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HOLLAND HALL STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2010-11



Meet Interim Headmaster



Geoffrey Butler

By Claire Sherburn & Robert Ragland, 4th Grade

Have you ever wondered about the people who run this school? The school you're standing in right now? Well, this is what you want to read. The Headmaster of Holland Hall is the person who pieces our school together, Mr. Geoffrey Butler. Mr. Butler is our temporary headmaster. When Dr. Mark Desjardins left, our new headmaster took his place.

Mr. Butler is a very positive man born in St. Louis Missouri in 1944. He loves golf, trout fishing, and hunting. Mr. Butler has three sons and a wife. He has been a teacher for twenty years. Mr. Butler's favorite thing about teaching is watching his student's learning increase. He likes relating to the students and understanding them. Mr. Butler says, "I honestly have to say that when I wake up each morning, I can't wait to come to work and see all those positive students." Mr. Butler says his favorite thing about Holland Hall students is their attitude. The way they're always so eager and positive. He also likes the way they treat each other, and how well they behave towards adults.

Our headmaster says he will be disappointed when his term ends. He loves the Holland Hall students so much that it will depress him when his term ends. Mr. Butler believes that when he leaves it will be hard for him to leave because of all the people he met. Mr. Butler says that when he leaves, the skill that will have most grown for him will have been the increase of seeing different attitudes. This is because has Mr. Butler has taught at many schools.

He says that the adjustment has been easy for him. Mr. Butler also says that Holland Hall is a great school, and hopes it's a great year!

ALL ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Leadership Director Cassandra Timko

By Ryan Martinez and Lauren Bowman, 4th Grade

Q. When did the Middle School start Student Leadership?

A. More than twenty years ago.

Q. How does the Student Leadership meetings work?

A. The officers run the meetings.

Q. How do you feel about students making decisions?

A. I think it is good to let the students make decisions for their school.

Q. What things do you do in student leadership?

A. We decide and vote on theme day. We pick up trash on campus. We have pop sales once a month. We also do concessions for the Middle School football game.

Q. What are you planning to do these next coming months?

A. We work the concessions at the last football game. We work two booths at Field Day. We have pop sales each month.



Q. What committees are you doing this year?

A. Middle School Landscaping, Community Service, and Green Team.

Q. What day is Student Leadership?

A. On Monday from 3:15 to 4:15 in the fifth grade reading room.

Q. Who are the officers at Student Leadership?

A. President: Christian Shearer, Vice-President: Callie Jackson and Secretary/Treasurer Pete Kelly

DRESS CODE

Holland Hall Style

Story by By: Caroline Graves, Charlotte, and Amy Gonders, 4th Grade

THINGS NOT TO WEAR:

- (1) Inappropriate shoes
- (2) Crazy hairstyles
- (3) Distracting makeup
- (4) Inappropriate socks (colors)
- (5) Dangly earrings
- (6) Really long necklaces
- (7) Chunky Jewelry



OK TO WEAR:

- (1) A belt with pants
- (2) Brown, black or navy shoes
- (3) Plaid or navy skirts
- (4) Black or white socks
- (5) Navy or black tights
- (6) Red uniform shirt
- (7) Khaki pants

BOOK WORM

Book of the Week

THE LEMONADE WAR By Jacqueline Davies

Review by

It's about a sister and a brother who have to be in the same class together. The brother is not too happy that his sister has to be in fourth grade with him. And then they have a lemonade war. Whoever wins the most money gets all the money. Who will win? It's almost the end of summer so they have to hurry!

HOLLAND HALL SCENE

Welcome, Mr. Sharp

All about Tommy Sharp, 6th Grade History Teacher

By Lauren Bowman., Avery Jacobs, Clinton Baird, and Corbyn Secrest



Mr. Sharp is a cool, fun-loving teacher that cares for all students. He's always loved history since he was a kid. He has two children, one is eighteen months old, and the other is four. He loves playing golf and spending time

with his kids. His favorite movie series is Indiana Jones. He looks up to Martin Luther King Jr.'s bravery and intelligence. As a kid, he loved playing baseball. Now, he loves watching college football.

Before he came to Holland Hall, he taught at a school in Nashville. The difference between Holland Hall and the school in Nashville is that he thinks Holland Hall is more athletic. The cool thing about Mr. Sharp is that he knows how to do some pretty good rapping to Ice Ice Baby. As you can see, Mr. Sharp is a nice teacher and we hope he stays at Holland Hall!

