

# HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL

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MAY 2022

## HPCSD Names 2022 Academic Leaders



*Kylie Vienneau*

The Holland Patent Central School District is proud to announce the standard bearers for the Class of 2022. Representing the class as Valedictorian is **Kylie Vienneau**, daughter of Karl and Robin Vienneau of Holland Patent.

Kylie has been an excellent all-around student throughout her four years at Holland Patent high school. She is graduating at the top of her class of 99 students with a grade point average of 96.44. Kylie has achieved this while taking some of the most rigorous classes that were offered to her. In addition to her stellar grades, Kylie is involved in a plethora of extracurricular activities. She has participated in Field Hockey, Track and Field, Volleyball, and Vocal Ensemble. Kylie is also the president of the National Honor Society and an active member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. She was chosen to be the class representative on the school board for the 2021-2022 school year and also spends time volunteering at the Foothills food pantry. Kylie plans to attend either SUNY Cortland or Keuka College in the fall to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



*Glen Gaige*

Representing the Class of 2022 as Salutatorian is **Glen Gaige**, son of Noel Gaige of Barneveld and Cynthia Kibiuk of Barneveld. Glen has also challenged himself with rigorous courses including multiple advanced placement and dual credit courses. He has been a member of the boys Varsity Tennis team, Student Council, and the Junior Prom Committee. Glen has also volunteered his time as a math tutor and a monitor for the Trenton Falls hiking

trail. In his junior year, he placed second at the Rome Air Force Research Lab Competition where he competed against various other schools in the area. Glen has shown interest in several four year colleges including RPI, Cornell, Clarkson, University of Pennsylvania, and McGill where he hopes to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Joining Kylie and Glen in graduating with "highest distinction," reflecting an average in excess of 95 percent are: **Filomena Allen**, daughter of Sara Allen of Stittville and Jason Allen of Rome; **Meaghen Baldwin**, daughter of Robert Baldwin and the late Anne Getman of Barneveld; **Daniel Carhart**, son of Diadre Poccia of Marcy and Jeffrey Carhart of Kirkville;

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### BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY  
May 3  
6:00 p.m.

### BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY  
May 17  
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
HS Gymnasium

### BUDGET AT A GLANCE

PROPOSED  
2022-23 BUDGET  
\$ 37,990,863

CURRENT  
2021-22 BUDGET  
\$ 36,816,639

BUDGET INCREASE 3.19 %  
\$ 1,174,224

TAX LEVY INCREASE 2.20%



### OUR MISSION

*Holland Patent Central School will provide a safe, caring, positive environment where all students can achieve their maximum innate potential and acquire the skills, attitudes and abilities necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.*



# Dear Holland Patent School District Community,

The Board of Education adopted the spending plan of \$37,990,863 for the 2022-2023 school year at the March 23, 2022 meeting. The budget supports a solid curriculum which seeks to prepare students for college and career readiness. We have faced challenges

over the last two years that have required flexible thinking and planning. This would not have been possible without the efforts of our teachers, staff and students, as well as the support from our community. The spending plan that has been constructed is fiscally responsible to our taxpayers in the long- and short-term, while continuing to maintain the solid educational programs that are essential to our students' success today and in the future. Some highlights, amongst other wonderful opportunities, in our budget are inclusive of the following examples of our programs:

- Languages: Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, American Sign Language
- Arts: Photography, Computer Graphics, Drawing and Painting, Digital Design, Sculpture
- Technology: CAD, DDP, Computer Applications
- Physical Education: Life Saving, Health, PE K-12
- Music: Chorus, Select Chorus, Jazz Band, Vocal Ensemble, String Ensemble, Music Theory, K-8 General Music, Chamber Orchestra
- MVCC: English 101, English 110, Government, Environmental Science, Economics, CAD, Accounting, Computer Applications, Music Appreciation, French, Spanish, Psychology Sociology, Pre- Calculus, Calculus, Statistics
- AP Courses: Calculus, Biology, Language and Composition, U.S. Government, U.S. History and Government, Modern World History, Music Theory
- Sports: Football, Tennis, Swim, Soccer, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Basketball, Wrestling, Bowling, Volleyball, Alpine and Nordic Ski, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Track and Lacrosse

We have been working on our strategic plan as a Board of Education, Leadership Team, Faculty, Staff and Community to align our focus on the Mission, Vision and District Goals for the future. It has been a positive and productive time in our school buildings across the district. We are bursting at the seams with ideas and commitment to student growth and overcoming the barriers that we have had to work through over the last two years. We are future focused, with students centered at our core. Some of our points of pride include:

- Small Class Sizes
- Investment in Early Literacy – Full-day sections of Pre-K
- Building Literacy Capacity K-12

