



HOLMEN HIGHLIGHTS



A Letter from the Principal: May, 2015

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The end of the 2014-2015 school year is just around the corner and as I review our school year up to this point in time, we have had many successes. We successfully implemented a practice ACT test for our juniors which I do believe will help with their results on the mandated test which was taken back in March. We still have not received our school data, but we look forward to receiving these results sometime this summer.

Additionally, we have also implemented the ACT Aspire test twice for the freshmen and we will be implementing the ACT Aspire test for the sophomores this week. We look forward to receiving all of these results and then meeting with our teacher leadership team this summer to work on implementing strategies to help our students to be even more successful.

We have also see numerous successes in our plays, musicals, student organizations, band choir, orchestra and athletics. I feel extremely fortunate to be able to work in a school that offers to many excellent opportunities for students.

In the upcoming weeks we have many important events taking place. Starting on May 4th, Advanced Placement Testing will be going on for two weeks, May 20th is the Senior Banquet at the La Crosse Center and May 23rd is our Graduation ceremony, also at the La Crosse Center.

As we start to look forward to the summer months, the high school office staff is already working on information that they will be sending to our parents this summer. As you receive this information, please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns.

Have a great rest of the school year and a relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Baer

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Principal
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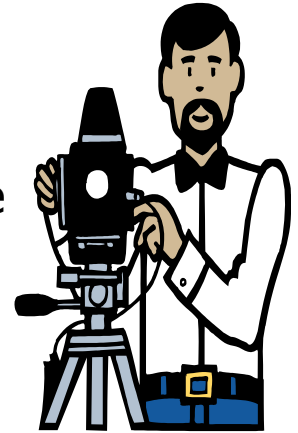


**Vision Statement: Learning together,
every student, every staff, every day.**



SENIOR WALL COMPOSITE PICTURES

If you haven't turned in your picture for the Senior Wall Composite (the large class pictures on the walls in the 400 and 500 wings in Holmen High School), you are still able to do so. Please be sure to get a vertical, wallet-sized headshot to Mrs. Hicke in the front office as soon as possible.



You may pull up the **Activities Calendar** on our Holmen High School Website: Go to our website @ www.holmen.k12.wi.us, then click Athletics on the gray bar, scroll down and you'll be able to click any Holmen High School sport.



Congratulations to the following April Students of the Month:



- 9th Grade – Tanner Schultz, son of Darrin and Christine Schultz
- 10th Grade – Austin Braund, son of Scott and Deborah Braund
- 11th Grade – Kirsten Olson, daughter of Mark and Amy Olson
- 12th Grade – Brandon Radde, son of Cindy Radde



WORLD TOUR

Milestone “22nd Year”



**World Tour 2015 will be held
Saturday, May 23rd**

**At 9:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. at Holmen High
School. Anyone interested in helping or
would like to make a donation,**

please contact Renee Kabat at 526-6210 or 780-3277.

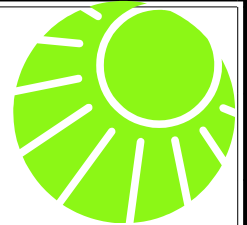
The World Tour Planning Committee thanks everyone who
helped this year.

World Tour updates are posted to Facebook:

“Follow us at Holmen High School World Tour”



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR



**Registration—Wednesday & Thursday, August 12
& 13 from noon-4:30 p.m. & 5:30-7:00 p.m. both days**

Freshman Orientation—Monday, August 24th at 6:30 pm

First Day of School—Tuesday, September 1, 2015





Congratulations to Holmen High School's

2015 Prom King and Queen:



CADE KALANDER & JENNA LEGLER



Needed at

Holmen High School:



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The Auto Shop at Holmen High School is looking for donated cars for students to practice auto/mechanic skills on. Please contact Mr. Jim Schmitt at 526- 3372, Ext. 6322 or



Holmen High School

Parking Lot Safety

A reminder to people dropping their students off, please do not drive directly in front of the school as that area is reserved for buses or handicapped vehicles. Students should not be dropped off in that lane. Please drop your students off between the visitor parking and handicapped area. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.



