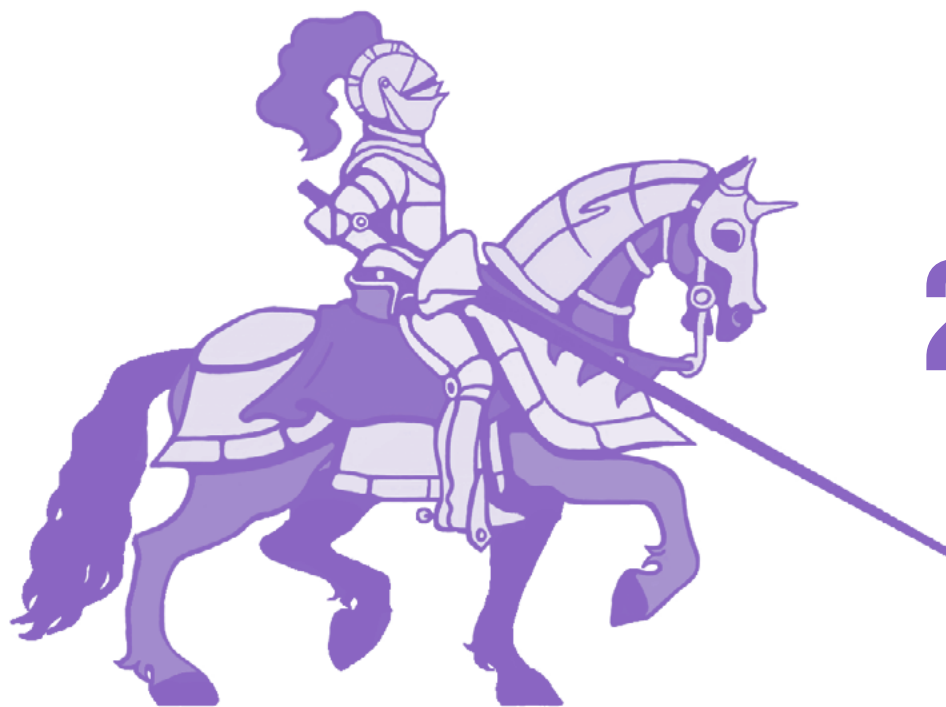


Holland Patent

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024



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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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District Office	315-865-7200 Fax: 315-865-4057
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EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Emergency closing of school within the District may be necessary during the year, particularly due to ice or snow storms. Such information will be announced through our school messaging system and over the radio and television stations and websites listed below, in most cases prior to 7:00 a.m.

**We use ParentSquare as the Districtwide communication platform. Please visit our website, www.hpschools.org for more information.*

KISS FM - 97.7/105.5	Spectrum News spectrumlocalnews.com
WBCK/WBUG - 99.7/101.1	WKTV Channel 2 - wktv.com
WIBZ- 950 AM/98.7 FM	WSYR - News Channel 9 Syracuse
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WUTQ - 100.7 FM	
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Principal

Kristin Casab

HOLLAND PATENT ELEMENTARY (3-5)

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Principal

Sarah Vergis

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Michael Absolom

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

Mobile Crisis Assessment Team: (315) 732-6228

Project Hope: (315) 272-6248

Connected Community Schools

Sarah Smith (MS, GWF): (315) 360-4314
Madeline Johnson (HS, HPE): (315) 982-2520

The Center for Family Life and Recovery

Zoie Lehman (315) 586-2183

The Neighborhood Center Behavioral Healthcare Services

(315) 272-2730 (Rome)
(315) 272-2700 (Utica)

School Social Workers

GWF (Pre-K-2): Nicole Rasmussen (315) 865-5721
HPE (3-5): Ashley Rose (315) 865-8151
HPMS (6-8): Jackie Carman (315) 865-7204
HPS (9-12): Stephanie Strzepek (315) 865-4102

INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL TEEN SERVICES AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT

<https://ocgov.net/oneida/mentalhealth/teenservice>



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HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT

The Holland Patent Central School District, with an enrollment of approximately 1,400 students, serves all or portions of the Townships of:

TRENTON | STEUBEN | FLOYD | RUSSIA | DEERFIELD | MARCY | REMSEN | WESTERN

The students of the District are served by two elementary school buildings. Holland Patent Elementary serves grades 3-5 and is located in Holland Patent. General William Floyd Elementary serves grades pre-K-2 and is located in Stittville.

The middle school, serving grades 6, 7, and 8, is located in Holland Patent, and the high school, serving grades 9-12, is located just outside the Village of Holland Patent.

The school district is organized under the control of the Board of Education, whose offices are located in the Annex. Their Chief Executive Officer is known as the Superintendent of the District. Their office, as well as the other administrative offices, are located in the Annex.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

These meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. Please refer to the calendar for those specific dates. You are invited to call the district office if you have a particular topic which you feel should be brought to the attention of the Board of Education.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING - BUDGET HEARING

The annual district meeting is normally held on the first Tuesday in May in the high school building. The election of members to the Board of Education, the vote on the budget and voting on other properly introduced propositions shall take place two weeks later. Polls are open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS

At the present time, these are carried on at the elementary level only. They usually meet at specific times as listed on the school calendar. School curriculum and programs are usually the main topics and this is an opportunity for parents to become better acquainted with their child's school and faculty. Please consider getting involved.

