

# HOLMES Highlights

A NEWSLETTER  
OF THE HOLMES  
JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL PTA

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## Upcoming Events

10/8	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
10/11	Picture Retakes (9am-noon)
10/13	Family & Friends Night (7pm – Gym)
10/21	Secondary Articulation (12:30pm – dismissal)
10/28	PTA Meeting (7-9pm Holmes library)
10/29	End of Quarter 1
10/29	WEB Day/City Dance
11/11	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Holiday Veteran's Day
11/12	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
11/19	Mix-it-up Day
11/22-26	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Holiday Thanksgiving Break
12/2	PTA Meeting (7-9pm Holmes library)
12/3	Mid-Quarter Progress Report Quarter 2
12/6	"Secrets" (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)
12/10	Leadership/School Dance #2 (7:30-10pm)
12/14	Formal Jazz Band & Choir Concert (7pm-MPR)
12/20-31	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Holiday Winter Break
1/17	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Holiday Martin Luther King Day
1/24	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Teacher Work Day
1/27	PTA Meeting (7-9 pm Holmes library)
2/21-25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Holiday President's Day
4/4-8	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Holiday Spring Break
5/30	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Holiday Memorial Day
6/9	<b>Last Day of School</b>

### A Message from the Principal, Derek Brothers

## Welcome to the 2010-2011 School Year

I look forward to another very exciting year of learning at Holmes. This year we will welcome a large 7<sup>th</sup> grade class, an active 8<sup>th</sup> class, and a motivated 9<sup>th</sup> grade class. I want to thank all the parents and students for their patience as we opened our school year. I also want to thank the staff for working very hard to making the start of the year go very smoothly.

I am pleased to have Kerin Kelleher as our Vice Principal and to have Ashley Nelson as head counselor, along with Joanna Littell as our other counselor. Ellen Shields also joins us again as our part-time counselor. These women are very important members of the staff. I am looking forward to the continuation of their great work.

At Holmes, our common purpose is to support the highest possible academic, social, and emotional growth of all students. The principles that will guide us in our work to support this common purpose are as follows:

- At Holmes, we promote and protect a strong classroom instructional program.
- At Holmes, we are a respectful, inclusive community.
- At Holmes, students are connected to school and are motivated.
- At Holmes, everyone is safe.

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### A Message from Your PTA President, Christina Dicker

## Consider Volunteering at Holmes through the PTA

Can you believe it's October already? We're a month into school and things are humming right along thanks to all the hard work our dedicated teachers and staff do everyday. Feel free to say "thanks!" to these fabulous people so they know how much their efforts are appreciated.

Happy teachers and staff make a happy campus which makes happy students! Want to know how you can help contribute to this happiness? Join the PTA! Contributing whatever time and money you can give helps add to the success of Holmes Junior High.

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## Principal's Message

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With these principles in mind, we will again promote the student-run "Mix-It-Up- Days" where students are encouraged to mix into new and different groups for fun activities. This year there are three of these special Fridays. We will also continue to have the WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program. This is a program on campus that places 7th graders in small groups where they are mentored by trained 9th graders. Staff members who coordinate WEB are Bill Williams, Caroline LaFlamme, Kerri Hogan and Cheryl Ozga. They spent the summer getting things ready for the welcoming of 7th graders on the Tuesday before the start of school. WEB groups will also meet throughout the school year.

I also want to welcome a new staff member this year. Shanti Hedderson is a Resource Teacher in the Special Education Department. I look forward to her joining an already wonderful staff.

Holmes Junior High Staff supports the DJUSD in their goal to provide secured online informational access to parents. The Zangle System is a new tool for our district. Parent Connection is a web-based application that allows parents to access information about their child. Viewing assignments in Parent Connection is intended to serve as a support for parents to receive information about their child's academic history. It is not intended to replace parent communication with their child. They will be available at Holmes Junior High for all parents/guardians of Holmes Students. You must have a photo ID to receive your pin/password.

It has become increasingly clear that our school will be facing challenging times in the months ahead. A decrease in funding will inevitably impact services, programs, and staffing for our school. As parents, teachers, staff members, and administrators, our job is to make sure that our educational mission remains our top priority. As a community, we must keep our focus on our students and their welfare. The lack of funding from the current state budget severely limits the district's ability to maintain existing classroom programs. Change is a challenge. Some people thrive on it; others find it unsettling. Either way, managing change is an important task for all of us. This year we can embrace the challenges that will be part of our lives and make Holmes the best school it can be. I am looking forward to a great year. Thank you for your continued support.

