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Superintendent's Message

Greetings! I hope that this issue of Know Your Schools finds you doing well as we prepare to enter into the holiday season. Since the last publication of our newsletter, many great events and activities have taken place at Holton Public Schools in support of the learning of our children. We are extremely excited about these activities and events, and we encourage you to read about these, and many more of the great things that are happening at Holton Public Schools in this issue of Know Your Schools. We are blessed with great students and families, a great staff and Board of Education, and a wonderful and supportive community!

As we draw closer to the holiday season, I am hopeful that the joy and peace of the holiday season is with each of you. As we reflect upon the things that we are most thankful for, my hope is that each of you find the time to enjoy the company of family and friends and to remember all of the things that you are thankful for. Please know that I am so very thankful for each of you! Holton Public Schools is a great place to be because of all of the wonderful people that work very hard to make it that way. Please know that my door is always open to you, and I look forward to working closely together as we strive to be the best that we can be for our children. Have a very blessed holiday season! On Holton!

In Holton Pride,
Jason J. Kennedy
Superintendent

2016 - 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Staff vs Student Basketball Fundraiser	Nov. 22nd
Thanksgiving Break (Half Day)	Nov. 23rd
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24th & 25th
2nd & 3rd gr Christmas Program "Home for the Holidays"	Dec. 8th
MS/HS Holiday Concert	Dec. 11th
Christmas Break (Return Jan. 3rd)	Dec. 19th – Jan. 2nd
LEGO Club at Holton Branch Library	Dec. 28 11:00 am-7:00 pm
Half day for students	Jan. 16th
Half day for students – End of 1st Semester (Half day each day)	Jan. 25th – 27th
MS/HS Winter Concert	Feb. 12th
Mid-Winter Break	Feb. 17th – 20th
MS/HS Play Production	Feb. 24, 25, 26
Middle/High School Conferences	March 9th (Half day)
Elementary School Conferences	March 23rd (Half day)
Spring Break (Return on April 10th)	March 31st – April 7th
Prom	April 29th
Kdg & 1st gr Music Program	May 18th
MS/HS Spring Pops Concert	May 21st
NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day	May 29th
High School Graduation	May 31st
Half day for students	June 12th & 13th
Half day for students – Last day of school	June 14th

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.

Half day end time: MS/HS 10:56 a.m.
Elem 12:00 p.m.

HOLTON ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

On Friday, November 18th at the Holiday Inn – Downtown Muskegon, the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame will induct the inaugural class of athletes, coaches, teams, and distinguished service award winners into the Hall of Fame. The selection committee is pleased to announce the inductees as follows. More information about each inductee will be released in the next issue of the Know Your Schools, along with photos from the induction ceremony. You may also learn more about purchasing tickets for the event, or about each of the inductees through a one page biography that has been posted to the Athletic Hall of Fame website at: http://www.holtonschools.com/ourdistrict/athletic-hall-of-fame/. Please join us in honoring athletic excellence by welcoming the inductees into the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame.

Female Athlete Inductees:
Erin (Monette) Byrnes - Class of 1995
Agnes Gibson - Class of 1941

Male Athlete Inductees:
Brian Johnson - Class of 1974
Albert Wiegand - Class of 1957

Team Inductee:
1954 Varsity Football Team

Coaching Inductees:
Coach Norman Deiters
Coach Mark Houston

Distinguished Service Award:
Mr. Earl MacLaren

Holton Public Schools EDUCATION FUND REACHES $10,000

community foundation Muskegon County

Horace Mann

With help from Stacy Jordan and the Jordan Insurance and Financial Services Agency, a provider of Horace Mann Insurance products, the Holton Public Schools Education Fund has reached a balance of $10,000. This allows us to begin the process of working with the Community Foundation of Muskegon County to develop and communicate a plan to establish a fund that will provide grants or scholarships to deserving students. For more information on contributing to this fund through the Community Foundation, please contact Jason Kennedy at (231) 821-1700. A special thank you goes out to Stacy Jordan and her agency for helping to push us over the top!

