HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL

2026-27 CALENDAR

HOLLAND PATENT GOLDEN KNIGHTS

















HOME OF THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING
Emergency school closings may be necessary during the year, especially due to ice or snow. Closing information will be shared through our school messaging system and announced on the radio, television stations, and websites listed below, in most cases prior to 7:00 a.m.

The District uses ParentSquare for all communication. For more information, visit www.hpschools.org.

KISS FM - 97.7/105.5
WBCK/WBUG - 99.7/101.1
WIBZ - 950 AM/98.7 FM
WTLB - 107.9 FM
WUTQ - 100.7 FM
WVTL - 104.7 FM/1570 AM
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spectrumlocalnews.com
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WSYR - News Channel 9
Syracuse
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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

Mobile Crisis Assessment Team: 315-732-6228

Project Hope: 315-272-6248

Connected Community Schools
Katie Rockwell (MS, GWF): 315-717-9748
Michelle Smith (HS, HPE): 315-717-9428

The Center for Family Life and Recovery
315-865-8154 ext. 3074

The Neighborhood Center Behavioral Healthcare Services
315-272-2730 (Rome)
315-272-2700 (Utica)

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INFORMATION ON ADDITIONALTEEN SERVICES AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT
https://ocgov.net/oneida/mentalhealth/teenservice

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Annex Conference Room	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Varsity Football Starts	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Varsity and JV Fall Sports Start	25 6th Grade Orientation 5:30 p.m.	26	27	28	29
30	31 Modified Fall Sports Start					

HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT
The Holland Patent Central School District, with an enrollment of approximately 1,200 students, serves all or protions of the Townships of:

TRENTON | STEUBEN | FLOYD | RUSSIA | DEERFIELD | MARCY | REMSEN | WESTERN

The students of the Dstrict are served by two elementary school buildings. Holland Patent Elementary serves grades 3-5 and is located in Holland Patent. General William Floyd Elementary serves grades pre-K-2 and is located in Stittville.

The middle school, serving grades 6, 7, 8, is located in Holland Patent, and the high school, serving grades 9-12, is located just outside the Village of Holland Patent.

The school district is organized under the control of the Board of Education, whose offices are located in the Annex. Their Chief Executive Officer is known as the Superintendent of the District. Their office, as well as the other adminstrative offices, are located in the Annex.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS
These meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. Please refer to the calendar for those specific dates. You are inted to call the district office if you have a particular topic which you feel should be brought to the attention of the Board of Education.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING - BUDGET HEARING
The annual district meeting is normally held on the first Tuesday in May in the high school building. The election of members to the Board of Education, the vote on the budget and voting on other properly introduced propositions shall take place two weeks later. Polls are open from 10:00 a.m. untill 8:00 p.m.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS
At the present time, these are carried on at the elementary level only. They usually meet at specific times as listed on the school calendar. School curriculum and programs are usually the main topics and this is an opporutnity for parents to become better acquainted with their child's school and faculty. Please consider getting involved.

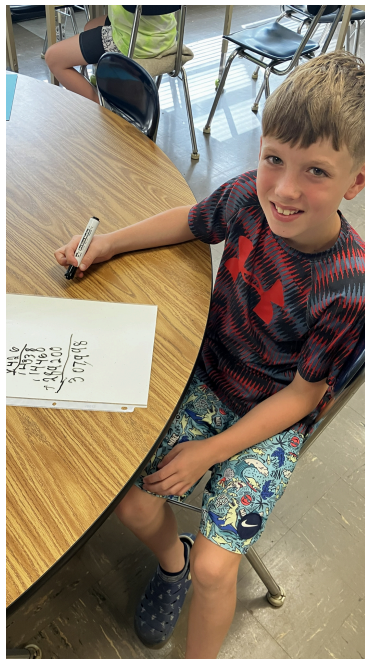
TRANSPORATION
The responsibiltiy for adminstering the transporation program in this District shall rest with the school administration and they shall adhere to all applicable laws and regularions of the Commissioner of Education, Motor Vehicle Bureau and Public Service Commission.

The school will provide transporation for lesser distances if an unusual situation exists, which in the judgement of the Board of Education creates unusual hardship upon the child. Such cases will be considered as isolated cases and decisions rendered on the basis of particualr circumstances.

Parents planning to send their chldrent to parochial school or private school are hereby notified that they must file their request for transportation with the Superintendent of Schools, prior to April 1, in accordance with current state law. This, of course, enables the District to plan for and budget the money necessary to provide such transportation.













September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **Superintendent's Conference Day** GWF Backyard BBQ & Open House, 3-5 p.m. MS Open House Grades 7 & 8, 5-6:30 p.m.	2 **Superintendent's Conference Day** HPE Backyard BBQ & Open House, 3-5 p.m. Freshmen Orientation 5:30 p.m. HS Open House 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.	3 First Day of School	4	5
6	7 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	8	9 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Annex Conference Room	10	11 Patriot Day Rosh Hashanah Beings	12
13 Grandparents' Day Rosh Hashanah Ends	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Yom Kippur Begins	21 HPE Picture Day Yom Kippur Ends	22 First Day of Fall	23	24 Touch the Truck at GWF	25 Sukkot Begins	26
27	28	29	30			

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

As school transportation continues to be rated by the National Highway Safety Administration as one of the safest forms of transportation in the United States (eight times safer than the automobile), we encourage everyone to take the safer way to school by riding the school bus.

