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# 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 Feb. 22 - Feb. 26 (FFA WEEK)

	Breakfast	Lunch
<b>Monday:</b> Dress like a Farmer (School Wide) hats can be worn but must be part of the "farmer" costume & Drive your Tractor to School Day JH Wrestling @ Merino JH GB w/ Akron Play Auditions 7-9	Mon Sausage Egg Craissant	Lasagna Pasta Bake Cheese Pizza Chicken Sandwich
<b>Tuesday:</b> Community Service Projects in class HS BB w/ Haxtun @ 4	Tues Sausage Egg English Muffin	Chicken Quesadilla Cheese Piza Chicken Patty
<b>Wednesday:</b> Official Dress Day, Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (7-8 am) & FFA CTE Meeting during Seminar	Wed- Breakfast Bar	Beef Enchilada Cheese Pizza Spicy Chicken Sandwich
<b>Thursday:</b> FFA T shirts and Ag Olympics in class JH Wrestling @ Merino	Thurs- Egg, Ham and Cheese Waffle	Swedish Meatballs Cheese Pizza Chicken Sandwich
<b>Friday:</b> No School HS BB @ Wray @ 4	Fri- No School	
<b>Saturday:</b>		

# Gym Renovation

By:Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE, CO- This week, we have more updates on the gym renovation. We spoke to two of the four major donors. According to Mr. Rahe, the Holyoke School District Budget and Finance Director, the major donors contributed \$20,000 each and it will be payable over the next five years. Mr. Tom Bennet, President of First Pioneer National Bank said "We are always interested in the school and helping out the kids!" Mr. Dusty Sprague, a representative of Sprague Brothers Trucking, added that " The gym is an important facility, and it's all to help the kids get together." Each of these companies will have a decal or an emblem on the floor marking their companies' donation. This week they sanded the gym floors. They're sanding it down to the original wood, and staining the floor with a pine colored stain.



# Cold Temperatures Delay School

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - Last Wednesday on the 10th, the Holyoke JR/SR High School had no school. According to our principal, Mrs. Powell, "The regulator outside by the Junior High entrance froze and Black Hills Energy had to go outside and defrost the regulator. The pipes got cold and the boiler shut down. If we were without heat for a longer period of time, then the pipes could have burst." The JR/SR High School got let out early at 12:31 on Wednesday, February 10, and had online school on Thursday, February 11. The Holyoke Elementary School still had to go to school full time on both Wednesday and Thursday. We are very grateful that Black Hills Energy could come and quickly fix it. Mason Sprague says that some classes were colder than others, and online school was pretty boring. On Wednesday, February 17th, there was a late start due to the weather. School for both buildings started at 10:00 in the morning. The late start was mainly due to diesel in the buses partly freezing. When it froze, the diesel turned into gel. To get the gel to turn back into diesel, they had to heat it up.

## Memes

When I'm getting scolded but the TV is still on



When the McDonald's employees catch you filling a water cup with pepsi



When you make the honk signal to the truck driver and they honk for you



Tune in next week for details on Junior High basketball

# Online Learning

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE, CO - Online learning can really be a struggle for kids who have been in person and suddenly have to switch to online learning. It really makes a difference when you can walk around the school, slightly waking your body up, but online learning requires you to sit in your bed all day or just be sitting somewhere all day in general. On February 11th, Mr. Stumpf had his first experience with online teaching, although he has had his fair share of online learning. Since he is now teaching, it is quite a bit different for him, as opposed to when he was a student also learning online. Mr. Stumpf does not really enjoy online learning because he feels as if the students are not as responsive as they would be if they were in person. He likes to have his students communicating and working on topics together, but this is harder to do online because the students attention span is much shorter while online. Being able to relax at home is definitely an advantage to being able to do online, but lots of people struggle with having internet issues causing them to be kicked out of meetings and having to rejoin. As many may be able to confirm with personal experience, you are usually drained of energy when you sit down all day, but when you are moving around more often, it helps you stay up and energized. Moving around the school and getting to be around others and your peers brings joy to coming to school and wanting to be there. There are many cons when it comes to online learning, but there are some pros too. Teachers that are initially used to using paper for a majority of their assignments may be taken back or may struggle moving from paper to getting their assignments that they had planned moved onto their computer.





