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CLASS OF 2015

Congratulations to the Class of 2015 for earning nearly $1 million dollars in college scholarships!

VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM

Season with a Perfect Record of 32-0

The varsity softball team finished the regular season with a perfect record of 32-0, before advancing to the semi-finals and the final four, which were held at Secchia Stadium on the campus of Michigan State University on June 12, 2015. The Lady Red Devils fell to the Unionville-Sebewaing Patriots by the score of 4-1, which ended the team's season with a school record of 37-1. The ladies won the GMAA Tournament, the Holton Invitational, the White Lake Invitational, they were conference champions, they were ranked third in division four for most of the season, they finished in the final four, and there were plenty of post season awards won by many on the team! We are very proud of the effort of these ladies and the coaching staff, we wish the departing seniors success in the future, and we look forward to the continued success of the Lady Red Devils' softball team!

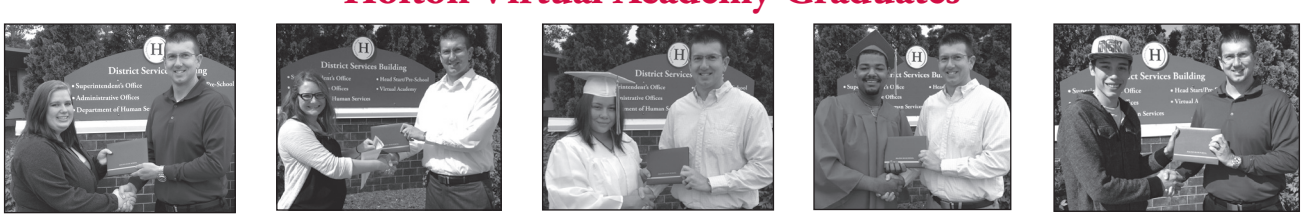
GREAT JOB LADIES!

A special thank you goes out to our community *for supporting the passage of the regional technology and security enhancement millage for Muskegon County. Your support of our schools is imperative in our vision of creating a school system that is "Rooted in Community, Reaching for Excellence." In an effort to be transparent with our community on how these proceeds have been spent, along with an outline of our future plans for the upcoming school year, please visit our school's webpage at: http://www.holton-schools.com/resources/technology-and-security-enhancement-millage/. We will continue to annually update the community in an effort to help you learn more about how these proceeds are being used to strengthen the technology and security infrastructure of Holton Public Schools.*

Service Award Winners

Congratulations to **CJ Johnson** (20 years of service), **Jeff Scott** (25 years of service), and **Dawn Rizley** (30 years of service) on completing service milestones with Holton Public Schools. We appreciate their dedicated service to our children! Each staff member was honored and recognized at our staff luncheon at the end of the school year.

Holton Virtual Academy Graduates



Congratulations to Alicia Berg, Jordan Moser, Catherine Johnston, Gabrielle Woodard, and Jacob Kiogima our 2014-15 Holton Virtual Academy graduates.

2015 - 2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY
23.....Football Steak Fry – Red Devil Stadium
23-26 .....Holton Community Days

AUGUST
1.....Free Back-to-School Backpack @ HUMC 10:00 am – Noon
10-14 ..... Marching Band Camp, 9 am – 1 pm
17-20 ..... Marching Band Camp, 9 am – 1 pm
20.....Football Scrimmages - Home JV @ 4:00 pm, Varsity @ 6:00 pm
22.....Volleyball Red Devil Invitational, 9:00 am
25.....Varsity Volleyball Invitational @ Mason County Central, 9:00 am
26..... JV & Varsity Volleyball Home, 5:30 pm
27..... JV Football @ North Muskegon, 6:30 pm
28.....Varsity Football Home, 7:00 pm
29.....Varsity Volleyball Invitational @ WMC, 9:00 am

SEPTEMBER
2..... Middle/High School Fall Open House Noon – 6:00 pm
3..... Elementary Open House 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
8.... First Day of School – Full Day for All Students

Start time: MS/HS…7:43 a.m. End time……2:34 p.m.
Start time: Elem……8:48 a.m. End time……3:44 p.m.

