



HOLYOKE

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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 29- April 3

Monday: HS JV VB @ Akron 4PM
 Booster Club 6:30 PM
 SpringFest "Twin Day"

Breakfast

Lunch

Mon -Sausage Egg
 Crossiant

Lasagna Bake
 Cheese Pizza
 Buffalo Chicken Sandwich

Tuesday: SpringFest " Pajama Day"

Wednesday: HS VB @ Akron 4PM
 SpringFest "Tropical/Hawaiian Day"

Tues - Sausage Egg
 English Muffin

Chicken Quesidilla
 Cheese Pizza
 Chicken Sandwich

Thursday: Spring Fest Olympics AM, Parade PM,
 Dance 8-11 PM
 SpringFest "Class Colors"

Wed- Breakfast
 Bars

Beef Enchilda
 Cheese Pizza
 Spicy Chicken

Friday: No School

Saturday:

Easter Break April 2- 6

Thurs - Sausage
 Egg Bagel

Classic Pizza
 Chicken Sandwich
 Turkey Sandwich

Fri- No School

Gym Renovation Updates

By: Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- This week we have more updates on the New New gym! According to Mr. Vieselmeyer, he supported the scoreboard because "Well vieselmeyer seed believes the best way we can say thank you is give back and that is through giving to the school and we wanna give back through supporting the kids." About his brand's logo being next to the scoreboard "I'm happy, and with it, and how it turned out. i'm satisfied with how it looks, and we are pleased." Vieselmeyer Seed donated to the school for the new scoreboard that we received. Mr Vieselmyer said "We helped design the logo, and we let the school design the score board and we let that happen because we wanted it to be how they liked it." This Friday the people that sponsored the gym are coming to see the New New Gym for the first time at 8:00 am. On Saturday the High School Volleyball girls are playing a triangular with Merino, and Sedg CO in the New New Gym. Mr.Baumgartner is also ensuring that no one walks on the new gym floor with street shoes. If you're going to be on the gym floor you have to be wearing gym shoes, so you can't wear any shoes that you have worn outside. This rule is so that we can preserve the new floor.



Covid Dial Movement

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - Phillips County is trying to change the Covid-19 Dial Movement. Because no one in the past two weeks has gotten Covid-19, we are hoping to have the Covid Dial moved from blue to green. For sports, Holyoke JH/SR High School is trying to allow 50% capacity for volleyball season. On Tuesday the 23rd, the Junior High Volleyball Girls played. Holyoke allowed anyone to come, even Sedgwick County didn't have to have a limited crowd. This will most likely be the last game in the old gym until the new gym is done. If we go from blue to green in the Covid Dial, then we will get to have more people come in the new gym because it has a bigger capacity. If it changes from blue to green, we will also be able to allow more things to happen in the community like by allowing more people in restaurants and outside activities. Mason Sprague said, "If we go from blue to green, it will be better because more people will be able to come and watch the games." Even if we go from blue to green on the Covid-19 Dial, we will still have to wear masks, but on April 4th, Governor Jared Polis will decide whether to extend the mask mandate or not.

Phillips County Colorado Office of Emergency Management
Covid-19 Update

Cumulative Cases

345

Active Cases - 5

Deaths- 13

Level Blue: Caution

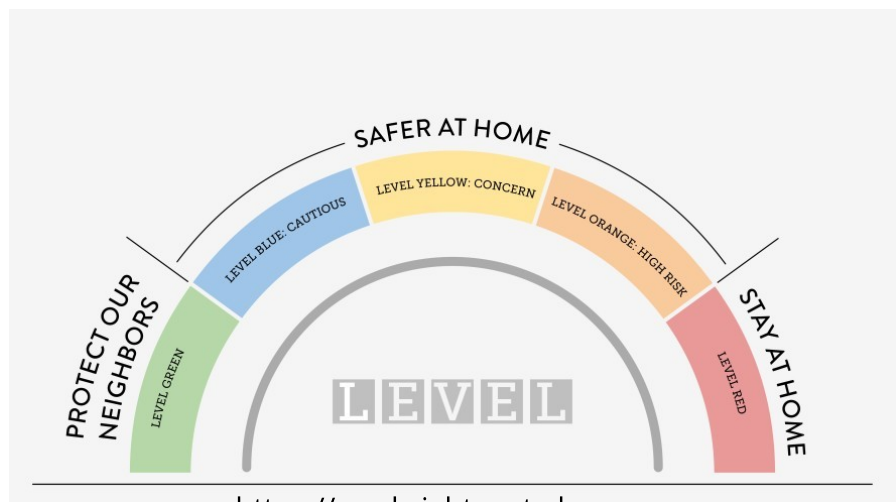
Last 7-Day Totals

New Cases - 0

Incidences per 100k - 0.0

Test Positivity: 0.0%

Hospitalities: 0



Vaccinated Teachers!

