

HOLLAND ISD NEWSLETTER



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Jennisty Thomason Superintendent



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2025-2026 School Calendar

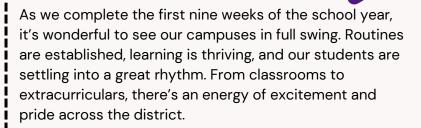
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Parent Portal

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Once logged in, select 'my students' and then 'alerts'.

From the Superintendent



Recently, a group of our junior and senior students served a meal for the American Legion, and numerous people came up to me to compliment our students on how polite, respectful, and kind they were. It was such a proud moment and a great reminder that our students are amazing—not only in their academic pursuits, but also in how they represent our district in the community. We know we strive for greatness in the classroom, but our students are also doing great things beyond it.

As we look ahead to the next two months left in this semester, we look forward to the many celebrations, competitions, and holiday events that make this time of year so special. Thank you to our teachers, staff, parents, and community for your continued support—you play a vital role in making our schools such an incredible place to learn and grow.



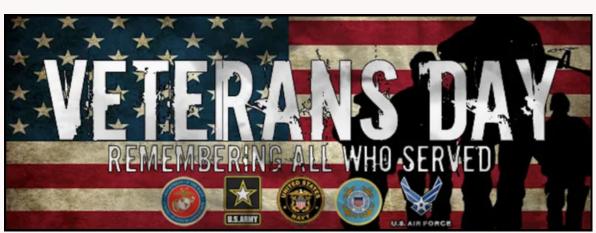


Veteran's Day Recognition



Holland ISD will host a recognition of our local veterans on November 11, 2025. The Veterans will be recognized as a group by their branch of service. Please fill out the form below to let us know that you will be attending no later than November 7, 2025. A reception with refreshments for veterans and their families will take place at 1:30 pm prior to the start of the recognition ceremony which will begin at 2:00 pm.

REGISTER HERE





Cafeteria Information



Connie Knaus Food Service Director

Cafeteria website



PORTAL LINK

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.

November Breakfast Menu November Lunch Menu

ATHLETICS UPDATE

FOOTBALL

It's been a challenging season so far, but every setback has given us a chance to grow. Our players are working hard, learning, growing, and fighting for every yard. We're proud of their dedication, resilience, and heart on and off the field.

We know the scoreboards don't always tell the full story, but this team continues to improve and come together. Come out, cheer loud, and be part of our journey.



<u>HS Schedule</u> MS Schedule









VOLLEYDALL

HS VOLLEYBALL

The Holland Lady Hornet regular season wrapped up on Tuesday, October 21st. Both JV teams fought hard but came up short against Thorndale. I am so proud of the JVs this year! There has been a lot of growth in all areas of the game! Holland has a bright future in volleyball!

The Varsity Lady Hornets continue their season by earning a playoff spot, placing third in district behind two good competitive Granger and Thorndale teams. The Lady Hornets will either face off with Somerville or Snook, and will play next Thursday. More details to come as teams and location are set.

Come out and support these hard working girls as they fight to continue their season!

MS VOLLEYBALL

The middle school volleyball season ended with two very exciting wins over Thorndale! All teams displayed exponential growth in their volleyball skills throughout each game. The 7th grade A team ended the season as Co-District Champions! The future is bright for Hornet Volleyball!

ATHLETICS UPDATE

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country teams have wrapped up an outstanding season full of hard work, determination, and success!

At the District Meet, our Middle School Boys brought home the 1st Place Team title. Kase Miles placed 4th, Cutter Arnold placed 6th, and Jake Williford placed 7th. The Middle School Girls also ran strong, with Hannah Coffman 2nd, Bryleigh Walker 5th, and Kayleigh Gough 9th.

Our High School Girls finished 3rd overall, and Avery Bell placed 4th individually. The High School Boys also placed 3rd as a team, with Cole Vaughan earning a 7th Place finish.

Both the HS boys and girls teams advanced to Regionals, where they represented our school well. A special congratulations goes to Avery Bell, who advanced to the State Meet on November 1st at 10:55 AM at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

It's been an amazing season for all our runners—full of growth, teamwork, and accomplishments. Great job, Cross Country!















ATHLETICS UPDATE



GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATE

The Lady Hornet basketball season has officially kicked off and we are gearing up for an exciting season ahead! The first game of the season will be November 11th with JV starting at 5pm. Come out and support your Lady Hornets!

HS Girls Basketball Schedule
MS Girls Basketball Schedule



BAND UPDATE

The band competed at the Region 8 marching contest in Riesel on Wednesday October 15th and received an overall "Superior" rating and advanced to the Area marching contest, in which they placed 18th out of 35 teams. The band is also preparing for their Veteran's Day performance on November 11th, and their Christmas Concert which will be on December 15th.







HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE





Don't forget to keep up with our Holland High School Announcements by clicking on <u>this link</u> The Fall Semester is moving along fast and furious at Holland High School. We have completed the first quarter of the school year and the teachers and students are making strides towards high achievement in the classroom. In extra-curricular activities our FFA has been competing in CDE/LDE competitions, our Holland Band advanced to the UIL Area Contest once again, and Juniors and Seniors served at the Oct. 7 American Legion Meal raising money for both classes. Our athletic teams (FB, VB & XC) have been competing since August with Football finishing up district competition the next two weeks. XC and VB have advanced past district competition and are still completing this week. Cheer has added to our overall campus culture thru weekly themes and pep rallies. Our students and teachers are super busy and are striving for excellence everyday.









MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

As we move into the heart of the fall semester, I am so proud of the growth I have seen from all of our students since the start of the school year. Classrooms are buzzing with curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. It's amazing to see students settling into routines, building friendships, and taking ownership of their learning. As usual, we have lots of activities going on. We ended the first grading cycle, had a wonderfully spooky Halloween Dance, and we will soon be beginning the transition into basketball season, Academic UIL, and One Act Play. In the midst of all of the busyness, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our families for your ongoing support; your partnership truly makes all the difference! As we look ahead to November, we will continue to focus on kindness, respect, and responsibility- in and out of the classroom. Remember to call or email if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy to help!







My hardworking GT students have been making incredible progress on their Future City projects! They've spent countless hours researching, summarizing information, and thoughtfully planning their designs. Their essays are nearly complete, showcasing impressive creativity and critical thinking about how cities of the future can be sustainable and innovative. Now, they're moving on to the exciting phase—building their 2' x 4' city models—where their ideas will truly come to life. I'm so proud of their dedication, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout this project!



ELEMENTARY UPDATE



first nine weeks of the 2025–2026 school year! Our students have worked hard to adhere to routines and establish study habits, pushing themselves to reach their academic and behavioral potential. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated staff, students, and parents for working together to support our Hornets' growth and success. This quarter, we've enjoyed welcoming guest readers on campus, preparing for upcoming UIL events, running the football field with Swarm, sharing lots of pep rally excitement, and most importantly, learning and growing every day to be the best Hornets we can be. I look forward to watching our students continue to thrive and achieve great things throughout the rest of the year.

It's hard to believe we've already completed the

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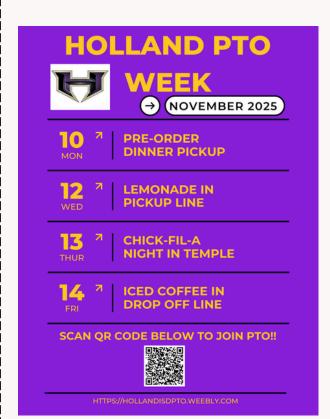




PTO UPDATE

Parent Teacher Organization

PTO WEEK is November 10-15. All proceeds from these events will go to support Holland PTO.













CLINIC UPDATE









As we've entered into the Fall, we have seen an increase in Flu and flu-like illnesses. Please remain vigilant in helping to prevent the spread of illness. You can do this by washing your hands throughout the day, especially before eating, after 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 or sneezing, 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 in our School Based Health Clinic. These physicians come 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.

For more information concerning Flu Prevention, symptoms and treatment, please click on this link.

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, <u>click this link</u>.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, <u>click this link</u>.

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

<u>Home page</u>
<u>Parent & Student Resources</u>

<u>Parent & Family Engagement Documents:</u>

Keep Your Children Safe Online

Keep your child safe online: Stay in the know

Holland ISD has partnered with Parent ProTech to help equip our parents and teachers with practical, expert-backed tools and guidance to keep kids safe and thriving in a digital-first world. If you haven't already, sign up for a free account: https://app.parentprotech.com/124/holland-isd/en/signup?source=admin

- ChatGPT Adds Adult Mode | OpenAl <u>will allow "erotica"</u> for verified adults, a major shift from its past limits. Experts warn it could blur lines between tech and intimacy, raising safety and addiction concerns, especially if minors find ways around age checks. This comes after two parents <u>allege ChatGPT</u> is to blame for their son's suicide. Parents, please use our <u>guides and conversation starters</u> to talk with your kids about ChatGPT before they use the tool.
- Instagram Goes PG-13 | Teen accounts will now <u>follow PG-13 content ratings</u> by default, limiting what under-18 users see. Parents can choose stricter settings and report content that crosses the line, but don't assume the algorithm knows what's safe for your kids. Even "filtered" feeds can expose teens to mature content. To protect your kids on Instagram, start <u>here</u>.
- California Regulates Al Chatbots | California became the <u>first state to pass a law</u> requiring Al companion chatbots to include age checks, crisis safeguards, and transparency about artificial interactions. Starting in 2026, companies like OpenAl, Meta, and Character Al will be legally accountable for protecting minors and vulnerable users. Start with our <u>Al chatbot guide</u> to protect your students.
- The "6-7" Meme Takes Over Schools | Kids everywhere are shouting "6-7!" for no reason, and that's the point. The viral nonsense phrase has become a Gen Alpha inside joke, and we know the fastest way to kill it is for adults to start saying it too. If you need a good laugh, watch middle schooler Bo explain the phenomenon to his "Pop Pop" here.

Parent Resources & Info



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 <u>evaluation form</u> so we know what to continue doing and what we need to improve.

Upcoming Events

October 31 - Parent/Teacher conferences available during the school day

November 4 - The Scoop

November 11 - Veteran's Day Recognition at 2:00 pm

November 18 - 2nd/3rd/4th Grade Thanksgiving Programs

November 19 - Community Thanksgiving Meal

November 24-28 - Thanksgiving Break

December 9 - 5th Grade Bazaar

December 11 - PK/K/1st Grade Christmas Programs

December 19 - Last day of the semester