Class of 1966 Celebrates 50 Years!

At Homecoming, we were happy to welcome back the Class of 1966 in celebration of 50 years since graduation. Several graduates joined us for special recognition at the football game. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 1967 at next year's Homecoming game!

Veteran Diploma

On Monday, September 26, 2016, the Board of Education honored the late Douglas Wayne Young with the presentation of a high school diploma, with the diploma being presented to Mr. Young's children. Michigan law provides the Board of Education with the power to award a high school diploma to veteran's who did not graduate from high school after leaving school to serve the nation through any branch of the United States Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Era.

A member of the Class of 1946, Mr. Young left high school during his senior year in October of 1945 to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. During his service, Mr. Young was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, while he patriotically served our nation's country during a time of war. Congratulations to Mr. Young and his family!

Unofficial Election Results

from the November 8, 2016 School Board Election

Elected for four year terms:
Brian Byrnes
Amber Cartwright
Suzanne English
Jack Vanderboegh

CONGRATULATIONS!

Class of 1976

Congratulations to the Class of 1976, who celebrated their 40th Class Reunion at Handsome Hobo's on October 1, 2016. Twenty-one (21) of the 48 graduates were in attendance, plus Sue Raugh and 12 additional guests who attended. Chris Bosse, Laurie Clark, Carl Cygiert, Cynthia Dunnaway, David Eikenberry, Roy Erickson, Gayle Hardy, Kim Henry, Jeff Hekkema, Todd Keas, Sue Kruszynski, Deb Luttrell, Cheryl Moore, Jill Murphy, Sheri Newman, Joe Potter, Carla Schmidt, Robin Stafford, Lisa Swears, Diane Tanner, and Rose Wyant were present. It was a great reunion!

Greetings from HHS & HMS!

MARIJUANA AND THE TEENAGE BRAIN

Greetings Holton students, parents, and community! I want to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about marijuana use and its impact on adolescents. I have been particularly concerned about the impact this drug has on young people and their developing brain. The use of marijuana and the laws that regulate it have changed substantially in recent years. From the decriminalization of possession in some communities to the full legalization in other states, we are beginning to look at marijuana very differently as a society. In Michigan, medical marijuana was approved by voters in 2008. There was very little legislation to regulate how medical marijuana would be dispensed until recently. Today, various regulations and agencies monitor the users and providers of medical marijuana.

The evolution of the laws regarding marijuana has impacted how we talk about this substance with our young people. For some students, marijuana is regularly smoked in the household. For others, marijuana is still viewed as an illegal substance. While our viewpoints as adults may differ in how we view the use of marijuana, research on the use of marijuana in young people is worth considering as we raise and educate our children.

EARLY MARIJUANA USE IS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK OF PSYCHOSIS.

While the research is still evolving on this topic, recent reviews of studies demonstrate a link to increased risks of psychological disorders for heavy users of marijuana prior to age 30 (WBUR, 2016). This can include full changes in personalities of teenagers including the ability to manage emotions, solve problems, and cognitive function (Weir, 2015). For parents, intervene on all substance abuse suspicions for your child by talking openly about the risks of drug and alcohol abuse. If drastic changes in behavior occur, talk with your child about your concerns calmly and with care.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS IMPACTED BY MARIJUANA USE.

Research indicates that short and long term impacts appear to affect the adolescent brain more profoundly than an adult brain. These affects can "impair functions such as attention, memory, learning and decision making" (Weir, 2015). Heavy use of marijuana increases a student's risk for poor academic achievement, dropping out of high school, and a less happy life (Weir, 2015). The impact of marijuana on the teenage brain can be as significant as a loss of six IQ points. This is the same impact caused by lead exposure (Weir, 2015). Research has not clearly identified a "safe" amount of marijuana for young people, so it should be avoided.

ADDICTION RISK INCREASES THE EARLIER A PERSON STARTS THE USE OF MARIJUANA.