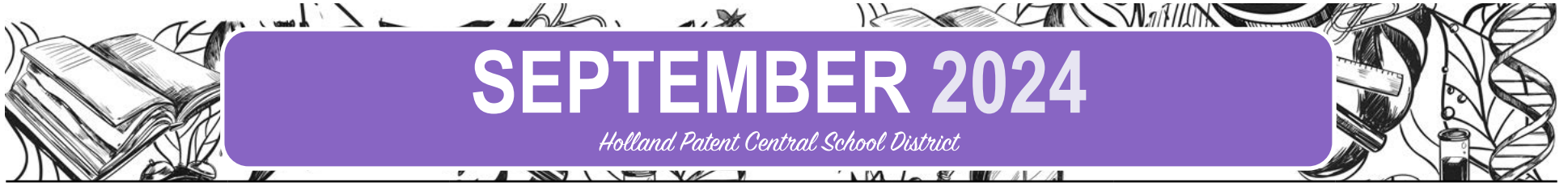
TRANSPORTATION

The responsibility for administering the transportation program in this District shall rest with the school administration and they shall adhere to all applicable laws and regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Motor Vehicle Bureau and Public Service Commission.

The school will provide transportation for lesser distances if an unusual situation exists, which in the judgment of the Board of Education creates unusual hardship upon the child. Such cases will be considered as isolated cases and decisions rendered on the basis of particular circumstances.

Parents planning to send their children to parochial school or private school are hereby notified that they must file their request for transportation with the Superintendent of Schools, prior to April 1, in accordance with current state law. This, of course, enables the District to plan for and budget the money necessary to provide such transportation.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Superintendent's Conference Day Modified Fall Sports Begin MS Open House Grades 7 & 8, 5:00-6:30 p.m. HS Open House, 5:00-6:30 p.m.	4 First Day of School for Students	5	6 High School In-Class Orientation	7
8 Grandparents Day	9 Labor Day	10 HPE Information Night, 5:00-6:30 p.m.	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Beginning Band & Orchestra Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Auditorium	19	20	21
22 First Day of Fall	23 HPE Picture Day	24	25	26	27	28
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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

As school transportation continues to be rated by the National Highway Safety Administration as one of the safest forms of transportation in the United States (eight times safer than the automobile), we encourage everyone to take the safer way to school by riding the school bus.

The opportunity to ride a bus is available to all students eligible for bus transportation, but is accompanied by a responsibility to make each trip as safe as possible.

In order to maintain a high level of safety while efficiently transporting students, our drivers must have the cooperation of both the students and parents. If the rules listed are followed, the driver can concentrate on their primary job - **safe driving**.

For further information and answers to your concerns, please contact the transportation department by calling 315-865-4103.

BUS RULES

1. *The bus driver is in charge. Respect your bus driver and fellow students.*
2. *Go directly to your seat and remain there while the bus is in motion. It is appropriate for three to sit in each seat being careful not to block the aisle. Keep body parts inside the bus.*
3. *No fighting, tripping, shoving, use of profanity, loud talking, horseplay, or behavior which might divert the driver's attention is permitted.*
4. *No bullying on the school bus.*
5. *Keep the bus clean and care for bus equipment. Emergency doors and windows as well as other bus equipment are to be used only when appropriate.*
6. *Hold backpacks, book bags and instrument cases while on the bus. Do not leave them in the front of the bus or in the aisle.*
7. *Food and beverages are not to be consumed on the bus.*
8. *Glass containers are strictly prohibited.*
9. *You may not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs.*
10. *Use of cell phones or pagers on the bus is prohibited. These products will be dealt with according to school district policy.*
11. *The District will follow BOE Policy #5016 regarding transportation request.*

Note: Videotaping is conducted on the buses, at our discretion, to ensure the safety of our students.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM (NSLP)

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally-assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or no-cost lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1946.

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It began as a pilot project in 1966, and was made permanent in 1975. The School Breakfast Program is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service. At the State level, the program is usually administered by State education agencies, which operate the program through agreements with local school food authorities in more than 89,000 schools and institutions.

We are pleased to announce that all students enrolled at Holland Patent Schools will be able to receive a FREE breakfast and lunch meal at all Holland Patent schools on school days during the 2024-25 school year regardless of income status.

This implementation is a result of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) expanding access to the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP allows eligible schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to offer school meals at no charge to all students.

Since income data is used as a proxy for many education and other purposes in New York State, it is vital that you still complete a household income form. One will be provided at the beginning of the school year. Collection of this data is important to the District.

Holland Patent CSD utilizes NutriKids Point of Sale (POS). This is a computerized system that tracks all sales and deposits. All students are issued a PIN number and will continue with the same number throughout their enrollment. Students will enter their number at the register and their account will be displayed to the cashier.

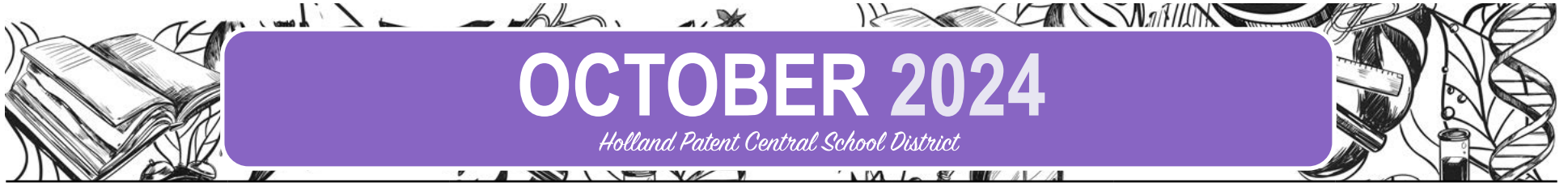
It is important that students continue to fund their accounts because only the first breakfast and lunch meals each school day are offered at no cost. Doubles, snacks and other a la carte items must still be paid for. This can be done at www.myschoolbucks.com. This website will allow you to make payments, set up low balance alerts, view transactions and much more.

