



The Weekly Buzz



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*Webster's Definition of "Thanks":
to express gratitude or to hold responsible*

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Yet Another Benchmark

Weekly Buzz Reporter Cole Norville

Holland freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taking Benchmark tests on Monday, November 21st, to prepare for their TAKS and EOC tests.

The freshmen will be taking a math test and a science test, while the sophomores and juniors will be taking English, math, and science tests. Juniors taking an English course at Temple College will be exempt from the English Benchmarks.

These tests can help students and teachers plan ahead in terms of what the students need to work on.

"As a teacher, it kind of gives me an idea of what my students have retained," said HHS math teacher Mrs. Kapa Johnson.

In preparation for these tests, math, science, and English teachers have been going over material from previous years to help students remember it.

One difference between this year's Benchmark tests and the ones from previous years is that this year's freshmen will be the first to be trained for the EOC (End Of Course) test instead of the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test.

"It's a whole new test, so it's going to be uncharted water for us," said HHS Biology teacher Coach Ronnie Allen.

On Monday, there will be an altered schedule for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

At 8:20-10:20 freshmen, sophomores, and some juniors will begin taking their tests, and juniors taking TC classes will report to the old computer lab as usual. The freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will spend the rest of the day taking their other tests.

Due to some technical issues, the students will have to take their math and science tests at different points throughout the day.

"There's not enough calculators for everyone to test at the same time, so it'll be staggered," said HHS Assistant Principal Mrs. Melany Cearly regarding the schedule.

The seniors will be sent to the Holland Community Playground at 8:20 to help set up pickets and signs. From 10:30-12:35, those taking English IV will be given time to work on their class projects, and, from 1:15 to 3:35, half of them will be helping the Leadership class, and the other half will be with Coach Holden.

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Quote of the week:

*"Give thanks for
unknown blessings
already on their way."
-Native American
Expression*

LDE's

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Clayton Palousek

On Monday, November 14th, Mr. Liles and several FFA students went to Academy High school to participate in the LDE's (Leadership Development Events) where they took part in a series of events.

The events that went on were "the green hand creed speaking contest", which freshmen Kinsey Gordon competed in; "the senior creed speaking contest", which sophomore Kolton Thorp competed in; along with the "green hand quiz team", which consisted of freshmen Jacob Torres, Chris Perez, and Ray Palousek; and finally, "the senior quiz team", which consisted of junior Kylie Laws, junior

Taylor Gilmer, and senior Stephanie Lastovica.

The teams competed intensely in all the contests.

"I am proud we went above and beyond to try," said Mr. Liles, the Ag Teacher at HHS.

After the contest, the team went to Texas Roadhouse to celebrate all the hard work to put in.

"I spilled my drink at least twice," said freshman Ray Palousek.

Overall Mr. Liles was proud of the hard work they put in.

"They were an outstanding representation of the chapter, very well behaved students!" exclaimed Mr. Liles.





In Other News...



Professions Pounce

On Holland High

Weekly Buzz Reporter Nichole Festa

On Wednesday, November 30th, Holland ISD will hold its annual Career Day. Students will spend the whole day going from classroom to classroom and listening to people give presentations over their careers.

Some of the speakers will include Justin Valcher, Game Warden; Kathryn Kelley, Pharmacy Tech; Elizabeth Maybin, UMHB Trainer; Dr. Brad Owens, Baylor Professor; Veronica Cover, Welder; Grant Kinsey, Lawyer; and many others.

Freshman Leslye Moreno commented, "I am looking forward to learning things about different careers and what I might want to be."

Many students at HISD are thankful for Career Day and take its advice and knowledge to heart.

"I think it is important because it gives students an op-

portunity to get an idea of what is involved in each career, and it helps them to make a well-educated decision on what they want to be," commented Holland High Secretary Mrs. Walker.

Whatever each professional has to say, whether about weather, being a lawyer, writing, or going in the Army, students should listen carefully.



Gearing up for U.I.L

Weekly Buzz Reporter Ashlyn Kinard

The Holland High School U.I.L teams will soon start preparing to defend their recent title as District Champions.

The events offered on the high school level are Calculator Applications, Computer Applications, Current Issues and Events, Literary Criticism, Mathematics, Number Sense, Ready Writing, Science, Social Studies, Spelling and Vocabulary, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Extemporaneous Informative Speaking, Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking, Poetry Interpretation, Prose Interpretation, Journalism, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Headline Writing, News Writing, and One-Act Play.

