required math class (Geometry) while earning an elective construction credit doing real-life math. This year the Geometry in Construction class partnered with Mrs. Martin's 4th grade class to make corn hole boards to use in the elementary school carnival and high school PE classes. High school students mentored the 4th graders. The GIC class also was visited by "Foundry in a Box" volunteer presenters earlier in the school year to show students other real-life applications. On Holton!



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### **Toys for Tots**

The HS Student Council participated in the "Toys for Tots School Spirit Challenge 2023". We included all of our buildings to participate (Elementary, MS & HS). The HS Student Council was able to deliver over 70 gifts to be donated to the Toys for Tots program. Pictured are the Student Council members that went to the WZZM Morning News to deliver the gifts collected. This was a Great opportunity for our students to give to the community!







*We are proud of our Hope Squad leaders!* 

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### THANK YOU Ride With Pride/PBIS Sponsors!

Holton Middle and High School want to thank our sponsors for their support of the Ride With Pride and PBIS programs. We could not run these programs without the generous donations of the following organizations:

### **Gold Level Sponsors**

- Fremont Ford
- Twin Lake Greenhouse
- The Pizza Mill
- Slater Contractors
- The Grand Haven Community Foundation/ Crane Foundation

### Silver Level Sponsors

- Fremont Pizza Hut
- Fremont McDonald's
- Wesco at Four Corners
- The Lunch Pail
- Yodels Frozen Yogurt

HPS is pleased to support these events preparing students for their future careers.

L to R: Aubrey Goyings, Karley Plekes, Moose (aka Tanner Steffens) Catherine Behrendt, Natalie Wiseman, Lexi Bartolameolli and Zoey Carty

### Elf Project 2023

The HS Student Council was able to help families from our own school district with the funds raised from the Staff vs Students Game.

Our elves delivered the gifts to the DSB for distribution to parents.



L to R: Lexi Bartolameolli, Kenzie Greene, Aubrey Goyings and Karley Plekes

### Elementary

### **Principal Letter**

#### Hello Holton Elementary Families and Community,

Spring has shown up early, and there are no complaints there. It is exciting when the warm weather comes, students get to spend more time outside and they get to put away their hats, mittens, and snow pants. This is exciting for everyone in the building.

With the change in season comes a lot of fun activities to look forward to. Grade levels are beginning to plan their class field trips, pool school for third grade is taking place, assemblies are planned, and other fun outside activities will be happening soon.

March is also reading month! This year the theme is "Readers Are Superheroes". Everyone has a part in celebrating with activities and reading challenges. Each day has a different theme. This includes dress-up days, reading activities, and more. Prizes are awarded to students to accept the reading challenges throughout the month. Reading is Super!!!

We assess our third, fourth, and fifth-grade students in spring with the Michigan state standardized test, M-STEP. This assessment will begin after Spring Break. All three grades will take the math and English language arts assessments. Fifth-grade students will also take the social studies and science assessments. To best prepare students for these assessments have them get a good night's sleep as well as eat healthy food the night before the tests.. We are excited for students to show all they have learned this spring.

The 2023-2024 school year is quickly coming to an end. Spring Break is right around the corner and quickly summer will be here too. As always, feel free to contact me any time at ebyrnes@holton.k12.mi.us or 231-821-1828.

Educationally yours, Erin Byrnes, Holton Elementary Principal

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### 2024 New Staff

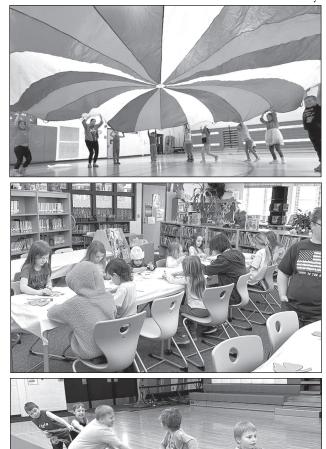


Hi! I'm Kayla Elmer! I am a paraprofessional at Holton Elementary in TK/Kindergarten. I am originally from Fremont, but my family and I have been involved in the Holton Community for many years. I have a very huge passion for helping children learn, grow, and follow their dreams! I have two children, one in Holton Elementary and one that will be in the

Holton Preschool program next year. I am very thankful for this opportunity and excited to see where it takes me.

