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The submission deadline for the 2024 Spring Newsletter will be Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Please send any information you would like in the newsletter to Becca - becca.vanheel@isd738.org

Holdingsford Public Schools Welcomes New Staff!



Pictured from left to right: Taylor Gerads (Special Education), Mackenzie Timm (Second Grade), Emily Simon (High School Counselor), Carlena Johnson (Paraprofessional), Jennifer Meemken (Elementary Social Worker), Kevin Beehler (High School Principal), Ashley Krueger (Paraprofessional), Jill Slivnik (Math), Darcy Schmitz (Paraprofessional), Jessica Funk (Paraprofessional). Inset: Alyssa Rosenberger (Business).

Holdingsford Public Schools welcomed several new staff members during an orientation day on Friday, August 25. The orientation included time for new staff to interact with mentors, information sessions about district expectations and operations, a tour of the Holdingsford area, and lunch. It was an exciting time for new staff members as they prepare for the start of the new school year. Staff will welcome students back to school on Tuesday, September 5.

Husker Kids' Zone Supervisor

We are excited to announce that Haley Abel has been hired for the position of Kids' Zone Supervisor! Here is some info about Haley:

"I am thrilled to continue my journey in the childcare field, which has been my passion for the past 10 years. With nearly 7 years of experience at a child care facility and previous years at Kimball Elementary, I'm hoping to share new ideas and activities with Kidzone and have a lot of fun! Outside of work, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family and our beloved animals. I'm excited for this new chapter and to be a Husker!"



Greetings from Holdingford Public School!

It has been a very busy start to the school year and things are off to a great start. As always the students and staff have been amazing and such a pleasure to work with on a daily basis.

Our fall activities are as busy as ever and I would like to take a moment to wish all of our athletes and coaches great success in postseason play. The fall play cast/crew are putting the final touches on their production of "Clue". I am looking forward to this and encourage you all to take in one of the performances. The students put so much time and effort in preparing for these performances and you won't be disappointed! The curtain will go up on Friday, October 27th at 7:00 PM, twice on Saturday, October 28th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM, and Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 PM.

Holdingford School is looking for a few parent volunteers to attend the World's Best Workforce Committee meeting. The meeting will be held at a yet to be determined date in November. The meeting will review the goals from the last year and shouldn't be a terribly long meeting. If you are interested in being a possible member, please contact Linda Zapzalka (746-4307) at the school.

We are midway through the 1st quarter and while things are going great, we are always looking for great people who want to help out from time to time due to the shortage of subs across the board. Please contact Linda at the number listed above.

As we near the end of fall, I always make a point to remind you that winter is just around the corner. Minnesota weather is sometimes difficult to predict; it is essential that parents/guardians anticipate and prepare for school closings, delayed openings, and early dismissals. The area public school districts follow a coordinated plan to better ensure the safety of our children. The National Weather Service and other forecasting agencies issue various winter weather statements, watches, and warnings. We use these statements to determine if weather conditions may cause a late start, full day cancellation or an early dismissal from school. As always the safety of our students and staff is our prime concern. If cancellations/dismissals are needed they will be either made by 8:00 PM on the night before or no later than 6:00 AM on the morning of. Please pay attention to our SkyAlert announcements, local TV and Radio, and Facebook for the latest news.

Chris Swenson
Superintendent

2023 Education Support Staff Award

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been nominated by their colleagues for the ESSA. They will be recognized at a banquet on November 15th.

Russ Gardner
Kristin Klemmer

Jenny Streit
Ashia Berscheid

2023 Leadership in Educational Excellence Award

Congratulations to the following Holdingford Educators who will be recognized at the LEEA banquet in St. Cloud on October 25th.

Lynn Nelson
April Theis

Hannah Carlson
Tara Wolford



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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held for Independent School District No. 738, Holdingford Public School, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 2023, for the purpose of electing four school board members for four year terms. The names on the ballot are Evelyn Martini, Lori Opatz, Nicole Burg and Robert E. Knettel Jr.

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows: Holdingford City Hall for all Precincts in the Boundaries of the Holdingford Public School District No. 738.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Husker Athletic Booster Club
P.O. Box 135
Holdingford, Minnesota 56340



September 20, 2023

Greetings from the Husker Athletic Booster Club (HABC) in Holdingford, Minnesota. The HABC is a non-profit organization under IRS 501(c)(3) and was founded to provide the students and athletes in Holdingford Schools with financial support and opportunities in various programs.

The HABC recently purchased a scoring table for events in the gymnasium. The scoring table has the ability to display various presentations such as, player profiles, game cheers and others. The table also has the ability to electronically display advertisements for businesses.

The HABC is currently accepting applications for advertisers for Holdingford Husker sporting events. The HABC is excited in providing this opportunity to businesses wishing to advertise at these events.

The advertising for these events would be initially displayed on the scoring table in the High School gymnasium with possible expansion later. The advertising would be electronically displayed in rotation during athletic events such as volleyball, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, wrestling and more.