Charging of snacks and other a la carte items will not be allowed. Balances that are \$10.00 or more in debt will receive automated phone calls weekly until the balance is brought current.

**PLEASE FILL OUT A FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION.
THIS MUST BE DONE ANNUALLY.**

**Filling out this form helps our school become eligible for grant opportunities.*

**If you have any questions, please contact Cliff Casab at
315-865-7242 or ccasab@hpschools.org.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 ASVAB, 8:00 a.m., HS <i>Rosh Hashanah Begins</i>	3 GWf School Picture Day	4 5-Week Interim Homecoming Dance <i>Rosh Hashanah Ends</i>	5 Homecoming Football Game
6	7	8 MS Picture Day	9 PSAT/SAT, 8:00 a.m., HS	10 Grades 3-5 Cross Country Meet	11 Superintendent's Conference Day <i>Yom Kippur Begins</i> NO SCHOOL	12 <i>Yom Kippur Ends</i>
13	14 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	15 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7:00 p.m.	16 Financial Aid Information Night, 6:00 p.m. <i>Sukkot Begins</i>	17	18	19
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OVERVIEW OF DISTRICT STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is necessary for two reasons: First, parents of children of compulsory school age may be prosecuted by law if their child is not in regular attendance for causes other than legal. Second, and more important to the student, the value of your education can be seriously threatened by frequent loss of class time.

Students are expected to attend school on a regular and consistent basis. The insistence on good attendance serves as a clear and constant reminder of the strong correlation between attendance and student achievement. Under New York State Education Law Section 3205, parents are responsible for the regular attendance of their children for instruction. All absences from school must be noted as part of a student's record. Absences from school fall into two broad categories: excused and unexcused. Unexcused absences fall into two general categories: unlawful detention and truancy. Examples and explanations of each can be found in student/parent handbooks distributed annually during the opening of school each September.

The Holland Patent Central School District will monitor student attendance on a regular and consistent basis. Instances of extensive absence will initiate a review under the auspices of the building principal. This review will trigger appropriate interventions such as parent contact, counseling of students, disciplinary action, or referral to community services.

DRESS CODE

Students' appearances should be neat and clean. Dress and appearance which causes disruption of the educational process or present health or safety problems shall not be permitted. Otherwise, dress and appearance are the responsibility of the parent.

SMOKING

Smoking/vaping will not be permitted on school property or at school functions either during or after school hours.

DRINKING

Drinking, evidence of drinking, or the possession of alcoholic beverages on school premises or at school activities is prohibited by Board of Education policy.

POLICY ON USE OF DRUGS

Use, possession or sale of drugs other than those obtained by legal prescription, on school premises or at school activities, will not be tolerated by the Board of Education. Students violating this provision will be suspended from school and prior to re-entering school, will be accompanied by their parents for an informal hearing.

In addition, the superintendent shall have the authority to refer cases of alleged possession of dangerous drugs to appropriate law enforcement officials.

After appropriate investigation by school officials, complaints about the alleged sale of dangerous drugs shall be referred to appropriate law enforcement officials. Action of law enforcement officials shall supersede actions of school officials in cases of this nature.

SUSPENSION

The superintendent or other designated administrators may suspend from required attendance a student who is 1) insubordinate or disorderly, 2) whose physical or mental condition endangers the health, safety or morals of himself or of other students.

DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Students driving to school, whether regularly or occasionally, must register their car model, license number, color and proof of insurance at the high school office. In addition, students will need a permit and attend a safety meeting. All unlicensed vehicles including mini-bikes, dirt bikes, tractors, lawn mowers and ATVs are prohibited on school premises. Snowmobiles are also prohibited except in areas approved by High School Administration.

Students riding bicycles or driving cars are responsible for the safety of pedestrians at all times. The speed limit on school grounds is five miles per hour.

No students are to be in their vehicles or in the parking lot area during school hours. There is to be no spinning of tires, stopping or turning abruptly. Any violation of the above rules will mean student loss of parking lot privileges.

A summary of the BOE approved Code of Conduct is provided to each student annually. The entire code is available upon request in each building's main office.





NOVEMBER 2024

Holland Patent Central School District



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10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> No School	12	13 Financial Aid Information Night, 6:00 p.m.	14 GWF & HPE Parent/ Teacher Conference Day, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal	15 GWF & HPE Parent/ Teacher Conference Day, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal	16
17	18 JV/Varsity Winter Sports Begin	19	20	21 MS Character Education Breakfast	22 HS Character Education Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.	23
24	25 Modified Winter Sports Begin	26 Go Home Early Drill	27	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29	30
			No School - Thanksgiving Recess			

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

HEALTH SERVICES

Health services are provided to students by registered nurses. First aid is rendered to students according to orders provided by the District physician. Yearly physicals can be completed by the District physician or his/her assistant for those students in kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 who have not had a physical. All students entering school for the first time are required to have been immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP), measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), polio, hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox), haemophilus influenzae (Hib) and pneumococcal conjugate. Additionally, students entering grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 must have received one dose of the Meningococcal vaccine; a second dose is required by grade 12, but cannot be given prior to age 16. An updated Emergency Form is required annually.

SPEECH & LANGUAGE PROGRAM

This program consists of two full-time speech therapists for the District. The program consists of identification of those students who have functional or organic speech, language, voice, and hearing problems. Services are provided based on individual student needs.

OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSICAL THERAPY

This program consists of occupational and physical therapists who address students whose fine/gross motor needs impact their education.

