



HOLLAND ISD NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2025



From the Superintendent

We are off to a fantastic start this school year, and I am truly honored to serve as the new Superintendent of Holland ISD.

I'm also proud to share some exciting news — Holland ISD has earned an A in the recently released 2024–2025 Texas Education Agency accountability rating! This recognition reflects the hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment of our staff, students, and families. Our success is built on knowing each student as an individual, understanding their needs, and helping them reach their fullest potential — something we can only achieve together.

Your input plays a vital role in shaping our priorities each year. Our goals focus on academic excellence, safe and secure campuses, timely and transparent communication, strong parental involvement, and meeting the needs of every student. While we already perform at a high level, we remain committed to adapting and improving to better serve our students.

Here's to a year of growth, achievement, and Hornet pride!

CALENDARS

[HES Events Calendar](#)

[HMS Events Calendar](#)

[HHS Events Calendar](#)

[HISD Online Event Calendar](#)

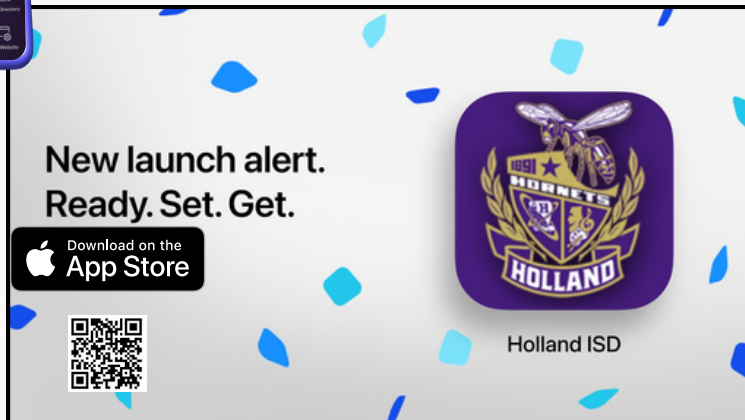
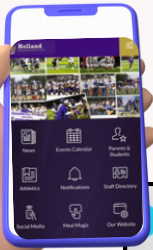
[2025–2026 School Calendar](#)



The Texas Education Agency has released accountability ratings for the 2024–2025 school year and Holland ISD has received another "A" rating! This rating measures how much students are learning in each grade and whether or not they are ready for the next grade. It also shows how well a school or district prepares their students for success after high school in college, the workforce, or the military. HISD also received a distinction for Postsecondary Readiness. Congratulations to all of Holland ISD! More detailed info later in the newsletter.

District Information

HOLLAND ISD HAS AN APP!



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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Parent Portal

Use [this link](#) to create a parent portal account or set alerts for existing accounts. Once logged in, select 'my students' and then 'alerts'.

Cafeteria Information



Connie Knaus
Food Service Director



[Cafeteria website](#)



[PORTAL LINK](#)

We are excited to welcome in a new school year! I just love seeing how big our kiddos have grown over the summer and see their smiling faces. I want to take this opportunity to let parents know about Meal Magic. Meal Magic is our online parent portal located on our school website under the cafeteria tab. Once accounts are created you can pay your kids lunch account, set restrictions, set emails so your notified when the account gets low and split funds between kids. It is also where our free/reduced lunch application is located.

I want to let parents know that if ANY time during the school year your household changes (new baby, loss of job, etc.) and you want to apply for the free/reduced lunch program, you can easily do so online. Just look for the logo pictured to the left.

As always if you have any questions please reach out. You can reach me at cknaus@hollandisd.org or 254-657-2265.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

FOOTBALL

We are excited to start a new football season. The athletes have been working hard in the heat to get better each day. We look forward to watching the teams come together and play for each other and the school.



[HS Schedule](#)

[MS Schedule](#)



JB Chaney
Head Football Coach



CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country season is officially underway, and we've hit the ground running! Our team kicked things off with a great showing at our first meet this past Friday at Lions Park, where we worked hard, competed fiercely, and proudly represented our program. The momentum is building, and we're excited to carry that energy into our next meet on ****Saturday, 8/23 at Thrall****. We're ready to compete—let's keep it rolling!

[Cross Country Schedule](#)



Kate Bowling
Head CC Coach



Mindy Walker
Head Volleyball Coach



VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball 2025-2026 has started off strong with 27 girls coming out to play this season. Our focus this year is to build volleyball IQ, cultivate a mudita mentality, and have some fun playing the game. All 3 teams competed well at the Rogers and Holland scrimmages. I look forward to the season ahead!

[HS Schedule](#)

[MS Schedule](#)





BAND UPDATE



The HS band has been off to another great start working on their marching show for the Fall season. Our first performance will be at the August 29th Home Football game vs. Burton.

This is a reminder that HS Band students will have Monday practice each Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and students should bring water to class each day.

Also HS band will have sectionals during HIVE period on Wednesday August 27th, September 10th, and September 24th.

