



HOLLAND ISD NEWSLETTER



March 2026



Jennisty Thomason
Superintendent



From the Superintendent



As we wrap up the third nine weeks, I want to take a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families. This time of year is always busy, and I continue to be impressed by the commitment our Hornet community shows in supporting student success both in and out of the classroom.

Throughout the past several weeks, our students have been engaged in meaningful learning while also representing Holland ISD with pride in extracurricular activities. From academic competitions to athletics, band, and student organizations, our students continue to demonstrate what it means to work hard and support one another.

As we move into the final nine weeks of the school year, I encourage our students to stay focused and finish strong. The end of the year will be here quickly, and there are many exciting events and accomplishments still ahead.

Thank you for the continued support you show our schools, our staff, and most importantly our students. Your support is a big part of what makes Holland ISD such a special place.

CALENDARS

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- [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

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Holland ISD




HORNET SPORTS



Phillip Gibson
Athletic Director

The Hornets are off to a great start this spring. We have advanced six total student-athletes to the state powerlifting meet. The girls powerlifting team finished second overall at the regional meet. Softball is off to a hot start to the season and are currently 2-0 in district play. Baseball is building momentum with their current win streak and is gearing up for district play. Our HS and MS track teams have competed well in the first few meets. Our coaching staff is very proud of the direction we are headed as an overall program. We Will Win!

Basketball Season Wrap-up

Newcomer of the Year

Lady Hornets

#23 Avri Wells
SOPHOMORE

1st Team

Lady Hornets

#4 Micah Carter
SENIOR

2nd Team

Lady Hornets

#0 Briley Tyler
SENIOR

2nd Team

Lady Hornets

#10 Lexi Kurtz
SENIOR

Honorable Mention

Lady Hornets

#32 Abby Coffman
JUNIOR

Honorable Mention

Lady Hornets

#3 Molley Taisler
SOPHOMORE

Lady Hornets

DISTRICT 27AA
ACADEMIC
ALL-DISTRICT

MICAH CARTER
LEXI KURTZ
RACHEL ANSLEY
BRILEY TYLER
CALEIGH SMITH
ABBY COFFMAN
FINLEY DYER
AVRI WELLS
MOLLEY TAISLER
REESE ARNOLD

Honorable Mention

Hornets

#3 Hunter Mariante
JUNIOR

Honorable Mention

Hornets

#0 Gavan Brummett
SOPHOMORE

ALL-DISTRICT 27AA

Hornets

#12 ANDREW CHANTHAVONG
JUNIOR

ATHLETICS UPDATE

BOYS TRACK

Roasa Relays Results

Varsity Boys - 4th place

JV Boys - 4th place

8th Grade - 3rd place

7th Grade - 6th place



Scott Brothers
Head Boys Track Coach



[High School Track Schedule](#) [Middle School Track Schedule](#)



Kari Norman
Head Girls Track Coach



GIRLS TRACK

Track season has started off fast and furious! Our athletes competed in their first meets on 2/23 and 2/26 and they did phenomenal! We can not wait to see how much each athlete grows over this season!!



ATHLETICS UPDATE

BASEBALL

The Varsity baseball team has competed against some great competition so far this season, earning 4 wins along the way. This week is the beginning of district, as we kick it off with Bremond and Chilton. These young men have been working hard all year and we are looking forward to competing against our district opponents.

[Baseball Schedule](#)



Justin Baker
Head Baseball Coach

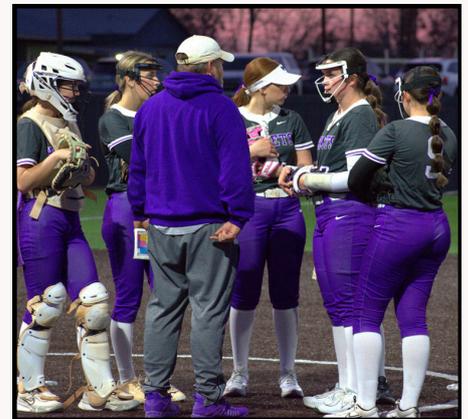


AJ Walker
Head Softball Coach



SOFTBALL

The Lady Hornets are 13-6 and 2-0 in district play. The JV is 5-4 after competing in the Holland Invitational Softball Tournament. The remaining district schedule is Bremond, Rosebud Lott and Granger.