The advertisement agreement with the HABC would be for a three (3) year period. The cost of the advertising for one (1) sporting event would be \$400, for two (2) sporting events the cost is \$500 and for all events the cost is \$600, for the 3-year period. If interested, your company would be responsible for providing your advertisement in jpeg format for posting. If you opt for less than three (3) sporting events, you must decide which sporting event/s you would like to advertise.

If you are interested in the advertising program, please fill out the attached application. Please make checks payable to Holdingford Schools. You may mail your check and the advertisement to:

Holdingford Schools
c/o Jason Bruns
PO Box 250
Holdingford, MN 56340.

If you have any questions, please contact Holdingford Schools Activities Director Jason Bruns at 320-746-4302 or email at

Jason.Bruns@isd738.org.

On behalf of HABC, I wish to thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Approved by Ron Hylla
NARVRE National Vice President

Ron Hylla
Committee Chairman

HUSKER ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB'S SCORING TABLE ADVERTISEMENT

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ADDRESS OF ADVERTISER: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

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WE HEREBY ELECT TO ADVERTISE THE ABOVE EVENT/S FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. ENCLOSED IS THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT, ALONG WITH THE ADVERTISEMENT WE WISH TO HAVE DISPLAYED. (If you wish to send the advertisement in jpeg format by email, you may do so by sending it to Jason.bruns@ids738.org.) Please make checks payable to the Holdingford Schools and mailed to Holdingford Schools c/o Jason Bruns, PO Box, Holdingford, MN 56340.

Signature

Title

Date

HOLDINGFORD Husker BOOSTER CLUB

Are you a parent of a 7th - 12th grade athlete? Did you know you're automatically a member of the Holdingford Husker Athletic Booster Club? The Booster Club, a non-profit charitable organization, was founded in 1982 by a group of parents who wanted to support their children in athletic programs at Holdingford schools. Membership is automatic when you sign up your child for an athletic program and free for all parents.

The Booster Club donates an average of \$75,000 a year to support Holdingford Husker athletic teams. Over the years the organization has provided funding for field, gym and weight room maintenance and renovations, equipment, score boards, youth programs, jerseys and more. We work closely with Holdingford

School administration and coaches to evaluate project/equipment needs and support these when additional funds are needed.

We are always looking for parents to get involved! The Booster Club meets one night per month, typically the 3rd Sunday. To get on the email list for minutes and meeting agendas, please email huskerboosterclub@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page [Holdingford Husker Athletic Booster Club](#) to learn more about the club, what we're up to, and when meetings are!

We'd also like to thank our volunteer members, supporting local businesses, and all those who support our events and raffles, and provide charitable donations. Your help makes a difference for our Husker athletes! Thank you!

The Holdingford Husker Booster Club is seeking:

Title: Gambling Manager

Salary: \$1,000/Month

The Gambling Manager will manage the Holdingford Husker Booster Club's charitable gambling program. This person will work closely with the Assistant Gambling Manager, Booster Club auditors and gambling establishments to ensure the organization is in compliance with all statutes and rules related to lawful gambling and provide required reporting.

View the full job description on the Holdingford Huskers Athletic Booster Club Facebook Page:

[Booster Club Gambling Manager.](#)

Those interested in applying or learning more should email huskerboosterclub@gmail.com.

Holdingford Lioness Club Sets "Gifts for Joy" Project

The Holdingford Lioness Club is once again sponsoring its "Gifts for Joy" project. This is a free service offered to area families in need that enables them to provide Christmas gifts for their children who are 18 years old or younger. Families will be given individualized merchandise gift certificates from local business owners to use to purchase Christmas gifts for their children.

Any family that will need help in providing their children Christmas gifts, is asked to contact the Holdingford Lioness Club by sending a letter to:

"Gifts for Joy", PO Box 205
Holdingford, MN 56340

or by calling:
Cathy at 320-267-3813 or
Bonnie at 320-761-0627

Before November 18, 2023

The Post Prom Committee is selling Husker totes and blankets!

- Large Tote (22" l x 10" w x 11" h) \$35.00
- Medium Tote: (17" l x 9" w x 9" h) \$30.00
- Sweatshirt Blanket (50" x 60") \$40.00

All items will be sold on a first come first serve basis for our remaining inventory.

Please email holdingfordpostprom@gmail.com to place an order. Thank you for your support!



Technology Department News

www.sites.google.com/isd738.org/techdept

What is parental phubbing?

Parental phubbing happens when cellphone use occurs in parent-child interactions, where parents focus excessively on their phones and neglect their children instead of caring for or interacting with them (Ding et al., 2018; Xie et al., 2019; Jiang et al., 2021).

- Almost 70% of parents say their cellphones distract them while they are spending time with their children.
- When kids feel ignored, they can feel lonely, rejected, or depressed.
- Parents can put their cellphones in a different room or turn off notifications to prevent a distraction from quality time with their kids.

For more information, check out the entire article at <https://www.verywellmind.com/>

Our district is using **Securly** to keep students safe on their school-issued devices. As part of our commitment to your child's safety, all of our school's parents may access the free Securly Home app.