- Teacher Center Professional Learning that supports district initiatives and building capacity
- Differentiated Professional Learning with Technology Integration
- Instructional Coaching K-12 focused in Reading, Writing and Math
- Connected Community Schools, which are located in every building
- Hubs located in every school with food pantry, clothing closet and school supplies
- Links Referrals to outside agencies including mental health, housing, family needs, academics, nutrition, medical needs, transportation and behavior management
- Dual Credit Courses – Syracuse University Project Advance, MVCC, HCCC, Utica University, Hamilton College
- Career and Technical Education, P-TECH, New Visions, Regional Program for Excellence
- Summer Programming for K-8 Enrichment at Holland Patent
- Summer camps, including Athletics, STEM, Art and Music
- Accrual of 54 dual-credits available to all students attending our high school
- Best community for Music Education for 5 consecutive years
- Mentoring Program for New Staff
- Updating Curriculum to ensure the NEXT Generation standards are embedded
- Instructional Coaches are building small group instruction in the classrooms
- Using student data to drive instruction and fill gaps due to learning loss

These points of pride are supported through a fiscally responsible proposed budget. The proposed 2022-23 tax levy is a 2.2% increase from the 2021-22 budget. The tax levy limit requires districts in New York State to apply a multi-step formula to determine the tax levy increase a district can propose. We will once again stay within this tax levy limit. The Board of Education adopted a spending plan of \$37,990,863 for the 2022-2023 school year, which results in a levy below the district maximum allowable levy limit.

Many years of financial planning has helped us to build a budget that engages student-centered learning and is fiscally responsible with a tax levy under the allowable levy limit. We would like to thank everyone who put forth a great deal of effort in the development of the budget. We invite all residents to attend the public hearing at Holland Patent High School on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The budget vote will be Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Cheryl J. Venettozzi*  
Superintendent of Schools

# PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

## IN ADDITION TO VOTING ON THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, WE ARE ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER THESE ITEMS:

- The election of one (1) member to the Board of Education for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Noel Gaige:

### CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BIOS ON PAGES 6 AND 7):

Mr. Tim Bejian | Mr. Cecil Morris | Mr. Colt Brumm

**PROPOSITION NO. 1:** Authorize a purchase of school buses for \$345,426.

**PROPOSITION NO. 2:** Authorize a non-voting student member on the School Board.

## 2022-23 BUDGET INFORMATION

ESTIMATED INCOME	Current Budget 2021-22	Proposed Budget 2022-23
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Admissions	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Interest	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 1,479,244	\$ 2,136,072
Sale of Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
State Aid - Basic, Trans, Spec. Aid, etc.	\$ 15,423,717	\$ 15,685,920
Building Aid	\$ 2,154,832	\$ 2,053,428
Textbook Aid	\$ 107,641	\$ 121,188
BOCES Aid	\$ 1,817,540	\$ 1,847,948
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Tuition	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes-Reg. Water Auth.	\$ 18,780	\$ 32,670
Interfund Transfer	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
<b>Total Estimated Income</b>	<b>\$ 23,333,754</b>	<b>\$ 24,211,226</b>
TAX LEVY	2021-22	2022-23
Budget	\$36,816,639	\$37,990,863
Non-Tax Income	23,333,754	24,211,226
Tax Levy - Budget	13,482,885	13,779,637
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 13,482,885</b>	<b>\$ 13,779,637</b>
	\$ 296,752 or	2.20%
Tax Levy Public Library	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

The Administrative Component provides for overall general support and management activities including business office operations, payroll, purchasing, general administration, personnel, legal and auditing services. Cost for administration and supervision of each of the district's four (4) schools is also included in this component.

SCHOOL YEAR	2021-22	2022-23	INC/(DEC)
Board of Education	\$ 34,800	\$ 34,800	\$ -
Central Administration	333,651	346,840	13,189
Finance	538,259	555,204	16,945
Legal Services	86,450	88,842	2,392
Public Information	2,250	2,250	-
Central Printing	44,000	45,000	1,000
Central Data Processing	509,747	526,000	16,253
Unallocated Insurance	150,157	150,157	-
BOCES Administration	365,923	377,000	11,077
Supervision Regular School	864,232	900,757	36,525
Teaching Special Ed.	117,872	122,882	5,010
AIS	38,451	40,085	1,634
Employee Benefits	945,501	987,111	41,610
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 4,031,293</b>	<b>\$ 4,176,928</b>	<b>\$ 145,635</b>

## PROGRAM COMPONENT

The Program Component provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services for the district's 1,372 students. Programs are offered in two (2) elementary schools, one (1) middle school and one (1) high school. Funds are also included in this component for transportation.

