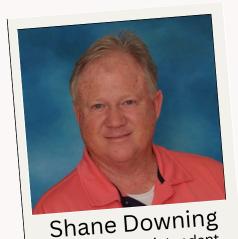


HOLLAND ISD NEWSLETTER



MAY 2025



Outgoing Superintendent



Thank you for all the memories,

Mr. Downing! Enjoy your retirement!

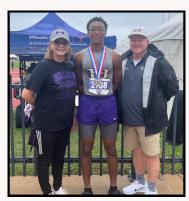
You will be missed!



From the Superintendent

Holland ISD has provided a home for my family and me for the last 26 years. The Downing family has learned many lessons from the staff and community members through the years and will always be grateful. I want to express my appreciation to the staff and community of Holland for supporting the needs of the students at the highest levels, it takes everyone to help each student reach their potential. The community strongly believes that the educational process is the most important part of school, and students demonstrate this belief annually. The school district values all relationships and expects staff to challenge our students, that will not change in the future because that is a core value in all of the staff. The support from the families is key in this whole process, so I challenge you to keep the main thing the main thing in the days and years to come. Holland ISD is in great hands with Mrs. Jennisty Thomason as the new Superintendent and the best school board in the state of Texas. I believe they are all on the same page and will work hard to meet the new challenges that will be facing public education in the future. Thank you for allowing me to be the Superintendent at Holland ISD, it has been an honor and privilege. Always and forever a Hornet!

Sincerely, Shane Downing











CALENDARS

2025-2026 School Calendar

Elementary Events Calendar

HMS Events Calendar

HHS Events Calendar

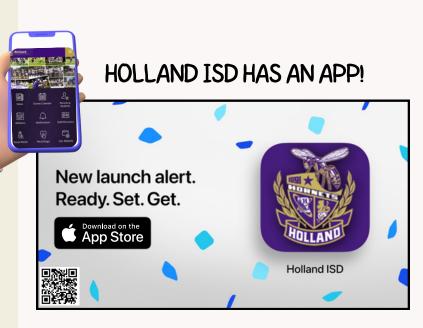
HISD Online Event Calendar

From the Superintendent

As the school year draws to a close, I want to express how honored and excited I am to continue serving our incredible district in a new capacity. Having been part of this community, I've seen firsthand the dedication of our educators, the enthusiasm of our students, and the unwavering support of our families. I look forward to building on this strong foundation as we move into the future together.

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to Mr. Downing for his steady leadership and generous support throughout this transition. His guidance has been invaluable, and I am truly thankful for the example he has set. I'm eager to listen, learn, and lead alongside all of you as we continue working toward success for our students.

Back-to School Info



This is a convenient way for you to keep up with current news, events, activities, staff listings, district resources, staff resources, and more! It also has selectable push notifications that you can set to your preference. Download it now on the App Store or Google Store!



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DISTRICT NEWS

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS & CAMPS

MINI CHEER CAMP

June 9-11 from 12:30-3:00 pm. Incoming PreK-6th graders may attend.



For more information, contact Savannah Lopez at solguin@hollandisd.org.

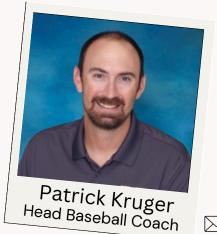
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Holland Athletics				HERE TO WIN		
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	SSC /	SKILLS	3/28		2025 SUMMER	
Sport	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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WEEK 8 JULY 21 - 25	GIRLS 5:30PM - 7:30PM (VB)	GIRLS 5:30PM - 7:30PM (VB) BOYS 5:30PM-7:30PM (FTB)	GIRLS 5:30PM - 7:30PM (VB)	GIRLS 5:30PM - 7:30PM (VB)	No Activities PHYSICAL REMINDER	No Activities
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ATHLETICS UPDATE

BASEBALL

The 2025 Holland Baseball Team ended the season with a 5-21 record but remained in playoff contention until the final game. Despite the tough season, the team showed improvement, highlighted by a win over a strong Bartlett team that advanced three rounds in the playoffs. Notable standout players included Senior Tyler Johnson, Sophomores Colin Hall and Hunter Mariante, and Freshman Gavin Brummett.





