



HOLLAND ISD NEWSLETTER



2024-25 2ND QUARTER



Shane Downing
Superintendent

From the Superintendent

The fall semester went by quickly and culminated with a very busy December. Thank you for supporting the students in their activities. Attendance at their events is a lasting memory for the students. In recent years we have begun to schedule and spread out the events so it allows for a better experience.

The spring will be very busy as well when youth sports get started along with several middle and high school activities. Please support your child's education by establishing a good routine and priorities. All of the events can certainly be accomplished with their educational load if they are expected to use their time wisely. All students have to learn how to use all possible available time during the school day to make the whole process work.

The Primary students will be conducting middle of the year assessments now and then again at the end of the year. Elementary, Middle and High School students will complete state assessments towards the end of the spring semester. These assessments can bring some anxiety, but please remember that these assessments are used to help us know where the students are excelling and where they need some help. At the end of the day, education is about helping students reach their potential. It does not matter what the student plans to do after completing high school, they will need to be able to work through adverse situations to reach their life goals.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the students educational journey, it is what drives us to be the best staff we can be. The joy gained from our service minded staff can't be measured. I know everyone thinks we do this for the money, but that is not entirely true.

CALENDARS

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DISTRICT NEWS

HOLLAND ISD NOW HAS AN APP!

**New launch alert.
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Holland ISD

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!

ELEMENTARY GAME NIGHT

Holland Elementary will be hosting a Game Night on Monday, February 10 from 6:00-7:15 pm in the Cafeteria. Please RSVP below if you plan to attend.

To RSVP, scan the QR code or use [this link](#).





ATHLETICS UPDATE

FOOTBALL SUPERLATIVES



14AA ALL-DISTRICT

2024

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR:

JAMES STEGLICH



1ST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

TYLER JOHNSON - DEFENSIVE BACK

JASON RAMIREZ - NOSEGUARD

MARC GRINNAN - WIDE RECEIVER

AIDEN DALEY - DEFENSIVE END

MESHACH GRIFFIN - RUNNING BACK

JAMES KEAVNEY - CENTER

AUSTIN HARGROVE - RIGHT GUARD

MASON CHANEY - MIDDLE LINEBACKER



14AA ALL-DISTRICT

2024

2ND TEAM ALL DISTRICT

HUNTER MARIANTE - OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

WILLIAM OLIVER - LEFT GUARD

KALAN MILLER - QUARTERBACK

DEREK BUSBY - RIGHT TACKLE

CHRISTIAN MICHALEK - OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

JACK CHAFFIN - DEFENSIVE END

SHAYD NORWOOD - DEFENSIVE END

TAHAYGEN COLEMAN - LEFT TACKLE



14AA ALL-DISTRICT

2024

HONORABLE MENTION ALL DISTRICT

GUNNER CAMDEN - RIGHT TACKLE

JAYDEN MONTFORT - WIDE RECEIVER

CHANCE HARVEY - OUTSIDE LINEBACKER



14AA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

2024

SHAYD NORWOOD

HUNTER MARIANTE

CHANCE HARVEY

CHRISTIAN MICHALEK

MARC GRINNAN

ANDREW COSPER

KALAN MILLER

MASON CHANEY

JACK CHAFFIN

TYLER JOHNSON

SAVAN BRUMMETT

JAYDEN NORWOOD

JAMES STEGLICH

JAMES KEAVNEY

AIDAN DALEY

JASON RAMIREZ

WILLIAM OLIVER

CHRISTIAN GARCIA



ATHLETICS UPDATE

VOLLEYBALL SUPERLATIVES



DISTRICT 26 AA ALL-DISTRICT

2024-25

1ST TEAM:

RYLEIGH HAND
MICAH CARTER

2ND TEAM:

BROOKE TUBBS

HONORABLE MENTION:

LEXI KURTZ
BRENLEY KELSO
ABBY COFFMAN

DISTRICT 26 AA ALL-DISTRICT

2024-25

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT:

