



# The Weekly Buzz



December 8, 2011

"The most enjoying traditions of the seasons are best enjoyed in the warm embrace of kith and kin. Thith tree is a thymbol of the thpirit of the Griswold family Chrithmath."

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## Hornets Hold Bazaar

*Weekly Buzz reporter Austin Norville*

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar in the Elementary Commons on Friday, Dec. 9.

At the Bazaar, the students will be selling items they have made at home for inexpensive prices, ranging from 25¢ to \$2.00.

The purpose of the Bazaar is to, "Teach students about profit and margins. It is also a good way for students to see math in everyday practices, such as starting a business," stated 5<sup>th</sup> grade

math teacher Mrs. Vicki Malone. In addition to the fun experience of the Bazaar, the students will be able to keep all the money they make in profits.

According to Mrs. Malone, about 18 years ago, there was an issue involving students selling objects they had made at home on the playground. This caused students to spend all their lunch money, and not have enough to buy lunch with.

To prevent this loss of money, the teachers and staff decided to set aside

one day in school when kids could sell and buy goodies without missing lunch. This became known as the "Bazaar".



*Kate Gordon works on her Bazaar projects. Photo courtesy of Gordon family*

## Christmas Time in Holland

*Weekly Buzz Reporter Kinsey Gordon*

Christmastime is here, and that was proved evident in Holland's Community Christmas gathering in Downtown Holland this past Friday, December 2.

The city of Holland has been holding this event for the past few years, and many activities are included. For example, several different groups, or solos, sing Christmas music or songs of their own to keep the attendees entertained.

In addition, the Holland Girl Scouts give out free hot chocolate and coffee to attendees, and Santa arrives to meet with the children, ask what they want for Christmas, and hand out goodie bags with good Christmas treats.

"I think the Community Christmas gathering is a wonderful event to have. It gives our community a chance to get together, visit with others, and sing," said HHS Principal Britt Gordon.

This event is held to try and bring the community together by sharing a common belief and tradition: the holiday of Christmas. Christmas is a time of unity and togetherness with one's family as well as others, and holding this event ties those feelings tighter and spreads that Christmas spirit among others.

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### Quote of the Week:

**"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It cam without ribbons. It came without tags. I came without packages, boxes or bags And he puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"**

**-Dr. Seuss**



# In Other News...



## The Last Test (Of the Semester)

*Weekly Buzz Reporter Cole Norville*

Holland High Schools students will take their Semester Final Exams on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Before the Christmas Break each year, HHS teachers give semester finals covering the material that each of their classes has learned throughout the semester.

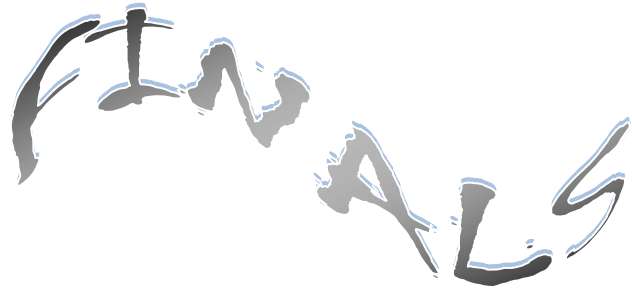
Usually, teachers will give their classes a review packet to work on, or at least reteach parts of what they have taught in previous months.

“Our teachers make sure that we know everything, and go over it constantly,” said freshman Carsen Wiley.

While taking finals is mandatory for freshmen and sophomores, juniors and seniors can take measures to become exempt from taking at least some of their finals. Juniors and seniors may opt out of taking an exam if they have only one absence in that class and are making at least an 80, have two absences and are making at least an 85, or have three absences and are making at least a 90. Juniors and seniors are not exempt from a final if they have been absent more than three times in that class, or have a grade below 80.

Unlike other exams the students have taken this year, each final counts for 19% of a student’s semester average in that class.

HHS Assistant Principal, Mrs. Melany Cearly, advises students “to actually study,” and “not just believe that it’s all going to turn out okay.”