ALL-DISTRICT SUPERLATIVES











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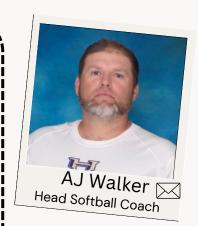


SOFTBALL

The Lady Hornets have concluded a successful 2025 softball season, finishing with an impressive 22-8 overall record. After securing 2nd place in a tough district, the team made a strong playoff run that ended in the Regional Quarterfinals against Flatonia.

This year, we say goodbye to two outstanding seniors—Jenna Rendon Smith and Natalie Ansley—whose leadership and contributions have been instrumental to our success. Their presence will be greatly missed, but their legacy will inspire future Hornets.

As we look ahead, the Lady Hornets are focused on reloading and building upon the foundation laid this season. I couldn't be prouder of these athletes—their hard work, resilience, and determination have been remarkable all year long. The future is bright for Hornets Softball!

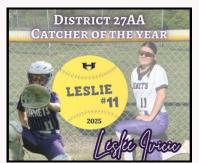




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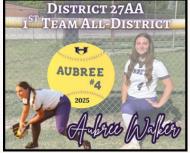
























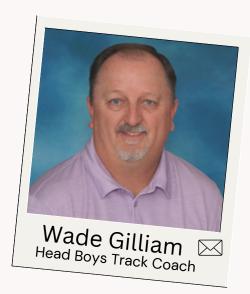


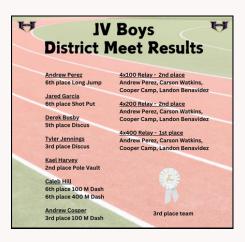
ATHLETICS UPDATE &



BOYS TRACK

What a great Track Season! I have been blessed to have such great young men on the Track and Field team. I am so proud of what they all have accomplished. We started the year with no JV. relays and no Varsity 4x400. We ended the year with 3 JV relays and a Varsity 4x400 area qualifiers and 4x100 and 2x200 Regional qualifiers. Varsity went on to win back to back District Championships. We had personal best performances by all track athletes. These guys represented Holland extremely well. Holland had one individual win a state championship in the 110 Hurdles and 4th place at the state track meet in triple jump. That is a great accomplishment not only for Meshach Griffin but a true representation of teachers, coaches, school district and community always giving their best and helping everyone to achieve their goals. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this group. The future looks bright for Holland Track and Field !!!





















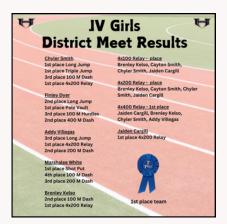


ATHLETICS UPDATE

GIRLS TRACK

The Holland Lady Hornets had a record breaking 2024–2025 track season! The 4x200 team of Brook Tubbs, Scarlett Young, Ryleigh Hand and Briley Tyler broke the 24 year old school record. Briley Tyler also set a new school record in the 200m dash. The 4x100 team of Brook Tubbs, Lillie Walker, Molley Taisler and Scarlett Young took 5th at regionals while the 4x200 team took 4th. Avery Bell advanced to regionals in the 1600m run as well. I am very proud of this team!





















BAND UPDATE



This 9 weeks has been great for the Holland Band! The high school band attended the region 8 UIL Concert & Sightreading contest in Cameron where they brought home a Sweepstakes trophy. They also put on an exciting concert full of rockin' 80's music including music from Queen, Metallica, Van Halen, Rick Astley, and more.

The Middle School bands had performances at the Academy Solo & Ensemble contest where many brought home medals. They also performed for Judges on the Temple College Stage.

Select 6th Grade performers were invited to the Spring Valley Honor Band; a group of the best 6th grade players from schools in our area. They spent a couple hours with guest conductors and put on a concert of completely new music.

Coming up this Summer we have our Summer Fun Band Camp June 16th – 19th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am each day. This is a great opportunity for students going into 7th grade – 12th grade to play their instruments and learn some fun pop music. There is no cost for this camp.