Stories: See the quick highlights of what your child has been up to online, updated every 24 hours.

Activity feed: Get a real-time view of your child's online activity

Flagged activities: Notifications sent to you of any flagged activities pointing to self-harm or bullying related to your child.

Rules: Block specific categories such as social media and gaming on your child's school device when it is at home. (district settings may limit parental controls)

Offline schedules: Set offline schedules for your child's internet like dinner and bedtime.

Pause internet: Pause internet access on your child's school device when it is at home with the touch of a button.

For more information and to sign up, visit www.isd738.org/tech-for-families

Technology Department (320) 746-4480 or Skywardhelp@isd738.org

SKYWARD® FAQ

Fee Payments in Skyward Family Access

Skyward Family Access allows you to access fee payment options for school related fees such as high school class dues and more.

- Log into Family Access
- Click the Fee Management button on the left to access the payment options
- Click the Make a Payment link if you wish to pay online for these fees using a credit card.

After you click Make a Payment, you'll be taken to the Holdingford ISD738 online payment center, RevTrak.

- Click on the Required Fees tab, and click Add to Cart next to the fee you wish to pay.
- Click Checkout

You will see the Holdingford ISD738 Webstore login page for our RevTrak online payment system. Login or follow directions to create an account.

Questions or problems?

Contact our helpdesk at SkywardHelp@isd738.org for assistance.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hello Husker Community,

A huge shout out to students, staff, and parents for your part in getting this school year off to such a great start. I could not have asked for a better start to the school year in my first year as Principal here at Holdingford High School. I believe the school culture and climate is top notch and homecoming week, which happened the last week of September, reiterated my belief. The amount of students and staff participating in dress up days, activities planned everyday, fantastic student sections at activities, and capping it off with a packed gym at the homecoming dance made the entire week special. Thank you to the student council and advisors for planning such a great week for all of our students. I look forward to all the events planned throughout the remainder of the year and continuing to show our school spirit. I have enjoyed getting to know as many students as I can throughout the first month and meeting parents and community members along the way.

Throughout the first month of the school year there have been some changes, but as always, we are here to support our students and always do what is best for students. We started the school year off with a guest speaker, Amberley Snyder, who shared her story with students and provided an inspirational story on never giving up and turning tragedy into triumph. We continue to build our PBIS system to support and reinforce positive behavior. As we continue with the tradition of Husker Strong, Everywhere, Every Day, we changed our matrix to include that here at Holdingford we are a community of accountability, respect and empathy. Through our PBIS system, we are recognizing students for their positive behavior with Husker Slips and have recently implemented our Husker Perk Card for students who demonstrate and maintain positive behavior. We have also implemented STOPit, a new method for students to receive help 24/7 for their own mental health support, or to report any bullying or unsafe behavior they may have seen or heard.

As we move towards the end of quarter one, I will continue to provide clear and consistent communication home to families. I enjoy sharing all of the fun activities happening within our classrooms and highlighting staff for all their hard work through my weekly parent playbook. Thank you for taking the time to read these every week and I appreciate all the feedback and communication in return from parents. I am looking forward to getting into as many classrooms as possible moving forward to continue to see the growth from all of our students and watch them learn from each other, their own mistakes and struggles, and our wonderful teachers. Thank you again parents for your continued support in helping our students and helping establish a welcoming community for me to come in and learn as well. I love coming to work everyday and look forward to a great rest of the school year.

Kevin Beehler
HS Principal

Senior Dates to Remember:

- **December 1st, 2023** - Senior Pictures & Baby Pictures - Need to be submitted to Ms. Wolford. All pictures need to be submitted digitally, through email. Please send pictures to: tara.wolford@isd738.org.
- **January 3rd, 2024** - Google Classroom scholarship applications open.
- **January 3rd, 2024 - 1:15 pm** - **All Seniors need to attend** - HS Theater - Cap and Gown information will be discussed.
- **January 10th, 2024 - 7:30am -1:00 pm** - Senior Rep will be in the HS Commons to take cap and gown orders and answer questions.
 - **February 28th, 2024 - Yearbook orders are due.** No orders will be accepted after this date. These can be ordered online at: <https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks>
- **April 27th, 2024, - 7pm** - Jr./Sr. Prom - HS Gym
- **May 8th, 2024 -(TBD)**- Senior Awards in the HS Theater
- **May ???** - Senior Field Trip TBA as date and location are selected
- **May 23rd** - Last day (½ day) of school for Seniors. **All Seniors need to attend** as Graduation practice will be held during this time.
- **May 31st, 7pm** - Graduation - HS Gym

Holdingsford High School Named Jostens 2023 National Yearbook Program of Excellence

Holdingsford High School program recognized for dynamic and engaging yearbook.

(Holdingsford) – (10/2005) – Jostens, the leading producer of yearbooks and student-created content, today announced that Holdingsford High School’s yearbook program has achieved the Jostens 2023 National Yearbook Program of Excellence award at the **GOLD** Level. The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies (ICT) literacy.