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Full day for all students

DAYCARE SERVICES

Holton Public Schools has partnered with **Kozy Korners, LLC** to provide daycare services to families during the 2015-2016 school year. This program will be housed at our District Services Building (DSB). For more information, please visit the Kozy Korners' webpage at http://kozykorners.com. They can also be reached by e-mail at hello@kozykorners.com or by telephone at (231) 225-1302. Facebook: Kozy Korners Daycare

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The Muskegon Area Promise is a commitment to the young people of our community—one that believes if students work hard, they will be able to earn at least a two-year college degree, tuition free. Muskegon Area Promise Scholarships will fund an associate's degree, license, or certificate program at Muskegon Community College or Baker College of Muskegon. A community wide fundraising campaign called **"Let's Get to Work! Our Change, Our Kids"** has been launched to establish the Promise Scholarship privately for its first few years. Individuals, business leaders, organizations, and institutions are encouraged to accept the challenge and invest in the future of Muskegon County by making a donation to this worthy cause! For more information on the Muskegon Area Promise Scholarship, visit: http://www.muskegonisd.org/about/promise/. Please help us realize this potential to change the lives of our students at Holton Public Schools and set them on a path for college and/or workplace success beyond their school age years!

Congratulations to our 2015 Top Ten Graduates:

Michaela Bosset
Valedictorian

Audrie Daniels
Valedictorian

Jaclyn Stone
Valedictorian

Rachel Younts
Salutatorian

Cameron Andrews

Elizabeth Colvin

Tanner Fowler

Ashley Friend

Mary Humphreys

Kaylee Slowik

Michaela Bosset is the daughter of Mike and Brenda Bosset. She is a co-valedictorian for her class, the student council president and participated in yearbook, National Honor Society, prom committee, and tutoring; she was on the honor roll; and was recognized as citizen of the month. She plans to attend Central Michigan University.

Audrie Daniels is the daughter of Jeff and Vickie Daniels. She is a co-valedictorian for her class, and she participated in student council, varsity track, and National Honor Society. She plans to study pharmacy at Ferris State University with the hopes of earning a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree.

Jaclyn Stone is the daughter of Joan Stone. She is a co-valedictorian for her class, and she participated in varsity softball, varsity basketball, varsity volleyball and National Honor Society; was on the honor roll; and was an academic nominee for Showcase. She plans to attend Ferris State University, where she will play softball and study engineering.

Rachel Younts is the daughter of Kirk and Amy Younts. She is the salutatorian for her class and she participated in varsity softball, varsity basketball, and varsity volleyball; she was on the honor roll; and was the class secretary. She plans to attend Cornerstone University, where she will play softball.

Kaylee Slowik is the daughter of Mike and Angela Slowik. She participated in varsity softball, varsity volleyball, and National Honor Society; she was on the honor roll; was dual enrolled in college; and was the class treasurer. She plans to study radiation therapy at Grand Valley State University.

Tanner Fowler is the son of Brian and Tammy Fowler. He was an all-league cross country runner; all-conference baseball player; participated in basketball, student council, peer assistance, and National Honor Society; he was on the honor roll and was CSAA all conference / academic. He plans to attend Lake Superior State University to study biology.

Elizabeth Colvin is the daughter of Marty and Laurie Colvin. She participated in varsity basketball, varsity volleyball, varsity track and field, student council and National Honor Society; she was on the honor roll; was individual all academic for volleyball and all academic second team for basketball. She will attend Central Michigan University as a Leader Advancement Scholar to study finance and leadership.

Ashley Friend is the daughter of Todd and Anita Friend. She participated in varsity basketball and varsity volleyball, and was on the honor roll. She plans to join the United States Marine Corps.

Cameron Andrews is the son of Chris and Denise Andrews. He participated in wrestling, cross country, the National Honor Society, and he was on the honor roll. He plans to attend Muskegon Community College and to join the Air National Guard.

Mary Humphreys is the daughter of Jennifer and Mike Humphreys. She participated in peer assistance and the yearbook committee, she was on the honor roll, and she received awards in language arts, Spanish, drawing, and physics. She plans to attend Muskegon Community College.