The opportunity to ride a bus is available to all students eligible for bus transportation, but is accompanied by a responsibility to make each trip as safe as possible.

In order to maintain a high level of safety while efficiently transporting students, our drivers must have the cooperation of both the students and parents. If the rules listed are followed, the driver can concentrate on their primary job - **safe driving**.

For further information and answers to your concerns, please contact the transportation department by calling 315-865-4103.

BUS RULES

1. The bus driver is in charge. Respect your bus driver/monitor and fellow students.

2. Go directly to your seat and remain there while the bus is in motion. It is appropriate for three to sit in each seat being careful not to block the aisle. Keep body parts inside the bus.

3. No fighting, tripping, shoving, use of profanity, loud talking, horseplay, or behavior which might divert the driver's attention is permitted.

4. No bullying on the school bus.

5. Keep the bus clean and care for bus equipment. Emergency doors and windows as well as other bus equipment are to be used only when appropriate.

6. Hold backpacks, book bags and instrument cases while on the bus. Do not leave them in the front of the bus or in the aisle.

7. Food and beverages are not to be consumed on the bus.

8. Glass containers are strictly prohibited.

9. You may not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or vaping products.

10. Use of cell phones which includes video and audio on the bus is prohibited. These products/violations will be dealt with according to school district policy.

11. The District will follow BOE Policy #5016 regarding transportation request.

Note: Videotaping is conducted on the buses, at our discretion, to ensure the safety of our students.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM(NSLP)

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally-assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or no-cost lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1946.

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It began as a pilot project in 1966, and was made permanent in 1975. The School Breakfast Program is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service. At the State level, the program is usually administered by State education agencies, which operate the program through agreements with local school food authorities in more than 89,000 schools and institutions.

We are pleased to announce that all students enrolled at Holland Patent Schools will be able to receive a FREE breakfast and lunch meal at all Holland Patent schools on school days during the 2026-27 school year regardless of income status.

This implementation is a result of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) expanding access to the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP allows eligible schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to offer school meals at no charge to all students.

Since income data is used as a proxy for many education and other purposes in New York State, it is vital that you still complete a household income form. One will be provided at the beginning of the school year. Collection of this data is important to the District.

Holland Patent CSD utilizes NutriKids Point of Sale (POS). This is a computerized system that tracks all sales and deposits. All students are issued a PIN number and will continue with the same number throughout their enrollment. Students will enter their number at the register and their account will be displayed to the cashier.

It is important that students continue to fund their accounts because only the first breakfast and lunch meals each school day are offered at no cost. Doubles, snacks and other a la carte items must still be paid for. This can be done at www.myschoolbucks.com. This website will allow you to make payments, set up low balance alerts, view transactions and much more.

Charging of snacks and other a la carte items will not be allowed. Balances that are $10.00 or more in debt will receive automated phone calls weekly until the balance is brought current.

PLEASE FILL OUT A FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION.
THIS MUST BE DONE ANNUALLY.
*Filling out this form helps our school become eligible for grant opportunities. **If you have any questions, please contact Cliff Casab at 315-865-7242 or ccasab@hpschools.org.**

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 GWF Picture Day	2 5-week Interim Sukkot Ends	3
4	5	6 MS Picture Day SAT and PSAT, 8 a.m.	7 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Annex Conference Room	8 Grade 3-5 Cross Country Meet Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud	9 **Superintendent's Conference Day** NO SCHOOL	10
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - 10/4-10/10						
11	12 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	13	14 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7 p.m.	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 HS Picture Day	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

OVERVIEW OF DISTRICT STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

ATTENDANCE
Regular attendance at school is necessary for two reasons: first, parents of children of compulsory school age may be prosecuted by law if their child is not in regular attendance for causes other than legal. Second, and more important to the student, the value of your education can be seriously threatened by frequent loss of class time.

Students are expected to attend school on a regular and consistent basis. The insistence on good attendance serves as a clear and constant reminder of the strong correlation between attendance and student achievement. Under New York State Education Law Section 3205, parents are responsible for the regular attendance of their children for instruction. All absences from school must be noted as part of a student's record. Absences from school fall into two broad categories: excused and unexcused. Unexcused absences fall into two general categories: unlawful detention and truancy. Examples and explanations of each can be found in parent/guardian handbooks distributed annually during the opening of school each September.

The Holland Patent Central School District will monitor student attendance on a regular and consistent basis. Instances of extensive absence will initiate a review under the auspices of the building principal. This review will trigger appropriate interventions such as parent contact, counseling of students, disciplinary action, or referral to community services.

DRESS CODE
Students' appearances should be neat and clean. Dress and appearance which causes disruption of the educational process or present health or safety problems shall not be permitted. Otherwise, dress and appearance are the responsibility of the parent.

SMOKING
Smoking/vaping will not be permitted on school property or at school functions either during or after school hours.

