

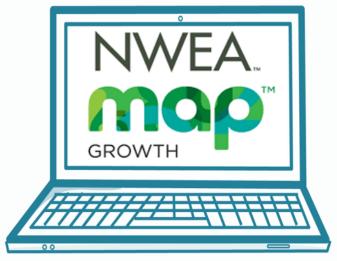
There are lots of things happening in Dragon Country. Check here for school menus, sporting events, and community events each week.

Week of May 3 - May 9	Breakfast	Lunch
Monday: JH/HS Academic Awards 7PM  Tuesday: G HS Golf @ Akron	Mon- Cinnamon Toast Crunch	Lasagna Pizza Bake Cheese Pizza Buffalo Ranch Chicken Sandwich
HS Track @ Yuma HS Baseball w/ Haxtun	Tues - Ham/Egg Cheese English Muffin	Chicken Quesadilla Cheese Pizza Chicken Sandwich
<b>Wednesday:</b> JH/HS Chior 7PM	Wallin	CHICKEH Sandwich
Thursday: JH/HS Band 7PM  Friday: Early Release FCCLA Trip Ma7 7-9  FLL and Spanish Class to Movies	Wed - Banana Muffin	Beef & Cheese Enchillada Cheese Pizza Spicy Chicken Sandwich
ELL and Spanish Class to Movies JH Track @ Wiggins  Saturday: HS Baseball w/ Akron	Thurs -Sausage Egg Croissant	Cheese Pizza Chicken Sandwich Turkey BLT
Sunday: Mother's Day	Fri - Breakfast Bar	Manger's Choice

## **NWEA Testing**

#### **By: Teagan Martin**

HOLYOKE, CO - The Holyoke School District will be taking the NWEA test. The students in 2nd through 10th have to take it. There will be a two week window for the students to test. The students like me have taken it so far two times this year. This is the third one, which is also called the spring NWEA testing. These tests are very important because our teachers want us to succeed and see what we learned. The four tests we do are Language Usage, Math, Science, and Reading. On each test, there is a goal that you have to get, and if you reach it or beat your goal, it helps you. A way of being exempt from finals in the JR/SR High School is by beating your tests goals from the winter and in the spring. NWEA stands for Northwest Evaluation Association. On each test, there are normally 40-50 questions. Some of the scores will vary based on the students knowledge. Colby Weber said, "



https://www.sd103.com/apps/news/article/1310084

# **Grand March**

by Emma Sprague

## Track meet

#### Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- Last week the junior high track team had their first track meet since 2019! The meet was held in Akron. This week we asked Anessa Colglazier a few questions about the meet. Our first question was "what was your opinion on the track meet?" Her response was "I thought it was fun to compete against other teams, and it was fun to make friends!" Our second question was "How was it to compete for the first time?" She said "I thought that it was pressuring, but enjoyable." Finally we asked "Was it different to have 7th and 8th graders combined?" She responded with "It was weird, but I liked it because then they can push all of us to do our best!" The events available to all 7th and 8th graders were high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter race, mile, medley relay, 4 by 1 relay, 4 by 2 relay, 4 by 4 relay, and 100 meter hurdles. The meet started at 8:00 AM and ended at 3:30 PM. The weather was warm, but there was a little bit of wind that made it a little bit chilly sometimes. The temperature was 60-70 degrees. Teams that attended were Holyoke, Wiggins, Haxtun, Fleming, Calichie, Valley, Sedg Co, and Akron.

### After Prom

#### Roslynne Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- On April twenty fourth the seniors and juniors had their rustic romance prom. They began the night with a dinner, and began the grand march, after that prom began. Grand march consisted of the students showing their dates saying who was escorting who brought who, the people who didn't have dates were able to sit and watch. The prom king and queen were announced right after. Families, and people who bought tickets, were allowed to go watch. If you were unable to make it to the grand march, it is on the schools Youtube channel. The school had also hosted an after prom where students had the option to stay and play games to win prizes. One of the students said that "It was quick and simple, we wanted to stick to holyoke yet elegant, it was fun to have a nice have a normal activity during pandemic." Some of the teachers that chaperoned were Mrs. San Jose, Mrs. Goldenstein and Mrs. Hutches. Many of the teachers attended the dinner but not the dance. Mrs. San Jose said that "I think it was fun and everyone had a great time, and I think it was a good experience for the juniors and seniors". The school is very grateful Covid is under control and we were able to celebrate, and have prom.

