

HOLBROOK SCHOOL NEWS

HOLBROOK'S WEB SITE: hms.rsu63.org

October 13, 2026

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home on Friday, October 16th. Progress Report Envelopes should be signed by a parent and returned to school by Tuesday, October 27th.

SCHOOL FORMS

Students who have not turned in all their completed forms have been informed by their homeroom teacher and have had a new set sent home with them. Parents, please make sure to complete the forms.

BASKETBALL COMING UP

Soccer season will soon be coming to an end and basketball season is coming up.

If you are interested in playing basketball, please make sure you have your physical and permission form on file in the office before you sign up. Remember, you will not be able to try out if you do not have a current physical on file and your permission form on file.



HALLOWEEN DANCE

Friday, October 30th is a Halloween Dance from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Holbrook. The dance is for Holbrook students only. Admission is \$5.00. All proceeds go towards the 8th grade end of year trip. Students must be in good academic standing and must have demonstrated satisfactory behavior in the school community in order to attend the dance. Costumes are encouraged!



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be on Tuesday, November 10th beginning at 8:30 a.m.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Every month from September through May, a student from each grade level is chosen "Student of the Month." The decision is based on academics, character, attitude, and school citizenship. The students selected for the month of September are:

Grade 5	Adelynn Kavin
Grade 6	Oliver Mitton
Grade 7	Harrison Ouellette
Grade 8	Raelene Wilson



Students selected for Student of the Month receive a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate. Great job!

YEARBOOK PHOTO REQUEST

It's never too early to start thinking about the yearbook! We are looking for parent and family photos from **cross country and soccer** this fall. We'd also love photos of students participating in other sports, competitions, performances, showcases, or activities outside of school.

Photos can be uploaded directly here:
<https://photos.jostens.com/2XAKPY>

There is also an option on the site for families to submit **8th-grade baby photos**.

I've also attached the graphic with the QR code in the back of the newsletter. If anyone has questions, they can contact me at nhogan@rsu63.org. Thank you!

Nicole Hogan

Librarian | Holbrook Middle School | RSU 63
School Library Media Specialist

ATTENTION, PARENTS!

If you are the parent of a 5th grade student or a new student to Holbrook, and you are picking your child up before the end of the school day, please come into the lobby by the Superintendent's office and buzz the office. Your child will come to the office and identify you before being sent to the door to meet you.

Students are not allowed to wait in the lobby area for parents to pick them up during the school day.

Students being picked up after school will be dismissed as a group after announcements and messages.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Box Tops for Education is a corporate program that allows schools to earn money for activities. Download the free Box Tops for Education app to your phone, select the school you want your box tops to go, scan your receipts within 14 days of purchase, and *voilà* the school's account is updated.

CHEFS accepts donations of non-perishable items all year long. Staple items we like to keep on hand are: peanut butter, canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti-o's, etc.), canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, boxed pasta, cans or jars of spaghetti sauce, and toilet tissue. Donations may be dropped off at the school in the entryway near the Superintendent's office whenever the school is open.



Don't want to shop but want to donate to CHEFS – you are always able to send a check made out to Holbrook School/CHEFS. Your donations help purchase supplies for the food pantry.

CHEFS is open every Thursday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

NEWSLETTERS AND UPDATES

Newsletters and updates will be sent via email and posted on the school website. If you want a printed copy of the newsletter sent home, please contact the office at 843-7769 or mgreenlaw@rsu63.org.

DID YOU KNOW...The morning announcements are posted every day on the RSU 63 website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 12	Indigenous People's Day – No School
Oct. 14	PTG Meeting @ Holden School-7:00p
Oct. 16	Progress Reports Sent Home
Oct. 24	PTG Trunk or Treat @ Holden School-3:30pm
Oct. 26	Board Meets @ Eddington Elementary -6:30pm
Oct. 27	Progress Reports Due Back to School
Oct 30	Holbrook Halloween Dance





Dear Holbrook Families,

We are nearing the finish line with our Maine Through Year (MTTY) state testing! Thank you for your continued support and for helping students do their best throughout the testing process.

As we wrap up testing, please take a moment to check that your child's planner is coming home each day. Planners are an important tool for keeping track of assignments, upcoming activities, and communication between school and home.

I hope you and your family enjoy a wonderful Indigenous Peoples' Day weekend! Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Holbrook Middle School.