DRINKING
Drinking, evidence of drinking, or the possession of alcoholic beverages on school premises or at school activities is prohibited by Board of Education policy.

POLICY ON USE OF DRUGS
Use, possession or sale of drugs other than those obtained by legal prescription, on school premises or at school activities, will not be tolerated by the Board of Education. Students violating this provision will be suspended from school and prior to re-entering school, will be accompanied by their parents for an informal hearing.

In addition, the superintendent shall have the authority to refer cases of alleged possession of dangerous drugs to appropriate law enforcement officials.

After appropriate investigation by school officials, complaints about the alleged sale of dangerous drugs shall be referred to appropriate law enforcement officials. Action of law enforcement officials shall supersede actions of school officials in cases of this nature.

SUSPENSION
The superintendent or other designated administrators may suspend from required attendance a student who is 1) insubordinate or disorderly, 2) whose physical or mental condition endangers the health, safety or morals of himself or of other students.

DRIVING TO SCHOOL
Students driving to school, whether regularly or occasionally, must register their car model, license number, color and proof of insurance at the high school office. In addition, students will need a permit and attend a safety meeting. All unlicensed vehicles including mini-bikes, dirt bikes, tractors, lawn mowers and ATVs are prohibited on school premises. Snowmobiles are also prohibited except in areas approved by High School Administration.

Students riding bicycles or driving cars are responsible for the safety of pedestrians at all times. The speed limit on school grounds is five miles per hour.

No students are to be in their vehicles or in the parking lot area during school hours. There is to be no spinning of tires, stopping or turning abruptly. Any violation of the above rules will mean student loss of parking lot privileges.

A summary of the BOE approved Code of Conduct is provided to each student annually. The entire code is available upon request in each building's main office.



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4 HS Financial Aid Night 5 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., MS Library	5 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 5 p.m.	6 End of Marking Period 1 GWF/HPE Parent Teacher Conferences 11 a.m. Dismissal	7
8 Diwali	9 Veterans Day Concert 6:30 p.m., - HS Aud	10	11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	12 GWF/HPE Parent Teacher Conferences 11 a.m. Dismissal	13 GWF/HPE Parent Teacher Conferences 11 a.m. Dismissal	14
15	16 Winter Varsity/JV Sports Start Modified Wrestling, Volleyball, and Swimming Start	17 MS Character Ed Breakfast	18 ASVAB, 8 a.m., HS	19 HS Character Ed Breakfast	20	21
22	23	24 Go Home Early Drill	25	26 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING RECESS	27	28
29	30 Modified Basketball Starts					

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

HEALTH SERVICES

Health services are provided to students by registered nurses. First aid is rendered to students according to orders provided by the District physician. Yearly physicals can be completed by the District physician or his/her assistant for those students in kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 who have not had a physical. All students entering school for the first time are required to have been immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP), measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), polio, hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox), haemophilus influenzae (Hib) and pneumococcal conjugate. Additionally, students entering grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 must have received one dose of the Meningococcal vaccine; a second dose is required by grade 12, but cannot be given prior to age 16. An updated Emergency Form is required annually.

SPEECH & LANGUAGE PROGRAM

This program consists of two full-time speech therapists for the District. The program consists of identification of those students who have functional or organic speech, language, voice, and hearing problems. Services are provided based on individual student needs.

OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSICAL THERAPY

This program consists of occupational and physical therapists who address students whose fine/gross motor needs impact their education. Services are provided based on individual student needs.

COUNSELING

This program consists of three school counselors and five social workers. The school counseling department at HPCSD empowers students to utilize their individual strengths to achieve personal excellence, academically and socially, in a safe and nurturing environment with the ultimate goal of preparing students to be responsible, lifelong learners. Services are provided based on individual student needs.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

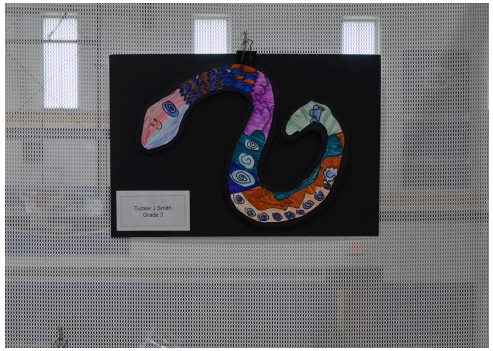
School psychological services are provided to students K-12 to offer consultation with parents and/or teachers, counseling, and evaluations to determine the presence of educational disabilities. All CSE referrals must have parent notification and permission before formal testing takes place. Services are provided based on individual student needs.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Each Spring, students who are entering kindergarten are screened at General William Floyd Elementary. The kindergarten teachers, reading teacher, and speech therapist screen each student. The results are shared with each child's parents. The school nurse is also available to meet with parents to complete school forms and to provide school counseling regarding incoming health records.













