



# KNOW Your Schools

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## Superintendent's Message

Another school year has completed and I am left feeling incredibly proud of the accomplishments of the students, staff, and community of Holton Public Schools. This year we watched our students excel in athletics, academics, arts, and career and college readiness. Our staff embraced challenges, committed to continuous learning, and built positive relationships. Together, we established a new strategic plan to bring continued success to Holton Public Schools. I hope you join me in celebrating the outstanding district we have! There are many exciting things in store for the future of Holton Public Schools. I am excited to continue to partner with you to create the best school possible for our kids. This summer our contractors will complete many of the bond projects the community approved. As we look to next year, let's focus even more on our partnerships by being collaborative, growth minded, and supportive of each other. Together we can do amazing things! Enjoy your summer! I hope it is filled with the people and adventures that bring you joy. On Holton!



With Great Respect,  
Adam Bayne

## GROUND BREAKING

Students, staff, parents and community supporters of Holton Public Schools gathered on June 10 to celebrate the groundbreaking of the district's \$6.9 million bond project. The project will focus on making the schools safe and secure, and warm and welcoming. The first summer of construction projects is currently underway. Among the speakers were: Steven Kersting, 7th grade student; Drew Trygstad, 12th grade student; Lainey Giddings, 2nd grade student; and Christian Tyndall, 3rd grade student. Holton Superintendent, Adam Bayne, and Holton Board of Education President, Amy Brookhouse, expressed gratitude for the students' enthusiasm. This investment will allow Holton Public Schools to continue to serve the children of this community for many years to come. Holton Public Schools is extremely thankful for the community's support. The work will be phased around ongoing school activities, completed within condensed summer timelines. The overall timeline of the bond improvements is as follows:

### 2019

- **Secure entries:** Renovated secure building entries at both school buildings with keycard access systems in order to better monitor access into the buildings
- **Extensive sitework:** To address pedestrian and vehicle traffic challenges, traffic reflow, new bus loop, new parking lots, and relocating the elementary playground
- **Replacement of roofs and mechanical systems:** Failing roofs and boiler systems will be replaced
- **Miscellaneous work including new bleachers and office renovations**

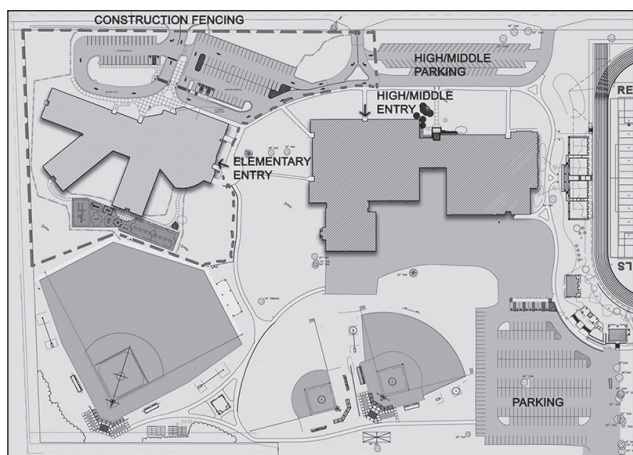
### 2020

- **High School improvements:** Upgrades and renovations within the theatre and multipurpose/cafeteria spaces
- **New weight and fitness center:** With potential for community use
- **Roof improvements at high school**

The bond to fund these projects was passed by the community in May of 2018. Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. is providing construction management services. GMB Architecture + Engineering is the project architect.



## ACCESS TO BUILDINGS OVER THE SUMMER



This map shows how buildings can be accessed over the summer. Please understand that for the safety of our contractors and visitors, strict adherence to approved building entrances and access will be enforced.

There will be many projects being completed simultaneously throughout the district. If you have any questions about building access please call the District Services Building. To access the Elementary, visitors must enter the East entrance near the cafeteria. To access the Middle/High School, visitors must enter the North West door from the Syers Road parking lot.

## RETIREMENTS



Holton Public Schools has three retirements this year. Deb Wosinski, Pam Smith, and Donna Plouhar are retiring after years of dedicated and proud service. We are incredibly thankful for the outstanding work each has provided Holton Public Schools. We wish them a very happy and healthy retirement! The impact they have had on this community is everlasting and we are thankful for each of their contributions to the success of Holton Public Schools!