BASEBALL

- ✦ First Team All-Conference
  - ✧ Hayden Cregg
  - ✧ Logan Luttrull
  - ✧ Brendan Cregg
- ✦ Second Team All-Conference
  - ✧ Garrett Martin
  - ✧ Aaron Poling
  - ✧ Tanner Fowler
- ✦ Honorable Mention All-Conference
  - ✧ Blake Fialek
- ✦ All District
  - ✧Hayden Cregg
  - ✧Logan Luttrull
- ✦ All-Area
  - ✧Hayden Cregg
- ✦ All-Area Honorable Mention
  - ✧Logan Luttrull
  - ✧Brendan Cregg
  - ✧Garrett Martin
- ✦ All-State Academic
  - ✧Tristan Anderson
  - ✧Tanner Fowler

SOFTBALL

- ✦ First Team All-Conference
  - ✧ Ashley Friend
  - ✧ Katie Wildfong
  - ✧ Jacki Stone
  - ✧ Rachel Younts
- ✦ Second Team All-Conference
  - ✧ Emily Larabee
  - ✧ Katlynn Mock
  - ✧ Kaylee Slowik
- ✦ Honorable Mention All-Conference
  - ✧ Shelbey Younts
- ✦ All-District and All-Region
  - ✧ Ashley Friend, Katie Wildfong, Jacki Stone, Rachel Younts, Emily Larabee, Katlynn Mock, Kaylee Slowik, Shelbey Younts, Makayla Hutchison
- ✦ All-State
  - ✧ Ashley Friend
  - ✧ Jacki Stone
  - ✧ Rachel Younts

TRACK & FIELD

- ✦ All-Region and State Qualifier
  - ✧ Elizabeth Colvin

Holton Middle & High School Students get "CAUGHT RED HANDED!"

Senior Sam Cassidy celebrates winning a car at the assembly with Principal, Mr. Bayne

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 7th-12th Grade students were recognized at a school wide assembly at Holton's Red Devil Stadium for exhibiting outstanding behavior this school year. Staff at Holton Middle and High School implemented a Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) system this year. PBS explicitly teaches students behaviors and expectations at school. Students who exhibit behaviors that go above and beyond these expectations are "Caught Red Handed" and given a ticket to enter into a drawing for prizes. This first year of implementation has contributed to the lowest behavior referrals in five years! This was Holton's second largest assembly celebrating positive student behaviors this school year. Prizes were many including $1000 in Gazelle Running gift cards from Nestle Gerber, ice cream from the Feedmill Restaurant, fountain pop from Holton Foods, gift cards and gift certificates from Spectrum Health, camping gear from River Country Campground, and a **CAR**! The students and staff had a great time passing out prizes while good music blared over the loudspeakers!

Congratulations Ashley Barr!

Ashley Barr recently became the first Holton High School student to complete the Early College of Muskegon County program. The Early College Program allows select students from each district in Muskegon County the opportunity to begin working toward an Associate's Degree while still in high school. The program effectively extends the student's blended high school/college experience an extra year. At the completion of the final year, the student has earned an Associate's Degree debt free!

Ashley has earned her Associate's Degree and has received a full ride scholarship to Full Sail University to continue her education. Ashley had a great experience in the Early College Program. "My experience with the Early College of Muskegon County program has been more than outstanding. It has opened opportunities to me that I would not have otherwise had, such as achieving my Associate's Degree debt free.", Ashley said.

Way to go Ashley!

Roller Fox Fun

As our March reward students who turn in all of their work and grades are up to date enjoyed a morning of skating at the Roller Fox. A fun time was had by all!

Tanbir Sidhu shows how low he can limbo

OUTDOOR INVESTIGATIONS

Seventh graders visited the Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve on May 29th for a day of outdoor exploration. Students visited three stations and engaged in hands on activities focused around Michigan's wetland ecosystem. Through these activities, they were able to explore and learn about the natural environment and how they impact the world around us. It was a fun and informative day for the students.

All "A's" Breakfast

On May 15, 2015 students who received All A's in the first semester and/or the third marking period were treated to breakfast served by their teachers. In addition to a delicious breakfast, the All "A's" students were given the rest of the day off from school. This year's theme was the "Walk of Fame". These honor students truly are our rising stars!

Cancer Awareness Week

HMS students present the check to the Sandy Corley representatives.

National Junior Honor Society's "Cancer Support and Awareness Week" was held May 6th through May 9th. This annual event raises money for cancer research. All money raised goes to the Sandy Corley Memorial Run in memory of Tom Lusk. Some of the week's activities included: "Cancer Sucks" sucker sale, dress for your cause, a penny war, and a "Chairs for Charity" student art sale. This year the Red Devils teamed up with a group from Montague Middle School and together were able to raise a record $2,000! Way to go Holton Middle School!

