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Superintendent's Message

Dear Holton Community:

I can't believe we are halfway through November! I hope you were able to enjoy the beautiful colors of fall. As we enter the holiday season, I also hope you take time to reflect on what you are thankful for. Indeed, the last year and a half have been filled with challenges for all of us. Even in the face of adversity, there is much to be thankful for. I am incredibly grateful to serve our community and for your support.

Colder weather is on the way and this can impact our travel to school. Should school need to close due to weather, we will communicate this out through our all call system, website, and social media pages. Please make sure your contact information is up to date so that you are notified of snow days and other important announcements.

We are in the process of sending out several surveys to our families, students, and staff to get feedback on the district. These surveys will be used to make improvements and prioritize our use of resources. Your input on these surveys is important and we do read each comment and analyze the data to be the best district we can be for our community. Thank you for taking the time to complete these surveys.

Finally, I want to thank you for being kind. As we experience the shared trauma of the ongoing pandemic and the impact it has had on our daily lives, it can be really difficult to be filled with grace, patience, and understanding. We know this is true when we experience hardship on our own whether that be difficult family situations, when we are in poor health, traumatic experiences from our childhood, or just when someone frustrates us while driving to work. Throw in a global pandemic and it can be tough to show anyone kindness. Knowing this, when I see any sort of kindness it reminds me that there is more good than bad and, as has always been true, this too shall pass. Brighter days are ahead.

I'm wishing you all a safe and healthy holiday season!

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



2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Early Release	November 17
Staff vs Student Basketball	November 23
No School	November 24, 25 and 26
Early Release	December 1
Early Release	December 15
Half Day	December 17
Christmas Break	December 20 - December 31
Return to School	January 3
Early Release	January 5
Half Day (Exams)	January 13 & 14
No School	January 17
Early Release	January 19
Snowcoming Game	January 21st
Snowcoming Dance	January 22nd
Early Release	February 2
Early Release	February 16
No School	February 17, 18 & 21
Early Release	March 2
Half Day MS/HS Conferences	March 3
Early Release	March 16
Half Day Elem Conferences	March 17
No School	March 25
Spring Break	April 1 - April 8
Half Day	April 15
Early Release	April 20
Early Release	May 4
Early Release	May 18
No School	May 30
Early Release / Graduation	June 1
Half Days	June 9 and 10
Start time: MS/HS.....	7:45 a.m. End time.....2:35 p.m.
Start time: Elem.....	8:50 a.m. End time.....3:45 p.m.
Half day end time:	MS/HS.....10:55 a.m. Elem.....12:00 p.m.
Early Release end times:	MS/HS 1:05 pm Elem 2:15pm



Holton Athletics Hall of Fame

On Friday, November 12th at the Delta Hotel in Downtown Muskegon, The Holton Athletic Hall of Fame inducted the class of 2021 inductees representing athletes, coaches, teams, and individuals with distinguished service. For more information about donating to this event or about each of the inductees please visit: <https://www.holtonschools.com/ourdistrict/community/athletic-hall-of-fame/>.

Congratulations to our inductees.

Female Athlete Inductee

Jennifer Thornton - Class of 1994

Male Athletic Inductee

Frank Therrian - Class of 2002

Team Inductee

1993 Varsity Volleyball Team

2012 Varsity Wrestling Team

Coach Inductee

Coach Ken Haggart

Class of 2021 - All-State Honorees

Aiden Poling - Basketball

Kylie Gould - Softball

Coach Kirk Younts -

Regional Softball Coach of the Year

CLASS OF 1971

Alumni from the Class of 1971 were recognized at the Homecoming Game in honor of their graduation from Holton High School 50 years ago. Several graduates proudly represented the Class of 1971! Holton High School alumni were also treated to an Alumni Tent prior to the game to reminisce and reconnect with old friends.

We are proud of our graduates!



2021 Homecoming

King and Queen, Austin Fowler and Gianna Reed



HOMEcoming COURT 2021



Back Row Left to Right: Jarid Coburn, Bret Hosmer, Aaron Waterman,

KING - Austin Fowler and QUEEN Gianna Reed, Gracie Sullivan, Alanna Cregg, Leah Fox.