Sign-ups will begin at the end of this week and go into the beginning of next week. Practices will begin at each coach's discretion.

Since last year brought such success to Holland High School, the coaches have raised their expectations and have hopes to send more students and teams to Regionals and State.

"Winning District again is our first goal. Then we'd aim

to win and place higher at Regionals. The ultimate goal is the State competition and UIL Scholarships," expressed Holland High School teacher Andrea Ruff.

The U.I.L writing competition will take place on Monday, March 19th, and the remaining events will continue on Saturday, March 24th, in Riesel.

Rewards are offered for those who compete in U.I.L., but many students fail to realize the most important reward is the opportunity for scholarships.





Feature Presentation



Band 'Plays' Respects

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Tiffany Hill

The Holland High School band attended a Veterans Day service this past Friday, November 11th.

This service took place at Olin E. Teague Veterans' Medical Center in Temple, Texas. The band arrived that morning and performed variety of songs throughout the afternoon.

Some attendees made multiple speeches, along with a few vocal performances. They ended the service with the 21 Gun Salute and the performance of Taps by Mrs. Kriczky.

Many honorable Veterans attended this ceremony, among them Oscar Houser, veteran of the Army branch of military service. Houser said spending his Veterans day at the VA was important in order to "Talk to other Veterans and to show support."

Houser was only able catch the end of the Temple ceremony, because he had been a part of the ceremony in Belton earlier that afternoon.

Houser stated, "I was in Japan, Italy, South America, and Vietnam," when he spoke of his memories.

He attended this service with another Army companion of his, Rodney Simonds, who was actually an old patient of the Temple VA.

As he said, "I'm a cancer survivor."

Both had common memories of their time in services. One that they recalled most was being overseas.

"I served during President Kennedy's assassination, was one of the first raids in Desert Storm, and also a National Guard here in Temple," said Simonds about his memories from his time in service.

GUESS WHO?

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Peter Ericksen

Q: What is your worst fear and why?
A: Growing up

Q: What is your best time?
A: Beach trips, because I love the beach.



Q: What are your favorite colors?
A: Purple, gold, and blue

Q: If you could be any cartoon character, who would you be and why?
A: The Road Runner, because he never gets caught.

Q: What physical trait have you been most complimented for?
A: My hair

Q: What is your favorite band and why?
A: Rob Schneider, because his music is fun.

Q: What is your favorite movie?
A: Step Brothers, because I love Will Ferrell.

Q: What is your favorite car and why?
A: Jeep Commander, just always wanted to drive one. It's the car I see myself in.

Q: If you could dine with any musician, who would it be and why?
A: Johnny Cash, because he seems cool.

Last Week's Guess Who Revealed: Emma Ward

A Time for 'Remembering' to Give Thanks

Weekly Buzz reporter Austin Norville

Holland Leadership class will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal in the Cafeteria on November 22nd for anyone who wishes to come and eat.

The meal serves as an opportunity for families to spend time together.

"It (the meal) is a great time for families to come and have time at school with your children," commented Ms. Lori Kinard, a teacher at Holland ISD.

If a person wants to eat with a younger sibling or child, then they can come and eat when that child or sibling does.

The meal will consist of the traditional turkey, corn bread, dressing, green beans with new potatoes, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, rolls, gravy, and fruit salad. Project Celebration also will be selling

whole deserts on the stage during the meal.

Having a Thanksgiving Meal for the community has been a Holland tradition for at least seven years.

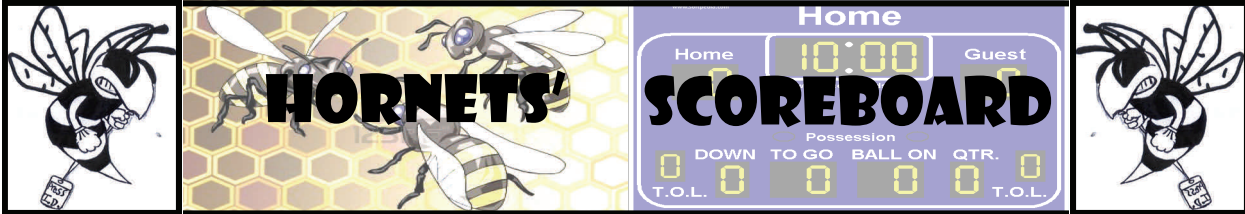
There will be a wall of purple ribbons on the wall of the cafeteria with the names of people who have or had Alzheimer's disease titled "Remembering Those Who Can't Remember Us"