## 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Football Steak Fry – Red Devil Stadium	July 25
Holton Community Days	July 25 – 27th
Middle/High School Registration Day	Aug. 28th
Middle/High School Fall Open House	Aug. 28th
Elementary Fall Open House	Aug. 28th
First Day of School (Half day)	Sept. 3rd
Homecoming	Sept. 13th
Elementary Conferences (Half day)	Oct. 10th
Middle/High School Conferences (Half day)	Oct. 17th
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 27th – 29th
Christmas Break (Half day)	Dec. 20th
Christmas Break	Dec. 23rd – Jan. 3rd (return Jan. 6th)
Half day for students-end of 1st Semester (Half day each day)	Jan. 22nd – 24th
Elementary Conferences (Half day)	Feb. 6th
Mid-Winter Break	Feb. 14th & 17th
Middle/High School Conferences (Half day)	March 5th
Half day of school (Teacher In-Service)	March 18th
Spring Break	April 3rd – 10th (return April 13th)
Half day of school (Teacher In-Service)	May 6th
NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day	May 25th
High School Graduation	May 27th
Half day for students	June 8th & 9th
Half day for students-Last day of school	June 10th

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 (Half day for all students)

## Holton Middle & High School REGISTRATION DAY

Where? Holton Middle and High School

What? Get pictures, schedules, update information, locker assignments and Chromebooks (for high school)

When? August 28, 2019  
2:30 pm - 7:00 pm

This is an **IMPORTANT EVENT** to attend! *See you there!*

## Holton Public Schools OPEN HOUSE

Where? Holton Elementary, Middle, and High School

What? Meet teachers and staff, check out classrooms, visit with friends.

When? August 28, 2019  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**This is a great opportunity to kick off the 2019-20 School Year**

*See you there!*

## CLASS OF 2019 – TOP TEN GRADUATES



**Breezie Woirol** is the daughter of Paul and Storm Woirol. She is Valedictorian of her class, and plans to attend Baker College using the Promise Scholarship to attend their surgical technology program.



**Madison Wackernagel** is the daughter of Michael and Emalee Wackernagel. She is Salutatorian of her class, and plans to attend Muskegon Community College to attend the nursing program.



**Caroline Pitre-Oaks** is the daughter of Tina Pitre. She is ranked third in her class, and plans to attend Hope College to study business of the fashion industry.



**Maggie Daniels** is the daughter of Jeff and Vickie Daniels. She is ranked fourth in her class, and plans to attend Muskegon Community College for two years then transfer to a University. Her major is undecided at this time.



**Kennedy Porter** is the daughter of Sherrie and Garry Pierce and David Porter. She is ranked fifth in her class, and plans to attend Baker College to study diagnostic medical sonography.



**Jade Powell** is the daughter of Myranda and Jeff Harmon. She is ranked sixth in her class, and plans to attend Oakland University to pursue her nursing degree.



**Matthew Deering** is the son of John and Tammi Deering. He is ranked seventh in his class, and plans to attend MSU to earn a bachelor's degree in arts and humanities, then continue his education to complete his Ph.D. in psychology. He plans to become a counselor or a criminal psychologist.



**Morgan Murat** is the daughter of Carl and Carrie Murat. She is ranked eighth in her class, and plans to attend Cornerstone University to play softball and study pre-physical therapy.



**Cassidy Armstrong** is the daughter of Randal and April Armstrong. She is ranked ninth in her class, and plans to attend MCC using the Promise Scholarship then transfer to Central Michigan University to study architecture or to become a veterinary tech.



**Justin Mackey** is the son of Michael Mackey and Jennifer Stanley-Wiggins. He is ranked ninth in his class, and his plans are undecided at this time. He may join the Pipefitters Union or join the Marines.

