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PEEK OF THE WEEK - HOLT PUBLIC

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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!

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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 Public Schools](#)

YOUTUBE: (Holt Public Schools Communications): <https://gohps.net/HPSYouTube>

TALK WITH US TUESDAY WEEKLY PODCAST: <http://holtpublicsch.podbean.com/>

WEBSITE: <http://www.hpsk12.net>

Bond Updates: <https://www.hpsk12.net/board-of-education/bond-improvements/>

HOLT HIGH ATHLETICS: <http://holtathletics.org>

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THIS WEEK

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Monday, July 4: **District Closed**

Tuesday, July 5:

Wednesday, July 6:

Thursday, July 7:

Friday, July 8: **Central Office Closed on Fridays in July**

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A WEEK AHEAD

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July 11: Board of Education Committee of the Whole @ 5:30pm, Board of Education Statutory Meeting @ 6pm & Board of Education Regular Meeting @ 7pm (**Meeting held in the Boardroom at 5780 West Holt Road**)

July 12:

July 13:

July 14:

July 15: **Central Office Closed on Fridays in July**

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OTHER DATES TO CONSIDER

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First Day of School (Blended Calendar): August 15

First Day of School (Bond Calendar): August 29

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NEW THIS WEEK

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Pride Month

Holt Public would like to publicly acknowledge Pride Month and our district's continued commitment to creating more inclusive and supportive spaces for the LGBTQIA+ community. Pride Month is significant at Holt Public as we champion steps to support students to feel seen, heard, and validated. According to a survey of HPS High School students, approximately 13% identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. Additionally, we have a robust and active Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) at the Junior High and are aware that our younger students may be exploring components of their identity.

Therefore, it is essential to be intentional in our efforts to be aligned with our Equity Oriented Strategic Plan (EOSP) and Board goals. Holt Public implemented a name and identify marker document this past school year to provide students a space where they can express their identities and be seen and validated daily. We also earned the 3 C's of Support for LGBTQ+ Project grant from the Michigan Department of Education for \$5,000 to enhance Tier 1 support of students and better focus on efforts to increase awareness, education, and sense of community. We are excited to continue to work as allies within the LGBTQIA+ community and believe we can bring additional training and awareness to Holt Public to continue the growth and support of our students and staff.

[LGBTQIA+ Pride Month](#) (US Census Bureau)

[1969: The Stonewall Uprising](#) (Library of Congress website)

[Black and Brown Activists who Started Pride](#)

Behavior, Discipline and Policy Presentation

On Monday, June 6th Holt Public hosted a Behavior, Discipline, and Policy Summit for our learning community. We shared information on why there was a need for this event, what factors drive our response to behaviors, current data, our response to the pandemic and anticipated dysregulation, and we shared some next steps. You may access the video here: <https://youtu.be/ce-a7C8EXfE> In addition, here is a link for you to offer your feedback: <https://gohps.net/June6feedback>

Administrative Changes

There will be a few administrative changes in the district when our students and staff arrive on the first day of school. First, current Washington Woods Principal, Walt Sutterlin has approached the district with a request to return to the classroom. While Mr. Sutterlin has led well, we have approved his request and we remain grateful that he will be remaining in the district! To that end, Interim Hope Principal, Tanya Merritt has been hired to serve as the successor to Mr. Sutterlin at Washington Woods. Holt Public is excited to welcome Anthony Foster, current Lansing Principal, to serve as our next Hope Principal. Next, current Junior High Principal, Robert Bobeda has made a request to move to the high school level. As a result, he will be moving to serve as one of our High School Assistant Principals. The Junior High will be supported by an administrative team in the fall. Together we are better, and we are excited to announce our changes and look forward to serving you and your family in the future.

After a comprehensive search and interview process, Holt Public hires Chris Bishop as our next athletic director. Chris joins Holt Public after spending the last 14 years working abroad. During his 22 years in education he has been an athletic director for the last 11. Chris is a certified athletic administrator and a national teaching faculty member for the NIAAA. He recently won an award with the NATA for his work with athletic trainers.

Chris grew up in Grand Rapids and attended Western Michigan University where he was a member of the XC and Track and Field teams. He earned his degree in education and a masters in sports management from Western.

Chris has been a coach throughout his career; coaching Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball, XC and Track and Field teams.

Joining Chris in the Holt community is his wife, Becki their son Carter who will be a Junior and their daughter Josie who will be in 7th grade.

