



HOLYOKE

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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 May 10 - May 14

**Monday:** FFA Barnyard Day

**Tuesday:** Baseball w/Wray @ 2PM

**Wednesday:** Last Day of School for Seniors  
 AP testing 8:45 - 12:30  
 State VB @ Colorado Springs 5PM

**Thursday:** Senior Breakfast @ Baptist Church @ 7:30 AM  
 Late Start 9 AM  
 Graduation Practice 9AM  
 Pre-school Program

**Friday:** NO SCHOOL  
 High School Track @ Akron

**Saturday:** Baseball w/ Sedg. Co.

**Sunday:** Baccalaureate 1PM  
 Graduation HHS Football Field 2PM

### Breakfast

### Lunch

Mon- Sausage/Egg  
 Bagel

Tues - Breakfast Bar

Wed - Ham/Egg  
 English Muffin

Thurs -Breakfast  
 Bar

Fri - No School

Lasagna Swedish Meatball  
 Cheese Pizza  
 Chicken Biscuit

Chicken Cheese Steak  
 Cheese Pizza  
 Chicken Bacon Melt

Chicken Pot Pie  
 Cheese Pizza  
 Chicken Bacon Melt

Spaghetti  
 Chicken Sandwich  
 Turkey Swiss on Pretzel Bun

No School

# Academic Awards

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO- The Academic Awards took place on May 4th in our auditorium. Every student that received an email from Stefan Betley and received a letter in the mail were informed that they would be receiving an award from a teacher. Beforehand the students would not be told what or who they got their award from until they were called up to the stage. Each kid would get called up alphabetically by their last names. The NHS (National Honor Society) were the people who helped put this on, the high school kids who are on NHS were announcing the kids names but were taking turns going up and speaking. Kids are asked to dress nicely since it is a formal event. Mr.Betley says "It takes the NHS kids and me about a month to put the program together. We first ask the teachers to submit their awards at the beginning of April and by the end of April we know who is getting awards and invite them. Then we print the certificates and get everything else ready for the big night." When the kids receive the email he tries to send it at least a week before. Mrs.Powell was given the chance to give out awards but she congratulated every kid that had gotten an award. If you had gotten an award but you didn't go your name was still said and you were cheered for. This event takes 90 minutes and has been held for the last 42 years. 2019 was the last time they did this event in person although in 2020 they did an online version of this.

# Senior Trip

By Dahira Castillo

SOUTH DAKOTA - On Wednesday, April 28, the seniors took their last trip as a class to South Dakota. The day was "jam packed with fun activities!" says senior Loren Oberle. They started off the day with paintballing at Black Hills Paintball. They then visited Mountain Rushmore to see the presidents. Finally, they ended the day strong with the Cosmos Mystery Area and a dinner. The seniors really enjoyed their trip and made lots of memories with their classmates. Senior Emily Torres says she'll remember



"everyone fighting over the window to see the baby cubs at Bear Country." This was a great bonding experience for them, spending the whole day away from the classroom. One senior, Yeidi Juarez's favorite memories will be "the bus ride home with the boys and Rylee. lol" They left early in the morning and got home a little after midnight. They were accompanied by Mr. Kramer and Mrs. Bieber. The seniors had a great time, and with graduation just a couple days away, this was a great way to bond and make memories with their classmates.

Photo Credits: Mrs Bieber

# Next Week

Tune in next week to read about Junior High League Track at Wiggins!

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If you have any fun memories with your class, email Spike at [Spike@hcosd.org](mailto:Spike@hcosd.org)



# Teachers Appreciation Week

By: Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- This week was teachers appreciation week! We should appreciate our teachers every week, but this week is one time of the year that we can really recognize them and appreciate them for everything they do for us, our school, and our country. Every year teachers appreciation week happens every year towards the end of school. It can be a very emotional week for the teacher, especially after a pandemic when some of your students are going off to college. The Question we asked Mrs.Powell was "What was the gift that you gave all of the teachers for Teachers Appreciation Week?" Her response was "So I gave a small Shoe key chain to staff and it says "You go the extra distance for kids" I Thought that was appropriate because our staff does so many things for our kids and it was a small way that I could show appreciation for the teachers. The district is doing snacks or meals all week, so on Monday it was muffins for "We would be muffin without you like we would be nothing" Tuesday was to create your own Chex Mix. Wednesday was to create your own root beer floats, Thursday was Nacho bar Like nacho average teacher." We all are very grateful for all of our amazing teachers that make it possible for us get a good education, and support us in all aspects of our lives.

