

# DRAGONS

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## DRAGON TIMES



# Graduation

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE CO-The seniors of 2021 had their last high school event on Sunday which happened to be their graduation. All of the seniors were supposed to be at the high school football field at 1:15, and then the actual graduation started at 2. Planning graduation naturally takes all year but the actual setting up of the stage and everything takes about 2-3 hours. According to Mrs. Clayton this is all who helped her set up the stage, "It was definitely a team effort. Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Bieber, Albino Nunez, Jenna Scanlon, Dusty McConnell, Mrs. Stumpf, My husband, my son Levi, my son



Reid, Mr. Betley, and Mr. Timm." They spent almost \$200 on decorations and miscellaneous supplies, although the caps, gowns, and the diplomas were well over \$2,000. Mrs. Clayton did not help anyone with their speeches but she had shown them other speeches to look off of. Their senior song is approved by Mrs. Powell but their class sponsors and Mrs. Clayton try to guide them in the right direction.

This photo was taken by Jessica Cummings.

# Teacher Summer Plans

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO - In Holyoke High School, we have many great teachers we have all gotten to know over this year. Unfortunately, we have to leave them now, but what will they be doing this summer? Most of our teachers are planning on going on vacations, coaching a summer sport or running a summer program, or just staying home. Another popular response was traveling, whether it be abroad or just in the United States.

Although, some teachers have unique plans for their summer. For example, Ms. Hutches says, "This summer I plan to take at least one long distance driving trip. I drove

2500 miles alone last summer and saw Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, the Tetons, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Montana." Our teachers have said that they will miss us all, and cannot wait to see us next year. Have a great summer, Dragons!



# State Volleyball

By: Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- Last week on May 5-6 the Volleyball tournament was held in Colorado Springs, at the Broadmoor Hotel. The Holyoke volleyball team Played Denver Christian school. They played three sets, and ended up losing all three of them. After Holyoke lost they were cut from the tournament and Denver Christian moved on. According to [Tayla Martin](#) "Even though we didn't do as well as we wanted to it was a good opportunity that we go to go since it's been 20 years" [Lauren Herman](#) stated "It was a whole different atmosphere for us because we haven't played in a big gym for a long time against teams that play there every year." Lauren also said "I mean it was a cool place because we were able to be in the same spot as the teams, but I wish that we could have had more fans that could watch." Tayla said well the girls wish they could have gone further "Well I wish we would have but it's okay because we're newer to state competitions." Way to fight hard! We will get them next year!!

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# Sedg Co baseball game

by: Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE CO- The baseball players played Sedgwick last saturday. The dragons lost to the cougars. The dragons played two games. The first game they lost 13-3. Then, in the second game they lost 9-6. For the first game Tyson Mosenteen was the pitcher and for the second game it was Micheal Perez. Some of the players only got to hit for varsity. Mr French had many things to say about how they played. One of the things is that the players is that they played well and they have a few things that they can improve on. Get them next time.



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# High School Track

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - The high school track team had a meet in Akron. Holyoke had the meet on Friday the 14th. They left at 6:15 AM and they got back around 4:00 PM. There were approximately 20 students that went to the meet. The girls that got first were Tayla Martin and Correy Koellner. Tayla got first in the 400 meter and Correy got first in Long Jump, Shot Put, and Discus. Aaron Sierra got first in the 110 meter hurdles and his time was 17.25. Holyoke had many relays during this meet. Overall, Holyoke got third place out of 13 teams. Some teams that went were: Merino, Wray, Sedgwick County, Brush, and Yuma. I interviewed an athlete that got first during the meet, and that was Tayla Martin. She said, "To succeed, you have to have a good mindset and not doubt. Also, enjoy being with your teammates."

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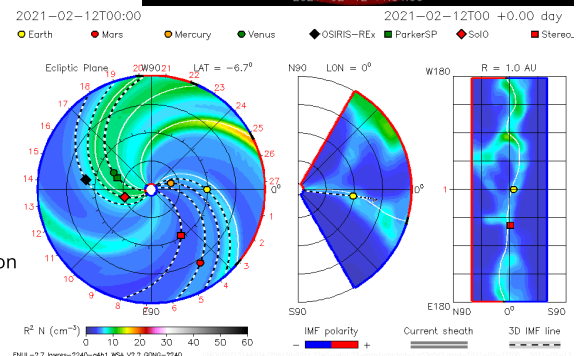
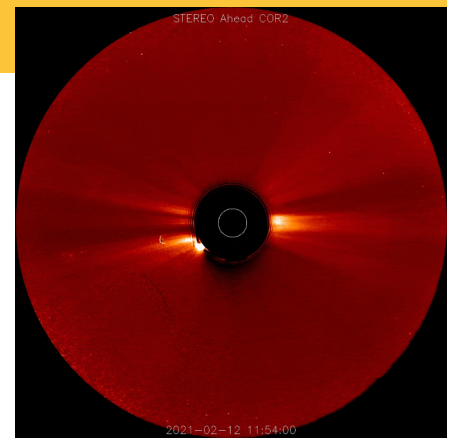


# Solar Eruptions

by Mason Sprague

Holyoke CO - Solar eruptions are when the sun there is an increase in brightness from the sun in a certain spot. NASA made an instrument that is able to capture cool moments like this of the sun. The instrument is supposed to watch solar winds, dust, and cosmic rays. Capturing these moments according to NASA was just a happy accident. When the solar eruption happened, the people watching over SoloHI ( the Instrument) were not prepared for this to happen so they could not get some good stuff. They were able to get some pictures. The SoloHI has also got one of the closest pictures of the sun, and It also will continue to get closer and in November this year it will go into science mode.

