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PEEK OF THE WEEK - HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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GREETING
Welcome to the *Peek at the Week*! I would like to sincerely welcome you to our district. We are here to serve you and hope that you will soon feel our district pride and our attitude of gratitude! We feel fortunate for the opportunity to work with your student(s) and collaborate with you! Please encourage your student(s) to read each night! I appreciate you all! Here is your next *Peek at the Week*!

District Pride, Community Wide!

David G. Hornak, Ed.D.
Superintendent
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SOCIAL MEDIA
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For up to date information regarding our school community, please consider connecting with us on our social media sites:

INSTAGRAM: @HoltPublic
TWITTER: @HoltPublicSch
FACEBOOK: Holt Schools Advantage
RAM QUARTERLY and Community Education Classes: http://www.HoltNow.com
WEBSITE: http://www.hpsk12.net
HOLT HIGH ATHLETICS: http://holtathletics.com
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THIS WEEK
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Monday, February 12:: **Board of Education: 5:30pm - Committee of the Whole & 7pm - Board Meeting**
Tuesday, February 13::
Wednesday, February 14:: **Full Day of Instruction: Count Day**
Thursday, February 15::
Friday, February 16:: **No School: Sycamore and Horizon Only**
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A WEEK AHEAD
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February 19: **No School: Mid-Winter Break**
February 20: **No School: Mid-Winter Break**
February 21: **No School: Mid-Winter Break**
February 22: **No School: Mid-Winter Break**
February 23: **No School: Mid-Winter Break**
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OTHER DATES TO CONSIDER

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Count Day: February 14
Holt Public Ski/Snowboarding Day at Caberfae Peaks: March 3
SAT Prep Workshop: March 10
Holt Education Foundation Recognition Dinner: March 21
High School Commencement: June 3 @ 4:30pm – Breslin Center

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NEW THIS WEEK

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Holt High Receives National Recognition

The College Board recently awarded Holt High with National recognition! Holt High is one of 433 districts across the **United States and Canada** that have been selected for the 8th Annual Advanced Placement® (AP) Honor Roll.

Districts on the AP Honor Roll have simultaneously increased access to Advanced Placement® coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Honor Roll Districts defy the expectation that expanding access automatically results in a decline in the percentage of exams earning scores of 3 or better. Congratulations Holt High for this achievement! That definitely deserves a wowwowsuperwow!

Michigan Teacher of the Year: Neal Cronkite & Monty Bishop

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce that Neal Cronkite, Washington Woods 5th grade teacher and Monty Bishop, High School Choral Teacher have been selected as Michigan Teachers of the Year!

Neil Cronkite was recently named the Milken Educator of the year in Michigan! Here is the official announcement: http://www.milkeneducatorawards.org/educators/view/Neal-Cronkite

Monty Bishop was recently named as the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Teacher of the Year! Here is the official announcement: http://www.msvma.org/

Congrats Neal and Monty!

Sycamore is awarded grant from MEMSPA to improve health instruction

Sycamore Elementary School, in collaboration with the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal Association (MEMSPA), has integrated two health goals into their School Improvement Plan. After attending a presentation on the importance of the health and learning link ("students who are healthy are better able to learn"), they wrote the goals of improving students' healthy eating habits and social emotional learning into our School Improvement Plan. Every Sycamore student is receiving *Michigan Model for Health* Social Emotional Health and Nutrition and Physical Activity lessons as a comprehensive approach in addressing lagging skills in these areas.

Classroom teachers were also trained in the *Michigan Model for Health* and have been implementing targeted social emotional and health lessons. They anticipate growth in students' social emotional skills and improved classroom behavior as a result of addressing self-regulation needs.

Our teachers are also teaching Nutrition and Physical Activity lessons. Besides the lessons, activities include Food Sampling Days and Physical Activity Demonstrations in classrooms. The physical activity demos include yoga, chair bingo, circuit training and stretch bands. Students LOVE these Demo Days, and it is rewarding to see how calm and relaxed they are after "cooling down" with "Bear Breath" at the end of their Physical Activity session. That definitely deserves a wow, wow, super, wow!

