

# Newsletter

**Back to School  
Fall 2023**



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*Superintendent*

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*High School Principal*

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# District News...

## Holdingford School District #738 School Calendar for 2023-2024

### AUGUST

14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	Flexible Workshop 8/21-25, 9/1, 6/3
28	29	30	31		Inservice/Workshop 28, 29, 30, 31

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### SEPTEMBER

				1	9/4 No School Labor Day
4	5	6	7	8	9/5 1st day of school
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	

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### OCTOBER

2	3	4	5	6	10/16 & 10/17 1:15 Early Release
9	10	11	12	13	Conferences from 2:00-8:00
16	17	18	19	20	10/19-10/20 No School MEA
23	24	25	26	27	
30	31				

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### NOVEMBER

		1	2	3	11/3 End of Quarter 1
6	7	8	9	10	11/6 Workshop- No School
13	14	15	16	17	11/22 No School - Teacher Comp
20	21	22	23	24	11/23-24 No School-Fall Break
27	28	29	30		

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### DECEMBER

				1	
4	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	12/22-1/1 No School-
25	26	27	28	29	Winter Break

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### JANUARY

1	2	3	4	5	1/2 Classes Resume
8	9	10	11	12	1/15 Inservice-No School Academy Day
15	16	17	18	19	1/18 End of Quarter 2
22	23	24	25	26	1/19 Workshop - No School
29	30	31			

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### FEBRUARY

			1	2	2/8 1:15 Early Release
5	6	7	8	9	2/8 Conferences 2:00-8:00
12	13	14	15	16	2/12 Inservice 8:00-1:30 No School
19	20	21	22	23	2/12 Conferences from 2:00-8:00
26	27	28	29		2/19 No School President's Day

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### MARCH

				1	
4	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	3/22 End of Quarter 3
25	26	27	28	29	3/25 Workshop - No School

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3/28 No School- Teacher Comp

3/29-4/2 No School Spring Break

### APRIL

1	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30				

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### MAY

		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	5/27 Memorial Day/No School
27	28	29	30	31	5/30 Last Day of School (1/2 day)

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5/31 Workshop

5/31 Graduation 7:00 pm

3	4	5	6	7	6/3 Flexible Workshop
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\*Prior to Feb. 12, Make-up day will be Feb. 19, 2024

\*Prior to March 26, Make-up day will be April 2, 2024

\*If no more Make-up days are needed, the last day of school is May 30, 2024.

\*If another Make-up day is needed, the last day of school is May 31, 2024.

## Transportation Information

Parents or guardians will be contacted if your students AM or PM bus stop time has changed by more than 5 minutes from the previous year. The Transportation Department needs to be notified before Wednesday, August 16, 2023 of any changes (new families, have you moved, daycare change). Drivers will contact you after they get their assignments on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. Students are expected to be at the bus stop 5 minutes before their scheduled pick up time. If students decide to walk to school, please have them use marked crosswalks and the pedestrian walkway. If there is no transportation change from the previous year, you will not be contacted.

It is discouraged for students to ride another bus than they are assigned, but if its necessary, they must have written permission from parents or guardians.

**Changes must be made before Wednesday, August 16, 2023.**

As always, there is no eating, drinking or chewing gum on the bus.

Submitted by Rodney Ebnet, Transportation Director 320-746-4464.

## New to our Husker Staff Family:

### Elementary:

McKenzie Timm — 2nd Grade Teacher  
Taylor Gerads — Special Education Teacher  
Jennifer Meemken — Elementary Social Worker  
Carlena Johnson — Special Education Paraprofessional

### Jr High/High School:

Kevin Beehler — Secondary Principal  
Alyssa Rosenberger — Business Education  
Jill Slivnik — Math  
Emily Simon — HS Counselor  
Jessica Funk — HS Special Education Paraprofessional  
Ashley Krueger — HS Special Education Paraprofessional

### Food Service:

Tom Fussy  
Rachel Roering  
Karen Kostreba  
Katie Novitzki

### Bus Driver:

Dan Huls

## Hello from Holdingford Public School!

Summer is halfway over and we are weeks into planning for the upcoming school year. Even though it is summer there is a lot going on in the school these days. Summer school is taking place and the teachers and students are working hard to become even more prepared for the new school year. Summer cleaning is going great and the custodial workers will have the building ready well in advance of school starting in August.

I wanted to take this opportunity to touch on a few topics that are of importance for the upcoming school year.

### New Faces

It is not uncommon to have new faces to our Husker community each year. There will be more information later in this newsletter about many of those faces. I would like to welcome our JH/HS Principal, Kevin Beehler to Holdingford. Mr. Beehler comes to us from St. Cloud and we are excited to have him. Please look for an introductory letter from Mr. Beehler on page 18.

### New to the District?

If you have just moved into the district or are looking for a change of scenery for your child/ren, please contact the school (HS – 746-4309 or Elem – 746-4461) to get information about registering and a school tour. Our team is always excited about giving tours of the school and discussing the exciting things that take place here!

### Holdingford Endowment

Every year I feel it is important to inform people of the group of Holdingford community members who have been working hard to establish a scholarship fund for Holdingford graduates. The rising cost of college is becoming a growing concern for everyone and the mission of the Endowment Fund is to maintain a growing source of financial and academic support for our local students. Created as a non-profit in 2013, continued efforts are being made to keep working towards a goal of raising \$3.5 million. That would be enough money to earn the interest income to generate \$2,500 for each graduate. The Endowment Foundation was able to award 23 students scholarships this past spring to Holdingford graduating seniors. If you are interested in learning more or making a donation please refer to the website at [www.holdingfordscholarship.org](http://www.holdingfordscholarship.org)

### Free and Reduced Application

As a result of recently passed legislation, students will be offered one free breakfast and one free lunch here at the school. Students will still have the opportunity to get “seconds” but that will be charged at the normal student meal rate.

The district is still asking families to complete the application. Free and reduced lunch participation is linked to other dollars that come to the school district? For that reason it’s important that we accurately report our eligibility. Please fill out the application and return it in the fall so we can receive the reimbursement dollars associated with this program. Those who qualify also see reduced costs for technology device agreements, ACT testing, and preschool.

The application is included in this newsletter and will be available at the “back to school” nights. The information on the application is **confidential** and **only** the business manager and food service manager review it to determine eligibility.

Chris Swenson, Superintendent

## Holdingford Public School Board Filing Dates

The period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member will begin on August 1, 2023 and close on August 15th, 2023. An affidavit of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk (900 5<sup>th</sup> St. Holdingford, MN 56340 enter door #3) and the \$2 filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 15th, 2023.

Candidate Qualifications are:

- must be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- must have not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election
- must be 21 years of age or more upon assuming office
- must have maintained residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election
- must have not been convicted of an offense for which they are required to register as a predatory offender under Minnesota Statute 243.166

The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023. At that election, four members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each. The voting will take place at the Combined Polling Place: Holdingford City Hall 420 Main St. Holdingford, MN 56340. This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 738 located in Stearns and Morrison County, Minnesota. Questions? call the District Office at 320-746-4307.



# Vocational Opportunities Annual Notification & Non-Discrimination Statement

Holdingford School District #738 offers a variety of vocational opportunities through the Business Education, Industrial Technology, and Family and Consumer Science Departments. The purpose of this notice is to inform students, parents, employees, and the general public that these opportunities are offered regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or disability. Admission in the specific courses is determined by grade level, and in some cases, completion of prerequisite courses. The district has designated the following individuals to coordinate compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.

## Section 504 Coordinator

Chris Swenson  
PO Box 250  
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320-746-4308

## Alternate 504 Coordinator

Kevin Beehler  
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## Title IX Coordinator

Jason Bruns  
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Holdingford MN 56340  
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## Alternate Title IX Coordinator

Chris Swenson  
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A listing of program offerings includes small and large engines, welding, horticulture, natural resources, exploring agriculture, basic electrical practices, small animal care and management, small agricultural building construction, Ag sales, marketing and leadership, accounting, introduction to business, computers and applications, personal finance, planning your future, small business operations, work experience programs, child development, contemporary living, fun with foods, interior design, audio technology, creative thinking, photography, drafting, engineering, cabinet construction, robotics woodworking I & II, and refinishing. Descriptions of course offerings are available on the district website.

Holdingford Public Schools, District 738 In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

## ATTENTION!

### Past and Present District 738 Husker Employees:

(Coaches, Community Ed., Administration,  
Teachers, Custodians, Food Service, Bus Drivers,  
Paras, Subs, Secretaries, Office Staff, and All  
Others!)