Warm regards,

Michele Archambault
Principal, Holbrook Middle School





HOLBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN DANCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

(Date)

TIME: 6 PM – 8 PM

\$5 ADMISSION

(per person)

FREE CONCESSIONS

(Drinks & Snacks!)

**LIVE DJ,
COSTUME CONTEST,
DANCING,
PHOTOS & FUN!**

LOCATION: SCHOOL GYM

Wear Your Best Costume!

Required Immunizations

Immunization requirements for school entry are:

PreK

- 4 DTaP
- 3 Polio
- 1 MMR
- 1 Varicella

Kindergarten

- 5 DTaP
- 4 Polio
- 1 MMR
- 2 Varicella

7th grade Immunization requirements:

- All of the above plus
- 1 Tdap
- 1 Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV)



Take steps to make sure your kids are ready to return to school with recommended vaccinations.



- Medical exemptions must be signed by your PCP
- Students must have proof of vaccination before starting school
- Bangor Public Health provides [vaccines](#) for children.



HOW TO ACCESS *Online Ordering*



1

Go to **www.strawbridge.net/picture-day-lookup** or **scan the QR code**

2

Enter the school name, select the state and click **"Submit."** Choose your school from the list provided

3

Select **"Get Code"** next to the picture day you need the code for

4

Enter your child's last name and student ID number and click **"Submit"**

5

Click on the student code to access your student's image gallery!



**SCAN
QR CODE**

QUESTIONS?



Live Chat: www.strawbridge.net



Email: cservice@strawbridge.net



Phone: (866) 624-6229



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT THE YEARBOOK!

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

Please take and share photos of:



CROSS COUNTRY



SOCCER

We'd also love photos of other activities, sports, competitions, and showcases students are involved in – both in and outside of school!

Upload photos here:

<https://photos.jostens.com/2XAKPY>

There is also a place to submit
8th grade baby photos!



Contact Nicole Hogan at nhogan@rsu63.org with any questions.



HOLBROOK YEARBOOK ADS



Support our yearbook. Celebrate our students.

Families and local businesses are invited to purchase yearbook ads for this year's Holbrook Yearbook. Ads help support the cost of producing the yearbook while also giving families and businesses a chance to be part of a keepsake students will treasure for years to come. All ads are created, paid for, and submitted online using the QR code or URL below.

SCAN ME




Use the QR code or URL above to learn more or create an ad.

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1067629/Holbrook-School/>

BUSINESS ADS

> Your business here <

Local businesses, lasting print recognition

1/8 Page Ad 4.25" x 2.75" \$10	1/4 Page Ad 4.25" x 5.5" \$20
1/2 Page Ad 8.5" x 5.5" \$40	
Full Page Ad 8.5" x 11" \$80	

STUDENT RECOGNITION ADS

> Your student here <

For families celebrating students in grades 5–8

1/8 Page Ad 4.25" x 2.75" \$10	1/4 Page Ad 4.25" x 5.5" \$20
1/2 Page Ad 8.5" x 5.5" \$40	



Note: Full page ads are available for businesses only and are not offered for student recognition ads.



Questions? Contact Mrs. Hogan
nhogan@rsu63.org



2026-2027

GOOD
PEOPLE
BRIGHT
MEMORIES



YEARBOOKS

ON SALE NOW

SAME
PEOPLE
BIGGER
STORIES



SCAN
ME!

\$35



ORDER BY
4/21



Scan the QR code or order online:
jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03234650

Yearbooks must be purchased online.
They are not sold at school.

MEMORIES
LAST
LONGER



You can also donate a yearbook to a student
through the online order page.





RSU 63 PTG



EDDINGTON EAGLES



HOLDEN PANTHERS



HOLBROOK RED DEVILS

RSU #63 Parent Teacher Group
supports our schools through
fundraising, family-friendly events, and
community-building activities that bring
students, families, teachers, and our
community together.