COUNSELING

This program consists of three school counselors and five social workers. The school counseling department at HPCSD empowers students to utilize their individual strengths to achieve personal excellence, academically and socially, in a safe and nurturing environment with the ultimate goal of preparing students to be responsible, lifelong learners.

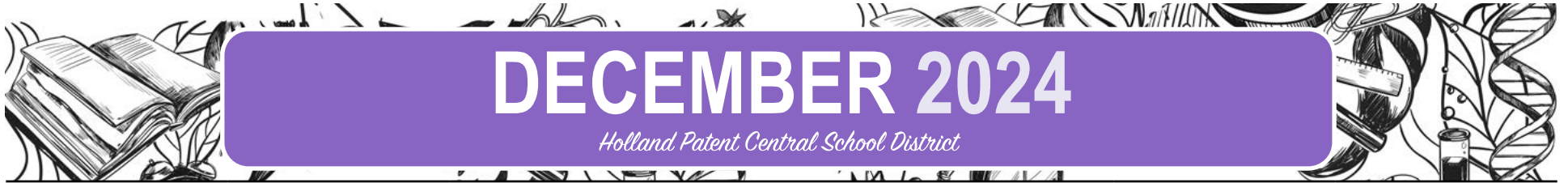
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

School psychological services are provided to students K-12 to offer consultation with parents and/or teachers, counseling, and evaluations to determine the presence of educational disabilities. All CSE referrals must have parent notification and permission before formal testing takes place.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Each spring, students who are entering kindergarten are screened at General William Floyd Elementary. The kindergarten teachers along with the reading teacher and speech therapist screen each student. The results are shared with each child's parents. The school nurse is also available to meet with parents to complete school forms and to provide school counseling regarding incoming health records.





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HP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

GENERAL WILLIAM FLOYD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PRE—K-2)

HOLLAND PATENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (3-5)

KRISTIN CASAB

GWF Elementary Principal

SARAH VERGIS

HP Elementary Principal

General William Floyd Elementary serves students in grades pre-K through 2, and Holland Patent Elementary serves students in grades 3 through 5. The faculty and staff of General William Floyd and Holland Patent Elementary Schools welcome students to the 2024-25 school year. A close relationship has developed over time among students, faculty, staff, and parents. This partnership, founded on effective communication, enables us to work together for the academic, social, and emotional growth of the children.

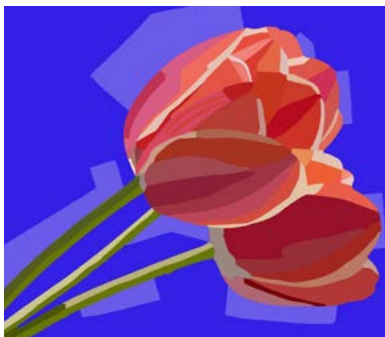
The elementary schools offer programs that support the development of the whole child. Schoolwide programs and activities provide opportunities for students to grow academically and socially. Programs like Connected Community Schools, "Positivity Project" and "Caught Purple Handed" foster positive school and peer relationships, and help all students learn to treat one another with dignity and respect.

The elementary curriculum is based on the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards, as well as District standards. Our focus on providing high quality curriculum and instruction for all of our students will prepare them for college and career readiness. The Board of Regents adopted the newly revised English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning Standards on September 11, 2017. The new standards have been the result of over two years of collaborative work to ensure New York State has the best learning standards for our students. Over 130 educators and parents worked together to make recommendations and revise the standards, resulting in a new set of revised English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning Standards. To learn more about the Next Generation Learning Standards and parent resources, visit www.nysed.gov.

We are using a variety of resources to create a balanced literacy program. We will be utilizing the workshop model for both reading and writing instruction, building independent reading fluency and promoting a passion for writing. The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are K-12 science content standards. Standards set the expectations for what students should know and be able to do. The NGSS were developed by states to improve science education for all students. We will be implementing these standards through our BOCES Science Kits. We are taking a similar approach to math this year, blending high quality online sources and additional support materials. EnVisions math program allows students to build their mathematical skills and thinking ability through a combination of practice with computation, work with manipulatives, and word problems to build fluency, conceptual knowledge, and the ability to apply those concepts in new ways.

No child's education is complete without quality special programming. Our students gain broad experiences in the arts, technology, and athletics through our art, music, technology, and physical education programs, which prepare them for success in the 21st century.

The success of our schools rests also on partnerships with our Golden Knights Parent Teacher Association, Building Leadership Teams, community members, parents, and a supportive Board of Education. We look forward to another year of success built upon the strong relationships we have developed.





JANUARY 2025

Holland Patent Central School District



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5	6 Kindergarten Registration	7	8	9 No School - Winter Recess	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	21	22	23	24 End of Marking Period 2	25
26	27 No School	28	29 <i>Lunar New Year</i>	30	31	
			No School			

HOLLAND PATENT MIDDLE SCHOOL

LISA GENTILE *Principal*

PROGRAMS

Essentially, the middle school program is designed for those students who are no longer elementary students and not yet high school students. This program is designed to teach students how to use skills acquired in the elementary school so that they may learn more independently. During their journey through the "middle years," students are changing physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. Middle school philosophy strives to address academic needs as well as attending to personal needs. Holland Patent Middle School has high expectations and offers quality learning opportunities for all.

Middle schools are faced with many challenges. At Holland Patent Middle School, we continue to align to the New York State standards with our curriculum. We encourage the use of consistent and pervasive instructional and learning strategies, as well as assessments and evaluations that promote learning within the middle school. In addition, the integration of technology is emphasized in order to provide students with a tool that will be naturally integrated across the curricular areas. These efforts will allow the middle school to continue to be a strong link between the elementary and high school programs and articulate a clear vision based on research-based practices.

