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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 March 8 - March 12

Monday: HS VB Practice Starts
 JH VB @ Haxtun

Breakfast

Lunch

Tuesday: HS BB 1st Round Playoffs
 Class Pictures at the Elementary

Mon -Pancake
 Sandwich

Hamburger Steak and Gravy
 Cheese Pizza
 Bacon Chicken Sandwich

Wednesday:

Thursday: No School Parent Teacher Conference
 HS BB Sweet 16 JH VB @ Sedg Co

Tues - Breakfast
 Bar

Chicken Enchilldas
 Cheese Pizza
 Chicken Sandwich

Friday: No School - HS WR State @ Pueblo
 HS State Swim @ Thorton

Wed- Ham, Egg,
 Cheese English
 Muffin

Soft Taco
 Cheese Pizza
 Spicy Chicken

Saturday: HS BB Elite 8

Spring Break March 12 - March 21

Thurs - No School

Tuesday, March 16 HS BB Final 4

Fri- No School

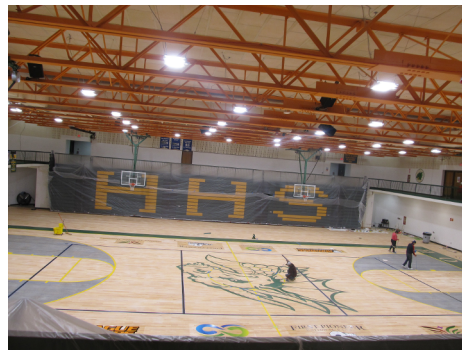
Saturday, March 20 HS BB State @ Co. Springs

Gym Renovation Updates

By: Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- We have more updates for the gym this week! We asked Mr. Baumgartner asked if we were going to be able to play our last home basketball game on the new gym floor and he said, "Nope we will not it's already been determined, and it's not looking too good right now because our basketball girls have already earned the right to host a game." We also asked what was the delay on completing the floor and he said "Supposedly the paint was stuck in

Arkansas, so that delayed the process of the floor by a week." Next weeks article will include comments from the last of the floor donors, Melissa Memorial Hospital.



Keeping Up with Covid

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - To think a year ago we were leaving for spring break only to come back 6 months later! It's been a year since we went into the longest spring break ever. Journalism students Layna Wear and Emma Sprague say, "It's weird that it's been a year." "I like it better in school so I'm happy we're in

school instead of being at home in front of our computers." Mrs. Mallari says she, "feels very very happy to have my students here in person." Since the first week of quarantine there have been 28.8 million cases and 518K deaths. Fortunately, a vaccine has been developed and is now being administered to people all over the world. In the United States 80.5 million people have received the vaccine. Quarantine gave people opportunities to do things they had never done before or wanted to do but couldn't because of their busy lives. Looking back to quarantine feels nostalgic in a way. Luckily we won't be having to go into quarantine after this year's spring break and will be returning to school after! Our local area is currently in blue on the Covid-19 cases scale. This means "caution." There have been barely any new Covid cases reported locally.



Stay Safe!

Although local covid cases have decreased since last year, it is still important to stay safe! Wear your mask, wash your hands, and don't forget social distance whenever possible.

Tune in next week to read about the seniors of Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School

"Welcome to the 1 year anniversary of our 2 week lockdown"



Parent Teacher Conferences

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - Next week, there are parent teacher conferences. The conferences are on Thursday the 11th. Both the Elementary School and the Jr/Sr High School are on Thursday. It is not mandatory for the students in the Jr/Sr High School to attend the conference. In the Elementary School, Kindergarten through fourth grade do not have to go to their conference, and in fifth and sixth grade, the students are supposed to go because it is mandatory. In the Jr/Sr High School, you are normally assigned with the teacher you have the lowest grade in, and in the Elementary School, you have your conference with your homeroom teacher. According to Mason Sprague, "I anxious when conferences come around because I get afraid that the teachers will tell my parents what I am like in the classroom." If you don't make it to the conference, you can reschedule it in person. If you want your conference to be online, you can also do that too.