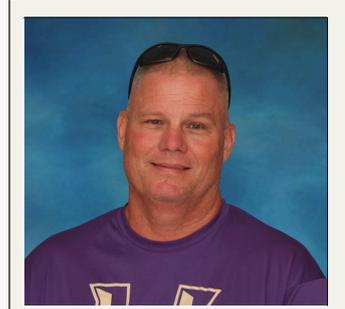


ATHLETICS UPDATE

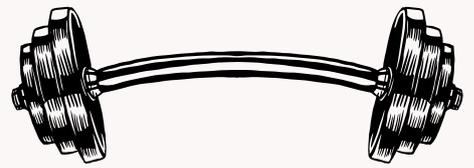
POWERLIFTING

At the Boys Regional Meet on March 6th, Cooper Powell finished 8th, Andrew Perez finished 7th, Mason Chaney finished 2nd and qualified for the state meet. Mason Chaney will compete at the Boys State Powerlifting Meet in Abilene on March 27th.

At the Girls Regional Meet on March 7th, Natalie Bartlett finished 1st, Abby Coffman finished 1st, Cayton Smith finished 1st, Addyson Villegas finished 1st, Claire Picken finished tied for 2nd, Brenley Kelso finished 4th and Marshalee White finished 5th. The Lady Hornets finished as the second place Team. Cayton Smith, Addyson Villegas, Claire Picken, Natalie Bartlett, and Abby Coffman will compete at the Girls state meet in Edinburg on March 18th.



JB Chaney
Head Boys Powerlifting Coach



HOLLAND POWERLIFTING

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Mason Chaney
Chance Harvey
Andrew Perez
Cooper Powell

HOLLAND POWERLIFTING

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Avery Bell
Cayton Smith
Reese Arnold
Chyler Smith
Addyson Villegas
Claire Picken
Brenley Kelso
Marshalee White
Rachel Ansley
Hannah Ward
Natalie Bartlett
Abby Coffman
Madison Vrael

State Powerlifting Meet

MARCH 27 IN ABILINE

GOOD LUCK!
MASON CHANEY

State Powerlifting Meet

MARCH 18 IN EDINBURG

GOOD LUCK!
CAYTON SMITH, ADDYSON VILLEGAS, CLAIRE PICKEN, NATALIE BARTLETT & ABBY COFFMAN



BAND UPDATE



Mrs. Kriczky/Mr. Lusk
Band Directors ✉

The Varsity Band competed at the UIL Concert & Sightreading competition in Cameron on Wednesday, March 4th. They received straight 1's ratings and won the sweepstakes trophy! The Junior High students have been working on solos and small ensembles and competed in the Holland Solo & Ensemble contest with many of them earning medals for superior performances and ribbons for excellent performances.

Here are some upcoming events for the Holland Band:

- 6th Grade Honor Band – Saturday, April 25th for 6th graders only
- Flute Recital – Monday, April 27th
- Riesel Solo & Ensemble – Friday, May 1st
- 6th Grade & 7th Grade Temple College Performances – Tuesday, May 5th @ 11 & Noon
- 5th Grade Temple College Performance – Wednesday, May 6th @ 11:30
- HS Band Spring Concert – Thursday, May 7th @ 6:30 pm
- HS Band Party – Friday, May 8th
- 8th Grade UMHB Performance – Monday or Tuesday, May 11th or 12th (Time TBA)
- Graduation – Friday, May 15th
- Summer Fun Band Camp – Monday, June 15th through Thursday, June 18th

Cafeteria Information

Happy Spring, Hornets! My name is Samantha Patch, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Food Service Director for Holland ISD. I am honored to join this wonderful community and to play a role in supporting the health and success of our students. Providing nutritious, satisfying meals that help fuel students for their day is something I deeply care about. My goal is to ensure that every child who comes through our cafeteria feels welcomed, well-fed, and ready to learn!