**What:** Food, Fun, Festivities, and Friends

**Where:** Shady's Sunset Bay, St. Anna, MN  
(formerly The Landing)

**When:** Wednesday, August 9 at 12pm

**RSVP/Contact for more information:**

Denise Waletzko - [docw190@gmail.com](mailto:docw190@gmail.com)



## Tech Squad


Tech support for STUDENTS, by STUDENTS

Students in grades 5 - 12 are issued Chromebooks by the district for use at school and at home.

Repair fees for damage to the Chromebooks are the responsibility of the student. To offset the cost of potential repairs, families are encouraged to participate in the **District Protection Plan**.

The **DPP** reduces potential repair or replacement costs by 70% for accidental damage.

Most repairs will be made in house by qualified student workers, which also reduces labor costs.

For more information, visit [www.isd738.org/tech-for-families](http://www.isd738.org/tech-for-families) 



# Technology Department News

[www.sites.google.com/isd738.org/techdept](http://www.sites.google.com/isd738.org/techdept)



## Chromebook Distribution 2023-2024

High School students in **grades 7 -12** may pick up their chromebooks during the windows listed below. Elementary students in **grades 5 & 6** will receive their chromebooks in tech class the first week of school. Elementary students in **grades 1 - 4** have access to chromebooks utilizing a cart in their classrooms.

All back to school registration must be complete before chromebooks will be released.

### Chromebook Pick-up Dates

Monday, August 28 4 p.m - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Wednesday, August 30 - 4 p.m - 7 p.m. (Open House)  
(priority to 7th grade 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.)

Thursday, August 31 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Please visit [www.isd738.org/tech-for-families](http://www.isd738.org/tech-for-families) for information about the District Protection Plan (DPP), Acceptable Use Policy, Securly Home, Skyward and much more.



## Returning Student Online Registration (RSOR)

Opens August 7, 2023

Back to school "paperwork" will once again be processed online via Skyward Family Access for ALL STUDENTS Pre-K through 12th grade.

RSOR allows parents/guardians the opportunity to verify student data that is imperative for proper and timely communication between school and home. This includes updating email, phone, medical, bussing information and much more.

**RSOR must be completed by a parent/guardian prior to the first day of school.** If you are unable to complete this registration process (web based - not available via the app), please stop by the HS during chromebook distribution times ( → ) to use a school device or call the school office for further assistance.

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**Technology Department (320) 746-4480 or [Skywardhelp@isd738.org](mailto:Skywardhelp@isd738.org)**

## Frequently Asked Questions: Skyward

### What if I forgot my username or password?

Passwords can be reset by using the "Forgot your Login/Password?" button on the login page. You will need to have access to the email address on file. If you do not have access to the email address we have on file, please call the district helpline listed above.

### Can I complete registration on my phone?

The Skyward app is being updated. This includes allowing some online forms to be completed via the app, however, we recommend completing registration using a web browser (computer/tablet). Watch for emails for dates/times computers will be made available to use if necessary.

### Do I need to complete registration every year?

Yes. In this case, "registration" refers to completing back to school forms that include verifying your address and phone numbers as well as updating health information for your student(s).

### What if we are new to the district?

Families who are new to the district must first complete the New Student Online Enrollment via Skyward. Once that is complete and approved, new families will complete the rest of the forms during back to school registration online.

## Food Service Information:



### Important Lunch Information

The students will continue to have the choice of two different meals that are healthy meals in accordance with federal, state and county regulations. Students will be able to do self-service just like in the past, such as hot vegetables and fruit. High School Students will have the option of different salads throughout the week such as chef, chicken caesar, chicken strip, taco salads, and more. This is a reimbursable meal as we also add fruit in the salad box so, you do not have to take any other fruit or vegetables if you prefer not to. The menus are planned to emphasize that they are perennial favorites. Breakfast service will continue in both lunch rooms as delicious as ever with the addition of some new items. Families can check the

menus at [www.isd738.nutrislice.com](http://www.isd738.nutrislice.com).

The food service team is looking forward to seeing all those smiling faces in September!

### Important Changes 2023-2024

We are joining Minnesota's Free School Meals Program. All students can get one free breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school. Although no application is required to receive a free meal benefit, filling out the Application for Educational Benefits is still important! Your child(ren) may qualify for other benefits like reduced fees at school. Your application may also help the school qualify for education funds, discounts and other meal programs.

We will also be offering breakfast to all students when school is 2 hours late.

#### Offer vs. Serve

The foodservice program participates in Offer vs. Serve at all grade levels. Offer vs. Serve is a USDA program designed to give the student more control over what is on his/her plate promoting student satisfaction and reducing waste. All students are offered the full amount of all required food components of each meal. Students must select at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup fruit and/or vegetable plus at least 2 other items and may decline other items. Some items, such as pizza, may include multiple food groups and count as more than one item. All meals will be claimed as a unit whether the student takes as many choices as possible or says "no thank-you" to several. Please encourage your child to use Offer vs. Serve to take as much as they plan to eat and avoid waste by not selecting items they do not plan to eat.

#### Special Diet Requests

Modified diets may be provided to students who have allergies or special needs depending on the condition that necessitates the substitutions. Some requests require a physician's signature. Lactose reduced milk is available to students who need it by sending a parent note with the student. If your child requires any diet modification, please contact the Foodservice Office at 746-4328 as soon as possible for more information and the appropriate paperwork. For students who have previously been provided special diets, please let us know that he or she is planning to eat school meals again this year so that our staff is ready for your child on the first day of school. A new physician signature may be required if there are any changes to your child's diet.

### Farm to School

Holdingford students are fortunate to have a large amount of locally produced foods used in their school meals. Some products are purchased from local producers but the majority of our locally grown items are grown right here at school. This fall, we are expecting tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, broccoli, celery, peppers, onions, corn, pumpkins and cabbage. If we get very lucky, the apple trees will produce apples this year. Many garden items will be served fresh and others will be made into products such as pickles or cleaned and frozen for later in the school year. Last year, the muffins chock full of pumpkin, zucchini and other fruits were very popular both at breakfast and for a treat at lunchtime. Last year we took our farm to school adventure into new territory with locally grown meat. Holdingford is one of the few schools across the country using locally grown meat who are actually getting the whole animal and sending it to the meat market. Most other schools who use local meat buy meat products from a grower. While there were challenges in figuring out how to debone roasts and hams and how to serve the bacon, it was overall a big success. Two steers and six hogs are scheduled to head to the meat market this summer for this fall's meals. All this is made possible by the FFA and Agriculture programs in the high school. It is those students with the supervision of their advisor, John Roberts, who plans plants, tends, and harvests the fresh garden produce; this year that also includes tending farm animals. They pass the product along to the school cooks who come in during the summer to make sure the vegetables get cleaned and stored at the peak of freshness.



**HOLDINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ISD #738**  
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Business Manager  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our schools offer healthy meals each day. Starting school year 2023-2024, we are joining Minnesota's Free School Meals Program. All students can get one free breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school. Although no application is required to receive a free meal benefit, filling out the Application for Educational Benefits is still important! Your child(ren) may qualify for other benefits like reduced fees at school. Your application may also help the school qualify for education funds, discounts and other meal programs.

To apply, complete the form online via Skyward back to school registration - we plan to open registration August 7. Or complete the enclosed application for Educational Benefits and return it to : Holdingford Public Schools-Food Service, PO Box 250, Holdingford, MN, 56340

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Alternatively, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

**COMMON QUESTIONS:**

**I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free school meals?** Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance do not automatically qualify for free meals. Children may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals depending on other household financial information. Please fill out an application.

**Who should I include as household members?** Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

**May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

**What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

**Will the income information or case number I give be checked?** It may be. We may also ask you to send written proof.

**How will the information be kept?** Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for meal benefits, will be protected as private data. For more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

**If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, call 320-746-4328.

Sincerely,

Jan Notch, Foodservice Director



## How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2022-23 if any of the following applies to your household:

Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or

The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or

The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (**gross earnings before deductions**, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
Add for each additional person	8,732	728	364	336	168

### Maximum Total Income

#### Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their school and grade if applicable, and birthdate. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Check the box if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

#### Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR, write in the case number and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3.

#### Step 3: Adult and Child Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

**Social Security Number/Total Household Members.** An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number. Report the total number of household members and ensure all household members are listed individually on the application in the child or adult section as applicable.