**Our goal is to help make our schools an
even more engaging and connected
place for everyone!**

Find out what
we're up to



Volunteers
welcome



Join Us For Our 2026
Annual RSU #63 PTG

Trunk or Treat

SATURDAY OCT. 24TH



HOLDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

590 MAIN RD., HOLDEN

3:30PM - 5:00PM



TRUNK SIGN UP FOR RSU #63 PTG



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SIGN UP HERE

OR EMAIL

RSU63PTG@GMAIL.COM





RSU 63 PTG 2026-2027 EVENTS



- Aug 27 School Supply Drive @ Open Houses
 - Sept 9 1st PTG Meeting - Holden Library @ 7pm
 - Sept 19 Fall Frolic - Holden School @ 11am
 - Oct 14 PTG Meeting - Holden @ 7pm
 - Oct 24 Trunk-or-Treat - Holden @ 3:30pm
 - Nov 3 Election Day Bake Sale - Town Offices
 - Nov 9 Fundraiser @ Miguel's @ 5pm
 - Nov 18 PTG Meeting - Holden @ 7pm
 - Dec 11 Holiday Family Dance - Holden @ 5pm
 - Jan 13 PTG Meeting - ZOOM
 - Jan 28 Bogey's Fundraiser @ 3-9pm
 - Feb 10 PTG Meeting - Holden @ 7pm
 - Mar 8 Mason's Fundraiser @ 5-9pm
 - Mar 10 PTG Meeting - Holden @ 7pm
 - Apr 3 Family Glow Dance - Holden @ 4-5:30pm
 - Apr 14 PTG Meeting - Holden @ 7pm
 - May 3 Teacher Appreciation Week
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Join our RSU #63 PTG Facebook Group

2026 Dedham Middle School Mountain Biking Invitational



I am excited to announce the **Dedham Invitational Mountain Biking Competitions are back for the 6th year!**

- Boys and Girls in grades 6-8.
- 1.25 mile course with intermediate to difficult course difficulty.
- .75 mile course with beginner to intermediate course difficulty.
- Slow Ride Competition ongoing throughout the afternoon
 - Riders compete for the slowest time to complete a short downhill course.
- Personal bikes must pass a safety check to be eligible to be used in the competition.
- All riders will be required to wear properly fitting helmets.
- Individuals are allowed to participate in 1 race and the slow ride competition.

Race Schedule

- Friday September 18th 3:45
- Monday October 19th 3:45

Awards and Scoring

- Ribbons for 1st-5th place winners for each race and competition.
- Participation ribbons for all other places.

All racers must pre-register and fill out a mountain bike waiver. Competitors must have an adult coach or guardian present during the competition.

[Mountain Bike Waiver](#)

For more information or to pre-register contact Tim Pearson at tpearson@dedhamschool.net

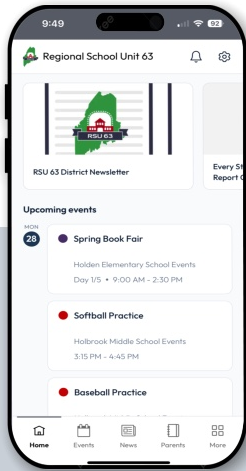
Check out this youtube video from a past year! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqz0sm3UB1E>

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS (Policy JEA)

Maine law limits the reasons why students can be absent from school. The following circumstances constitute “excusable absences” (please see RSU #63 Policy JEA for more information):

As per Policy JEA: To be an excused absence, the parent/guardian must contact the school on the morning of the absence to explain the reason the student will not be in school. The parent/guardian may provide documentation before the absence explaining the reason the student will not be in school and the timeframe for the anticipated absence. Excusable absences are as follows:

1. Personal illness;
2. An appointment with a health professional that must be made during the regular day;
3. Observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required during the regular school day;
4. A family emergency;
5. A planned absence for an educational purpose that has been approved by a school administrator (Planned Absence for an educational purpose, approved in advance by the principal, is considered an excused absence. An educational component is required in order to be considered for approval.);
6. Education disruption resulting from homelessness, unplanned hospital admittance, foster care placement, youth development center placement, or some other out-of-district placement that is not authorized by either an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a Superintendent’s Agreement developed in accordance with MRSA section 5205 subsection 2;
7. Section six (6) above does not apply to a student who is out of school for 10 or more consecutive school days because of a planned absence for a reason such as a family event or a medical absence for planned hospitalization or recovery;
8. A student who has matriculated and is attending an accredited, post-secondary, degree-granting institution as a full-time student. An exception to the attendance in public school must be approved by the Commissioner of Education;
9. A student enrolled in an approved on-line program or course.



RSU 63 App Now Available!

Download the **RSU 63** app today to ensure you are always aware of the most important news, announcements, calendar events, and you have access to the most current community directory.

Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for **RSU 63**