The Holdingsford High School award-winning yearbook program is led by Tara Wolford, Holdingsford High School yearbook adviser and her incredible yearbook staff.

“Tara is a tireless worker and is a perfect fit for the role of adviser of the yearbook. She has set a very high standard at HHS of what a meaningful keepsake should be. Proud of her and her staff for earning this very esteemed award” Paul Sorensen, Jostens

Jostens’ National Yearbook Program of Excellence Awards are presented twice a year, in spring and in fall based on the yearbook’s arrival date at the school. The award was presented to the Holdingsford yearbook program for achieving defined criteria in between one and three of the following categories: creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.

“Jostens is proud to recognize those individuals who have created an exceptional yearbook for their school and community,” said Tammy Whitaker, Jostens VP and COO Yearbook Division. “These schools did an exceptional job on multiple levels, despite the challenges presented by this school year. Yearbooks are a critical part of capturing and telling a school’s story, and Jostens is dedicated to supporting yearbook staff members as they do their important work.”

Founded in 1897, Jostens has produced school yearbooks for over 60 years. Schools rely on Jostens and their local Jostens representatives to provide a combination of journalism education and technology tools to deliver a learning experience that helps students develop 21st century skills in journalism, photography, writing and design, leadership and business while creating the permanent record of the school year. Jostens invests in state-of-the-art technology, best in class service, educational curriculum and award winning print manufacturing platforms to plan, design, build and produce yearbooks.

About Holdingsford HS

The Holdingsford School District is located in the heart of central Minnesota. We serve over 1,000 students from the Holdingsford community and surrounding areas. The Holdingsford School District has a history of educational excellence that is focused on a commitment to continue to improve our ability to meet the educational needs of our present and future students. Holdingsford strives to address the needs of all learners and provide our graduates with the skills and knowledge to successfully pursue their post-secondary chosen paths.

About Jostens

Jostens is a trusted partner in the academic and achievement channel, providing products, programs and services that help its customers celebrate moments that matter. The company's products include yearbooks, publications, jewelry and consumer goods that serve the K-12 educational, college and professional sports segments. Founded in 1897 and based in Minneapolis, MN, Jostens is a subsidiary of Platinum Equity and can be found online at www.jostens.com

Upcoming Band & Choir Concerts:

- December 1st, 6PM - 7th & 8th grade band
- December 1st, 7:15PM - 7th & 8th grade choir
- December 11th, 6:30PM - HS band
- December 11th, 7:30PM - HS choir



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Elementary

Greetings, Husker Family!

It is hard to believe we are writing our Winter Newsletter! My oh my...where does the time go? We kicked off the 2023-2024 school year with a fun loving, community, Husker family open house! We had a blast! So wonderful to hear laughter back in our hallways. Thank you for making our Open House a celebration of new beginnings, new learning and friendship.

We are off to a sensational start. Our building is filled with wonderfully, talented, and creative children. Kids, your kindness, hard work, manners, positive energy, and friendship are noticed and greatly appreciated! Your laughter fills my heart with joy. Your smiles mean the world to me.

We have the BEST teaching and support staff! Thank you for all your hard work. Thank you for being with us. I am proud of you! I am lucky to work alongside you and share children with you.

I would like to thank each and every one of our parents, community members, community organizations, and businesses for supporting our school. Together we create hope and build better tomorrows! GREAT job Mom and Dad!

A huge Husker thank you goes out to our active and supportive school board and Superintendent Dr. Chris Swenson. Thank you for all your hard work and leadership. You provide our staff with the tools and resources needed to reach and teach every child.

Husker Families...Thank you for sharing your children with us. Thank you for supporting our teaching staff, and taking time each night to do homework and practice reading with your children. Day to day life can be hectic. Your support means the world to us. Thank you for teaching that a hard work ethic, good old fashion grit, and Husker kindness will lead the way to academic success, life success and healthy, happy friendships! Thank you for teaching the importance of being truthful, and modeling how to give a sincere apology. When families and schools work together, the sky's the limit!

As we jump into the new school year, new learning adventures and adversity, please remember to count your blessings. Remember we are in this together. Husker Family forever! I love being your principal!

Jim Stang
Elementary Principal



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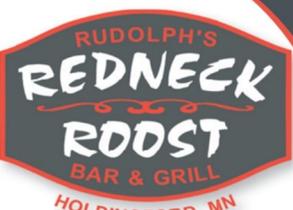
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UPDATES!



THANK YOU ALL for helping make our annual Walk-a-Thon PTA Fundraiser a **HUGE SUCCESS!** We **EXCEEDED** our goal of 23K! PreK-6th Grade students participated in different walk-a-thon activities on Homecoming Friday. The top-earning grade level gets to Duct tape Mr. Stang to the wall and the top-earners from each grade get to toss a pie at him—while he is taped to the wall!

Thank you all **SO MUCH** for your continued support of the PTA! We appreciate having such a generous school community! We look forward to all of the education-enhancing opportunities that this fundraiser will provide for our PreK-6th grade students!



