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HP TIMES



**Welcome
back to HP,
here's to a
great school
year full of
academics,
sports, clubs,
friends and
great staff!**

NEW STUDENTS

Joseph Mittiga is a new 9th grade student at Holland Patent. He transferred from Holy Cross in Oneida. So far Joseph really enjoys his Studio Art class because he loves sketching and drawing. In the class they're currently working on printmaking. In his spare time he likes to create 3D designs and models and play video games. He has 3 siblings, a dog named Molly and 2 cats. In the future he hopes to pursue a career in Engineering Technology. Joseph is challenging himself and hopes to graduate in three years from Holland Patent.



Matthew Edwards is a new student this school year. He was originally in our district for Pre-K then moved to Tennessee. He moved back this school year for family, and is enjoying his time at Holland Patent. In his free time he likes to ride dirt bikes competitively. One day he hopes to pursue a career in Construction and currently attends BOCES for Outdoor Power. He has three dogs and has 5 siblings. His favorite class so far is Sculpture with Mrs. Deuel-Spine.

Carson Tharrett is a new sophomore this school year from Rome Free Academy. He is really excited about meeting new people and teachers at Holland Patent. Carson likes HP better than RFA so far. Carson is currently on the Varsity Football team and is planning on joining the Varsity Wrestling team this winter. He enjoys hanging out with his two dogs. Carson's favorite subject in school is Math.

-Kairi Lilley



NEW STUDENTS

Bryce Koch is a new sophomore at Holland Patent; all the way from Altmar-Parish-Williamstown. Although he is a new student this year, he is surely not new to sports! Bryce enjoys playing three sports: football, basketball and baseball! He has two dogs who love to greet him when he gets home. So far, Bryce is enjoying his time at Holland Patent. He claims that his favorite thing about HP so far is the kindness people show him.

-Rae Little



This year Shania Westcott is new to the Holland Patent High School. She transferred to our district from Strough in the Rome City School District. Shania is excited for all the clubs HP has to offer, which she is already invested in. She is also excited about the prep rallies and school events. She's nervous for when she will need to take regents, as most students are.

-Kairi Lilley

Kiarra Yadow is a new student this school year. She transferred from Strough Middle School in the Rome City School District. Kiarra is excited about the basketball season to start. She's currently involved in cheerleading. She said, "she's getting nervous as the school year progresses because of her academics."

-Kairi Lilley



NEW STUDENTS

TYKA VAN DER KLEIN



Holland Patent was fortunate this year to have two foreign exchange students. Tyka Van Der Klein is a senior from the Netherlands. She says that life in the Netherlands is different from here. She says that the stores are different, as well as the people.

However she said that the overall big picture is the same. In the Netherlands she said hanging out with friends is different, friends just walk into the house without a planned schedule, which makes social life very different as well. Tyka so far dislikes the food we have here and the distance she is from home. She says that making friends was very easy at Holland Patent and everyone made her feel welcomed. Her favorite thing she has done this year is going camping. It was a new experience for her and she enjoyed it. What she misses most about the Netherlands are her friends. Tyka has her parents and a younger brother. She is enjoying school here and the friends she has made.

-Brooke Smith

NEW STUDENTS

LUIS TELLEZ SANCHEZ-MONTES

Holland Patent was fortunate this year to have two foreign exchange students.

Luis Tellez Sanchez-Montes is from Spain and he is a junior. He says that Holland Patent is very different, the first day was hard but as the year went on it got easier. He also says that the food is very different. Luis loves to play soccer and was able to play at Holland Patent. Luis loves to ski and is hopeful to do that during his time here.

Although Luis was sent from a program, Holland Patent was not his first place. Luis was first in South Dakota but did not like it there, so he came here. Luis says he is a very outgoing person, so making friends was easy for him. His favorite thing so far is the weather, but he misses his family, younger sister, friends, and the food.