Adult marijuana users who started smoking pot prior to 16 smoke twice as much pot when compared to adult marijuana users who started after age 16 (Weir, 2015). There is an economic interest in having individuals use marijuana early in life because they will purchase more marijuana as adults. Parents should be especially vigilant of these pressures and be aware that getting a child dependent on marijuana serves as a great business model for the drug industry.

MARIJUANA TODAY IS MORE POTENT THAN THE MARIJUANA OF THE PAST.

Simply, pot today is a stronger drug than in the past. Today's marijuana has been calculated to be as much as 30% more potent than the marijuana of previous generations (Weir, 2015). This higher potency can have a dramatic impact on how marijuana is processed in the body. Additionally, marijuana is commonly laced with other substances or made into other products. This makes accurate dosing difficult to achieve.

SCHOOL POLICIES AND MANY EMPLOYERS STILL BAN THE USE OF MARIJUANA.

Marijuana cannot be used at school. You cannot come to school under the influence of any substance. Our message to our children should be consistent: School is a drug and alcohol free place. Current case law also supports employers to fire employees who come to work under the influence or have marijuana in their system.

Please understand that there are benefits that are being studied by the medical community as it relates to marijuana as a medicine. Some of these benefits may have a profound impact on a variety of ailments. However, the risks are high when we consider the developing teenage brain and the impact smoking pot can have. As a community we can clearly communicate this to our children to ensure a successful school experience, which is a solid foundation to a stable life.

Educationally yours,
Adam Bayne

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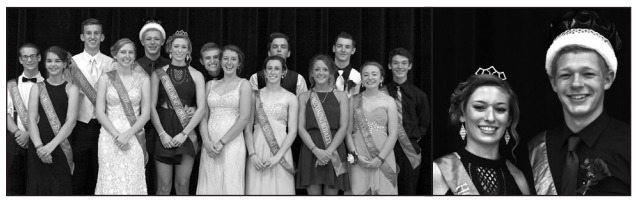
WBUR. (2016). *Leading psychosis expert to his students: to avoid risk, hold off on pot til 30.* Retrieved from http://wwww.wbur.org/commonhealth/2016/10/21psychosis-expert-marijuna-teens

Homecoming 2016

Holton's Homecoming 2016 was energized with the theme of International Cities. As our traditions continued, students battled all week with dress days, penny wars, and spirit contests. Congratulations go out to the enthusiastic freshmen who won the spirit and banner competition. Additionally, the sophomores fought hard to win the penny wars. The memorable week wrapped up with the crowning of our 2016 Homecoming King and Queen Blake Fialek and Mikaela Baker.