SCHOOL YEAR	2021-22	2022-23	INC/(DEC)
Teaching Regular School	\$ 9,762,320	\$ 10,136,056	\$ 373,736
Teaching Special Ed.	4,876,240	5,156,050	279,810
Occupational Education	497,344	520,000	22,656
Legal Services	75,326	78,658	3,332
AIS	105,882	110,224	4,342
Instructional Media	300,946	311,591	10,645
Attendance	26,470	27,550	1,080
Guidance	434,800	452,857	18,057
Health	191,894	198,509	6,615
Co-curricular	83,745	87,304	3,559
Intersch. Athletics	473,444	485,543	12,099
Transportation	2,129,187	2,193,157	63,970
Employee Benefits	6,607,551	6,888,536	280,985
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 25,565,149</b>	<b>\$ 26,646,035</b>	<b>\$ 1,080,886</b>

## CAPITAL COMPONENT

The Capital Component pays for maintaining 10 buildings, for upkeep of more than 65 acres of property and for electricity, gas, heat, oil, water and sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included for "mortgage" payments on capital projects (principal & interest payments) and for refund of taxes for claims against property assessments.

SCHOOL YEAR	2021-22	2022-23	INC/(DEC)
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 2,847,313	\$ 2,904,559	\$ 57,246
Tax Refund	40,000	40,000	-
Employee Benefits	836,114	897,139	61,025
Debt Service	3,496,770	3,326,202	(170,568)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 7,220,197</b>	<b>\$ 7,167,900</b>	<b>\$ (52,297)</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,816,639</b>	<b>\$37,990,863</b>	<b>\$1,174,224</b>
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# BUDGET SUMMARY

PROGRAM AREA	2021-22 BUDGET	2022-23 BUDGET	DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET AREAS
Board of Education	\$34,800	\$34,800	District clerk, district mtgs., dues, supplies, State School Boards membership
Central Administration	333,651	346,840	Salaries - Supt./secretary; supplies, travel, journals
Finance	538,259	555,204	Salaries - Asst. Supt. support staff; auditor, audit mandates, treas., tax collector
Legal	161,777	167,500	Legal fees, advertisements, negotiations
Public Information	2,250	2,250	Newsletters, calendars, budget brochure
Operation & Maintenance	2,847,313	2,904,559	Water, tele, custodial-maint., equip., trash, heat fuel, elect., supplies, Capital Outlay
Central Printing	44,000	45,000	Mailing, repair costs, parts, supplies
Central Data Processing	509,747	526,000	Computer services: networks, rpt. cards, attendance, scheduling, payroll, acct.
Unallocated Insurance	150,157	150,157	Property, liability, student accident insurance
Tax Refund	40,000	40,000	Refund of taxes, sewer taxes
BOCES Administration	365,923	377,000	Salaries, supplies, telephones, hiring, space rent, new debt, legal, interest
Supervision - Regular School	864,232	900,757	Salaries - building principals, assist. principal, dean, secretaries, travel
Teaching - Regular School	10,259,664	10,656,056	Teacher salaries, subs, aides, clerical; equip., supplies, textbooks, BOCES
Students with Special Needs	4,994,112	5,278,932	Salaries - Sp. Ed. staff, admin.; equip., supplies, textbooks, BOCES Sp. Ed. Prog.
ALS Instruction	144,333	150,309	Salaries - remedial staff - math, writing, reading; equip., supplies, textbooks
Instructional Media	300,946	311,591	Salaries - staff; equip., supplies, books, magazines, newspapers, BOCES prog.
Attendance	26,470	27,550	Salary - attendance officer; supplies
Guidance	434,800	452,857	Salaries - staff, secretaries, equipment, supplies
Health	191,894	198,509	Salaries - staff, school physician; equipment, supplies
Co-Curricular	83,745	87,304	Salaries - advisors, chaperones, clubs
Athletics	473,444	485,543	Salaries - coaches; officials' fees, equip., supplies
Transportation	2,129,187	2,193,157	Salaries - drivers, mechanics; athletic/field trips, fuel, parts, supplies
Employee Benefits	8,389,165	8,772,786	Retirement, social security, workers' comp., unemployment, health insurance
Debt Service	3,496,770	3,326,202	Principal/interest payments - bldgs (new/existing), buses, short-term borrowing
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,816,639</b>	<b>\$37,990,863</b>	<b>Total budget increase of \$1,174,224 or 3.19%</b>

## HP Honored with 'School Safety Excellence Award'

At the April 26 Board meeting, Superintendent Venettozzi recognized that our District received the Utica National Insurance Group's "School Safety Excellence Award" for 2022 at the Titanium with honors level. This is the 16th year receiving this award. She would like to thank the entire staff and recognize Kenneth Smith, Director of Facilities, for being the lead on this. Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, Nick Panuccio presented Mr. Smith with the award and congratulated him as well as everyone for a job well done.