December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 4-12th grade Winter Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud	3	4 Hanukkah Begins	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., HS Library	10 5-12th grade Winter Band Concert, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud	11 15-week Interim	12 Hanukkah Ends
13	14	15	16 4-12th grade Winter Orchestra Concert 6:30 p.m., HS Auditorium	17 Winter Concert Snow Date 6:30 p.m.	18	19
20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23 NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins
27	28 NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

HP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

GENERAL WILLIAM FLOYD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PRE–K-2)
HOLLAND PATENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (3-5)

KRISTIN CASAB
GWF Elementary Principal

SARAH VERGIS
HP *Elementary Principal*

Welcom to the 2026-27 school year!

At General William Floyd Elementary (serving students in Pre-K through Grade 2) and Holland Patent Elementary (Grades 3–5), we are excited to welcome your family to a new school year filled with learning, growth, and opportunity.

Over the years, a strong sense of community has formed among our students, staff, and families. We believe that open communication and close collaboration with parents are essential to supporting every child's academic, social, and emotional success. Together, we can ensure that your child has a meaningful and enriching school experience.

Our schools are committed to educating the whole child. Through schoolwide programs and activities, students have opportunities to build not only academic skills but also social connections and character. Initiatives like the Positivity Project and Caught Purple Handed help reinforce kindness, respect, and strong peer relationships.

To support each child's academic journey, we use a variety of high-quality teaching resources. In reading, writing, and math, we use the workshop model to provide personalized and engaging instruction. In science, we are aligning our teaching with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), using hands-on BOCES Science Kits to bring learning to life. In math, we use the EnVisions program, which blends problemsolving, conceptual understanding, and practical application to build confidence and critical thinking.

We also know that education goes beyond the classroom. Our students enjoy enriching experiences in art, music, physical education, and technology—skills that are essential for lifelong learning and success in a changing world.

We're proud of the strong partnerships that make our schools thrive. From the Golden Knights Parent Teacher Association and Connected Community Schools, to our dedicated faculty, community partners, and Board of Education—together, we are building a supportive, connected learning environment for every child.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead and thank you for being an essential part of our school community!











January 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 Pre-K/K Registration	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Annex Conference Room	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26 Regents/Midterm Testing	27 Regents/Midterm Testing	28 Regents/Midterm Testing	29 Regents/Midterm Testing End of Marking Period 2	30

HOLLAND PATENT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lisa Gentile *Principal*

PROGRAMS

The middle school program is designed for students who are no longer in elementary school but are not yet ready for high school. It aims to help students apply the skills they acquired in elementary school so they can become more independent learners. During these “middle years,” students experience significant physical, intellectual, emotional, and social changes. The middle school philosophy focuses on addressing both academic and personal needs. Holland Patent Middle School maintains high expectations and provides quality learning opportunities for all students.

Middle schools face a variety of challenges. At Holland Patent Middle School, we remain committed to aligning our curriculum with New York State standards. We promote the use of consistent and effective instructional strategies, along with assessments and evaluations that support student learning. In addition, we emphasize the integration of technology as a natural and essential tool across all subject areas. These efforts ensure that the middle school continues to serve as a strong bridge between elementary and high school programs while maintaining a clear, research-based vision for student success.

For information on the middle school discipline policies or specific programs, please refer to the Student Handbook.

GROUPING SYSTEM

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are grouped heterogeneously (mixed ability) for most classes. Specific criteria in the form of a student profile rating, are used to determine placement in accelerated instructional programs in math and science. Student performance is monitored and evaluated regularly throughout the year.

Students in grade 6 are instructed in the following subjects: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Art, Music, Computer Applications and Home & Careers.

Students in grade 7 are instructed in the following subjects: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education, Art, Health, Home & Career Skills, Music and a Foreign Language (Spanish or French).

Students in grade 8 are instructed in the following subjects: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Agriculture, and a Foreign Language. They also continue to participate in Physical Education and Fine Arts.

GRADING SYSTEM

The school year is divided into four 10-week marking periods. Computerized report cards are issued at the end of each period, with grades ranging from A+ to F. The minimum passing grade for all subjects is a D. The following is the grading scale for the middle school.

A+	=	97-100	(12 points)
A	=	93-96	(11 points)
A-	=	90-92	(10 points)
B+	=	87-89	(9 points)
B	=	83-86	(8 points)
B-	=	80-82	(7 points)
C+	=	77-79	(6 points)
C	=	73-76	(5 points)
C-	=	70-72	(4 points)
D	=	65-69	(2 points)
F	=	below 65	(0 points)

A formula based on a 12-point rating scale is used to calculate averages and determine eligibility for the Honor Roll (8 points), High Honor Roll (9 points), and the Principal’s List (11 points). Course weighting is determined by how often a class meets during the marking period and throughout the school year.

Biology is weighted at 1.3. Algebra, Math 7H, French 1, and Spanish 1 are weighted at 1.05. Grade 6 Language Arts is weighted at 2 due to its 80-minute daily duration. Courses that meet every day are weighted at 1, while those that meet every other day are weighted at 0.5. Band, Wind Ensemble, Chorus, and Orchestra lessons are weighted at 0.17.











