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## NWEA Testing Has Begun

By Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - The Holyoke School District will be taking the NWEA test. Both elementary and the JR/SR high school students will be testing. Even though some students are online, they will still be testing in their online classes. The schools have a 2 week "window" to have all of the students test. It is very important for our district because our teachers want us to succeed. We take the NWEA test 3 times during the school year. They are in the Fall, the Winter, and in the Spring. We do 4 tests for NWEA, they are: Science, Language Usage, Math, and Reading. Each time you take the test, you want to reach or beat your goal. Normally in the fall, your score is lower because it is the score from spring last year. You start testing when you are in 2nd grade and work up until you are a Sophomore. NWEA stands for Northwest Evaluation Association. If you beat your goal in the JR/SR high school, you can get exempt from Finals, which means that you don't have to take a test during the winter. In both of our schools, it will help the teachers put you in a certain class like math or reading. Also, it helps the teachers' evaluations because if the students do good it proves that the teachers are doing their jobs. Scores will vary for each student depending on their knowledge.



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# Different Holidays Around The World

HOLYOKE CO- Since the holiday season is coming, we should take a focus on other holidays than Christmas because of different cultures or religions. One of the most well-known ones is Hanukkah. This holiday is celebrated in the Jewish culture. It is usually celebrated by eating lots of food, lighting the Menorah, and spinning dreidels. It is one of the more well known holidays. Another holiday is Diwali, or better known as the festival of lights. It is a five day holiday celebrating the victory of good over evil, and celebration of life. This holiday will sometimes take place in October or November. Each day has a different legend that it celebrates, the holiday is filled with lots of feasts, spending time with families, and fireworks. This holiday is determined on the Hindu Lunisolar calendar. Los Posadas is also celebrated this time of year, it goes December 16th through December 24th. It is usually celebrated by Hispanic families in the United States. It is a nine day celebration before Christmas day, there are many candles, songs singing, and sometimes there are even parades! Every night of Los Posadas is celebrated with tamales, songs, gifts, and prayers. Kwanzaa is also a holiday celebrated by many people around the world. It is a seven day holiday that celebrates African Culture. It Begins on December 26th and ends on January first. It is celebrated by giving gifts to loved ones, lighting the Kinara, and discussing the history. No matter how you celebrate this holiday season, do it with the ones you love and enjoy.



## Top 10 gifts for Christmas gifts

By Anessa Colglazier

This Christmas is coming very soon. Here are some christmas gift ideas for your kids. Some Christmas gifts for teenage girls are:

- 1.Clothes/shoes - Every girl wants to look good in what she is wearing.
- 2.Makeup (Glossier,Fenty Beauty, Kylie Jenner) - Make sure your girl puts her best face forward.
- 3.Room decoration (vines,record players, chunky blanket,salt lap)- Face it, most teenagers spend most of their time in their rooms so they might as well be comfortable.
- 4.Jewelry (earrings,name necklaces,jewelry holder,rings) - Have you met a girl who doesn't like to sparkle?
- 5.Fragrant soaps and lotions ( Cerave,star face,and The Ordinary) - No body wants to stink.
- 6.hair supplies (straightener and curler) - Hair has to look!

Some Christmas gift ideas for teenage boys

- 1.Playstation 5 - Even the "older" boys would love this.
- 2.Xbox series x - Video games are always a good way to go.
- 3.Sports stuff - This would work great for the high school sports player.
- 4.Electronics - Gift givers can never go wrong with electronics.
- 5.Clothes - A hoodie is a great gift during these cold months and stylish too.

# Mrs. Krening Leaving Us

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO- As many should now Mrs.Krening will unfortunately be leaving our school and moving to Fort Morgan. Some people may still be wondering why she's leaving, Mrs.Krening has accepted to being the Learning Lab Coordinator for their district. Although Mrs.Krening loves watching her students succeed she claims " I am very sad about leaving, it was a hard decision to make and one that took a lot of thinking and talking about to do, I love the students that I have here." She has been with the school teaching for four years,although she had come to really love American History and Government/Economics; although Mrs.Krening did not enjoy teaching American History at first she began to love it after all this time. Mrs.Krening was the JH volleyball coach and the girls JH assistant basketball coach, even though she has fun coaching and watching girls improve she will not be coaching at her new school because she really wants to focus on her teaching,although if a coaching job appears she might take it up only as the assistant coach.Her husband and her plan on staying long term in Fort Morgan it's a lot closer to her husband's parents. She would also love to get a degree in school counseling! Her favorite thing about Holyoke is living in a small community, before holyoke she had lived in Loveland. Her least favorite thing about Holyoke is feeling so isolated from her family, it mostly consists of long trips just to see her or her husband's family.



# Classic Christmas Movies

By: Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - This is the first half of the best Christmas movies to watch this season. Today will be focusing on five classic Christmas movies. The first is White Christmas. White Christmas is a movie released in 1954 which is about Bob Wallace, Phil Davis, Betty, and Judy Haynes, a foursome who helps General Waverly with his financial trouble. The second one is How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966). It is about the Grinch's journey to loving Christmas. Miracle on 34th Street is the third. Miracle on 34th Street is about an old Man named Kris Kringle who fills in for Santa in the Macy's annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. He becomes so popular that he begins claiming that he is Santa, which leads to a court case. Home Alone is the fourth. Home Alone is about a kid who got left a home during a family trip and must fend off two robbers. The fifth is a Christmas Carol.