Sunday Night Speaker Series: The Second Line: A Rebirth of Race in America

Steve Prince, Professor of Fine Art at Wayne State takes the opportunity to speak with groups about the nature of his art as he explores the challenges and solutions to life's moral, ethical, and spiritual dilemmas.
Date/Time: February 18 | 6pm-7:30pm
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Holt

Michigan State University Presents the 18th Annual William G. Anderson Lecture Series: Slavery to Freedom an American Odyssey

Date/Time: Thursday, Feb 22 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Wharton Center for the Performing Arts
Department: College of Osteopathic Medicine
Description: The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is the president and senior lecturer of Repairers of the Breach, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival; bishop with the College of Affirming Bishops and Faith Leaders; visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary, and the author of three books. He has keynoted hundreds of national and state conferences.

Phi Beta Sigma Youth Workshop

On February 1, two mentors from Holt High joined 14 of our male high school students as they learned how to be the best they can be at the 29th Phi Beta Sigma Youth Workshop. The workshop served as a great opportunity for the young men to learn from the facilitators and to network while preparing for the future.

Flu Season

With months to go in the flu season, we would like to remind parents and guardians that there are steps families can take to help minimize the outbreak. The *Center for Disease Control and Prevention* recommends the following six steps to help prevent the spread of the flu virus: 1) avoid close contact with people who are sick, 2) cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, 3) wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often, 4) avoid touching your face, eyes, nose or mouth, 5) clean and disinfect surfaces at school and home often, and 6) keep your child(ren) home when they are sick.

Snow Removal

Please take caution this winter around our schools. After a snow event, our plow crew actively works to remove the snow from our parking lots and sidewalks. Our plow crews often begin at 1am to ensure our lots and sidewalks are safe to welcome students. When you see a plow truck, proceed with caution!

Ram Quarterly

Our next Ram Quarterly has been published! Check it out: www.holtnow.com

2017-2018 School Calendar Preview

The official school calendar is posted on our website however; here is a summary of our breaks:

	Balanced Calendar	**Traditional Calendar**
Mid-Winter Break	February 16-February 23	**February 19-February 23 *New this year**
Spring Break	March 30-April 13	March 30-April 6
Memorial Day Break	May 28-June 1	May 28
No School	June 15	
Last Day of School	June 22	June 15

Kindergarten Round-up Scheduled: Phone registration began January 22

Do you have a child or do you know a child who will be starting kindergarten in the fall? If so, below you will find our kindergarten round-up schedule. **Call in registration began on Monday, January 22. Please call your home school to register!**

K Round-Up
2018-2019 School Year

School	Date	Time	Hearing/Vision	Phone
Elliott	4-19	6:00-7:30	Yes	699-2106
Horizon	4-25	5:00-8:00	Yes	694-4224
Sycamore	4-24	5:30-7:00	Yes	699-2185
Wilcox	4-12	6:00-7:30	Yes	699-0249
Dimondale	4-25	5:00-7:30	Yes	694-6411

Attention Elementary Soccer Players (Free Clinic)

Attention youth soccer players in grades PK-4th! The Lansing Rush soccer club is offering free soccer clinics on Saturday, February 3 & 10 from 11am-12pm at the Summit. To register, please contact: Tommy Ziolkowski, Lansing Rush Jr. Academy and School of Excellence Director, 517.410.3898 or tommyziolkowski@yahoo.com.

Holt Cross Country and Track News

The Holt Cross Country and Track teams will be having a can and bottle drive fundraiser to raise funds to replace uniforms and equipment as well as entry fees and busing for our athletes. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to these program needs. You can drop off cans or leave them on your doorstep for us to pick up. Contact us to arrange a pickup.