Chris not only enjoys his work with helping student athletes becoming the best version of themselves, but he enjoys reading and family travel.

Chris is looking forward to serving the Holt community and he looks forward to meeting everyone in the very near future.

Please join me in welcoming Chris and his family to our Holt Public family!

PowerSchool Forms

Holt Public Schools has added a new PowerSchool Forms capability to improve two-way communication. For example, this new capability will allow you to complete back-to-school paperwork within the PowerSchool system. We also hope to use the new PowerSchool Forms capability in the future to gather feedback and more – so even if no specific forms are available right now, we

would like everyone to have access to this new feature; however, because it is a new component, families may need to take some action to gain access to it.

Families must have **parent/guardian PowerSchool accounts** properly set up (not just student accounts) to access the new PowerSchool Forms capability. If you do not yet have a parent/guardian PowerSchool account, please reach out to your student's school office to get the necessary information to set up an account.

If you already have an account and use the web browser access at <https://holtpublicschools.powerschool.com/>, then the new PowerSchool Forms component will already be active and available in the navigation menu. If you can't remember your passwords on the login screen there is a "Forgot Password" link. We have recently discovered that some email providers will categorize it as SPAM, so please check your SPAM folder if waiting for the email from PowerSchool regarding a password change. Please remember that your username is your email address.

The Holt Community Food Bank is searching for a Treasurer/Accountant

Some requirements include:

Accounting/Finance experience and previous account management experience. Hands on experience in maintaining accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, payroll, tax filings, financial reporting of Schedule of Activity and Statement of Financial Position, budgeting, bank reconciliations, fixed asset management, audits, account analysis.

Must be self-disciplined, available for monthly board meetings. This position is a volunteer position with an estimate of 15-25 hours per month.

Serious inquiries only, please contact HCFB President Denise Davis at hcfbpresident@gmail.com.

Bond Update

Construction is about to begin on three of our buildings! To keep you informed about our progress, we have set up a bond section on our website. Check it out at <https://www.hpsk12.net/board-of-education/bond-improvements/>

A Night of Smooth Jazz Returns to Holt High

As you look forward to your summertime change-of-pace, please consider celebrating midsummer with An Evening of Smooth Jazz, right here at the Margaret Livensparger Theater in Holt High School on Friday, July 22

– <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/bmrwpromotions/3343/event/1272238>

COVID Vaccines

All individuals are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and all individuals ages 12+ are encouraged to receive their booster dose either 6 months after their Pfizer or Moderna primary series.

Vaccination opportunities with the Ingham County Health Department include:

- **ICHD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic** -- Visit http://hd.ingham.org/coronavirus/r_1013.aspx to make an appointment.
- **Ingham Community Health Centers** – Call 517-887-4517 (Option #3) to schedule an appointment.
- **Other local COVID-19 vaccine providers** – Visit www.vaccines.gov

COVID At Home Test Kits

Every home in the United States is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your test now at: www.covidtests.gov

Student Voice Podcast

Hey Holt Public! Here is our first podcast of our second season of the Holt Public Student Voice Podcast and seventh overall! Today, co-host Seneca Moore and I enjoyed our conversation with our Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Mr. Matt Morales. You will want to find about 20-minutes to give this a listen: <https://gohps.net/StudentVoicePodcast7>

HPS Podcasts: Talk with us Tuesday and the STUDENT VOICE

Our Delhi Township Supervisor and I have recorded over 297 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/>. In addition, we recently started the **STUDENT VOICE** podcast. You can find the **STUDENT VOICE** Podcast on social media or by visiting: <http://holtpublicsch.podbean.com/>.

Social Media

From time to time, families desire additional information regarding a situation that has occurred at school. While school officials would like to share the details with you, they are prohibited from divulging additional information to anyone other than the student and the parents or guardians of the specific student. Whether we are dealing with a low-level threat or a situation involving multiple students in conflict, we urge you to refrain from turning to social media to access additional information about school. When appropriate, accurate public information may be shared on our social media sites. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

HPS 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 and Professional Development programs!

We raised over **\$30,100** so far! 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: **EG475.**
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see Holt Public Schools on the right side of your information page.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call [877-576-7587](tel: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.

MSU Community Language Classes

MSU's Community Language School is offering online language programs in Summer 2022. Our online language courses are designed to provide a fun, virtual learning environment which will introduce students to different languages and cultures with a focus on developing oral communication skills. Our Session 2 programs will run from the weeks of July 11-August 8, 2022.