**Child Income.** If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children, and check the box for the frequency: weekly, bi-weekly, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.

**Adult income.** Report the names of adult household members and income earned in this section.

List all adults living in the household not listed in Step 1, whether related or not, such as grandparents, relatives, or friends.

**Gross Earnings from Work.** This is usually the money received from working at jobs where a paycheck is received. For each income, check the box to show how often the income is received: weekly, bi-weekly, twice per month, or monthly.

List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

**Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?** List the net income per month or year after business expenses. Do not list the same income twice on the application. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.



## 2023-24 Application for Educational Benefits

Complete one application per household for all children. Please use pen (not a pencil). Mail or return completed form to: Mankato Area Public Schools, Nutrition Services, P.O. Box 8741, Mankato, MN 56002-8741

**STEP 1:** List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

**Definition:** A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Read *How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits* for more information. Adults over grade 12 living in the same household should be reported in Step 3. If your children attend different districts or charter/nonpublic schools, return an application at each one.

Child's First Name (list all children in household)	MI	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Birthdate	Foster Child (Y)
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

**STEP 2:** Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFIP or FDIPIR? Medical assistance does not qualify. If NO > Go to STEP 3.

If YES > Enter SNAP, MFIP or FDIPIR Case Number (between 4-9 digits, do not report EBT card number) \_\_\_\_\_ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

**STEP 3:** Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

A. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_ Or Check if Adult has No SSN: ☐ Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults) ☐

B. Child Income.

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income, such as from a part time job or SSI. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children listed in STEP 1. Do not include income received by adults in the box to the right.

Total Income Received by All Children	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. All Adult Household Members (including yourself). For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave any fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Not sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for information. "Sources of Income" will help you with the Child Income section and All Adult Household Members section.

Names of All Adult Household Members (First and Last)		Gross Earnings from Working at Jobs				Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?		Any Other Gross Income					
List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.		Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Report income before deductions or taxes in whole dollars (no cents).	Monthly	Yearly	Net income from Farm or Self-Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere.	Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on Page 2
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**STEP 4:** Contact information and adult signature. "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

☐ I have checked this box if I do not want my information shared with Minnesota Health Care Program as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN HERE: Signature of Household Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Do Not Fill Out: For School Office Use Conversions to Annualize All Income:	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	X7	X8	X9	X10	X11	X12	X13	X14	X15	X16	X17	X18	X19	X20	X21	X22	X23	X24	X25	X26	X27	X28	X29	X30	X31	X32	X33	X34	X35	X36	X37	X38	X39	X40	X41	X42	X43	X44	X45	X46	X47	X48	X49	X50	X51	X52	X53	X54	X55	X56	X57	X58	X59	X60	X61	X62	X63	X64	X65	X66	X67	X68	X69	X70	X71	X72	X73	X74	X75	X76	X77	X78	X79	X80	X81	X82	X83	X84	X85	X86	X87	X88	X89	X90	X91	X92	X93	X94	X95	X96	X97	X98	X99	X100	X101	X102	X103	X104	X105	X106	X107	X108	X109	X110	X111	X112	X113	X114	X115	X116	X117	X118	X119	X120	X121	X122	X123	X124	X125	X126	X127	X128	X129	X130	X131	X132	X133	X134	X135	X136	X137	X138	X139	X140	X141	X142	X143	X144	X145	X146	X147	X148	X149	X150	X151	X152	X153	X154	X155	X156	X157	X158	X159	X160	X161	X162	X163	X164	X165	X166	X167	X168	X169	X170	X171	X172	X173	X174	X175	X176	X177	X178	X179	X180	X181	X182	X183	X184	X185	X186	X187	X188	X189	X190	X191	X192	X193	X194	X195	X196	X197	X198	X199	X200	X201	X202	X203	X204	X205	X206	X207	X208	X209	X210	X211	X212	X213	X214	X215	X216	X217	X218	X219	X220	X221	X222	X223	X224	X225	X226	X227	X228	X229	X230	X231	X232	X233	X234	X235	X236	X237	X238	X239	X240	X241	X242	X243	X244	X245	X246	X247	X248	X249	X250	X251	X252	X253	X254	X255	X256	X257	X258	X259	X260	X261	X262	X263	X264	X265	X266	X267	X268	X269	X270	X271	X272	X273	X274	X275	X276	X277	X278	X279	X280	X281	X282	X283	X284	X285	X286	X287	X288	X289	X290	X291	X292	X293	X294	X295	X296	X297	X298	X299	X300	X301	X302	X303	X304	X305	X306	X307	X308	X309	X310	X311	X312	X313	X314	X315	X316	X317	X318	X319	X320	X321	X322	X323	X324	X325	X326	X327	X328	X329	X330	X331	X332	X333	X334	X335	X336	X337	X338	X339	X340	X341	X342	X343	X344	X345	X346	X347	X348	X349	X350	X351	X352	X353	X354	X355	X356	X357	X358	X359	X360	X361	X362	X363	X364	X365	X366	X367	X368	X369	X370	X371	X372	X373	X374	X375	X376	X377	X378	X379	X380	X381	X382	X383	X384	X385	X386	X387	X388	X389	X390	X391	X392	X393	X394	X395	X396	X397	X398	X399	X400	X401	X402	X403	X404	X405	X406	X407	X408	X409	X410	X411	X412	X413	X414	X415	X416	X417	X418	X419	X420	X421	X422	X423	X424	X425	X426	X427	X428	X429	X430	X431	X432	X433	X434	X435	X436	X437	X438	X439	X440	X441	X442	X443	X444	X445	X446	X447	X448	X449	X450	X451	X452	X453	X454	X455	X456	X457	X458	X459	X460	X461	X462	X463	X464	X465	X466	X467	X468	X469	X470	X471	X472	X473	X474	X475	X476	X477	X478	X479	X480	X481	X482	X483	X484	X485	X486	X487	X488	X489	X490	X491	X492	X493	X494	X495	X496	X497	X498	X499	X500	X501	X502	X503	X504	X505	X506	X507	X508	X509	X510	X511	X512	X513	X514	X515	X516	X517	X518	X519	X520	X521	X522	X523	X524	X525	X526	X527	X528	X529	X530	X531	X532	X533	X534	X535	X536	X537	X538	X539	X540	X541	X542	X543	X544	X545	X546	X547	X548	X549	X550	X551	X552	X553	X554	X555	X556	X557	X558	X559	X560	X561	X562	X563	X564	X565	X566	X567	X568	X569	X570	X571	X572	X573	X574	X575	X576	X577	X578	X579	X580	X581	X582	X583	X584	X585	X586	X587	X588	X589	X590	X591	X592	X593	X594	X595	X596	X597	X598	X599	X600	X601	X602	X603	X604	X605	X606	X607	X608	X609	X610	X611	X612	X613	X614	X615	X616	X617	X618	X619	X620	X621	X622	X623	X624	X625	X626	X627	X628	X629	X630	X631	X632	X633	X634	X635	X636	X637	X638	X639	X640	X641	X642	X643	X644	X645	X646	X647	X648	X649	X650	X651	X652	X653	X654	X655	X656	X657	X658	X659	X660	X661	X662	X663	X664	X665	X666	X667	X668	X669	X670	X671	X672	X673	X674	X675	X676	X677	X678	X679	X680	X681	X682	X683	X684	X685	X686	X687	X688	X689	X690	X691	X692	X693	X694	X695	X696	X697	X698	X699	X700	X701	X702	X703	X704	X705	X706	X707	X708	X709	X710	X711	X712	X713	X714	X715	X716	X717	X718	X719	X720	X721	X722	X723	X724	X725	X726	X727	X728	X729	X730	X731	X732	X733	X734	X735	X736	X737	X738	X739	X740	X741	X742	X743	X744	X745	X746	X747	X748	X749	X750	X751	X752	X753	X754	X755	X756	X757	X758	X759	X760	X761	X762	X763	X764	X765	X766	X767	X768	X769	X770	X771	X772	X773	X774	X775	X776	X777	X778	X779	X780	X781	X782	X783	X784	X785	X786	X787	X788	X789	X790	X791	X792	X793	X794	X795	X796	X797	X798	X799	X800	X801	X802	X803	X804	X805	X806	X807	X808	X809	X810	X811	X812	X813	X814	X815	X816	X817	X818	X819	X820	X821	X822	X823	X824	X825	X826	X827	X828	X829	X830	X831	X832	X833	X834	X835	X836	X837	X838	X839	X840	X841	X842	X843	X844	X845
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OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility. Respond to both Step One, *Ethnicity* and Step Two, *Race*.

