



# HOLLAND ISD NEWSLETTER



2024-25 1ST QUARTER



Shane Downing



## From the Superintendent

The 2024-2025 school year is off to a great start. Students and staff are settled in and working hard to reach their goals for the year. Educating the leaders of tomorrow is a process, and each year their learning must be maximized so they can reach their full potential. The mission of Holland ISD has been to provide a quality education for all students, empowering them to pursue productive and fulfilling lives in an ever-changing, interdependent world for many years and this mission still works today. Public education looks different than it did 10 years ago and dramatically different from 30 years ago. We will continue to evolve to meet the community, student and staff needs so Holland ISD can strive to provide a well rounded education for all students.

Holland ISD was part of a Vulnerability Audit in the spring. The Texas Education Agency visited our campus last spring and looked at our policies, procedures, and facilities to see how we are doing with the new Safety expectations. We are happy to say that only minor changes needed to be made for us to be fully compliant with all areas of the new safety standards. The district's Safety and Security Committee and Administration has done a great job of identifying needs and finding the funding to make the necessary changes. We will continue to look at our local needs and work on solutions as concerns arise. Partnerships with our local police and fire departments have strengthened and our Bell County Sheriff Department School Resource Officer (SRO) is providing support to our district that did not exist in the past.

Thankfully we are not in the middle of a pandemic, but during that time we created a document that helped everyone know how certain new occurrences would be handled. The "Return to School Framework" was used to answer some questions in regards to anything Health and Safety related. The framework is just a few reminders of what might need to take place if we found ourselves in a situation where a large number of people became ill or other safety concerns. The framework is available on our website or you can view it [here](#).

The parent and family survey last spring is guiding our needs for improvement this year. Thank you to those who completed the survey and please look for another one in April. Our goals center around academic success, safe and secure campuses, timely communication, promoting parental involvement, and all special program needs. Each goal will have several strategies that we will work to improve. We achieve at a very high rate compared to the state, but we can always find areas that we can work on to improve.

Thank you for the continued support and opportunity to work with your students on a daily basis. We look forward to a successful year in all areas at Holland I.S.D.

Shane Downing  
Superintendent - Holland I.S.D.

## CALENDARS

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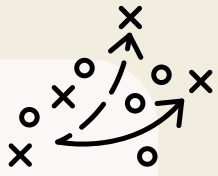
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# ATHLETICS UPDATE



Heath Hohmann



## Football Schedule

## SCOREBOARD

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Holland 32 | Burton 21  |
| Holland 48 | V Mills 20 |
| Granger 34 | Holland 22 |
| Holland 44 | Florence 7 |



### FOOTBALL

Holland Hornet varsity football team is off to a good start again this year as their record is 2-1 headed into a Homecoming matchup vs the Florence Buffalos. The Hornets look to get back on the winning side of things after a tough hard fought loss to Granger last Friday. The Hornet JV team is 1-2 on the season, and are looking to get back in the groove of winning this Thursday vs the Florence Buffalos. The Junior High 7th grade team is off to a 1-0 start after beating Granger last week, and look forward to putting up the W's vs Florence this Thursday. The 8th grade team came out strong vs Granger scoring the 1st Touchdown of the game late in the 3rd Quarter. It took Granger almost the entire game to find pay dirt, but eventually they did and capitalized on their 2 point conversion to take the game 8-6. The 8th grade team looks to rebound against a tough Florence team.







# ATHLETICS UPDATE

## VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Hornets have battled this season on the court. The junior varsity teams have grown in skills and team work. Holland has a bright future with these young ladies. Varsity has fallen short in 5 sets a few times this year. We recently played Centex Chargers and won in 5 sets. The girls were determined and played as a team through all sets. Team is much greater than any individual. Hearne will be rolling into town next Tuesday, September 24, the first game will start at 5pm. The following Saturday the Lady Hornets will be traveling to McDade to start district play.



Mindy Walker



## Volleyball Schedule







# ATHLETICS UPDATE



Shawn Griffin



## CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross Country is going great! As of today, we have one more meet in Moody, and then we will be competing in the District 27-2A championship on October 7 at Friendship Park (Granger Lake). It looks like we may have a chance to qualify for regionals in Corpus Christi later in October on both the boys and girls side, and if not as a team we could have some individuals. It is an exciting time for our cross country program.

### Cross Country Schedule

## UPCOMING MEETS

### Middle School:

9/25 - Salado MS Inv. @ Salado MS  
10/7 - District Meet - Friendship Park

### High School:

9/26 - Bearkat Inv. @ Moody HS  
10/7 - District Meet - Friendship Park  
10/21/22 - Regional Meet @ A&M Corpus  
11/1-2 - State Meet @ Old Settlers Park



*RUN*



# Homecoming



## Homecoming Court

Front Row: Princesses (left to right)  
Ariah Sharp, Natalie Ansley, Jenna Rendon Smith, Brooke Tubbs  
Standing: Duchesses (left to right)  
Bethany Hart (11th), Brenley Kelso (10th), Scarlett Young (9th)