### 2011 FALL SEMESTER

#### TEST SCHEDULE

##### WED., DECEMBER 14TH

2nd PERIOD EXAM: 8:25-10:00

BREAK: 10:00-10:15

4TH PERIOD EXAM: 10:20-11:50

LUNCH: 11:50-12:30

6TH PERIOD: 12:30-2:00

BUSES RUN @ 2:15

##### THURS., DECEMBER 15TH

1ST PERIOD EXAM: 8:25-10:00

BREAK: 10:00-10:15

3RD PERIOD EXAM: 10:20-11:50

LUNCH: 11:50-12:30

7TH PERIOD: 12:30-2:00

BUSES RUN @ 2:15

##### FRI., DECEMBER 16TH

5TH PERIOD EXAM: 8:25-10:00

BREAK: 10:00-10:10

8TH PERIOD EXAM: 10:15-11:40

LUNCH: 11:50

BUSES RUN @ 12:15



# Feature Presentation



## Holidays Hit HISD

*Weekly Buzz Reporter,  
Ashlyn Kinard*

With Christmas just around the corner, Holland ISD is holding many events to celebrate the holidays. One of these events is the annual faculty Christmas party on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

For at least thirty years, Holland ISD administrators have hosted this party for the faculty and staff. It is a time for those involved to dress in holiday attire, and enjoy a great meal and fellowship with each

other.

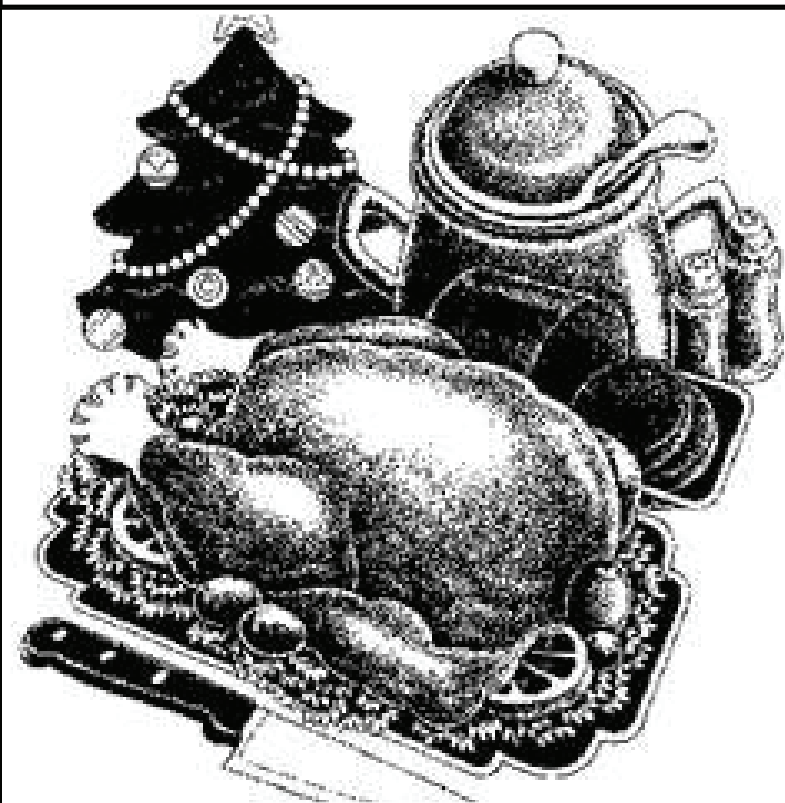
There is also an opportunity for the children to meet and take a picture with Santa Claus in front of the Christmas tree.

The meal features ham, potatoes, rolls, and tea, all provided by Holland ISD. Each faculty member is asked to bring a vegetable dish or dessert in return.

Most faculty members enjoy the party because it is a time to visit with their colleagues on a personal level.

"I like it because it's very relaxed and we can enjoy each other's company," stated 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Malone.

The faculty Christmas party is a great way to celebrate the end of the semester and the beginning of the holiday season.



## GUESS WHO?

*Weekly Buzz Reporter, Peter Ericksen*

**Q:** What is your worst fear and why?

**A:** *My loved ones dying.*

**Q:** What is your favorite movie and why?

**A:** *How To Steal A Million, because it is funny.*

**Q:** If you could dine with any famous mafia leader, who would it be and why?

**A:** *Jimmie Hoffa, because I would want to know where he is buried.*

**Q:** Who is your favorite singer?

**A:** *"I'm gonna lie and say Elton John." Elton John.*

**Q:** What physical trait have you been most complimented for?

**A:** *My eyes.*

**Q:** If you could be any cartoon character, who would you be and why?

**A:** *The Phoenix from X-men, because I would want that much power.*

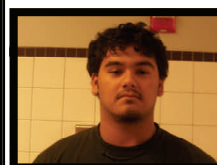
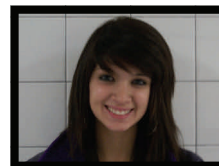
**Q:** What are your favorite hobbies?