We're excited for another great year!



Mrs. Kriczky/Mr. Lusk
Band Directors



CHEER UPDATE

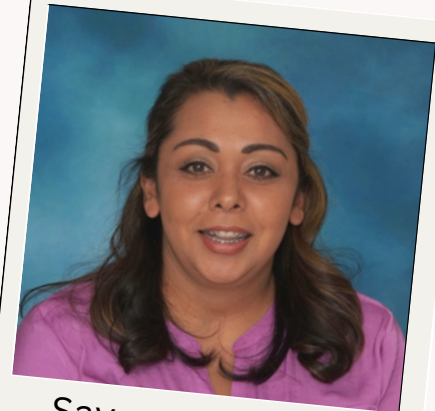


Pep Rally Correction:

There was a mistake in the date for the October 30th pep rally on the initial Spirit Week flyer that was posted. There is no school on October 31, so the pep rally has been moved to October 30 instead. The updated flyer is posted below.

Friday Spirit Sales Updates:

There have been a couple of updates to pricing for this year's Friday "Spirit" Sales. Also, we'll be adding a few new items each week that go along with that week's spirit theme. Ribbons and tattoos will be sold every Friday morning, beginning 8/29, from 7:20-7:40 am in the cafeteria. Ribbons and tattoos are now \$1.25 and eye black tattoos are \$1.50.



Savannah Lopez

✉ HHS Cheer Sponsor

Homecoming Week

Monday	No School
Tuesday	Anything But a Backpack
Wednesday	Rhyme Without a Reason
Thursday	Soccer Mom vs Bbq Dad
Friday	Purple Out- Dress to Impress In Your School Colors

2025-2026			
SPIRIT THEMES			
8/18	Meet the Hornets Wear your best Hornet attire	10/3	OPEN
8/29	Beach Theme Surfing our way to VICTORY!	10/10	WESTERN/Denim&Diamonds Lasso the Longhorns
9/5	U.S.A. Make Them See Stars	10/17	SENIOR PEP RALLY College Shirts
9/12	MINIONS Tonight we steal the win!	10/24	PINK OUT Breast Cancer Awareness
9/19	CONSTRUCTION Demolish the Buffaloes!	10/30	BLACK OUT Neon Take Over
9/26	Homecoming PURPLE OUT!	11/7	Turn the Bulldogs INSIDE OUT



Special shout out to Hannah, who has been on the squad for 4 straight years!



HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



✉ Matt McCray
High School Principal



The start of the 2025-26 school year has been fast and furious with lots of events and accomplishments to celebrate at the high school campus. At the end of our first week of classes our district and campus received outstanding news that we had achieved a TEA District and High School Campus Rating of "A". This accomplishment harkens to the outstanding efforts of those students and teachers in our district and campus from last year. I was able to share this information with our students and staff while holding grade level organizational meetings on the first Friday of the school year. We were also named the Outstanding High School Dual Credit Campus by Temple College. Congratulations to Mrs. Cearley, Mrs. Coppin, Mrs. Tanguay and Mr. Miles for overseeing the Dual Credit classes. Looking forward to an even better 25-26 school year. Sting'em, Hornets!

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE



I am so thankful school is back in session; we have had an excellent start to the school year. All of our students and staff are working hard getting back into the routine of school. We have lots of new faces, students and staff, and I have loved the first few weeks of school. It's going to be a great year! We have lots of events going on: UIL Sign ups are posted, student council elections are ramping up- and volleyball, cross country, football, and cheerleading are getting going. I emailed the first Hornet Happenings out this week, so if you have a middle school kid and did not receive it, please let me know, so we can troubleshoot why. Remember to always call or email us if you have any questions or concerns; we are always happy to help!



✉ Gracie Schlickeisen
Middle School Principal



ELEMENTARY UPDATE



Heather Dunnam
Elementary Principal



Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! We are off to a wonderful start, and the joy and enthusiasm from our students are truly inspiring. It's a privilege to partner with you in your child's educational journey, and we are so grateful that you've entrusted us with their growth and learning.

As we begin this new year together, thank you for your patience and support as we work through the usual adjustments that come with the start of school. Your understanding helps create a positive and smooth experience for everyone.

To help keep you informed, I will be sending out a monthly parent newsletter at the beginning of each month. Please be on the lookout for those newsletters, they will be packed with helpful information & reminders. These updates will be delivered to the email address you have on file in Ascender. If you don't receive them, please let us know so we can make sure you stay connected. In addition, teachers will communicate with you regularly through your student's folder and/or Class Dojo. If you ever have questions, concerns, or just want to check in, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

We're looking forward to a school year filled with growth, connection, and meaningful learning!





CLINIC UPDATE



Cynthia Pajestka
R.N.



Misty Williford
R.N.