# Board of Education Candidates



## **MR. TIM BEJIAN** CHAPLAIN LT. COL. USAF RETIRED

As a candidate for the school board, I believe it's important that parents, children, taxpayers and residents of the district know my background and education in order to make an informed decision on filling the vacancy on the school board. As with many parents in the Holland Patent School District, two areas of concern I have are children with Learning Disabilities and children with Special Needs. I personally have Dyslexia and we have a child with special needs.

I graduated from Niskayuna High School in Schenectady, N.Y., in 1966. I graduated from the Junior College of Albany with an AA degree 1968 and from the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a Bachelor of Science, Education, 1971. I was certified in Earth and General Science in both Colorado and New York. In 1983, I graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity, a three year masters program, majoring in Hebrew and Greek.

My Professional Military Education (PME), included Squadron Officers School (S.O.S.) and Air Command and Staff College (A.C.S.C.). I also received specialized training in Suicide Intervention and Prevention where I was both instructor and interventionist when a possible suicide was feared or being considered.

Donna, my wife of 50 years, and came to the Rome-Utica area in 1983 to pastor a local church. I pastored the church for 16 years and during that time I became a Chaplain in the USAF Reserve. As Reservist, I served on many AF Bases across America as well as overseas. After 13 years, I transferred to the New York Air National Guard where I served at the 174th. Fighter Wing as the Senior Protestant Chaplain and then later as the Wing Chaplain. I was also the Sector Chaplain at the Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS) at the former Griffiss AFB.

In 2006, I deployed to Ballad Air Base in Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom, as the Senior Protestant Chaplain with the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, also known as the Tuskegee Airmen. When I returned home, we finished building our home in Floyd where we have been living since Thanksgiving 2006. In 2008, I deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, Operation Enduring Freedom, as the Wing Chaplain for the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing.

I retired in 2009 with 23 years of service. Following my military career, I was a Chaplain for Hospice of Central NY for two and a half years before fully retiring in 2012. Presently, I have been serving as the Chaplain for both the Holland Patent Legion and the Stittville VFW. I am also serving the Town of Floyd as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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## **MR. CECIL MORRIS**

Cecil Morris is the Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church where he has been serving since 2010. Cecil has a master's degree in Ministry and is pursuing his Doctorate degree in New Testament Studies with an expected graduation date in 2023.

Cecil has been married to his wife, Kim, for almost 25 years (June 2022). They have 6 children: Paige, Emily, Andrew, Jaxon, Danny and Alayna.

In his spare time, Cecil enjoys riding his snowmobile, watching and coaching football, and cooking. As a native to Michigan, he continues to cheer on the Detroit Lions and the Michigan Wolverines.

Cecil's focus in life is for restoration, transparency and communication. There is hope in every situation if we are willing to learn from someone else.





## MR. COLT BRUMM

I am running for the HP school board to help ensure that our schools continue giving our kids a great education in a safe, happy, and supportive environment. Serving on the board would be an opportunity to continue my lifetime of public service and to help our schools prepare our children for the future. I am thankful to be supported in this election and in life by my wife, Sue, and my son, Magnus.

I have lived in Barneveld for 12 years after growing up in Arizona and Texas, attending college in Vermont, and living in Chicago. I have a BS from Norwich University and an MPH from UAlbany. I spent nine years in the Army National Guard, including deployments to Afghanistan and Cameroon, training all over the country, and numerous natural disaster responses here in New York. I separated from service as a Captain in 2015. Having seen so many of the places that people call home, I feel truly lucky that I get to live, work, and play in this amazing area.

I currently work at the Eastern Air Defense Sector in Rome. My main duties include maintaining safe and healthy workplaces in Rome and Washington, D.C., leading our public health emergency preparedness and response efforts, and building the unit's Continuous Process Improvement program. Outside of work, I volunteer for Oneida County's Opioid Task Force Data Analysis Subgroup, USA Climbing's Risk Management Committee and the Oneida County Health Department. I also enjoy cross country skiing, cycling and running, especially in the Boilermaker!

Throughout my career, I have worked with many diverse groups to solve problems, accomplish goals, and make improvements. If elected, I am ready to work with the other members of the Board to give our kids the best opportunities that we can.

## Kindergarten Registration

Parents and guardians in the Holland Patent School District who plan to send a student to kindergarten in September 2022 can obtain registration paperwork by contacting:

**Jennifer Blier**

*General William Floyd Elementary School*

**315-865-5721**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**STUDENTS MUST BE FIVE YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE DEC. 1, 2022.**

## Pesticide Notification

School districts and BOCES are required to maintain a list of parents or guardians who wish to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a pesticide application at their children's facility. If you wish to be included on the School District Notification List, please contact Ken Smith at 315-865-7213. You will then receive advance notification of a pesticide application at your children's facility of pesticide products covered by notification requirements.

For further information about the products being applied, including any warnings that appear on the label of the pesticide(s) that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals or the environment, call the National Pesticides Telecommunication Network at 1-800-858-7378 or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health at 1-800-458-1158. For additional information on the District's pesticide program, contact Ken Smith at 315-865-7213.