When: Sunday, February 11th, 2018

12PM – 4PM

Drop-off Location: Holt High School Track

Contact: Gail Douglas 517-281-3566, Laura Hasen 517-703-7811 or Cindi Penski 517-281-9524

Holt Boys and Girls Track News

All friends, family and supporters of Holt High School Boys and Girls Track are invited to participate in their fundraising event on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at Buffalo Wild Wings in Lansing (718 Delta Commerce Dr.) for lunch, dinner, or a snack. On March 28, 20% of purchases* accompanied by the attached flyer will be donated to the Holt Boys and Girls Track programs.

Holt Junior Rams Baseball 2018 Training Camp

Is your U-10, U-12, or U-14 baseball player ready for the spring season? The Holt Junior Rams Baseball program is offering a Boot camp on Saturday, March 10. Pre-registration is required by March 3 at www.hjrb.org

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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HPS starts Kroger Community Rewards Program

Holt Public has partnered with the Kroger Community Rewards Program! By registering your card, your grocery and or gas benefits will not be impacted; however, Holt Public will start to earn money to be used to support our STEM/STEAM programs!
We raised over ***$1800*** in the first eight months of the program! Thank you Holt Public!
The steps to register your card are below:

- Simply register online at http://krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with Holt Public!
- Enter NPO number or Holt Public Schools. Our NPO Number is: **71403**.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see Holt Public Schools on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for us until after you have registered your card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Holt Public Launches a New District Website: http://www.hpsk12.net

Hey Holt Public! We officially launched our new website. We acknowledge that some sections are still under construction. With that, we will continue to build content on a daily basis. As a result, we hope you will check back often! Thank you for your patience!

North Campus Pop-Up Pantry is now accepting Donations

Again, this year, the North Campus Pop-up Pantry is accepting donations of food, clothing, shoes, hygiene products and children's toys. Donations can be dropped off at the North Campus Office. Once stocked, the Pop-Up Pantry will be open to the entire community!

HPS Podcasts

Our Delhi Township Supervisor and I have recorded several podcasts. Each podcast is relevant to the week we record. The podcasts are promoted on Tuesdays via our social media platforms. In the event you wish to listen to our previously recorded shows, click on the following link: http://holtpublicsch.podbean.com/

Holt Public was highlighted on the Morning Blend

In the event you missed our segments on the Morning Blend, each link is listed below. Take a peek…

Midway Early Learning Center: http://gohps.net/morningblendmelc
Elementary Level: http://gohps.net/morningblendele
Middle School Level: http://gohps.net/morningblendmiddlelevel
Junior High: http://gohps.net/morningblendhjh
High School: http://gohps.net/morningblendhs
Delhi Township: http://gohps.net/morningblenddelhi

Give-a-Kid Projects

GIVE-A-KID PROJECTS is a non-profit organization, which was created to assist disadvantaged families in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties. There are five main programs; GIVE-A-KID-A-BACKPACK, GIVE-A-KID-A-COAT, GIVE-A-KID-A-CHRISTMAS, GIVE-A-KID 360 and GIVE-A-KID-A-Future. These projects provide families in need with the necessities to have a better life. For more information, visit: http://www.giveakidprojects.org

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In the event you are traveling in the near future, consider posting a picture in a Holt shirt from your location! We are aware that students who have been educated by Holt Public are now living or traveling across the world at any given time! As you navigate the world moving (locally and outside of our region) forward, consider taking a picture in a Holt shirt and posting it to our Instagram page at holtpublic or our Twitter page @holtpublicsch or on our Facebook page at Holt Schools Advantage. Please use the following in your post: *#holtramseverywhere*.

District Pride, Community Wide T-shirt and Sticker Sale

Hey Holt Public! We have a variety of District Pride, Community Wide t-shirts on sale in the Superintendent's Office (in the North Campus) for $15. Colors include: Camo, Pink tie-dye, Gray tie dye, and Gold tie-dye. In addition, District Pride auto decals are for sale for $5.

Brick Sale for Athletics

The Ram Victory Club is selling bricks! The proceeds for the Brick Sale go to the Ram Victory Club! The purpose of the Club shall be to facilitate capital improvements for athletic programs and facilities of the Holt Public Schools. For more information, contact Debbie Roeske at roeskedeb@gmail.com