We are off to a great start this school year! We are delighted to see some new faces in our hallways and we welcome them to Holland ISD. This school year we are happy to introduce Misty Williford, BSN, RN. She is our new school nurse and will be stationed in the school clinic which is located on our elementary campus. Welcome Misty!

We will be starting our state required hearing and vision screenings for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First, Third, Fifth and Seventh Grades and all new students to the district. You will only hear from us if your student requires follow-up with their physician. Spinal screenings for Holland ISD students are done for girls during the fall semester of grades 5 and 7, and for boys during the fall semester of grade 8. If you do not want your child's spine checked by the school health services staff, you will need to contact the school nurse prior to the screening date and you must provide the school nurse with documentation of results from your health care provider. You will be notified of the screening date(s) via letter form, Holland ISD messaging system, and/or email.

As we leave Summer and enter into the Fall, please be vigilant in helping to prevent the spread of illness. You can do this by washing your hands throughout the day especially before eating & after using the restroom, by covering your cough with the inside of your arm/elbow, by keeping some distance when you or those around you are actively coughing, sneezing, or showing signs of possible illness, and by getting Flu vaccinated if possible. Please do not send your child to school if they are ill with a fever of 100 degrees or higher, or if they are having vomiting or diarrhea. If your child is having these symptoms, they may return to school when they are free of these symptoms for 24 hours (without the help of Tylenol or Ibuprofen) If your child will need to be out sick, please remember to contact the school campus secretary to let them know.

We will have physicians here from Baylor Scott & White on Wednesdays from 800 AM-1200 Noon when school is in session. The last appointment is 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.

Please let us know if you have any questions for the school nurse. Our contact number is 254-657-2839.

Parent Resources & Info



Lori Kinard
Director of Special Programs



Communication is key!

We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome. If you have anything you would like to share with us, [click this link](#).

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, [click this link](#).

The HISD website is a great way to stay informed. We hope you will visit it often.

[Home page](#)

[Parent & Student Resources](#)

[Parent & Family Engagement Documents:](#)

Keep Your Children Safe Online

Free Parent ProTech Resources

Our kids are exposed to **a lot** online:

- 500,000 online predators are active daily (FBI)
- 2x the risk of anxiety and depression for youth who spend 3+ hours on social media daily (US HHS)
- Students 8-18 average 6-9 hours of daily screen time (Common Sense Media)

We've got your back – we're excited to offer you FREE access to Parent ProTech, a resource to help you navigate the digital world with your child.

What is Parent ProTech?

Think of it as your one-stop shop for all things online safety. From resources on social media and gaming to anti-bullying tips, Parent ProTech has everything you need to protect your child online and to help them build a healthy relationship with technology.

Here's what you get:

- **Trends explained:** Learn about the latest trends and platforms kids use.
- **Protection tips:** Learn how to use parental controls to protect your family from threats.
- **Conversation starters:** Get tips on how to talk to your child about their online life.

Sign up for Parent ProTech for free here: <https://parentprotech.com/124/holland-isd/en/signup>

Your kids need you to watch out for them online. Let's work together to shape a bright future for our students.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 2 – 6:00 pm
Annual Title I Meeting

If you can not attend the September 2nd meeting, it will be offered again on Monday, Sept. 15th at 8 am.

Accountability Ratings (in more detail)

The Texas A–F accountability system is a fair, rigorous, and transparent tool for measuring campus and school district performance. Ratings are one of many ways to determine how well your child’s school is preparing your child for the next grade level and success after high school. Teachers and schools also use rating information to improve practices and instructional approaches for the new school year and beyond.

You can view the rating for Holland ISD and each of its campuses, plus much more, by visiting [TXschools.gov](https://www.txschools.gov). You will also be able to search for schools using your address and compare your child’s school to others. Parents have shared that the detailed profile information, along with school ratings, school offerings, and additional parent resources, helps paint a more complete picture of their child’s school.

It was necessary to refresh the ratings system, after five years with the same criteria, to ensure Texas continues to work towards becoming a national leader in preparing students for success after graduation. The refreshed A–F system has been adjusted to better reflect the three objectives of the system: grade-level rigor for students, fairness for districts and campuses, and transparency for parents and the public.

We encourage you to learn more about your child’s school and use this information, your own observations, and your child’s grades to create a learning plan to help your child succeed.

For more information about school ratings, visit [TXschools.gov](https://www.txschools.gov).

	Rating	Distinction Designations
Holland ISD	A	
Holland Elementary	B	Academic Achievement in Reading/Language Arts Academic Achievement in Mathematics Top 25 Percent: Comparative Academic Growth Postsecondary Readiness
Holland Middle School	A	Academic Achievement in Mathematics Academic Achievement in Science Postsecondary Readiness
Holland High School	A	Academic Achievement in Reading/Language Arts Academic Achievement in Mathematics Academic Achievement in Social Studies Top 25 Percent: Comparative Academic Growth