# HPCSD Names 2022 Academic Leaders

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**Alaina Carro**, daughter of Richard and Joann Carro of Holland Patent; **Marissya Davis**, daughter of Leanne Campbell of Remsen; **Alexander Dobreski**, son of Edward and Brianne Dobreski of Holland Patent; **Samantha Gamble**, daughter of Jonathan and Brandi Gamble of Rome; **James Gillett**, son of Michael and Jana Gillett of Stittville; **Wyatt Humpf**, son of John and Mindi Humpf of Holland Patent; **Sawyer Locke**, son of William and Amy Locke of Holland Patent; **Carter Williams**, son of James and Valerie Williams of Barneveld; and **Richard Zielenski**, son of James and Jeanette Zielenski of Holland Patent.

Twelve additional students will graduate with “distinction,” reflecting an average in excess of 90 percent. Members of the class graduating with distinction are: **Haley Acevedo**, daughter of Matthew and Kimberly Acevedo of Barneveld; **Samantha Brown**, daughter of David Brown of Barneveld and Cassandra Treadway of New York Mills; **Jordan Carhart**, daughter of Diadre Poccia of Marcy and Jeffrey Carhart of Kirkville; **Zachary Cotton**, son of Richard and Jennifer Cotton of Stittville; **Isabella Dedrick**, daughter of William and Kimberly Dedrick of Marcy; **Tyler Dibble**, son of Tiffany Dibble of Holland Patent; **Maja Helmer**, daughter of Adam and Daria Helmer of Barneveld; **Myra Parzych**, daughter of Melissa Parzych of Holland Patent; **Hannah Rossi**, daughter of David and Kathleen Rossi of Rome; **Molly Schreyer**, daughter of Matthew Schreyer of Stittville and Heather Cater of Holland Patent; **Arianna Williams**, daughter of Erik Williams of Prospect and Kristina Martel of Rome; and **Maddox Williams**, son of Bradley and Bronwyn Williams of Rome.

*Welcome to Holland Patent Central School District*

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS NICK PANUCCIO

Please join us in welcoming Nick Panuccio as the new Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance at Holland Patent CSD. He comes to us with a wide range of experience in both school accounting, auditing and private industry. Having been in Canastota CSD as the Executive Director of Finance and Operations, and Rome City School District as Treasurer. He holds a bachelor's degree in public management and a master's degree in accountancy, both from SUNY Polytechnic Institute and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School District Business Leadership from The College of Saint Rose.

Nick has a daughter Alyssa and son Joe, both of whom will be graduating with a Ph.D. in kinesiology and a bachelor's in economics, respectively. In his spare time, Nick volunteers as the commissioner of the Whitestown Youth Association as well as the New York State District 10 Little League assistant district administrator. Nick enjoys coaching youth sports, partaking in outdoor activities and playing billiards. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys keeping up on current events.



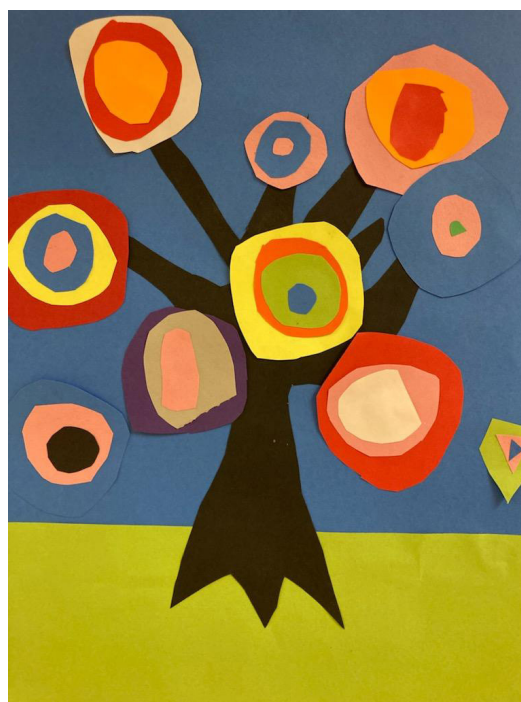
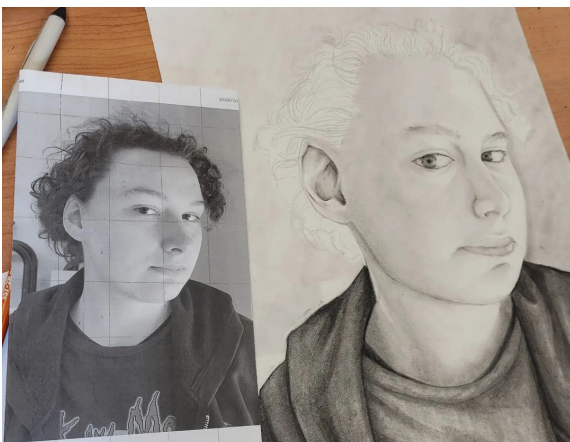
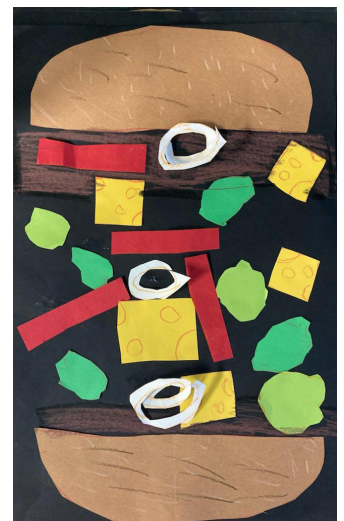
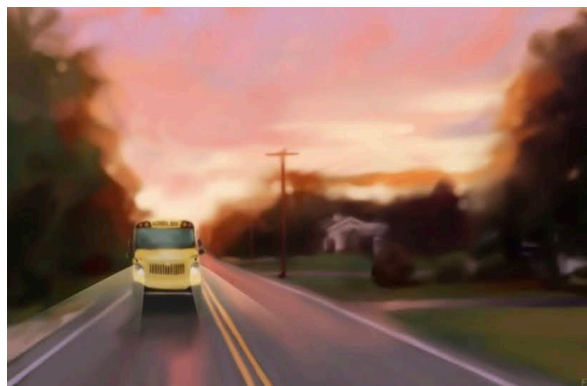
*Welcome to Holland Patent, Nick!*