HOLTON ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 3rd • 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
More details to follow
Please mark this very important date on your calendar.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2015, please contact Holton Public Schools at (231) 821-1700 to receive an enrollment package.

Congratulations Ashtyn!

He was the winner of a $1,000 college or technical school scholarship at our kindergarten round-up on March 26, 2015. Members of the Class of 2028 also received a special t-shirt for attending our round-up. We look forward to working with our incoming kindergarten class in the fall!

Congratulations to all of our book fair winners!

These students were the lucky winners of a free item from the book fair after having completed the 20/20 Family Reading Challenge during March is Reading Month at Holton Elementary School.

Great job everyone!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

At the end of the school year, students were challenged to read 600 minutes over the summer through the months of June, July, and August. Students brought home reading logs that allowed them to track the number of 20 minute reading sessions that they had throughout the summer. The goal is to get students reading 20 minutes per day everyday during the summer months. Students who turn in their reading challenge logs to their teacher at the start of the 2015-2016 school year, completed and signed by a parent, will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes such as an iPad mini and Kindle Fire, along with lots of other great prizes too! Encouraging students to keep reading during the summer months is a great way to reduce summer learning loss.

Library News

Summer Reading Club 2015 - June 15 - August 1 - "Every Hero Has A Story"
Programs and fun for Preschool to Young Adult
Programs include - Rock & Roll Heroes, John Ball Traveling Zoo, Making SuperHero Mask,
It's Magic, Science Heroes, Meet Local Community Heroes and The Outdoor Discovery Center
of Holland.

Program for 11-18 Years Only - Wednesday, June 24 @ 3:00 p.m. - Tin Tape Art.
Register for this event at the Holton Library.

Annual Book Sale during Holton Community Days - Friday, July 24 - 11 am - 7 pm and
Saturday, July 25 - 9am - 4 pm

Saturday, July 25 - 9 - 12 noon **"Meet and Greet"** local authors at Holton Library.

Public Health of Muskegon County would like to remind parents that childhood **hearing and vision screening** is available at no cost to families. Parents should call (231) 724-1394 to schedule an appointment, as school based screening is no longer done by the health department in schools. Also, any parent seeking a **waiver for vaccinations** must schedule an appointment at the health department in order to obtain a waiver according to law. Public Health of Muskegon County may be reached for this at (231) 724-1220 .

Robotics Outreach

Third graders in Mrs. Fowler's class were treated to a lesson in simple robotics by the Devilbots Robotics Team. A group of twelve team members used Legos to demonstrate six different simple machines. Third graders were able to construct each machine with the help of their Middle School mentors. All of the students had a great time while getting to explore the field of robotics!

M-STEP

Students at Holton Elementary School celebrated the completion of the state's M-STEP assessment in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies with an ice cream sundae party in recognition of the hard work and extra effort put forth by our students in completing the state's new online assessment.

Great job everyone!

Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to all of our perfect attendance winners at Holton Elementary School this year! Bikes, Michigan's Adventure passes, gift certificates, and more were given away as prizes to these students thanks to support from our local DHS office! It pays to be in school! Great job to all of our winners and congratulations to Christian and Jenna on being selected as the grand prize winners of the boy's and girl's bicycles!

While many of our students and staff were sad to leave for the summer, as the buses pulled out of the drive to take students home one final time this school year, the students were treated to a special surprise by the elementary staff, as the buses were soaked with water as the students left for the year. ***We miss our students already and hope that you all have a great summer!***

Our third graders enjoyed their end of year field trip and class celebration to the Gold Rush Waterpark at the Double JJ Resort in Rothbury. It was a great time for everyone as our students celebrated the end to a great school year!

First grade students visited John Ball Zoo this spring for their end of year field trip. Students were excited to see all of the animals and to get to spend the day at the zoo learning about the animals!