~ Derek Brothers

### CALLING ALL GARDENERS

One of the great pleasures of this campus is the park-like surroundings the kids experience every passing period and lunch. Several years ago when the District first started tightening the budget, they cut our campus groundskeepers. A cadre of parents worked together a couple of hours a month to help maintain our flower beds. Over time, their children have grown and moved to the high school and we lost our last green thumb this summer!

If you enjoy the outdoors and wouldn't mind getting your hands dirty, could you volunteer a bit of your time to help weed and maintain our planted areas? This would be a very flexible, independent group – whenever you can be here would be appreciated. For more information, contact Pat King, [pking@djUSD.net](mailto:pking@djUSD.net).

**Happy Gardening!**

### Attention Parents of Miss Hogan's Students

To any parents who have students in Miss Hogan's Algebra 1 class. Please e-mail Miss Hogan at [khogan@djUSD.net](mailto:khogan@djUSD.net) if you are not currently receiving her regular e-mail updates. Three have gone out so far this year.

Thank you!

Notes from the Vice-Principal, Kerin Kelleher**Attendance Reminders**

As each new school year begins there are always a few changes that accompany the opening of school. I look forward to meeting your children throughout the school year, and with your help we will create a safe learning environment for all of us here at Holmes.

It is our goal that all students are present and on time for each school day, if he or she is not ill. If for any reason your child needs to miss class, please notify the Attendance Office as soon as possible regarding your child's absence. Otherwise, your child's absence will be recorded as "unverified" until it is cleared by his or her guardian.

If at all possible, we ask that you schedule any appointments for your child outside school hours. It is often difficult to make up academic learning time.

There are also times when some junior high school students choose not to attend class and you may not know about this until you receive a call from the automatic attendance caller. Please do not hesitate to call or come by the Attendance Office and ask for an attendance printout for your child if you have any concerns. It is imperative that our students know we are working together.

Student Handbooks are at the back of the school planner your child received during the first week of school. Please take some time to go over

the handbook with your child. Important dates and guidelines about Holmes are in the Handbook.

I would like to remind families about a few things your student needs to know in order to leave campus during school hours.

- Before school, bring a note to the Attendance Office, signed by a parent or guardian stating the time and reason for which you must leave.
- Pick up your "off-campus pass" and sign out at the Attendance Office before you leave campus.
- Students are not allowed to leave campus without permission.
- If you must leave during the school day, only the adults that are listed on your emergency card may pick you up.
- If you return to school before the end of the day, you must sign in at the Attendance Office.
- All adults visiting school need to check in at the Attendance Office. Please do not visit classrooms or hunt for your child without signing in. In general we ask parents who would like to visit classrooms to give at least 24 hours notice to the teachers.

If I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to call me here at school at 757-5445.

~ Kerin Kelleher

**FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT**

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You can attend a PTA meeting and learn about the day-to-day goings on at Holmes and voice your ideas to make our school an even better place for our children. You can volunteer to help with a school event like Red Ribbon Week held this month or the Holiday Toy Shop held in December. You can use a Nugget, Safeway or Savemart scrip card while shopping - those stores donate a portion of your purchase totals to our school.

Just remember that "it takes a village to raise a child." If we all work together, we will continue to build a strong, healthy environment where our children can learn, grow and thrive, both academically and socially.

I'm excited to be PTA President this year and look forward to working with all the wonderful Holmes teachers, staff and PTA volunteers. I want to thank each of you in advance for your dedication and support of Holmes Junior High and the PTA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

~ Christina Dicker  
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## “Race to Nowhere”

### Documentary Headed to Davis

A national conversation comes to Davis. See the documentary “Race to Nowhere” and join the facilitated discussion about the demands facing American schoolchildren and their teachers in a system and culture gripped by the illusion of achievement, competition and the pressure to perform.

The film is rated PG-13 and will be shown on Friday, October 8, 2010, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., at the University Covenant Church. The church has donated their facility, located at 315 Mace Blvd. This is a public event, all are welcome. Seating is limited. Purchase advance tickets at [www.racetonowhere.com](http://www.racetonowhere.com) for \$11.54, or at the door for \$15.00. Information about the film, including a trailer, is also available on the website. 100% of proceeds further film production and research. On Facebook see “Race to Nowhere Comes to Davis,” or contact Julie Cole Marie at [jcole-marie@att.net](mailto:jcole-marie@att.net) or (530) 400-4605.