### Zero the Hero Celebration For February

On March 1st, Holton Elementary celebrated Zero the Hero. Any student that did not receive any (Zero) discipline referrals throughout the month of February were able to participate in the celebration. Students had time to participate in activities in the gym or do a craft in the library then they had time to enjoy a donut and juice box in the cafeteria. Congratulations to all of the students that were Zero the Heroes for February.



### **5th Grade Exploratory Band**

Mrs. Green's fifth grade class was able to show off what they have been learning from Ms. Culler's exploratory band class. The class was able to try out four different instruments and practice a few different songs as they learned how to play different notes. The instruments included: the saxophone, the flute, the trumpet, and the clarinet. The second fifth grade class will have their turn at these four instruments for the second semester. They will also have the opportunity to perform for their families at the end of the school year. This is the first year that the elementary has offered this exploratory class, and we are excited to see many more students carry their interest of instruments to sixth grade band next year. When not trying out these instruments the fifth grade students work on bucket drumming as well as ukuleles.



### Literacy Night

In December, Holton Elementary participated in a districtwide literacy night. Literacy Night took on a holiday theme with many activities for families to participate in together. Mrs. Claus visited to read stories to children. There was a paper stained glass craft that had families creating beautiful pieces for their windows at home. Dinner was served in the cafeteria along with cookie decorating for dessert. Anyone young and old could write a letter to Santa just in time for the holiday. The parent club set up the Santa's Secret Shop for our young shoppers to purchase gifts for their friends and family. It was a well attended event and filled with lots of fun and energy.







The fourth grade students attended Big Lesson at the Lakeshore Museum in Muskegon in February. They spent three days learning about the history of Michigan from the period when Michigan was an underwater sea up to the fur trade and logging days. The museum offered several fun activities to facilitate learning including identifying fossils, hunting for furs/bartering for goods, and creating our own log ends. They explored the museum with a backstage tour, took a visit to the Fire Barn, and the Hackley and Hume houses. They worked in teams to demonstrate their learning by creating a museum display based on their area of interest and presented their projects at gallery walk for the school and their guardians to attend. It was a fun, successful learning experience for all!



- Complete the Kindergarten student screener. • Get an individual tour of the building and the
- Kindergarten classrooms.
- Receive a Holton Kindergarten T-shirt, books, and literacy materials.
- Get all of your Kindergarten questions answered

### Swinter Celebrated in January

In January, the elementary celebrated the end of the first semester. Swinter! Students and staff could dress like summer. Staff created fun activities in each of their classrooms, students then had the opportunity to sign up for an activity that interested them. There were so many great options to choose from. Students were crafting, playing games, reading books, watching videos, having a camp "fire", making snow cones, and many other things. We will be excited again to celebrate the end of second semester in June.





### **Athletics and Community**

#### **SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES 2024**

\*All schedules are subject to change. Please check https://holtonathletics.com/ often for the most up to date schedules and happenings around Holton Athletics. We will also utilize the Holton Facebook page to announce changes to our sports schedules. On Holton!

#### **VARSITY BASEBALL**

| March 20 | White Cloud DH       | 4:00    |
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| March 21 | Newaygo DH           | 4:00    |
| March 26 | @ Muskegon Catholic  | 4:15    |
| March 28 | @ Decatur DH         | 4:30    |
| April 9  | Ravenna DH           | 4:00    |
| April 11 | Kent City DH         | 4:00    |
| April 13 | Red Devil Invite     | 9:00 am |
| April 16 | Hart DH              | 4:00    |
| April 19 | Muskegon Catholic DH | 4:00    |
| April 26 | @ Merrill DH         | 4:00    |
| April 30 | @ Shelby DH          | 4:00    |
| May 2    | @ Evart              | 4:00    |
| May 4    | @ GMAA               | TBA     |
| May 7    | N. Muskegon DH       | 4:00    |
| May 14   | @ Hesperia DH        | 4:00    |
| May 17   | @ Lakeview           | 4:00    |
| May 20   | West MI Christian DH | 4:00    |
| May 21   | Mason County Central | 4:00    |
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#### **VARSITY SOFTBALL**