For information on the middle school discipline policies or specific programs, please refer to the Student Handbook.

GROUPING SYSTEM

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will be grouped heterogeneously (mixed ability) for most classes. Specific criteria in the form of a student profile rating is used to determine placement in the accelerated instructional programs (math, science and foreign language). Student performance will be monitored and evaluated on a regular basis throughout the year.

Students in grade 6 are taught the following subjects: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Art, Music, Computer Applications and Home & Careers.

Students in grade 7 are taught the following subjects: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education, Art, Health, Home & Career Skills, Music and Foreign Language (Chinese, Spanish or French).

Students in grade 8 are taught the following subjects: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Agriculture, and Foreign Language. They will continue to have Physical Education and Fine Arts.

GRADING SYSTEM

The school year is divided into four 10-week marking periods. Computerized report cards are sent home at the completion of each period with grades ranging from A+ to F. The minimum passing grade for all subjects is a D. The following is the grading scale for the middle school.

A formula based on the 12-point rating scale is used to determine averages and for HONOR ROLL (8 points), HIGH HONOR ROLL (9 points) and PRINCIPAL'S LIST (11 points). This is based upon how often the course meets during the marking period and also over the course of the school year. Living Environment is weighted at 1.3. Algebra, Math 7H, French I and Spanish I are weighted as 1.05. Grade 6 Language Arts is weighted at 2 because it meets for 80 minutes per day. An everyday subject is weighted at 1. An every other day subject is weighted at .5. Band, Wind Ensemble, chorus and Orchestra lessons are weighted at .17.

A+	=	97-100	(12 points)
A	=	93-96	(11 points)
A-	=	90-92	(10 points)
B+	=	87-89	(9 points)
B	=	83-86	(8 points)
B-	=	80-82	(7 points)
C+	=	77-79	(6 points)
C	=	73-76	(5 points)
C-	=	70-72	(4 points)
D	=	65-69	(2 points)
F	=	below 65	(0 points)





FEBRUARY 2025

Holland Patent Central School District



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2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6 MS Character Education Breakfast	7 HS Character Education Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 HS Student Appreciation Day <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22
	No School - Mid-Winter Recess					
23	24	25	26	27	28 Knightly Players Musical, 6:30 p.m., HS Auditorium <i>Ramadan Begins</i>	

HOLLAND PATENT HIGH SCHOOL

RUSSELL STEVENER, JR.
High School Principal

KELLY HEALEY
Assistant Principal

The faculty and staff at Holland Patent High School are committed to providing a comprehensive experience so that all students can be productive members of society.

The high school program adopted the slogan "Success is the only option." Over the course of the past several years, the high school has seen their Regents results consistently amongst the best in the Mohawk Valley. In addition to their academic excellence, our music, arts and athletic programs perform at a high level across the board and have won many different awards and championships during the past few years.

The high school has worked diligently incorporating Learner-Focused Strategies into their lesson plans and daily lessons. In addition, many classrooms are equipped with advanced technology such as interactive white boards and document cameras which help facilitate student learning. Students are encouraged to take the many varied course offerings, including Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit courses. We currently offer the following AP and Dual Credit Courses:

AP World: Modern
AP U.S. History
AP Government
AP English Language and Composition
AP Biology w/ Lab
AP Music Theory
AP Calculus
English 12 SUPA

Presentational Speaking SUPA
PY 101 - Psychology
SO 101 - Sociology
MA 151- Calculus
MA 150 - Pre Calculus
MA 115 - Intermediate Math
MA 125 - Algebra/Trig
MA 110 - Statistics

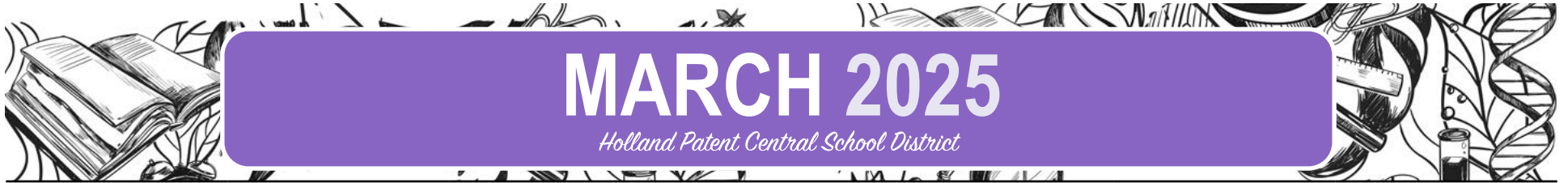
FR 101/102 - Level 4 French 1 & 2
SP 101/102 - Level 4 Spanish 1 & 2
FR 201/202 - Level 5 French 1 & 2
SP 201/202 - Level 5 Spanish 1 & 2
FL 111/112 - Mandarin Chinese 4
HU 100 - ASL 3
HU 101 - ASL 4
AC 110 - Accounting

BM 108 - Personal Finance
BM 100 - Introduction to Business
BM 105 - Business Entr.
IS 101 - Computers and Society
AA 111 - Keyboarding
MT 240/251 - CAD 1 & 2
FA 101 - Drawing & Painting 2 or 3
FA 105 - Drawing & Painting 2 or 3

GD 110 - Computer Graphics
2 or 3
EN 101/102 - English 12
BM 101 - Economics
Physics SUPA

We strongly encourage your child to enroll in these various college level courses. For more information on these courses, or anything else, please contact your child's school counselor or the main office. We look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2024-25 school year.





