

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

Week of Feb. 15 - Feb. 20	Breakfast	Lunch
Monday: NO SCHOOL JH WR @ Akron JH GB @ Ovid	Mon -No School	No School
Tuesday: HS WR @ Ft. Collins HS BB @ Caliche Wednesday:	Tues -Sausage and Pancake Stick	Cheese Pizza Chicken Sandwich Cheeseburger
Thursday:	Wed- Breakfast Bar	Chicken and Gravy Cheese Pizza Chicken sandwich
Friday: HS SW @ Eaton HS BB w/ Sedg. Co. Saturday: HS WR @ Arkron	Thurs- Sausage, Cheese Biscuit	Italian Meatball Sub Cheese Pizza Chicken Sandwich
	Fri- Cocoa Puff Cereal	Mashed Potato Chicken Bowl Cheese Pizza

Donations Needed - FCCLA Project

Chicken Biscuit Sandwich

Teacher Emergency Kits are being put together for our Holyoke Junior/Senior High School teachers. Amy Mackay, Rylee Oakley and Aubreanna Gutierrez are putting these together and they need your help to fill them. Here is a list of things they are hoping to get donated for these kits.

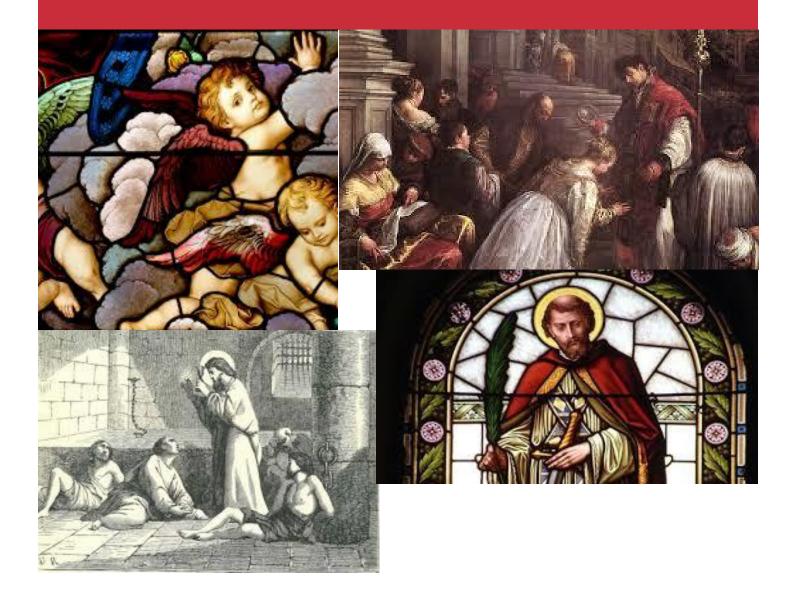
Little water bottles Fruit snacks Flashlight Extra batteries Band-aids (all sizes) Ace wrap Face masks (disposable ones) First Aide Ointment Hand sanitizer Tweezers Stuffed Animals

How Valentines day Started

By Mason Sprague

Holyoke CO - Did you know that Valentine's day actually started in Rome. Valentine's day is supposed to be a day of remembrance for a kind man named Saint Valentine. He was a Christian and Romans captured him and killed him on February 14th. The Christians admired him and made it day for remembrance. After a while Rome ended up turning it to a day of love. Valentine's day today is from both Christan's traditions and Rome's traditions. There are many theories on what happened to Valentine according to History.com. There is a theory that "He was taken out of Rome and tortured to death," according to History.com. After he died he turned to the god of love, Cupid. He was a loved priest by the Christians.

Pictures Of Saint Valentine



Valentines on a Budget

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO- Not everyone has a large amount of money they can spend on their significant other, and i'm here to tell you how you can save up your money while also getting a thoughtful gift. Although people may not like the sound of using the dollar tree as a go-to for a Valentines gift, it's very affordable and you can't make a cute gift out of things you buy and put together. Mrs.Nelson says "I use live auctions on Ebay to get good deals. I look for items that are ending soon, and if they're a good price I bid." Which is a very good idea for people who want high end brands or more expensive gifts. People often buy expensive things from high end brands but later on end up selling them for cheaper because of the condition they are in or they just don't want it anymore. An average American spends at least \$142 on Valentines Day each year, and rounding that up to every person that does spend money on Valentines would be quite a lot of money. As shocking as it may seem some sites do have a great deal on Valentines so going straight to the brands site may cut you some great deals so you don't have to pay that much. You also don't have to go all out for you significant other. You can stay home and have dinner together and just watch movies and do whatever makes you happy.