February 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Lunar New Year
7 Ramadan Begins	8	9	10 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., HPE Cafeteria Ash Wednesday	11 MS/HS Character Ed Breakfast	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Knightly Players Production 6:30 p.m., HS Aud	27 Knightly Players Production, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud

NO SCHOOL - MID-WINTER RECESS

HOLLAND PATENT HIGH SCHOOL

RUSSELL STEVENER, JR.
High School Principal

KELLY HEALEY
Assistant *Principal*

The faculty and staff at Holland Patent High School are committed to providing a comprehensive experience so that all students can be productive members of society.

The high school program adopted the slogan "success is the only option." Over the course of the past several years, the high school has seen their Regents results consistently amongst the best in the Mohawk Valley. In addition to their academic excellence, our music, arts and athletic programs perform at a high level across the board and have won many different awards and championships during the past few years.

The high school has worked diligently incorporating Learner-Focused Strategies into their lesson plans and daily lessons. In addition, many classrooms are equipped with advanced technology such as interactive video boards and document cameras which help facilitate student learning. Students are encouraged to take the many varied course offerings, including Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit courses. We currently offer the following AP and Dual Credit Courses:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT
AP World: Modern
AP U.S. History
AP Government
AP English Language and Composition
AP Biology w/ Lab
AP Seminar
AP Calculus

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY PROJECT ADVANCE (SUPA)
Chemistry
Writing
Presentational Speaking
Physics

COLLEGE LEARNING STRATEGIES
MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EN 101/102 - English 12
BM 101 - Economics
PY 101 - Psychology
SO 101 - Sociology
MA 150 - Pre Calculus
MA 115 - Intermediate
Math MA 125 - Algebra/Trig
MA 110 - Statistics
FR 191 - Level 4 French 1
SP 191 - Level 4 Spanish 1
FR 201/202 - Level 5 French 1 & 2
SP 201/202 - Level 5 Spanish 1 & 2
FL 111/112 - Mandarin Chinese 3
FL 211/212 - Mandarin Chinese 4

AA 111 - Intro to Keyboarding
BM 100 - Introduction to Business
BM 150 - Business Entrepreneurship
BM 108 - Personal Finance IS 101 - Computers and Society
MT 140/251 - CAD 1 & 2
FA 100 - Design Media Exploration
FA 101 - Drawing & Painting 2 or 3
FA 105 - Drawing & Painting 2 or 3
GD 145 - Computer Graphics 2 or 3
PE 154 - Fitness Center
PE 111 - Strength Training
PE 170/171 - Lifesaving

HERKIMER COLLEGE
HU 100 - ASL 3
HU 101 - ASL 4

SUNY COBLESKILL
ANSC 101 - Animal Science
ORHT 105 - Plant Science
AGBU 101 - Ag. Business and Leadership
CAHT 105 - Intro to Food Science
ANSC 140 - Small Animal Management



We strongly encourage your child to enroll in these various college level courses. For more information on these courses, or anything else, please contact your child's school counselor or the main office. We look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2026-27 school year.

March 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 25-week Interim	6
7	8 Spring Varsity/JV Sports Start Ramadan Ends	9 GWF & HPE Young Peoples Concert, 9:30 a.m., HS Aud	10 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., GWF Cafetria	11 GWF & HPE Young Peoples Concert Snow Date 9:30 a.m., HS Aud	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 **Superintendent's Conference Day** NO SCHOOL	20 First Day of Spring
21 Palm Sunday	22 Holi Purim Begins	23 Purim Ends	24 3rd Grade Concert 1 p.m., HS Aud	25	26 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	27
28 Easter Sunday	29 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	30	31			

HOLLAND PATENT HIGH SCHOOL

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION
Graduation requirements, as determined by part 100 regulations of the Commissioner of Education, require each student complete 22 units of credit and at least meet a minimum grade of 65 on Regents exams in ELA, Global History, U.S. History, Algebra and one area of science.

REQUIRED COURSES & CREDIT
4 units of English and the ELA Regents.
4 units of credit in Social Studies. One unit must be in the United States History and Government. Must also pass the United States History and Government exam and Global History exam.
3 units of credit in Mathematics. Algebra I Regents.
3 units of Science and one of the Regents exams in Science. In order to qualify to take any Regents examination in a science, a student must complete 1200 minutes of hands-on lab experience.
1 unit of credit in the arts. This includes music, arts, or technology.
1 unit of credit in language other than English. (Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese or American Sign Language)
2 units of credit in Physical Education.
1/2 credit in Health.
Additional units in English, mathematics, social studies, science, the arts, languages other than English, career and technical education.
Senior Seminar Portfolio.

TYPES OF DIPLOMAS
Please access the following website for an in-depth description of each diploma type:
http://www.p12nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/diploma-credential-summary.pdf

1. Regents
2. Regents (through appeal)
3. Regents with Honors
4. Regents with Advanced Designation
5. Regents with Advanced Designation with an annotation that denotes Mastery in Math and or Science
6. Regents with Advanced Designation with Honors
7. Local (through appeal)
8. Local, Regents, Regents with Advanced Designation (with or without Honors), with a Career and Technical Education Endorsement

SELECTING COURSES
Students are advised to register for 6.5 credits in grades 9, 10 and 11 and at least 5 credits in grade 12. Special permission must be obtained from the Counseling Department to vary this rule. Actual selection of a high school program begins in grade 8. An individual meeting with the student and his/her parents or guardians is held to review graduation requirements and select coursework. The student's achievement and results of various tests help in making this decision.