LEXI KURTZ
JENNA RENDON-SMITH
AUBREE WALKER
JAIDEN CARGILL
RYLEIGH HAND
BETHANY HART
NATALIE ANSLEY
BRENLEY KELSO
ABBY COFFMAN
BROOKE TUBBS



THSCA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

2024-25

1ST TEAM ALL-STATE NATALIE ANSLEY

HONORABLE MENTION:
BROOKE TUBBS
JENNA RENDON-SMITH
RYLEIGH HAND



ATHLETICS UPDATE



BOYS BASKETBALL

The Varsity Boys basketball team currently sits in first place in district with a 4-0 record. Season highlights include a win over state ranked Somerville and finishing 3rd in the Holland Classic Tournament. The JV boys are currently 2-1 in district play. The Junior High Purple and White teams both are 2-1.

High School Schedule

Middle School Schedule



Lamar Lewis
Head Boys Basketball Coach



ATHLETICS UPDATE

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Holland Lady Hornet basketball team continues to fight their way through district, as they prove their toughness and competitive spirit each and every game. Our next battle will be Friday, January 10. Come cheer these ladies on!

Schedules



Megan Gersbach
Girls Basketball Coach

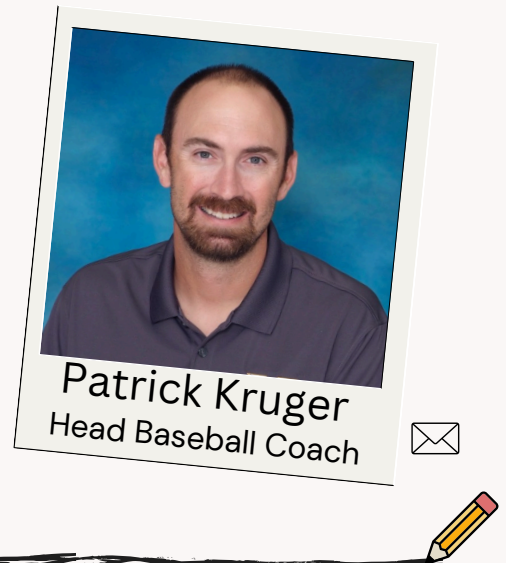


ATHLETICS UPDATE

BASEBALL PREVIEW

Baseball practice starts January 17th. We are looking for a big season out of our seniors Tyler Johnson, Austin Hargrove, Marc Grinnan, Kalan Miller and James Keaveny. We will need some young guys to step up in the lineup. Our first game is February 17 against Rogers.

Schedule

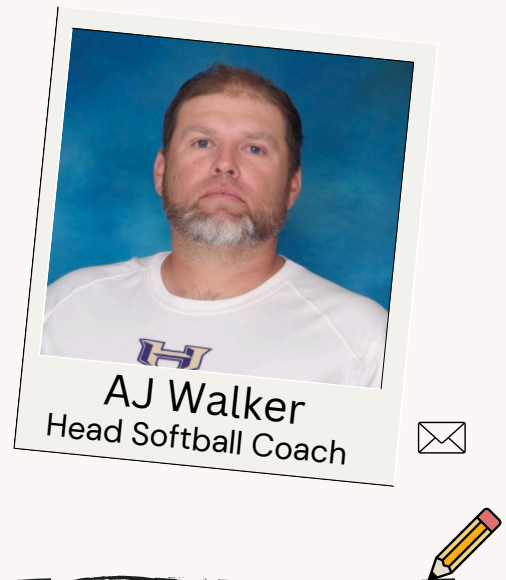


Patrick Kruger
Head Baseball Coach

SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Softball starts January 10th. Excited to start the season with the new and returning talent coming to play for us. Our first scrimmage in January 31st in Cameron at 5pm. Looking forward to a good year!