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - Over spring break many teachers of both the high school and elementary school were able to get vaccinated. The Covid-19 vaccine was available for teachers on March 16, 2021 the Friday before spring break, most staff members were given their second shot. All staff members including coaches, bus drivers, teachers, cooks etc. we're all given the choice of getting vaccinated. 60 out of 110 staff members were vaccinated, a majority being teachers. Some staff members choose not to get vaccinated for personal purposes. Superintendent Stumpf says, "Teachers were given a choice if they wanted to get vaccinated or not, whatever made them feel safer." Anyone who has contact with students at school was asked if they wanted the vaccine or not. There was no cost to any of the Holyoke School District members who received the shot. Mrs. Kleve, who is vaccinated, is thankful to have gotten the shot but spent, "five days of my spring break with a temperature with a temperature over 100." Despite having lost half of her spring break she is glad to be vaccinated. She says she is less afraid to visit high risks areas like where her parents live now that she is vaccinated. A student says, "I think there are some risks with the vaccine that we haven't found yet but its definitely a good thing were stepping in the right direction to protect our teachers and peers." With our area now being green, this is a great first step in trying to get back to normal and hopefully by the next school year, our masks won't be needed. Read on page 3 for more information about the Covid Dial and what each color means including where we are at.

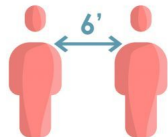


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Hopefully Things Can Get Back To Normal:)



Everyone must wear a mask



Social Distancing & limiting number of occupants



Handwashing & use of hand sanitizer



Cleaning & disinfecting



No shared supplies

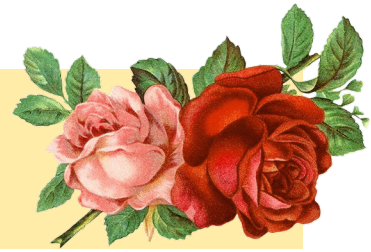


Isolating & sending home those who are symptomatic



Springfest

By Grace Whisenhunt



HOLYOKE, CO - Holyoke High School Springfest is occurring next week. There will be dress-up themes all week, and all students are welcome to participate. Monday will be twin day, so match with a friend. Tuesday will be pajama day, Wednesday will be Tropical/Hawaiian day, and Thursday will be Class Color day. The seniors' class color is black, the juniors' is Hawaiian theme, the sophomores' is red, the freshmans' is orange, the 8th graders' is blue, and the seventh graders' is yellow. The Spirit Club has met several times this week to discuss further details. On Thursday, as well as dressing in class colors, the high school students will be participating in the Springfest Olympic Games, which are sport-like events held to show school pride and build better relationships with fellow classmates.



Thursday Schedule

The schedule for Thursday will be as follows:

8:05: Check in to 1st period

8:30 - 12:30: Spring Fest Olympic Games

12:30 - 1:15: All students in grades 9-12 remain on-campus for a lunch cooked by FFA and our food service staff

1:15: Classes group together on the football field for attendance

1:20: Class groups walk north to the starting line of the parade on Bignel Street

2:00: Parade

2:30: Pep Rally and Crowning of Spring Fest King and Queen at the Football Field

3:30: Students Dismissed

8:00 - 11:00 pm: Spring Fest Dance in the Old Gym

HS Prom

By Mason Sprague

Holyoke CO - Yes, it is that time of year again. Where the Girls dress up and the boys wear tuxedos. Prom is happening on Saturday of April 24. The theme this year is rustic elegance. At the time this article was published, we do not know who the Prom king and queen candidates are. Elizabeth Hutches is running the prom this year. The Prom is going to be at the Phillips County Event Center, and there will be fun games like nine square, Chance, and a whole bunch of other games. Rylee Oakly and Eric Marroquin were the prom queen and king last year.

Rustic Elegance



<https://www.elegantwedding.ca/wedding-themes/rustic/page/2/>

Jr High Volleyball

by:Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE CO-Monday the 22 JR high volleyball girl A team won against Caliche 25-14 in the first match. The girls had great serves and many good assists. Also, there were great rallies In the second match 24-15. The Caliche team was very small so we played another match for them to have more practice. It was good for both teams. Some B team girls got to play on A to help the team. For the B and C team they didn't get to play against Caliche due to the short amount of people. So, instead they had a scrimmage against each other. The Jr high volleyball players played Segd Co Tuesday the girls lost the first match for A was 25-19 (won) then the second match was 25-10 (lost). Then for B game it the first match was 25-6 and the second match was 25-7 and then the The C team lost to Sedg Co. It was great to see all of the Holyoke fans wearing their masks and following the rules.