Step One: Ethnicity (check one): ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Step Two: Race (check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Earnings from work</li><li>Social Security<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Disability Payments</li><li>b. Survivor's Benefits</li></ul></li><li>Income from person outside the household</li><li>Income from any other source</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages</li><li>A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security</li><li>A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits</li><li>A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money</li><li>A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust</li></ul>

Sources of Income for Adults	Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes)</li><li>Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li><li>If you are in the U.S. Military:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)</li><li>b. Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cash Assistance from State or local government</li><li>Supplemental Security Income</li><li>Unemployment benefits</li><li>Worker's compensation</li><li>Alimony payments</li><li>Child support payments</li><li>Veteran's benefits</li><li>Strike benefits</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Social Security</li><li>Disability benefits</li><li>Regular income from trusts or estates</li><li>Annuities</li><li>Investment income</li><li>Rental income</li><li>Regular cash payments from outside household</li></ul>	

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

**Nondiscrimination statement:** In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- (2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



# Back to School Notes from the Nurses' Office

Hello from your Husker School Nurses! We hope you are all having a wonderful summer with your loved ones, making lots of happy memories and enjoying the sunshine, pool time, lake stays, long days, and campfire nights. It's crazy to think that the summer months are half over, but we are excited to get back to school and enjoy all the fun things that come with it. We truly miss our students and their families!



## Students with Special Health Care Needs

If your child has a health condition (i.e., diabetes, epilepsy, life threatening allergies, etc.) or needs special care during the school day, such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please contact the school nurses **PRIOR TO the first day of school**. The health offices will be open part time during the week of August 21st, and full time during the week of August 28th. Please feel free to call or email (see contact information below) so that we can create an individual health care plan for your child. Additionally, care plan forms for some conditions are available on our school website. If you are unable to get a plan from your child's doctor, one of these plans may be a great option for you. Our students' safety is our number one priority!

## Immunizations

All students are required to have an updated immunization record on file in order to attend school. Boosters are typically given before kindergarten and again before 7th grade; however, occasionally we find students in other grades to be missing one or two immunizations. Please contact your doctor's office to ensure that your child is up-to-date. If you still have questions, please contact us and we will do our best to help.

All students in grades K - 6 should have the following immunizations:

- DTaP/DT: 5 doses (or 4 doses, if the 4th dose was given **after** the 4th birthday)
- Polio (IVP): 4 doses (or 3 doses, if the 3rd dose was given **after** the 4th birthday)
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses
- MMR: 2 doses
- Varicella: 2 doses (or documentation of the chickenpox disease)

Students in grades 7 - 12 should have all of the above immunizations, as well as a dose of Tdap (usually given before 7th grade). Students in grades 7 - 11 should also have one dose of the meningococcal (MCV) vaccine (usually given before 7th grade). A booster dose should be given at age 16, so **students in grade 12 should have two doses of MCV**.

If your child is unable to receive any or all of the above listed immunizations (for conscientious or medical reasons), please be sure that we have a signed and notarized exemption form on file. **If you are having difficulty scheduling an appointment prior to the first day of school, please contact us ASAP.** Thank you!

## Student Absences / Illnesses

Please remember to contact the school office by 8:00 AM if your child is going to be absent and inform office personnel of the reason he/she will not be attending. If your child is ill and you have questions regarding his/her return to school, please don't hesitate to reach out to your school nurses for more information. As always, healthy children belong in school and sick children belong at home. In most cases, if your child has been ill, he/she can return to school if **ALL** of the following are true:

- Your child has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Your child has not vomited or had diarrhea for at least 24 hours and is able to eat/drink normally.
- Your child does not have a persistent cough that would be disruptive to their learning or the learning of those around them.
- Your child has the energy to get through a school day filled with learning and playing and will be able and willing to participate in both.

## Contact Information

Kristen Bruns, School Nurse [kristen.bruns@isd738.org](mailto:kristen.bruns@isd738.org)

Kaitlyn Thell, Assistant School Nurse [kaitlyn.thell@isd738.org](mailto:kaitlyn.thell@isd738.org)

Elementary Health Office (320) 746-4369

High School Health Office (320) 746-4368

# Elementary News...

**Holdingford Elementary Open House: Wednesday, August 30 | 5PM—7PM**

## Greetings From One Husker Family to Another!

I would like to start this newsletter by sharing my sincere thanks to all retired teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, cooks, custodians, and secretarial staff. You helped define and pave the way to Central Minnesota's safe schools. You championed "BEST" for children and you created a continuous positive climate and culture for social, emotional and academic learning. Thank you! Enjoy your retirement days. Fill them with kindness, family, friends, and laughter. Then smile, the 2023-2024 school year will be here soon and we will take great care of our/your kiddos!

Today, July 10...is the best day of the summer...the start of Husker Summer School. Having children and staff back in the building means the world to me. Let the summer learning adventures and building of new friendships begin.

I hope your family is doing well and enjoying everything Minnesota Summer fun has to offer! Plans for the 2023-2024 school year are underway and our future together promises to bring new learning, new friendships, and new opportunities to practice our Husker Family values. I cannot wait for our open house and the return of our wonderful children and talented teaching and support staff. We have a very special school filled with Husker manners, kindness, and superior work ethics! Please make time in your day to practice math facts. Practice writing skills by writing a letter to a loved one. What a neat way to practice best handwriting, spelling, while sharing Husker kindness. Please try to read nightly. Read a good book, grow your child's imagination, vocabulary, and share a laugh. It is a gift that will last your child a lifetime and open doors for future successes!

It is an absolute honor and privilege being your elementary principal. I have never worked in a better, stronger school district. I love our Husker Nation and our commitment to raise healthy, high achieving children! Thank you families, teachers, support staff, bus drivers, custodians, cooks, superintendent Swenson, and our school board for putting the needs of our children first. Enjoy the last parts of summer vacation. Be safe, have fun, and get ready for an AMAZING 2023-2024 school year. The sky's the limit!

Sincerely,

Jim Stang  
Holdingford Elementary Principal

PS I am proud of us...I love our children. Husker Family FOREVER!

## Holdingford Elementary School Supply Lists:

**Each student is asked to bring 1 ream / 20 weight copy paper, backpack– no wheels, and tennis shoes for gym class.**

**\*\* K-5 art class: 1 water color paint set**

**\*\* No wireless headphones**

### Kindergarten

- 1 large box of crackers
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 2 small boxes of regular 24 crayons (Crayola)
- 1 pack color pencils (Crayola)
- 1 watercolor paint set (Crayola)
- 5 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
- 2 THIN dry erase white board markers (black)
- 1 white board eraser
- 1 pack wide markers (Crayola)
- 1 large bottle of washable glue (Elmer's)
- 4 glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 1 pair scissors (Fiskars)
- 1 set wired headphones
- 1 package of baby wipes
- 1 pencil box (labeled)
- 1 water bottle
- 1 resting mat (4 sectioned, no bigger than 19x45, labeled)
- NO blankets, towels, rugs, or exercise mats

### First Grade

- 1 box crayons (Crayola)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 20 sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga)
- 2 folders
- 1 set classic washable broad markers
- 2 soft gum erasers
- Pencil top erasers
- 4 white board markers
- 1 white board eraser
- 8 large glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 2 packages of baby wipes
- 2 wide line spiral notebooks
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener (w/shavings catcher)
- 1 scissors
- 1 regular size pencil box
- 2 cloth book covers(1 jumbo,1 reg size)
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 highlighter
- 1 1" Binder (Christman/Auer classes only)
- 1 set wired headphones

### **Third Grade**

24 #2 sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga)  
1 pencil box  
1 large eraser  
1 scissors  
1 folder  
8 white board markers  
1 white board eraser  
1 box of markers  
1 box of colored pencils or crayons  
2 wide line notebooks  
1 white glue bottle  
1 large glue stick  
1 pack of glue sticks  
1 set of index cards (VanOverbeke's class only)  
1 highlighter  
1 large box of Kleenex  
1 deck of playing cards  
1 set of wired headphones

