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HOLYOKE

# DRAGON TIMES

## Happening in Dragon Country

Welcome back Dragons. We are so excited to be starting a new semester with you. There are lots of things happening in Dragon Country. Check here for school menus, sporting events, and community events each week.

Saturday , Jan. 9: Storytelling Lab @ Inklings

### Week of Jan 11-15

Open Gym - Girls and Boys Basketball

JH BB Praticice (after school all week)

Monday: American Legion/ VFW

Tuesday: Rural FPD Mtg., MMHF Brd Mtg.,

Jolly Dozen Club

Wednesday: Standards of Excellence Mtg 4 PM,

Thursday: JH Boys Basketball Game Home  
Lions Club Mtg.

Friday: 1/2 Day - School Releases at 11:59 AM.  
Bilingual Storytime at the Library

### Breakfast

### Lunch

Mon - Pancake  
Breakfast  
Sandwich

Hamburger steak and Gravy  
Cheese Pizza  
Chicken Bacon Cheese Melt  
BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger  
Hot Dog

Tues - Oatmeal  
Chocolate Chip Bar

Alfredo Chicken Pasta  
Cheese Pizza  
Chicken Sandwich  
Turkey BLT  
Cheeseburger

Wed- Ham, Egg  
and Cheese on an  
English Muffin

Soft Beef Taco  
Cheese Pizza  
Spicy Chicken Sandwich  
Jalapeno Cheeseburger  
Chicken Nuggets

Thurs- Sausage,  
Egg and Cheese  
Bagel

Beef Stroganoff  
Cheese Pizza  
Chicken Patty Sandwich  
Cheeseburger  
Chicken Tender

Fri- Cinnamon  
Toast Crunch  
Cereal

Manager's Choice

## Announcements














\* The Dragon Times staff would like to welcome two new members to the Dragon Family. Mr. Stumpf is now teaching social studies and Mrs. Hutches is teaching English.

# Basketball Starting

By: Mason Sprague

HOLYOKE CO- Did you think that sports were canceled this school year? Well, they are not because basketball season is starting. Basketball season is for both high school and junior high. The season will be put in a 5 or 6 week time period. High school basketball's first practice is on the 18th and junior high boys first practice is on the 7th. Highschool basketball's first game will be Fri. Jan. 15 at 7:30 pm at Wray. JH boys' first game is on Thurs. Jan. 14, here vs Merino at 4:00 am they only have 7 days of practice. They only have five games until the Championship. JH girls start in February. When players are on and off the court, they will have to wear a mask, as well as having to social distance on the sidelines. There will be breathing breaks every four minutes for players. This year highschool has a new coach, Colby Stumpf. Colby Stumpf had shown the basketball boys new, fun drills. Their first game is in Nebraska and they don't wear masks on the court. Alec Sprague is excited about this basketball season and as a senior he is going to make the most out of it. Cody Maloney hasn't played basketball for two years and is now playing JH basketball. He is both excited and happy to be back in basketball. He likes the coaches, but he already has had Aaron Sprague as a coach. Alejandro Rojas is excited to play basketball again ,but is sad that it is a short season.

## Basketball Schedule

UP NEXT	
AWAY GAME Non-League	
 Holyoke 0-0	 Perkins County 3-5
<b>Tue, 1/26</b> TBA	
<b>PREVIEW</b>	
 Scoretracker Be the scorer	
 Live Broadcast Watch the game	
<b>Fri, 1/29</b> 6:30 PM	 Otis Home • Non-League
<b>Sat, 1/30</b> 2:00 PM	 Caliche (Iiff) Away • Non-League
<b>Fri, 2/5</b> 7:00 PM	 Yuma Away • League
<b>Fri, 2/12</b> 8:00 PM	 Akron Home • League
<b>Tue, 2/16</b> 4:00 PM	 Caliche (Iiff) Away • Non-League
<b>Tue, 2/23</b> 7:30 PM	 Haxtun Home • Non-League
<b>Fri, 2/26</b> 7:30 PM	 Wray Away • League
<b>Tue, 3/2</b> 6:00 PM	 Burlington Away • Non-League
<b>Fri, 3/5</b> 7:30 PM	 Limon Home • Non-League

Holyoke JH Boys Basketball Schedule 2021	
<b>Thurs., Jan. 14, 2021</b>	Holyoke vs Merino 4:00 pm
<b>Tues., Jan. 19, 2021</b>	Holyoke @ Haxtun 4:00 pm
<b>Thurs., Jan. 21, 2021</b>	Holyoke vs Sedg. Co. 4:00 pm
<b>Mon., Jan. 25, 2021</b>	Holyoke @ Akron 4:00 pm
<b>Thurs., Jan. 28, 2021</b>	Holyoke @ Caliche 5:00 pm
<b>Mon., Feb. 1, 2021</b>	East/West Championship @ East Site TBA