## WEB: “Where Everyone Belongs!”

We are pleased to share that we have an exceptional group of WEB leaders and A-Team members doing their part to create a school “Where Everyone Belongs!” This year 49 9<sup>th</sup> graders and 15 8<sup>th</sup> graders volunteered over 15 hours to prepare and run the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation on Tuesday, August 24. It was a huge success: all but 15 of the 240 registered students attended. We would like to formally thank our Holmes community for their support. An extra thank you to those listed below who donated healthy snacks, drinks, and ice for the August workdays:

Sally Oznoff, Gurbinder Nijjar, Julia Grim, Sally Kim, Kim Beck, Kristi Gladding, Smriti Raychaudhuri, Lisa Musser, Tara Stapleton, Diana Henrickson, Sam Neustadt, Heather Wade, Brendan Quinn, Geraldine Prince, Kristin Borowsky, and Phil Shaver.

The kids appreciated and devoured them all! We would also like to extend our gratitude to Holmes PTA for their ongoing support. The PTA helps fund our t-shirts, the pizza lunch on Welcome Back Day, as well as the training of the adult team. Their support helps our program get better each year.

We are looking forward to all the upcoming WEB activities. Currently we are giving tours to newly-admitted students, making informal contacts with their 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and planning activities for the first all-together lunch and first dance.

**~ From the WEB Adult Team:**  
Kerri Hogan, Caroline LaFlamme, Cheryl Ozga and Bill Williams

## Volunteers Needed for World’s Greatest Bike Parade!

On Sunday, October 3, the Davis Odd Fellows, with cooperation from the Davis Joint Unified School District, The Davis Schools Foundation and the City of Davis, will be sponsoring an exciting event, ***The World's Greatest Bike Parade!*** The main goal of this event is to raise needed funds for Davis schools. The secondary purpose is to set a new **Guinness Book of World Record** for the largest single line bicycle parade. **All proceeds will go to the Davis School Foundation to support our schools!**

The parade route will be approximately 2.4 miles long, starting and ending in downtown Davis. This will be made possible through road closures and support from the City of Davis. Following the parade, a music and arts festival will be held in Central Park with food, music, art, games and family attractions.

The parade and festival will be one of the largest fundraising events ever planned for Davis schools and will require active involvement from students, parents, faculty, district staff and the community.

They will need nearly 300 volunteers to help make this event a success. Each PTA/PTO has been asked to provide at least 15 volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this fun event, please contact me at 753-7347 or email [cbd321@yahoo.com](mailto:cbd321@yahoo.com). Volunteers can visit the web site at [www.worldsgreatestbicycleparade.com](http://www.worldsgreatestbicycleparade.com) and click on the volunteers tab to sign-up for an assignment that will meet your needs and your schedules.



## **Musical Notes: Holmes Orchestra Listserv**

### **Advertisers Sought for Holmes 2010-11 Directory**

This year, the Holmes directory will include student artwork and advertisements! Selling advertisements will offset the cost of production and allow us to provide a copy of the Holmes Junior High 2010-11 directory free to each family.

Ad prices start at \$100 for a black and white business card-sized advertisement. Full-page color spaces are available.

If you own a business or know of a business that would like to advertise in the Holmes Junior High directory, please forward this email and/or contact:

~ **Carin Loy**

HJH PTA Directory Editor  
Carin.Loy1872@gmail.com  
(530) 400-5040

Starting this year, the combined orchestra has been changed so that Holmes is performing and communicating to parents separately from the Emerson and Harper Combined Orchestra. Please follow the directions below to sign up for the Holmes Orchestra Listserv.

#### **Listserv Sign-Up:**

1. Go to: <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/holmes-orchestras>. Fill in the information in the 'how to subscribe' box and read the Important Note. You should then be well on your way to receiving all the important orchestra announcements. We encourage all students as well as parents to sign up for the listserv.
2. You will receive a confirmation email upon completion that confirms your signup. Print out the "Confirmation Email" and submit it with the student's orchestra form.

To post a message to everyone on the listserv, send an e-mail to: [holmes-orchestras@mailman.dcn.org](mailto:holmes-orchestras@mailman.dcn.org)

Please follow the guidelines for usage:

<http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/holmes-orchestras>

Announcements and information are also on the HJHSO website: <http://groups.dcn.org/holmes-orchestras>

## **Holmes Band "Friends and Family Night" Concert**

The Holmes Junior High band program's first concert of the season, the annual "Friends & Family Night Recital," will be held in the Holmes gym on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. There will be solo and group performances by musicians of all grades, under the steady and inimitable direction of Mr. Clyde Quick. And there will be the traditional invitation to friends and family to bring their own instruments and join the bands on stage for a rousing finale! This is what people mean by COMMUNITY, folks!