If you are interested in watching the grand march: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gxu\_uiXSo1k







### FCCLA AWARDS NIGHT

By Anessa Colglazier

### **FFA Officer Elections**

#### **By Layna Wear**

HOLYOKE,CO - Every year, FFA officer elections are held. Some officers step down, some step up, and some stay where they are. This year, every officer moved to a different position, and some stepped down completely. The applicants for the positions are interviewed in the evening, which takes around ten minutes. Out of those applicants, the officer is chosen. In past years, there have been ten positions on the officer team. This year, there are eleven as the position of Parliamentarian has been added. The positions one can hold are, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Parliamentarian, Sentinel, and three Executive Committee Members. The two positions most people are not familiar with are Sentinel and Parliamentarian.

The Sentinel helps maintain order during the meetings as well as welcoming people to FFA, while the Parliamentarian makes sure everyone is using correct parliamentary procedures during the meetings. The officer team for the 2020-2021 school year is as follows: President - Haley Van Overbeke, Vice President - Tuff Sigler, Secretary - Lauren Herman, Treasurer - Theron Roll, Reporter - Josie Schlacter, Sentinel - Kristen Vieselmeyer, and the three Executive Committee Members - Rylee Schneller, Ehtan Scheller, and Kai Siep. The 2021-2022 officer team is comprised of: President - Lauren Herman, Vice President - Kristen Vieselmeyer, Secretary - Josie Schlachter, Treasurer - Kei Siep, Reporter - Tamara Penzing, Sentinel - Tuff Sigler, Parliamentarian - Ethan Schneller, and the three Executive Committee Members - Theron Roll, Cater Van Overbeke, and Jesse Owens.



### **Next Week...**

The seniors graduate in nine days. The ceremony will be held outside again this year, unless it rains. There are many details going into it, so be sure to drop by next week and see what they were!





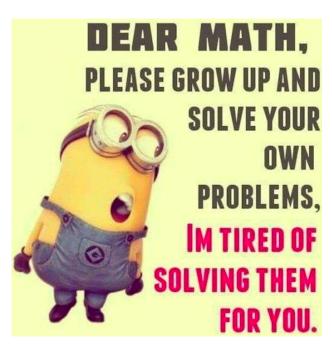
## League Band

by Mason Sprague

Holyoke CO - League band left early in the morning to Band. They left on April 26th. Everything was about the same for league choir. All the Holyoke JH kids that participated for this event were Reid Sprague, Alica Torres, Carson Sheppard-Hein, Jersie Gipson, and Eleanor Kleve. Reid Sprague said, "I love to go again because we get to play with a bigger band." Also Reid Sprague's favorite song is Abandoned Toy Shop. They played three songs; these consisted of Abandoned Toy Shop, Jupiter, and Darkness. Before the league band's concert, Akron provided a dinner for all the kids. They got to choose between a salad or a burrito. This event was all day and the kids got back at about 10 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Cottam is the band teacher For the JH band.

### Memes





## Teacher Spotlight

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - Mrs. Jablonski, a one of a kind teacher! Mrs. Jablonski is our physical education teacher, as well as a coach to many of us. She teaches physical education and has just recently finished teaching sex education to her Junior High students. She has taught for five years (2016-2021.) She started off teaching PE for two years in Wray, then moved to Holyoke to teach Junior High and High School PE, along with weights. On the side, Mrs. Jablonski is also Coach Jablonski for High School Track and Field and Junior High Track and Field. Coach Gina Martin and Coach Amber Sprague have had assistance from her this year due to Junior High having an earlier season than High School. Coach Jablonski has coached for five years with Junior and Senior High students. She also coached a lot of one-on-one while in college. She coaches throwing events. On this topic, she says,



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"The throwing events are my passion and what I'm good at. I've been to so many cool places in High School and college just from these two events." In fact, it was coaching that "sparked" her interest in teaching. Her college degree is for Sports Administration and Public Relations, but realized these jobs were for bigger cities, so she went to college for another year and got her teaching license. Mrs. Jablonski sees this as a personal achievement and has loved teaching ever since!

## Coming Up!

Got a Spotlight suggestion? Email your favorite mascot Spike at spike@hcosd.org to make suggestions on who you would like to see a spotlight about next!

Tune in next week to read about the seniors and their Senior Trip!



### **Student Attendance**

**By Grace Whisenhunt** 

HOLYOKE, CO - In the Holyoke School District, we

have many sports and activities for students to participate in that may affect their attendance. For example, the students that are in track this season have had several all-day meets throughout these past few weeks. With non-school related absences, students must make up for the missed time with school community service. This service consists of cleaning the school and doing other helpful things



around the school. For excused absences, there is no regulation that says the student who missed days must serve school community service. However, those students must get their work done ahead of time to keep up with the due dates. Most teachers have the due dates for students in sports remain the same as those who are not to keep things fair and in balance.

## **Coming Next Week...**

Next week, I will be writing on final exams exemption and the steps to achieve it.