Middle School Refectory vs. Primary School Refectory

A Tale of Two Refectories

By Amy Gonders

The refectory in the middle school is amazing! I think all the fourth graders that were here last year can see a big difference. It has more choices, which makes the line for lunch much shorter. One thing they both share is that they both have volunteer lunch ladies. However, in the middle school you can have a dessert every day while the primary school only had a dessert every Friday. The refectory is MUCH bigger in the middle school! The sound difference is also outstanding! We used to have a stop light in the primary school that went to red when we got too loud then made a loud noise to make us stop. I think this made it louder because the students had to talk over the noise! The kids that didn't have older siblings were even more amazed than the ones that did because they had never been in the middle school refectory. Some of the fifth graders are amazed that the primary school even has a refectory now!



STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON BULLYING

By Daisy Kimbrel & Emily King, 4th Grade

"Bullying affects Holland Hall. It is very rude. Most bullies are known to be (usually) mean or selfish to other people younger than them. Mainly, why a person is mean is because they usually have problems at home, school, or with themselves. Bullies can be big or little, tall or short, husky or skinny, brainy or dumb. You can't always identify bullies by their looks. Bullying happens when someone tries to hurt someone on purpose. It is a way to make themselves feel better. We asked some people on their opinion bullying and they said "It is very sad that people hurt other people". One person said, "If people are bullying me, I think they are very crazy". Everyone agrees that bullying is mean, hurtful, and cruel, and that one day

STORY CENTRAL

THE ADVENTURES OF SUPER HAMSTER!

By: Amy Gonders and Caroline Graves

Once upon a time, there lived a hamster. No ordinary hamster. This hamster's name was...Bob! Bob lived with a boy named Joey who was in fourth grade. Though he was a small, black, and fluffy hamster, he had a gigantic golden barred cage. One day, when Joey went to school, something went wrong. When Joey closed his bedroom

door, the cage door flew open! It made a loud banging noise. Bob was very startled. He cautiously inched toward the opening in his cage. Bob took a deep breath and jumped out. But this time he didn't land. He looked down and saw that he was not on the ground! He was flying! Bob felt a cool breeze rush through his fur. He looked down once more but when he looked up, he was headed straight for the closed door! He felt a weird feeling in his stomach. He quickly tilted his body to the right and he turned right. He tilted left and he turned left. Bob leaned backward and lost control, he quickly

leaned forward and found his balance. He puffed out his tummy and gently floated down. Safe on the ground at last, he thought. He scattered over to the door. He tucked in his stomach and slid under the door. Then he came to the stairs that looked GIGANTIC to him. He jumped up again and he started to fly. Soon he was down the stairs. Then he heard the door open.

"Hi Mom!" Bob heard Joey shout, "I'm home!" Bob tried to scatter under the chair. But he was too slow. Joey had spotted him.

*****To be continued*****

6th Grade SOOD

By Emily Grace Moore & Caroline Kane

Sixth grade School Out of Doors is a nice experience to get out of captivity. It is two days long and it is totally awesome! You go canoeing (One time Mr. Marshall fell out of one!) and have a whole hour just to do art. You can also do a hike, scavenger hunt, or tell scary stories around the campfire. FUN, fun, fun! "You learn a lot and make new friends!" Mrs. Armstrong exclaims. She also remarked that you couldn't bring any electronics, jewelry, make-up, or gum. A lot of times kids will want to go home because of homesickness. So be prepared to be away from mommy! But be careful, snakes and tarantulas have been sighted. They always want to go back the next year and they tell little people how epic it is. As our older brothers say "IT'S BEAST!" 6th graders go no matter what. So watch out because it's still on if it rains, snows, or is 1,000 degrees outside. BE PREPARED! LOOK FORWARD TO SIXTH GRADE SOOD!

SCIENCE NEWS

Save the bats from WNS (White Nose Syndrome)

by Jack Crawford

A few years ago, a potent fungus began wiping out huge colonies of bats around the Northeastern United States. Researcher Tom Kunz discovered the fungus. He was out with a group of college students, when they discovered an appalling scene: "Tracks in the snow made by crawling, starved bats; birds eating bat carcasses; bats frozen into ice stalagmites, having died while trying to climb to higher ground; and a ground covered in bat bones."

Popular Science magazine scientists believe that all of this death is the result of white-nose syndrome, or WNS. WNS is a



cold loving fungus that invades the skin of bats, eventually killing them.



Homework Tips

by Caroline Graves

- (1) When you do homework, you need to do it where there are no distractions.
- (2) When you write, you need to write neatly.
- (3) Actually, try to give the best answer you can.
- (4) Study hard!
- (5) If you want a homework free weekend, do all the important homework on Friday.
- (6) If you have a writing project, elaborate on the story.
- (7) If your teacher is giving directions about homework, you should listen.
- (8) If your having a hard time with homework, ask a parent or your teacher.
- (9) Use common sense.
- (10) Read the directions on your paper.