Schedule

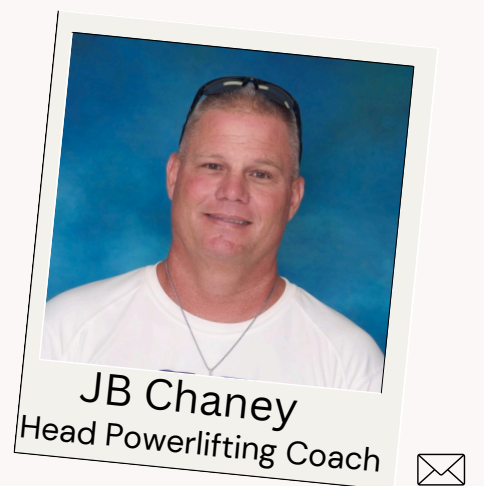


AJ Walker
Head Softball Coach

POWERLIFTING PREVIEW

Powerlifting will continue on January 8th, practices are at 6:45 am. we are hosting the first meet of the year on January 16th. We are excited for another successful year.

Schedule



JB Chaney
Head Powerlifting Coach



BAND UPDATE



Students in the Holland HS band and 8th grade band attended the 50th Austin tuba Christmas event on Monday December 23rd 2024 on the steps of the State Capital in Austin. They performed numerous christmas carols with a group of over 250 Tuba and Baritone performers from ages 7 to 83.



Mrs. Kriczky/Mr. Lusk
Band Directors



Upcoming Events:

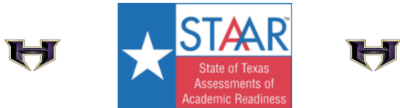
January 17 - Annual chocolate fundraiser starts
January 24 - CenTex Honor Band tryouts in Academy
February 28 - Solo & Ensemble contest in Riesel
May 2nd - Solo & Ensemble contest in Riesel
May 15th - Spring Concert
May (TBA) Temple College Contest (date and time TBA)



HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



Holland High School Spring 2025 Testing Dates



April 15 - English 1 & English 2 EOC
April 23 - Biology & US History EOC
April 30 - Algebra 1 EOC

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and were able to enjoy time with family and friends. As we return to school, I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates and highlight the exciting events happening in the Spring Semester at Holland High School. The Spring Semester is always a busy time, and this year will be no exception. As we continue working hard in our classrooms, students will be preparing for the End of Course (EOC) testing in the coming months. Please encourage your students to stay focused, work hard, and utilize the additional study sessions and tutoring opportunities that will be available.

In addition to academics, the Spring Semester is filled with extracurricular activities, and we are thrilled to see our students continue to excel both in and out of the classroom. Whether it's sports, fine arts, or academic UIL competitions, numerous events provide students with the chance to showcase their talents and passions. I encourage all of our students to get involved, support their peers, and make the most of the many opportunities ahead.

We are also excited to continue building on the strong sense of community here at Holland High School. As we move through the Spring Semester, there will be several school-wide events, including games, performances, and celebrations that bring us all together. I encourage parents to stay connected with us and join in supporting our students during this exciting time.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a successful and rewarding Spring Semester, filled with growth, achievement, and memories. Let's work together to make this an outstanding start to 2025!





MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Break. It amazes me that we are at the halfway point for this school year; the first semester FLEW by! So far this year, we have finished cross country, football, and volleyball, and we are in the middle of basketball season. I am very proud of all of our staff and students for working so hard and earning district championships in our UIL and One Act Play contests in the fall semester. We have a busy spring semester coming up, and we are ready to hit the ground running for the new year. Remember to check your email at the beginning of each month 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!



Halloween Dance



8th grade gift exchange



MS UIL District Champions



8th Grade Science Project





6th Grade Math

Math♥

Winter Sumdog Contest December 6th – Dec 12, 2024

464 Classes competed from across the nation. 7,707 elementary to middle school students competing, each with 1,000 questions at their level.