### **Fourth Grade**

3 plastic folders (red, yellow, blue)  
3 notebooks (red, yellow, blue)  
1 Comp notebook (black)  
2 cloth book covers (1 jumbo, 1 reg)  
1 box colored pencils  
1 1.5" 3-ring binder w outer sleeve (Swedziak/Theis classes only)  
1 package of baby wipes  
Pencil top erasers  
8 white board markers  
1 white board eraser  
1 hand held pencil sharpener (w/shavings catcher)  
1 agenda purchased online during Fall registration  
1 pack of broad markers  
8 glue sticks  
1 small pencil box  
2 highlighters  
1 set wired headphones  
1 large box of Kleenex  
1 scissors  
24 #2 pencils (Ticonderoga)-buy extra for replacement  
4 Pens

### **Second Grade**

20 sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga)  
1 ink pen  
2 large erasers  
4 large glue sticks  
1 box crayons  
1 watercolor paint set  
1 bottle of white glue  
3 wide line spiral notebooks  
1 large box of Kleenex  
3 folders  
1 scissors  
2 highlighters  
1 pack of washable markers  
Pencil top erasers  
4 black white board markers  
1 hand held pencil sharpener (w/shavings catcher)  
Colored pencils  
1 package of baby wipes  
1 set wired headphones

### **Fifth Grade**

4 notebooks  
2 boxes of #2 pencils  
2 glue sticks  
1 adult size scissors  
1 10 pack of Crayola markers  
4 highlighters (2 yellow)  
1 large box of Kleenex  
1 pack blue pens  
1 hand held pencil sharpener (w/shavings catcher)  
2 rolls scotch tape  
1 24 pack of colored pencils  
1 pencil zip pouch or box  
1 agenda purchased online during Fall registration  
4 whiteboard markers  
1 big eraser  
1 package baby wipes  
2 cloth books covers (1 jumbo, 1 reg)  
1 ruler  
1 basic calculator  
1 set wired headphones

### **Sixth Grade**

1 calculator (TI-30Xa)  
5 notebooks (purple, blue, red, yellow, green)  
5 folders (purple, blue, red, yellow, green)  
1 Comp notebook  
3 boxes of #2 pencils  
1 glue stick  
5 cloth book covers (3 jumbo, 2 reg)

1 box of colored pencils  
1 10 pack of markers (Crayola)  
6 highlighters  
1 large box of Kleenex  
1 agenda purchased online during Fall registration  
2 packs of pens (1 blue, 1 black)  
4 white board markers  
1 protractor

1 ruler (12 inch)  
1 scissor  
1 pack 3x5 note cards  
1 set of wired headphones  
1 pencil bag (No box)  
1 package of baby wipes  
1 eraser  
1 hand held pencil sharpener (w/shavings catcher)

### **Preschool**

Husker 4's: resting mat (4 sectioned, no bigger than 19x45)

### **Preschool Donations**

baby wipes  
Purple glue sticks





# UPDATES!

The Holdingford Elementary PTA is comprised of volunteers who help support our littlest Huskers and the entire elementary community through fundraising, community-building events and enrichment initiatives!

The PTA meets monthly (with the exception of December) at 7:00PM in the Elementary Media Center. Childcare is typically provided and we welcome you to join us to learn more about the PTA!



Our annual Fall Fundraiser brought in \$22,800 for the 22/23 school year and with your generous support, we are looking forward to another successful fundraiser this school year! Watch backpacks at the beginning of the school year for more information!

The Fall Fundraiser helps cover:

**CLASSROOM ENRICHMENT**

**FOLDERS**

**FIELD TRIPS**

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

**ASSEMBLIES**

**I LOVE TO READ MONTH**

**LIBRARY NIGHT**

**PENGUIN PATCH**

**SKATING PARTY**

**KERNEL CREATIONS ART PROGRAM**

**FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

**MAY MADNESS (6th GRADE GRADUATION)**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

**INFLATABLE DAY**

**CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND MORE!**

We are so very grateful to all of our past and current volunteers and are always **looking for more support!** The best part is there is no obligation - YOU can choose the level of commitment that works best for you!

Stay up-to-date with all things PTA by completing a brief survey! Use your phone's camera to scan the QR CODE to access the survey link!



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# Kindergarten Orientation and Open House

The kindergarten team is incredibly excited to be teaching your kindergarten child this upcoming school year! Entering kindergarten is a special milestone for your child and we want you and your child to feel as comfortable and prepared as possible for a great start to the year. Back by popular demand is the new and improved kindergarten schedule for the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. Kindergarten students and their parents will get to meet their child's teacher and bring all of their school supplies to Open House night on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to Open House, we will also be hosting Kindergarten Orientation during the first two days of school. The kindergarten students' first official day of school will be Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Families will receive an email from Sign-Up Genius on August 7<sup>th</sup> and can choose a morning or afternoon 2-hour time slot to meet with their child's kindergarten teacher on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on being at school for the full 2 hours. The deadline for signing-up for your orientation time is August 21<sup>st</sup>. During your orientation time, the kindergarten teachers will be sharing their hopes, dreams, and expectations for the school year. It is also a time for families and kindergarten students to return paperwork, to ask questions, and celebrate this important milestone. We look forward to seeing you then!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team



## Important Kindergarten Dates

**Sign-up for Kindergarten Orientation:** Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

**Open House:** Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Bring all supplies

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

**First day of school for Kindergarten:** Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

*Please contact the Elementary Office (320-746-4462) if you did not receive an email from Sign-Up Genius.*











# High School News...



## Hello Husker Community,

My name is Kevin Beehler and I will be the new Secondary Principal. I look forward to meeting students and staff, and I am excited to see the great things happening in the school.

I have been in education for 9 years before being hired this past spring. I was a chemistry teacher for 7 years at St. Michael-Albertville, Princeton, and Apollo High Schools. As I was working to obtain my Administrative and Superintendent Licensure at St. Cloud State I was a Dean of Students at South Junior High the past 2 years. I have officiated wrestling for 12 years and have been to Holdingford many times over the years.

I have been married to my wife, Alyssa for 8 years. We have 2 children, Harper (7) and Hudson (5).

I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the team at Holdingford, and hope that I can help continue the positive work that has been done throughout the years, for many more to come.



## Yearbook Information

- \* Incoming seniors, please try to have senior pictures taken no later than **October 1, 2023**. It takes a few weeks for pictures to be returned to families from photographers, and you'll want plenty of time to look through them.
- \* Senior pictures and baby pictures need to be submitted by **December 1, 2023**. All pictures need to be submitted **digitally**, through email. Please send pictures to: [tara.wolford@isd738.org](mailto:tara.wolford@isd738.org). Should you have a delay in your pictures, please email Mrs. Wolford as soon as possible.
- \* Order your yearbook right away! Yearbooks will be the cheapest during the fall and will increase in cost as the year goes on. Yearbooks can be purchased by going to [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). Yearbooks can no longer be purchased at the high school.
- \* All yearbook orders need to be placed by **February 28, 2024**. No extra copies will be ordered so be sure to place an order before the deadline.
- \* Yearbook Recognition ads for the seniors are a great way for parents, families, and friends to commemorate student achievement and important milestones. If you are interested in creating an ad for your senior, please do so by **December 31, 2023**. More information will be available in the Fall.

**August 30, 2023**

**4:00 - 7th Grade Orientation**

**5:00 - 7:00 - 8th-12th Grade Open House**

**7th Grade Orientation - 4:00-5:00 pm**

Letters will be mailed out the first week of August to all incoming 7th graders and their families containing information regarding Open House.

**\*\*Only 7th graders will be allowed to take their pictures and get Chromebooks during this time. (All upperclassmen will be asked to wait outside until 5:00 pm)**

**Open House (8th-12th Grade) 5:00-7:00 pm**

Grades 8-12 will receive an email and/or a Skylert with an invitation to Open House in the beginning of August. This email/Skylert will contain Chromebook pick up times. At Open House, students will be allowed to take their school pictures, get Chromebooks, put supplies in their lockers, and meet with teachers.

**Holdingford Jr. & Sr. High School Supply List:  
Grades 7 - 12**

4 single-subject notebooks 1 scientific calculator  
4 folders, 1 with three ring binder clips 1 ruler (inches and centimeters)  
1 package of #2 pencils 1 box of colored pencils  
1 package of ink pens (blue or black) (optional) earphones/headphones  
2 highlighters

- We also ask that each student bring in 1 ream of white 20 lb. 8 ½" x 11" printer paper, a box of Kleenex, and Clorox wipes– these should be given to the students' homeroom teacher.
- PE 7 and 8 students will need one change of school and weather appropriate clothing and shoes.
- Band students who play a reed instrument need reeds for their instrument.