-Brooke Smith



NEW STAFF



MR. MISNER

Mr. Misner is our new Technology Teacher at the Holland Patent High School. He's a retired teacher from our district that now comes in for 1 period a day to teach our Design, Drawing for Production course. He taught for 20 years and just retired in 2021. His class is a technology course that counts towards a fine art credit or elective credit. Students design, draw and then create something out of various materials. He went to SUNY Oswego for his Masters in Technology Education. In his spare time he enjoys building miniature toys, trains, cars, tables, cabinets and welds. He has a large family with 5 children and 5 grandchildren.

MRS. KELLY

Teaching band this year is Mrs. Kelly, who has already taught at Holland Patent for seven years! Preceding this year at the high school, Mrs. Kelly taught at HPE. While she is teaching band for high school students, she will still be at the elementary school for beginner instrument programs.

Mrs. Kelly graduated from Eastman School of Music in Rochester and taught elementary band at Rush-Henrietta CSD for seven years before coming to Holland Patent. Mrs.

Kelly's personal favorite band instrument is the clarinet, though she loves teaching band because she can teach all the instruments. She is excited to be at the high school to work with new students and have the opportunity to teach higher-level pieces. Mrs. Kelly is also overly excited for NYSSMA Majors and working with the jazz band!

-Liz Buckland



NEW STAFF

MS. NUCCIO

Our new Earth Science teacher this year is Ms. Nuccio. She has been teaching for six years, of which three years were spent at Oriskany CSD, and one year in San Felipe, Mexico. Ms. Nuccio graduated from SUNY Potsdam and loves teaching because there's always something different to do each day.

Additionally, Ms. Nuccio loves being involved in the schools she teaches at. She led both the ski and snowboarding club, and was the junior-senior class advisor at Oriskany. She also loves working with her students and is very excited to get to know the HP community!

-Liz Buckland



MS. LAMB

Ms. Lamb is our new agriculture teacher at the high school. She was at the HP middle school prior to this school year. She attended Cornell University studying agriculture science and education. She took a variety of agriculture classes in college and enjoyed the clubs that she was apart of (including the Cornell University Dairy Science club where she got to travel to Italy and California). Some of her favorite classes included meat science, dairy herd health and greenhouse management. Ms. Lamb grew up in Hamilton, New York--spending time on her grandparents dairy farm, and her parents cut-flower farm. At HP she teaches plant science, introduction to agriculture, animal science, agricultural business and leadership and senior seminar. She runs our Future Farmers of America Club and is actively involved in FFA outside of school. In Ms. Lamb's words, "It's about learning about every aspect of agriculture like plant science (floral design), animal science (livestock & meat cuts), and business (to make smart money and business decisions)." She is looking to grow our agriculture program, so definitely sign up to take some classes next school year and beyond!

NEW STAFF

MS. PIETRUCH

Ms. Pietruch is the new school nurse here at the Holland Patent High School. Before coming to Holland Patent, she worked in a hospital as a medical-surgical nurse. After that, she worked for a cardiology group for 2 years before coming here. She is very fond of outdoor activities. She especially enjoys hiking. This is apparent by the fact that she has hiked around ten of the High Peaks. Her goal is to travel to every U.S. National Park. She's visited ten so far. She also enjoys reading. Her favorite food is always changing, but she decided to choose pizza as her favorite currently. Her favorite genre of movies are horror movies, but she doesn't necessarily have a favorite. The sport that she enjoys most is soccer. She has played it since she was in Kindergarten. She chose to be the nurse here because she wanted to explore a new avenue in her nursing career. She wants to build relationships with the students here instead of getting new patients every day at the hospital. Her goal here at Holland Patent is to promote student's physical and mental health. Her favorite thing about Holland Patent is how welcoming and supportive everybody is. Let's welcome our new nurse, who will be the one to help all of us if we are ever sick or hurt.