If you haven't submitted an application for free/reduced lunches, please consider doing so! It is never too late to try and save money on your child's school meals. If you have already applied, but changes to your household have occurred (new baby/household member, loss of job, etc) you can re-apply online at any time as well. Just look for the logo pictured below. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions! You can email me at spatch@hollandisd.org or call 254-657- 2265.

[March Breakfast Menu](#)

[March Lunch Menu](#)



[Cafeteria website](#)

[PORTAL LINK](#)

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



Matt McCray
High School Principal



Don't forget to keep up with our Holland High School Announcements by clicking on [this link](#)



Spring is the busiest time of year at Holland High School and Spring 2026 is no exception. Band, OAP, UIL Academics, FCCLA & FFA are all competing in the Spring semester and we want to wish all of them luck as they represent Holland High School with passion and pride.

Band has already competed on March 4th in Cameron and they took home another Sweepstakes Award for the 2025–26 Competition year by earning a Division 1 rating in Marching season in the fall and Concert and Sight Reading on March 4th. The Sweepstakes Award is the most prestigious award available for high school bands.

OAP is competing March 10th in Cameron in the District OAP Competition (break a leg).

UIL Academics has begun with CX Debate held in Holland on February 5th. Hornets took 1st, 3rd and 5th places. LD Debate along with all of the other UIL Competitions will take place the week of March 23–27.

FCCLA competed in Waco at their Regional Competition with 3 of 4 teams advancing to State in Dallas April 9–11th. Abby Coffman & Aubree Walker competed in the team event of Chapter Service Project Display. Hannah Ward competed in an individual event Hospitality & Tourism and placed 4th. Bethany Hart & Addison Patterson competed in a team event Repurpose, Redesign and placed 4th. Rachel Ansley & Brenley Kelso competed in the team event of Repurpose, Redesign as well and they placed 1st!

FFA CDE/SDE competitions will be held on April 18th and April 27th, good luck to all. FFA members have already been successful in Bell County Youth Fair and major show competitions around the state.

This doesn't even account for all of the athletic events that our Holland students are competing in this spring including Baseball, Softball, Powerlifting, Track and Tennis. The spring time is not just for emerging flowers and plants but also a time for leaders on the Holland HS campus to emerge as well. Good luck to all Hornets this Spring.



MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

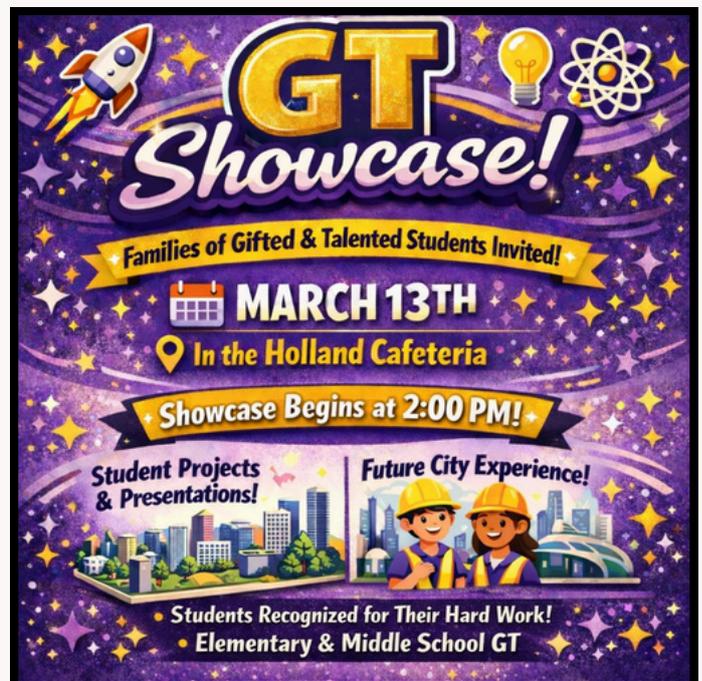
We are moving through the busy spring semester, and it's hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by! Our students and staff continue to work hard every day. As always, this time of year brings excitement on campus with testing, events, competitions, and field trips just around the corner. Heading into the final stretch, I want to encourage students to stay focused and keep up the great work. I also want to thank all of our families for your continued support and for sharing your students with us; your help makes a big difference! 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!