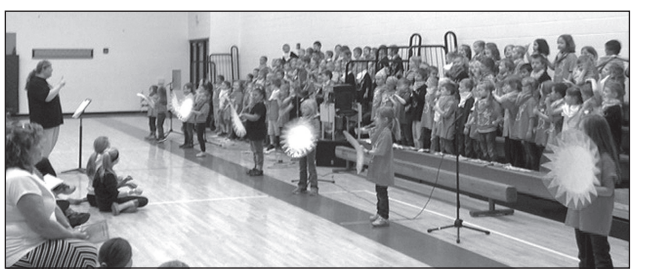
TRACK & FIELD

Track and field day was once again a great hit with all of our students! Students participated in several physical fitness activities throughout the day, while having a great time doing so!

Our fifth grade students celebrated the school year with a class trip to Crazy Bounce in Holland before stopping by Imagination Station in Grand Haven to enjoy a picnic style lunch and some additional play time. The kids had a great time!

Congratulations to all of our girls in grades 3-5 who completed the **GIRLS ON THE RUN** program, and their celebration 5K run at Heritage Landing on Saturday, May 16, 2015. More than 1,000 girls ran in this race from Muskegon County. ***We are proud of you girls!***

"Adventure" Musical Performance



Our kindergarten and first grade students presented their musical performance called, "Adventure" to a capacity crowd in the elementary gym on Thursday, May 14, 2015. The students did a phenomenal job, and the audience had a blast watching their performance!

Red Devil Softball

The Lady Red Devils pose for a picture with former Michigan Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard while on the University of Michigan campus.

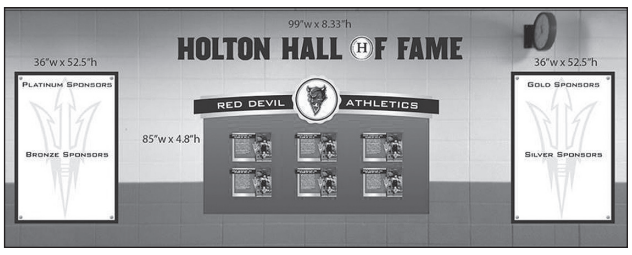
In celebration of the team's perfect regular season, the softball team went to Ann Arbor on May 22, 2015 to watch the Michigan Wolverines beat Georgia to earn a trip to the College Softball World Series tournament. While on campus, the ladies had the opportunity to take a team photo with Michigan legend Desmond Howard! A great time was had by all. Congratulations on a great season.

Go Red Devils!

Hayden Cregg Signs with Davenport

Graduating senior Hayden Cregg recently signed with Davenport University on a partial wrestling scholarship. Over his four years wrestling as a Red Devil, Hayden has amassed many accomplishments. Hayden was all state three times, set the school record for wins with 179, and placed in the top ten in the state each of the last three years, including a third place finish in 2015.

Congratulations to Hayden and good luck as a Davenport Panther!



Holton Public Schools has established a Hall of Fame to honor the outstanding accomplishments of our student athletes throughout the history of our school. The Hall of Fame will honor its inaugural inductees at a dinner banquet and reception as we return to school in the fall, and we need your help to make this project a reality. If you are interested in making a financial donation to this project, please contact our central office at (231) 821-1700. A graphical depiction of what the Hall of Fame will look like is included here, and donors will be recognized according to the following donation structure:

Platinum - $250 or more; Gold - $150 - $249;
Silver - $50 - $149; Bronze - $1 - $49

Thank you for your continued support of Holton Public Schools! We are excited about this project, and hope that you will be too, as this will help recognize and build upon our school's tradition, and our vision of being "Rooted in Community, Reaching for Excellence."

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Holton High/Middle School
Fall Open House

Wednesday, September 2nd
Noon to 6:00 PM

Students can get their school picture and I.D. taken, pick up their schedule and get their locker assignment and combination.

All pictures will be taken in the High School Gym. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to

DAWN RIZLEY, High School Teacher
and
WANDA FINKLER, High School Secretary
on their recent retirement from Holton Schools.

Red Devil Football Steak Fry

Thursday, July 23
at Red Devil Stadium
4:30 – 7:00 PM
Take out dinners available.

Holton Soccer Club

Fall 2015 Registration Forms are now available at the Administration Bldg. or on our website at
www.holtonschools.com
Deadline is July 25, 2015

Lakeshore Backpacks for Kids

Saturday, August 1 • 10:00 AM - Noon
Holton United Methodist Church
9530 Holton-Duck Lake Rd.
Each child, from preschool through 12th grade, must be present and accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive a backpack. Adults must have ID.