[https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/holyoke-dragons-\(holyoke,co\)/basketball/schedule.htm](https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/holyoke-dragons-(holyoke,co)/basketball/schedule.htm)

# Professional Sports

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - There are many things happening in the world of sports right now. For football, the NCAA Playoffs are happening this month. In the championship, the Alabama Crimson Tide and The Ohio State Buckeyes are playing on Monday, January 11th. For the NFL, the playoffs start Saturday, January 9th. The teams that are playing on Saturday are the Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Bills, Los Angeles Rams, Seattle Seahawks, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the Washington Football Team. On Sunday, January 10th, the teams that are playing are the Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Titans, Chicago Bears, New Orleans Saints, Cleveland Browns, and the Pittsburgh Steelers. All the NFL teams that are playing this week are competing for a spot in the Divisional Round the following weekend. Most teams will not be allowing fans in attendance, but some teams will be allowing a couple thousand. The 2 teams that got a first round bye are the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs. The NBA just started a few weeks ago on December 22nd. All teams are playing at their normal stadium, but just with no fans. All players on the bench are also socially distanced. The NBA season will end sometime in July. For the NHL, their season is starting on January 13th. The training camps began January 3rd. Right now, they are playing in their normal stadium. Some teams will be allowing some people to come and watch, but most teams won't.

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# National Western Stock Show Postponed

By Layna Wear

DENVER CO - Thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 115th National Western Stock show has been postponed until January of 2022. The last time the Stock Show was canceled and rescheduled was back in 1922, due to an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease, according to The Denver Post. The Stock Show, which runs for 16 days in January, draws over 700,000 attendees. It helps with the tourism of the state and makes lots of money, but unfortunately, it had to be canceled due to being unable to comply with the Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions. The decision was made back in September to postpone in consideration to everyone who attends. The exhibitors did not need to schedule around it and spend money to get there, only to find that it was all wasted. According to several sources, every option was reviewed and exhausted in an attempt to keep the show going. A modified show and reduced capacity was thought about, as well as having the show virtual, both of which still couldn't comply with the restrictions and guidelines set. The National Western Stock Show supports 4-H and FFA, so naturally, many groups would take trips up to watch and partake in the festivities. Mrs. Strecker's class was just one of the many FFA groups that would take a trip up to the Stock Show. Currently, they are working on figuring out what to do instead of going to the Stock Show, but it should be just as fun.



# Covid-19 vs. Economics

Grace Whisenhunt

EARTH - Covid-19 has had a major effect on the businesses around the world. Unfortunately, it has caused several businesses to completely shut down. They have not been able to get enough profit from having to shut down for a period of time. Luckily, the major corporations have been able to survive because of online shopping and other forms of Covid safe shopping strategies. However, small and local businesses that are not well-known have either shut down, or taken a major hit to their finances. This causes a chain reaction of not being able to afford more inventory, causing the customers that they do have to go to other stores for the missing items. Then, the business loses customers, pushing them to close permanently. The closing of so many businesses has caused many local economies to become much more unstable than they were before. Covid-19 has caused many major corporations to gain much more profit. The cause of this is charging for shipping and delivery, maybe even having someone drop it off at your home. The local economics around the globe have taken a major hit to the economics, and, hopefully, 2021 will be kinder to business owners.



# Creative Writing Club

Grace Whisenhunt

A Creative Writing Club has recently launched in our very own school! The club will take place every Tuesday after school, and all writers are welcome, along with any form of writing that they prefer. If you would like, there is extra guidance and ideas to develop stories on your own that you might not get in core English classes. There will be a slam that members can participate in monthly if they would like. The club will take place in Mrs. Kleve's classroom every Tuesday from 3:37 pm - 5:00 pm. Both Junior High and High School students are welcome to participate. For further details, read through the document that was sent through the school email.



# Soul

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - Disney's Pixar came out with a new film on Christmas called Soul. This new film is about Joe Gardner (voiced by Jamie Foxx), a middle school band teacher from New York who has a loving interest in jazz music. He's particularly brilliant at it as well. His life hasn't been going exactly the way he has been hoping. When Joe lands his first gig something goes wrong and he ends up in the "You Seminar" world as a mentor. He meets a small soul named 22 (voiced by Tina Gray) in which he must help mentor her to meet all the requirements she needs so she can go to Earth and he can return as well. Although 22 doesn't have any interest in going to Earth what-so-ever, she accidentally falls into Joe's body and has to live his life while they figure out how to get her back to the "You Seminar." They meet another soul named Moonwind (voiced by Graham Norton) on their journey of searching for the last personality trait 22 needs for her Earth Patch. This movie would be perfect to watch with family! You can watch the movie on Disney+. Soul got a 96% rating on Rotten Tomatoes and an 8.2/10 on IMDb.