-Jesse Schreyer



MRS. BLIER

Mrs. Blier is a new staff member here at Holland Patent, who can be found in the main office and the athletic office. Before coming to Holland Patent, she worked at Mohawk Valley Health Systems in the purchasing department, but she always wanted to work in the Holland Patent district because her kids went here. She first worked as the building secretary at GWF for the past 6 years. She has also been the summer school secretary for the past 2 years. She enjoys gardening, cooking, baking, restoring old furniture, and reading. Her favorite food is pizza. Her and her family have a tradition where they have a pizza day every Sunday. Her favorite movie is a movie called 'Hope Floats'. She says she loves it because she's a romantic person, and it really resonated with her the first time she watched it. She's not really into sports, but she enjoys watching her son play soccer, lacrosse, and swim. She also played tennis in High School. She enjoys to kick-box as well. She chose her role here because she has wanted to be a part of the Holland Patent school community for a while, and enjoys working with kids. Her goal for Holland Patent is to make it a safe and enjoyable place for students and staff alike. Her favorite thing about Holland Patent is how welcoming and accepting everyone is and how everyone works together. Make sure to give her a warm welcome as she settles into the high school!

-Jesse Schreyer





SPORTS



BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Our football team had a good season. Unfortunately we lost the game 16-0 against Adirondack on Saturday, October 21st. Then on Friday the 27th we had playoffs against Cazenovia and lost 44-14.

Good luck to the team next school year, I hope we do great!

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

The girls varsity soccer team lost their quarterfinal sectional game to Skaneateles in a penalty kick shootout. They had previously won their first round game against General Brown 3-0. The girls played great all season long and ended the season with a 11-6-1 overall record. Great job girls!





SPORTS



GIRLS SWIM

Congratulations to the team on their excellent swims at the Championship meet Friday, October 20th. Every girl swam at least one season best and many dropped multiple seconds in their races! Sectionals were held on Wednesday, November 1st at Nottingham High School, the team swam great.

BOYS SOCCER

The boys Varsity Soccer team showed improvement throughout the season. They won their first round sectional game and lost in the second round game against Marcellus.



VARSITY KNIGHTS



VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Sectional Semifinals vs. New Hartford were held at VVS on Monday, October 23rd and we won 4-0! The team went to section semi-finals on October 29th against Camden but unfortunately lost 2-1.



SPORTS



CROSS COUNTRY

On Saturday, October 28th, the Boys & Girls Cross Country team attended a cross country invitational at Adirondack High School. Sectional Championships were held on November 4th at VVS, it was a great season!



CHEERLEADING

The cheerleaders brought a great amount of spirit and support to our Varsity Football team during their season this school year.

We're looking forward to winter cheerleading!

NEW CLUBS

FFA

After several years, the Holland Patent Chapter of FFA is proud to announce that on June 15th we have been rechartered as an official FFA chapter with the leadership and distinction of agriculture teacher Ms. Megan Lamb and Ms. Alyssa Rooda. Our chapter currently has a total of 63 members between the Holland Patent high school and middle school.

Since June, our chapter has participated in several events, some of which included providing information at the Boonville Oneida County Fair. We sent 10 FFA members to Oswegatchie FFA camp. Some of our members participated in the New York State Fair by showing cattle. Congratulations to Isabelle Schuler for winning the Livestock Evaluation competition! We also participated in the sunflower festival by holding a food booth. A few of our members had the honor and privilege to attend the Oneida County Farm Bureau meeting. Our chapter officers had the opportunity to attend the COLT conference held at Cornell University. On October 25th our chapter had the distinct honor of meeting and speaking with New York State Commissioner of Agriculture Mr. Richard Ball. On October 28th our chapter held our first annual HP FFA Day. Our FFA Day was a day filled with animals, equipment, barnyard olympics and more to show our community what agriculture is all about. Between October 29th to November 4th, four of our members left to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. During this week-long adventure our members had the opportunity to visit several industries in agriculture such as the New Holland Plant, The Ohio State Vet College along with the New Holland Auction Barn and met many other FFA members.