Front Row Left to Right: Jaiden Klaus, Rylee Pierce, Tyler Tyndall, June Newell, Lexi Bartolameolli and Shelbie Porter



Principal Letter

November is here and I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving and a terrific holiday season. Over the next few weeks, I am sure many of you will be busy preparing for family and friends to visit. As this holiday season progresses, it is important to keep in mind how the interruptions of the holidays impact the students. We would ask that you take an extra moment to help your child focus and stay on task with schoolwork while enjoying this time of year.

Marking period 1 has ended and if grades aren't where you want them to be, it's not too late to save the semester. There are ways to help your student be successful. Have them be in school and on time everyday. Make sure they complete and return/submit homework assignments.

They should come to class prepared and bring all needed materials. Use all available resources and remember that all staff are here to help. Take advantage of our After School Tutorial and the Testing Center. Project Focus is an excellent program for middle school students and National Honor Society tutors are also available by contacting Mrs. Olson or Mrs. Schulz. These are just a few tips to help your student be successful!

Sincerely, Erik Carlson, Principal



Staff vs Students Basketball Game

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6PM
High School Gym

Spectator Tickets will be \$5
At Half time there will be a Free
Throw Competition \$1 per Shot!

Sponsored by the
HS STUDENT COUNCIL

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED
TO THE ELF PROJECT



2021-2022 New Staff



My name is **Dan Fishel**, and I'm the new math teacher at Holton High School/Middle School. I enjoyed the warm welcome by the students and staff I received! Here's a little background about me. Other than college, I've lived in Muskegon County my entire life. I grew up in Sullivan Township and attended Ravenna Public Schools most of my life before moving to Whitehall and graduating from Whitehall High School. I went to college at Muskegon Community College before transferring to GVSU to earn my bachelors and masters degrees there. I've taught at Muskegon Public Schools since 2001 (mostly at Muskegon High School) before joining the teaching staff at Holton Public Schools earlier this school year. I currently live in Norton Shores with my wife Jennifer and my children -- Carly (12), Maggie (11), Rex (7), and Penny (7). I really appreciate the community in Holton, and I enjoy teaching very much! I'm looking forward to a great school year!

On Holton!

PRIDE DAY



Holton Middle/High School held its annual Pride Day on Thursday, October 8th. This is a day meant to build school spirit

and give everyone the chance to get to know each other a little better while having fun. In the morning, the football team went and read to the elementary students. The fun part of the day was kicked off with a raucous pep assembly. Following that, each class began to rotate through different activities like capture the flag, basketball, sidewalk art, kickball and many others. Students and staff were also treated to a cookout by Chartwells with hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings.

Everyone had a great time!

2021 Cross Country State Qualifiers



Congratulations to Vanessa Peltoniemi (Junior) and Aubrey Goyings (Freshman) for qualifying for the MHSAA State Meet held at Michigan International Speedway.



Veterans Day event at the Holton American Legion. The band was invited to play music during the annual Veterans Day Luncheon.

2021 Fall All Conference



Back Row:
Cameron Edgerton,
Austin Fowler,
Dylan Cartwright

Front Row:
Layna Cartwright,
Rice Robins,
Abbie Fowler

Congratulations to the following student athletes that earned all CSAA this fall.

Football: Rice Robins, Dylan Cartwright, Austin Fowler, and Cameron Edgerton

Honorable Mention: Bret Hosmer

Volleyball: Layna Cartwright, Abbie Fowler

Honorable Mention: Ryann Robins

Cross Country:

Honorable Mention: Vanessa Peltoniemi, Aubrey Goyings, and Cassandra Boit

Golf:

Honorable Mention: Leah Fox

Holton Devilbots

Our Holton Devilbots participated in the First Tech Challenge robotics competition in Fruitport. The Freight Frenzy Challenge required the team create a robot that could navigate a complex transportation system by crossing barriers. Racing against time they had to load and deliver cubes and balls to different areas of the course. This competition featured robotic teams from all over the state. **Great job Devilbots!**



Top Row L to R:
Jordan Cassel, Rowan Bean,
Thomas Ingram,
Mason Schropp,
Coach Fred Ingram,
and Jacob Bayne.