HOLMEN HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Kelli Korneta (Last names A-Hd)
Substitute: Caroline Corbett
Patty Shepard (Last names He-Pe)
Laurie Kessler (Last names Pf-Z)



Upcoming Opportunities:

Interested in a career in teaching? Think about attending the **summer TEACH program** at **UW-Stout, UW-River Falls, or UW-Eau Claire this summer from June 13th-27th**. This program is for 9th-11th grade students that want to experience living and learning on campus from different teaching majors. If you are interested, register at www.uwstout.edu/teachprecollege **by May 8th**. If you have any questions feel free to call Dang Yang at (715)232-4047

Interested in a career in natural resources? Consider attending a Natural Careers Workshop this **June 15-19th** in Eagle River, WI. **Juniors and seniors have opportunities to earn college credit** at this workshop that costs **only \$175 per student** (which includes food and lodging). Pick up an application form in the guidance office and turn it back in by **April 30th**. They only accept 30 students, so move fast! For any questions stop by the guidance office or call Liz Pierson, the Trees for Tomorrow Career Coordinator, at (715)479-6456.

Interested in Carpentry? Go to the open house at **the Southeast Wisconsin Carpentry Training Center, on May 30th from 9:00am to 2:00pm**, to find out information about apprenticeships in: carpentry, millwright, floor covering, pile driving, and cabinet making.

HOLMEN HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

Students can view and/or print their transcript from Infinite Campus any time. This transcript is considered "unofficial", but will be sufficient for many purposes. Students needing an official transcript should order one through the Parchment/Docufide, Inc. program. An official transcript is usually needed when applying to most colleges/universities, for proof of graduation, and for some scholarships. The Parchment, Inc program also makes it easy to search colleges, evaluate your chances of getting in, and request, store and send transcripts when you are ready to apply. Students can also complete a profile and add colleges to the list to get data-driven Parchment predictions. This program also helps students get organized for applying to college. Send a transcript via Parchment, Inc.: Go to www.parchment.com/join Create an account Add your school to the account (Holmen High School) request delivery of your transcripts Provide debit/credit card payment (there is a fee involved) receive a confirmation with the Tracking ID Your official transcript will be sent through the Parchment system electronically to college and university requested. Retrieving a transcript via Infinite Campus: Log into Infinite Campus Click on the left hand side tool bar tab labeled "Reports" Click on the tab "official high school transcript" Save file or download, then print.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

2015 La Crosse Tribune Extra Effort Award: The Tribune Extra Effort Award program is designed to recognize high school seniors who have persevered to overcome obstacles and stayed committed to their educational experience. The Holmen High School recipient is Quinn Brodale! He was recognized in a full-fledged article in the La Crosse Tribune last February and will be honored at a special banquet on May 5th. He will be in contention for one of several scholarships! Other nominees include: Kayla Clay, Ashley Loging, Chyanne Klotz, Sierra Rabe, Bee Yang, Jesse Schafer, Jessica Sisul, Megan Walch, Haley Crossland, Symone Steinhoff, Kaela Zarwell, Senite (Addy Bosworth) and Natalie Johnson. Congratulations goes out to these hard-working students who overcome a variety of obstacles and yet, have found much success! We are proud of you!!!

2015 19th annual Viterbo Volunteer Recognition Program: Viterbo sponsors a very special event to honor seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism. Holmen High School staff have selected seven deserving seniors who will be recognized for their time and efforts in making our school and community a better place through service. Congratulations goes out to: Solange Bayerl, Natalie Burgess, Brandon Christnovich, Autumn Reppe, Jacyn Reeves, Bekah Risch, and Lydia Shriver. We are very proud of you!!!

2015 La Crosse Chamber of Commerce Top 5% Honors Banquet: The La Crosse Chamber of Commerce sponsors a very special honor's banquet for seniors who are in the top 5% of their class (at the end of first semester of their senior year). These students are invited to a classy banquet where they will be individually recognized for their dedication to academics. Congratulations goes out to: Solange Bayerl, Courtney Bergum, Jared Clements, Caroline Criste, Abbey Hammes, Maia Heineck, Edwin Neumann, Hannah O'Mara, Jacyn Reeves, Bekah Risch, Katherine Stein, Ashley Taylor, Micheal Vue, Abiel Wettstein. We are so very proud of you!!!