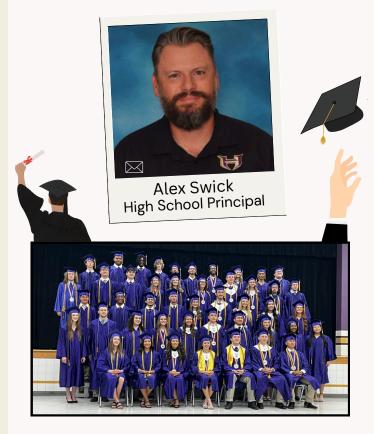








HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



Thank You for a Great Year! As we wrap up another great year at Holland High School, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our students, staff, families, and community for your support and dedication. This year, our UIL Academics team brought home another district championship, our spring sports teams had strong seasons, especially our outstanding softball team, and our FFA, FCCLA, and Band programs earned well-deserved recognition for their achievements. While I am saddened that I will not be returning next school year, I leave with immense pride in all that we've accomplished together. I know the Hornets will continue to achieve great things in the future, and I'll be cheering you on every step of the way. Have a safe and restful summer, and all of our staff look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year at Holland High School!



Paint the Wall



Academic UIL - District Champions



FCS @ McDonald House



Brushy Creek Convention



Top 10 Graduates





Valedictorian Natalie Ansley



Salutatorian Tames Steglich



Elysha Gonzalez-Carranza



William Oliver



Ryleigh Hand



Caitlyn Ingram



Brooke Tubbs



Patrick Coats



Noah Schultze



Dylan Brown





MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

This school year flew by faster than perhaps any school year previously. It seems like we just got back from Christmas Break, and here we are ready for Summer Break! We had a fun-filled Spring Semester with lots of sports, activities, and field trips. I am so thankful to have such wonderful students, staff, and families to spend every single day with. I had so much fun this year. Spending each day with all of our middle school staff and students is a treasure. Each one of them makes me so proud. Hove watching them grow, interact, work hard, and compete in activities. We have so many great things going on at Holland Middle School, and I am eternally grateful to you for sharing your students with us. Remember to check your email at the beginning of each month during the school year for our most updated Hornet Happenings newsletter, and as always, call or email us if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy to help!







6th Grade Field Trip



7th Grade Field Trip



8th Grade Field Trip



GT Fieldtrip



Career Expo



Future City Competition



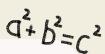






Hornet Hangout AR Field Trip



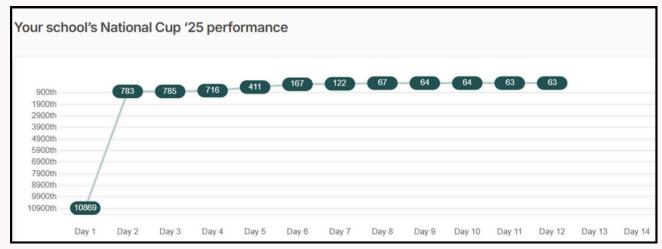


MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

PRODIGY NATIONAL CUP

During the spring semester Holland 6th, 7th, & 8th graders began participating in the Prodigy National Cup. Each month from January through April, students had to answer math questions correctly from their grade level math TEKS. Students were trying to qualify for a place in one of four tiers: bronze, silver, gold, and platinum. At first, our students were only competing against other students in Texas. From January to the end of April Holland middle school students correctly answered enough questions to qualify for the platinum tier. From May 1st to May 14th they started over from zero and had to again answer correctly math questions from their grade level TEKs, but they would compete against all schools from every state that quaified for the platinum tier. During this part of the Prodigy National Cup, as a platinum tier qualifying school, students were trying to win a \$100,000 technology grant, a \$25,000 technology grant or a \$10,000 technology grant as well as other prizes for their school. This meant that we had 14 days to try and place somewhere from 1st to 8th place against schools of all sizes from across the nation. At the end of day 1, our 6th, 7th, & 8th graders finished in 10,869th place. By the end of day 13, our students had answered over 32,000 math questions correctly and moved up to 63rd place. On May 13 and 14th our students were competing in band competitions in Temple at Temple College, which they won. (Yeah Band, Mr. Lusk & Mrs. Kriczky!) Students took their phones and continued to answer math questions to try and win the grant and help our school.