# Upcoming Movies

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - Soul isn't the only new movie coming up. Pixar has three other films it plans to release. The first film is called Luca which is set to be released on June 18, 2021. The film is about a young boy named Luca. He spends his summer in a seaside town on the Italian Riviera having fun eating pasta and having never-ending scooter rides around this beautiful town. He meets another young boy and quickly befriends him. Their fun is soon spoiled by a deep, dark secret.



Monsters are in the sea just under the surface. The second film is called Turning Red set to be released in the spring of 2022. This story is about Mei Lee a thirteen-year-old girl who has trouble deciding whether she wants to be her mothers sweet daughter or a reckless ball of chaos. Her interest, relationships, and body all change but as if that wasn't enough when she gets a little too excited over practically anything she turns into a huge red panda! The third film called Lightyear is about Buzz Lightyear and the story about his origin. The hero behind the toy's inspiration is revealed to be a young test pilot. Not much information or summary about the film is out yet but it is known that the film is set to come to theaters in Summer 2022.



# MEMES

ByKenzie Rau

WHEN YOUR TEACHER KEEPS TALKING AFTER THE BELL RINGS



When your mom tells you to go in the store to buy something and gives you \$10 but the total comes to 12.38

Teacher: calls on you when you didn't know the answer  
You:

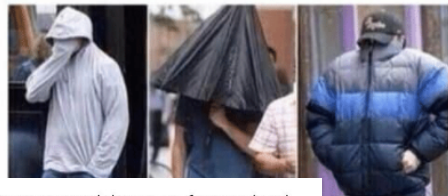


Spanish teacher: Yelling at a student for using google translate.

Everyone else: Closing their tab.



When you see people from school in public



me : "so what did you get on the test"  
friend : "it's so bad, like i only got 95%"  
me : "oh, i got 38%"  
friend : "omg thats so good!"  
me :



When your mom pick you up from school early



adam @brokeangel

Follow

middle aged white women after putting up a sign over the doorway in their kitchen that reads "la vie est belle"

french dixie normous



Mom: "Come help me get the groceries out of the car"

Me:



# Covid Stimulus Check

By Anessa Colglazier

On December 27, 2020 President Donald Trump signed a \$900 billion stimulus bill. Many Americans are upset because they did not get the money immediately - according to cbsnews.com. There are several requirements to be able to receive the stimulus check, you must be a citizen of America and you need to be 18+. Each adult in the family is entitled to \$600 each. Parents can expect to receive an additional \$600 per child claimed on 2019 taxes. About two-thirds of the second round stimulus checks have already hit American's bank accounts. President Trump wanted to make the economy better because of the amount of jobs lost due to covid. 59% of the Americans used it to pay bills/house bills.. Most family are struggling financially and it is hard to make ends meet. With winter coming and heating bills going up with the temperatures going down, many Americans, who cannot work because of Covid restrictions, need this money just to keep their families warm. While there are some families where this money will be a surplus in their monthly budgets, 59% of the Americans used it to pay bills/house bills. This check will not solve all the problems Covid has caused, but it might just make this month a little easier for some.





# #fightthefunk

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO-As many may know the Fight The Funk challenge is a social media challenge that many kids from Holyoke and the surrounding towns have been involved in. This challenge was started to help raise awareness for kids that have/had been struggling with mental health. People involving themselves in this challenge want people that are struggling to know that they aren't alone and that there are others there for them. It all started when the northeastern part of Colorado was invited to join the #fightthefunk challenge by the Merino High School Wellness committee. Students had a lot taken away from them in the past year, and Kdaen Piel, a Merino freshman decided to make a difference. He wanted to help his peers and classmates connect with each other to try to fight through it all. This challenge has spread all around the northeastern area of Colorado catching the attention of Dalton Risner who is currently a part of the Denver Broncos. He had made a video explaining that he too has very bad days and struggles too, but admits that he always has something to be thankful for. His video has over 230 shares and 12.5k views, sharing to everyone that he is the same as them and goes through the same problems. Bobby Jones, a motivational speaker who had come and spoke with our school last year has also spoken on this and shared his words of encouragement. This whole challenge is about finding hope and encouragement through all the disappointment, stress, and everything that might be a struggle. The link to Dalton Risner's video will be down below.

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