Holmen's Summer Workout Program Information:

N.A.S.T.I.E. workouts will be back again this summer running June 15- July 17. The program will open for incoming 5th graders - Adult. Sessions will be broken up into three groups:

Incoming 5th-8th Graders (Non-weight bearing exercise movements, agilities, and injury prevention)

Incoming 9th - Graduated Seniors (Weight training, agilities, and injury prevention)

Holmen Staff and Interested Adults (Learning to develop an appropriate workout plan and live a healthy lifestyle)

A very informational website is under construction and just about finished. Look for information in May for sign up and more details!

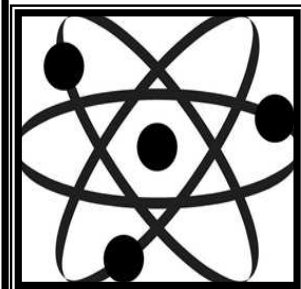
Contact Mr. Lulloff with questions luljas@holmen.k12.wi.us



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AP Chemistry Students:

Pick up summer homework from Mrs. Nyseth from May 18th through June 4th in room 308.



Attention Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Parents and Students:

Next fall during registration students will not be issued a parking pass unless all of your after-school detentions and lunch detentions for unexcused absences and for tardies from the 2014-15 school year have been served. Please serve the after school detentions on Monday and Wednesday in Room 221 and Tuesday and Thursday in Room 154 after school. Lunch detentions should be served in Room 203 during the student's scheduled lunch. Mrs. Hicke will have a list of the students who have unserved time at her table of registration for parking permits. Mr. Sackett will also be available during registration, should there be any questions or concerns.

Be Your Best,
Wayne E. Sackett
Associate Principal
Holmen High School
(608) 526-3372 Ext. 6104





May Band News

State Solo Ensemble

Congratulations to the 70 plus solo & ensemble entries that participated at the district competition. Many of the participants received a 1 rating which will allow them to perform at the State competition at UWL on May 2nd
Best to all at State!*

Spring Band Concert

Join us Sunday May 17th in the Holmen High FAC at 2pm for our final concert of the 2014/2015 school year. This performance will highlight our concert bands. We will also be honoring our seniors as we say goodbye to them and thank them for all they have done for the band throughout their High School years. After the concert refreshments will be served in the commons area. Hope to see you there!



Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Remember

Monday May 25th students will participate in the Holmen Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. The parade will follow down Main Street to the Legion Park where a ceremony will follow to honor our fallen Veterans.

Kwik Trip Gas and Car Wash Cards

Students are selling both the Kwik Trip Script cards and car wash cards. Sales from these cards will help students to be able to fund their trip to Florida where they will take part and perform in the 2015 Gator Bowl festivities.

Jazz Band Concert

Wait we're not done yet! Join us Monday June 1st. at 7pm for a night of great Jazz featuring the Holmen High School Jazz Band. The concert will be held at the Holmen High School Fine Arts Center.



High School Fall Sport and Activities Update

**Mandatory Activities and Code Meeting for
ALL Fall Athletes & Parents**

Monday, July 27, 2015

Students and parents are required to attend **one** code meeting each year for review of the Activities Code. Game and practice schedules, team rules, and Varsity lettering information will be distributed by coaches at individual team meetings.

Registration & meal will be in the High School Commons.

**Session 1: Football - Girls' Tennis - Girls' Swimming -
Dance Team - Cheerleaders (Football) - Adaptive Sports League**

Registration & Food provided by Booster Club - 4:45 p.m.

Activities Code/Organization Presentation in FAC - **5:30 p.m.**

Team Meetings - 6:00 p.m. (Locations TBD)

Online Registration (If need support or computer access) - 7:00 pm.

Session 2: Boys' Soccer - Girls' Golf -

Cross-Country (Boys & Girls) - Volleyball

Registration & Food provided by Booster Club - 6:30 p.m.

