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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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Summer Reading Program at the Dorothy Hull Library

Summer Literacy Camp Registration: <https://theliteracyladies.net/summer-camp-for-reading/>

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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, June 20:

Tuesday, June 21: **Half Day of School for Horizon and Sycamore**

Wednesday, June 22: **Half Day of School for Horizon and Sycamore, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Thursday, June 23:

Friday, June 24:

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A WEEK AHEAD

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June 27:

June 28:

June 29:

June 30:

July 1:

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OTHER DATES TO CONSIDER

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Half Days of School (Horizon & Sycamore only): June 21 & 22

Last Day of School (Balanced): June 22

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NEW THIS WEEK

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Juneteenth

Please join Holt Public as we celebrate Juneteenth! This holiday is important as it represents events on June 19, 1865, when enslaved African Americans were declared free after the Civil War. Juneteenth is also referred to as “Emancipation Day” or “Freedom Day.” This federal holiday acknowledges the significance of the social movement-Abolition. However, it does not mean that social justice work is done - far from it, the Emancipation process is a movement, not an event. This is a blueprint of how to stand in unity. Not only should this day be acknowledged and celebrated, but it should also be an act of remembrance - remembrance of the horrific experiences of the enslaved, and the path of those committed to justice and equity.

Below we have shared additional information regarding this very significant holiday.

[What is Juneteenth?](https://juneteenth.com) (juneteenth.com)

[What is Juneteenth?](https://history.com) (history.com)

[Juneteenth Video Project](#)

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.

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.

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>

High School Leadership Camp

Attention high school students! Check out this leadership camp: [Camp | MASC/MAHS Student Leadership \(mascmahs.org\)](https://www.mascmahs.org/)

Food Service Menus

Our food service menu has been upgraded and provides a great deal of information! You may access school specific menus here: <https://hpsk12.nutrislice.com/menu/>

COVID Vaccines

All individuals ages 5 and older 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 295 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.

2021-22 School Calendars (Tentative and Subject to Change)

	Balanced Calendar	Traditional Calendar
Last Day of School	June 22	June 10

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 includes: Dimondale, Horizon, Sycamore, Hope, Washington Woods, Junior High and High School*