**A:** *Don't have time, but mostly sleeping.*

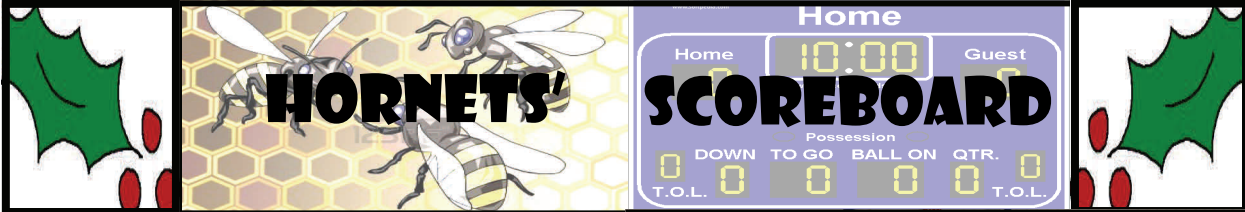
**Q:** What is your favorite college sports team?

**A:** *UT*

**Guess Who :**  
**Isabella Dunn**



**Revealed By:**  
**Julio Cisneros**



## Basketball 24-7

*Weekly Buzz Reporter Kinsey Gordon*

The Lady Hornets have had, and will continue to have, a busy week of basketball as they play multiple games this week.

Tuesday, the Hornets faced the Chilton Pirates in an intense battle; Hornets played hard, but lost in the end 51-26.

After playing nine games this pre-season, the Ladies' record stands 3-6.

"I was hoping we would get better by competing against a future playoff team," stated Varsity girls Head coach Jorge Aguirre.

As well as playing Tuesday, the Ladies will start their tournament play in the Moody Bearcat invitational on Thursday, December 8 – Saturday December 10. The Hornets kick off their first game at 1:15 against the Riesel Indians.

"Going into the Moody tournament, I'm hoping to get better every game," continued Aguirre.



*Hornets Rachael Riley, Laci Bane, Ashtyn Downing, and Erin Goodnight defend the Pirates in Tuesday nights game in Chilton. Photo by Kandi Downing.*

With multiple games this week, determination and the right mindset will have to prove useful in their playing. Members of the community should come support the Hornets, for their success will be vital in their pre-season record.

## Cubbies Crawl Home

*Weekly Buzz Reporter Kinsey Gordon*

The Hornets dominated the floor as they faced the Round-Top Carmine Cubs Tuesday night in a strong battle that resulted in a win with a score of 60-47.

"It's always good to get the win, but overall I don't think we played very well; but, it was a good chance to get refocused on what we need to do to be the team that we think we can be," stated Varsity boys Head coach Matt McCray.

As well as facing the Cubs earlier this week, Hornets are set to compete in the Florence Buffalo invitational on Thursday, December 8- Saturday, December 10. They will start their play-off by facing the Troy Trojans.

"We are expecting four tough, but winnable games in three days; it will be a great challenge for us," continued McCray.

The Hornets will have to battle hard to prove their

worth in this tournament, and dig deep to show what they are made of.



# ♂ He Said She Said ♀

## ChristmUS

*Weekly Buzz Reporter, Brian Leija*

Teens always become more spoiled and selfish when it comes to Christmas season. It's a holiday of giving, and teens make it a holiday of "ME".

*Mom I want this. Dad I want that. Get me this. I got that. Me, me, me, me. That's all parents ever hear. How many times do teens say, "I am going to volunteer my time," or, "I think, I am going to donate gifts."*

Teens are snobs when it comes to what they want. They are not happy with little things. They want mass amounts of name-brand items. What they should be doing is thinking of how they can give to people that deserve it.