We are excited for the return of Penguin Patch® this December 13-14th! It's so fun to watch students smile & giggle as they shop for holiday gifts for family & friends. Look for more information coming soon!

The Fall Book Fair was a **BIG HIT** again this year! Because of your support, the PTA was able to fulfill the classroom book wish list of teachers PLUS funds were raised for the Elementary Media Center to purchase more books!



The Book Fair takes A LOT of volunteer effort and we are **SO GRATEFUL** for those of you that helped assemble, run and tear down the displays. We could not have a successful Book Fair without all of you! Special thanks to Ms. Gerads for letting us take over the Media Center—we appreciate all of your help!



NEW MEETING TIME!

@HoldingfordElemPTA
Holdingford_elementary_pta

PTA Meeting Schedule

- Tues. Nov. 14th
- Dec. - No Meeting
- Tues., Jan. 9th
- Tues., Feb. 13th
- Tues., Mar. 12th
- Tues. Apr. 9th
- Tues., May 14th

Meetings are held at **6:00PM** in the Elementary Media Center.

FREE Childcare is provided!

4th-6th Grade Volleyball



1st - 3rd Grade Volleyball



3rd & 4th Grade Flag Football



5th & 6th Grade Tackle Football





Community Education

Kendra Posch | Community Ed. Director
kendra.posch@isd738.org

Becca VanHeel | Community Ed. Coordinator
becca.vanheel@isd738.org

www.isd738.org/community-education

Holdingford Community Education

Open Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, it does not matter! All skill levels are welcome!
*Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Dates: Sundays, November—March
(No Pickleball 12/24, 12/31, 3/31)

Time: 3PM—5PM

Location: Intermediate Gym (enter HS door 1)

Fee: \$2.00, pay at the gym
(1/2 price senior citizen)

Supervisor: Molly Schnell

Fall Open Swim

The high school pool will be open for swim time on Sunday afternoons, 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, October 29—November 19

Time: 1PM—2:30PM

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.

Morning Lap Swim

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

Dates: Tuesday & Thursdays, November 28—February 15
(no lap swim 12/26, 12/28)

Time: 6AM—7AM

Fee: \$75.00

Min.: 5

Winter Open Swim & Open Basketball

The pool will be available for swimming on Sunday afternoons. Students under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult. There will be a lifeguard on duty.

The high school and intermediate gyms will be open on Sunday afternoons from 1 PM—2:30 PM. Basketballs will be provided, but you may also bring your own.

Students under 7th grade must be accompanied by an adult.

Tennis shoes are required in the gym.

Enter HS door #1. No loitering allowed.

Dates: Sundays, January 14, 28, February 4, 11, 18 & 25

Time: 1PM—2:30PM

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.

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics offers a fun, “No Sweat”, effective exercise. 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, November 29—February 7
(no WA 12/27)

Time: 7PM—8PM

Fee: \$3.00/ person at the door

(1/2 price senior citizen rate)

Youth Ice Fishing Contest

Holdingsford Community Ed. Is having a Youth Ice Fishing Contest. Any youth in grades K-12 can enter this contest. Participants 16+ years old must have a current Minnesota fishing license. The fish pictured must be a MN catch between November 1, 2023 and February 28, 2024.

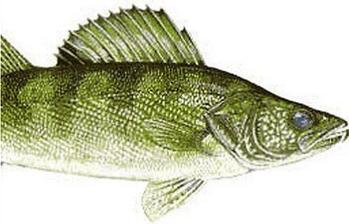
The deadline to register and submit your photos is March 4, 2024. Please check your email after registering, there will be link to submit your photos. Reach out to the Community Ed. Office if you cannot locate the link.

There will be 2 categories– Biggest Fish (inches) and Best Photo.

Fee: \$5.00/entry

Prize: \$25.00 gift card to Scheels

Deadline:
March 4, 2024



Winter Wonderland Cookie Decorating

grades K-6

It's WINTER TIME! Come and celebrate this holiday with your friends and decorate some Winter Holiday-themed cookies. At the end of this class you will bring home some beautifully decorated cookies for your family!! Yum!! A fun class activity is also planned while the cookies are drying.

Date: Friday, December 1

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: Elem. Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$25.00

Min.: 5 Max.: 20

Instructor: Char Bzdok

Deadline: Friday, November 24

Hot Cocoa Bomb Creations

grades K-8

THESE ARE FABULOUS!! Cocoa Bombs, or glossy chocolate orbs with cocoa, marshmallows, and sprinkles are truly over-the-top way to level up your cocoa game! Once these decadent spheres are plopped inside a mug full of warm milk, the bomb opens up in a dramatic fashion - revealing the goodies inside. Come and spend some quality time with your friends and learn how to make these marvels step-by-step!