In addition to the delightful music-making, there will be a vast assortment of homemade baked goods on sale to help support the program. Also, this night will be the kickoff for the bands' *We Care Coffee fundraiser*, where you can learn about the coffee, chocolate and gourmet foods that will be available for order, again to help the band program survive and thrive! Music, food, fun and community...

**BE THERE!** Performers to arrive at 6:30 p.m., concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Come early to socialize and eat dessert!

# 2010-11 Teacher/Staff List

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Voice Mail</u>	<u>E Mail</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>Voice Mail</u>
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Kathy Bryant	209	<a href="mailto:kbryant@djud.net">kbryant@djud.net</a>		
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Pam Eimers	258	<a href="mailto:peimers@djud.net">peimers@djud.net</a>	Ellen Shields – Title 1 Coordinator	110
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Scott Grensted	216	<a href="mailto:sgrensted@djud.net">sgrensted@djud.net</a>	Jan Chandler – Principal's Secretary	101
Lance Gunnensen	238	<a href="mailto:lgunnensen@djud.net">lgunnensen@djud.net</a>	Judy Stafford – Registrar/Counseling	115
Kris Harvey	263	<a href="mailto:kharry@djud.net">kharry@djud.net</a>	Cheryl Ozga – Attendance Secretary	116
Shanti Hedderson	267	<a href="mailto:shedderon@djud.net">shedderon@djud.net</a>		
Dianna Henrickson	241	<a href="mailto:dhenrickson@djud.net">dhenrickson@djud.net</a>	Debbie Martin – Vice-Principal's Secretary	117
Kerri Hogan	233	<a href="mailto:khogan@djud.net">khogan@djud.net</a>		
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Amy Labson	210	<a href="mailto:alabson@djud.net">alabson@djud.net</a>		
Doreen Lee	245	<a href="mailto:dlee@djud.net">dlee@djud.net</a>	Ann Sutton – School Nurse	105
Caroline LaFlamme	229	<a href="mailto:claflamme@djud.net">claflamme@djud.net</a>		
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Karen Moore	234	<a href="mailto:kmoore@djud.net">kmoore@djud.net</a>		
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To leave a voice mail for a teacher or staff member please call (530) 757-5453 or 757-5454 and enter the 3-digit extension number.

Please allow teachers and staff 2-3 working days to respond to voicemails and emails.

# From the Counselors: Tips for Junior High Parents

## Be Aware and Informed

Middle school is arguably the time when parents need to be the most involved and hyper vigilant.

When your child leaves the house, know where your child is going, who he/she is going to be with, and what they will be doing. Know what kinds of music your child is listening to, what video games your child is playing, and what your child is doing online. Teach him/her safe and appropriate guidelines regarding online and cell phone behaviors. Listen to your instincts.

## Communicate with Your Child

Timing is important. Be available when your child wants to talk. Good times might be when driving, when your child gets home, and right before going to bed.

Monitor your tone of voice and word selection when talking. Your child listens to what you say and how you say it. Even though s/he might not show it, your child looks up to you and cares deeply about your opinions and attitudes.

Don't underestimate the impact that a kind gesture or angry statement will have on your child.

## Help Your Child Get Organized

1. Check to make sure that your child is using the student planner to write down assignment due dates. If you check and the planner is empty, be concerned. All students have homework.
2. Remind your child to get ready for the next school day before getting ready for bed. Designate a specific place where your child can put homework and backpack. If your child needs to remember something, encourage him or her to write a note so it is not forgotten.

## Be Successful in Class

1. Ensure that your child is on time to school every day.
2. Encourage your child to treat others respectfully.
3. Be available to help your child with homework, but don't give more help than is needed. Keep in mind that it is your child's responsibility to be organized, get homework done, and to be in class.

## Be Accountable

1. Encourage your child to make school-related goals.
2. Attend all open houses and parent conferences. Know when each grading period ends. Make sure you see all progress reports and report cards.
3. Plan ahead by researching future course options and requirements. Help your child to align course selection with educational goals.
4. Do not just assume that someone will call you if there is a problem.

If you have concerns about your child feel free to contact your child's teachers or assigned counselor. Email addresses and voice mail extensions are included in this issue of Holmes Highlights.

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Ashley Nelson, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 9<sup>th</sup> graders last names M-Z, ext. 108 or [anelson@djud.net](mailto:anelson@djud.net)

## ~ 2010-2011 Grade Reporting Periods ~

DJUSD secondary schools operate on a semester system with each semester divided into two quarters. Progress reports are mailed home mid-quarter. If a student is earning a passing grade (C or higher) in a course at the progress report, the teacher is not required to give a mark. Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter and report the semester grades at the end of quarter 2 and quarter 4.