Bottom Row L to R:
Hannah McFarland,
Lilly Beeman, and
Dillan Casse

Powderpuff 2021!



Kick off to Homecoming 2021 started with the Powderpuff Football game! The HS Student Council would like to THANK all the participants that participated and all the volunteers that made this a FUN and SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

CSAA HONORS BAND

On Tuesday, November 16, Holton sent six students to participate in the annual All Conference Honors Band. This all day event is a combined effort that six of Holton's High School Band members are privileged to participate in. These students are Joslin Vanderbeogh, Cierra Pentoney, Gina Nye, Riley Horton, Frankie Klootwyk, and Faith Hale. Approximately 100 band students total from all of the different schools in the CSAA played in this mass band setting where a one day rehearsal with a guest conductor prepared them for an evening performance at Reed City HS at 7:00PM.

PLAY AUDITIONS

This year's Middle School & High School Play will be "She Kills Monsters" a dramatic comedy by Qui Nguyen. All students from grades 6th-12th are eligible to audition. Audition Packets will be available in the office starting November 22nd and auditions will be held in the Band Room on December 2nd. A sign up sheet will be posted on the CALL BOARD outside the Band Room for audition times. Audition packets should be completed and brought to the auditions with the student. Details about auditions will be provided in the packet. Performance dates are TBD.

Check out the donation form below to help Holton Musicians keep instruments maintained and update our music stands! Thank you for your support. #RockOnHolton

Sometimes buying fundraisers can be cumbersome and people would rather just give to the student/organization that is in need.

Donations can be applied anonymously, if preferred, and can be applied directly into the students' Band accounts.

If you would like to make a donation, please fill out the information below and mail it to:

The Holton Music Department
c/o Gretchen Thompson, Band Director
Holton Public Schools
6477 Syers Road
Holton, Michigan 49425

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

I would like to contribute to the Holton Music Department at the following level:

____ Friend of the Arts \$50

____ Partner in Music * \$100

____ Distinct Arts Sponsor * \$200

or

____ Donation (or additional donation) of \$_____

All levels will receive a "Holton Marching Band" window decal (while supplies last).

Halloween Band Concert

Frankie Klootwyk,
Riley Horton, Tyler Tyndall,
and Natalie Klootwyk
prepare to play at the
October 31st Band Concert





Principal Letter

Holton Elementary Families,

Happy Fall. The school year is already going so quickly. We have completed our first marking period, our first parent teacher conference, and started to bring back some of our traditional activities.

It was great being able to invite families to our Halloween costume parade once again. Students love Halloween and the parade was a reminder of how fun this event always is. The elementary was able to host their first STEM family night, which offered families the opportunity to come to the elementary, have dinner, and participate in STEM activities to challenge their thinking as well as think about many engineering careers.

Lastly, Holton Elementary was able to hold an in person Scholastic Book Fair the week of November 1-5. Parents were welcome to shop on November 4th and students were able to shop on November 4th and 5th during school hours. The total sales of the book fair were \$2900. This earns Holton Elementary Library \$1162 in free books from Scholastic. This is always a great way to get students books to keep at home as well as add new books to the elementary library. Thank you to all of the book buyers that made this such a success, and we were so happy to be able to have this opportunity again.

With all of these fun activities taking place students and staff are also getting ready for the holiday season, and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. We wish all of our families a great holiday season filled with many memories with family and friends.

*In Holton Pride,
Erin Byrnes, Elementary Principal*



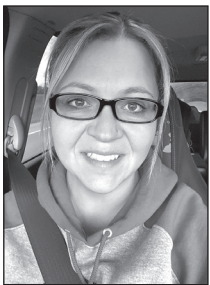
2021-2022 New Staff



My name is **Kimberly Tangney** and I was previously a preschool teacher here at Holton a few years back and decided to follow my passion of teaching elementary students. I went to teach at Lakeside Elementary School in Muskegon. When the opportunity came up to come back to Holton and teach, I was so excited! I'm so glad to be back here teaching in 4th grade here at Holton!