Date: Tuesday, January 23

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: Elem. Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$32.00

Min.: 5 Max.: 20

Instructor: Char Bzdok

Deadline: Tuesday, January 16

PotSpot Holiday Plate

grades K-6

There will be an assortment of Holiday themed plates 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: Monday, November 27

Time: 3PM—4:15PM

Location: Elem Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$25.00

Max.: 20

Deadline: Monday, November 20

Valentines Cookie Decorating

grades K-8

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE? Come and have some fun with your friends and enjoy some Valentines cookie decorating!! At the end of this class you will bring home some beautifully decorated Valentine cookies for your family!! Yum!! A fun class activity is also planned while the cookies are drying.

Date: Tuesday, February 13

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: Elem. Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$25.00

Min.: 5 Max.: 20

Deadline: Tuesday, February 6

Instructor: Char Bzdok

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, February 6

Time: 3PM—4:15PM

Location: Elem Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$19.00

Max.: 20

Deadline: Monday, January 29

Babysitting & Staying Home Alone Clinic

This clinic is a preparation course for boys and girls ages 11+ undertaking the responsibility of childcare and/or preparing to stay home alone. The course will cover child development, basic first aid, how to handle various emergencies, managing a child's behavior, games to entertain, and basics of newborns & toddlers. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a bag lunch. Please drop off and pick up from high school door #1.

Date: Saturday, March 23

Time: 9AM—2:30PM

Fee: \$30.00

Location: High School LMC

Deadline: March 11

Min.: 20

Max: 30

Instructors: Rachel Schwartz and Anna Christensen

2023-24 Winter Swim Lessons

Registration for swim lessons will open on Thursday, November 16 at 11:00AM. You can register online at www.holdingford.revtrak.net or by calling the Community Ed. Office:

Kendra: 320-746-4465

Becca: 320-746-4466

There are a limited number of spots available, and they fill up fast! If the lessons are full please add yourself to the waitlist, if there are any openings we will reach out to you.

Keep an eye on the Community Ed. Facebook page and Webpage for swim lesson schedules!

Information:

- Students must be at least 4 years old to take private swim lessons.
- Lessons consist of 4 - 25minute classes.
- Private changing rooms are available.
- Please bring goggles for your child.
- It is NOT recommended to have 2 children in a lesson if one/both cannot touch in the shallow end.
- Pass/Fail and certificates will be emailed to parents.

Fee:

- \$60.00 for in district participants
- \$65.00 for out of district participants
- \$40.00 for second child in same session/ level.

Level 1

Participants become comfortable in the water learning basic skills. Safety topics include pool rules, recognizing lifeguard, safe water entry, being able to recall name and phone number, helping yourself in an emergency and proper use of life jacket.

Level 2

Participants learn to swim without support. Safety topics include being able to recall parent/guardian names, home address, proper use of life jackets and boat safety.

Level 3

Participants learn to be comfortable with new skills in deep water and learn new strokes. Safety topics include helping yourself and others in an emergency, safe weather conditions for swimming and proper use of life jacket.

Level 4

Participants increase endurance, improve skills learned in Swim levels 1-3 while learning new skills. Safety topics include basic First Aid, reaching assist and proper use of life jacket.

Level 5

Participants learn ways to improve efficiency for strokes learned in Swim levels 1-4 while learning new skills. Safety topics include First Aid, throwing assist and proper use of a life jacket.

Level 6

Participants have learned all strokes and will concentrate on refining their technique. Safety topics include recognizing spinal injury and proper use of life jacket.



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

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

Intro to Video Game Design with Nintendo grades 1-4

Create YOUR OWN VIDEO GAME! Choose your storyline with popular Nintendo characters as your stars. Add challenges and difficulty levels.

Additional Tech requirements:

- Scratch and Scratch account
- PC (Windows or MacBook)

Dates: Saturdays, January 27 & February 3

Time: 10:30AM—12:30PM

Location: Home (virtual)

Fee: \$62.00

Min.: 6

Max.: 12

Instructor: Tech Academy Staff

Deadline: Friday, January 12

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.)

Dare: 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

Minecraft Mod Dev: Portals grades 2-6

Dig deeper into Minecraft with this Minecraft Modding class! Create a new custom dimension and design a portal using MCreator. MCreator is an excellent tool for learning Minecraft modding and software programming concepts. Students should be comfortable with keyboarding and, of course, playing Minecraft! At the end of the class, take home your mods to share with your family and friends!

Additional Tech requirements:

- MCreator (free download)
- Minecraft Java Edition
- PC (Windows or MacBook)

Date: Saturday, January 20

Time: 9AM—12PM

Location: Home (virtual)

Fee: \$47.00

Min.: 6

Max.: 12

Instructor: Tech Academy Staff

Deadline: Friday, January 5

Community Ed. Beginner Tumbling

ages 3-6

Tumbling is open to all children ages 3-6. Our goal for this program is to give your child a basic understanding of gymnastics body positions and skills. Your child will work on the balance beam, floor mats, gymnastics bar and a mini trampoline. The first 30 minutes of each class will be structured, with the last 10 minutes being open gym style where participants will have free time to burn energy and practice learned skills with the instructor available for help. We will provide a positive environment for your child to build coordination, flexibility and focus. We encourage supporters to watch but ask that all observers remain seated on benches, non-participants will not be allowed on equipment.