Gracie Schlickeisen
Middle School Principal



Kate Love
HMS GT Sponsor



GT Showcase

March 13th

2:00 in the cafeteria

Families of Elementary and Middle School GT students are invited



ELEMENTARY UPDATE



Heather Dunnam
Elementary Principal



The second semester of the 2025–2026 school year is flying by! Since returning from the holiday break, our students have been busy building new skills, gaining confidence, and participating in meaningful activities across campus. Our staff and students have been working hard, which has certainly made the days pass quickly.

This semester, some of our primary students have been hard at work in our community garden project. They have been planting, caring for, and nurturing thousands of seedlings. Through this project, students are learning about the life cycle of plants while also developing responsibility, patience, and teamwork. We are looking forward to sharing their hard work with the community at our plant sale on March 14th.

As I mentioned, our campus has stayed busy! We celebrated the 100th Day of School and attended a campus-wide field trip to the Bell County Mini Rodeo, where we had the honor of watching one of our very own HES students carry the flag. We also celebrated our love for reading with a variety of special activities during Read Across America Week. In addition, we hosted some wonderful family events, including our Daddy/Daughter Dance, where students and their dads danced the night away, and our Mother/Son Nerf War, which was full of excitement and fun.

To top it all off, our students raised the most money in the district for the PTO Donkey Basketball fundraiser, earning me the unforgettable opportunity to kiss a donkey during the event! All in all, it has been a fast, full, and wonderful start to the second semester. I look forward to continuing to watch our students accomplish great things as we head into the final months of the school year and all of the exciting end-of-year activities ahead.



Garden Club

Mrs Evans first grade class, with the help of Mrs. Bell and many others, have been busy working in the greenhouse. They have planted seeds and transplanted our growing seedlings. While doing this hands on work they have been learning all about how plants grow and gardening. This is a fun experience that leads up to our plant sale on March 14.



Community Plant Sale March 14th 8am-sold out

\$2 a plant

watermelon
cantaloupe
yellow squash
zucchini
pickling cucumber
tomatoes (roma, patio, cherry, better boy, celebrity, beefsteak, early girl, san marzano)
peppers (jalapeno, bell, banana, anaheim, serrano)
cilantro
marigold
oregano
zinnia
thyme
basil
sage





CLINIC UPDATE



NURSING



Grateful: We would love to give a big shout out and a tremendous THANK YOU to the Heart of Texas (Waco) Sertoma organization. They were so generous in giving Holland ISD a brand new Pure Tone Audiometer. This will help us perform hearing screenings on our Holland ISD students. We want to make sure our students are able to hear well in order to learn. It will also help us recognize those students who are having hearing difficulties. Each year, the Sertoma organization hosts an Annual Kite Festival with free mini kites, aircraft demonstrations, free parking and admission, music and kites of all kinds. This year, it will be held this May 2nd, 2026, Saturday, at the HOTMAC Field from 10:00–3:00. All proceeds benefit the Hearing Impaired Children of Central Texas. For more information please visit www.wacosertoma.org.