# Graduation Plan

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - Graduation is fast approaching and plans are being made for the graduation. The graduation ceremony will be held on the football field if it doesn't rain that is. In the instance where it does rain, it will be moved to the Bank of Colorado Pavilion. The boys will wear forest green caps and gowns, while the girls will wear silver caps and gowns. When each senior receives their diploma, they get the opportunity to have their plans read to the audience and the names of the scholarships they received. Each class member has purchased flowers and gifts to give the people who have had an impact on their life, which they will do during a special ceremony. They have been invited to a baccalaureate service at the First Christian Church, which is hosted by Pastor Mike Brown and will be held at 12:30 on Sunday, May 16. On Thursday the 13, seniors will attend a breakfast hosted by the HHS Staff. During breakfast they can watch the slideshow they made as well as spend time with their classmates. The staff will also give them gifts during breakfast. Their class color is black and the class flower is a red rose. This year, the class song is Good Old Days by Macklemore and their class quote is "With great power comes great responsibility" said Peter Parker.



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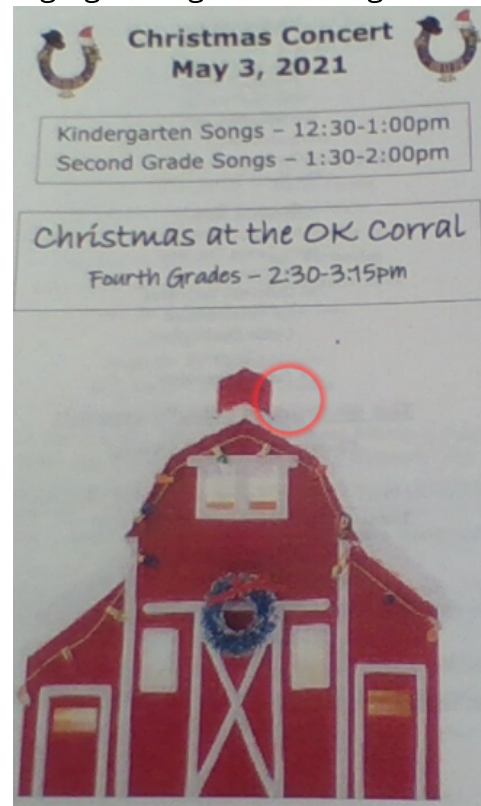
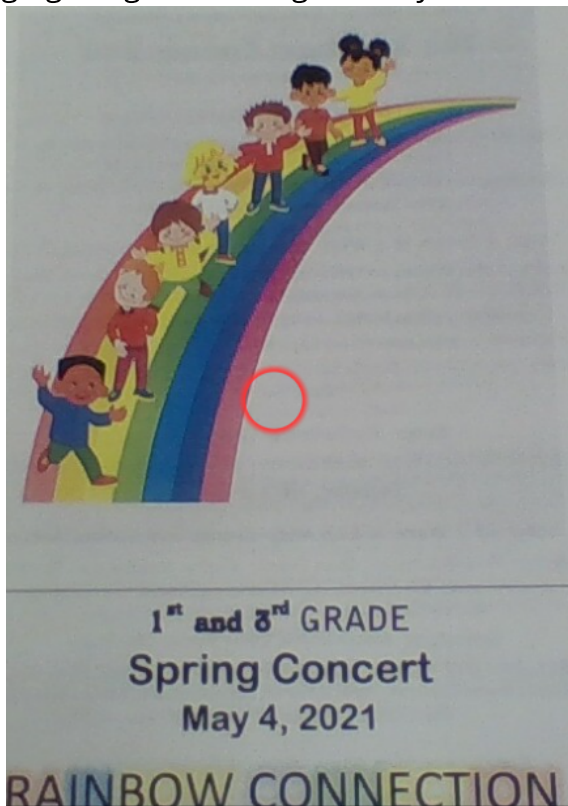