Indicate what session on registration **If first two classes fill a 3rd time slot will be added from 4:00PM-4:40PM*

Dates: Sundays, Feb 18, 25, March 3, 10

Time: Session 1: 2:30PM—3:10PM

Session 2: 3:15PM—3:55PM

Location: HS Wrestling Room (Enter door 1)

Fee: \$24.00

Min.: 5

Max.: 8

Instructor: Leigha Berscheid

Elementary Girls' Basketball

grades 3-6

There will be an informational meeting/practice on Saturday, November 11 in the High School Theatre from 10-11AM. Parents, volunteer coaches, and players are asked to attend. Jerseys and Practice/Tournament Schedules will be handed out at this meeting. Then, from 11-12PM, there will be a Coaches Clinic in the HS Gym for volunteer coaches to discuss how practices should be organized. During this time players will go to the Intermediate Gym and practice. Official Saturday practices with grade levels will run from November 18 until mid-February.

Tournaments will start in January (there may be one December Tournament) and will vary in number for each grade level. Grade level coaches may also schedule additional practices during the week. It is up to teams, coaches, and availability of gyms. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the practices and games.

Important Dates:

-Saturday, November 11 (10-noon) -- Informational Meeting and Player Practice with Coaches Meeting

-Saturday, November 18 (10-noon) -- Parent Coaches 10-12

*High School Coaches/Players have a scrimmage at Cathedral this day and cannot attend practice.

-Saturday, November 25 -- NO PRACTICE THANKSGIVING BREAK

-Saturday, December 2 (10-noon) -- Parent Coaches 10-12

*High School Coaches/Players have a game in Upsala that afternoon with an early bus.

-Saturday, December 9 (10-noon) -- Varsity Coaches 10-11 || Parent Coaches 11-12

-Saturday, December 16 (10-noon) -- Varsity Coaches 10-11 || Parent Coaches 11-12

-Saturday, December 23 -- NO PRACTICE

-Saturday, December 30 -- Parent Coaches 10-12

*High School Coaches/Players have a game against Pequot Lakes at the GCC.

**After Christmas break, practice will be on Saturdays from 10am-12pm when there are no games. Additional practices can be scheduled during the week, if necessary through the Community Ed. office.

*No more than one practice during the week please

**Tournament dates will be on Saturdays or Sundays starting mid-January and will vary by grade level. **There will be a tournament schedule given out during the first informational meeting.

Location for Saturday Practices:

Fees:

3rd grade - Intermediate Gym

3rd grade - \$40.00

4th grade - Intermediate Gym

4th grade - \$50.00

5th grade - Elementary Gym

5th & 6th grade - \$65.00

6th grade - High School Gym

*Additional \$5.00 if registered after November 5.

Instructors: Volunteer coaches with the help of high school basketball coaches and players

**There must be a parent volunteer to coach each team. If there is not a coach, there will not be a team. Please mark on the registration form if you are interested in coaching and which grade level. No more than 3 coaches per team, with 2 coaches per team being the recommendation.

Elementary Boys' Basketball grades 3-6

All elementary boys in grades 3-6 are invited to participate in the Husker Elementary Basketball program.

Start date Monday, November 13. Parent meeting starting at 6PM in the High School Theatre (note change of location from previous years). Please make every effort to attend this important meeting as future tournament schedules and practice schedules will be discussed. We ask that one parent/guardian attend the parent meeting. The boys will start practice during this meeting in the HS gym with the high school basketball players.

The varsity and junior varsity players and coaches will provide skills practice on Monday nights through December 11th for grades 3-6. Players will be working on skills in shooting, ball handling, passing, offensive and defensive strategies, hustle and teamwork.

Practices with parent volunteer coaches will be on Saturdays (Grades 3-6) starting November 18th and Monday evenings (Grades 4-6) beginning December 26th through February 2024. Practices will be spent working with grade specific teams and coaches preparing for tournament play. Tournament play will start in January. Parents will be responsible for transporting players to games and practices.

Youth Basketball Clothing Order will be available from Everything Signs starting November 6 to November 19:

<https://basketball.huskers.store/>

Items purchased will be handed out at a practice sometime before Christmas.

We will be utilizing a parent-coaches communication app called "Remind". This is a free, secure app that can be downloaded to any iPhone or Android device. The class code for the Elementary Boys Basketball program is: @huskerse (For those of you who are new to Remind, instructions for the app will be handed out at the parent meeting)

Dates/times:

Monday, November 13

- Parent Meeting at 6PM
- Skills practice 6PM—7:30PM

Saturday Practice:

- November 18 through February, 8AM—10AM
 - 3rd grade - Intermediate Gym
 - 4th grade - Intermediate Gym
 - 5th grade - Elementary Gym
 - 6th grade - High School Gym

(NO PRACTICE November 25 or December 23)

Monday Evening Skills Practice with HS Players (grades 3-6):

- November 13 through December 11, 6PM—7:30PM

Evening Coach's Practice (grades 4-6):

- Tuesdays - December 26 and January 2, 6PM—7:30PM
- Mondays - January 8 through February, 6PM—7:30PM

Fees:

- 3rd grade - \$40.00
- 4th grade - \$45.00
- 5th & 6th grade - \$50.00
- *Additional \$5.00 if registered after November 5.