SPORTS

FLAG FOOTBALL

Survey by Lauren Bowman, 4th Grade

Flag Football is a fun, competitive sport that is just like football, except you don't tackle. What you do is, there is a flag around your waist, and if someone pulls your flag when you have the ball - that is a tackle. The sport that is going on now in fourth and fifth grade is Flag Football. We feel that the Flag Football players should express their feelings about Flag Football and why they like to play.

Tres Farmer: Quarterback

"I think Flag Football is awesome because you get to go out and just have FUN!"

Johnny Lafortune: Right Receiver

"I think Flag Football is lots of fun because I love playing the sport and it is my favorite."

Andrew Forrest: Tight End

"I think Flag Football is really fun because this year I think I will do a lot better than last year."

Vance Mullendore: Quarterback

"I think Flag Football is really awesome because it is really fun and I love playing the sport!"

Ryan King: Wide Receiver

"I think Flag Football is fun to pull people's flags and I love it because it is active."

Lauren Bowman: Running Back

"I think Flag Football is a really fun and active sport because of the rush, agility, and action!"

Clinton Baird: Lineman

"I think Flag Football is fun because I like chasing people like maniacs and pulling their flags!"



GO DUTCH!!! Photo by Michelle McManus

INTERVIEW WITH COACH GROSS

Upper School Head Football Coach Tag Gross

By Andrew Forrest & Johnny LaFortune

Q. How did you feel after the Cascia game?

A. Very good, because they had won 41 straight games and they have beaten us the last 4 years and we've played some close games with them and to finally beat them and to beat them at their place was exciting for everybody.

Q. What one word describes your team this year?

A. Poise, they have a lot poise. We've been behind. The first game of the year we fell behind and didn't really panic and they came back.

Q. What is your favorite NFL team and why?

A. The Minnesota Vikings. I grew up a Minnesota Vikings fan. Now they have Adrian Peterson, so I like them a lot.

Q. What are the team's chances of winning the SPC title this year?

A. I think we have a good shot. We need to beat Kincaid in a couple of days, but if we can get off to a good start in the first couple of games, I think we will have a good shot getting to the Championship game.

Q. If you weren't a teacher and football coach, what would your dream job be?

A. Good question! That's hard for me to answer because I've always wanted to be a teacher and a coach. I like being outdoors, so I would say something where I could work outdoors.

Q. What is your favorite college team and why?

A. Kansas University, That's where I went to college and I am always rooting for them.

Q. What position did you play in High School? And what team did you play for.

A. I actually went to school at H.H. and I played QB here and graduated in 1987. I have a lot of background with H.H. and I am very thankful.

Q. How have you seen that your senior football players have improved this year?

A. We have some guys that never been at the Varsity level before and they have really gotten better. They're starting and really having a great year, a guy like Josh Hardy and John Bolivar and then our senior offensive line has really improved.

Q. What other sports did you play other than football?

A. I played Basketball and Baseball in High School.

Q. Do you have any pets?

A. I have two cats. Their names are: Lavender and Yadier Molina [named after the catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals]

Q. How old are you?

A. I'm 41.

Q. What was your first job? How old were you?

A. I actually worked out here at HH in the summer camps and then I worked at a restaurant as a bus boy when I was 16 years old.

Q. What advise did your parents give you that you still live by every day?

A. My dad used to say work hard and find work to do. If don't have anything do when you're working for somebody find work that you can do. ●

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TENNIS

by Wyatt Smith

Tennis is a fun sport! To play, you need speed, strength, and skill. It's a good friends and family sport that two to six people can play at a time. Any age can play from five to eighty.

If your mom or dad keep saying, "You're lazy. You need some exercise." So what can you do? Sign up for tennis.

One of the best parts of tennis is you can play inside and get the same amount of exercise. Also, if you like things like Powerade, Gatorade, or water, then I suggest you grab a racket, pick up a few tennis balls, and have fun!

LEGENDARY CASCIA GAME

By Rachel Solomon

It was the first quarter. The fans were screaming, the Holland Hall football team was pumped.

For Cascia, they thought it was another easy win, but they were wrong. This was one of the biggest games of the season and for Cascia, if they won, they would be tied with the state record of winning the most football games, so it was intense.

First quarter I was watching from the bleachers. Fans were worried that we were going to lose because we had lost for the last five years, but our team said we were not going to lose, not this time.

Our team were playing their hearts out and by halftime we were winning. It wasn't over yet! Holland Hall let up and Cascia was not giving up. When Holland Hall noticed how tough Cascia was playing, they played the same game. I'm guessing we played it better because WE WON!!!

The fans were cheering louder than before and man, were those players pumped now! Everyone ran on field and were screaming. The camera men were trying to get a shot of the players, but it was so hectic. It was incredible! It was a miracle.