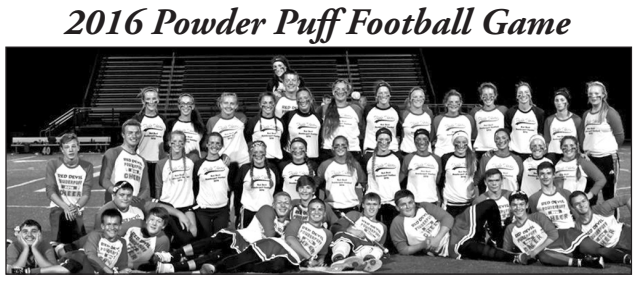


Pride Day 2016

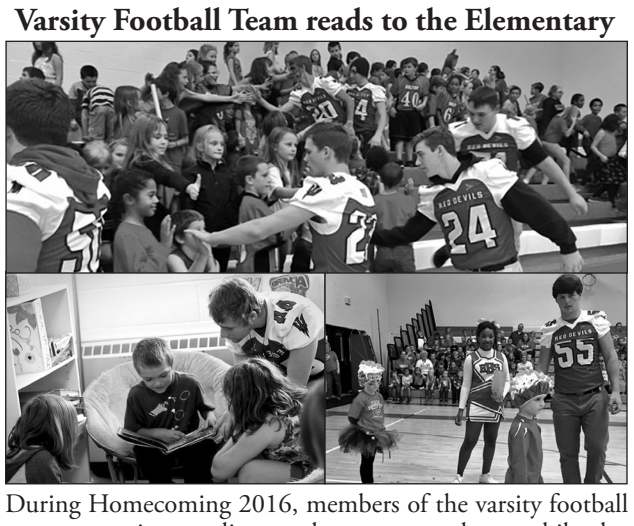
This year: Holton staff, students, and community members participated in our first annual Holton Pride Day. On Friday of Homecoming week, students and staff came together to share experiences in campus cleanup, fun activities, reading to elementary students and building school pride. Activities ranged from cooking, bottle flip wars, face painting, yoga, photo booth, bingo, karaoke, yard games, soccer, football and pride posters. It was a very memorable day that both staff and students will look forward to each spirit week.

Middle School Spirit Week

2016 Powder Puff Football Game



Varsity Football Team reads to the Elementary



During Homecoming 2016, members of the varsity football team spent time reading to elementary students, while also partnering with the sideline cheer team to help out at the elementary school spirit pep assembly that was held on Friday, September 30, 2016. This was a huge success and a big hit with the elementary students!

ART PRIZE 2016

Grand Rapids, MI

The Big Crunch

Mr. Nummerdor joins his students for The Big Crunch

On October 13, 2016, all Holton Public Schools students participated in The Big Crunch. "The Big Crunch has become an annual event for many schools and businesses in Muskegon County to try to set the record for most people eating an apple on the same day. All students were provided a fresh Michigan apple and bit into their apples at the same time. This event promotes healthy eating habits and is a part of Muskegon County's 1 in 21 initiative to be the healthiest county in Michigan by 2021. The staff and students had a great time and a healthy snack!

County Prosecutor DJ Hilson Visits Holton

Muskegon County Prosecutor DJ Hilson visited Holton Middle/High School on October 6, 2016. Mr. Hilson was in Holton to present to all Middle and High School students regarding appropriate internet/social media use and online safety. Students were broken into small groups to attend Mr. Hilson's presentation. Mr. Hilson shared a wealth of knowledge with students, drawing from both his experience as a prosecutor, as well as his time as a father. The information was outstanding and this was a great opportunity for students to be reminded of their responsibilities while online. Additionally, Mr. Hilson was able to bring students up to speed on what the current laws are regarding online behavior and point them in the right direction for the future. Thank you Mr. Hilson!

Staff vs Student Fundraiser Basketball Game

Tuesday, November 22nd

7:00 p.m.

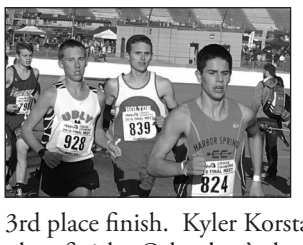
in the High School Gymnasium

$5.00 Adults $3.00 Students

No passes will be accepted.

All money raised will go toward the ELF Project to help families in our community.

MHSAA Cross Country State Meet



The Boy's and Girl's Cross Country Teams were able to compete at the MHSAA State Cross Country Meet at Michigan International Speedway on November 5th. Both teams had a great showing as the Boy's took 7th and the Girl's finished 25th. Jake Tanner led the Boy's as the only Division 4 runner to be a 4 time racer with a 3rd place finish. Kyler Korstanje joined him as an all-state runner with a 13th place finish. Other boy's that ran were Kevin Slowik in 37th, Jasman Sidhu in 133rd, Drew Trygstad in 185th, Nathan Slowik in 207th, and Kyle Wildfong in 231st. The girls finishers were Caitlyn Giddings in 103rd, Sydney Armstrong in 144th, Dani Tanner in 168th, Paige Byrnes in 189th, and Madison Wackernagel in 220th. A great season by both teams for sure!