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# Elementary and Jr/Sr High School Choir

By: Teagan Martin

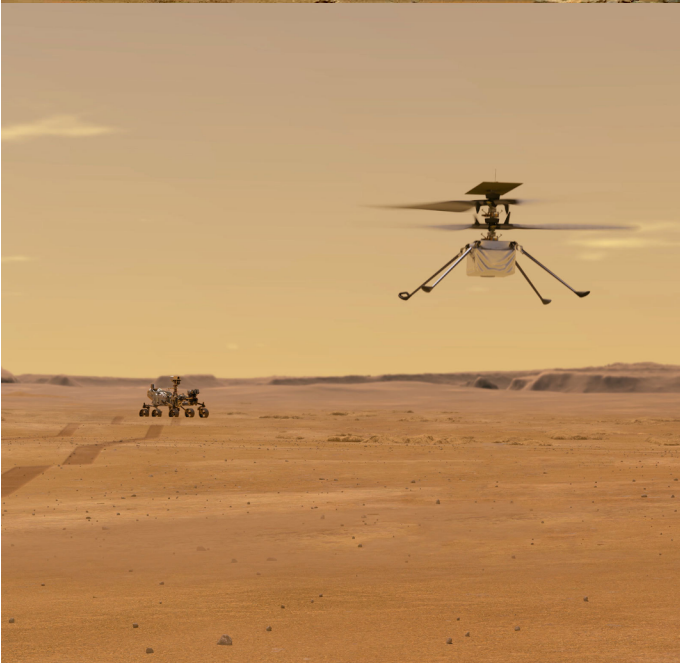
HOLYOKE, CO - Many students in both Elementary and in the Jr/Sr High School had choir concerts this week. On May 3rd, grades Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th had a concert. The 4th grade concert was called "Christmas at the OK Corral". Grades 1 & 3 had a concert on May 4th. Their concert was called "Rainbow Connection". The junior high choir had a concert on May 5th, and they sang four songs. They were: "Africa", "Seed to Sow", "Power of One", and "Amani-Utupe". Many students had solos in some of the songs, they were: Kenzie Rau, Dayton Edwards, Isabelle Kropp, Courtlyn Kinnie, Ellie Kleve, Leah Struckmeyer, Briana Tena, Morgann Vernon, Mikayla Davidson, Fatima Nunez, Parker Steggs, and Nicole Schlacter. The high school choir students also had a concert after the junior high students. Some songs they sang were "Wake Me Up", and "A Gospel Alleluia". Some soloists were Ashton Robles, Erin Andersen, Lauren Herman, Jalen Hunter, and Clover Adler. Cozner Deaver Ring was a junior high student that attended the concert. Cozner said, "It was very fun singing songs and being with my friends. I also liked singing a song with the high schoolers."



# Ingenuity on Mars

by Mason Sprague

Holyoke CO - Not only do helicopters fly on Earth, but they now fly on Mars. NASA launched a helicopter on Mars called Ingenuity. Ingenuity got to Mars by a rover that was sent from Earth and then released from the rover when it got there. Its only job is to test flight on Mars. It's only taken four completed flights on Mars. The first flight was on April 21 and all it did was go up 10 feet and took a turn and landed. For the second and third flight it took off and landed in a different spot. The fourth flight made the helicopter fly at higher altitude and farther distance. They weren't just looking to see if it could fly they also got really cool pictures of Mars and discovered some cool things. Ben Kleve says, " Learning how to fly on Mars could make it more of a chance as a backup planet if earth is polluted to much." <https://mars.nasa.gov/technology/helicopter/#Overview>