# Colorado Weather

Roslynne Doorn

HOLYOKE, CO- For the past week, in Colorado, we have reached some of lowest temperatures we have ever reached. At one point, we had reached a low of -26. Colorado's weather has been considered a "rival" to the North Pole's temperatures this past week. In downtown Denver, the weather had reached a low of -11. These are some of the coldest temperatures recorded since 2017. The wind chill wore off at around 11 am on Monday. Layna Wear, one of our Junior High students who lives in the country, said "It made it harder to go out and do chores. I had to use more straw to make sure to keep the animals warm. You had to keep water heaters in the water or bring out water everyday". In Snowmass Village, they had reached a high amount of 20 inches of snow, while Steamboat Springs had only reached 1.5 inches. Many different areas had reached different amounts of snow depending on their usual weather.

Here are some of the amounts of snow in different parts of Colorado ( the lowest amounts and the highest amounts)

North of Silverthorne - 15 inches

Silverton - 2.4 inches

Snowmass Village - 20 inches

Steamboat Springs - 1.5 inches

Stay tuned to find out how the school is showing their Dragon Pride.



# New Drama Director

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - Soon the auditorium will soon be filled with a lively audience to see the High School plays once again, as the new Holyoke High School Drama Director has been announced. Ms. Mehl



will be adopting the role. Her first love has always been theater, and so taking the role of Drama Director seemed like a good choice. She was involved in theater productions most of her high school life. On stage, she participated in productions through her church, as well as through middle school and high school programs. She played Aslan, the lion, in "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" because she had the hair for it. Offstage, she was involved in a Speech and Debate program, in which she did interpretations, reading from a book, and acting it out without costumes or props. She did that for six

years and, in that time, she did many different things such as poems, sections of famous books, and skits. She enjoys teaching Drama, although she hasn't done it for some time. She has taught Public Speaking recently, though. She enjoys teaching because the theater is where you get to express yourself and your emotions in bold ways, all the while communicating a story and message to the audience. This year, Ms. Mehl is planning to do a 1940s adaptation of Shakespeare's "A Much Ado About Nothing."

According to Ms. Mehl, her original plan was to work in the theater industry, but that didn't work out and she fell back on her secondary plan, teaching History. Two active theater members were asked their opinions on Ms. Mehl being the



new Drama Director. Isaiah Rueter said he was unsure because of her lack of experience, compared to Mr. Ginapp, as he had done it for more than 30 years, and Ms. Mehl is from out of college. It will be an interesting task, nonetheless, and he is excited to see how her passion and excitement play out. Since she's new, she will have to be taught the traditions and adapt to the department. On the other hand, Grace Whisenhunt says, "We will all miss Mr. Ginapp since he was a very good director, and we all had very strong relationships with him. However, Ms. Mehl has some great potential to become a great director at our school. I can't wait to see what she does with her time here." As you can see, she believes Ms. Mehl has great potential in the department, given her many years of experience.



# HS and JH Basketball

by Mason Sprague

HOLYOKE, CO - HS basketball girls Varsity are doing great this year going 9-0 overall and 5-0 for the League. Their recent win was against Cliche on Feb 16. They won 65 - 24 and in the first quarter it was 20 - 2. The boys Varsity sadly lost 61-63. It was a good game, but now there overall is 5-4 and in the league they are 3-1. Miles Sprague ended up fouling out at the end of the game. They also played Wiggins on Monday Feb 15. Wiggins did not have JV teams. The varsity girls won 61 - 29. Lauren Herman has an outstanding game with 3 three pointers with 11 points. Kristen Vielsmeyer led the way for the lady dragons scoring 7 of 7 from the line and scoring 24 leaving the game. The varsity boys won 56 - 54. This game was a nail biting game. Alec Sprague and Cash Weber have been stepping up on to varsity recently. JH girls have also been playing. JH was supposed to go against Sedge co but they do not want to wear masks so they changed their schedule and went against Cliche again.

