



The Buzz



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Welcoming The Season of Thanks

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Holland Honors Veterans

Reporter Jake Richards

The Hornet Band has now had the opportunity to play their lineup of patriotic songs on two different occasions to honor those who have served in the military. The band performed at the Temple Veterans Association's Veteran's Day Ceremony on Friday, November 8th, as well as Holland High School's Veterans Day ceremony held on Veteran's Day.

Despite the cold temperatures on Friday, the band persevered and played the Star Spangled Banner at the VA ceremony. Other patriotic songs were performed before and after the ceremony, including God Bless America, My Country Tis of Thee, and Battle Hymn of the Republic. During the ceremony, the band also performed the Marches of the Armed Forces as veterans stood when the song of their branch was played. The ceremony concluded with Taps played by Holland's own Elizabeth Kriczky, followed by closing remarks.

When asked about the ceremony, Assistant Band Director Ms. Nikki Moore said, "I thought the ceremony was really moving; the students played really well — Even though it was pretty cold out there, so they had to endure some pretty cold and wet weather. Veteran's Day means a lot to me anyways, because I've had a lot of family that's been in the military and I just felt a lot of pride throughout the whole performance, and everyone was really respectful."

The band performed this same lineup of songs in a similar order for Holland's Veteran's Day ceremony, where around 70 veterans were honored. This included one special veteran who served in the US Navy during World War II, JD Coker. State Representative Hugh Shine, who served a collective 30 years in the US Army and the Texas Army National Guard, was the featured speaker for the event.

"I consider Veteran's Day to be one of the most important days of the year," Shine said in his speech.

Former Holland agriculture teacher, Joe Liles who has served 26 years in the Army Reserves also said a few words thanking his fellow veterans for their service. Included in his speech, Liles said on behalf of their service, "It was a brave and selfless act that came with few guarantees."

The ceremony was concluded with the calling of veterans' names and refreshments were provided afterwards.

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Don't Forget!

- Student Holiday on Nov. 25th-29th
- Student Holiday on Dec. 20th-Jan. 7th

Quote of the Week:

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."

-John F. Kennedy



The Swarm is Alive

Reporter Alana Martinez

Holland’s Swarm Program is where kids get partnered up with a varsity football player, cheerleader, or our school mascot. The children keep in contact with their partners by writing letters to each other. Before the home football games start, all the children swarm down the football field and yell chants with the cheerleaders.

When asked about the Swarm Program, Junior varsity football player, Ethan Rendon, said, “It feels pretty good to be a part of the swarm. Feels like you’re leading someone, like you are being a role model for the little kids. We are moti-

vating kids to play the sport, giving them school pride. Sending letters to each other and giving gifts is also another great motivator for the kids.” When asked if other schools should adopt the program, Rendon said, “Definitely, it is a way to connect with the kids.”

The Swarm activity is held at the Holland ISD Mike Roasa Athletic Complex/Track at every home football game. It is always great to see elementary children in their purple and gold swarm shirts, running down the field giving off pride.

Leadership Food Drive

Reporter-in-Chief Maycee Anderson, Reporter Patience Anderson

Holland’s Leadership classes are hosting a food drive that consists of non-perishable and unexpired food items. The food drive began on Monday, November 4th, and will end on Friday, November 29th. The class that brings in the most amount of food items will be awarded with a treat after the event comes to an end. So far, there have been many food items donated and the leading campus with the most food donations as of Monday, November 18th, is the Elementary school. After the event is over, the food will be brought to a local food shelter that is to-be-determined. If you or anyone you

know is willing to donate food items to this amazing cause, please bring them to Mrs. Cleveland’s room with a note with you or your child’s grade level or leave them with you or your child’s homeroom teacher.





Holland's New Brother

Reporters Emily Dague, Joseph Kabrich

Coach Brothers is the new coach in town and has already earned his place on the team. A boy's basketball coach and world geography teacher, he previously taught many sports, from golf to powerlifting in Bruceville Eddy, his hometown. After majoring in Exercise and Sports Science and minoring in Education at UMHB, he came to Holland and found a laid-back atmosphere and "good food in the teacher lounge."

Asking other students about how they felt about the newbie to Holland netted these results:

"He's able to keep up a fun, light atmosphere... he teaches in a way that I can understand," said Sophomore Sara 'Bagel' Dague.

"Coach Brothers is friendly and approachable. He has healthy standards and expectations of students, and remains patient," said Sophomore Kathryn Krickzy

Indeed, Brothers is well respected by the mass and has been welcomed with open arms here in Holland.





SCOREBOARD

Football:

Varsity:



Varsity:



