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

Week of Jan. 31- Feb. 5 (FBLA WEEK)

Monday: JH BB Championship JH WR practice starts

Breakfast

Lunch

Tuesday: HS BB @ Byers

Mon -Benefit Bar

Chicken Sandwich
BBQ Burger
Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday: FBLA CTE Meeting, FCCLA District Interviews

Tues -Chicken and Waffle

Chicken Nuggets
Cheese Pizza
Chicken/Bacon/Cheddar
Cheese Burger

Thursday: FBLA Leadership Conference, HS SW @ Estes Park, HS WR @ Llmon, JH GB @ Caliche

Wed-
Chicken/Cheese on English muffin

BBQ Pork Sandwich
Cheese Pizza
Chicken/Bacon/Cheddar
Jalepeno Burger

Friday: Early Release, NHS Interviews, HS BB @ Yuma, HS WR @ Platte Valley

Thurs-
Sausage/Egg on Croissant

Cheese/Sausage Calzone
Cheese Pizza
Chicken Sandwich
Ham Sandwich

Saturday: HS BB @ Merino

Fri- Benefit Bar

Half day - Manager's Choice

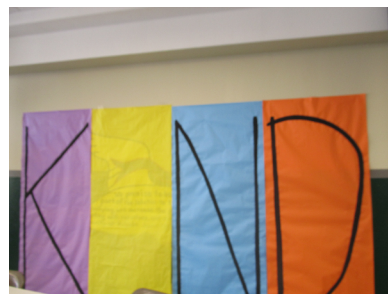
Be the "i" in KIND Campaign

Please take a moment to stop by the Junior High Commons and become the "i" in KIND. This is a new social media campaign to encourage kindness in our school. Take your pic and upload it to Instagram...make sure to tag @HHS_DRAGONS_SPIRIT_CLUB **and** one of the following social media ambassadors:

@karlieerae @cody_maloney18 @klevemax

@ethan.schneller @chloiemetzger

to be entered into the prize drawing at the end of February.



Gym Renovation Update

Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- It's not the "New Gym" and the "Old gym" anymore. Now it will be "New New Gym" and the "Old Gym." The school is renovating the gym for the 2021 school year, and many more years to come. "Bleacher Restorators of Colorado" are currently taking out the bleachers, and part of the hardwood floor. According to Mr. Rahe, from the admisnistartion office, "Most of the wood coming off the bleachers is usable." That being said, whatever is left will be given to the Ag department to use for wood projects and some will be sold to the community at a later date. The date for the wood will be able to sell to the community is currently unavailable. They are thinking that it is going to take around 3 weeks to take out, and put in the bleachers. Hardwooden Bleachers are a thing of the past. The new Bleachers in the "New New Gym" will be made of composite plastic. "Big Top Seating Company" is partnering with "Bleacher Restorators of Colorado" to finish the seating in the "New New Gym."



Check back in next week for more updates!

Amanda Gorman

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO - With our new president, Joe Biden, in office, there is a new poet laureate as well. She is a youth poet, and has inspired poets of all ages around the nation. 22 year old Amanda Gorman read a beautiful poem at President Biden's inauguration, moving people and touching the hearts of everyone who had the pleasure to hear it. Ms. Gorman spoke about the future of America, using poetry as an outlet to spark a flame of inspiration in Americans of all ages across the nation. In her poem, Ms. Gorman speaks of the misfortunes that America has experienced over the years, but with a positive outlook. "Somehow we do it. Somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken, but simply unfinished." she said. Ms. Gorman spoke on the injustices that American citizens have faced, and the divides that they have caused in our country. She used amazing imagery to describe America's union and helped move people to change their perspective on our nation.



Coming Soon...

Our very own school is having a walk-a-thon to raise money for renovations to the new gym! It will be taking place from February 8th-11th, and the Dragon Times will be covering the details. Tune in next week for further details!

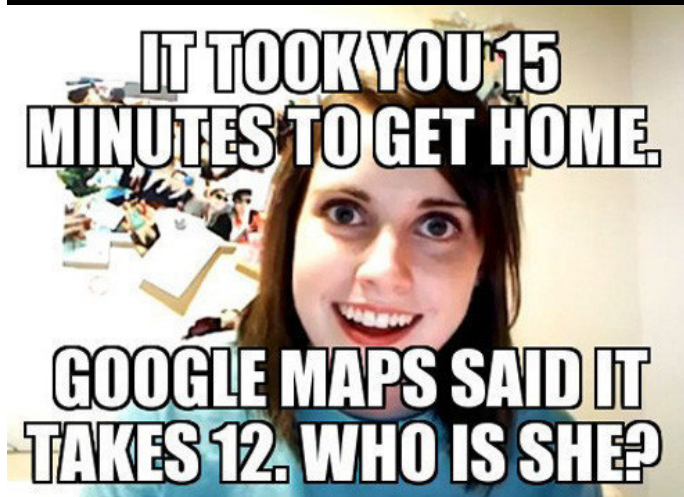


JH and HS Basketball

By Mason Sprague

Holyoke CO - JH basketball championship game is on February 1st on Monday. JH had a basketball game on January 25th against Akron at Akron. They left at 2:15pm and got back at 9:30pm. It was really cold when they were heading back. C team had a great game, and Teagan Martin scored 13 points and Brandon Bustillios scored 10 points. B team also had a great game with Brandon scoring 14. A team sadly lost 35 - 16. A team had a rough game, but they put up a good fight against Akron. Their next game is against Cliche on Thursday January 28th. They are leaving at 3:30 and the first game is at 5:00pm. HS had a basketball game in Grant, NE meaning they do not have to wear masks. The Varsity team for boys basketball scored 51-41. The JV boys won 42 - 30. Gage Sprague said, " It was a fun game to play." Varsity girls scored 45 - 29 . Their highest scorer was Kristen Vieselmeier with 21 points. Varsity boys basketball varsity roster; Alec Sprague, Gage Sprague, Miles Sprague, Wyatt Sprague, Aaron Sierra, Alejandro Rojas, Kaison Kinnie, Stephen Murray, Emmanuel Vasquez, Cash Weber, Alexis Domingez, Jalyn Hunter, Ethan Johnson. Stay tuned for highlight for this weekends games and early week games.

Memes



FFA Speaking

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - Most people have a fear of speaking, but last Tuesday many FFA members overcame that fear. The students who are taking FFA this year had to speak last week. Some had to say the Prepared Speech and some had to say the Extemporaneous Speech. Most new FFA members had to say the FFA creed. According to FFA, "The FFA Creed recognizes outstanding FFA members in 7th through 9th grades for their ability to memorize the Creed and answer three questions related to it." The students that said the Creed were: Bryson Dirks, Liz Hein, Elise Krogmeier, Karlie Martin, Tayla Martin, Tyson Mosenteen, Carter Van Overbeke, Jessie Owens, Wyatt Sprague, and Cash Weber. Wyatt Sprague and Jessie Owens were 1st and 2nd, so they will move on to the district contest. For the Prepared Speech, the students had to write and say a six to eight minute speech about a current agriculture-related topic. The students who participated in this event were: Ethan Anderson, Max Kleve, Jimena Nunez, and Baylor Stuckmeyer. Ethan Anderson's and Max Kleve's speeches were written well enough and presented well enough to move onto districts. The Extemporaneous Speech showcases students agricultural knowledge and ability to think by giving the students a speech and answering questions with limited prep time. There were only three students that did the Extemporaneous Speech, they were Theron Roll, Tuff Sigler, and Baylor Stuckmeyer. Theron Roll and Tuff Sigler were the two that made it to districts. The FFA speaking event is normally held in the fall, but due to COVID, it was postponed to the winter.



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/8/86/FFA_Emblem_Feb_2015.svg/1200px-FFA_Emblem_Feb_2015.svg.png

Memes

When short people see someone shorter than them



When your mum starts doing the dishes you were supposed to do

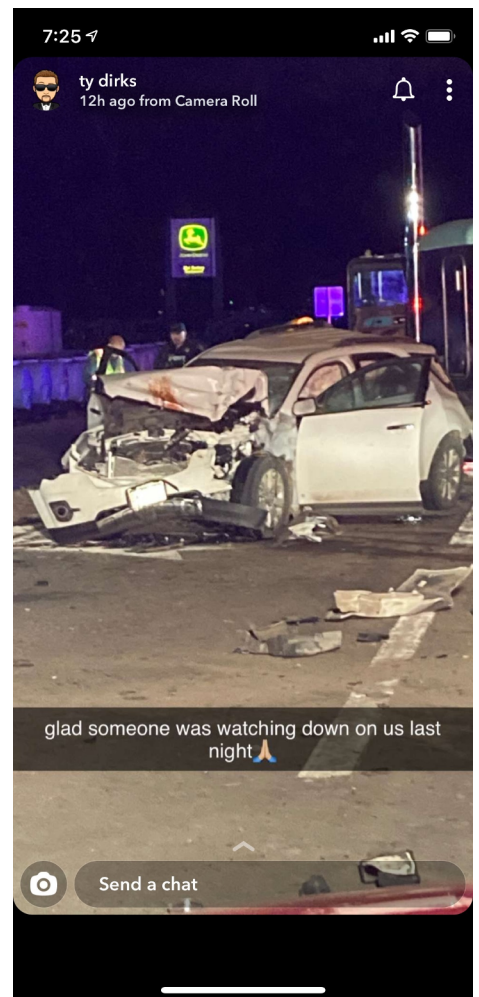


Next week, I will be writing about FBLA Week. Stay tuned for FBLA Week adventures.