Classroom of the Week

Congratulations to Mrs. Mathis for having Fox 17's first "Classroom of the Week" for the 2016-2017 school year! Fox 17 was at Holton Middle/High School on September 9, 2016 to present Mrs. Mathis with the award for the unique work done in her Food Science class. An assembly was held in the gym with the student body decked out in Red Devil gear while the band and cheerleaders fired everyone up. This was a great opportunity to showcase our great Holton Pride and our wonderful Mrs. Mathis! The news clips can be viewed at: http://fox17online.com/2016/09/09/holton-high-school-is-home-of-first-classroom-of-the-week-for-2016-17-year/

Happy Fall!!

Fall has arrived and the elementary has completed their first marking period. Students and staff have settled into routines and students are beginning to show how much they are learning and growing each day. October is a very busy month in the elementary and students have been able to participate in many activities and events outside their normal school day routines.

October included a handful of safety themed assemblies. These included both fire safety for grades k-5 and snow plow safety for grades K-3. These assemblies continue each year to teach students important safety rules as well as allowing students to see the equipment used by workers in these professions. It is with extreme pride that I share that our students receive numerous compliments from outside agencies that come in to work with our students. They state often how respectful our students are when listening to their presentations.

Other activities our students have had the opportunity to be involved in were Science Alive, where students are able to interact with uncommon animals; National Walk to School Day, grades 2-5 walk from the township hall to school; and the Halloween parade and parties to conclude the month of October.

Parent teacher conferences were held at the beginning of November with great success. We encourage parents to be active participants in their child's education. Elementary teachers are committed to open communication with parents. We are hopeful that parents and teachers can continue to work together for student success to be accomplished.

The elementary is dedicated to move students forward, staff is excited about the gains they see from students each day, and prepared to continue challenging students to grow.

Educationally,
Erin Byrnes

KINDERGARTENERS MEET ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE

Holton Elementary Kindergarteners were invited to the Holton Branch of the Muskegon Area District Libraries to meet the characters from the Mo Willems' children's books Elephant and Piggie. The kindergarten students listened to the story, met the characters, had their pictures taken with the characters, colored pictures, and were given a tour of the library. Kindergarten students and teachers were very thankful to the Muskegon Area District Library for scheduling this event and inviting them to join in the fun.

FIRST GRADE VISIT SPOOKLEY THE SQUARE PUMPKIN

The first grade took a field trip the morning of Halloween to Weesies Farms to learn of Spookley the Square Pumpkin. Spookley is a book with the central theme of being kind to everyone. The first grade students listened to the story, had a scavenger hunt in the woods, and then were able to go to the pumpkin patch to pick a pumpkin. It was a fun filled morning for the students with a positive message of being kind and anti-bullying.

SECOND GRADE'S GHOST ROCKETS

Second graders used their new scientist skills to perform a ghost rocket lab. On Halloween, the second graders discussed the combination of different substances and what the results could be. Each student was able to attempt the experiment outside. Afterwards, students discussed why some of the rockets went further than others. It was a fun filled experiment as students start to learn the process of predicting with the scientific method.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, the elementary classrooms will begin to collect items to create Thanksgiving food baskets for families in our community. Each class will be given a list of items to donate. The goal is to complete at least 20 baskets.

THIRD GRADE'S EVENTFUL FALL

Third grade has had an eventful fall. Listed are some of the highlights:

- Lumberjack reading goals – Students had a goal of 25 Accelerated Reader points in October to win them a prize from the Muskegon Lumberjacks Hockey Team.
- Students created Michigan clay maps and Fall themed book reports as at home projects with their families.
- Flat Stanley Send Off - Third grade students launched their Flat Stanley by balloon with notes to see how far they would go, as of now there has been confirmation of them making it to Toledo, OH; Port Huron, MI; Columbus, OH, and other Michigan cities.
- Visited Hoffmaster State Park – Third grade visited Hoffmaster to participate in a dune study as well as see and discuss the formation of Michigan in connection with the Michigan geography lessons they have been doing in their classrooms.

