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HOLYOKE

# DRAGON TIMES

There are lots of things happening in Dragon Country. Check here for school menus, sporting events, and community events each week.

## Week of Jan 25-29

Monday: JH BB @ Akron 4PM, Booster Club 6:30

Tuesday: HS BB @ Grant 4:15 PM BJV, BV

Wednesday:

Thursday: HS WR here w/ Akron, Burlington, Merino 5PM, JH BB @ Caliche 5PM.

Friday: NO SCHOOL, HS SW @ Eaton 5 PM, HS BB here w/ Otis 4PM BJV, GV, BV

Saturday: HS WR @ Flemming 10:30 AM, HS BB here w/ Brush 2PM BJV, GV, BV

### Breakfast

### Lunch

Mon -Sausage/Egg  
on Croissant

Lasagna Pasta Bake  
Cheese Pizza  
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich  
Turkey BLT

Tues -Sausage/Egg/  
Cheese English  
Muffin

Chicken Quesadilla  
Cheese Pizza  
Chicken Sandwich  
Ham Sub

Wed- Benefit Bar

Beef/Cheese/Bean  
Enchiladas  
Cheese Pizza  
Chicken Sandwich

Thurs- Egg/Ham/  
Cheese Waffle

Swedish Meatballs  
Cheese Pizza  
Chicken Biscuit Sandwich

Fri-No School

## Announcements

Construction has begun in the new gym and will be on going. There will be guests in the building to complete this work. Please be courteous and helpful if you can. They will be working as hard and as quickly as they can so we can go back to playing games in the "New, New" gym. Watch the Dragon Times for updates on construction.

# FCCLA Sound System

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO-For an FCCLA project being held up by Elyce Sisseck, Grace Roberts, and Aledia Millan, they are holding a walk-a-thon to raise money for a new sound system. This walk-a-thon will be held between Feb. 8-11. At first they had talked about getting a new lunch room but shortly after realized that it would be a better project later on, so when they heard that we were getting a new gym they decided this would be the easiest to just do a walk-a-thon. At the longest they are hoping this project will only take 2-3 months, they are also hoping to have at least 20-30 people participating. Mrs.Ortner has been helping to guide the theme through this project with hopes of raising a goal of \$1,500. Although it may not seem as easy, here are the steps to get involved with the walk-a-thon.

- Join the classroom to see all the information, if you have trouble joining it email Mrs.Ortner.
- You need to gather at least 5 pledges on your form from business or individuals in the community, then they choose how much money they want you to earn per each 1,00 steps you take on the day it takes place.
- By February 4th you need to have your pledge turned into Mrs.Ortner.
- Make sure you have an app or something that will be able to track your steps.
- At the end of each day there will be an assignment in the classroom that shows you were to put a picture or ss of how many steps you had walked.
- Once your steps have been verified you need to go to the people who had pledged for you and collect the money.
- On February 24th you will need to turn in all your money, and will get recognition for the new sound system.



# Different Order, Same Sports

By Annessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE, CO -The female students in Holyoke are not facing issues that many female college students are facing. According to one study done by a Elizabeth Sharrow, an assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts “researchers found notable differences by gender – specifically a 20.75% decrease in support when it comes to protecting equality during COVID-19,” (1) with many cuts to women’s sports at the collegiate level. The coronavirus has been an excuse many colleges are using to cut sports or funding for many women’s sports programs. For example, William & Mary cut “women’s swimming, volleyball and gymnastics teams” (2) citing funding issues due to Covid-19. They are now facing a title IX lawsuit because those cuts produced an uneven balance of men’s vs. women’s sports at that college.