Activities Code/Organization Presentation in FAC - **7:00 p.m.**

Team Meetings - 7:30 p.m. (Locations TBD)

Online Registration (If need support or computer access) - 8:30 pm.

1st Day of Practice for Fall High School Sports 2015

Football - Tuesday, August 4 (Equipment - August 3)

Girls Golf - Monday, August 10

Girls Swimming & Girls Tennis - Tuesday, August 11

Boys Soccer, Cross Country & Volleyball - Monday, August 17

Football Cheerleading & Dance Team - TBD

Activities Office: Mark Englerth, A.D. engmar@holmen.k12.wi.us

Naomi R.S. Rislow, Activities Secretary risnao@holmen.k12.wi.us

608.526.9208



Student Universal Nutrition Program News

Thank you for participating in the school meal programs during the 2014-15 school year. It is our goal to promote good health and nutrition. We are happy to be part of your child's academic success.

The following is for your review:

The School District of Holmen provides parents/guardians access to their student's lunch account information via our web based Campus Portal. The Campus Portal provides families the flexibility to pay online at any time, using credit or debit (Master Card, Visa, Discover) or checking/savings account.

This program provides *instant access* to these funds by the students. The processing fee for online payments is \$2.00 transaction. We want you to be comfortable accessing your student's information so that you can monitor your student's account. Family meal accounts can be accessed online at www.holmen.k12.wi.us > Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

When your account becomes low, \$10.00 or less you will receive an email notification letting you know your balance is low. If you would like to add or edit your email address please send your inquiry to: kindia@holmen.k12.wi.us. The cashier will also verbally inform your student(s) that lunch money is needed to be deposited into the account.

- At the High School and Middle School level, money must be in the account at all times. No charging is allowed. Again, cashiers verbally notify students when their lunch account becomes low.
- Graduating seniors (with no siblings in the family account) must request refunds by the last Friday in May. Funds left in the account will be put into a fund to help out families in need.
- Money that is left in your family account will automatically roll over to the next school year. Refunds are only given to families that move out of the district.
- Reminder: Bag lunches are available for school field trips. Please request a bag lunch form from your child's teacher or school cashier and return it one week prior to the field trip.

Check out our "Harvest of the Month" link, on the Food Service page, for recipes and nutritional information on the featured fruits/vegetables!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the food service office at 608.526.1324 or 608.526.1325.

We hope that you and your family have a fun and safe summer.



TOC 24/7, featuring Aesop technology

Make a difference in your Community: Become a Substitute for your local school district!

Teachers On Call is the substitute staffing service that partners with the **Holmen School District** to staff substitutes in your area. Teachers On Call isn't just hiring; we are building community connections between talented education staff and the students of the Coulee Region.

Being a Teachers On Call Employee Provides:

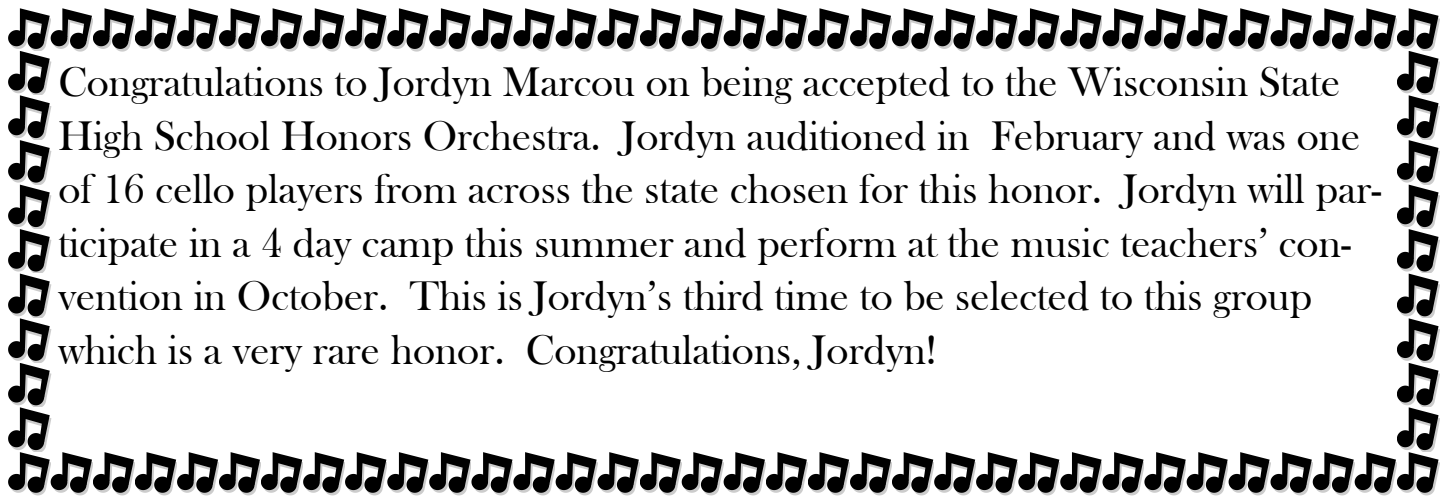
- A chance to support your local school district
- An opportunity to further the education of the children in your community
- Weekly Pay – get paid every Friday for the hours you worked the previous week
- Bonus opportunities and Holiday Pay when you work regularly