# Homecoming



Homecoming Queen  
Ariah Sharp



Cheerleader Beau  
Meshach Griffin



Football Sweetheart  
Ryleigh Hand

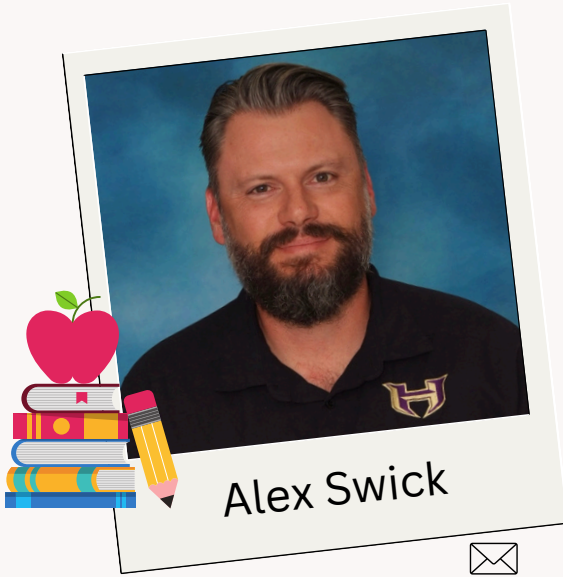


Band Beau & Sweetheart  
Paco Moreno & Elizabeth Underwood





# HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



I hope this message finds you well and "fingers crossed", we will have a break from this heat and enjoy some Fall weather soon! As we near the midpoint of the fall semester at Holland High School, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and collaboration. I am extremely proud of our students for their hard work and dedication to their classroom duties and extracurricular activities. As we progress towards the end of the semester, I encourage open communication between home and school. If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your feedback is invaluable in our shared mission to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Together, we will continue to support, encourage, and guide them toward success!







## FFA

October FFA Meeting is October 21st at 6:30 pm in the Holland Cafeteria. There will be a Costume Contest!

FFA members will be competing at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana the end of October. James Steglich will be competing as a National Finalist in AgriScience Fair as well as representing Texas as a voting delegate. Also, the Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems Career Development Team will also be competing this year as they were the State winners this past spring. Those members include: James Steglich, Andrew Vrabel, Tyler Foster, & Gavin Daniel.

## HIGH SCHOOL UIL ROUND-UP

UIL Round-Up will be the 24th and 26th of September! Students may come to the commons during HIVE to learn and sign-up for speaking and writing events on Tuesday (24th) and Academic events on Thursday (25th). Encourage your student to attend!

## PTO UPDATE

We will begin hosting Wellness Walks this month. Our goal is to promote community and a healthy lifestyle. Come meet at the track and walk with us. The Wellness Walks will be held on the following dates from 5:30-6:30 at the Holland ISD track: Sept 23, Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 11, Nov 25, and Dec 16.

COME AND JOIN US!

## HHS ACADEMIC UIL ROUND-UP

Tuesday 9/24 - Speaking/Writing  
Thursday 9/26 - Academics

In the Commons @ HIVE!

## DYXLEXIA AWARENESS

DySlexiA  
AWARENESS MONTH

31 Days and 31 Facts

In honor of dyslexia month, we are sharing 31 facts about dyslexia in an attempt to educate and support awareness of dyslexia.

[Click here to view the 31 facts.](#)





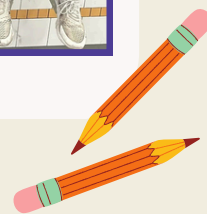


# MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

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 are starting the school year strong and have lots of events going on. Student Council has been elected; UIL sign-ups and tryouts are ongoing; and Volleyball, Football, Cheer, and Cross Country have begun competing. Remember to check your email at the beginning of each month to check out our Hornet Happening newsletter, and as always, call or email us if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help!



Gracie Schlickeisen





# ELEMENTARY UPDATE



Jennisty Thomason

The 2024-2025 school year is well underway, and I would like to thank you for your support and help in making the start of the school year go so smoothly. In addition to all of the learning taking place on campus, we have had our first assembly, hosted a couple of events, kicked off our UIL season, and are beginning our first round of field trips. There is always a lot going on, so if you ever have questions feel free to reach out to either your student's teacher or myself. We will continue to share information and communicate through Class Dojo as well as the campus newsletter I send every month.

Helping students develop routines and habits that help them be successful learners takes a lot of work, and we can't do it without your help. We look forward to partnering with you to make this school year a great one!



First grade students get to spend special time with their grandparents at our annual Grandparents Assembly.



During our NED assembly, students learned to Never give up, Encourage others, and Do their best!



HES students get into the Hornet spirit and SWARM the field at home football games!



Thanks to our awesome PTO, students enjoy a special treat and time outside of the classroom during Reward Center time.



HES students put the PEP in the Pep Rally!







# CLINIC UPDATE



Cynthia Pajestka



Kelly Larson



We are off to a busy start here in the clinic. We have started 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 healthcare provider. You will be notified of the screening date(s) via Holland ISD messaging system and/or email.

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.

McLane Children's Scott & White will hold a drive-thru flu clinic on Saturday, October 15 geared especially towards children. DRIVE-THRU TO FIGHT THE FLU! Please see the flyer for details.

## DRIVE-THRU TO FIGHT THE FLU!

**Saturday, October 15  
8 a.m.–Noon**

**Get yourself and your family  
vaccinated against the flu  
without ever leaving your car!**

Drive in and roll up your sleeves to stay healthy this flu season! Our convenient drive-thru event is available for **children and adults** to receive the flu shot. It's quick and easy, with compassionate care for kids provided by our specially trained pediatric staff. Make sure you get your flu immunization and help keep our whole community healthy.

**All forms of payment will be accepted** — cash, credit card and insurance. Normal copays apply.

DRIVE THROUGH  
IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

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# CAFETERIA UPDATE



Cafeteria website

Just a reminder we have a new payment system. Payments can be made on your child's account via our new family portal. Access to the portal can be found on our school web page under the cafeteria tab. You can also fill out an application for the National School Lunch Program via the portal at any time during the school year. If your household changes at any time (new baby, job loss, etc.) you can fill out an application. If you think you may qualify, please fill one out.

Payments can also be made via our webstore also located on our school home page.

As always we are looking to expand our menu, so if you have a great recipe your kids love please pass it along. We look for inspiration everywhere!