We finished in 76th place and answered 37,420 questions correctly from May 1st to 14th. We are PROUD of our middle school students. They worked tremendously hard all year long and are not afraid to meet math challenges head on. Thank you to all teachers and parents who supported our students from home and in class, allowing them to continuing answering questions and striving toward our goal for the Prodigy National Cup. GO HORNETS!

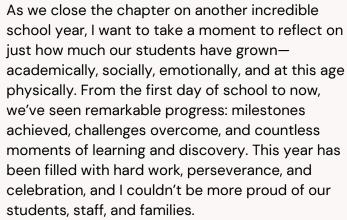






ELEMENTARY UPDATE





Thank you for your partnership and support throughout the year. It truly takes a village, and ours is one filled with dedication and heart. As we head into summer, I encourage everyone to rest, recharge, and reflect on all that has been accomplished. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year ahead with Mrs. Dunnam as our campus leader!









It is a privilege to continue working in a school community where students are at the heart of everything we do. I bring with me over 15 years of experience in education, serving as a classroom teacher, special education interventionist, behavior specialist, special education coordinator, and most recently, assistant principal. I am passionate about fostering a safe, inclusive, and academically rigorous environment for all students at Holland Elementary.

I look forward to working closely with our talented staff, dedicated families, and students to build on the school's many strengths and ensure every child thrives. I am honored to take on this new leadership role and look forward to serving the community of Holland for many years to come.







CLINIC UPDATE









The SUMMER is almost here and the countdown is on!

IMMUNIZATIONS

The nurses office mailed out immunization letters 3/18/2025. If you received an immunization letter please make sure to send an updated copy of your student's immunizations to the nurse's office or bring a copy to the 2025–2026 school year registration in July. If you child has received immunizations recently please email or bring a copy of the updated record to the nurses office. We will add that to your student's school immunization record.

MEDICATION MD ORDERS

The nurse's office does not stock or purchase medication. If your student needs to take medication in the nurse's office during the school year you will need to provide a NEW MD ORDER form for the 2025–2026 school year. A new MD order form is required for each new school year or with any medication change. Please see the HISD Clinic website to obtain the necessary forms. https://www.hollandisd.org/page/dis.clinic

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

https://www.childrens.com/health-wellness/10-summer-safety-tips-for-kids Enjoy your summer and we will see you soon!

CAFETERIA UPDATE

Connie Knaus Food Services Director

Cafeteria website

Any money left in your students account will roll over to next school year. The portal will be active on the HISD website all summer. Payments for unpaid charges can be made via the portal.

PORTAL LINK

Required Postings



On the HISD website, under "Required Postings", you will find our Title 1 Plan, Parent & Family Engagement Policies, Pre-K Family Engagement Plan, and our Improvement Plans. The policies and plans describe how HISD collaborates with parents to ensure that each child's educational needs are met. Use this link.



Federal Report Cards

Holland ISD is sharing this information about the district and your child's campus with you as part of its obligations under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's website at this <u>link</u>, and are also available on the <u>Texas Education Agency's website</u>.

Holland ISD está compartiendo información sobre el distrito y el plantel de su hijo con usted como parte de las obligaciones que tiene bajo la Ley federal Every Student Succeeds Act de 2015 (ESSA, por sus siglas en inglés). Los Reportes de Informe Federal para el estado, el distrito y cada uno de los planteles del distrito ya están disponibles en el sitio web del distrito o también están disponibles en el sitio web de la Agencia de Educación de Texas.

HISD Translation Statement

Parents can request for any document or meeting to be translated to their native language. Requests can be made to campus staff or administration by phone, email, note, or in person.

Declaración de traducción de HISD Los padres pueden solicitar que cualquier documento o reunión se traduzca a su idioma nativo. Las solicitudes se pueden realizar al personal del campus o a la administración por teléfono, correo electrónico, nota o en persona.

EVENT EVALUATION

Have you attended a fall or Christmas program? Did you attend "The Scoop"? We are always looking for feedback. Please click this <u>link</u> and complete a short survey on the events you have attended!