



The Weekly Buzz



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Happy Homecoming!

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Holland ISD Construction Developments

Reporters Maycee Anderson and Christa Reagan

The Buzz interviewed Holland ISD's superintendent, Cindy Gunn. She shared her goals and wishes for the district for the 2017-2018 school year.

Last year, Chromebooks were introduced to the high school as a way of bringing easier communication between students and teachers along with helping students academically. Gunn shares her thoughts on technology and its usage throughout the high school so far.

"The first year we implemented the one-to-one ratio, about forty percent of the teachers were good about using technology. Class textbooks were online and teachers used Google Classroom," said Gunn. "One of my goals this year is that over eighty percent of teachers will use technology as well."

Due to Holland High School's attendance rate in the 2016-2017 school year, the school did not receive two of the state's official educational designations necessary to be recognized.

"We are one of the best high schools in the state and our attendance is something that really has to be addressed," said Gunn.

Mrs. Gunn then shares her last goal for the year, explaining the

school's ACT, SAT, and STAAR scores. "Academically it is always a push for us. We are one of the best school districts in Bell County. If you look at our STAAR scores and, of course, our exam scores, we out scored everyone in the county, even if they were big or small. Other schools are calling to see what we are doing; asking if they can come see our teachers and what they're doing in the classroom." She later explains that she wants to improve scores of future tests being taken. "We have been looking to improve our ACT and SAT scores. I know that is one of Mr. Gordon's goals this year because we are right at the state average, yet when we get our end of course exam results we are above state average."

Long and overdue, the school is undergoing a building project for a new and improved band hall. The plan is also to include more classroom space for student needs.

"I'm very excited to begin the construction project. We are working with the architects right now to get the final plans done," said Gunn. "We've done the surveys and we've done testing for the engineers to know how to build each of the buildings. It won't be until the 1st of November that we will have the official ground-breaking, beginning the visible start of the project and the construction of the new facilities

The projected finished date is December 2018.



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Quote of the Week!

"I have no special talent; I am only passionately curious."

-Albert Einstein



In Other News...



A Jump Above the Rest

Reporter Jarrett Pistole

Things are looking “cheery” this year for the Holland High School Cheer Squad. With Captain Shelby Horak and Co-Captain Jo Carter, these girls seem to be well off and on their way to be the best cheer team seen in Holland yet.

“I think we are doing really well. We have a fresh team this year and we are improving greatly,” says junior Kendyll Morris. “The freshmen are doing really well. It’s a lot to handle as a freshman and they are taking [the responsibilities] head on!”

Some cannot help but think that their success thus far is owed to, in part, to the camaraderie between the girls.

“We are a very close group. This group is like my family,” says senior Sydney Sanders, a

member of the team. Sydney’s statement is proven as such team spirit is definitely seen between these young women during pep rallies and football. “We all help each other and if someone doesn’t know something or needs help, we guide them through it,” says Kendyll.

Despite there being selected leaders in the cheer squad, the cheerleaders have a system of leadership of their own, as each girl is given a specific week to plan a pep rally. This responsibility includes finding a theme, putting together skirts or the all-but-forgotten class races, and so on and so forth.

Having a sense of unity and camaraderie has helped these girls reach for the stars (cuz if you went any higher, you’d be in space). Let them be a standard for all teams and groups within this school! Good luck, cheerleaders!

Introducing Mrs. Tanguay

Reporter Christa Reagan

The Buzz interviewed Mrs. Tanguay, Holland High School’s new Ag teacher this year. She shared her thoughts and first impressions of Holland and its students.

“I like it [Holland]. It’s a small-town school and very student centered,” said Tanguay. “All the students have been very polite and respectful. I’ve really enjoyed working here so far.”

The classes Mrs. Tanguay is teaching this year include Small Animal Management/Equine Science, Floral Design, Principles of AFNR, and an 8th grade HS Prep.

Tanguay attended Salado High School, graduated in 2010, and then went on to Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas where she received her bachelor’s degree in Animal Science and later got her master’s degree in Agriculture.

“I initially did not want to be a teacher when I went into college. I wanted to go into USDA or go more into the Animal Science side: research center,” said Tanguay. “Yet, I was in FFA throughout high school and it just started to become more and more interesting to me. Once I graduated, I talked to some professors and was able to go back to school and receive my masters in Agriculture as well as getting teach-



ing certified through that.”

Before Holland, she taught at Belton High School from 2015 to 2017.

Mrs. Tanguay is married and is the mother of a one year old baby boy, and she loves being a mom.

“My son’s name is Trace Nolen Tanguay, so his initials are TNT. He is a redhead so probably not the greatest choice on our part, but he is the absolute joy of my life.”

Mrs.T shares her expectations for classroom procedures and student behavior.

“First and foremost, my expectation is respect. I’m going to show the students respect, so I kind of hope that I get respect in return. I like for us to have fun in class. I like for us to learn and when we’re able to respect each other and listen and kind of go along with the coursework we get to have a lot more fun. We get to incorporate a lot more projects and hands on labs. Therefore, if I couldn’t get the class under control or if they had no respect, then we would have to find an alternative assignment.”