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## High School Fall Sports Start Dates:

Cross Country (grades 7-12): August 14, 2023

Football (grades 9-12): August 14, 2023

Football (grades 7-8): September 5, 2023

Swim & dive (grades 7-12): August 14, 2023

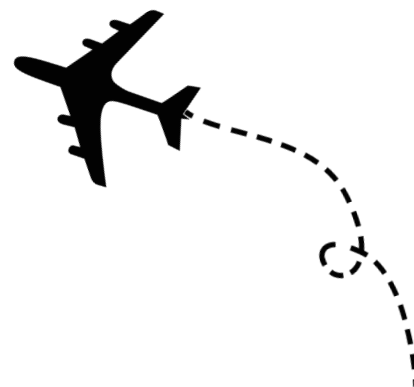
Volleyball (grades 9-12): August 14, 2023

Volleyball (grades 7-8): September 5, 2023

\* All students must have a current physical on file with the school (they are good for three years), complete the MSHSL Eligibility Brochure (is included with the online payment option), and fee must be paid before students are allowed to practice.

## EF Tours Info Meeting:

Any incoming 9th graders interested in going to Greece during the summer of 2026 should attend the EF tours info meeting hosted by Ms. Wolford. The meeting will be in September. Email [tara.wolford@isd738.org](mailto:tara.wolford@isd738.org) for more information



## Holdingford Fishing Team Info:

Welcome to the first year of the Holdingford Fishing Team!! We are looking for all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders that have a passion for fishing and the outdoors to join our team.

Holdingford Fishing Team Mission:

The Holdingford Fishing Team (HFT) is committed to the education, conservation, and management of our natural resources. Our primary goal is to get kids off the electronics and to get them outdoors to enjoy the natural resources through fishing. We encourage both boys and girls to participate in the team.

The sign-up fee for the entire calendar year will be \$110.00. It is expected that the entire sign-up fee will be paid in full, no later than our first team meeting.

Items your sign-up fee will cover: Membership into the Student Angler Federation (SAF), The Bass Federation (TBF), and Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) [www.highschoolfishing.org](http://www.highschoolfishing.org) (insurance for the Angler), Team Jersey and official measuring board for tournaments.

Sign-up time frame will be from 08-27-2023 through 09-10-2023. There will be a paper copy of the registration form in the high school office, we will have a booth at the school on open house on 08-30-2023 outside the High School entrance. We will be at the Lions Club picnic on 09-10-2023, or you can request a digital form from [holdingfordfishingteam@gmail.com](mailto:holdingfordfishingteam@gmail.com)

The first team meeting is 09-11-2023 in the Little Theater from 6-8pm. We will go through breaking down the grades, teams, the schedule for the year, and answer any questions the student anglers and parents might have.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to meeting you soon,

President: Dustin Waddell

Vice President: Russ Engebretson

2nd Vice President: Gary Klemmer

Secretary: Kristin Klemmer

Treasure: Dawn Opheim

The best way to contact us is via email at [holdingfordfishingteam@gmail.com](mailto:holdingfordfishingteam@gmail.com)



# Student of the Quarter 2022-2023 Quarter 4

## Agriculture:

7-9: Simon Gottwalt  
10-12: Tanner Eikmeier

## Art:

7-9: Katie Carlson  
10-12: Mariah Fiedler

## Business:

7-9: Rachel Kuklok

## Family & Consumer Sciences:

7-9: Theodore Auer  
10-12: Kyrsten Huls

## Health/ Physical Education:

7-9: PE—Shayne Jensen  
Health—Madelyn Philippi  
10-12: PE—Kaitlyn Barthel  
Health—Chase Lyon

## Industrial Technology:

7-9: Annaliese Volkers  
10-12: Luke Opatz

## Language Arts:

7-9: Kiley Warga  
10-12: Mackenzie Applegate

## Mathematics:

7-9: Lauren Maciej  
10-12: Madison Mitchell

## Music:

7-9: Autumn Huls  
10-12: Lukas Jendro

## Science:

7-9: Casey Knettel  
10-12: Jada Mosey

## Social Studies:

7-9: Ava Hagerty  
10-12: Mekenna Bartkiewicz

## World Language:

7-9: Brooklyn Kuklok  
10-12: Marissa Nienaber




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MARISSA R. HARTUNG  
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DIERKS M. OPATZ  
ABRIL I. PARKS  
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ADDISON P. RUDSER  
KIRSTYN M. SAND  
MAKENNA SPARKS  
NOLAN C. STREIT  
ANNIE E. SUPAN  
JAELYN THEN

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 ELIZABETH ODDEN  
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 ELLA R. PILARSKI  
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 AVA ROSKE  
 THOMAS J. SAKRY  
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**“B” HONOR ROLL - GRADE 7**

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 CHLOE BRENNER  
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# Community Education

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Holdingford Community Education

## Driver's Education - Today's Driving School

Gain the knowledge you need to obtain your driver's license and develop lifelong good driving habits. At Today's Driving School, our instructors are licensed, we offer you flexible scheduling, home pick-up and drop-off (for behind the wheel instruction), a bundle discount, and even flexible payment options.

**\*Must be within 2 months of your 15th birthday to attend class.\***

Register online at : [www.todaysdrivingschool.com](http://www.todaysdrivingschool.com)

Select area : **Holdingford**

Select Class : **October 9-12, 16, 17, 23-26 from 6PM—9PM**

**March 11-15, 18-22 , 3:15PM—6:15PM**

Call for more information : **(844) 374-8315**

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#### 30 Hours of Classroom Instruction

- Complete classroom education in as little as 10 days
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Registration and payment must be completed at least one week prior to the first day of class. We accept cash, check or credit card. Credit card payment includes a 3% convenience fee. Students are charged a one-time processing fee of \$6.25 at the time of registration. Payment plans are available

## Morning Lap Swim

The pool will be open for lap swim on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6 AM – 7 AM. A lifeguard will be on duty. You must register for the whole session.

Dates: Tuesday & Thursdays, August 15—November 16  
(no lap swim October 19)

Time: 6AM—7AM

Fee: \$81.00

Min.: 5

## Monday Youth Volleyball

### Boys & girls grades 1-6

Come join us for Monday night volleyball!

Players will have fun while learning volleyball skills and being mentored by our JV and varsity volleyball athletes! Husker Volleyball t-shirt included!

Dates: September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9

#### Grades 1-3

Time 6PM—7PM

Fee: \$25.00

Location: Intermediate Gym

(Meet in High School Gym on the first day)

#### Grades 4-6

Time: 6PM—7PM

Fee: \$30.00

Location: HS Gym

## Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics offers a fun, “No Sweat”, effective exercise with musical accompaniment. It's a nice way to trim, tone, and stay limber! Water Aerobics minimizes strain on your body because the water cushions your muscles as you work out. The class is held in the shallow end of the pool, so no swimming ability is necessary. The pool steps make it easily accessible.

Dates: Wednesdays, August 16—November 15  
(no WA August 30 or October 18)

Time: 7PM—8PM

Fee: \$3.00/ person at the door  
(1/2 price senior citizen rate)



## Flag Football

### Grades 3 & 4

Flag football is being offered for youngsters in grades 3 and 4 by the Husker Varsity Football Team. The players will work on skills and plays for 30 minutes and then play a 30 minute game each day.

\*Football cleats are optional but recommended

Dates: Saturdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14

Time: 9 AM—10 AM

Location: Practice Football Fields

Fee: \$22.00

Instructors: Varsity Football Players and Coaches

## Open Swim

The high school pool will be open for open swim time on Sunday afternoons from 1 PM—3 PM. Some swim toys will be provided, but you may also bring your own.

Students under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a lifeguard on duty.

Enter HS door #1. No loitering allowed.

Dates: Sundays, September 17—November 19

Time: 1 PM—2:30 PM

Fee: \$2.00/person OR \$5.00/family.

Supervisor: Community Ed. Staff

\*\*Check the Holdingford Community Ed.

Facebook page, website, and school calendar for any weather related cancellations/ closures.

## JO Volleyball Meeting

Parents and players of volleyball players in grades 7 -11. Please join us for a meeting to discuss the outlook for the 2024 JO program set to be starting in December.

Date: Sunday, September 17

Grades 7-8: 6:00-6:30

Grades 9-11: 6:30PM—7PM

Location: Holdingford Theater

Contact Maria Harren with any questions,  
mkslivnik@gmail.com

## Tackle Football

### Grades 5 & 6

We will be offering Tackle Football for Holdingford Elementary 5th and 6th graders this fall. Practices will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm and games will be on Saturday mornings.