Car Accident

Roslynn Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- This week three of our school's students got into a car accident here in Holyoke, last Tuesday night during the FFA speaking. Jaxon luckily was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident, if he was not wearing his seatbelt it could have possibly ended in severe injuries. Jaxon had safely only come out of the accident with only one broken foot. Ty Sandquists car got totaled. The truck driver did not care too much about the kids but had more worries about his truck, the cattle he was hauling and getting to his destination on time. The semi was full of cattle, Since they were close to town, the truck was not going at a high rate of speed so the cattle were not injured in the accident. According to an article on cdc.gov seatbelts are an effective way to save lives and reduce injuries in crashes. Accidents are a common leading cause of death for teens in the United states. Approximately six teens aged 16 to 19 die every day due to injuries from car crashes. In 2018, almost 2,500 teens who live in the US around the ages of 13-19 were killed in car crashes, and 285,000 were into the emergency room. 11.8 billion dollars were used to pay for damage in 2018. In the same year the motor vehicle death rate had been higher in teen males than female teen drivers. The presence of passengers increases the crash risk for the new teen drivers; this risk can increase with the amount of passengers in the car. Always keep in mind that wearing your seat belt can save another person's life or even your own.



Industry Certification

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - It is the school's mission to "graduate every student prepared with the necessary knowledge, skill and character to find success in life" and now the school is taking it a step further with an industry certification program and working with the Home Grown Initiative. Mrs. Maloney has now added this program to prepare students for the workforce after graduation. If college doesn't look like the right path for students, this new program will help certify you in whatever field is right for you! These certifications are only available for juniors and seniors currently. With the Covid-19 virus it is

harder to reach out to certain places but there are supplements for these jobs such as clinical careers. The school wants to give internship opportunities to help students gain experience for jobs after they graduate. You could get certified in any career without going to college. Mrs. Clayton, who is also working with the Industry Certification program, says, "We want to help kids gain skills that they wouldn't gain in a traditional classroom setting, it also gives them a leg-up when they enter the workforce." A completion of the certification requires students to manage their time, manage their resources, and leverage their skills. This helps them develop their character and skill which will benefit them once they leave school. "Students can also rely on these certifications to obtain gainful employment while they attend college to receive further technical training." states Mrs. Clayton. The students who take these certifications have gone through approval processes to be approved to do the certification. These certifications will make the students more competitive when they are seeking employment in the future than those who don't have them. Students can be confident that their certificate will help them be one-step-ahead.



Next Week



Next week: Dragon Youtube Chanel!

Remember you can email Spike at Spike@hcosd.org!

Email him your questions, stories, etc.

Washington D.C Trip

By: Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE CO-Ms. Mehl is taking high school students to Washington D.C June 2022. June 2022 is when they are planning to go ,but during a time like this plans may change. They have taken students to Washington D.C before but, not for a long time. This trip is only for high school students 9th-12 grade.This trip sounded random because they have not gone to Washington D.C for a while but according to Ms. Mehl "I received a call from a group that helps trips and sounded interesting to me." A lady from Explore America



helped Ms. Mehl plan the trip.Ms. Mehl wanted to plan this trip because she wanted to teach them about the history behind the United States. One place she wants to take the students is to Mt. Vernon to show them the cool facts and features.Washington D.C is about 1.538 miles away from Holyoke by car ,but they plan to fly.This trip is not funded by the school Ms.Mehl is offering it to students who are interested in going. According to Ms.Mehl" At the moment the students will be required to pay for the trip but there is a payment plan for those who are stressed about paying for it." They plan to have a five day trip.



Nebraska Fire

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE CO - Some of you might have seen the giant cloud of smoke on Friday, January 16. This fire was on Byron Kramer and Randy Wise's land a few miles past the state line. It started at about 1:30 in the afternoon, and was spotted by Max and Gina Wear, who called Byron to inform him about it. He went to check it out and found that there was indeed a fire and it was spread at a

rapid rate. The fire was started by two power lines rubbing together, sparking. Those sparks igniting the course, dry grass. The fire grew bigger and bigger, Sandhills Volunteer Fire Department, Wauneta Volunteer Fire Department, and Chase County Fire Department were paged and arrived to help put out the fire. Unfortunately, the fire moved into a pasture full of Byron Kramer's cows, so the cows were led out of the pasture and to a different one using a bale. Kim Kramer drove a pickup with a bale on it, the cows following her, while Byron and Duane, the hired hand, used four-wheelers to keep the cows following Kim. Luckily, none of the cows were caught in the fire, but most of the pasture land was burnt and is now unstable. If you go back there now, you will find that it is easier to drive the width of the burned area than it is to drive the length of it. Four pastures were burned in the fire, so driving through you will find three cut fences which allowed the trucks to get through and put the fire out. The moisture from the snow to sinking into the ground and help to prevent fires like this from happening again. Highline came out too and figured out what had happened to cause the fire.

Photo Credit: Byron and Kim Kramer



FFA CDEs

HOLYOKE CO - Next week I will be wring information regarding the FFA CDEs. What they are, what they require, what the most interesting one is.