Mrs. Tanguay also has family connections in Holland. When the job opportunity opened up, she wanted to be part of the Holland community where she could push students and help them succeed.

“I want my students to know that overall I’m here to help them. My job as a teacher is to help make them successful after high school and prepare them for for what’s next to come... “



Hornets

Suicide Prevention Month

Reporter Maxx Karl

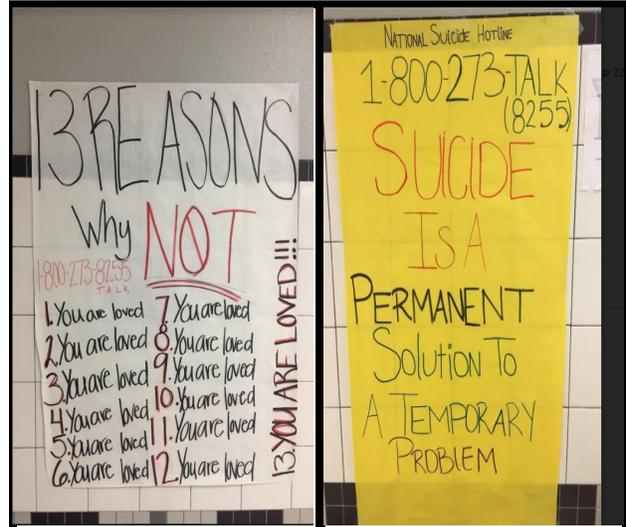
Every year, more than 41,000 people die by committing suicide. Many more are affected by thoughts of suicide or self-harm, but will never tell anyone. It's not always very clear to someone that this is how things are, and that is why Holland Leadership is doing their best to shine some light on this subject.

September is the National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time for people to come together to share stories and spread awareness. This month is used to help those having suicidal thoughts to feel more comfortable to ask for help and for those unaware to know what to do.

If you would like to know any more information you can visit: <https://www.nami.org/suicideawarenessmonth>. For suicide hotlines, you can call 800-950-NAMI or 1-800-273-8255. If you ever need to, try a few of these healthy coping techniques:

- Compliment someone
- Listen to music
- Do school work (I know this one sounds crazy, but it helps to get your mind off things.)
- Perform a random act of kindness.

“When you feel like giving up, just remember the reason why you held on for so long.” – Unknown



The Faces Behind Holland's Mascots

Reporter Maycee Anderson

Being a mascot can be very hard work and requires effort. It takes a lot of courage to become one of these inspiring characters, and the Holland Hornets have two of their very own. Freshman Haley Ward and Senior Kaylah Williams know this better than anyone else in the school! They are a part of Holland's 2017-2018 mascot team. They bring inspiration to us all.

Kaylah has been a mascot for three football seasons so far, and she is proudly the face behind Holly, the female hornet mascot. “Generally during the school year all I really do is set up skits for pep rallies and entertain during football games. I also do swarm letters,” Williams explains.

Kaylah also enjoys her experience as a mascot and is excited about the fortuity it has brought her so far. Both Williams and Ward work with the cheerleaders to learn routines and to share team spirit with one another. They all make up one motivating team!

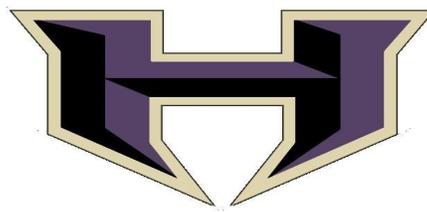
“I enjoy the general experience of being a mascot. I guess it kind of puts me in position to put myself out there in ways that I never thought of before. If it

weren't for me becoming a mascot I probably would not be as open and able to try new things as I am today,” Williams continues.

Her hard work and have brought her far in her mascot career, and she is very proud of the effort she has exerted as of now.

“In order to get ready, we have practices every Monday and Wednesday for whatever it is we are doing that week.”

There is no question about it-being a mascot takes work and dedication, but these ladies have it! They stand together as one to bring excitement to our students and teachers while also bringing hope to our football team. They are truly appreciated!





FYI



HOLLAND HORNETS

2017 HOMECOMING

NOMINEES

Seniors—Tyler Barabas

Juniors—Kate Gordon

Sophomores—Kirsten Yung

Freshman—Selah Kurtz

HOMECOMING SPIRIT DAYS:

- Monday - Crazy Sock Day
- Tuesday - Crazy Hat Day
- Wednesday - Western Day
- Thursday - Throwback Day
- Friday - Purple Out!

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THE HOMECOMING DANCE IS SATURDAY,

SEP. 30

ENTRY IS \$5

BRING A PEAR OF SOCKS AND IT COSTS 4\$





Fun Page



Did you know?

- The Dallas/ Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) is home to the world's largest parking lot.
- The highest temperature ever recorded in Texas was 120 degrees in Seymour on August 12, 1936.
- The oldest working Dr. Pepper plant (since 1891) is in Dublin, 94 miles west of Waco.
- Austin is home to the largest urban bat colony in North America. Over 1.5 million bats roost beneath the Congress Avenue Bridge over Lady Bird Lake and eat between 10,000-30,000 lbs. of insects a night.

Homecoming Word Search

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