Equipment checkout will be on Wednesday, September 6th, students should meet in the elementary cafeteria after school, from there they will be walked down to the wrestling room. Season schedules will be given out on this day.

**Parents please pickup by 4:30pm on 9/6!**

Equipment needed: Football cleats— all pads will be provided through the school.

The season will run for about a month. The philosophy of the elementary program is based on player participation, developing skills, and having fun.

Families will be responsible for the return of all equipment at the conclusion of the season.

\*\*\*We are looking for parents to volunteer to coach this program. If interested in helping coach, please email Luke Mitchell at [luke.mitchell@isd738.org](mailto:luke.mitchell@isd738.org).

Start Date: Wednesday, September 6th  
(Parents can pick up at 4:30pm on this day)

Time: 3:30 PM—5 PM

Location: Wrestling room/practice football & baseball fields

Pickup Location: Parents please pick up students at High School Door 1.

Fee: \$45.00

## Pool & Pizza Party

### Grades 1-6

Join your friends for some fun after school! First take a dip in the pool for open swim from 3:15pm-4:00pm. Then enjoy delicious pizza from Rudolph's Redneck Roost!

You must provide your own swim suit, towel, swim cap, and lifejacket if one is needed. Students are responsible for their own belongings.

Students will meet by the elementary cafeteria after school and from there will be walked down to the pool.

Parents— please pick up your students promptly at 4:30pm at High school Door 1.

Dates: Monday, November 20 or Tuesday, November 21

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: HS Pool & Commons

Fee: \$17.00

Max.: 25

Supervisor: Community Ed. Staff

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, November 14

## Google Sheets for Awesome Beginners

Expand your skills with Google Sheets and use this training for a lifetime! Whether it's for work or for play, this class will teach you comprehensive skills which will turn you from a Sheets novice into a Sheets expert. You will learn to enter, organize, refine, analyze, and visualize your data using Google Sheets!

Date: Tuesday, October 10

Time: 12PM—1PM

Location: Online through Zoom— Zoom link will provided

Fee: \$17.00

Instructor: Nickie Welsh

## How to Use Uber for Transportation Independence

Do you hate to drive in bad weather or when it's dark outside? Expand your transportation options and independence through the ride sharing service, Uber. In this class, you will learn the basics and gain the knowledge on how to use Uber. Learn to use Uber at major airports so that you can travel with confidence and without having to ask a friend for a ride, as well as other appointments and errands. Open up your travel options with this fun and engaging class!

Date: Thursday, September 21

Time: 12PM—1PM

Location: Online through Zoom— Zoom link will be provided

Fee: \$17.00

Instructor: Nickie Welsh

## Popit Fidget Chocolate Bar Creations

### Grades K-6

Lets make some M&M chocolate bars using a Popit Fidget!! Come and have some fun with your friends while making beautifully designed chocolate bars!! At the end of this class you will bring home your own Popit Fidget of choice as well as some chocolate for your family!! Yum!! Just another fun way to use a fidget!! Also fun games planned to win more fidgets!!

Date: Wednesday, November 15

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: Elem. Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$30.00

Min.: 5

Max.: 30

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 8



## PotSpot Painting!

### Grades K-6

There will be an assortment of figurines for you to choose from! Paint it however you wish! Instructors will bring the supplies, and you bring the creativity! PotSpot will take the items to be fired and return them within 2 weeks. Please pick students up from door 8.

Date: Tuesday, October 10

Time: 3 PM—4:15 PM

Location: Elem Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$19.00

Max.: 20

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 3

## Kinetic Sand Creation

### Grades K-6

Come and explore your senses while you make your very own KINETIC SAND. Mold your imagination and let your creativity flow! We will be using regular household items to make this fascinating substance. It's mesmerizing, it's satisfying, and once it's in your hands you can't put it down! Watch them explore, shape, slice, scoop, squish, smash, and flow again and again!

Date: Tuesday, September 19

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: Elem Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$30.00

Min.: 5

Max.: 30

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 12



## Halloween Cookie Decorating

### Grades K-6

Come and have some fun with your friends and enjoy some spooky, Halloween themed cookie decorating!! At the end of this class you will bring home some very "spookily" decorated cookies for your family!! Yum!! A fun class activity is also planned while the cookies are drying.

Date: Monday, October 23

Time: 5:30PM—7PM

Location: Elem. Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$25.00

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 16

# Virtual Tech Academy Classes

## Home Technical Requirements For all Classes:

- Computer: PC (Windows XP or later) or Mac (OSX) with at least a 2GHz processor and 4GB of RAM

Chromebooks and Tablets typically DO NOT Work.

- Internet: Broadband internet
- Webcam
- Microphone and Speakers
- Zoom Installed on computers



### **Dungeons & Dragons – One Shot Campaign**

#### **Grades 1-5**

Go on an epic adventure for all ages and experience levels. D&D is a timeless roleplaying game that helps kids develop math skills, storytelling, and collaboration skills. Work in small groups of 4-7 students to complete this one-shot campaign.

Date: Saturday, November 18

Time: 9AM—12PM

Location: Home (virtual)

Fee: \$45.00

Min.: 6

Max.: 12

Instructor: Tech Academy Staff

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 27

### **3D Printing: Pokémon**

#### **Grades 3-6**

Design your own 3D pocket monster using TinkerCAD. This course will give students an introduction to using CAD modeling & design software.

Student designed Pokémon will be printed and mailed home.

Additional requirements: TinkerCAD (log in information provided in class.)

Dates: Saturdays, December 2 & 9

Time: 8AM—10AM

Location: Home (virtual)

Fee: \$75.00

Min.: 6

Max.: 12

Instructor: Tech Academy Staff

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 17

### **3D Printing: Jewelry Design & Fabrication**

#### **Grades 2-6**

Bring your creations to life in this 3D printing class. The ancient craft of jewelry making is brought to the modern world using TinkerCAD.

Students will learn to build 3D models on the computer using CAD software. They will design a pair of earrings, and a ring. Students can pick one project to be printed and mailed home.

Additional Technical Requirement: TinkerCAD (log in information provided in class.)

Date: Saturday, December 16

Time: 9AM—12PM

Location: Home (virtual)

Fee: \$60.00

Min.: 6

Max.: 12

Instructor: Tech Academy Staff

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 1

# Early Childhood

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is for parents and their children to come to school together to explore, sing, play, and learn. Parents also have time to talk about the joys and challenges of being a parent with other families “in the same shoes”. By coming to school with your young child you are demonstrating to your child that school is a great place to be.

You can register online for ECFE classes or by filling out the registration below. Please also send a copy of your child’s vaccination records. Register early, classes fill up.

(all classes enter door 7).

**Sibling care** is offered during evening ECFE classes only. This is a free service provided to make it easier for families to attend early childhood classes. Please mark on the registration form if your family will utilize this service and the names/ages of the children attending sibling care.

## Mixed 2’s & 3’s

**(6 week class)**

This class is designed for children age 2 or 3 by September 1, 2023. Parents and children stay together during this class. Class will meet on Tuesdays from 6 PM—7:15 PM in the preschool rooms.

Dates: Tuesdays, September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 24, November 14.  
(No Class October 31 or November 7)

Time: 6 PM—7:15 PM

Max.: 10 children

## Babies, 1’s and 2’s

**(6 week class)**

This class is designed for children ages birth-36 months as of September 1, 2023. Class meets Friday mornings from 9 AM—10 AM.

\*Enter door 8 for this class.

Dates: Fridays, February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5  
(No Class March 29)

Time: 9 AM—10 AM

Max.: 8 children

## Just for 3’s

**(12 week class)**

This class is perfect for children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2023. This class includes a parent education component where parents separate from the children for a short time. Class will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6 PM—7:30 PM in the preschool classrooms.

Dates: Tuesdays, November 28, December 5, 12, 19, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20  
(No Class December 26)

Time: 6 PM—7:30 PM

Max.: 10 children

### ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

Household Income	6 week	12 week
Under \$15,000	\$13	\$26
\$15,000-\$20,000	\$20	\$40
\$20,000-\$30,000	\$33	\$66
\$30,000-\$40,000	\$40	\$80
\$40,000-\$50,000	\$46	\$92
\$50,000-\$60,000	\$53	\$106
\$60,000-\$70,000	\$59	\$118
\$70,000-\$80,000	\$66	\$132
\$80,000-\$100,000	\$73	\$146
\$100,000 and up	\$79	\$158

\* No one will be denied participation due to an inability to pay. Alternative arrangements can be made by calling 320-746-4465. If your income is below \$15,000, you might qualify for Head Start programming. Head Start contact is 320-253-8110.