High School Volleyball Schedule

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO-Just as the girls have ended their basketball season they are already starting their volleyball season. Michelle Veiselmyer is the coach again this year, to 22 girls. Although the high school volleyball team was large last year they have gained girls that are freshman, softball girls, and girls who have just moved here like Elyce Talavera and Audrey Talavera. They have 11 games but depending on if they make it to state then the games will vary.

Sat. March. 27 Holyoke Tri vs Merino/Sedgco

Mon. March. 29 Holyoke Tri @ Akron/Wiggins

Wed. March. 31 Holyoke Tri @ Akron/Wiggins

Thurs. April. 8 Holyoke vs Burlington 4:00pm

Fri. April. 9 Holyoke Tri @ Caliche/Yuma 3:00

Tues. April. 13 Holyoke @ Fleming 4:00 pm

Fri. April. 16 Holyoke Tri @ Wray/Haxtun

Sat. April. 17 Holyoke Tri @ Haxtun/Wray

Tues. April. 20 Holyoke Tri vs Idalia/Prairie

Fri. April. 23 Holyoke Tri @ Haxtun/Weldon

Sat. Mat. 1 Regionals TBD

Mon. May. 10 State Tournament TBD

Tues. May. 11 State Tournament TBD

State Cheer Competition

By Roslynn Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- This week Holyokes high school cheer team is leaving for state on the twenty fourth. The members of the team are Tamara Penzing (Co-Captain), Jennifer (Ruby) Granados (Co-Captain), Katelyn Kropp, Elly Brown, Amy Mackay, Adison Goldenstien, Oyuki Rangel Fuentes, Elyce Sisseck, Josephine (Josie) Schlachter, Anna Chaney, and LorenJo Oberle

The team is feeling many different emotions, some feeling nervous, since it is their first time competing in state, others feeling confident knowing their team can win. The competition is being held at Colorado Springs world arena. The team held a routine on March 23rd here at the high school, and did a dance routine. We hope them the best of luck at state!



BREAK	ANNOUNCE GAMEDAY CHAMPIONS / HAND OUT TROPHIES									2:54 PM
Highland	3A CHEER	2:09 PM	2:14 PM	2:34 PM	2:44 PM	2:49 PM	2:54 PM	2:59 PM	3:04 PM	B
Salida	3A CHEER	2:19 PM	2:24 PM	2:44 PM	2:54 PM	2:59 PM	3:04 PM	3:09 PM	3:14 PM	B
Holyoke	2A CHEER	2:29 PM	2:34 PM	2:54 PM	3:04 PM	3:09 PM	3:14 PM	3:19 PM	3:24 PM	A
Lamar	3A CHEER	2:32 PM	2:37 PM	2:57 PM	3:07 PM	3:12 PM	3:17 PM	3:22 PM	3:27 PM	B
Peyton	2A CHEER	2:35 PM	2:40 PM	3:00 PM	3:10 PM	3:15 PM	3:20 PM	3:25 PM	3:30 PM	A
Sterling	3A CHEER	2:38 PM	2:43 PM	3:03 PM	3:13 PM	3:18 PM	3:23 PM	3:28 PM	3:33 PM	B
Wiley	2A CHEER	2:41 PM	2:46 PM	3:06 PM	3:16 PM	3:21 PM	3:26 PM	3:31 PM	3:36 PM	A
Prospect Ridge Academy	3A CHEER	2:44 PM	2:49 PM	3:09 PM	3:19 PM	3:24 PM	3:29 PM	3:34 PM	3:39 PM	B
Front Range Christian	2A CHEER	2:47 PM	2:52 PM	3:12 PM	3:22 PM	3:27 PM	3:32 PM	3:37 PM	3:42 PM	A
Gunnison	3A CHEER	2:50 PM	2:55 PM	3:15 PM	3:25 PM	3:30 PM	3:35 PM	3:40 PM	3:45 PM	B
DSST: Green Valley Ranch	3A CHEER	2:54 PM	2:59 PM	3:19 PM	3:29 PM	3:34 PM	3:39 PM	3:44 PM	3:49 PM	B

FFA Service Sale

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - The Service Sale to raise money for the FFA Chapter has been going on for a long time. Normally, the FFA students use the money they raised and go on trips to competitions and things such as that throughout the year. Because of the pandemic this last year they were unable to go on the trips they would normally take and so most of the money from the last Service Sale has not been used. Therefore, they will not be having one this year. Mrs. Strecker said they already have enough and don't need to take any more of the community's money. They will be having one next year. Instead, they will be doing a Day of Service on April 21st, which the FFA, FCCLA, and FBLA clubs are participating in. The community projects are coming in and the students will be assigned into groups. The students may not choose their teammates or the project they are doing. So far they have things such as cleaning up the Peerless Theater, yard work, cleaning the golf course, and working at the fishing pond. Projects are still coming in, so no groups have been decided at this time. The officers will assign projects to students once they have enough to choose from.