Required Skills to Substitute in Holmen

- Teachers: Must have a valid Wisconsin Teaching License, a 5 Year Substitute License or a 3 Year Substitute Permit
- Special Ed Aides & Regular Ed Aides: Must have at least a high school diploma

Apply today to begin making a difference in the lives of children in your community!

Apply online at www.teachersoncall.com



Congratulations to Jordyn Marcou on being accepted to the Wisconsin State High School Honors Orchestra. Jordyn auditioned in February and was one of 16 cello players from across the state chosen for this honor. Jordyn will participate in a 4 day camp this summer and perform at the music teachers' convention in October. This is Jordyn's third time to be selected to this group which is a very rare honor. Congratulations, Jordyn!

Renaissance Recognition Assembly

PBIS is excited to join in the May 15th Renaissance Recognition Assembly in honoring students who exemplify Viking Values: Be Safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful. At this year's assembly, we will be recognizing students who have had perfect attendance, the class that was awarded the excellence in assembly behavior "Pike of Leadership" most often, and the representatives of the PBIS Student Leadership Team. Another significant recognition will be given out is the Viking Value Award. This award will be given to two students, one boy and one girl, in each grade level who best exemplify what it means to be safe, responsible, and respectful at HHS. Faculty will make nominations and the PBIS Team will make the final selections from the nominations. Our hope is that in recognizing all of these positive student behaviors, it will foster a continued school climate of living out Viking Values in all we do.



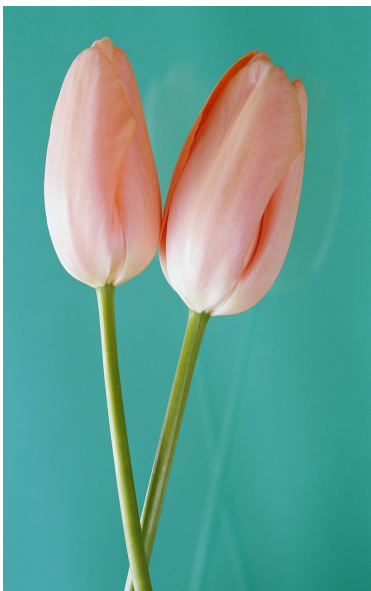
Pick Up



Medication on/before the last day of school!

Medication Pick Up

All medications must be picked up before or on the last day of school by a parent. If your student is 18 or older they pick it up independently. Over-the-counter medications may be picked up by students with verbal permission from their parent.



Medication may be picked up between 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

The health office is unable to “store” medication over the summer, any medication left after Wednesday 6/10/2015 will be disposed of per Board Policy.



FCCLA State Highlights:

Brena Davis retires as the Wisconsin FCCLA State Vice President of Finance.