Pre-K and PPCD will eat at 10:40 a.m., Kindergarten will eat at 10:50 a.m., First grade will eat at 11:00 a.m., Second Grade will eat at 11:10 a.m., Third grade will eat at 11:15 a.m., Fourth Grade will eat at 11:20 a.m., Fifth grade will eat at 11:25 a.m., Middle School will eat at 12:05 p.m., and High School will eat at 12:35 p.m.



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Bearcats, Longhorns, and Lions, Oh My!

Weekly Buzz Reporter Kinsey Gordon

Holland I.S.D will hold their annual Holland Classic Basketball Tournament on Thursday- Saturday, November 17-19. With five teams, including Holland, participating in the tournament, competition will be tough.

The teams entered in the tournament are the Moody Lady Bearcats, Dime Box Lady Longhorns, CTCS Lady Lions, and Holland's very own, Lady Hornets.

Tuesday, November 15, the Hornets faced the Lexington Eagles in what one would call a "rough" game.

"I expected a very tough physical game against a good opponent that has blown us out the last couple of years. Our goal was to compete with a good basketball team," said Varsity Head coach Jorge Aguirre.

In four very intense quarters of play, the Hornets came out on top with a score of 45-37 over the Eagles.

The Lady Hornets kicked off their pre-season against three very high level competition teams: the Troy Trojans, Cameron Yoe, and Lexington Eagles. The first two games set the Hornets back with hard losses, but they came back for vengeance in the third game and proved their worth.

With every loss comes determination for success, and with every win comes hard work to continue that streak. That success is ready to be achieved this week as the Hornets take on three very skilled teams in the classic.

"We are looking for continued improvement. Our goal is to become a really good basketball team by the time district comes around," continued Aguirre.

The Ladies are looking forward to taking on the challenge, and hope to come out victorious. They will start off their tournament play by facing the Dime Box Longhorns at 11:00 on Thursday, November 17.



*Hornets huddle up before Tuesday's game.
Photo by Kelly Gordon.*

Hornet Fight Off Stars, Longhorns, and Lions

Weekly Buzz Reporter Kinsey Gordon

A new season has begun for the Hornets, as they have just recently transitioned from football to basketball. The boys have now had several practices together, and are working hard to prove their worth.



Holland's Alex Coleman drives for a layup in Tuesday nights game against the Lions. Photo by Janet Frazier.

The Hornets will be competing in the Holland Classic tournament on Thursday-Saturday November 17-19. The teams entered in the tournament this year are the Dime Box Longhorns, CTCS Lions, and Waco TCA Stars.

Kicking off their pre-season, the Hornets faced the CTCS Lions on Tuesday, November 15.

"Our goal was to play up to our ability given; we've only had one week of practice and only about twenty-five percent of our game plan has been implemented. We are focused on winning, being successful, and playing hard. We didn't know what to expect because we have some new faces, and we weren't sure how it would go," said Varsity Head coach Matt McCray.

The boys definitely played up to their potential and defeated the Lions without much difficulty.

With the Holland Classic tournament starting, the boys are determined to grasp three wins and look to that goal of a tournament championship

"I'm looking forward to competing for a tournament championship, to try and win three games and to grasp first place," continued McCray.

The Hornets will start their tournament play by facing the Dime Box Longhorns at 12:30 on Thursday, November 17.

♂ He Said She Said ♀

PD-Absolutely!

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Brian Leija

Public Display of Affection, better known as PDA. This acronym is seen many times a week on the D-Hall list and yelled by coaches and teachers as they catch youth doing acts like hugging, kissing, holding hands, and even

holding each other around the waist. Is it really as bad as people make it? I think not. PDA should be allowed in the hallways of Holland High School. Everybody knows that people are dating and like one another. So, why make it a bad thing to hug each other, hold hands, and hold one another around the waist? If PDA became a "legal" action in the hallways then it would let the students have less stress. If couples are not worrying about getting caught for PDA then now they have one less thing to worry about. Less stress allows for more concentration on other things that are important, like classwork. Making it okay for

couples to show each other affection will help the

students not worry about getting caught and having to spend time after school in D-Hall. If students are allowed to have a boyfriend or a girlfriend then they should be able to show that companion some form of affection. It should be acceptable to hold someone's hand to class, or hold them around the waist on their way to lunch. PDA should not be unacceptable. It is a natural action of human beings that have an emotional tie to another human being.