HOLTON PRESCHOOL OPENINGS Still Available!

If your child is 3 or 4 years old, they may be eligible to attend a FREE preschool program at Holton Elementary School. We have several preschool programming options but slots are filling quickly. Make an appointment today by calling 893-1091!

Congratulations to Senior Elizabeth Colvin

for her performances at the Track and Field Regionals and State Finals. At Regionals, Liz placed 1st in the 300 Meter Hurdles breaking the school record with a time of 51.99s, which also qualified her for the State Finals. Division 4 State Finals were held May 30th at Hudsonville Schools where she placed 16th out of 29 in the 300m Hurdles with a new SCHOOL RECORD of 51.29s. In addition, Ms. Colvin holds the school record for the 1600 meter run and has tied the school record in High Jump.

Excellent work Liz!

2015-2016 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals is now available online at http://www.lunchapp.com/

PERMANENT ROUTE & SUB BUS DRIVERS NEEDED
No previous bus driving experience necessary
Training provided!
For more information call (231) 821-1707

COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 Holton Community Days - July 23 -26. For more information see us on Facebook or call 747-5945.

Read early. Read often.
Your child's success depends on it!

Decision Day!

Holton seniors enjoy decision day.

Holton's Decision Day took place on May 5, 2015 in the gymnasium. Decision Day is an event where the entire Middle and High School can celebrate the Class of 2015's post-secondary choices. A number of Holton High School Seniors will be attending four-year universities or community colleges. Several others have chosen to join the military or the workforce.

Every graduating senior was given an "Accepted" shirt and a Decision Day cupcake for all of their hard work this year. During the event each senior was called up to the podium by the Holton college advisor, Ms. Johnson. Ms. Johnson announced all the colleges the seniors have been accepted to and how much scholarship money each senior has received. The senior class of 2015 has earned a total of $940,510 in merit and non-merit scholarship awards.

This is a great event and an excellent way to get younger students thinking about their future, while developing a culture that values education beyond high school. Good luck to all the seniors!

Instrument Rental Meeting Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 6-7PM in the Holton Band Room

MARCHING BAND

The Marching Band will be preparing a show for this coming marching season based on the music from the Summer Blockbuster "Guardians of the Galaxy". The tunes selected so far will be "Hooked on a Feeling", "Spirit in the Sky", "Escape", "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" and "I Want You Back". Music choices are almost finalized. This show is guaranteed to be a fun filled performance for the audience and performers alike!

7th and 8th grade Band Students are invited to participate with the High School students in the Marching Band if they choose. It is mandatory to be at MARCHING BAND CAMP for each member of the Marching Band. Each day of camp will take place from 9AM-1PM (with water breaks).

Pre-Band Camp Dates: August 5 & 6 (Color Guard ONLY)
Band Camp Dates: August 10-14 (M-F)
August 17-20 (M-Th.)

A more detailed schedule will be passed out on the first day of Band Camp.

Band Camp Awards will be presented at the end as usual and spirit days will be announced via the Marching Band Facebook page and on the updated schedule. Kazoos and water blasters are sure to be a significant part of the experience per tradition. Camp will meet in the High School Band Room and move from the room to the Stadium. It will be full of fun, surprises, and most importantly, lots of MUSIC! Important things to remember to bring include: **Tennis Shoes**, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, layers of clothing (depending on weather) your instrument, a flip folder - if you have one, a lyre - if you have one, a pencil, and a snack.

If you are a middle school student, and you are planning on being in Marching Band – please make sure Mrs. Thompson knows (**ASAP**) so that she can plan for you to be in the drill!

Monday Night Rehearsals will again be used to keep our marching and music always improving and is also a necessity for the participating Junior Band members to keep up. Monday Night Rehearsal dates will be announced in the schedule that will be passed out at camp.

Keep communicating with Mrs. Thompson throughout the summer with questions!
gthompson@holton.k12.mi.us

COLOR GUARD

Welcome to the four young ladies who will be joining the Marching Band this fall in the Color Guard! We would like to welcome back Claire Conzemius and Dominique Horn who will be this year's co-captains and welcome new faces to the Color Guard, Shelby Baker and Madison Wackernagel!