Expensive vs. Cheap Chocolate

By: Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE CO- According to <u>www.usatoday.com</u>.Most expensive chocolates don't taste better than cheap chocolates. Here are some of the expensive vs. cheap boxed chocolate according to syracus.com. The most expensive chocolate is Hershey's Pot of Gold Premium Collection.These chocolates are 9.98 dollars and weighs 10.4 ounces. Next, Whitman's Sampler the price is \$9.98 and it weighs 13.2 ounces. Hershey's Pot of Gold Caramel Collection \$5.48 and weighs 9.9 ounces. Russell Stover All Milk Assorted \$9.98 and is 14 ounces. Russell Stover Assorted \$4.98 and is 7 ounces. Next, Sam's Choice Chocolate Truffles \$5 and 4 ounces. Finally, Elmer Chocolate 6.8 ounces for 3 dollars. There is a large variety of price points for chocolates out there. Tho there is a lot of different chocolates cheap and expensive chocolates ,but there is lots of good chocolates to give.



Sweet Treats

By: Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- It's Valentine's day so that means its sweets for my sweet. In an interview with Grace Roberts and Erin Anderson from Mrs. Ortner's catering class, they shared their experience with the annual tradition of making Valentine's cookies. Grace loves Valentine's Day because "I love eating candies, and chocolate!" The funds from their cookie project are going to the "Fun Fund" which is where the more cookies you make goes to your class dues, and helps you gain the funds to go to state. Making cookies is an annual tradition that Mrs. Ortner's class does, to spread Valentine's Day cheer! Another idea for a sweet treat can be the classic chocolate covered strawberries. They're delicious, and simple to make. Another delicious treat is Oreo balls, that consist of crushed up Oreo cookies a tad bit of milk, then you mix it, roll them into a ball shape and dip them into white chocolate. You can add fun Heart sprinkles, to make them more valentines day like. No matter how you celebrate Valentine's day, or who you spend it with, sweet treats always pick up your spirit! Due to not having school on Thursday the catering class will be delivering their cookies on Tuesday.











Covid Safe Valentines Day

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - With Covid being a big part of our social life, we have to be safe when we are out in public. Valentine's day is a day where lots of people come together and be with the ones we love but this year so we have to be safe. Here is a list of Covid safe Valentines Day activities to do with a significant other or best friend.



Cookie Decorating Date! Instead of going out

to a dinner date, you and your significant other (or best friend) can stay home and make cookies then decorate them for each other!

Movie Date! What's better than staying home with that special someone while cozy, eating yummy snacks and watching your favorite movies?

D.I.Y Valentines! Why buy Valentines when you can make them at home with your favorite person? Use supplies from around the house to make fun valentines for each other.

Scrapbook! Who doesn't love a good scrapbook? You and your valentine could have an awesome time scrapbooking your relationship/friendship.

At-Home Scavenger Hunt! Hide little gifts and treats around the house for that special someone to find.

Day Spa! Have a Spa Day with your best friend. Try face masks, doing each others nails, a nice bath!

First Date! Recreate your first date with your significant other at home! A dinner or a walk through the back yard!

Painting Project! Have a fun challenge painting each other or the landscape. Paint everything and anything.

Snow Day! Since the weather is so snowy have a snow day! Start the day with breakfast and playing in the snow then end the day cuddled up drinking hot chocolate and watching your favorite movie!

Picnic! The cold outside won't stop you from having fun on Valentine's Day. Plan an indoors picnic, lay out a blanket in the living room and have your favorite foods while listening to music and talking with each other.

Sweet Treats! Make sweet treats for each other. Find sweet treats to make on page 5!

Tourist! Pretend to be a tourist in your own town. Drive around taking pictures and go on a local adventure.

Remember to stay safe and healthy! Have a good Valentines Day! <3

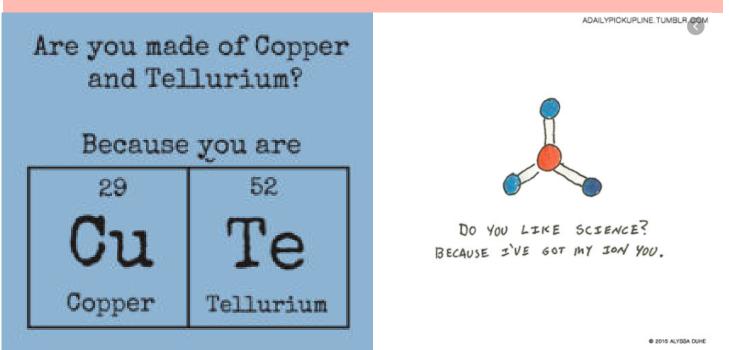
Cheesy Pick Up Lines

Roslynne Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- With valentines day coming up you might need some pick up lines to get you a valentine. Here are some of the best cheesy pickup lines.