6th Grade Team Rankings:

Holland 6th grade math 2nd period (6 out of 12 participating):

-348th place (51 team points)...played three of the seven possible days

Holland 6th grade math 3rd period (15 out of 15 participating):

-16th place (567 team points)...played all seven days

Holland 6th grade math 5th period (16 out of 16 participating):

-17th place (561 team points)...played all seven days



Team points are an average of team members' individual scores. The team scores increase or decrease depending on whether the math questions are answered correctly or incorrectly.

The top Holland 6th grader was Dalton Simcik who was in 21st place after the contest with 962 points out of a possible 1,000.

TOP TEN HORNETS out of 7,707 competitors

Dalton Simcik – 962 – 21st Place – 3rd Period
Cannon Kelso – 918 – 69th Place – 3rd Period
Ava Lynn Davis – 891 – 103rd Place – 5th Period
Rachel Roberson – 866 – 142nd Place – 5th Period
Weslee Thomason – 850 – 163rd Place – 5th Period
Cristian Valdez – 834 – 181st Place – 3rd Period
Bryleigh Walker – 773 – 291st Place – 5th Period
Laney Smith – 758 – 313th Place – 5th Period
Cutter Arnold – 754 – 316th Place – 3rd Period
Lloyd Gacke – 748 – 321st Place – 3rd Period
Heavenly Ward – 748 – 322nd Place – 5th Period

Holland Middle School Spring 2025 Testing Dates



April 15 - Reading (6th/7th/8th)

April 17 - Science (8th)

April 23 - Social Studies (8th)

April 29 - Math/Alg 1 (6th/7th/8th)

Middle School One-Act Play

The Holland Middle School One Act Play team traveled to Cameron on December 11 to perform their play, "Oz", for district competition. They received first place out of five competing schools! Team members also earned individual awards at the competition. Evan Martinka received a Tech Crew award, CJ Ruff received Honorable Mention All Star Cast, Scarlett Simcik and Carli Decker both received All Star Cast awards, and Emory Patterson was one of two students out of the five competing schools to receive a Top Performer award. Ms. Karl would like to extend a special thanks to parents and families for supporting their students through this OAP season!



ELEMENTARY UPDATE

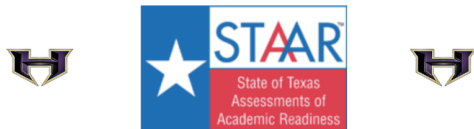


Jennisty Thomason
Elementary Principal

We are halfway through our 2024-2025 school year which is a great time to thank you for your support as we work together to help each of our students reach their potential. We have a lot to celebrate from our first semester, and it has been a joy to watch students succeed as they have settled into the learning cycle of their current grade-level.

You can anticipate a slight adjustment period as we transition back from the break. We will quickly get back into our academic routines. You can expect an increased rigor and expectation for students as we push through the spring semester getting them ready for their next grade. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher. I know that when we all work together to help students grow, it is amazing to see what they can achieve!

Holland Elementary School Spring 2025 Testing Dates



3rd Grade:
April 10: RLA
April 24: Math

4th Grade:
April 11: RLA
April 25: Math

5th Grade:
April 10: RLA
April 17: Science
April 24: Math



GT Food Drive



5th Grade Bazaar



School-wide trip to HVFD



Elementary UIL District Champions





CLINIC UPDATE



There is a physician here from BSWH on Wednesday's from 0800-1200; last appointment at 1145. Please call the clinic (254-657-2839) to make an appointment. Self-pay only. No insurance or Medicaid will be billed. Payment due at time of service.

The clinic phone is coming up as SPAM when we try to call out. Please save the clinic phone number in your contacts. Holland ISD Clinic 254-657-2839

Accidents and spills happen; please send a change of clothes to keep in your students backpack.

Flu Information Sheet

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/txflu/materials/Keep-Your-Germs-2010-8-5x11-en.pdf>

CAFETERIA UPDATE



Cafeteria website

January breakfast menu

January lunch menu

Required Postings



Lori Kinard
Director of Special Programs



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 [link](#), and are also available on the [Texas Education Agency's website](#).

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 [link](#) and complete a short survey on the events you have attended!