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR RETURN OF

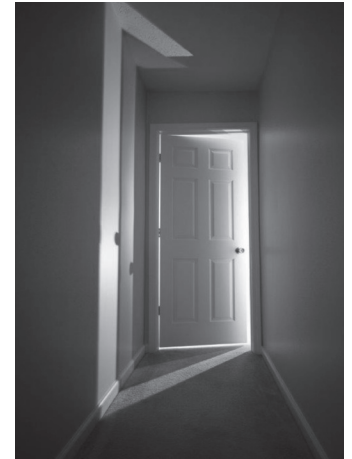
# Taste of the Arts

The Holland Patent Music Department is excited to present a day full of music on May 17 with the return of Taste of the Arts! The day will feature performances by 11 Holland Patent music ensembles. The showcase will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the High School Gymnasium, featuring performances by the 7th and 8th Symphonic Band, Chorus, Sinfonia Orchestra, as well as the Middle School Jazz Ensemble. Starting at 12:00 noon, concerts will feature our High School Wind Ensemble, Mixed and Select Chorus, Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble. The day concludes with the Elementary 4th-6th Grade Spring Concert at 6:00 PM in the High School Auditorium, featuring our Elementary Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. Please join the students in celebrating the hard work of our music and art departments!



# CONCEALING SECRETS: Mobile Teen Bedroom Presentation

On May 17, the Center for Family Life and Recovery (CFLR) will be conducting a Concealing Secrets Mobile Teen Bedroom Kit presentation for the district on Budget Vote Day. Concealing Secrets is a simulated mobile teen bedroom containing multiple concealed or disguised alcohol and drug references to bring awareness to and educate adults on possible teen substance use by providing them the opportunity to go through the kit to find and identify any concealing items they can. Directly following, participants will have the opportunity to view information on items concealed and also to meet with CFLR staff members who will be present to answer any questions, offer resources and connection to support.



## Welcome Connected Communities!



*Pictured are members of Connected Communities, including Jennifer Waite (Divisional Director of Impact), Danielle Famolaro (Program Manager) and Kim Steates (Site Coordinator located at the Middle School and GWF.)*

The Connected Team is so excited to bring their initiative to the Holland Patent Central School District. As we've seen so many times before, when a community comes together the opportunities are truly endless! As a Connected School, the District will work with our team to bring all of the resources and services from the community and hub them within the school, physically and figuratively, to ensure the needs of our students and families are met. With these service gaps filled, students will be able to engage in their education (and even enjoy it!) without the burden of unmet needs distracting from their academic, social, and emotional wellness.

Through classroom programming, family engagement nights, our Community Hubs that house tangible goods and items, and our single point of access referral system, we will truly be connected.

For more information about Connected Communities services, please visit <https://connectedcommunitieschools.org/>



## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT Anticipated Bus Driver Openings

If you are interested in learning more about during a school bus, please call Chris Roberts, Transportation Supervisor, at 315.865.8155.

# A Message from the Food Service Director

Since March 2020, a USDA waiver has allowed schools to serve school breakfast and lunch to all students free of charge and receive higher reimbursement rates for those meals using the flexibilities provided by the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). During the 2021-22 school year 90% of school districts nationwide are using these flexibilities and providing free meals to all students regardless of their income.

