



Holland HAPPENINGS

July 2025 Summer Update



Congratulations!

Class of 2025:

57 graduating seniors

Valedictorian:
Leah Hyman

Salutatorian:
Briana Wirth

H.O.B. ELEMENTARY

- The H.O.B. Garden Committee collected donations to renovate the pond in the elementary courtyard in memory of Nick Chmielewski and Cecilia Kirsch.
- Fourth grade art enrichment students worked with Mrs. Mikula to update the framed artwork in the hallways of H.O.B.
- Assemblyman David DiPietro awarded "Teacher of the Year" to Tim Buckenmeyer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Holland Middle School was awarded the US News and World Report "Best Middle Schools in America" designation for the 1st time in school history!
- Fifth and sixth grade chorus put on a spring musical for the first time since the building re-opened.
- Assemblyman David DiPietro awarded "Teacher of the Year" to Stephanie Fildes.



HIGH SCHOOL

- Holland High School is ranked 14th out of all WNY high schools (69 total). Overall, that puts us in the top 20% in the state and the top 10% in the country.
- Thank you to all of our community members and businesses who donated to the HS Post Prom. There were over \$10,000 in prize donations and \$4,000 in cash and food donations!
- The 2025 senior class donated two new picnic tables for use during warm weather for outdoor classes.
- The Envirothon team, "The Blue Orchids," run by Pam Patterson, won 1st place at the Regional Envirothon Competition and 10th overall at States.
- Aubree Pike, Zoey Wawrzynski, Celia Rummenie, Ashley Gossel, Danni Danebrock, Levi Bates, Lydia Peterson, Addison Walter, and Briana Wirth had their artwork selected to be a part of the 2025 High School Invitational Art Exhibit at the Springville Center for the Arts.
- Several Holland students have been recognized for their poems by the Aurora Women's Club. Congratulations to: Courtney Molenda (Honorable Mention), Samantha Mest (3rd Place), and Acadia Peirick (1st Place)!
- Assemblyman David DiPietro awarded "Teacher of the Year" to Andy Ranic.



ATHLETICS



- **Division Champions:** Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball – Section VI Class C Runner-Up, Girls Basketball, Girls Track & Field
- **NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams:** Boys and Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Indoor Track, Baseball, Flag Football, Boys and Girls Track and Field
- Section VI – Sportsmanship Promotion Award
- NYSPHSAA School of Excellence Award
- **Athletes of the Year:** Brady Wiskup and Gracelyn Teixeira

THE CAFETERIA

- Starting in September our new ice cream will be dye-free and completely peanut and tree nut-free.
 - **WE NEED YOU!** 
 - We are looking for local farms to collaborate with for a Farm-to-School initiative. Thank you to Waligora Maple, Plato Dale Farm, and Eden Valley Growers so far! Contact Jess Shields: [716-537-8216](tel:716-537-8216)
 - Breakfast and lunches at HCSD continue to be free for all students, but we need ALL FAMILIES to complete the Community Eligibility Form as it affects our reimbursement amount. This form ALSO allows students to take advantage of free or discounted prices for SAT, ACT, PSAT, and AP exams as well as fee waivers on college applications. This form can be found on our website: www.hollandcsd.org/departments/food-services
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CAPITAL PROJECT

MS Playground Addition to Come in Summer of 2026

Following multiple rounds of input from students, staff, community members, and playground experts, a final plan has come together for the Middle School Playground addition that is a small part of the upcoming capital project that was approved by voters in the fall of 2025.

The new playground area will be to the west of the basketball court and will incorporate elements seen in the photos as well as a few others including a second set of six swings and a covered seating area. The very popular volleyball court will move into the playground space as well, providing a soft surface that will have drainage, allowing for more months of play. The tennis court area will be "turfed over" leaving a multi-use area for soccer and flag football at recess, as well as a space for early season outdoor practice for baseball/softball before the ground is dry. Principal Bryan Ford noted, "Students were very excited to see the elements of the project come together and to have a voice in the process. While we were working with a limited budget on this project that didn't support a full-scale playground like the Elementary School, I'm very happy with what we were able to put together. I think it will serve the students during the day and the community during off-hours very well."



CAPITAL PROJECT



HS Computer
Lab/Classroom View

HS Technology Suite and Computer Lab Renderings

Work on the high school tech suite will begin in February 2026 and will be completed for use in the 2026-2027 school year!



HS Technology Shop
View

**THANK
YOU!**

THANK YOU
to the **Class of 1975**
for their gift celebrating
50 years!

This new window
treatment was added to
the HS cafeteria
windows!





HCSD PTO



OUR GOALS

Our goals include volunteerism of parents, encouragement of teachers, and supporting the welfare of students and their families.

HCSD PTO wants to bring together students, staff, families, and the community for all in Holland.

HOW DOES THE PTO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT?

PTO funds District Field Trips

(excluding transportation)

Provide funds for school assemblies

Host Trunk or Treat - **Family Favorite!!**

Support Post Prom

Provide classroom materials and supplies

(not included in budget)

Provide refreshments for end of the year celebrations (Pre-K, 4th, 8th & 12th grade)

Provide Senior Scholarships

Support Field Day Activities

Host Scholastic Book Fairs

Host End of the Year Activities

(Senior Ice Cream Truck & Middle School Sundae Bar, etc.)

Host Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser

Host Annual Basket Raffle

AND MANY MORE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

None of the above activities can continue if we don't have the support (**time & resources**) of our Holland families. We have a small but mighty group of dedicated individuals that make the above happen; but **WE NEED YOU!!**

**If your student loves the "extras" in the school year
then it is time to get involved!!**

Join us on ParentSquare * Follow us on Facebook * Come to our Monthly Meetings
(times, dates & locations will be communicated via ParentSquare)

CONTACT US

AT HCSDPTO@GMAIL.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS, IDEAS, COMMENTS, ETC.

SAVE THE DATE

August 26

- New-to-H.O.B./UPK Orientation: 1pm
- Kindergarten Orientation: 2pm

August 27

- H.O.B. Supply Drop-Off, Jr. Harvest Show, & PTO Ice Cream Social: 1-4pm

September 2

- Freshman Orientation: 6pm
- 5th Grade Orientation/Grades 6-8 Supply Drop-Off & Meet the Teacher Night: 5:30pm

September 4

- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