Our chapter is looking forward to participating in several leadership contests and developing strong ties with our agricultural partners in our community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support in helping our chapter grow.

-Camrynn Howard



EVENTS

CONNORS WAY MEMORIAL RUN

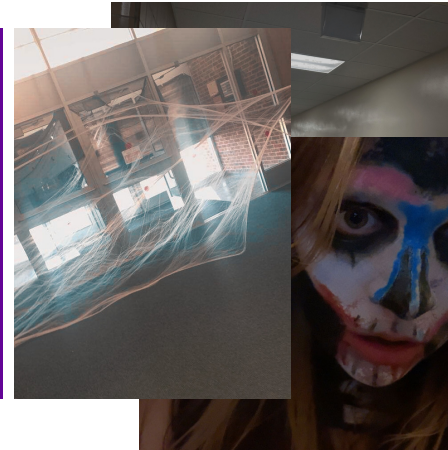
The Connors Way Memorial Run was held on September 17th. This run is held every year in honor of Connor Arthur Lynskey who passed away at the age of 18 in 2018. This run helps graduating high school students by raising money for scholarships for seniors going to college. From the money raised last year, they awarded 26 high school seniors scholarships throughout 11 different school districts in Oneida County. We have several staff and students participate in this run each year, it brings our community together to honor Connor.

-Angela Warner and Shania Westcott



FBLA HAUNTED HOUSE

The very first annual FBLA Haunted House was a horrifying success! There were many families from our community that came out to this terrific event on Saturday, October 28th. Not only was the school a haunted walk-through, but FBLA also featured their own corner store and bake sale! Thank you to all of the volunteers and everyone who came out to support our school! A big thanks to Kairi Lilley for running the show!



FBLA FALL CONFERENCE

On Friday, November 3rd, the HP FBLA club attended the annual Fall District Meeting for Districts 7 (Herkimer, Madison, Oneida Counties) and 8 (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga Counties). It consisted of three workshops explaining the purpose of FBLA, as well as important business skills like networking and teamwork, and necessary communication skills for positive experiences in the workplace. "It's always fun to meet new people in FBLA each year," says Kairi Lilley, a returning FBLA member, winner of this FBLA's annual Battle of the Best, and president of the club this school year.



EVENTS

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

The Overcoming Obstacles event was held on September 26th.

All 9th grade students were bused to the Nexus Center. Erin Gruwell shared her story of how she taught students that were kicked out of other schools because no one wanted them. It was not just her story, some of her students who were all grown up shared their stories as part of her freedom writers. Then the students broke off into groups to do activities, like setting goals for ourselves in years to come. We interviewed Kiarra Yaddow, a 9th grade student. In her words, the trip was “inspiring” and “interesting.” Erin Bruwell and her freedom writers were said to inspire a lot of students at this event.

-Angela Warner and Shania Westcott



**OVERCOMING
OBSTACLES®**



BILLY MARTIN COLE CIRCUS

The National Honor Society proudly hosted the Billy Martin Cole Circus on Thursday, October 26th in the High School Gymnasium. It was a great turnout and everyone had a wonderful time!

HOMECOMING

Homecoming was held on October 13th. We had our school homecoming pep rally where all of our varsity teams performed and did a great job with their choreography. Later that evening was the dance and football game on our home field against Adirondack. It was a great event!



EVENTS

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

On October 25th, Mr. Richard Ball, the Commissioner of NYS Agriculture came to visit and thanked the FFA club for their letters to him last school year. In these letters, they thanked him for everything he has done for the agricultural industry. He was supposed to come and shake hands with the students who wrote the notes but he ended up talking to our entire high school for an assembly. People I've spoken to felt it was inspiring to have him here, especially students who want to get into agriculture in the future.