HHS has five national qualifiers: McKinsey Schmidt, Mikala Wuensch, Savannah Palmi, Bobbi Anderholm, and Ashley Kromke (not pictured). They will compete in Washington D.C. July 5-9.

HHS FCCLA had 22 members compete at the state conference.

McKinsey Schmidt received a \$250 foundation grant for her Soles for Souls shoe drive.





F.C.C.L.A. (CONTINUED)

3rd Annual Iron Chef competition held at Holmen High School on Wednesday, April 8th from 3-5.

Sponsored and organized by: Holmen Universal Food Service, Family and Consumer Science Department, and The Farm to School program.

6 teams competed for the Iron Chef

1st place will be replicated on the lunch menu in May.

1st place: Cait Speckeen and Adam Nantz-Vegetable omelet and kale chips-\$500

2nd place: Kerstin Lee-Stir fry-\$100

Runner-up:

Mikala Wuensch and Merissa Larson-\$50

Clint Olson-\$50

Nick Williams-\$50





HHS FCCLA Color Fun Run/ Walk event, My School Color Run

Date & Location: Saturday, May 30 Holmen High School
District of Holmen

Events: Check in 8:00 am

Start Time: 9:30 am

Registration: Cash or check payable to HHS

Early Registration Fee: \$25

After Deadline/Race-day Registration Fee: \$30

The Registration fee includes run/walk registration, individual color packer, race bib and pins, and a My School Color Run t-Shirt. * Only guaranteed if you sign up before MAY 16.

Course: The My School Color Run/Walk will feature a 1-mile and 3-mile route. Throughout the course participants will experience color splash zones where you will be doused in color. Be prepared to get wet.

Time Limit: The course will be set up for 2 HOURS. No timing is provided, if you'd like your time, please wear a watch.

Post-Race: There will be refreshments available for purchase.

Volunteer: We are looking for volunteers to assist with the race (check in, water/refreshment stations, color stations, etc.) If you are interested in volunteering, please print your information below.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Note:

For the safety of all participants, strollers, skateboards, scooters and skates of any kind are prohibited in this event. **Waiver of Liability:** In consideration of my entry being accepted, I waive any and all claims for myself, my administrators, and my heirs against all officials, sponsors, and organizations connected with the myschoolcolorrn Fun Run/Walk for injury or illness that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event. I attest that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

Holmen High School FCCLA Fun Run/Walk Entry Form

To guarantee a color packet, race bib, and your shirt, this form must be turned in with full payment by May 16 to Mrs. Halverson at the Holmen High School. halsar@holmen.k12.wi.us

Date: _____ **Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Sex:** _____ **Age:** _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

T-Shirt Size: SELECT ONE

YOUTH Small Medium Large XL

Adult Small Medium Large XL 2XL





DRESS CODE:



Shirts/blouses/tops must meet the top of the pants. If skin is exposed between the top and pants, this is not appropriate.

Shirts/blouses/tops should have straps a minimum of an inch in width.

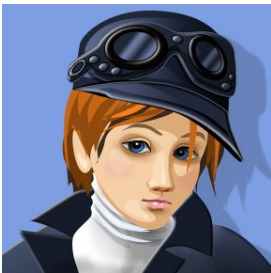
Pants need to be worn at waist level.

Short shorts, super low rise pants and short skirts are not appropriate.

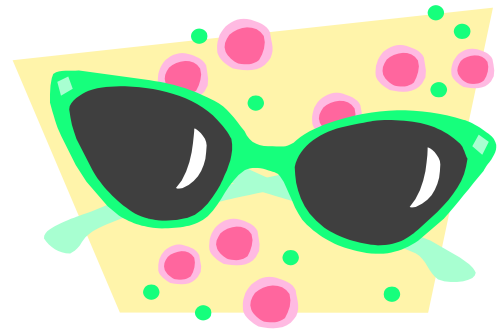
If inappropriate dress is worn to school, we will contact both students and parents and require a change of clothes. The school may supply appropriate shirts or slacks and expect students to wear them for the remainder of the day, if parents are not able to bring a change of clothes.

If you question the attire to be appropriate or not, it is probably inappropriate dress.

Clothing accessories (such as chains) that may cause safety concerns are not allowed.