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2021/a-new-space-instrument-captures-its-first-solar-eruption>







# The Last Days of School



By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - The last days of school are like family reunions, as soon as you get there you want to leave. The longer the reunion is, the more you want to leave. Even though you want to leave, you find the people you like hanging out with and enjoying being around. Even though the reunion can drag on for what seems like a lifetime, you have people there who want to leave just as much as you do. The last days of school are those last minutes of the reunion where you are so close to leaving, but you have to wait a little longer before you can leave. Your parents have to wrap up their conversations and you have to say 'goodbye' and 'see you next time,' and you know you are going to want it to be over next time, too. When you do get to leave, you are relieved and happy. Next time, you can find those people again and hang out with them until the reunion is over.



# Summer as a Person



By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - As a person, summer would be of average height, have green eyes, and light colored hair. She would be a very happy and nice person on her good days. She is very powerful and can sometimes be dangerous when in a bad mood. She wears round glasses, big, gold hoop earrings, and is almost always seen with a smile. She wears a necklace of the sun and dresses in light clothes. Today, we see her in a white and yellow striped shirt under black overalls. She loves to be outside and enjoy the warmth of the sun. Her best friend is Spring, and she has no enemies. She is a happy and warm person who doesn't have a problem making friends and gets along with everyone. Her hobbies include reading, being outside, working in her garden, and playing with her dog. Her favorite animal is the Praying Mantis and her favorite flower is the Daisy. She loves all things yellow and she loves collecting shiny rocks when she walks her dog in the morning. Overall, Summer is a happy person and loves making new friends.



Pictured below is her friend Spring, who is also a happy person. She is a little taller than Summer, but only by about two inches. She has teal hair with pink strands in front of her ears, brown eyes, and always wears a black headband with a small bun at the back of her head. She loves listening to music and wears earrings similar to Summer's. Today she is wearing a white shirt under a black jacket with gold triangles adorning it. She is less dangerous than Summer on her bad days. Her best friend is Summer, and has no enemies. Her hobbies include gardening, listening to music, laying in her hammock, and playing with her bird. Her favorite animal is the Bunny and her favorite flower is the Lilly. She loves all colors and enjoys making bouquets from the flowers outside her garden. Overall, Spring is a cheery person who loves her outside time.



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# Next Year...

By Dahiria Castillo

HOLYOKE CO - As the school year comes to an end, the school has discussed and started changes to the school. From changes to the building to curriculum and staff, the school has been planning what next year will look like. Construction has already begun but there is still so much to do. Both locker rooms, the weight room, the front office and concession stand are all being renovated and/or moved. The front office will be the new concession stand/ lunch serving area to have a more cafeteria like style and the concession stands now will turn into a new athlete trainer area. Principal Powell says, "The locker rooms are being renovated and updated to meet ADA compliance. The JH locker rooms can not be in a basement so they need relocated and the HS locker rooms needed more accessible showers and



bathrooms." The Alternative School and Mrs. Nelson are moving rooms, a new elevator will be installed in the new gym (Dragon Lair) by the boys locker room, a new athlete trainer area will be added, and the wrestling room will be expanded. The entrances to the old gym will be expanded and handicap accessible. Students have suggested calling the new gym the Dragon Lair, this new name would suit the gym especially with all it's new improvements. Along with the new building upgrades, schedule and staff changes will also

happen this upcoming school year. The first bell will ring at 7:55 A.M. instead of 8:00 A.M. and the second bell will ring at 8:00 A.M. instead of at 8:05 A.M. Lunch and passing periods will stay the same. Seven minutes will be added to the school year to make up for our four day weeks. Four day weeks will be introduced to the school year as well. Mrs. San Jose is sadly leaving so we will have new science teachers plus Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Peterson. Many new classes will also be available next year, "As far as curriculum changes we will have several new courses added such as forensics, entrepreneurship, internship II, certified nurse's aide, emergency medical responder, contemporary literature, English in the Workplace, Speech in the Workplace, digital art II, intro to computer science foundations, cybersecurity I, 3D modeling and animation, principles of financial management, advanced spanish 3, sign language, college welding, college animal science." List from Mrs. Clayton:) PHOTO CREDITS; ISAIAH RUETER

# FFA Plant Sale

Roslynn Doorn

HOLYOKE CO- This week, on May twenty second, the school's FFA ( future farmers of america) group will be holding a plant sale at the event center. The school's group decided to do the plant sale because it was a good way to raise money and time efficient. Growing the plants took the students about one month. When reflecting on sales in the past the sale could possibly last in the morning. The money that is earned will be put back into the greenhouse, to buy things such as tables, new systems and lots of new plants to grow. This year is Katelyn Kropp's first year in FFA but is still helping with all the sales. The idea for the plant sale was brought up by Mrs. Strecker but the idea was liked by many students, and they took incentive to start the sale. Mrs. Strecker decided to do the plant sale so they could have a project for the plant science class and the agriculture business class to work together on. Some of the things that the groups will be selling are Impatiens, Zinnia, Marigold, Begonia, Petunia, Gazania, Geranium Calibrachoa, and Sweet Potato Vine. For vegetables they are selling ,Cucumber, Zucchini, Squash, Chili, Roma Tomatoes, Garden Bean, Hybrid Pepper, Better Boy tomato, Thyme and large and small Hanging baskets. Although the schools have had multiple sales in the past this is the first time they are able to sell plants like this since we now have a greenhouse. All members of the community are welcomed to go to the sale, there will be multiple different people selling because it is a home and garden show.



Photo credits to Mrs. Strecker