PDA

A 'Touchy' Subject

Weekly Buzz Reporter, Nichole Festa

PDA or, public displays of affection, are a problem that have been developing progressively in schools. PDA is defined differently among cultures and people; the basic definition is any display of affection that takes place in a public area.

PDA has both mild cases and extreme forms: ranging from holding hands to rather "intense" kisses. While some would say all forms of PDA are unacceptable, others suggest letting the more mild cases go and focusing solely on the more extreme ones.

Assistant Principal at HISD, Mrs. Cearley brought up the issue of self-respect, "I think you should respect yourself enough to not be all over somebody."

Facing the obvious issues of morality, self-image, and the way others interpret PDA, many would argue that this is a "touchy subject." While hard to bluntly tell someone that their PDA needs to be a little more "low key," it needs to be done.

Most students will continue until they are caught; some continue until disciplinary action is taken, and even then, some still refuse to conform to the rules.

PDA is not only a distraction to the participants, but also those around them. If couples are standing in the hallway licking each others tonsils, it is a bit difficult to "just ignore," therefore creating a distraction. Certain things are meant to be done at home, NOT SCHOOL.

Plain and simple, Public Display of Affection is becoming more like Public Display of Annoyance. No one wants to see anyone showing crude behavior that makes people around them feel awkward and disgusted. Watching the saliva droop between two peoples' mouths is, in no way, entertaining or attractive; in fact, it makes several people want to regurgitate.

Teens today are lacking more and more self-respect as society portrays the popular belief that PDA is "no big deal," when in fact, the proof that says it IS a big deal is right in front of them; and several students' across the country's lockers.



FYI...



Nurse's Note

World Kindness Week!
November 14th– 20th is World Kindness Week! Take advantage of this week and really go out of your way to do things for others that you wouldn't normally do. Be creative and have fun with this, you never know the impact you can have on someone's life.

Christi Carlson BSN, RN

Principal's Note

A team is an interesting concept...a group of people working together to achieve something. A successful team has several characteristics. The most important of these is "conformity". Looking the same, acting the same and committed to the same goal. This means you can't "do your own thing" and expect the team to succeed. Being a part of a winning team means living, working, and acting in ways that help others and build them up. It means understanding and accepting that responsibility and adjusting the way you live and act so that the team succeeds. It means doing what's best for others, instead of what's best for you. Team members don't have to be the best of friends but they must be able to work together or the team will never succeed. If you can't make personal sacrifices, if you can't celebrate when your team-members succeed, if you don't like hard work...then don't ever be on a team!

Mr. G

Buzz's Words Of Wisdom

Was Unavailable this week!

Menu

November 18th– Grilled chicken patty on a bun, fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, carrots, peaches.

November 21th– Corndog, barbecued chicken, cole slaw, border beans, fruit cocktail.

November 22nd– Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, baked green bean, fruit salad, rolls.

November 23rd - 25th –
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS!

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Fun Page



Top 10

Challenges For This November

1. Replay all the videos games you have and beat them in a day.
 2. See every movie that is out in theatres a minimum of 20 times.
 3. Buy a live turkey and ride it around town for the whole month.
 4. On Thanksgiving Day, start singing Christmas songs.
 5. Do not shave for all of November and continue up until Christmas
 6. Finally get that driver's license you have been after for years.
 7. Survive school.
 8. Make a giant pile of leaves and jump in it.
 9. Do a rain dance to see if it actually rains.
 10. Act like a vampire and wear shorts and a t-shirt during extremely cold weather.
- Weekly Buzz Reporter Denver Whisenhunt*

MULTIPLE *Jokes of The Week*

How did Albert Einstein celebrate Thanksgiving?
He was very thankful.