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# Much Ado About Nothing

Roslynn Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- Last Friday and Saturday, April 30th and May 1st, the Holyoke High school put on a play, Much Ado About Nothing. In the play was Alma Alajandre, as Beatrice, Levi Ford, as Benedick, Jimena Nunez, as Hero and Sextant, Kailar Hayes as Cladio, Kenneth Lindholm, as Don Pedro, Max Kleve as Don John and Verges, Hannah Lindholm, as Leonato, Ursula, Margeret, and Conrade,Tristan Ferguson as Dogberry and Antonio, Isaiah Ruter as the narrator, friar Francis, Borrachio, and messenger. The play's crew was Emmy Brown, Ms. Amanda Brown, Ms. Micah Mehl. Mrs.Mehl decided to cast by auditions and do a monologue. She as well did interviews, asked why the people wanted to play the character they auditioned for, and what they thought their strengths and their weakest strength is, she liked to ask the students about how they'll do with school, if they'll be able to keep up with their work, based on answers. She thinks the play went well and the students did great with playing their roles,scene changing , and overall she thinks they did phenomenal. She chose to do a Shakespeare play because it is her favorite play, and has a small roll count, so she could still do it with a small number of people. She got led to direct the play because she loves theater, and took the great oppportunity when the school needed someone to direct . She would describe the play as a bunch of drama that never even happened. The play lasted about one hour and there were about 20 minutes of set changes. Throughout the play the scenery would change from indoors to outdoors, to a church. We hope to have new plays for the beginning of the school year, potential dates of it being November 19th and 20th, there are rumors of it being Clue.

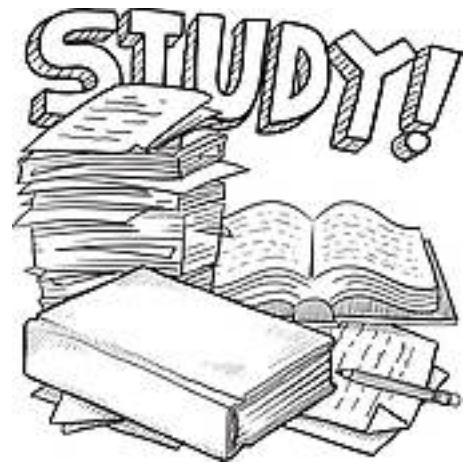




# Finals Exemption

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO - Finals are almost here, and many students can be exempt from, or able to skip, them. On the average number of students who are usually exempt from finals, Mrs. Clayton says, "Over the last 4 years, the average number of students exempt in grades 7-12 has been 38. It really fluctuates from year to year. In the course of the last 4 years, the lowest number of exempt students was 26, and the highest number was 45." The guidelines for finals exemption can be found on pages 14-16 in the student handbook. Mr. French, upon being asked about his final, said that he allows his students to study the last week before finals. He also returns all of the tests and quizzes from the year, and allows his students to review those for any information they might need for the final. Mr. French's final consists of all the topics that the students have learned from the semester. When asked about how much the final affects students' grades, Mr. French states, "The most the Final can affect students' grades for the semester is 10 points (one full letter grade), but usually it does not change by that much."



## Coming Soon...

Next week, I will be writing about the trips to the movie theater with Mr. Betley's Spanish class.



# Thursday track meet

By; Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE CO-Last thursday April 29 there was a track meet in Imperial. The athletes left the school at 7:15 to head to Nebraska. The holyoke dragons competed against many nebraska teams. The teams were Holyoke, Caliche, Haxtun, Imperial, blank, blank, blank, and blank. Over all the dragons placed blankth out of blanks teams. The coached thought that holyoke did blank. Compared to other track meets that the dragons have gone to they only got to go against their grade. It went 7th grade girls, 8th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 8th grade boys. The order of events went high jump and long jump at the same time then triple jump. After that, it was the 800. Then, the mile, after that is the sprint medially, open 100, 4by1, open 400,