Fourth Grade Attends the Big Lesson

Fourth graders at Holton Elementary have been participating in the "Big Lesson" with the Lakeshore Museum for many years as a spring event. This year the opportunity for this lesson was moved to the fall. Students begin with a visit to Heritage Park where they learn how wigwams were made, what life was like for a trapper, and the process of tanning furs. This is a one day field trip. The following week fourth graders spend their entire week of school at the Lakeshore Museum building on these ideas. They are involved in numerous activities that teach the lifestyles of lumberjacks, the see and handle tools and equipment of the lumberjacks, compared the money lumber barons were making compared to lumberjacks, took part in a glacier activity to replicate how lakes are formed, and were able to see firsthand the philanthropy people like Mr. Hackley were involved in. All of these activities wrap up with student presentations on Friday and a chance for the students to walk their parents or other family members around the museum.

FIFTH GRADE SPOTLIGHT

Apple Cider Trip – The first grade students were invited by Mr. Parker's parents to visit their orchard and learn the process of making apple cider. Students started their visit with picking apples for the cider; they cleaned the apples, watched the process, and participated in the process, then sampled the results. Before leaving the students were able to eat donuts, have a putt putt challenge, and were given a bag to pick a bag of apples to take home.

Organized the HOLTON ELEMENTARY ELECTION – The fifth grade students planned and organized the 2016 Holton Elementary Election, which was held on Monday, November 7th during the school day. Voters needed to register to vote by filling in a registration card (Name, Address, Birthday, Age, Signature, and a drawn picture) and bringing it with them on the Election Day. Once voters checked in at the registration table they received a voting ballot and were asked to go to a booth to vote. After voting they dropped their ballots into the ballot box and received an "I voted" sticker.

CAUGHT RED HANDED – Students Teach Students Expectations

Holton Elementary has implemented "Caught Red Handed" similar to the high school and middle school program to encourage positive behavior with the students. Students who are caught going above and beyond the school expectations are given a red hand with their name, which is put in a weekly drawing and then saved again for a large drawing at the semester. To kick this off twelve of our fifth grade students were the teachers of our expectations. In pairs of two, the fifth grade students each had an area of school to teach our K-4 students about. The fifth grade helpers did a tremendous job explaining what the expectations were as well as the consequences of not following expectations. Lastly, they were ambassadors, encouraging students to get "Caught Red Handed" by being the student that goes out of their way to follow procedures and expectations.

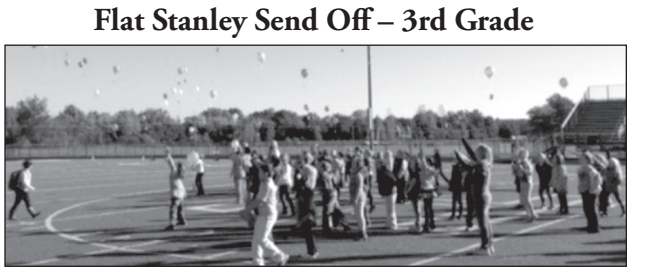
2nd & 3rd GRADE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The second and third grade students will perform their Christmas concert on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 PM in the Holton Elementary gymnasium. Come join the elementary students as they put you in the holiday spirit.

FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY

A special thank you goes out to Smokey the Bear, Ranger Steve, Chief Stevens, and the entire Holton Township Fire Department for working with our students and teaching them about fire prevention safety!

Flat Stanley Send Off – 3rd Grade



Athletics and Community

Boys Varsity Basketball

12/7	Fruitport	7:00 pm
12/9	@ Kent City	7:00 pm
12/16	Hesperia	7:00 pm
12/17	@ Newaygo (Delta Plex)	3:30 pm
12/20	@ Mason County Eastern	7:00 pm
12/29	Walkerville (Showcase)	4:00 pm
12/30	Hart (Showcase)	7:00 pm
1/6	Morley Stanwood	7:00 pm
1/10	MCC	7:00 pm
1/13	White Cloud	7:00 pm
1/17	@ Tri-County	7:00 pm
1/20	Lakeview	7:00 pm
1/27	Kent City	7:00 pm
2/3	@ Hesperia	7:00 pm
2/8	Pentwater	7:00 pm
2/10	@ Morley Stanwood	7:00 pm
2/17	@ White Cloud	7:00 pm
2/24	@ Lakeview	7:00 pm
2/28	@ Fruitport Calvary	7:00 pm
3/3	Ravenna	7:00 pm