~

**What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?
If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!**

~

**How many cooks does it take to stuff a turkey?
One, but you really have to squeeze him in!**

~

What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

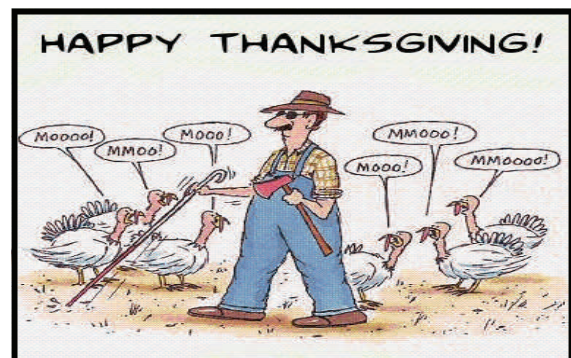
Credits to <http://www.coolest-holiday-parties.com/thanksgiving-jokes.html>

Birthdays!!!

November 19th
Jessica Maughan

November 22nd
Wesley Fuchs

Hunter Holtsman





See Coach Volek for more details

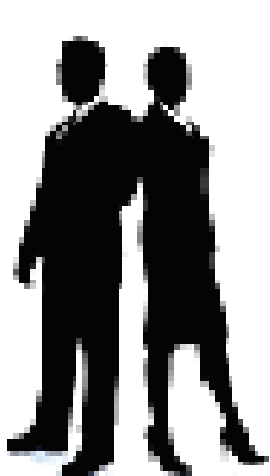
**Slides
Flip Flops**

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See Alex Coleman for more details

ATTENTION



**CAREER
DAY**

Is on

NOVEMBER 30TH





the weekly buzz

As of 3:40 p.m. CT today, The Weekly Buzz will be available online to the students of Holland ISD and the Community of Holland on the school's website.

A community dinner of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings will be served on Tuesday, November 22

All visitor meals are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for non-Holland ISD children

10:40 - Pre-K and PPCD

10:50 - Kindergarten

11:00 - First

11:15 - Third

11:20 - Fourth

11:25 - Fifth

12:05 - Middle School

12:35 - High School

Students Quotes

Life is what you make it. A lot of us love having fun. But there's way too many responsibilities when you get of age. I must admit I had fun my High School years and now it's time to grow up

John Taisler

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. It's just that yours is stupid
John

Spongebob: "Can you hear me?"
Patrick: "No, it's too dark." Bailey

Every princess should live their fairytale

Kayli Merz

Tennessee state. It's where it's at Justin Prater

That's how I roll shoot

I got senioritis

Clint W.

Don't dwell on the past but focus on the present and prepare yourself for the future Cook

Betty Felix

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
-Jeremiah 29:11

Faythe

Work hard, live long, have fun, push through, soon you'll be out be out of High School too Denver

Sports do not build character. They reveal it

Kelsee

Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best

Kourtney

When I look at where I'm at and what I've done, all I can think is 'where have the 4 years of high school gone

Brian Leija

Go big or go home

Rayvic

Life is like a box of chocolates.... You never know what you're going to get

Stroud

No such thing as friends, only associates

ADVENTUROUS

Stephanie Lastovica

DONT JUDGE UNTIL YOU KNOW

Ronny R.

LIFE'S A GARDEN, DIG IT! Sam AR

Don't let your victories go to your head,

UMHB. Athlete.

Jessie

or your failures go to your heart

Maria Mendoza

Angelica

Ouch

Jett

By his stripes, we are healed

Jenna Fogle

What god intended for you goes far

beyond anything you can imagine

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail Bridget R.

Obstacles are placed in our way to see if what we want is really worth fighting for.

Crystal Cooper

Change won't come if we wait for someone else or some other time. We're the only ones we've been waiting for. We are the change we seek Kaleigh Johnson

I'm the best... the END!

I never thought senior year would come so quickly, and now that it's here, I realize just how much I'm going to miss high school, and all the people here Erin G.

It's really tough, but it's worth it to get to graduate

Cargill

Teachers Quotes

“Don’t sweat the small stuff and it’s all small stuff!”

-Cab

“ELY TOLD THE CLASS THAT HE AND HIS DAD HAD THE SAME BIRTHDAY, JACOB SAID THEY SHOULD GO TO EAT AT EL CHICO FOR THEIR BIRTHDAY. WESTEN TURNED AROUND AND SAID, “NO—THAT MEXICAN FOOD GIVES YOU GAS.” THEN THEY HAD A BIG TALK ABOUT GETTING GAS. I HAD TO LEAVE THE ROOM I WAS LAUGHING SO HARD!”