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2	3 UPK Open Enrollment	4 Bravo Night International Club, 6:00 p.m. Mardi Gras	5 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins	6	7 25-Week Interim	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10	11	12	13 Purim Begins	14 Superintendent's Conference Day Purim Ends Holi No School	15
16	17 JV/Varsity Spring Sports Begin St. Patrick's Day	18 GWF & HPE Young People's Concert, 9:30 a.m., HS Auditorium	19	20 GWF & HPE Young People's Concert (Snow Date) First Day of Spring	21	22
23	24 Modified Spring Sports Begin	25	26	27 3rd Grade Concert, 1:15 p.m., HS Auditorium	28	29
30 Ramadan Ends	31					

HOLLAND PATENT HIGH SCHOOL

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Graduation requirements, as determined by part 100 regulations of the Commissioner of Education, require each student complete 22 units of credit and at least meet a minimum grade of 65 on Regents exams in ELA, Global History, U.S. History, Algebra and one area of science.

REQUIRED COURSES & CREDIT

4 units of English and the ELA Regents.

4 units of credit in Social Studies. One unit must be in the United States history and government. Must also pass the United States history and government exam and Global History exam.

3 units of credit in mathematics. Algebra I Regents.

3 units of science and one of the Regents exams in science. In order to qualify to take any Regents examination in a science, a student must complete 1200 minutes of hands-on lab experience.

1 unit of credit in the arts. This includes music, arts, or technology.

1 unit of credit in language other than English. (Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese or American Sign Language)

2 units of credit in physical education.

1/2 credit in health.

Additional units in English, mathematics, social studies, science, the arts, languages other than English, career and technical education.

TYPES OF DIPLOMAS

Please access the following website for an in-depth description of each diploma type:

<http://www.p12nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/diploma-credential-summary.pdf>

1. Regents
2. Regents (through appeal)
3. Regents with Honors
4. Regents with Advanced Designation
5. Regents with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes Mastery in Math and or Science
6. Regents with Advanced Designation with Honors
7. Local (through appeal)
8. Local, Regents, Regents with Advanced Designation (with or without Honors), with a Career and Technical Education Endorsement

SELECTING COURSES

Students are advised to register for 6.5 credits in grades 9, 10 and 11 and at least 5 credits in grade 12. Special permission must be obtained from the Counseling Department to vary this rule. Actual selection of a high school program begins in grade 8. An individual meeting with the student and his/her parents or guardians is held to review graduation requirements and select coursework. The student's achievement and results of various tests help in making this decision.

CHANGES IN SUBJECTS

Counselors have worked with each pupil and set up a program suitable to the individual student. Changes to a student's schedule are a very big decision and may affect their graduation status or date. If you need to request a schedule change, please consult with your child's school counselor. All course changes must be made by two weeks after the start of the school year.

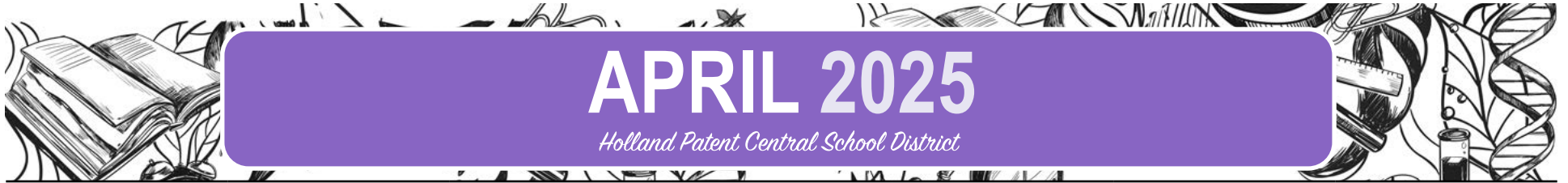
WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Any student who plans to withdraw from school, for whatever reason, should follow this procedure: obtain a withdrawal slip from his/her school counselor and then have the slip signed by:

- a. Counselor
- b. All teachers to whom you are assigned every period
- c. Library Media Specialist
- d. High School Principal
- e. High School Nurse

After all these signatures have been obtained, return the slip to the Counseling Office. All books and fees must be accounted for before leaving. This is taken care of by the Main Office secretary.





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13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14	15	16 1st Grade Concert, 1:15 p.m., GWF Gymnasium	17 GWF & HPE Parent/ Teacher Conference Day, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal	18 <i>Good Friday</i> No School - Spring Recess	19																																																								
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HOLLAND PATENT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

OPEN HOUSE

Will be held September 3, 2024 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Students and parents are encouraged to attend to meet their teachers, find their lockers, and pick up their Chromebooks for the school year. There is no set schedule, so parents and students can arrive any time between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Will be held June 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Awards will be presented to our graduating seniors. Members of the community and parents are invited to attend this event.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER HOURS

The high school library is open from 7:45 a.m. through 2:40 p.m. during regular school sessions.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

"It's not a dream, it's a plan!"