Boys JV Basketball

12/7	Fruitport	5:30 pm
12/8	Kent City	7:00 pm
12/13	@ Newaygo	5:30 pm
12/15	@ Hesperia	7:00 pm
12/20	@ Mason County Eastern	5:30 pm
12/29	Walkerville (Showcase)	2:30 pm
12/30	Hart (Showcase)	5:30 pm
1/5	@ Morley Stanwood	7:00 pm
1/10	MCC	5:30 pm
1/12	@ White Cloud	7:00 pm
1/17	@ Tri-County	5:30 pm
1/19	@Lakeview	7:00 pm
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2/2	Hesperia	7:00 pm
2/8	Pentwater	5:30 pm
2/9	Morley Stanwood	7:00 pm
2/16	White Cloud	7:00 pm
2/23	Lakeview	7:00 pm
2/28	@ Fruitport Calvary	5:30 pm
3/3	Ravenna	5:30 pm

Middle School Wrestling

1/14	@ Hesperia	Individual	9:00 am
1/21	@ Fremont	Round Robin	9:00 am
1/28	Home	Duals	9:00 am
2/3	@ Grant	TBD	9:00 am

Girls Varsity Basketball

11/29	Fremont	7:00 pm
12/1	Tri-County	7:00 pm
12/6	Newaygo	7:00 pm
12/9	@ Kent City	5:30 pm
12/16	Hesperia	5:30 pm
12/29	Walkerville (Showcase)	7:00 pm
12/30	Hart (Showcase)	4:00 pm
1/3	@ Whitehall	7:00 pm
1/6	Morley Stanwood	5:30 pm
1/9	North Muskegon	7:00 pm
1/13	White Cloud	5:30 pm
1/17	@ Ravenna	7:00 pm
1/20	Lakeview	5:30 pm
1/27	Kent City	5:30 pm
2/3	Hesperia	5:30 pm
2/6	Fruitport Calvary	7:00 pm
2/10	@ Morley Stanwood	5:30 pm
2/14	Orchard View	7:00 pm
2/17	@ White Cloud	5:30 pm
2/24	@ Lakeview	5:30 pm

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2/14	Orchard View	5:30 pm
2/16	White Cloud	5:30 pm
2/23	Lakeview	5:30 pm

All Schedules are subject to change

Middle School Volleyball

2/11	@ Kent City w/ Newaygo (1, 2)	9:00 am
2/18	@ Reed City w/ Fremont and Hesperia (2, 3)	9:00 am
2/25	@ Grant w/ Reed City (1, 2)	9:00 am
3/4	@ Tri-County w/ White Cloud (1, 2)	9:00 am
3/11	Home w/ Morley Stanwood and Big Rapids (1, 3)	9:00 am

Red Devil Wrestling

12/7	Mason CC, West Catholic, Pine River	5:00 pm
12/9	@ Mona Shores Invite	5:00 pm
12/17	@ Hart Invite	9:30 am
1/4	@ Shelby	5:00 pm
1/7	Red Devil Duals	9:00 am
1/11	Home vs. Lakeview & Ravenna	5:00 pm
1/14	@ Ravenna Invite	9:00 am
1/18	@ Kent City	5:00 pm
1/21	@Reeths Puffer GMAA	9:00 am
1/25	@ Mason County Central	5:00 pm
1/28	@ Northview Invite	9:00 am
2/1	@ Hesperia	5:00 pm
2/4	CSAA Tournament Home	9:00 am
2/11	Individual Districts Home	9:00 am