-MRS. FREI

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Your talent is God’s gift to you, what you do with it is your gift to God—Buscilia”

-Mrs. Kriczky



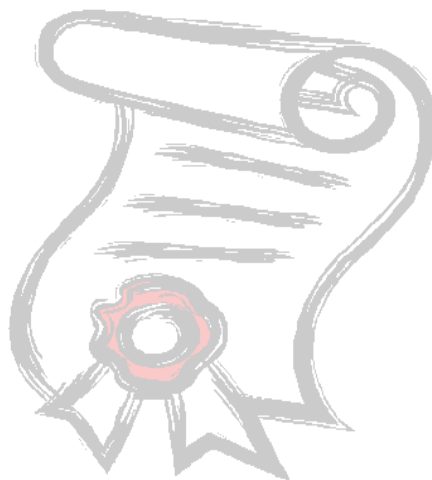
“In fifth grade, the seniors were very quiet, and just

took care of business. It is great to see so many of them active in sports, U.I.L., and OAP. I hope they always stay involved, and wish them the best in all they hope to accomplish as adults.”

-Mrs. Lynn

“I am extremely proud of Faythe Allen, Betty Felix, Erin Goodnight, Kaleigh Johnson, Kayli Merz, and Angelica Ramirez, Class of 2012—the dedicated few, the bright and beautiful, the pride of Holland High School, who are finishing their high school career as talented musicians committed to the HHS Band. I wish them courage to chase their dreams, faith to live constructive lives, and music to celebrate both the cloudy and sunny days of their lives—Congratulations to Kaitlyn Cargill and Kaleigh who allowed me to be their beginning band teacher and now fill me with Hornet pride seeing them as seniors and drum majors of the 2011-2012 Holland High School Band—Nothing will ever be as good or bad as you think it’s going to be. APOLOGY: I apologize to Kaitlyn Cargill for omitting her name in my congratulatory note to HHS band seniors which appeared in last week’s *Buzz*. I am equally as proud of her as I am of the other Class of 2012 band seniors who proudly represent Holland High School.”

-Mr. Kneten



Cearley's *Dreams* For 2012

Faythe- "Keep your eyes on the near future. College is awesome!"

Samantha- "Remember.... you have what it takes to succeed! Don't let anyone tell you differently."

Rayvic- "You really will miss school one day!"

Cargill- "Your knock out smile and dry sense of humor will only benefit you as you in your life journey."

Nathan- "Never give up on your dreams!"

Crystal- "May you find whatever you are looking for...."

Jessie- "So many good things are ahead of you, enjoy!"

Dubie- "Glad you graced up with your presence at HHS! You have been an excellent addition!"

Bailey- "Deep within you is all you need to have 'the Good Life'."

Betty- "Believe in yourself and your dreams become your reality."

Kelsee- "You are a strong young woman. Anyone who can throw herself over 10 foot bar can accomplish big things."

Kourtney- "I hope all of your goals are met for this year and every year that follows."

Jenna- "College will be awesome for you! May you always remember your roots and have confidence in your wings."

Erin- "You have invested well in yourself! Keep up at UT and dental school!"

Hester- "Your future... your success... your choice! You can do this!"

Leslie- "You really can be in charge of your own destiny!"

Jett- "Dream it! Believe it! Dig deep! Keep your faith!"

Kaleigh- "Strong women change what they can, do what has to be done, and come to peace with the rest!"

Stephanie- "Your inner strength will be what takes you to your dreams!"

Leija- "The world is yours! Go out and prove it!"

Maria- "Only you have the power to let others define you!"

Kayli- "You have a great attitude and will be an amazing nurse!"

John- "You have the power to be anyone you choose. It all lies within you!"

Justin- "Hard work and determination have gotten you here. Keep it up!"

Angelica- "Your work hard ethic and positive personality will help you achieve your dreams."

Ronny- "Make sure to take time to smile as life goes along."

Westen- "So much lies within you. True success will come when you let that power within you shine."

Bridget- "I have no doubt you will accomplish all you set out to do. You are that strong!"

Stroud- "The sky is the limit! Your wings take you to where only your heart has shown you!"

Taisler- "Only you can determine your path....it all lies within you!"

Clinton- "The power of your dreams lies in your ability to believe in yourself.

Hard work will help you achieve it."

Denver- "Compassion, strength, and a gentle spirit will guide you to your dreams."