CHANGES IN SUBJECTS
Counselors have worked with each pupil and set up a program suitable to the individual student. Changes to a student's schedule are a very big decision and may affect their graduation status or date. If you need to request a schedule change, please consult with your child's school counselor. All course changes must be made by two weeks after the start of the school year.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL
Any student who plans to withdraw from school, for whatever reason, should follow this procedure: obtain a withdrawal slip from his/her school counselor and then have the slip signed by:

a. Counselor
b. All teachers to whom you are assigned every period
c. Library Media Specialist
d. High School Principal
e. High School Nurse

After all these signatures have been obtained, return the slip to the Counseling Office. All books and fees must be accounted for before leaving. This is taken care of by the Main Office secretary.



April 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 April Fool's Day	2	3
4	5 Modified Spring Sports Starts	6	7 SAT 8 a.m.	8	9 End of Marking Period 3 Cabaret, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud	10 Cabaret, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud
11	12	13 Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Test	14	15	16 GWF/HPE Parent Teacher Conferences 11 a.m. Dismissal	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS	20	21 Passover Begins	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27 Board of Education BOCES Budget Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Annex Conference Room	28	29 MS/HS Character Ed Breakfast Passover Ends	30 Arbor Day	

HOLLAND PATENT
HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS





OPEN HOUSE
Will be held September 2, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. Students and parents are encouraged to attend to meet their teachers, find their lockers, and pick up their Chromebooks for the school year.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT
Will be held June 10, 2027 at 7:00 p.m. Awards will be presented to our graduating seniors. Members of the community and parents are invited to attend this event.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER HOURS
The high school library is open from 7:45 a.m. through 2:40 p.m. during regular school sessions.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
"It's not a dream, it's a plan!"

All students planning to attend college are urged to take the PSAT, SAT or the ACT. These tests can be taken in the junior year and repeated in the senior year, depending on the requirements of the particular school. Students are urged to check with the Counseling Office for additional information. Fee waivers are available for families who qualify. Please reach out to your child's school counselor early in their high school career to create a plan to ensure they qualify for many of our Holland Patent scholarships.



Students should visit prospective schools during their junior and senior years. All students are provided a handbook at the beginning of each school year. Parents/guardians are encouraged to review this handbook with their child and reach out to their student's school counselor if they have any questions. The counseling office will be offering various opportunities throughout your child's high school career to research and visit colleges and higher education.

BOCES - AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER
Holland Patent High School participates in the program at the Career and Technical Education Center in New Hartford. The design of this program is to prepare the student for specific trades at the "job entry level" or to "further their technical education by attending a two-year technical program."





Attendance at the Center is for a half day, either morning or afternoon. During the other half of the day, participants will attend Holland Patent High School along with their peers, taking English, social studies, math, science, and other required subjects. The counseling office will be offering various opportunities to explore careers through job shadows, internship programs and hands-on events.



May 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Budget Hearing - No Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6 p.m., HS Library	5 1st Grade Concert, 1:15 p.m., GWF Gymnasium Cinco De Mayo	6	7	8
		Grades 3-8 NYS Math Test				
9 Mother's Day	10 Grades 5 & 8 NYS Science Assessment	11	12	13 4-12th grade Spring Band Concert, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud	14	15 Grand March, 6 p.m. Junior Prom, 7 p.m. Armed Forces Day
	Kindergarten Screening					
16	17	18 Taste of the Arts Budget Vote/Board Election 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., HS Gym Grades 3-6 Track Meet Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6 p.m., HS Library 4-12th grade Spring Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud	19	20 4-12th grade Spring 6:30 p.m., Orchestra Concert, HS Aud	21 35-week Interim	22
	Pre-K Screening					
23 30	24 Memorial Day 31 NO SCHOOL	25	26	27 2nd Grade Musical, 1:15 p.m., GWF Gymnasium	28	29

ART EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

Art in the school is both a body of knowledge and a series of activities which the art instructor organizes to provide experiences related to specific goals. The sequence and depth of these experiences are determined by the nature of the art discipline, the objectives desired, and by the interests, abilities, and needs of children at different levels of growth. As a result of the art program, each pupil should demonstrate to the extent possible, their capacity to: (1) have intense involvement in and response to personal visual experiences; (2) perceive and understand visual relationships in the environment; (3) think, feel, and act creatively with visual art materials; (4) increase manipulative and organizational skills in art performance; (5) acquire a knowledge of visual art heritage; (6) use art knowledge and skills in his/her personal and community life; (7) make intelligent visual judgments suited to his/her experience and maturity; and (8) understand the nature of art and the creative process.



GRADES PRE-K-5
Have Art Instruction once a cycle for 40 minutes (all year)



GRADE 6
Have Art Instruction every day for 40 minutes (10 weeks)

GRADE 7
Have Art Instruction every other day for 40 minutes (20 weeks)

GRADE 8
Art elective available for HS credit.