My name is **Laura McNab** and I am the new Art teacher at the elementary school. I graduated from Baker College with my teaching certification. I have been teaching for the past 5 years and I am so excited to be at Holton. It's a great and welcoming community.



My name is **Amanda Pritzl**. I am a paraprofessional in a first grade classroom here at Holton. I'm a mother of two boys, Tyler who is 12 and Tayven who is 6. I'm also married and have been with my husband for 18 years and been married for 9. I love spending time with family and friends. I enjoy hunting and fishing and watching my boys play sports. I live right here in Holton and I absolutely love it.

National Walk to School Day



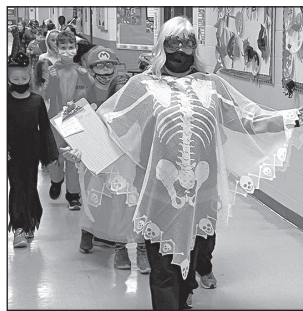
Holton Elementary was so happy to be able to participate again in National Walk to School Day this October.

Mr. Vold, the physical education teacher, coordinates the event. The students and staff were not able to participate in this last year and were happy to have it back. All of our second through fifth grade students are brought to the Holton Township Hall to walk with their teachers and other staff members to school. It was a beautiful fall day for the students and staff this year. The reason for this day is to encourage daily exercise in our students for their body's health. Thankful to be able to bring back some of the events that we missed out on last year.

World Kindness Week

Holton Elementary celebrated World Kindness Week on November 8th - 12th. They were challenged to be like Mister Rogers and show kindness to everyone all day... every day. Students and staff collected cash and non-perishable food items to donate to the Holton Community Center to show their kindness and gratitude for all they do for our community. The goal was to help fill the shelves of the Holton Community Center to help feed local families during the holidays and winter months.

Halloween Costumes & Parade



The Halloween costume parade was held on the elementary playground this October. Parents, grandparents, and friends came to see all of the dressed up superheroes, dragons, mermaids, monsters, cows, and more. Students spent the day using Halloween themes throughout their

lessons. There was plenty of treats and snacks for the students throughout the day and many smiles.

Kindergarten and first grade students and staff want to thank Rose and Marty Homister for inviting them to preview their Halloween yard decorations. The youngest students were able to take a look at the decorations and were given a treat from the Homister's as well. The students and staff had a great time visiting.

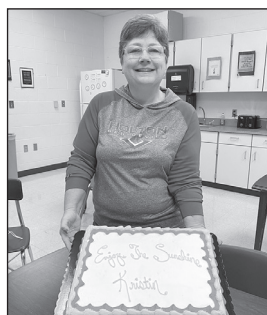
The Animals Came Back to Visit



Holton Elementary was so excited to welcome back the animals from Science Alive. Thank you to the Holton Parent Teacher Organization for once again bringing Science Alive to the elementary building. Each classroom in grades K-5 gets to experience an hour lesson on

animals. "Science Alive, the hands-on science education organization, has long established itself at the forefront of Michigan's educational resources. Through personalized, interactive school classroom presentations with live reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals, Science Alive brings the study of science to life for students, kindergarten through junior high" (Sciencealiveanimals.com). It is so much fun every year to have the students interact with animals they don't normally see as well as learn so much about the animals, their habitats, as well as careers working with animals.

Thank you Ms. Bates



A huge thank you to Ms. Bates for her many years of service to Holton Public Schools. Ms. Bates is moving to the warm sunshine of Florida, and finished her last day at Holton Elementary on November 5th. We wish her the best of luck on her new adventure.



Project FOCUS

a truenorthern community service

*Looking for Elementary Students
in grades 1-5 to join*

PROJECT FOCUS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Stay after school Monday - Thursday each week, until 6:15 PM
- Students are provided with a snack, a meal before going home, and busing home.
- Each day students receive help with their homework and academics, participate in a physical activity, and take part in a hands on learning activity. Family events and field trips are also scheduled from time to time.