Holyoke school district is blessed to not be facing those issues right now. Our superintendent, Mr. Stumpf, principal, Mrs. Powell, and especially, the athletic director, Mr. Baumgartner have worked tirelessly to ensure students of all genders will get the same opportunities to play sports. Mr. Baumgartner has worked with many people to get the Holyoke Dragons a season. The athletic directors in our region “tried to follow CHASA’s schedule for sports,” according to Mr. Baumgartner, which is how the schedule for junior high sports is made in a regular school year. He has worked with CHASA, the local health department and others who play in our region. When the school year began, the only sport that was played was football and now we are currently able to play high school girls and boys basketball as well as junior high boy’s basketball. While there was some rumbling from the 7th and 8th grade girl students about junior high boys getting to play two sports before the girls got to play one. According to Mrs.Powell, "The girls will get to play the same amount of sports as last year, but they will be back to back." In normal years, boys get to go first for basketball,so it doesn't make a big difference for the basketball season. So, whatever sport the high school students play, the junior high students play too. That's why the boys got to play football. Unfortunately for the girls, there is no junior high softball which is the sport the high school girls played in the fall. Timing might not be ideal for junior high girls who have been waiting since August to play any sport, but many are thankful to still be able to play at all after watching sports at the collegiate level fall apart during this pandemic. Girls will begin practice for volleyball on March 1st with the first game on March 8th.

1. <https://www.masslive.com/news/2020/07/umass-professor-says-study-shows-covid-1>
2. <https://wydaily.com/local-news/2020/11/06/heres-how-much-it-cost-wm-to-avoid-a-t>

# Inauguration

By: Kenzie Rau

WASHINGTON DC- The inauguration of Joe Biden held was Wednesday, January 20th 2021 at 10:00 am. An inauguration is a process of swearing someone into the office of the President of the United States. Chief Justice Roberts had the privilege of swearing in President Joe Biden as the 46th President. The President's speech had a tone of civility and unity. He asked the American people who did not vote for him to give him a chance, and to "take measure of [him] and [his] heart." President Biden also assured Americans that he is not going to be President for just those who voted for him, but he "will be President for all Americans." It was a stark contrast to speeches of the past. He stated that he is not in this for "power, but possibilities." He left those who listened left with a sense of a man who is not going to propagate division, but work towards reuniting our scarred country.

Many famous people turned out for this event. Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez and Garth Brooks all treated the audience to musical performances during the event. America was also introduced to our youth poet laureate, Amanda Gorman. She was a highlight of the event and has youth and adults across the country talking about poetry and getting excited about writing and reading it again



# New Gym Renovation

By: Roslynn Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- For a good start to the new year the Holyoke High school is currently beginning a renovation on the new gym. New lights have already been installed and in the next couple of months we will see new safer bleachers and a new playing surface on the floor. This project is being funded through donations from both community business and individual sponsors. The school has so far received donations from the following individuals and businesses:

Sprague Brothers Transportation - Floor Sponsor

First Pioneer National Bank - Floor Sponsor

Holyoke Credit Union - Floor Sponsor

Melissa Memorial Hospital - Floor Sponsor

Holyoke Veterinary Service - Individual Sponsor

Ballyneal - Banner

Baucke Funeral Home - Banner

Phillips County Abstract - Banner

Holyoke Enterprise - Banner

Lighthouse Realty - Banner



Several students in FCCLA are also helping fund the new sound system that will be put in. The group is hosting a walk-a-thon for students to raise money for the sound system. They are calling it "Fight the Funk For a New Sound System." They are asking Holyoke Jr./Sr. High students get donations for every 1000 steps walked. The walk will begin on Feb 8th and conclude Feb. 11th. If you want to help with the renovation costs, you could contact a student who is doing the walk-a-thon or reach out the Holyoke School District Administration office at (970) 854-2284



# Dear Spike,

By Dahirra Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - Do you have any silly stories, juicy confessions, or any questions you just NEED to tell someone? Well Spike, our beloved mascot, has an email and is waiting for your messages! You can email him at [spike@hcosd.org](mailto:spike@hcosd.org). If you send a message to be published such as a confession, story, etc. we will keep your name anonymous unless you would like to have it published with your name. Spike loves to message and keep in contact with his fellow dragons! A couple years ago we had an advice column and bringing it back would be a wonderful way to be interactive with our dragon family. Messages sent to Spike must be school appropriate and friendly. Rude messages sent will not be tolerated and will be reported. If you would like your story to be featured in our next paper send a message today! A student in our journalism class states, "Its a good way for the kids to be more connected with our school." This email is available for students and staff to message.