## March is Reading Month

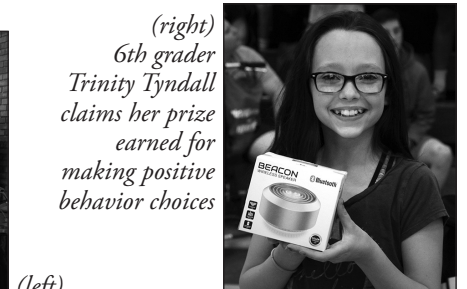


Each year, Holton Middle School celebrates March is Reading Month by setting reading goals for the students. This year's goal was for students to pass eight Accelerated Reader quizzes or earn twenty-five Accelerated Reader points. We celebrated with eighty-three students at Twin Lake County Park. Our students enjoyed a day filled with swimming, tennis, football, picnic lunch, ice cream, and more! Each of these students also earned a certificate for their achievement, chance to win one of many prizes, and a soda at our end of the year assembly!

## Ride With Pride/PBIS Assembly



Holton High School held its first Ride With Pride assembly on May 16th. Ride With Pride is a program tied in with our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports initiative that encourages students to make positive choices. Students sign a pledge at the beginning of the year to abstain from drugs and alcohol, be good citizens in the school community, and drive safely. Students who meet these requirements for the year are eligible to win a moped or a car! This program was made possible by the generous donations of a moped by Mrs. Behm and a car by Fremont Ford. The Ride With Pride assembly was combined with our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports assembly for the Middle and High School where students are rewarded for meeting school expectations. Tons of prizes were given away and the students had a great time. Special thanks to S and M Heating and Cooling and Mrs. Wagenmaker for their donations to support the program.



(right)  
6th grader  
Trinity Tyndall  
claims her prize  
earned for  
making positive  
behavior choices

(left)  
The owners of Fremont Ford, Mr. Ed Devine  
and Mr. Mike Robinson congratulate senior  
Garrett Lulofs for winning the car.

## HOLTON HIGH SCHOOL AGNES DEHART CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



NHS welcomed six new members during induction on May 1st. Congratulations to: Jasmin Cooper, Robert Norton, Kendra Westerhouse, Cameron Edgerton, Gracie Sullivan and Breanna Zinky for exhibiting the four pillars of NHS: Leadership, Scholarship, Character, and Community Service.

## DECISION DAY



Holton High School hosted its annual Decision Day assembly on May 10, 2019. This event recognizes each senior for their post secondary plans and promotes a college going culture. In addition to celebrating our seniors' plans, Holton High School is trying something new to ensure that Holton alumni who start college, finish college. Seniors who are pursuing post secondary education are matched with Holton faculty as part of the System Impact Grant through the Michigan College Access Network. Their "coaches" will regularly check in with students over the summer to ensure they are prepared for college in the fall. This grant also includes fall campus visits for our coaches and students to meet in addition to revamping our transition curriculum, and creating an Alumni Network.



## PROM 2019

Prom was held on the Aquastar this year. The Aquastar, formerly the Port City Princess, took Holton students and guests for a sunset cruise on Muskegon Lake. Students danced and visited on the top deck of the Aquastar during the cruise, while refreshments and desserts were served on the lower deck. A great time was had by all.



Seventh grade all A's students display their awards

## Middle School All A's Breakfast

Holton Middle School held its annual All A's Breakfast on May 17th. Every year, students who have received all A's for the entire year get to have their parents come have breakfast with them and then get the day off to do something fun. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and other family members who came to support these outstanding students and celebrate their success! Thank you to Mrs. Wagenmaker and her army of volunteers for coordinating and cooking to make this event happen!

## 6TH GRADE CAMP



The 6th Graders spent the week of May 28th at Grace Adventures Camp. During the four days of camp, students built confidence on the high ropes course, went horseback riding, swimming, canoeing and boating. Additionally, students learned about and practiced archery and riflery, played laser tag, capture the flag and many more fun activities. The students had a great time and tried many new things. Thank you to Mrs. Bosset for coordinating everything and all of the teachers who spent their week at camp to make it a great experience!

## THIRD GRADE FUN



Third graders were all given a reading goal following Spring Break. Students worked hard to accomplish their goal with the reward being a trip to the bowling alley. Following multiple days of M-STEP (state standardized) testing, those students making their goal were able to load the bus and enjoy a couple of games of bowling fun. The kids worked hard and it paid off with a lot of fun. Way to go third graders.

Third grade also ended their year with a trip to Double JJ Waterpark. Third graders participate in pool school for six Fridays throughout the winter, the waterpark is a way for them to use their new water safety and swimming skills as well as end the school year with a great day with their classmates and teachers.