Mememes



- Did you study for the exam ?
- What exam, I was doing the homework
- What homework



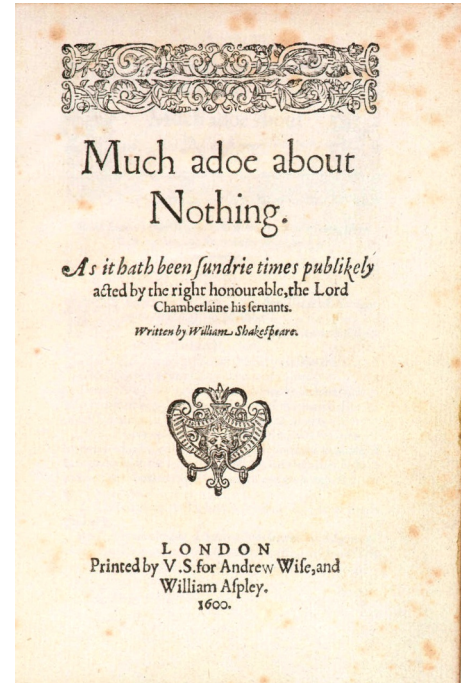
when you wake up in the middle of the night to check your phone and it's on full brightness



New Play

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO - The new play has sprung upon us now that we have a new director. The play that has been chosen is *Much Adoe About Nothing*. Ms. Mehl chose to do this play because, "It is [her] absolute favorite Shakespearean play. It's funny, and witty." For the tryouts for *Much Adoe About Nothing*, Ms. Mehl says there was a fairly good turnout. Ten students showed up to tryouts, and one later approached her about set design. However, Ms. Mehl is still accepting students who would like to help with set, costume design, lighting, and things such as that. The showings themselves will happen April 30th and May 1st of this year.



Cast List

Beatrice: Alma Alejandre

Ursula: Hannah Lindholm (also

Benedict: Levi Ford

Margaret and Conrade)

Hero: Jimena Nunez (also Sextant)

Dogberry: Tristen Ferguson (also

Claudio: Kailer Hayes

Antonio)

Don Pedro: Kenneth Lindholm (also

Friar Francis: Isaiah Rueter (also

Verges)

Narrator, Messenger, Borrachio)

Don John: Max Kleve

Leonato: Nayely Espinal (also

Watchman)

Dragon Masks

By;Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE CO-This year during the pandemic the state of Colorado is required to wear one. First, it started with only the athletes getting the dragon masks. The masks were provided to all the high school and Jr high athletes.Jr high athletes encouraged each other to wear them to show dragon spirited and to match. Now all the students have them. According to Mrs.Powell "We wanted to provide the students with a more breathable." She doesn't expect everyone to wear these masks. The cost was worth it because if they help students breathe it will make everyone happy. The dragon mask have ear loops are black. Mrs. Powell is not 100% for sure what the material is made out of but it is like a nylon material.Then, on the left side there is a green and gold dragon.

Motivational Speaking

Roslynne Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- Here in Holyoke we have a special guest speaker, Bobby Jones, well known as Baby Buggatti. He loves coming to Holyoke since he has built great relationships with some of the students along with teachers, he loves to encourage the young students. Bobby did not plan on speaking at schools, but 6 years ago he had a great offer to talk at schools and he realized how much he loved encouraging the young adolescents. When Bobby comes to talk to students he usually hits a few main points which are making good choices, asking for help, and encouraging people to be their best selves. Anessa Colglazier said that she thinks it will be a great experience for everyone to open up to someone they trust. Bobby considers himself a speaker and youth advocate. When Bobby presented he talked about his different stories, and his life. At the end of the speech he passed out journals to all of the students here in the junior senior high school. The journal consists of ways to create a healthy lifestyle, being able to take better responsibility for your life, overcoming negative self-talk, healthy coping mechanisms, along with a powerful mindset. After the speech each seminar class had to attend a zoom meet with Bobby where he explained the journals and help the classes fill out the first three pages. Bobby will be at our school for the next 6 months giving speeches, helping the classes, and helping some students one on one. He will be staying in the Distance learning lab near Mrs. Nelson's room, this room is gonna be used for him to help the students.