- 1. Do your legs hurt from running through my dreams all night?
- 2. Your hand looks heavy. Here let me hold it for you?
- 3. Do you have a name or can i call you mine?
- 4. Are you Australian? Because you meet my koala- fications?
- 5. Feel my shirt it's made of boyfriend/ girlfriend material?
- 6. Did your license get suspended for grieving all these guys/ girls crazy?
- 7. I'd like to take you to the movies, but they don't let you bring in your own snacks?
- 8. If you were a transformer you'd be ' Optimus Fine."?
- 9. Pinch me i must be dreaming, your so cute?
- 10. I'd say, 'God bless you,' but it looks like he already did?
- 11. Are you a fart because you blew me away?

Does Chemistry start with Cheesy pick up lines?



Year-Round Affection

By Grace Whisenhunt

UNITED STATES - Every year, America celebrates Valentine's Day, the holiday surrounding love and showing appreciation for your significant other. However, many people have things to say about the extravagance that goes along with the

holiday. Couples have been known to show more appreciation for their significant other on this one day, rather than showing their appreciation all year round. Most people prefer being shown affection consistently all year round than an excessive amount on one day. Only showing someone how much you love them on one day with gifts can



actually put a strain on the relationship. It doesn't exactly make your other half feel appreciated. The holiday has good intentions, but sometimes, it gets a little confusing as to why some couples feel the need to spend money on gifts such as chocolate that is just going to get thrown away.

Walk-A-Thon Teaser

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!



Pros of Being Single

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - Many people think being single on Valentine's Day is horrible, but it's actually better than being with someone. For one, you don't have to share the candy with anyone or watch what they want to watch. You can curl up on the couch and watch whatever you want, as well as eat anything



you want. You don't have to dress up for a fancy dinner date or anything like that, you can stay in your pajamas and a messy bun without being judged. Sitting around and playing with your pet or watching the show you want, aka not having to do what they want to do, is something that is a really

good thing about being single. You know how those guys bring the girls fresh cut flowers, well, being single, you have no one to send you flowers, so you don't have to worry about making sure

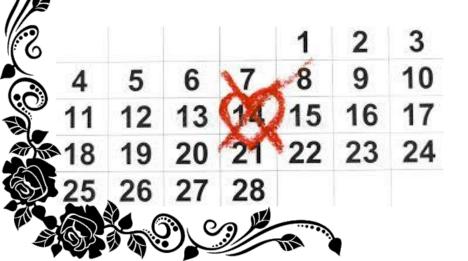


you keep them alive for the next week. Another good point is that you can't be disappointed



with what your valentine got you. Something that will save you money as a single, is not having to spend money, says Grace Whisenhunt. Worrying about what to get them is something that runs through

someone's mind too many times. You always worry that you aren't getting them something they would like, so you go overboard and buy a whole bunch of things, spending lots of money in the process. Going places or doing things only you want to do is another perk of being single on Valentine's day. You can do whatever you want to do, without having to hear anyone complain about having to do it with you.





Best Valentine's Day Apps on your Phone

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - There are many great apps on your phone to use during Valentine's Day. Here are the five best apps to use when you are single.

Number 5 - Subway Surfers

This game deserves the number five spot because anyone at any age can play this. According to Fandom, "Subway Surfers is an endless game that is about a teenager that was caught graffiting a subway. There is a police officer and a dog that you are supposed to run away from." Subway Surfers has many updates where you can play in different cities like New York City or in Tokyo, Japan.

Number 4 - Minecraft

This game is number four because it is very simple. In Minecraft, there are three different game modes, they are creative, survival, and adventure. In creative mode, you can't die and you can spawn and create anything you want in your world. In survival mode, you can die and there is a way to beat the game. In adventure mode, players explore other player-created worlds.

Number 3 - YouTube

This app is number three because you can watch anything you want. You can watch things about food, gaming, building, and many other things.

Number 2 - Netflix

Netflix is number two because there are shows and movies you can watch on it. Some are: Stranger Things, All American, and The Crown. There are also movies and shows for teenagers and adults.

Number 1 - TikTok

TikTok is number one because there are many things to watch on it. You can watch anything you want. Things like art, sports, and singing are somethings you can watch.

Mason Sprauge says that he will use the app TikTok during Valentine's Day. This is my list of the best apps to use on your phone during Valentine's Day when you are single, and I hope that you liked them.

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