## 2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

For the 2019-2020 school year, Holton Elementary will continue to offer two options for our new Kindergarten students! There will be traditional Kindergarten classrooms as well as a transitional Kindergarten classroom. As the academic expectations of Kindergarten increase, it has been shown that some children need more time to grow socially and emotionally before they are completely ready for traditional Kindergarten. There is strong research to support delaying the heavy academic demands for some children leads to much more confident learners.

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

If you have a child that will be five before December 1st, 2019 and you are interested in traditional Kindergarten or transitional Kindergarten, please call the school at 231-821-1700.

## End of Year Picnic in the Park and Track & Field

The last Friday of the school year was a beautiful sunny day that all students enjoyed outside. The day was divided between time at the track for field day and time at the park for a picnic lunch and time to play. Parents and family members were able to join students at both locations. The Holton Branch of the Muskegon District Library was at the stadium to sign up students for their Summer reading program. Students enjoyed many physical activities along with tattoos and popsicles. Food service packed up lunch service and headed to the park to serve hot dogs, potato salad, watermelon, chips, and more. Thank you to Mother Nature for allowing us to finally enjoy the sunshine!



## PROJECT BASED LEARNING



The 4th grade students and teachers worked side by side with the MAISD to work through a project based learning activity. The student groups were each given a natural disaster to research and create a way to lessen the traumatic effects of the natural disaster. Students spent many days in class as well as a day at the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center working on prototypes of their solutions.

These prototypes and information were then presented to the elementary students in an expo during the school day on June 10th, as well as to the public at an evening expo. The fourth graders were complimented by the MAISD as very inquisitive and persistent with their thoughts and work ethic.

## 5th Grade Graduation

The fifth graders of the 2018-2019 school year officially graduated from elementary and will be moving on to middle school next year. There are 65 students that make up the future Class of 2026. Fifth graders were celebrated with a ceremony on June 11th at Holton Elementary. Many parents joined the students to see them get their fifth grade diplomas, see a slideshow of the school year, watch them parade through the elementary to get high fives from younger students, and enjoy cake and punch. We wish our fifth graders the best of luck in sixth grade.

## Kindergarten and First Grade Students Trolls Concert

Congratulations to Ms. Johnson and the Kindergarten and First Grade students as they sang along to popular songs from the movie Trolls. Students wore their fancy troll hair headbands and brightly colored shirts. Nice Work!!!



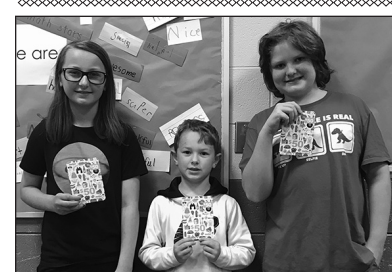
VISIT TO LEWIS FARMS



Kindergarten and first grade students took their end of the year field trip to Lewis' Farms. Students, parents, and teachers had a fun filled day interacting with their animals and moving around to the numerous activities they have available at Lewis Farms. One of the favorite activities was the corn box.

## FILL THE FOOD PANTRY

The elementary school participated in a food drive to help the Holton Community Center fill their food pantry shelves for the Summer months. Students had a contest between classrooms to see who could bring in the most food items to donate. Mrs. Green's fifth grade students were the winners of this year's contest and were rewarded with a pizza party for their efforts. Thanks to all the students and families that donated to our local community center.



Congratulations to our three perfect attendance winners for the 2018-2019 School Year. WAY TO GO, Chloe, Kyle, and Michel !!!

## Camp RED Coming in July

Students that signed up by the deadline for Camp RED will be receiving information in the mail about July Session information. Classes this year include Fishing/Survivor, Minecraft, Reader's Theater, and Better Together. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 AM and go through 12:30 PM. All classes will be held at the District Services Building this Summer because of the multiple bond projects taking place at the Elementary Building.

## BUBBLE BLOWING CONTEST



Blowing a bubble is not an easy task, and Mrs. Brueck's class could tell you all about it. Her second grade class held a bubble blowing contest in which all of the students had to practice and show whether or not they possess the skill of bubble blowing or not. The results were well documented in a graph for interpretation.