HEAD APPAREL/ SUNGLASSES



Head apparel and sunglasses will not be allowed in the building from the time the student enters the building in the morning until the student leaves in the afternoon. Head apparel, including head bands, scarves, bandannas, picks, or hats, worn by any student in school will be taken away and detention may be assigned. In addition, students are not to carry hats in the halls or to class; keep them in lockers. Head apparel will be turned in to administration. If repeated, the item may be kept and given back at the end of the school year.



“HOLMEN VIKING ALUMNI AWARD”

Deadline: Nominations must be received by June 30th of the Award Year.

“Holmen Viking Alumni Award Criteria”

All Holmen High School alumni having graduated at least 5 years, living or deceased are eligible for nomination. Nominees do not have to currently reside in the Holmen School District.

Nominations will be judged based on accomplishments in their respective communities. All nominations should include a general cover letter and a summary written in a six category format giving specific examples in a bullet type structure, if applicable, for each of the following categories.

- **Community service activities**
- **Example of leadership**
- **Personal achievements**
- **Contributions to their school district**
- **Professional achievement**
- **Honorary awards and citations**

(An example sample application is provided below)

Name of Nominee: _____ **Date** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Education: _____

Nominator’s Name: _____ **Phone No.** _____

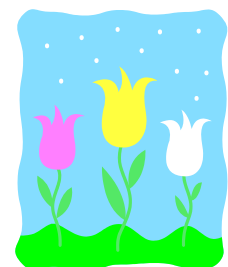
Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Please send the cover application form and any support documentation to:

Holmen High School
Holmen Viking Alumni Award
1001 McHugh Road
Holmen, WI 54636
Attn: Mark Englerth, Activities Director

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Example Application

Cover Letter:

This should be an introductory letter introducing the nominee to the Alumni Selection Committee. It should contain a general summary of the individual and personal information not included in the six category summary giving the committee a better feel for who the nominee is. The cover letter should be a maximum of one page.

Six Category Summaries of Community Service Activities

Community service activities

Member/Officer of a local community group
 First Responders (2010 – 2013)
 Church Activities
 Volunteer Organizations

Example of leadership

Leading an improvement project in the community
 Lead park improvement project through the Lions group (2013)
 Organizing and starting a youth activity in the community
 Boy Scout Leader (2008 – 2010)
 Chairing an organization
 Starting a business

Personal achievements

Education level
 Holmen High (1983)
 UWL (1987)
 Family
 Community recognitions
 Publications

Contributions to their school district

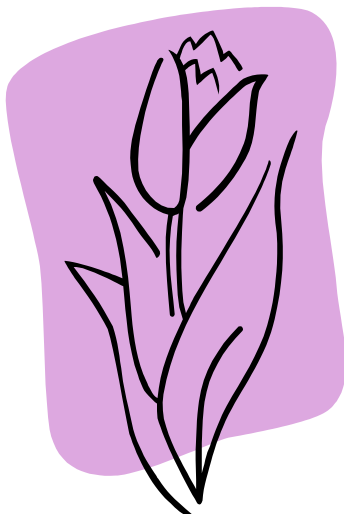
School board member / Booster Club Officer
 Parent groups
 Improvement projects for the district
 Volunteering to help students

Professional achievement

Accomplishments at the workplace
 Running a business
 Research accomplishments
 Presentations

Honorary awards and citations

Community awards
 Organization awards
 Military awards
 Workplace awards/recognitions



Holmen Rod & Gun Club

Sponsored by:

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Outdoor Youth Activity Day

Saturday May 16, 2015

Holmen Rod & Gun Club

For youth ages 18 & under



Check-in: 7:30—8:00 a.m.

Pre-register by May 8th at: outdooryouthactivityday@gmail.com
please include name and age as well as # of adults for food count

Volunteers are still needed, please include your phone number if you are available to help.

Activities: 8:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.

- .22 ★ Animal Paw Print Casting ★ Archery ★ Air Rifle
- Crossbow ★ Muzzle Loader ★ Rod & Reel Casting
- Sling Shots ★ Tomahawk Throwing ★ Trap Shooting



YES! 11:30 — noon
FREE LUNCH!