But without action from Congress to authorize the USDA to continue extending waivers, these flexibilities will expire on June 30, 2022, marking the end of a more than two-year period where school meals were provided at no cost to students across the country.

Child nutrition departments, also called school food authorities, operate financially independently of their school districts as self-sustaining, not-for-profit enterprises. This means that the money allocated to school districts from the federal, state, or local government is separate from the funding used for school food.

As the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to strain school nutrition departments nationwide with supply chain disruptions, labor shortages and increasing costs the extension of waivers is vital to the financial stability of school food service departments nationwide.

## STAR Program

HPE has a S.T.A.R. program that stands for "Stand Together Work Responsibly". Mrs. Vergis, Principal and Mrs. Rose, Social Worker work with the BOCES Safety office to create monthly programs that support the social emotional learning of our students, as well as positive citizenship qualities. Some of the monthly topics include; mindfulness, empathy, friendship, internet safety, etc... Each month, one student from each grade level is chosen as STAR Citizen and is presented with an award during the monthly program. Each student shows good citizenship by practicing the qualities of what they are taught during the monthly programs.

## HOLLAND PATENT CAREER FAIR '22



### *Event Details:*

*Tuesday, May 24, 2022*

*8:00am - Noon*

*Holland Patent High School Gymnasium*

### *Student Event Activities:*

- \*Explore different career paths*
- \*Meet with local professionals + Businesses*
- \*Mock interview + resume writing*

For more information or to reserve a booth please contact:  
Ms. Ricki Mulvihill: [rmulvihill@hpschools.org](mailto:rmulvihill@hpschools.org) (315) 865-7239  
Mrs. Rebecca Guerrero: [rguerrero@hpschools.org](mailto:rguerrero@hpschools.org) (315) 865-8152

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# Blankets of Hope

Thank YOU to all of our students, faculty, and staff for making it possible to have 1,320 blankets delivered to those less fortunate in our area!

The hand-written notes attached to the blankets were inspiring and will bring some hope to those receiving the blankets. This week and next week, 900 of the heartfelt Golden Knights' Blankets of Hope will be delivered to the Utica and Rome Rescue Missions. Next week, we will also be delivering the remaining 420 blankets to our local area through our own Foothills Rural Community. All three locations were VERY excited to receive these from us!

As a district, our Holland Patent Golden Knights supported the mission of the "Blankets of Hope" founders for our own community.

Thank you to both Connected Community Schools and the Foothills Rural Community for helping us to achieve our goal of distributing the blankets to those in need this cold winter.

For more information about "Blankets of Hope," please visit Blankets of Hope. <https://blanketsofhopepa.org/>



**HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**NAMM BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION**

We are proud to share our district has once again been named a **2022 NAMM Best Community for Music Education!**

- This is our 6th consecutive year earning this **national** recognition for our commitment to music education and commitment to music education for all students.
- We are one of only **four** school districts in our county to earn this recognition.
- Click the QR Code for more information.



## First and Third Grade Chorus Concerts

Our third grade students had the opportunity to perform their very first chorus concert in our lovely High School Auditorium. The students were directed by Mrs. Kelly, our HPE music teacher. It was their lucky day as the concert fell on St. Patrick's Day and Mrs. Kelly chose songs to go along with that theme. The students also dressed in their best shades of green! They all did a spectacular job on stage performing for their family and friends. They were very excited and loved the songs they performed. To this day, the students sing the songs during music class. The concert concluded with an Irish blessing based on an Irish tune titled "Good Wishes" giving good wishes to the audience. The music program at HP is definitely one of the best!



Our first grade students gave their first live concert at the GWF gymnasium on Wednesday, April 27. The theme of the concert was "Things We Like!" The children gave a very lively and enthusiastic performance filled with happiness.

Music teacher Ms. Kelly directed the performance and was assisted by Mr. Picente. The children had a wonderful time performing for their family and friends.

Our appreciation goes out for the support for our music department. Our students learn so much, and are a credit to the Holland Patent community.

## Cabaret

*The Holland Patent Cabaret performed for a live audience on April 22 and 23.*

*Photo credit: Filomena Allen*



# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Junior Varsity and Varsity spring sports began their practices on March 14 for the sports of Baseball, Softball, Boys Tennis, Lacrosse, Boys and Girls Golf and Boys and Girls Track and Field.

Modified Sports began their practices on April 4. With the first contests scheduled to begin on May 2.