## FALL 2019 SPORTS SCHEDULE

### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

8/24	Holton Invitational	9:00 am
8/27	@ Mason County Central	9:00 am
8/28	@ Hesperia	5:30 pm
9/3	@ Newaygo	5:30 pm
9/4	Morley Stanwood	5:30 pm
9/11	White Cloud	5:30 pm
9/12	@ Hart	5:30 pm
9/18	@ Lakeview	5:30 pm
9/25	@ Kent City	5:30 pm
9/28	@ Musk Catholic Invite	9:00 am
10/2	Hesperia	5:30 pm
10/5	@ Shelby Invite	8:30 am
10/8	@ Morley Stanwood	5:30 pm
10/16	@ White Cloud	5:30 pm
10/17	GMAA@ Reeths-Puffer	9:00 am
10/23	Lakeview	5:30 pm
10/30	Kent City	5:30 pm
10/31	@ Muskegon Cath., Pentwater, Zion Christian Districts @ TBA	5:00 pm
11/4-7		TBA

### JV VOLLEYBALL

8/24	Holton Invitational	9:00 am
8/28	@ Hesperia	5:30 pm
9/3	@ Newaygo	5:30 pm
9/4	Morley Stanwood	5:30 pm
9/7	@ Muskegon Catholic	9:00 am
9/11	White Cloud	5:30 pm
9/12	@ Hart	5:30 pm
9/18	@ Lakeview	5:30 pm
9/25	@ Kent City	5:30 pm
9/28	@ Hesperia Invite	9:00 am
10/2	Hesperia	5:30 pm
10/8	@ Morley Stanwood	5:30 pm
10/12	@ WMC Showdown	9:00 am
10/16	@ White Cloud	5:30 pm
10/23	Lakeview	5:30 pm
10/30	Kent City	5:30 pm

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/22	Scrimmage HOME	6:00 pm
8/29	@ Hart	7:00 pm
9/6	Carson City Crystal	7:00 pm
9/13	Hesperia	7:00 pm
9/20	@ Morley Stanwood	7:00 pm
9/27	@ White Cloud	7:00 pm
10/4	@ Lakeview	7:00 pm
10/11	Kent City	7:00 pm
10/18	@ Perry	7:00 pm
10/25	Tri County	7:00 pm

### JV FOOTBALL

8/22	Scrimmage HOME	4:00 pm
8/29	@Hart	3:30 pm
9/5	@ Carson City Crystal	6:30 pm
9/12	@Hesperia	6:30 pm
9/19	Morley Stanwood	6:30 pm
9/26	White Cloud	6:30 pm
10/3	Lakeview	6:30 pm
10/10	@ Kent City	6:30 pm
10/18	@ Perry	4:30 pm
10/24	@ Tri County	6:30 pm

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

8/19	@ Orchard View	5:00 pm
8/24	@ Muskegon Catholic	9:00 am
9/3	@ White Cloud	4:30 pm
9/7	@Fremont Hill & Bale	9:00 am
9/15	@ Ludington (Briggs)	8:00 am
9/17	@ Lakeview	4:30 pm
9/22	@ Oakridge Invite	8:00 am
9/28	@ Fruitport Invite	9:00 am
10/1	@ Kent City	4:30 pm
10/11	GMAA @N. Muskegon	TBD
10/15	Home	4:30 pm
10/22	@ White Cloud	4:30 pm

### VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

8/16	@ Katke GC (Big Rapids)	9:00 am
9/3	@ The Pines of Canadian Lakes (Chip Hills)	9:00 am
9/10	@ Brookside GC (Lakeview)	9:00 am
9/18	@ Whitefish Lake GC (Grant)	9:00 am
10/1	@ The Falls (Kent City)	9:00 am
10/9-12	Regionals @ TBD	TBD

Schedule subject to change.

## Muskegon Area District Library – Holton Branch

8776 Holton-Duck Lake Rd. • 231-821-0268

2019 Summer Reading Club is here! Explore "A Universe of Stories" this summer from June 17–August 17. The Summer Reading Club is for all ages. Go to [www.madl.org](http://www.madl.org) or stop by the library to track your reading!