Blackhawk Retriever Club

Dog Demonstration at Noon

along with other demonstrations & presentations

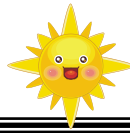


Prizes will be given away following the demonstrations and presentations

at approximately 1 p.m.



La Crosse County 4-H
Shooting Sports



“Power Hour Lunch” at Holmen High School

In the upcoming months we are working with various groups of stakeholders to develop a new daily schedule that would allow students the opportunity to have easier access to their teachers and peers during school hours. In recent years we have listened to feedback from parents, teaching staff, and students that it is getting more and more challenging to find time to get extra help from teachers after school due to the busy schedules of our students as well as the challenges of having consistent transportation available. Our teaching staff has worked hard to be available for students before and after school; however, not enough students are able or choose to take advantage of their availability at those times. In an effort to address this challenge, we are in early stages of developing a daily schedule that will allow for better access to our teachers during the school day. Below you can read about the work that has been done up to this point as well as the work that lies ahead:

<p>What has been accomplished up to this point?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Baer, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Sackett visited with the principal of a school in Florida that has implemented this type of schedule Visit with Nutrition Services team to talk about impact on our school lunch staff and services to determine if this change would be possible Work with our RTI Committee to create an initial proposal Introduce idea of “Power Hour Lunch” to our School Leadership Team and offer the opportunity for discussion and feedback Initial schedule proposal is presented to our staff at the March 27th staff meeting. High School Departments discuss the possibilities, challenges, and questions they may have and provide feedback via Google Meet with student representatives from each grade level to gather feedback and answer questions 	<p>What lies ahead?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with DPI to determine impact on required instructional minutes. Continue working with our RTI committee to consider challenges of this schedule. Present idea to Dr. Carlson and the Board of Education By the end of May, give students and staff a general idea of the schedule and expectations for next year. Meet with specific stakeholder groups to discuss concerns/expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Staff Custodial Staff Nutrition Staff Student Representatives Support Services Parent groups
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Current Lunch: 30 minutes with limited access to teachers
Proposed: 66 minutes with the opportunity to eat, study, create, or get help from a teacher

With this schedule proposal we are facing two types of changes (shifts), including 1) Cultural shift and 2) A schedule change. Our cultural shift will be evident in our approach and philosophy that we must empower and trust our students more, especially the majority of our student population who make good decisions and could utilize a little extra time in the day to be more creative and innovative. We truly have hundreds of students who are capable of thinking and creating beyond the structure that is provided; this extra time will also allow all students access to their teachers during the school day. We are also in early stages of developing an expectation for our 9th grade students to attend a required Orientation Program during this time. We would utilize this time with our 9th grade students to help them transition to the high school. Students who may struggle with their coursework, would be expected to work with their teachers during the Power Lunch. We believe that this cultural shift and change of schedule will benefit our students at Holmen High School. We will be providing more information in the upcoming months.

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Makerspace Donations Sought

When people think of libraries, they naturally think books. But today's libraries often offer so much more. Our school libraries offer learning opportunities that go well beyond just the written word. To offer new opportunities for creativity and design learning, Holmen High School's LMTC is looking for donations to set up our first Makerspace.

What is a Makerspace? These spaces are areas set aside to teach and empower patrons to experiment in different forms of hands-on learning, and can involve everything from high-tech, 21st Century skills to various forms of arts, crafts, and collaboration. Wherever patrons can work together to learn to create something new, you find a Makerspace.

We are currently seeking donations from the community for our first effort at incorporating Makerspace in the high school library. We seek your usable or consumable extra materials – things you may have on hand in a closet or in your garage that you can offer to our program.



Items the HHS LMTC is seeking:



Art and craft supplies (paint, markers, kits, scrapbooking materials, and much more)

Textile craft supplies (knitting and crochet supplies, sewing tools and materials)

Simple circuitry tools

Legos or other building-block tools

Origami or other paper craft items

Photography tools

Machine and simple building items

Buttons and other odds and ends

...and more!