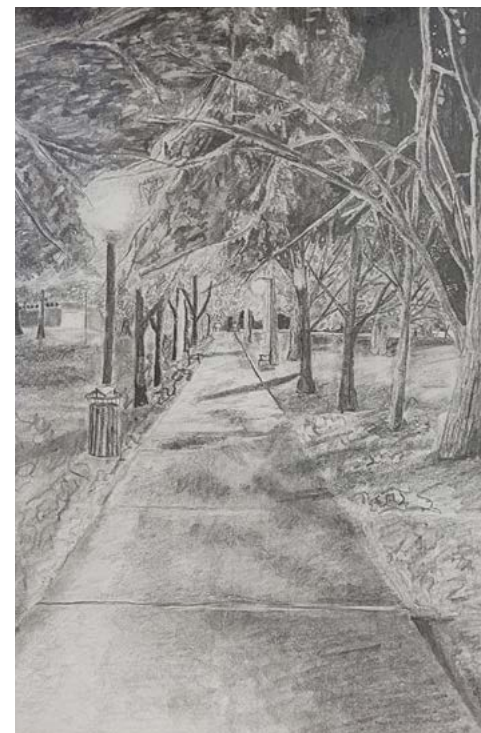
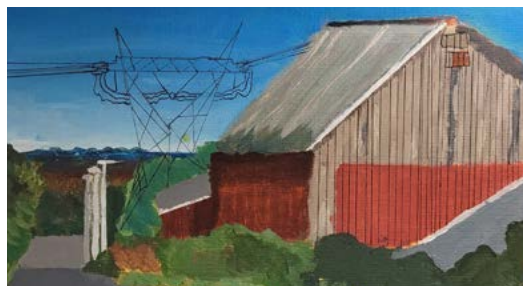
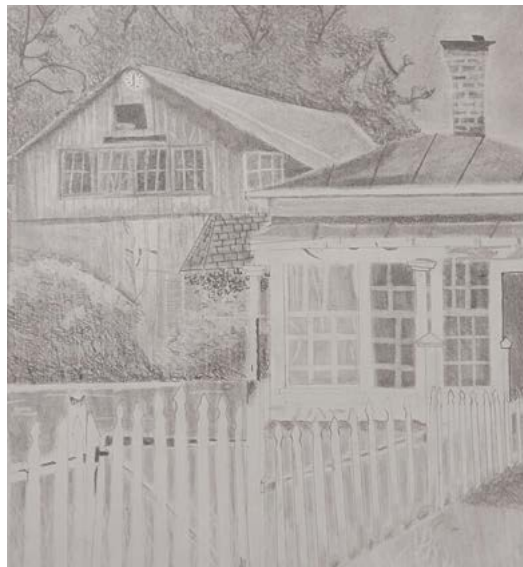
All students planning to attend college are urged to take the PSAT, SAT or the ACT. These tests can be taken in the junior year and repeated in the senior year, depending on the requirements of the particular school. Students are urged to check with the Counseling Office for additional information. Fee waivers are available for families who qualify. Please reach out to your child's school counselor early in their high school career to create a plan to ensure they qualify for many of our Holland Patent scholarships.

Students should visit prospective schools during their junior and senior years. All students are given a handbook at the beginning of each school year. Parents/guardians are encouraged to review this handbook with their child and reach out to their student's school counselor if they have any questions. The counseling office will be offering various opportunities throughout your child's high school career to research and visit colleges and higher education.

BOCES - AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

Holland Patent High School participates in the program at the Career and Technical Education Center in New Hartford. The design of this program is to prepare the student for specific trades at the "job entry level" or to "further their technical education by attending a two-year technical program."

Attendance at the Center is for a half day, either morning or afternoon. During the other half of the day, participants will attend Holland Patent High School along with their peers, taking English, social studies, math, science, and other required subjects. The counseling office will be offering various opportunities to explore careers through job shadows, internship programs and hands-on events.



MAY 2025

Holland Patent Central School District



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4 	5 Cinco De Mayo	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 Grand March, 6:00 p.m. Junior Prom
11 Mother's Day	12 Kindergarten Screening	13 4th-12th Grade Spring Orchestra Concert, 6:30 p.m., HS Auditorium	14 	15 4th-12th Grade Spring Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., HS Auditorium	16 35-Week Interim	17 Armed Forces Day
18 	19 	20 Taste of the Arts, HS Gym School Budget Vote and BOE Election, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., HS Gym 4th-12th Grade Spring Chorus Concert, 6:00 p.m., HS Aud	21 	22 	23 	24
	Pre-K Screening			NYSSMA Majors		
25 	26 Memorial Day No School	27 	28 	29 2nd Grade Musical, 1:15 p.m., GWF Gymnasium	30 	31

ART EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

Art in the school is both a body of knowledge and a series of activities which the art instructor organizes to provide experiences related to specific goals. The sequence and depth of these experiences are determined by the nature of the art discipline, the objectives desired, and by the interests, abilities, and needs of children at different levels of growth. As a result of the art program, each pupil should demonstrate to the extent possible, their capacity to: (1) have intense involvement in and response to personal visual experiences; (2) perceive and understand visual relationships in the environment; (3) think, feel, and act creatively with visual art materials; (4) increase manipulative and organizational skills in art performance; (5) acquire a knowledge of visual art heritage; (6) use art knowledge and skills in his/her personal and community life; (7) make intelligent visual judgments suited to his/her experience and maturity; and (8) understand the nature of art and the creative process.

GRADES 1-5

Have Art Instruction once a cycle for 40 minutes (all year)

GRADE 6

Have Art Instruction every day for 40 minutes (10 weeks)

GRADE 7

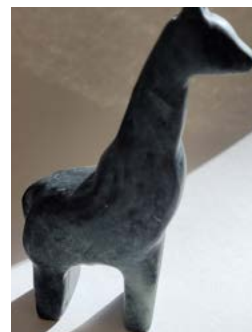
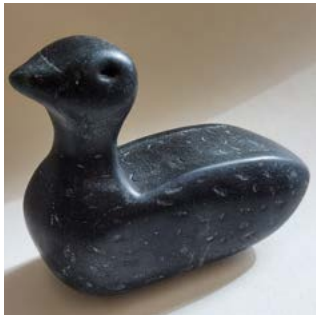
Have Art Instruction every other day for 40 minutes (20 weeks)

GRADES 9-12

Non-Regents program courses - design, photography, sculpture, drawing, painting, and computer graphics.