### SUMMER READING CLUB WEEKLY PROGRAM

Animals, Animals, Animals, Maciek the Magician, T-Shirt Painting, Fly me to the Moon, Space Camp, Animal X-Files and more  
Mondays–June 1–July 29 • 1:00 PM

### HOLTON FAMILY STORYTIME

Join us for stories, games, music, and much more! Intended for children from birth through early elementary and their families.  
Tuesdays–June 18–August 13 • 11:00 AM

### INTO THE WILD SCAVENGER HUNT AND STORYTIME

Join us in beautiful Holton Township Park for a nature scavenger hunt and storytime. Bring your lunch for a picnic afterwards.  
Tuesday, July 9 • 11:00 AM

### ASTRONOMY 101

Learn to view the night's sky with little or no equipment.  
Tuesday, July 16 • 6:00 PM

### HOLTON COMMUNITY DAYS

Stop by the library for an Author Meet and Greet and Kid's Crafts  
Saturday, July 27 • 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

### SUMMER BOOK SALE

Fri., July 26 9:00 AM–7:00 PM & Sat., July 27 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

### SNACKTIVITY

Meet at the library for games, crafts, Lego, snacks and more.  
Tuesday, August 6 • 3:00–6:00 PM

### STRETCH AND MOVE

Fridays, June 7 – August 30 (no class 7/5 or 7/26) • 1:00 PM  
Adults 60+ • Call 231-733-8643 to register.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Come and enjoy the 39th Annual Holton Community Days Celebration • July 25–July 28 • Something for everyone. Come and enjoy! • To volunteer, call Jack at 231-747-5945.

## Congratulations to all of our new Holton Alumni!



Graduation for the Class of 2019 was held on May 29th in Red Devil Stadium. This year's Valedictorian was Breezie

Woirol and the Salutatorian was Madison Wackernagel. The guest speaker for this year's event was former Red Devil Kendra Scanlon. It was a beautiful evening to celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

## SOFTBALL POSTSEASON RUN



Congratulations to our Varsity Softball team on another run to the quarterfinals! The Girls won the districts championship five years in a row and also won regionals for the fourth time in the past five years.

## NEW TRACK RECORDS



Aaron Herron set the school record in long jump with a jump of 21'4".

Austin Hawkins, Brandon Paschal, Elia Lamparth, and James Hunter also set the school record for the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 47.47 seconds.

## TRACK STATE FINALS RESULTS

Aaron Herron had a nice showing at the Division 4 state track meet on June 1st. He earned a 3rd place finish in the 110m High Hurdles, 4th place in Long Jump, and an 8th place finish in the 200m Dash.

*Congrats on a great career Aaron!*

## RED DEVIL LEGACY



The Holton Education Foundation Board held a casino-themed Red Devil Legacy event to raise funds for the Holton Education Fund. The evening was filled with games, caricatures, and a school administrator competition! The Holton Education Foundation Board also gave the first ever Distinguished Alumni Award to Class of 1981 Holton High School graduate, Steven Vanderboegh. Steve's parents, Ron and Zola, his niece, Julie, and first cousin, Jack, accepted the award on his behalf. Steve had an incredibly successful career in aviation. With the support of sponsors and donors, including a generous contribution from the Class of 2003, over \$6000 was raised for the Holton Education Foundation! The Holton Education Foundation Board is thankful for the incredible support of the table sponsors, 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-public-schools-education-endowment-fund/>.

## SPRING ALL CONFERENCE ATHLETES



**Track:** Aaron Herron, James Hunter, Elia Lamprath  
**Baseball:** Aidan Poling, Nathan Slowik  
**Softball:** Kylie Gould, Kaylie Piper, Haylee Brant, and Morgan Murat

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July 9th – July 25th  
(Tuesday-Thursday)

8:30-9:00 AM Breakfast &  
11:30 AM-12:30 PM Lunch

Please call 231-760-1550 if any questions. Thank you!

**Red Devil**  
**Football Steak Fry**

Thursday, July 25  
at Red Devil Stadium

4:30 – 7:30 PM

Take out dinners available.



**PERMANENT ROUTE & SUB BUS DRIVERS NEEDED**

No previous bus driving experience necessary  
Training provided!

For more information call (231) 821-1707