| March 20<br>March 22<br>March 28<br>April 9<br>April 11<br>April 13<br>April 16<br>April 19<br>April 24<br>April 26<br>April 26<br>April 30<br>May 2<br>May 4<br>May 7<br>May 9<br>May 14 | White Cloud DH<br>Newaygo DH<br>@ Decatur DH<br>Ravenna DH<br>Kent City DH<br>Red Devil Invite<br>Hart DH<br>@ Fruitport DH<br>Mona Shores DH<br>@ Merrill DH<br>@ Shelby DH<br>@ Evart<br>@ Gmaa<br>@ N. Muskegon DH<br>@ Reeths-Puffer DH<br>@ Hesperia DH | 4:00<br>4:00<br>4:00<br>4:00<br>9:00am<br>4:00<br>4:00<br>4:00<br>4:00<br>4:00<br>4:00<br>4:00<br>4:0 |
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| May 17                                                                                                                                                                                    | @ Lakeview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 4:00                                                                                                  |
| May 18                                                                                                                                                                                    | @ Reed City Invite                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9:00am                                                                                                |
| May 21                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mason County Central DH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4:00                                                                                                  |
| June 5                                                                                                                                                                                    | Districts @ Marion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                       |

#### **VARSITY TRACK**

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| April 12 | @ Newaygo             |
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| April 16 | Hart and Hesperia     |
| April 19 | @ Lakeview            |
| April 23 | @ Ravenna             |
| April 26 | @ Onekama             |
| April 30 | Shelby and Mason CC   |
| May 3    | GMAA @ Mona Shores    |
| May 10   | WMC Rivers Tournament |
| May 18   | Regionals @ Brethren  |
| May 22   | West MI All Stars     |
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#### **BOYS GOLF**

| @ Ravenna              | 3:30                                                                                                                                            |
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| @ N. Muskegon          | 3:30                                                                                                                                            |
| Home                   | 3:30                                                                                                                                            |
| @ Hesperia             | 3:30                                                                                                                                            |
| @ Shelby               | 3:30                                                                                                                                            |
| @ Hart                 | 3:30                                                                                                                                            |
| @ Hesperia             | 9:30am                                                                                                                                          |
| @ Tulleymore           | 3:30                                                                                                                                            |
| @ Mason County Central | 3:30                                                                                                                                            |
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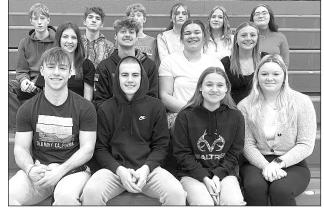
#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK**

**ATTENTION** Youth Wrestlers!!

There will be youth level wrestling activities this spring and summer. More info and schedules to come.

> If you have any questions please contact Coach Glick. jglick@holton.k12.mi.us

### Winter All-Conference **Student Athletes**



Back Row (L to R) WRESTLING - Kollin Nichols (HM), Rylee Pierce (HM), Kole Nichols (HM), Tadessa Barnes (HM Not Pictured), Molly Burkett (HM), Chloe McKee (1st Not Pictured), Justice Hill (1st), Monica Mullins (1st)

Middle Row (L to R) BASKETBALL - Abbie Fowler (1st), Carter Brant (1st), Ryann Robins (1st), Aubrey Goyings (HM)

Front Row (L to R) BOWLING - Bo Larabee (HM), Tuff Scott (1st), Aiden Moore (1st Not Pictured), EmmaLee Fox (1st), Karley Plekes (1st)

#### Girls Bowling Team State Qualifiers



(L to R) EmmaLee Fox, Chloe Shank, Karley Plekes, Kenidie Shank, Emma Edwards, Natalie Willer-Bussing, Lilly Beeman