Registration fee per session for preteen/teen classes: \$40

Registration fee per session for adults classes: \$60

SESSION 2: Preteen/Teen programs (ages 10-14 years)

Online Spanish Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens

Mondays, July 11 – August 8, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm (EST)

Instructors: Stephanie Garcia & Mikayla Sague

Online Chinese Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens

Mondays, July 11 – August 8, 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm (EST)

Instructor: Melody Zhang

Online Spanish Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens

Mondays, July 11 – August 8, 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm (EST)

Instructors: Stephanie Garcia & Mikayla Sague

Online Spanish Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens

Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm (EST)

Instructors: Stephanie Garcia & Mikayla Sague

Online German Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Charlotte Nevin

Online Spanish Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm (EST)
Instructors: Stephanie Garcia & Mikayla Sague

Online Portuguese Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Regiane Lima De Paula

Online French Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Stephanie Garcia

Online Portuguese Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Regiane Lima De Paula

Online Spanish Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, 3:00 pm- 4:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Kailey Henderson

Online German Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Charlotte Nevin

Online French Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Thursdays, July 14 – August 11, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Stephanie Garcia

Online Spanish Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Thursdays, July 14 – August 11, 3:00 pm- 4:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Kailey Henderson

Online Chinese Conversation (Beginners) for Preteens/Teens
Thursdays, July 14 – August 11, 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm (EST)
Instructor: Melody Zhang

SESSION 2: Adult programs (age 18+)

Online Spanish Conversation (Advanced) for Adults
Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (EST)
Instructor: Delia Castaneda

Online Italian Conversation (Intermediate) for Adults
Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (EST)
Instructor: Carmen De Lorenzo

Online German Conversation (Beginners) for Adults
Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (EST)
Instructor: Charlotte Nevin

Online ESL (Beginners) for Adults
Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (EST)
Instructor: Regiane Lima De Paula
Our online ESL class for adults with little/no prior exposure offers language and culture practice with an MSU ESL Instructor. Through vocabulary, pronunciation, and creative language activities, students gain confidence communicating in English on a variety of day-to-day topics.

Online French Conversation (Beginners) for Adults
Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (EST)
Instructor: Sandhya Shanker

Online Portuguese Conversation (Beginners) for Adults
Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (EST)
Instructor: Regiane Paula De Lima

Online German Conversation (Intermediate) for Adults
Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (EST)
Instructor: Charlotte Nevin

Online Spanish Conversation (Beginners) for Adults
Thursdays, July 14 – August 11, 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (EST)
Instructor: Delia Castaneda

Note:

- 1) Registration in multiple programs is permitted
- 2) We require a minimum enrollment limit of 8 students to run our programs and will accept no more than 10 students per program. A confirmation will be sent via email for each program registration. Full refunds will be provided for programs that are canceled due to low enrollment.
- 3) If registration is closed because the program has reached its maximum limit, please contact Sandhya Shanker (shankers@msu.edu) to be added to our waitlist.
- 4) We provide need-based scholarships on a case-by-case basis. Please email cls@celta.msu.edu for more details.

Register for our online Session 2 programs by Tuesday July 5th at:
https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3571

For more information about our programs for preteens/teens:
<https://celta.msu.edu/language-school/cls-online-programs/>

For more information about our programs for adults:
<https://celta.msu.edu/language-school/cls-online-programs-for-adults/>

2022-23 School Calendars (Tentative and Subject to Change)

	Blended Calendar*	Bond Calendar (Elliott and Wilcox)
First Day of School	August 15	August 29
No School	September 2	September 2
No School: Labor Day	September 5	September 5
No School: Fall Break	October 10-14	October 10 (only)
No School: Election Day	November 8	November 8
No School: Thanksgiving Break	November 21-25	November 23-25
No School: Winter Break	December 19-January 2	December 19-January 2
No School: MLK, Jr. Day	January 16	January 16
No School: Mid-Winter Break	February 20-24	February 20 (only)
No School: Spring Break	March 24-31	March 24-31
No School: Memorial Break	May 26-29	May 26-29
Last Day of School	June 14	June 14

**Blended Calendar Schools include: Dimondale, Horizon, Sycamore, Hope, Washington Woods, Junior High and High School*

Attached you will find a Summer Feeding Program Flyer, a Youth Soccer Camp Flyer, a Junior Rams Football Flyer, a Hair-a-thon Flyer, a Give-a-Kid a Backpack Flyer, a Youth Volleyball Camp Flyer, and a Night of Smooth Jazz.