## SPRING TEAMS

*(Current as of 4/26/22)*

**Baseball** - 5-4  
**Softball** - 5-0  
**Boys Tennis** - 3-1  
**Boys Golf** - 0-1  
**Girls Golf** - no matches yet  
due to weather  
**Lacrosse** - 1-5

## FALL TEAMS

**Field Hockey** - 13-6  
**Boys Soccer** - 6-10-1  
**Girls Soccer** - 7-10  
**Football** - 5-2  
**Cross Country** - CSC Champions  
**Girls Swim** - With a few top  
ten finishers  
**Girls Tennis** - 2-7-1

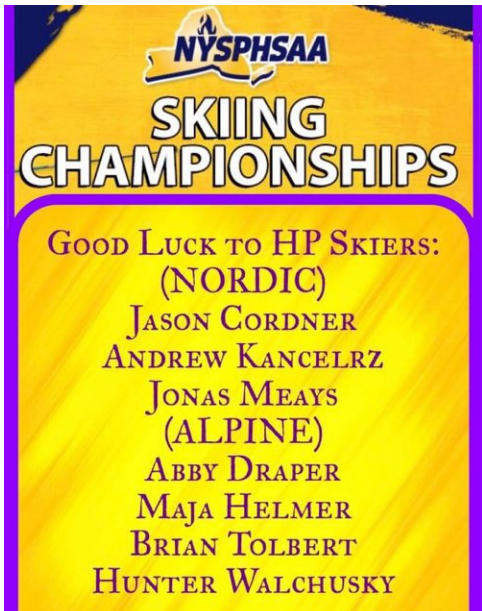
## WINTER SPORTS

### Highlights:

- Coach John Richard's 400 career wins.
- Jordan Koenig and Andrew Morris attend the NYSPHSAA State wrestling tournament.

## WINTER TEAMS

**Boys Basketball** - 10-12  
**Girls Basketball** - 12-9  
**Boys Bowling** - 9-6, 3rd in the CSC, 5th in Sectionals in Class C/D  
**Girls Bowling** - 7-4, 2nd place in CSC, 2nd in Sectionals for class C/D  
**Alpine Ski** - Skiers represented at the Sectional and State level  
**Nordic Ski** - Skiers represented at the Sectional and State level  
**Boys Swimming** - 2-7



**NYSPHSAA**  
**SKIING**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GOOD LUCK TO HP SKIERS:  
(NORDIC)  
JASON CORDNER  
ANDREW KANCELRZ  
JONAS MEAYS  
(ALPINE)  
ABBY DRAPER  
MAJA HELMER  
BRIAN TOLBERT  
HUNTER WALCHUSKY

## Two Athletes Attend NYSPHSAA State Wrestling Tournament

The road to States was full of excitement and accomplishments. As a community, we couldn't be more proud of Jordan and Andrew. They represented HP with class and sportsmanship. We're so proud they're Golden Knights!!

At the end of the day, Jordan Koenig (172lbs) stood tall on the podium with an impressive 3rd place in States!

Andrew Morris (285 lbs) placed in the Top 12 in States. Andrew had such an impressive season with a 44-7 record. 34 wins were by Pin and 6 of those losses were standing on the podium today. He truly was among the best of the best.



# LEARNING ABOUT WEATHER



Is Spring really officially here to stay? Our kindergartners had a guest speaker on April 22 at General William Floyd Elementary. Thank you Mr. Kardas for helping us learn more about the weather!

Mr. Bill Kardas is the StormTracker 2 Chief Meteorologist for NewsChannel 2.



## 100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL

General William Floyd Elementary celebrated the 100th Day of School on February 17. Students decorated t-shirts with 100 of their favorite things. A fashion show was held in the gymnasium where students walked the red carpet in order to show off all of their creative ideas. We are 100+ days smarter!



## NJHS & Student Council Host Donation Drive to Benefit Ukrainian Refugees

The NJHS and the Student Council joined together to host a donation drive to help the people of Ukraine. Students brought in hundreds of nonperishable food items and supplies that will be greatly appreciated by Ukrainian refugees. The 8th grade class won the grade level competition by bringing in over 300 items. Thank you to the families and community for your support!





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## VOTER INFORMATION

### WHAT am I voting on?

A budget of \$37,990,863 for the 2022-23 school year, a proposition to purchase school buses, a proposition to authorize a student to serve on the School Board as an ex officio, non-voting member, and one candidate for the Board of Education.

### WHEN & WHERE is the vote?

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**in the Holland Patent High School Gymnasium.**

### WHO is eligible to vote?

Anyone who is a U.S. Citizen, 18 years or older, and a resident within the district for a period of 30 days prior to the vote. A resident is not eligible to vote if they are prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-06 of the Education Law.

### ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

Applications for absentee ballots for the 2022 annual meeting will be available beginning April 18, 2022, and may be picked up from the Office of the District Clerk at Holland Patent Central School District, 9601 Main Street, Holland Patent, NY 13354, or requested to be mailed by calling (315) 865-7221.

For voters requesting a ballot delivered to them **by mail**, completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than May 10, 2022.

For voters requesting a ballot delivered to them **personally**, completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than May 16, 2022.

All completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022.