-Angela Warner and Shania Westcott



WELCOME-BACK PEP RALLY

The Holland Patent High School held our pep-rally on September 8th, which was the second day of school. It was an event for all to attend to celebrate another great year in the Holland Patent High School. The students all sat in the bleachers by grade level. The high school staff were introduced for the incoming freshman and for new staff. Once the teachers were introduced the students got right into the games which brought challenge and sportsmanship, but also unity and school spirit.

-Angela Warner and Shania Westcott



EVENTS

CARDS FOR LOCAL VETERANS

In Mrs. Grower and Ms. Viel's classes, students wrote and decorated cards for veterans. These cards will be distributed to local veterans of Oneida County by New York State Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon.

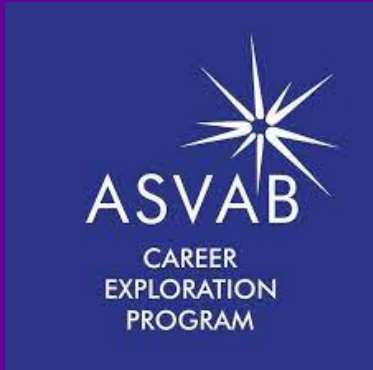


NHS INDUCTIONS

The Holland Patent Chapter of National Honor Society welcomed 38 new members at their annual induction ceremony held on October 16th. Candidates were selected for membership based on the four pillars of National Honor Society: scholarship, character, leadership and service. A welcome address was offered from Mr. Stevener, Principal and the ceremony was led by senior officers Nicole Santa Maria (President), Ella Armitage (Vice President), Nadia Foley (Secretary), and Michaela Cushman (Treasurer) and featured congratulatory speeches from Board of Education President, Kathy Smyth, and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Venettozzi.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the gymnasium for the new members and their families.

EVENTS



The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) was offered for all interested 9th-12th grade students on October 4th. This year, Holland Patent had 11 students sit for the ASVAB. Did you know that you do not have to be interested in the military to take this test? "The ASVAB can be used as an aptitude test that estimates your capacity for academic and vocational endeavors. No one passes or fails the ASVAB; the results represent how one's academic skills will fit with one's occupational skills. The students that took the ASVAB were given their scores and guided through a career exploration piece that included seeing their strengths in verbal, math, and science skills and how they would fit into different careers. Each student that sat for the test now has the ASVAB Career Exploration Program tool to use whenever they'd like."

-ASVAB website



"Students are strongly encouraged to take the PSAT (Practice SAT). The PSAT is a great preparatory exam for the SAT. The PSAT results will give students feedback about their academic skills, including areas where they can improve. Furthermore, it enters students into scholarship competitions, helps to prepare for the SATs, offers personalized study plans, informs of which AP courses students may be ready for, and more! This was the first year the PSAT was offered digitally and will be offered digitally for all future PSAT's. Students are also strongly encouraged to take the SAT, especially if they plan to attend college after graduation. The SAT helps students navigate their path through high school toward college and career, and offers a range of unique benefits to students. It opens doors to colleges, builds skills over time, helps students plan their careers, increases access to AP and college credit, and it inspires productive practice."

Both tests were held on October 11th. We had 30 seniors sit for the SAT School Day and we had a total of 56 10th/11th grade students take the PSAT. We're offering our next SAT School Day for juniors on April 10th. The SAT School Day will be offered digitally moving forward. Juniors can sign up for the SAT School Day by emailing their school counselor or signing up in the school counseling office.

-Collegeboard Website



EVENTS

LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER

On Friday Oct. 27, sophomores in Mrs. Sullivan's English classes had the opportunity to meet with the grandchild of a Holocaust survivor via Zoom. Through an organization based out of New York City called 3GNY WEDU (3rd Generation New York-We Educate). The students were able to experience a presentation from a professionally trained speaker who spoke to the students about their grandparents' experiences being ripped from their homes by the Nazi soldiers, taken to concentration camps, and ultimately their liberation from these camps during World War II.