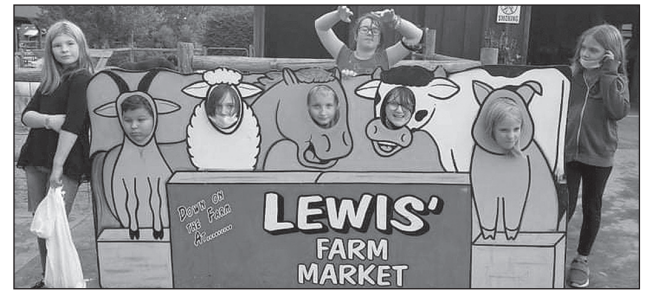
If you are interested in getting more information or signing your child, contact Lisa Barnes at her email:

lbarnes@truenorthernservices.org

Project Focus Visits Lewis Farms & Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Project Focus students took a field trip to Lewis Farms in October. Students were able to enjoy all of the fun filled activities that the farm has to offer.

Students also participated in a pumpkin painting contest. All of the pumpkins were on display in the hallways for all the students and staff to see.



Thank You, 4th & 5th Grade

Thank you to the fourth and fifth grade students, along with our new elementary music teacher Ms. Culler, for their singing of the National Anthem at the final home football game this fall. The students did an amazing job. Way to go fourth and fifth graders!!!!



Thanking Our Local Heroes



Students of Holton Elementary as well as the community were asked to send in pictures of Holton Community Members or relatives that have served our country in the armed forces. The pictures were displayed on the elementary main bulletin board for all of the students and staff to view. Each classroom also created a thank you card for our veterans that was delivered to the Holton American Legion. Holton Elementary wants to thank all of the veterans that have been willing to protect our country. **Thank you, Veterans!**

Family Engagement STEM Night

On November 9th, Holton Elementary hosted its first STEM night for students and families. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Each activity had a different emphasis and had families work together to achieve an outcome. "Learning from Failure" and "Arches" were two favorites of our families.



WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES 2021-2022

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

12/7	Tri-County
12/10	Morley-Stanwood
12/17	White Cloud
12/21	@ Ravenna
1/4	@ Wyoming Lee
1/07	@ Lakeview
1/11	Montague
1/14	Kent City
1/17	Fruitport Calvary Christian
1/21	Hesperia *Snocoming*
1/28	@ Morley-Stanwood
2/01	@ Newaygo
2/04	@ White Cloud
2/07	Shelby
2/11	Lakeview
2/18	@ Kent City
2/22	@ Western Michigan Christian
2/25	@ Hesperia
3/01	Muskegon Catholic Central
3/03	@ Grant

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

12/7	Tri-County
12/09	@ Morley-Stanwood
12/16	@ White Cloud
12/21	@ Ravenna
1/4	@ Wyoming Lee
1/06	Lakeview
1/11	Montague
1/13	@ Kent City
1/17	Fruitport Calvary Christian
1/20	@Hesperia
1/27	Morley-Stanwood
2/01	@ Newaygo
2/03	White Cloud
2/07	Shelby
2/10	@Lakeview
2/17	Kent City
2/22	@ Western Michigan Christian
2/24	Hesperia
3/01	Muskegon Catholic Central
3/03	@ Grant

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

12/03	Wyoming Lee
12/7	@ Tri-County
12/10	Morley-Stanwood
12/14	@ Holland Black River
12/17	White Cloud
12/21	@ Ravenna
1/07	@ Lakeview
1/11	@ Orchard View
1/14	Kent City
1/18	Wellspring Prep Academy
1/21	Hesperia *Snocoming*
1/25	@ Newaygo
1/28	@ Morley-Stanwood
1/31	@ North Muskegon
2/04	@ White Cloud
2/08	Muskegon Catholic Central
2/11	Lakeview
2/18	@ Kent City
2/22	Fruitport Calvary Christian
2/25	@ Hesperia