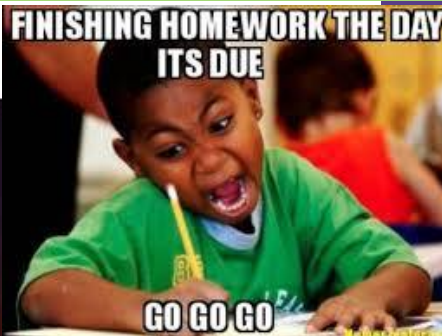


# Memes

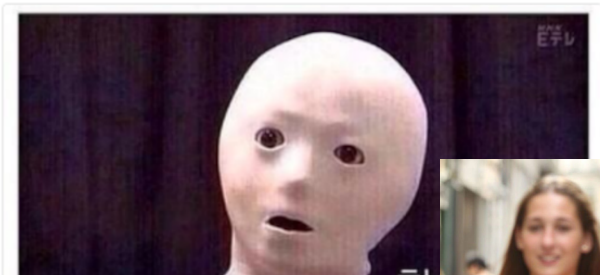
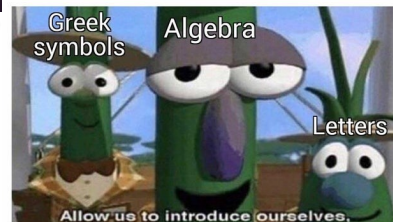
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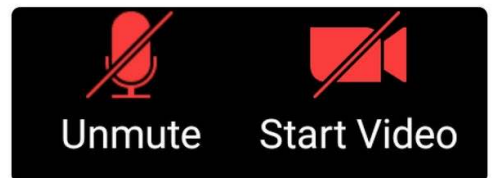
when u clean out ur binder and the next day teacher asks for a worksheet u threw away



5th Grade me: "Math is my favourite subject. It's so fun and it's also very easy"



name a better duo. I'll wait.



# New Creative Writing Club

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO - The Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School has recently adopted a new after school club. This club, the Creative Writing Club, takes place every Tuesday from the time the final bell rings to five o'clock. Club members enter Mrs. Kleve's room, take a seat anywhere in the classroom, and pull out their supplies to start working. Mrs. Kleve has advice and pointers on how to improve the stories of the participants. Usually, the assistance develops some aspect of your story, whether it be getting to know your characters better, developing your plot, or discovering ideas that you may have never thought of before that. Participants are not required to take part in the lessons; they are just to help get your story off of the ground. Once you start working on your writing, there are not many guidelines. Mrs. Kleve has to report anything that she believes could be harmful to you or others, but it's pretty free other than that. The type of writing that a person does really depends on them.



Some people write realistic fiction, some fantasy, some even like poetry. Anything that inspires the author, they may write. There are some general rules, as previously listed, given that this is a school-run club, but it's generally open to everything. The club has some plans for the future. On club events, Mrs. Kleve says, "We are looking for short story contests that have no entry fee for participants." Although, there is no definite yes or no yet. For students who would like to join, there is no age group that can or cannot join. Any grade from seventh to twelfth grade. The club is really open to all who go to Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School.

## Coming Soon...

Heard of Amanda Gorman? Next week, we will be writing about her amazing performance at the inauguration. Her poem spoke volumes, inspiring poets of all ages from everywhere in the United States. From the corners of North-Eastern Colorado, to the big, lively streets of New York, young poets have awoken to share their pieces. Tune in next week for details on this American wonder!