GRADES 9 -12
Non-Regents program courses - design, photography, sculpture, drawing, painting, and computer graphics.

GRADES 11-12
MVCC Dual Credit Courses available: Drawing & Painting, Design & Computer Graphics.













June 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Instrumental Recruitment at HPE and GWF	2 Senior Athletic Awards Dinner, 6 p.m.	3	4	5
6	7	8 FFA Banquet, 5:30 p.m.	9 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Annex Conference Room	10 NHS Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Senior Awards, 7 p.m. Shavuot Begins	11 Kindergarten Flag Day Celebration Senior Trip	12 Shavuot Ends
13 Senior Trip	14 Senior Breakfast 8 a.m. Senior March 9 a.m. HS Student Awards HS Last Day of classes Beginning Band & Orchestra Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HS Aud Flag Day	15 Regents Testing	16 Graduation Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Senior Ball, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	17 Pre-K Graduation 10:30 a.m. HS Graduation, 8 p.m.	18 Juneteenth (Observed) NO SCHOOL	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21 First Day of Summer Regents Testing	22 5th Grade Moving Up Day 9:30 a.m., HS Aud MS Early Dismissal, 10 a.m. GWF & HPE Early Dismissal, 11 a.m.	23 MS Early Dismissal, 10 a.m. GWF & HPE Early Dismissal, 11 a.m.	24 MS Early Dismissal, 10 a.m. GWF & HPE Early Dismissal, 11 a.m.	25 End of Marking Period 4 MS Early Dismissal, 10 a.m. GWF & HPE Early Dismissal, 11 a.m.	26
27	28	29	30			

MUSIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

The Holland Patent Central School District Music Program is proud to provide students with a pre-K through 12th grade curriculum that features a variety of performing ensembles and music classes. Recognized as a NAMM Best Community for Music Education, the Holland Patent Central School District offers opportunities for all students to reach their highest level of musical achievement.

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS









ELEMENTARY (GRADES PRE-K-5):

- Classroom Music/Grade Level Concerts
- Elementary Orchestra/Lessons (Grades 3-5)
- Elementary Chorus (Grades 4-5)
- Elementary Band/Lessons (Grades 4-5)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8):

- Classroom Music
- Orchestra
- Chorus
- Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- String Pops Ensemble
- Knightly Players Drama Club
- Vocal Ensemble

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12):

- Orchestra
- Treble Chorus
- Mixed Chorus
- Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Ensemble
- String Pops Ensemble
- Vocal Ensemble
- AP Music Theory
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Knightly Players Drama Club
- Guitar I & Guitar II Classes
- Music Production

BEGINNING INSTRUMENT SELECTION

Students interested in learning a band/orchestra instrument are asked to complete an Instrument Survey (distributed in May) with their top three instrument choices for the upcoming school year. To help students make a successful decision, the music program offers:

- Beginning Band/Orchestra Information Meeting (June)
- Instrument Exploration (May)

Instrument selection is decided by music teachers to promote a successful learning experience. Influencing factors include: experience, ability and balanced instrumentation for each group. Students may rent/purchase instruments from local music stores once instrument selections are determined. Students may also rent larger instruments from the school at the discretion of the music teacher.

July 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Independence Day (Observed)	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ATHLETIC PROGRAMS & POLICIES

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Physical education helps students to develop personal attributes, health and fitness knowledge and skills, feelings of self-worth, and a personal value system, all of which act as necessary catalysts in the development of individual lifestyles. Such development is essential for each student to become an informed, healthy, productive, and responsible citizen.

MISSION

The mission of physical education is to encourage all students to sustain regular, lifelong physical activity as a foundation for a healthy, productive, and fulfilling life. Goals and Objectives: • Help students understand that physical activity provides opportunities for enjoyment, challenge, self-expression, and social interaction. • Make each student aware of the effect of physical activity upon the body. • Encourage students to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness. • Ongoing professional development of teachers.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

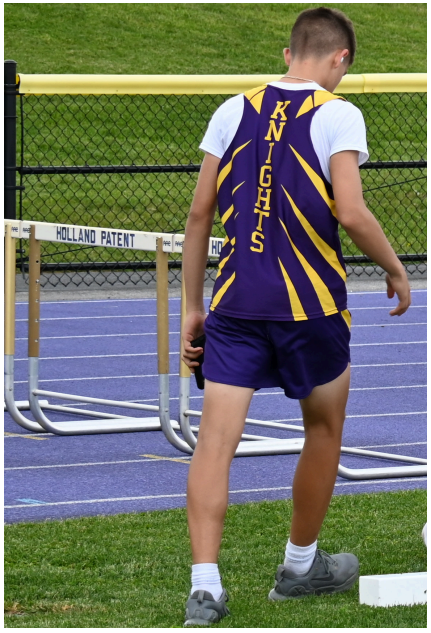
Interscholastic Sports Program is available to students in grades 7-12. HPCS is a member of the Tri-Valley League. Practice and games are held during the after-school hours.