Red Devil Competitive Cheer

1/7	@ Comstock Park	1:00 pm
1/11	@ Tri-County	6:00 pm
1/14	@ Shelby	9:00 am
1/18	@ Chippewa Hills	6:00 pm
1/21	@ West Ottawa	12:00 pm
1/25	Home	6:00 pm
2/4	Holton Cheertastical	10:00 am
2/15	@ Comstock Park	6:30 pm
2/18	Districts	10:00 am
2/22	@ Reeths Puffer GMAA	9:00 am

Middle School Competitive Cheer

1/7	@ Comstock Park	1:00 pm
1/11	@ Tri-County	6:00 pm
1/14	@ Shelby	9:00 am
1/18	@Chippewa Hills	6:00 pm
1/21	@ West Ottawa	9:00 am
1/25	Home	6:00 pm
2/4	Holton Cheertastical	10:00 am

Holton's Fall Athletic Awards

FOOTBALL

Brandon Epplett-First Team CSAA and Honorable Mention All M-Live
Brent McLaughlin-Honorable Mention All M-Live
Blake Fialek- Honorable Mention All-CSAA and 2nd Team All M-Live
Nick Swenson-Honorable Mention All M-Live
Mason Butchart- First Team All CSAA, 1st Team All M-Live

CROSS COUNTRY

Jacob Tanner- 1st Team All CSAA, Regional Champion, and 1st Team All-State
Kevin Slowik- 1st Team All CSAA
Kyler Korstanje-1st Team All CSAA and 1st Team All-State
Caitlyn Giddings-1st Team All CSAA

VOLLEYBALL

Shelbey Younts- 1st Team All CSAA and 1st Team All-Region
Mikaela Baker-1st Team All CSAA
Madison Swenson-Honorable Mention All-CSAA

Parents of High School and Middle School Athletes

The weightroom is open after school on Monday , Wednesday, and Thursday for the athletes to continue training. The times will be after school until 4:00. Students can catch the 2nd bus if needed. We are concentrating on building strength, flexibility, and speed. All students are able to sign up for the Holton High School Powerlifting Team as well. There will be a few weekend meets throughout the winter for the kids to participate in. Most sport practices will be starting later than the weightroom ends, so all athletes are welcome to be there as well. *Please contact Coach Nummerdor at 231-830-4777 for any questions.*

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

WINTER WALKERS

Our Elementary School Building will be open for walkers during the winter months until Thursday, March 30, 2017. Please note that we have changed to the Elementary building this year.

The school will be open from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (M – F) when school is in session.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

We have permanent route and sub bus driver 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

Bow Wow Readers will be at Holton Library **Wednesday, February 22, March 8 and April 5**. This is a read aloud program that pairs kids with registered therapy dogs.

Please call Holton Library at (231) 821-0268 to register.

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Congratulations...
CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations goes out to Coach Tim Horenziak and his men's and women's cross country teams. The men's team won the regional meet at Allendale High School with Jacob Tanner winning the men's race to become the Regional Champion! Tanner finished 1st, Kyler Korstanje finished 3rd, Kevin Slowik finished 6th, Jasmin Sidhu finished 20th, and Nathan Slowik finished 29th. The women's team took 3rd place which also qualified them for the state meet! Individual leaders were Caitlyn Giddings who finished 8th, Sydney Armstrong finished 12th, Dani Tanner finished 17th, Paige Byrnes finished 18th, and Madison Wackernagel finished 28th! We are proud of all of our runners! Both teams advanced to the Division IV state championship race at the Michigan International Speedway on Saturday, November 5, 2016.

2016 Holton Red Devils Sideline Cheer

The women's volleyball team ended its season with a tough loss on Friday, November 4, 2016 in the District championship game to Shelby by set scores of 25-21, 25-19, and 21-13. **We are proud of Coach Byrnes and the team's effort this season!**

On Sunday, October 30, 2016, under the direction of band and choir director Gretchen Thompson, our beginning band, junior band, and marching band, along with our choir, performed in their fall concert for the Holton community. This was a great show and one in which we were proud of our fine musicians!