Instructors: High school basketball coaches, players, and parent volunteers

* There must be a parent volunteer to coach each team. If there is not a coach, there will not be a team. Please mark on the registration form if you are interested in coaching and which grade level.

Elementary Wrestling grades K-6

Elementary practice will begin Monday, November 27th for K-6th grade. This is a great opportunity to learn wrestling fundamentals, get physical activity and have fun. All grades K-6th will practice Monday and Thursday nights from 6:15PM—7:30PM. There will be a parent meeting the first night of practice. We encourage all parents to attend this meeting. If your child wants to compete in weekend tournaments they will need a singlet or fight shorts and compression shirt. There is a \$40 deposit for Singlets or Fight Shorts and Compression shirt. Deposits will be refunded when the singlet/fight shorts/compression shirt are returned at the end of the year. These will be passed out at one of the first practices.

If you have any questions, please contact: - Coach Oellien at 746-4397, logan.oellien@isd738.org
- Scott Binek at 320- 333-6948
- Rob Knettel at rob.knettel@isd738.org

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help with practices. Any help would be appreciated, so please let us know if you are interested.

Dates: Monday & Thursday nights in the months of December, January, February, & March

Time: 6:15PM—7:30PM

Fee: \$32.00

Location: HS Wrestling Room (enter door 2)

JO GIRLS VOLLEYBALL- GRADES 7-11

PHILOSOPHY

Our mission is to provide a competitive program for players between the ages of 10 and 17. While winning is a goal we strive for, we focus on the growth and development of our athletes. Our goal is to provide the best JO experience for all participants. Our program encourages teamwork, respect, responsibility, discipline, and positive attitudes in a safe, learning environment. We believe in positive sportsmanship, working hard and having fun.

TRYOUTS:

FEE: \$50 - **Non-refundable** (Tryout fee will be a down payment toward registration)

DATE: Sunday, November 26th - Holdingford High School Gym

Grades 7-8, 3:30-5:30pm

Grades 9-11, 6:00-8:00pm

**Contact Maria Harren to discuss a makeup tryout date in the event that your daughter is unable to attend tryouts*

**9-12 Players per team*

**Players will be divided into teams based on age, skill level, position, and coach-ability.*

**Each player will be placed on a team in which evaluators believe she will receive the most opportunity to grow and develop.*

REGISTRATION FEE:

Grades 9-11, \$200 (+ \$55 NCR Membership)

Grades 7-8, \$150 (+ \$55 NCR Membership)

**Fundraiser will be available to those who wish to fundraise toward their individual registration fee.*

While we are not able to provide a schedule until after tryouts, here is what is to be expected:

LENGTH OF SEASON:

Practice will begin on December 17th and will end in March.

PRACTICES

**Two practices each week - Sunday and Tuesday evenings*

**Players will be excused from practices to partake in school sports games/ activities.*

**Skills sessions will be provided for Tuesday practices throughout the season so that players can receive specific skills training from a specialized coach.*

TOURNAMENTS

Grades 9-11 will have 4-5 tournaments

Grades 7-8 will have 3-4 tournaments

**Contact Maria Harren with any questions. mkslivnik@gmail.com (320)-241-3668*

JO GIRLS VOLLEYBALL- GRADES 4-6

Sundays 4:00-6:00pm

Location: High School/Elem Gym (Everyone meet in High School Gym on first day)

Start Date: February 18th **Grade 4 - \$45, 1-2 Tournaments - TBD**

End Date: April 28th **Grade 5 - \$45, 1-2 Tournaments - TBD**

(No practice March 31st) **Grade 6 - \$55, 2-3 Tournaments - TBD**

Our Elementary JO Volleyball program provides students in grades 4-6 a chance to learn skills and play volleyball in a fun, safe environment through practices, skills sessions, scrimmages, and tournaments.

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.

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: 6PM—7:30PM

Max.: 10 children (FULL)

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 9AM—10AM.

*Enter door 8 for this class.

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

Time: 9AM—10AM

Max.: 8 children

Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing, and learning. Screening at 3.5 is preferred, but a child may be screened between the ages of 3 and the start of 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:

- Friday mornings throughout the school year

*Call Becca at 320.746.4466 to schedule screening

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.

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: 9AM—10:30AM

Fee: Free * Enter Door 8

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

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

Register online at : www.todaysdrivingschool.com

Select area : **Holdingford**

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

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

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- Home pick-up / drop-off

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

JFK Dance Shows

- Halloween Show (grades Prek-1st)
Friday, October 27, 6:30pm
- Holdingford Dance Team Show Fundraiser (all classes)
Saturday, December 9, time TBD
- Just For Kix Winter Show (all classes)
Sunday, January 21, time TBD

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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!



HUSKER CLOTHING ORDER

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