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

12/3/21	Wyoming Lee
12/7	@ Tri-County
12/09	@ Morley-Stanwood
12/14/21	@ Holland Black River
12/16	@ White Cloud
12/21	Ravenna
1/06	Lakeview
1/11	@ Orchard View
1/13	@ Kent City
1/18	Fremont
1/20	@Hesperia
1/25	@ Newaygo
1/27	Morley-Stanwood
1/31	@ North Muskegon
2/03	White Cloud
2/08	Muskegon Catholic Central
2/10	@Lakeview
2/17	Kent City
2/22	Fruitport Calvary Christian
2/24	Hesperia

VARSITY BOWLING

All Home Matches are at Northway Lanes

12/6	Whitehall
12/8	Fremont
12/11	@ Lakeview (Alley Cat)
12/13	@ Kent City (Sparta Lanes)
12/15	@ Orchard View (Northway Lanes)
1/05	Western Michigan Christian
1/08	@ Morley-Stanwood (The Gate)
1/10	@ Ravenna (Northway Lanes)
1/12	Ludington
1/15	CSAA #3 Home
1/17	@ Montague (Sherman Lanes)
1/19	@ Fremont (The Commons)
1/22	@ Kent City (Sparta Lanes)
1/24	@ Mason County Central
1/26	Kent City
1/29	@ Lakeview (Alley Cat)
1/31	North Muskegon
2/02	Orchard View
2/05	@ Morley-Stanwood (The Gate)
2/07	@ Western Michigan Christian (Northway Lanes)
2/09	@ Ludington (Stixx/Pins Bowling Center)
2/14	Conference Tourney (Northway Lanes)
2/16	GMAA (Northway Lanes)

VARSITY WRESTLING

12/08	@ Pine River
12/11	@ Forest Hills Eastern
12/18	@ Hart
12/29	@ Montague
1/05	Kent City
1/08	@ Fruitport
1/12	@ Hesperia
1/15	@ Hudsonville Unity Christian
1/19	@ Lakeview
1/22	GMAA @ Mona Shores
1/29	@ Chippewa Hills
2/05	CSAA Ind. @ Chippewa Hills
2/10	TEAM DISTRICTS HOME

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

School Bus Safety Week



School Bus Safety Week was held October 18 - 22

Each day the bus drivers discussed a different safety topic with the students. Students also received a School Bus Safety worksheet and prize daily.

JOIN OUR TEAM!



AVAILABLE POSITIONS INCLUDE:

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER	SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPROFESSIONALS	ATHLETIC COACHES
DRIVERS (VAN, BUS, AND TRIPS)	SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND PARAS

APPLY TODAY!

Visit <https://www.holtionschools.com/ourdistrict/administration/employment/> or call (231)821-1700 to learn more.



CONTACT NUMBERS

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

WEATHER ALERT:

Please **DO NOT** call the school if you feel school will be closed due to the weather. You can watch **WZZM-TV13** or **WOOD-TV8** to get the most up to date information. Also, our instant alert phone message will be sent out.

Weather alerts are also posted on our website at www.holtionschools.com

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**

Scoreboard Operators Needed

Holton athletics are looking for people that would be willing to operate scoreboards for basketball and wrestling this winter. Training will be provided. Please contact Jared Hudson at judson@holton.k12.mi.us if interested.

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!

Why eat school breakfast?



Increased Productivity:

Students who eat school breakfast have better attendance rates, improved behavior, decreased 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:

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 & Middle in the classroom;
Holton High in the Holton High School Cafeteria line.
Virtual Academy, GSRP, and Head Start in the classroom

Menu can be found at: <https://holtionschools.nutrislice.com/menu>

Questions or comments? Please call Kayleigh Macomber, Food Service Director, 821-1731

HOLTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS 2021-2022

November 22	
December 13	
January 10th	24th
February 14th	28th
March 14th	28th

*Meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Meetings are held in the District Services Building. (Unless otherwise posted.)

Title IX

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain an education and work environment that is free from all forms of unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment. The Compliance Officers responsible to investigate concerns of harassment are:

Adam Bayne, Superintendent Holton School District 6500 4th St., Holton, MI 49425 (231) 821-1700 abayne@holton.k12.mi.us	Jenny Mutchler, Business Manager Holton School District 6500 4th St., Holton, MI 49425 (231) 821-1700 jmutchler@holton.k12.mi.us
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