Mrs. Sullivan's students are currently studying the Holocaust through the lens of two different memoir texts written by Holocaust survivors, *Night* by Elie Wiesel and *All But My Life* by Gerda Weissmann Klein. Many Holocaust survivors are no longer with us, and the story of their experiences during World War II are fading along with them. It is so fortunate to have organizations such as 3GNY who are working to continue sharing the stories and experiences of these Holocaust survivors with our current generation. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

-George Santayana



THE CRUCIBLE

In Mrs. Alcaraz's English 11 classes the students were reading the play, *The Crucible* (1953) by Arthur Miller. The students really dove into their roles as the characters and it was a fun experience for all!

UPCOMING

EVENTS

Connected Community Schools will be hosting a Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 18th from 9:30am-11am at the High School track. High school students are welcome to participate and run in this fun free event!



On Sunday, November 19th - 21st, Ms. Viel is taking students to the New York State Conference on Leadership and Student Activities in Syracuse!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

The Foothills located at the twin churches in the HP village need volunteers for their annual Christmas Basket food drive. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 9th from 10am until 7pm. Last year students came in shifts or stayed all day, whatever you're able to do would be appreciated. They need assistance organizing food boxes and/or lifting them to bring to vehicles. This is a great opportunity to give back to our community.



STAFF & STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



DAR GOOD CITIZEN

It's scholarship time here at Holland Patent and Nicole Santa Maria was selected as our first scholarship recipient! She was recognized as our DAR Good Citizen. The Daughters of the American Revolution recognize one senior that shows true dependability, service, leadership and patriotism to an outstanding degree. Congratulations Nicole on this exceptional achievement!

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

We're celebrating our own Kyle Erway and Renae Cellamare, two of 72,000 students from across the country who earned academic honors from College Board's National Recognition Programs! They received awards from the National Rural and Small Town Awards.

The National Recognition Programs honor the strong academic achievements of underrepresented students. They're an easy way for students to showcase their hard work in high school. The programs not only benefit students. They also benefit colleges looking to recruit diverse, talented students.



There's so much that makes students like Kyle and Renae unique. That's an asset to colleges and programs. The National Recognition Programs help students find ways to celebrate that. Eligible students apply on BigFuture. They have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. They're the top 10% of PSAT/NMSQT® or PSAT™ 10 assessment takers in each state for each program or have earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP® Exams. They either attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, or Indigenous/Native. They're invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year. Students who are awarded recognition will be notified at the beginning of the next school year.

Congratulations, Kyle and Renae!

STAFF & STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

2023 CONFERENCE ALL STATE

Heather Buchanan-Wise and Caedyn Rowlands will be representing Holland Patent at Conference All-State at the NYSSMA conference in Rochester from November 30th - December 3rd.



Heather Buchanan-Wise, Class of 2024, will be performing as a member of the 1st Violin section in the 2023 Conference All-State Symphony Orchestra. Acceptance in the 1st Violin section of this prestigious ensemble means that she is one of the top 28 high school violinists in the State of New York. Heather is also a member of the High School Mixed Choir.

Caedyn Rowlands, Class of 2024, will be performing in the 2023 Conference All-State Symphonic Band. She plays trumpet in the high school Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band and studies privately with Mr. Brian Picente. In addition, Caedyn is a member of the Mixed Choir, Select Choir, and Vocal Ensemble.



STAFF & STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

2023 AREA ALL STATE



Heather Buchanan-Wise, Stephanie Clemens, Brett Dobreski, Holly Buchanan-Wise, Izzy Hobin, Aaron Lopez, Renae Cellamare and Caedyn Rowlands were chosen to represent Holland Patent at the Area All-State Music Festival, which will be held on November 17th - 18th in Phoenix, New York. Our students will be representing HP in the band, orchestra, mixed chorus, and the treble chorus!



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