#### **Boys Bowling Individual State** Qualifiers



(L to R) Tuff Scott, Bo Larabee and Aiden Moore (Not pictured)



**Girls Bowling** 

**Individual State** 

(L to R) Karley Plekes and EmmaLee Fox



Administration Office: 821-1700 Fax: 821-1724 High School Office: 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

#### Start the Day with School Breakfast!

Did you know that your school offers a healthy FREE breakfast every day? Help make sure students are ready to learn by starting the day with school breakfast



#### tardiness, and are more likely to have better comprehension and memory in class Better Health:

School breakfast can help protect students against obesity and other negative long-term health outcomes. It can also stop hunger-related tummy aches and headaches, decreasing visits to the school nurse.

Easier Mornings

Increased Productivity:

Eating school breakfast helps save money and gives families one less thing in the morning to worry about! Students can reliably eat a healthy, balanced meal every day

School breakfast is available to all students, FREE, every day! School breakfast includes fruit, whole grains, and protein, making a nutritious start to the day

Breakfast location: Holton Elementary in the classroo Holton Middle and High school in the Cafeteria line

Virtual Academy, GRSP, and Head Start in the classro

Menu can be found at:https://holtonschools.nutrislice.com/menu Questions or comments? Please call Kayleigh Macomber, Food Service Director, 821-1731

#### HOLTON BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS 2024**

March 11th 25th May 13th 28th 15th 10th 24th April June \*Meetings will be at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Meetings are held in the District Services Building. (Unless otherwise posted.)

### Holton Branch of the **Muskegon Area District Library**

- Family Storytime Wednesdays @ 11:15 am through May 1st
- Holton Book Club @ 6:00 (Adults) March 26th, April 23rd and May 28th.

|            | Ancestry 101 @ 6:00 (Adults)                  |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| March 30th | Easter in Holton @ 11:00 - 1:00               |
| April 16th | Spring Plant Swap @ 5:30                      |
| April 17th | Angeline Boulley Author Visit                 |
|            | at Orchard View High School @ 6:00            |
| April 3rd  | Bluey Party for Spring Break @ 11:00          |
| May 8th    | Fingerprint Heart Magnet Craft @ 3:30         |
| May 10th   | Senior Scams: Not Everyone is a Friend @ 2:00 |
| May 22nd   | Spring Cleaning 101 @ 6:00                    |

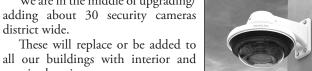


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| May 1    | Hart                   | 4:00 |
| May 3    | @ White Cloud          | 3:30 |
| May 6    | @ Mason County Central | 4:00 |
| May 13   | Hesperia               | 4:00 |
| May 15   | WMC Championships      | 4:00 |
| -        | @ Mason County Central |      |
| May 17   | @ Hesperia             | 3:00 |
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#### **Technology Corner** Security Camera Upgrades/Additions

We are in the middle of upgrading/ adding about 30 security cameras district wide.

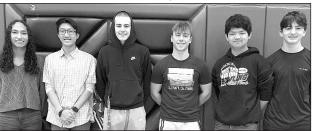
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exterior locations. This should greatly improve our views throughout the district and help with safety and security.

Many of the cameras will now have two or three way views. We hope to have all the cameras installed district wide by the end of this summer!

### **Boys Bowling Regional Champions** and State Qualifiers



(L to R) Marcus Newell, Jace Crosby, Tuff Scott, Bo Larabee, Eli Crosby, Tyler Pritzl

Wrestling **Individual State** Qualifier Langston Payne



### Lady Red Devils Basketball Team



Congratulations to our Lady Red Devils basketball team as they won a District Title for the first time since 2015 and the 2nd time in school history.

Holton defeated Shelby in a thrilling back and forth double overtime game.

Ryann Robins led the team with 15 points and a school record 24 rebounds.

Lexi Bartolameolli also added 11 points and 5 steals, Layla Canady had 5 points and Aubrey Goyings grabbed 13 rebounds as well in the historic victory.

Our Lady Red Devils advanced to the regional semi-final game against GR NorthPointe Christian. On Holton!