Teens are generally more selfish during Christmas, and it is hurtful that you see blessed teens wanting more than they deserve. They should be giving to those that don't deserve. Instead of sitting at home sulking in your selfishness, go to a shelter and hand out food or go donate clothes to the needy.



## A Humble Holiday

*Weekly Buzz Reporter, Nichole Festa*

Every year around December, everything seems to paint itself red and green to get into the Christmas spirit. People hang garland, stuff presents under the tree, but do today's teens really understand what Christmas is about? Christmas is a time to be humble and giving; and teenagers are old enough to understand that.

Teenagers are old enough to see past the ribbons, boxes, ornaments, and look deeper into the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is not about getting presents or decorating gingerbread houses; it is about being humble, loving, kind-hearted, and selflessly giving to others.

Teens realize that they do not receive gifts because it is mandatory that their parents give them. They realize that they receive presents because their parents have humbled themselves to give to their children.

Christmas is more than stockings, trees, and presents. Christmas is being humble and showing joy and love to others.

All the time teens are seen at school giving gifts to their friends with the money they earned on their own. Instead of spending their money on themselves and things they want, they selflessly give to those they love. While they could be spending their money on themselves, they wholeheartedly give to those that mean the most in their life instead. They do not waste their money on candy or CD's for themselves; instead, they choose to show others how much they care. This in itself is a sure sign that teens really do understand the true meaning of Christmas.

There are even a few teens who, although they do not have jobs, will find a way to get gifts for their parents or siblings. These teens are the ones who volunteer to clean houses, cars, or wrap other peoples' gifts, just to earn those few extra dollars so that they can ensure a beautiful Christmas for their family.

Teens grasp the fact that they probably do not have many years left at home, and that in itself is something that will make any teen humble. Teens want to remember their last Christmas' at home as love and joy and selflessness, the true meaning of Christmas. Most teens would do anything to create those memories for them, their parents, and their siblings simply due to the fact that that is what Christmas is about.



# Fun Page



## Top 10 Ways To Stay Off Santa's Naughty List

1. **Clean your room for once, instead of purposefully messing it up just to make your parents mad**
2. **Hang up your Christmas ornaments instead of throwing them at your noisy neighbor.**
3. **Remember to put out cookies this year instead of ant poison to catch Santa like last year**
4. **In a snowball fight, let the other person hit you a few times before you clobber them with beach-ball-sized snowballs**
5. **Smile at everyone that walks by instead of screaming, "What are you looking at?!"**
6. **Trim peoples' trees, unlike last year, when you set them off like the Fourth of July**
7. **Make sure the fireplace is not lit, otherwise Santa might burn up when he hits the bottom**
8. **Ask your neighbors before going to their house and singing off-beat Christmas carols**
9. **Smile, instead of frowning, because it's Christmas and frowning does not do you good anyway**

**10. ! (Use proper punctuation)**

*Weekly Buzz Reporter Denver Whisenhunt*

## Birthdays!!!

December 10th

Betty Felix  
Ashley Cockerill  
Lauren Lum

December 11th

Leno Santos  
Meredith Santos

December 12th

Jose Garcia

December 13th

Cole Norville

December 15th

Brandon Hodde

December 16th

Keana Priori

## Jokes of The Week

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

-It's Christmas, Eve!

What do lions sing at Christmas?

-Jungle bells.

What is green, covered with tinsel and says, "Ribbit, ribbit?"

-A mistle-toad

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

-Claustrophobic

Why wasn't the turkey hungry at Christmas time?

-Because he was stuffed

If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?

-Missile toe!

What do you call an ELF who sings?

-A Wrapper!

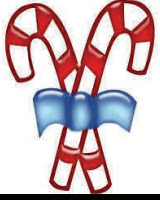
Which reindeer was known for his bad manners?

-Rude-olph.

"Why don't we ever hear about 'Olive,' the 10th reindeer?" asked Bert.

"What 10th Reindeer?" asked Scott.

"You know. Olive, the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names."



# FYI...



## Nurse's Note

Christi Carlson BSN, RN

*Doctor will be here Thursday 9am.  
Call if you need a sport physical or are sick.  
Only \$10 to see the doctor. Limited spots so call  
ahead and make appointment.*

*This will be the last issue of The Weekly Buzz for the 2011 calendar year. The Buzz staff would like to wish all its readers a happy holiday season and we look forward to serving you in the 2012 school year. Issues will return Thursday, January 5th. We would like to extend our appreciation for all the support we have received thus far this school year.*

*-The Weekly Buzz Staff*

## Buzz's Words Of Wisdom

It's the time to give rather than to receive....Merry Christmas!