## Pictures



Tune in next week for details on High School basketball

# Band/Choir Plan

By: Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE, CO - We miss the HHS pep band at our school events. In the past years the choir/band students have done fun things. Like fundraisers, s'morgus board, and more. They got to go to family/peers and sell them goods. Last year the students sold mattresses. The fundraiser was a hit and made a large amount of money. With the money they were able to purchase equipment and supplies. Due to Covid they band students weren't able to do a fundraiser. They didn't get to plan anything at sporting events this year. With Covid social distancing has been key, so Mr. Cottam keeps them six feet apart. The one main rule is social



distancing. On a normal year they would play for football games and then prepare for several performances. According to Mr. Cottam "Along with this preparing for homecoming parade by practicing parade marching." Towards the end of the football season normally in October they start practicing a Veterans Day



Tribute. For choir a

normal year looks like having each Sopranos, Altos, and Baritones sit in their groups. Since students are in their groups and are social distanced students are able to sing freely. When the choir students are in the band room you can sit with any group but still social distance." We are trying our best to stay masked up and distanced from each other like they have required us to do." - Mrs. Dalton. She is hoping that the choir students will get to have a final concert hopefully in May. There are two plans one is in the HS parking lot two is having one outdoor. This year the students got to sell cookie dough and goods to get T-shirts. Mrs. Dalton has been teaching for 38 years, but this year is her last year. We will miss her very much.



## Coming Soon...

Stay tuned for next week's article I will be writing about Holyoke vs. Haxton Basketball.



# National Honor Society

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE, CO - On Wednesday, February 17, a group of students at Holyoke Jr./Sr were inducted into the National Honors Society. Tristen Ferguson, Kailar Hayes, and Lauren Herman were the first ones to get inducted by the already members of the NHS. All the new members were given a certificate and a candle. They also signed a document verifying their spot on the NHS. After the last member was announced, Kristin Vieselmeyer, Aaron Siera



lit the candle Kristin was given. The flame was passed around to all the members to light their candle. The candle lighting signifies that everyone inducted is now a part of the NHS and that they are in it together. Its been a tradition for as long as people can remember. Along with the candle lighting, the pledge is also something important to the organization. The pledge saying, "I pledge to uphold the high purposes of the National Honor Society to which I have been selected; I will be true to the principles for which it stands; I will be loyal to my school; and will maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character." Mr. Betley is the representative for the National Honor Society.

## Members of the NHS

### Members Inducted

Tristen Ferguson

Kailar Hayes

Lauren Herman

Ethan Johnson

Cade Killin

Correy Koellner

Kenneth Lindholm

Josephine Schlachter

Aidyn Shafer

Tuff Sigler

Gage Sprague

Miles Sprague

Emmanuel Vasquez

Kristen Vieselmeyer



### Current NHS members are:

Joe Beckner - President

Kylie Purkepille - VP

Haley Van Overbeke - Secretary

Ethan Andersen - Treasurer

Amy Mackay - Stuco Rep

Rylee Schneler

Aaron Sierra

Elyce Talavera

Tune in next week to learn about the dress code and the modifications being made for it!



# Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO - Recently, some of our students have run a school-wide walk-a-thon to raise money for the new gym renovations, specifically the new sound system. At the time that this article was written, there was no information on how much money the fundraiser made in all, or how many students participated. The walk-a-thon took place the week of February 7-13 of this year. The students that ran the fundraiser were Grace Roberts, Aleida Millan, and Elyce Sisseck. They had sent out emails to the entire district, asking if anyone would like to take part in the walk-a-thon. They also visited classrooms to campaign their cause and spread the news, handing out flyers to confirm that every and all students were aware that the fundraiser was taking place. With the new renovations coming to a soon conclusion, the money from the walk-a-thon helped assist in putting in a very important part of the gym. Without the speakers, the gym wouldn't seem quite finished, given that they play an important role in games that take place there.

## Coming Next Week...

Some students are doing projects for their FCCLA class. Tune in next week for details.