GRADES 11-12

MVCC Dual Credit Courses available: Creativity in Art, Digital Applications and Foundation in Drawing/2-Dimensional Design.



Holland Patent Central School District

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1 Shavuot Begins	2	3 FFA Banquet, HS Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m. Instrument Exploration Night, 6:00 p.m., HPE LGI Shavuot Ends	4	5 Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction, 7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium	6	7
8	9	10 Biology and Earth and Space Sciences Regents Exams	11 Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet Geometry Regents Exam	12 NHS Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Senior Awards, 7:00 p.m.	13 Senior Trip	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day Senior Trip	16 HS Student Awards HS Last Day of Classes Senior Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Senior March, 9:00 a.m.	17 Regents Exams	18 Grad Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten Grad, 1:00 p.m. Senior Ball, 6:00 p.m.	19 Juneteenth No School	20 Pre-K Graduation, 1:00 p.m. High School Graduation, 8:00 p.m. First Day of Summer Regents Exams	21
22	23	24 5th Grade Moving Up Day, 9:30 a.m., HS Auditorium MS Early Dismissal, 10:00 a.m. GWF & HPE Early Dismissal, 11:00 a.m. Regents Exams	25 MS Early Dismissal, 10:00 a.m. GWF & HPE Early Dismissal, 11:00 a.m.	26 MS Early Dismissal, 10:00 a.m. GWF & HPE Early Dismissal, 11:00 a.m. Regents Exams / Rating Days	27 Last Day of School End of Marking Period 4 MS Early Dismissal, 10:00 a.m. GWF & HPE Early Dismissal, 11:00 a.m.	28
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MUSIC CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

The Holland Patent Central School District Music Program is proud to provide students with a pre-K through 12th grade curriculum that features a variety of performing ensembles and music classes. Recognized as a NAMM Best Community for Music Education, the Holland Patent Central School District offers opportunities for all students to reach their highest level of musical achievement.

Curriculum Offerings

ELEMENTARY (GRADES PRE-K-5):

- Classroom Music/Grade Level Concerts
- Elementary Orchestra/Lessons (Grades 3-5)
- Elementary Chorus (Grades 4-5)
- Elementary Band/Lessons (Grades 4-5)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

- Classroom Music
- Orchestra
- Chorus
- Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- String Pops Ensemble
- Knightly Players Drama Club
- Vocal Ensemble

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

- Orchestra
- Select Chorus
- Mixed Chorus
- Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Ensemble
- String Pops Ensemble
- Vocal Ensemble
- AP Music Theory
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Knightly Players Drama Club
- Guitar I & Guitar II Classes

BEGINNING INSTRUMENT SELECTION

Students interested in learning a band/orchestra instrument are asked to complete an Instrument Survey (distributed in May) with their top three instrument choices for the upcoming school year. To help students make a successful decision, the music program offers:

- Instrument Exploration (June)
- Beginning Band/Orchestra Information Meeting (September)

Instrument selection is decided by music teachers to promote a successful learning experience. Influencing factors include: experience, ability and balanced instrumentation for each group. Students may rent/purchase instruments from local music stores once instrument selections are determined. Students may also rent larger instruments from the school at the discretion of the music teacher.





JULY 2025

Holland Patent Central School District

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		1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATHLETIC PROGRAMS & POLICIES

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Physical education helps students to develop personal attributes, health and fitness knowledge and skills, feelings of self-worth, and a personal value system, all of which act as necessary catalysts in the development of individual lifestyles. Such development is essential for each student to become an informed, healthy, productive, and responsible citizen.

MISSION

The mission of physical education is to encourage all students to sustain regular, lifelong physical activity as a foundation for a healthy, productive, and fulfilling life.

Goals and Objectives:

- Help students understand that physical activity provides opportunities for enjoyment, challenge, self-expression, and social interaction.
- Make each student aware of the effect of physical activity upon the body.
- Encourage students to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness.
- Ongoing professional development of teachers.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Interscholastic Sports Program is available to students in grades 7-12. HPCS is a member of the Tri-Valley League. Practice and games are held during the after-school hours.

INSURANCE

The student must report any injury to the PE teacher/coach immediately. The students must also report to the nurse as soon as possible to fill out a report if medical treatment is necessary. If this report is not made out, no claims may be filed with the insurance company. The insurance company must receive this report within 30 days of injury.

The school insurance policy pays after the family's insurance is exhausted (including Major Medical). IT WILL NOT NECESSARILY TAKE CARE OF ALL REMAINING BILLS as there is a set schedule of maximum payment for each type of injury.

Families without health insurance may incur substantial debt for medical care due to injuries sustained while participating in school activities. The school insurance program provides minimal reimbursement for medical expenses in these situations. THE BALANCE BETWEEN SCHOOL INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT AND THE ACTUAL BILL BECOMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAMILY.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS PHYSICALS

Students planning on participating on a sports team during the school year are required to have an annual physical in order to participate. The District does provide and schedule sports physicals for students monthly during the school year. Parents do have the option to take their son/daughter to their own physician and provide the District with verification prior to tryouts and/or participation. The Athletic Department encourages all parents to take advantage of the sports physical provided by the District.





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HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Alma Mater

*Though we're but
a country high school
Of name unknown to fame,
To our colors we are loyal
Our heritage we claim;
We defend the gold and purple
Wherever we may be,
Our hearts forever faithful
To the old school in H.P.*



*Oh the purple hue is royal
The gold is pure and fine,
And both the king's apparel
Ordained by word divine;
Therefore royal are our colors
To them we true must be,
To show we love and honor
The old high school in H.P.*