*"Students don't care how much you know,  
until they know how much you  
care." Riney Jordan 2010 Convocation*

## Menu

December 9th - Ravioli, hogie sandwich, greens beans, tossed salad, pears.

December 12th - Steak fingers, Lemon pepper chicken, mashed potatoes, herbed broccoli, peaches w/ topping, cream gravy, rolls, chef salad, yogurt plate with orange.

December 13th - Cheese enchiladas, cheese fajitas, charro beans, tossed salad, peaches w/ topping.

December 14th - Pepperoni pizza, sweet and sour chicken, tossed salad, corn, applesauce.

December 15th - Pasta primavera with chicken, hamburger, burger salad, tossed salad, French fries, apples, yogurt plate.

December 16th - Macaroni and cheese, sausage wrap, potato salad, green beans, pears.

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**Elizabeth Fritz**

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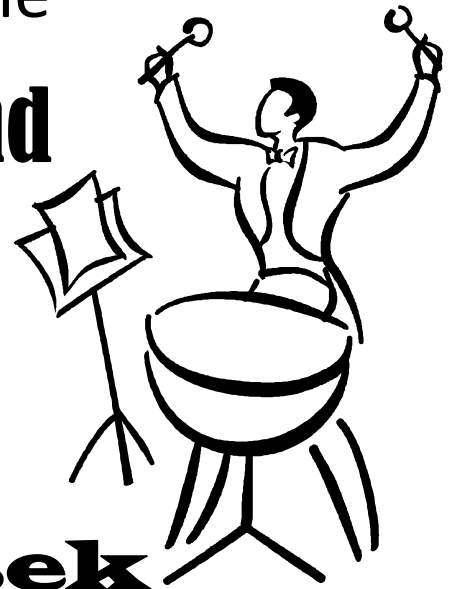
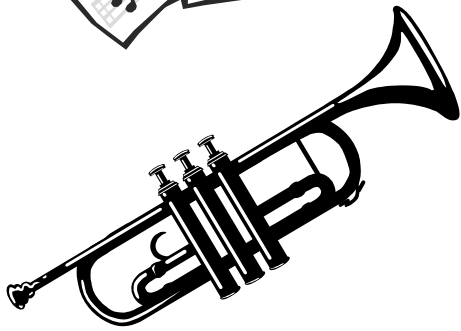
**ALL-REGION Band**

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**A good try**

to

**Ray Palousek**



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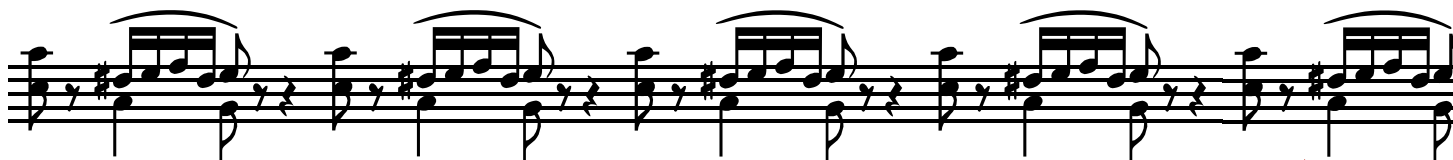




7:00 pm ~ Middle School

7:30 pm ~ High School

Tonight!



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bazaar



DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> STARTING AT 8:30 AM

## Elementary Programs

DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM



### 2011 FALL SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE

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6th Period 12:30—2:00	7th Period Exam: 12:30—2:00	Buses Run at 12:15
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Freshmen and Sophomores are not exempt from ANY final

Any student with more than 3 absences in any given class

is not exempt from ANY final exam

# TOP CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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Angels We Have Heard On High  
Away In a Manger  
Carol of the Bells  
Deck The Halls  
Do You Hear What I Hear?  
Frosty The Snowman  
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen  
Jingle Bells  
Joy to the World  
Let It Snow  
O Holy Night  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Silent Night  
Silver Bells  
Twelve Days of Christmas  
What Child Is This