This all time favorite is about an old man who doesn't believe in Christmas anymore, so his dead friend takes him on an adventure which brings back his Christmas spirit.





# Quarantine Teaching

By, Ben Kleve

HOLYOKE, CO- With a massive spike in cases of COVID-19 in Phillips County, Holyoke School District decided to do distance learning the week before Thanksgiving. The decision was made the Friday before which gave teachers time to do a mad dash to prepare. Many people worry about the students and the effects it is having on them to do distance learning. The ones who are being forgotten or taken for granted are the teachers. Their list of responsibilities increases when we go online along with new issues never experienced before. One of the main issues was students turning off camera during a lesson and then simply walking away. Teachers were having to kick students out of meetings at the end because they were not there to log off. There is a Distance Learning Handbook put out by the district on their website that addresses this issue and many others. One issue that was felt by the teachers the week we came back was the lack of students turning in assignments. The AOC list on the Monday we returned from distance learning was the longest it has ever been. Many students made the assumption that work did not count because it did not count in the spring when we did distance learning. Many issues were face and solved in our latest round of online learning. We will be ready if we have to do another round of distance learning.



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## Quarantine: Online Learning

By: Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- This week I am doing remote learning. It is a lot easier to focus during school when I go into my room because it is quiet. I definitely recommend going to a quiet place in your home if you're online; because I get work done faster because of that. Something that has been kind of a pain is my internet. Sometimes when I try and do my work my internet stops and my chromebook just starts loading. That was kind of a pain when I couldn't do my NWEA test and it started me all over again. Personally I think that online school is harder. This is because I don't feel as motivated to turn my things in and do my work, I don't want to go on the google meets, and It's hard not being able to socialize with anybody, and just be stuck at home all day. Some tips I would give other students are make sure you're checking your email and google class room regularly, so that you know what's going on, and if There are any new assignments. Another tip that I think would help other students is ask for help. It makes it a lot easier when you know what is going on or what you're doing. Don't be afraid to ask for help. I personally don't like online school as much as some other people do, because when I don't have a routine like i usually do in the morning I just don't feel motivated enough to do school work.



# The Results are In!

By Dahiria Castillo

UNITED STATES - Joe Biden is the next president of the United States of America. Although Arizona, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Georgia are still in the process of going through a lawsuit, Joe Biden was announced as the new president. In Biden's acceptable speech he said, "The people of this nation have spoken. They delivered us a clear victory. A convincing victory. A victory for "We the People." Biden also promised to be a president who "doesn't see then red and blue states, but the United States."



Current President Trump's administration said President Trump is ready for President-Elect Biden to start his transition into the White House. On Election night President Trump seemed to be in the lead but towards morning President-Elect Biden was ahead of Trump. The nation waited on Nevada, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina and Arizona for the final results and the race to 270 had us all on edge. In the end the results were, Biden won 25 states, including District of Columbia, with 306 electoral votes and Trump won 25 states with 232. Biden had stolen 5 states from Trump. Biden only needed to win one state to reach the goal of 270; while Trump needed five states which included one stolen from President-Elect Biden.

## Dragons vs Badgers

By Mason Sprague

Holyoke CO- A Rivalry match can be intense and the Dragons went against the Badgers. Last year, the Dragons lost to the Badgers and we unfortunately lost to them again this year. Dragons lost to them 41-15 and the Badgers took the victory. The game happened on November 21 at 1:00 in Limon. The Dragons were winning in the first quarter 7-0. Joey Beckner was the kicker for this game. Then the Dragons started losing but we held against them in the second half. There are three seniors that are leaving this year, Ethan Andersen, Joey Beckner, and Aaron Sierra and sadly that was their last game for High School football. The Dragons got a few calls for pass interference and the Badgers scored on a few throws. Wyatt Sprague threw a ball to Miles Sprague for the first touchdown. The Badgers went against the Eagles and won against them too after their win against us. This will be their third year going to the state championship. The Dragons had 18 players on field due to other players getting quarantined. The Dragon's bleachers were full due to giving all their tickets away. Overall the Dragons finished the regular season 5-2 and are looking forward to next year's season for high school football.



# Study Tips For Students

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO- As finals are coming up, students are scrambling to learn all of the information that they will need to pass. To do well in your finals, you have to study, and that could get overwhelming when you have eight classes to study for. To do better and consume more information when you study, you will need to find a space where you feel comfortable. It is harder to learn information when you are anxious or uncomfortable, so you may want to find a spot for



yourself where you feel that you learn best. For some students, background noise helps. If you are one of these students, you can listen to music or turn the television on for background noise. On the other hand, some students find noise distracting, and they need absolute silence. If you are one of these students, you can put headphones on and do not play music. You could also just find a quiet, isolated place where you can focus. Some students are already confident in themselves, and feel that they do not need to study. Even if you feel this way, we suggest that you still study. Even if you know the information, it does not hurt to double check and make sure that you are 100 percent ready. On behalf of the Dragon Times staff, good luck on your finals!

## Dragon Weekly

**Monday, Dec. 7:** Breakfast: banana/chocolate chunk bar

Lunch: burgers, baked beans, turkey/cheese sandwich

**Tuesday, Dec. 8:** Breakfast: ham/cheese biscuit

Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, ham/cheese bagel melt

**Wednesday, Dec. 9:** Breakfast: oatmeal/chocolate chip bar

Lunch: Holiday Meal (turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, ect.)