## Fabulous 4’s

**(6 week class)**

This class is perfect for those children who did not participate in School Readiness this year and will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024. Class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 PM—8 PM. Parents drop off their child for this class and will receive informational handouts to view at home.

Requirement: 4 years old by September 1, 2023.

Dates: Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Time: 6 PM—8 PM

Max.: 10 Children

## Stop by and Play

Looking for a fun place to play and meet new families? Here is an opportunity for you and your child to come to school and play! Each Friday that the elementary school is in session, the preschool classroom will be open for play. Toys, games, and various activities will be available. We only ask that you sign in and please put the room back the way you found it.

Dates: Fridays (school session days)

Time: 9 AM—10:30 AM

Fee: Free



## Holdingford School District #738 2023-2024 Preschool Calendar

### AUGUST

14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	Flexible Workshop 8/21-25, 9/1, 6/3
28	29	30	31		Inservice/Workshop 28, 29, 30,31

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### SEPTEMBER

				1	9/4 No School Labor Day
4	5	6	7	8	9/6 & 9/7 Preschool Orientation
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	

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### OCTOBER

2	3	4	5	6	*10/16 & 10/17 1:15 Early Release
9	10	11	12	13	Conferences from 2:00-8:00
16*	17*	18	19	20	10/18 No Preschool
23	24	25	26	27	10/19-10/20 No School MEA
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### NOVEMBER

		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	11/6 Workshop- No School
13	14	15	16	17	11/22 No School - Teacher Comp
20	21	22	23	24	11/23-24 No School-Fall Break
27	28	29	30		

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### DECEMBER

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4	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	12/21 No preschool
25	26	27	28	29	12/22-1/1 No School- Winter Break

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### JANUARY

1	2	3	4	5	1/2 Classes Resume
8	9	10	11	12	1/15 Inservice-No School Academy Day
15	16	17	18	19	1/18 No Preschool
22	23	24	25	26	1/19 Workshop - No School
29	30	31			

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### FEBRUARY

			1	2	2/8 No Preschool
5	6	7	8	9	2/8 Conferences 2:00-8:00
12	13	14	15	16	2/12 Inservice 8:00-1:30 No School
19	20	21	22	23	2/12 Conferences from 2:00-8:00
26	27	28	29		2/19 No School President's Day

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### MARCH

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11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	3/25 Workshop - No School

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### APRIL

1	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	11	12	4/11-12 No Preschool- MNAFEE
15	16	17	18	19	Teachers Conference
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30				

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### MAY

		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	5/22 & 5/23 4's Graduation & 3's Last Day
27	28	29	30	31	5/27 Memorial Day/No School

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### JUNE

3	4	5	6	7	6/3 Flexible Workshop

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\*Prior to Feb. 12, Make-up day will be Feb. 19, 2024

\*Prior to March 26, Make-up day will be April 2, 2024

\*If no more Make-up days are needed, the last day of school is May 30, 2024.

\*If another Make-up day is needed, the last day of school is May 31, 2024.

## Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing, and learning. Screening at 3 is preferred, but a child may be screened between the ages of 3—start on Kindergarten as required by law.

### What to expect at a screening appointment

a trained professional will check:

- Thinking, language, and communication
- Social and emotional development.
- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunizations
- Large and small muscles

### Upcoming Screening Dates:

- August 14, 2023
- Fridays throughout the school year
- \*Call Becca at 320.746.4466 to schedule screening

No Preschool Only

No School District Wide

No School- Inservice/Workshop

Conferences

Monday/ Wednesday Classes

Tuesday/ Thursday Classes

Flexible Workshops

### Early Childhood Contacts:

Jim Stang, Elementary Principal 320-746-4461

Kendra Posch, Community Ed. Director/Preschool 320-746-4465

Becca VanHeel, Community Ed. Coordinator/ Screening 320-746-4466

Christy Gustafson, Elementary Secretary 320-746-4462

Jen Schwalbe, Early Childhood/ 4's Preschool 320-746-4378

Amanda McDonough, Early Childhood/ 4's Preschool 320-746-4403

Katie Block, Preschool 3's / Screener 320-746-4381

Lynn Nelson, Early Childhood Special Ed. 320-746-4399

Sara Szafranski, Speech & Language 320-746-4379

Kristen Bruns, School Nurse 320-746-4369

## Community Ed. Registration Form

No news is good news! You will only be contacted by email or phone if your class is canceled or changed.

Registration forms may be mailed to: **Holdingford Community Education, PO Box 250, Holdingford, MN 56340.**

Print all information (**especially phone numbers**) legibly.

You may also register online at <https://holdingford.revtrak.net/RW-Community-Education/#/list>

**Refund Policy:** We will issue a full refund if you notify the Community Education Office with cancellations at least 24 hours prior to the deadline. Late cancellations result in extra expenses for Com. Ed. and the instructors. Classes or programs having multiple meeting dates will receive prorated refunds.

**Please make checks payable to Holdingford Public Schools**

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Participants Name	Last	Age	Grade	Com Ed. Class	Shirt Size
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**Address**

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**Medical Information: Please answer the statements below as they pertain to the participant(s).**

Is the individual(s) physically capable of participating in the activity? NO \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_

Does the participant(s) have allergies? NO \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ (list allergies) \_\_\_\_\_

Any precautions, medical conditions, or important information about their health we should know? NO \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_

(explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Considerations for Participant(s)**

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Parent/Guardian	Phone Number	Email	Relationship
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Emergency Contact	Phone Number	Relationship
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**Assumption of Risk Clause:** In order to participate in any activity, I agree to hold harmless Holdingford Area School and Holdingford Community Education, its employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors harmless and I give up any right I may have to make claims or lawsuits against them. I acknowledge that this is not an essential service provided by Holdingford Schools and Holdingford Community Education. I understand and acknowledge that the activities I am about to voluntarily engage in as a participant have certain risks. I understand that these risks known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, may result in injury, death, illness, disease or damage to myself or my property or to other persons or their property. I voluntarily agree and promise to accept and assume all responsibilities and injuries, death, illness, disease or damage to myself or my property arising from my participation. I am voluntarily participating in activities with knowledge of the dangers and risks involved and no one is forcing me to participate.

In addition, due to the highly contagious nature of the current COVID-19 virus outbreak and potentially any other virus that can be contracted from both symptomatic and asymptomatic people, Holdingford Area Public Schools assumes no responsibility for the contraction of any illness as a result of your participation in this class or related class activities. All participants are required to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. Failure to do so could result in removal from the program and the premises. The school will not be responsible for determining whether or not any participant has or does not have COVID-19, or any other illness before, during or after this class or class activity. Anyone having any illness is required to not attend class.

I agree to have my child(s) picture used for said purposes: YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**My signature hereon constitutes my consent on behalf of myself or my minor child or adult for whom I am legal guardian, to participate in HCE/HSD said recreational activity as stated on this form.**

Participant(s) Name

Guardian Signature

Date



# Community Ed. Fishing Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of the Fishing Contest! Elizabeth Haskamp won the prize for “Best Photo” and Keagan Skroch won for the “Biggest Fish.”

Thank you to everyone who participated and to the District Office Staff for placing your votes!

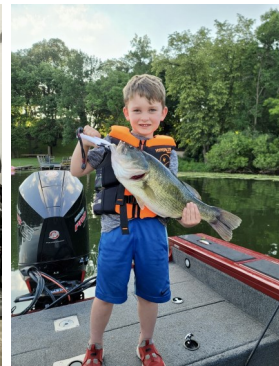
Elizabeth Haskamp—Best Photo Winner



Keagan Skroch—Biggest Fish Winner



More great  
photo entries!





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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

### Please Note:

If you have any of The following changes, please notify Tammi Hanson in the high school office (320-746-4333) or Christy Gustafson in the elementary office (320-746-4462).

- **Changes in marital status.**
- **Change of address.**
- **Death of someone that receives school mail.**

This will help us keep records up to date and mailings current. In the case of separation or divorce, both parents will receive information if we have the addresses. Thank you!

The submission deadline for the 2023-24 Winter Newsletter will be Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

Please send any information you would like in the newsletter to Becca - [becca.vanheel@isd738.org](mailto:becca.vanheel@isd738.org)

**Thank you to the companies who came out to the Big Rigs event this past Spring!**





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