Illness: We are continuing to see a variety of illnesses that may include fever. Please remain vigilant about using preventive measures to stay well. Please remember to cover your cough and sneezes with the inside of your elbow bend, remember to wash your hands frequently, keep enough space between you and your friends especially when you or they are not feeling well, do not share foods or drinks with anyone, and lastly, if you are sick and have a fever of 100 degrees or higher or if you are having vomiting or diarrhea, please stay home until you are free of these symptoms without the help of medication.

Sun Safety: As we enter into Spring and barrel toward another Hot Texas summer, please remember to stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water throughout the day. Protect your skin. Wear your sunscreen. Don't forget to protect your eyes. Wear your sunglasses and hats or caps.

Parent Resources & Info



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:](#)

HB 121 – Safe Firearm Storage Resources

[KEEP 'EM SAFE TEXAS CAMPAIGN](#)

Parent Letter: [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Sleep is Important

You (probably) need more sleep.

Sleep is foundational for kids and adults. The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) recommends 9-11 hours of sleep for kids (6-13) and 8-10 hours for teens (14-17). According to the [CDC](#), adults need 7 or more hours per night. Too little sleep in children is linked to poorer school performance, mental health challenges, and even obesity. For adults, chronic sleep deprivation is associated with increased risk of heart disease, depression, and impaired decision-making.

And we all know that screens before bed can raise heart rate and disrupt melatonin, making it harder for everyone in the house to fall asleep.

One simple shift can make a big difference. Pick a place where devices go (and stay) 30-60 minutes before bed. It can be as simple as choosing a central location in your home to leave phones, or [buying a timed lock box](#) if your family needs a little extra encouragement.

Healthy sleep isn't just a kid issue. It's a family habit.

Zuckerberg Testifies in Teen Addiction Trial

Mark Zuckerberg [appeared in court](#) last week as Meta faces claims that Instagram was designed in ways that may contribute to teen addiction. Some experts are calling this social media's "[Big Tobacco moment](#)." Zuckerberg said he [reached out to Apple's CEO](#) to discuss the "well-being of teens and kids." Regardless of the verdict, healthy tech habits still start at home. Learn how to protect your kids on Instagram [here](#).

Event Feedback

Let us know how we did! If you have attended any event sponsored by the school (ex. Meet the Teacher, Fall Carnival, The Scoop, etc.) we would appreciate you filling out our [evaluation form](#) so we know what to continue doing and what we need to improve.

Holland Athletic Booster Club

Established in 2024, the Holland Athletic Booster Club has experienced tremendous growth in its first year. As we wrap up the first half of the 2025–26 school year, we are excited about new opportunities and want to take a moment to thank each of you for your incredible support of our student-athletes and programs.

Thanks to strong partnerships and your generosity, we've accomplished some amazing things:

- Purchased a new Hornet mascot costume
- Provided guardian helmets for every high school and middle school football player
- Awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to graduating student-athletes

A special thank-you goes out to all the board members & volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our first athletic banquet at the end of the 2024/25 school year such a success!

Looking ahead, our team is committed to making the rest of the 2025–26 school year even better. We have several spring fundraisers and another athletic banquet on the horizon. Mark your calendars for one of our monthly Booster Club meetings (first Monday of each month) and join us in supporting these exciting initiatives. Be sure to follow us on Facebook @Holland Hornets Athletic Booster Club <https://www.facebook.com/share/184AVHxV1t/?mibextid=wwXlfr> Your continued support truly makes a difference! Thank you for being part of this great community. Together, we'll keep creating opportunities for our student-athletes to shine.

Sincerely,
Eric J. Johnson
President, Holland Athletic Booster Club

Jeff Ivicic Jr, Vice President
Jennifer Johnson, Secretary
Laura Cospers, Community Engagement (Interim Treasurer)
Kristen Ivicic, Social Media
Anita Tubbs, Fundraising