# Introducing Wolves to Colorado

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE CO - Governor Jared Polis is rushing the communion to hurry up and get wolves integrated into Colorado. The idea of integrating Gray Wolves into Colorado has good intentions, but brings issues along with it, says Grace Whisenhunt. For example, the issue of wolves killing off livestock has been brought up. The government had to state in the bill that if a wolf kills off a rancher's livestock, the government will pay that rancher back for his loss. Which still doesn't cover everything they put into that animal to begin with. It also brings up the problem of having two different environments and those animals being accustomed to their current environment and everything in it. The wolves are used to their territory now, but how would they react when moved to another state. The wolves that will be introduced to Colorado are wolves from Wyoming. Bringing up the point that the climate in Wyoming is different from the climate in Colorado. Wyoming is colder and the wind blows more than it does in Colorado, how would the wolves adjust? They might have more fur because it is colder, so it might take them a little while to grow a thinner coat. There will possibly be plants that the wolves have never seen before; they could either avoid them, or they could investigate them. There are other predatory animals in Colorado, so there are possibilities that when introduced to the wolves they will react violently or in some threatening way. The wolves might help decrease the population of elk and other animals that are their normal prey, as well as being more competition for the animals that are currently living in Colorado.



## Gray Wolves

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE CO - Gray wolves are the most well known breed of wolves in the United States. Gray wolves are known for their iconic gray fur, with other dark shades included. Their diet consists of large mammals such as, elk, deer, and bison, as well as smaller mammals like beavers, rodents, and hares. In a single meal, an adult wolf can eat up to twenty pounds. They used to cover over two thirds of the United States, but now they reside in Alaska, northern Michigan, northern Wisconsin, western Montana, northern Idaho, northeast Oregon, and the Yellowstone area of Wyoming, according to The National Wildlife Federation. Wolves can thrive in all sorts of environments and conditions, from the Alaskan tundra, all the way to the deserts of New Mexico. They were hunted ruthlessly tough, leading up to them becoming a focus for conservation efforts. Currently, Gray Wolves are not on the Endangered Species list. Wolf packs usually contain five to nine wolves, but can have as many as fifteen wolves. They hunt within a territory that could be 50 square miles to over 1,000 square miles.





# Upcoming Movies

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - Many new Disney movies are coming this year and next year. Most of us all know that a movie called "Soul" came out on Christmas which is about a man that has a near death experience and gets stuck in the afterlife. Another Disney movie that is coming out in March is "Raya and the Last Dragon", which takes place in Ancient Asia. Some Marvel Movies that will be coming out this year are "Black Widow, Shang-Chi and The Legend of the Ten Rings, and Eternals." In June, a movie called "Luca" will be released which is about a boy living on the Italian Riviera who discovers sea monsters living underwater. "Cruella" is about the villain Cruella de Vil in "101 Dalmatians." "Jungle Cruise" which includes Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt will be released July 30th. In November, a movie called "Encanto" will be out in theaters. "Encanto" is about a magical family who live in the mountains in Colombia. Other movies coming this year are "Free Guy, Dark Water, The Beatles: Get Back, The Last Duel, and West Side Story." In early 2022, "Nimona, Turning Red, Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, and Thor: Love and Thunder." Mason Sprague is looking forward to any upcoming Marvel movie the most because he really likes them.



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# JH Basketball

By Mason Sprague

JH Basketball boys played their second game this season and it was a good game. Their first game of the season was against Merino here at Holyoke. Merino did not have a C team. B team sadly lost 27-31. This was a close game with Colby Weber playing the whole game and scoring some 3 pointers. The A team won 35-25. They played Haxtun at Haxtun on Jan 19 at 4 pm. The C team played first and won the game 31-28. This was C teams first game of the season. B team lost their game. That leaves the B team 1-1 for this season. Reid Sprague scored 17 points overall against Haxtun. Haxtun scored a three pointer a little over the half court line with no more than a second on the clock. We headed into overtime tied with Haxtun. In overtime we scored six points and Haxtun scored two points. A team took the win 33-29. Teagan Martin said, "I'm excited for the tournament, because they are fun." Their next game was against Segwick. Sedgwick doesn't have a C team.

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## Meme