INSURANCE

The student must report any injury to the PE teacher/coach immediately. The students must also report to the nurse as soon as possible to fill out a report if medical treatment is necessary. If this report is not made out, no claims may be filed with the insurance company. The insurance company must receive this report within 30 days of injury. The school insurance policy pays after the family's insurance is exhausted (including Major Medical). IT WILL NOT NECESSARILY TAKE CARE OF ALL REMAINING BILLS as there is a set schedule of maximum payment for each type of injury. Families without health insurance may incur substantial debt for medical care due to injuries sustained while participating in school activities. The school insurance program provides minimal reimbursement for medical expenses in these situations. THE BALANCE BETWEEN SCHOOL INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT AND THE ACTUAL BILL BECOMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAMILY.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS PHYSICALS

Students planning on participating on a sports team during the school year are required to have an annual physical in order to participate. The District does provide and schedule sports physicals for students monthly during the school year. Parents do have the option to take their son/daughter to their own physician and provide the District with verification prior to tryouts and/or participation. The Athletic Department encourages all parents to take advantage of the sports physical provided by the District.



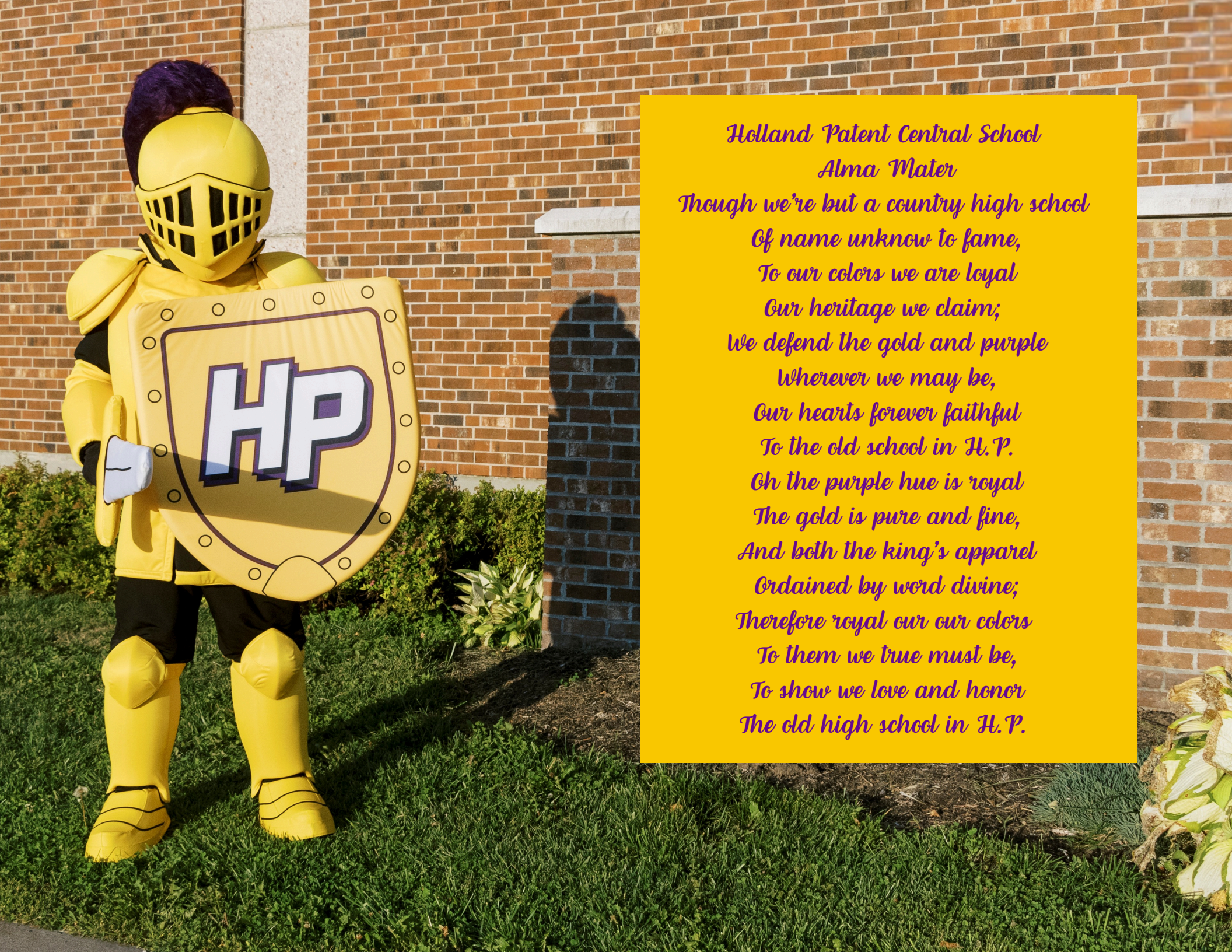






August 2027

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Holland Patent Central School
Alma Mater

Though we're but a country high school
Of name unknow to fame,
To our colors we are loyal
Our heritage we claim;
We defend the gold and purple
Wherever we may be,
Our hearts forever faithful
To the old school in H.P.
Oh the purple hue is royal
The gold is pure and fine,
And both the king's apparel
Ordained by word divine;
Therefore royal our our colors
To them we true must be,
To show we love and honor
The old high school in H.P.