FFA Regional

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - This week Holyoke's FFA Chapter took a trip to Fleming on Monday for the FFA Regional. It was against Moreno, Caliche, Petez, Sterling, Haxtun, and Fleming. Everyone met in Fleming's school and each school had their own holding room. The school drew for the order to compete in the events, and several events were going on at once. Students would go to the room that held the event they needed and then go back to their school's holding room after they finished, so that there was no mingling between schools, according to Mrs. Strecker. Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Quiz Bowl, and Parli Pro took place. These are called LDEs or Leadership Development Events, and there were two teams per event. Wyatt Sprague and Jessie Owens participated in Creed Speaking. Jimena Nuñez and Max Kleve took part in Prepared Speaking. Tuff Sigler and Theron Roll took part in Extemporaneous Speaking. Quiz Bowl teams were as follows. Team 1: Tyson Mosenteen, Wyatt Sprague, and Carter Van Overbeke. Team 2: Liz Hein, Jessie Ownes, and Isaiah Rueter. Parli Pro teams were as follows. Team 1: Lauren Herman, Kristen Vieselmeyer, Rylee Schneller, Ethan Schneller, and Josie Schlachter. Team 2: Max Kleve, Kai Seip, Carter Van Overbeke, Jimena Nuñez, Tayla Martin, and Tamara Penzing. Theron Roll, Quiz Bowl Team 2, and Parli Pro Team 1 are all headed to state. Congratulations to them and good luck this summer!



Photo Credit: Mrs. Strecker

JH Girls Volleyball

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO- This season the girls will have 5 games in the time span of 3 weeks. The girls started practice on March first and the first game took place in Haxtun on March 8th. There are enough girls for there to be three teams with a good amount of subs for each team. The coaches are Irene Ortega as the head coach and Corey Koberstein as the assistant coach. Irene has been coaching volleyball girls from a young age to high school girls for almost 13 years. Irene says that "I chose to be apart the rec program for basketball. I somehow got roped into helping volleyball." She has been helping coach volleyball for almost 14 years now and has held health clinics with over 60 girls. After buying a house she moved to Ogallala and she started a traveling team with Elcye and Audery Talavera which are her daughters. She is very excited to watch evreyone improve even though this season will be quite short. As of right now there are 29 girls on the team which means we will be able to have 12 girls on each team. Irene says "I love jr high age because girls need that push to find confidence." As the girls slowly start up their season there will be more to come for everyone that continues their journey for volleyball.

Girls games

March 8th @ Haxtun

March 11th @ Julesburg with Sedg Co

March 22nd here with Caliche

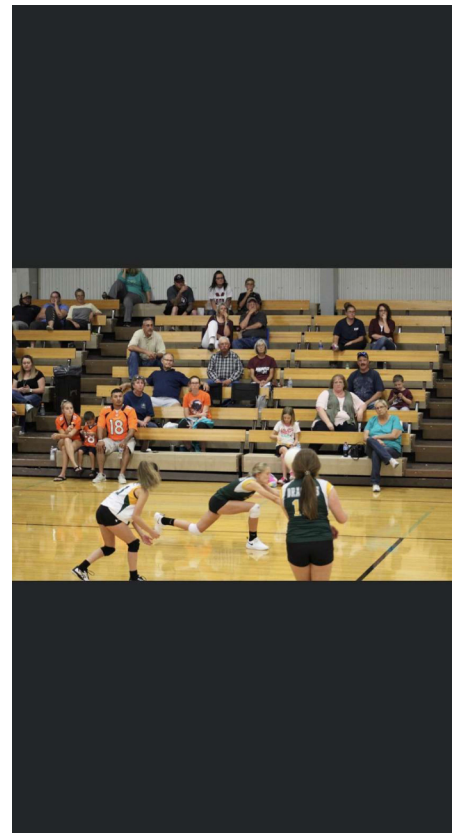
March 23rd here with Sedg Co

March 25th @ Akron

March 27th Volleyball championship depending on

if the girls make it or not

Masks are required for all games and practice. Each town may be more strict on the mask mandate depending on what town you go to.



HS Basketball

By Mason Sprague

Holyoke, CO - The varsity boys are going 6-6 so far this season. The Varsity boys most recent game was against Burlington on March 2nd. The game score was 47-33. The Dragons took the win for this game This was an interesting game to watch. The JV boys sadly loos 33-26. This was an interesting game to watch. The Varsity girls won 56-44. This was a great game. The JV Girls won 16 - 6. Also, one of Yuma's players got Covid-19 causing them to shut down for the regular season. Alec Sprague has a broken finger and he said, " My finger doesn't hurt much and it doesnt my gameplay during basketball." In Basketball there is a night that is called senior night where all the seniors on the basketball team play at the same time. This didn't happen last year and we are hoping for one this year.

Mememes

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