Semester grades are the only grades that are kept in students' permanent records and are used to fulfill prerequisites for future courses.

First quarter mid-quarter progress report period ends September 28. Quarter one ends October 29. You should receive your child's report approximately ten days after the close of the grading period.

Parent Question Guide for Holmes Junior High

1220 Drexel Drive Davis, CA. 95616 (530) 757-5445 Principal, Derek Brothers

If I need to:	I can call:	What can I expect to happen?	Comments
Update emergency card information	Contact the attendance secretary, <b>Cheryl Ozga</b> at (530) 757-5445 ext. 116 or by email: <a href="mailto:cozga@djud.net">cozga@djud.net</a>	The information on the emergency card is absolutely essential. PLEASE NOTE: The permission for health care decisions, transportation exceptions, and emergency interventions can only be given to the person(s) listed on the card. Please inform the office of any specific legal restrictions related to your child's contact with any person(s).	The school staff respects what is put on the emergency card. We do everything reasonable to assure that the instructions on the emergency card are followed. Please let us know if information on the emergency card needs to be changed or if an exception should be made.
Speak to the school principal, Mr. Derek Brothers	Contact Mr. Brothers' secretary, <b>Jan Chandler</b> at (530) 757-5445 ext. 101 to make either direct phone contact or an appointment with Mr. Brothers.	Ms. Chandler can: alert Mr. Brothers about a specific concern; inform you of Mr. Brothers' time schedule; help you to make an appointment to meet with Mr. Brothers; and connect you to Mr. Brothers' voice mail.	Mr. Brothers makes every effort to be available to students, parents, and community members. Matters related to general policy, school climate, curriculum, department management, and general school/district protocol may be directed to Mr. Brothers.
Make educational arrangements for my child when an extended illness is involved	Contact your child's school counselor and the school nurse to discuss educational options.	You will be required to provide documentation from a medical doctor that recommends in home service for a period of time.	Some hospitals provide educational services to inpatients. These are individual circumstances that should be discussed with your child's school counselor. We want continued learning opportunities for your child.
Report a crime witnessed by my child to the school vice-principal, Ms. Kerin Kelleher	Contact the vice-president's Office at (530) 757-5445 ext. 117 to make direct phone contact or to make an appointment with Ms. Kelleher. Off campus crimes should be reported to Davis Police Dept.	It is important to provide as much detail as possible about the crime. Consider the information important and possibly related to another issue under consideration.	Some campus actions result in either the school or parent making a formal police report. Some behaviors break community laws but require special administrative consideration or action according to the California Education Code.
Discuss academic, social, or career concerns you may have regarding your child	If you have a concern about a particular class, contact your child's teacher. If you need further help, contact your child's counselor: <b>Joanna Littell</b> , all 7 <sup>th</sup> grade & 9 <sup>th</sup> grade last names A-L, ext. 109 or <a href="mailto:jlittell@djud.net">jlittell@djud.net</a> ; <b>Ashley Nelson</b> , all 8 <sup>th</sup> grade & 9 <sup>th</sup> grade last names M-Z, ext. 108 or <a href="mailto:anelson@djud.net">anelson@djud.net</a>	Counselors and teachers will strive to return phone calls and emails within 1-2 days. You can address concerns to your child's counselor or teacher(s) through email, phone, and/or by making an appointment at the school site.	The school counselor's role is to support your child as s/he grows and learns at school. The counselor can address many concerns, including: communicating with school staff; helping your child to cope with peer issues; and addressing academic concerns.
Take my child out of school during school hours	Contact the attendance secretary, <b>Cheryl Ozga</b> at (530) 757-5445 ext. 116, by written correspondence or email: <a href="mailto:cozga@djud.net">cozga@djud.net</a>	Have your child bring a note signed by a parent or guardian to the attendance office or contact the attendance office before school, stating the time and reason s/he must leave.	If the school is not aware in advance that your child must leave, the class will be interrupted with a phone call requesting your child be sent to the office.



If I need to:	I can call:	What can I expect to happen?	Comments
Alert the school and teachers about a specific health issue	Contact your child's teacher, counselor or the school nurse: <b>Anne Sutton</b> ext. 105 or <a href="mailto:asutton@djud.net">asutton@djud.net</a>	General medical information is located in your child's health file. Appropriate notification about specific health issues are given to your child's teachers. PLEASE NOTE: Make sure your child's acute medical needs are made known to the school office. It never hurts to review the protocol necessary to treat your child's health needs.	The school nurse is knowledgeable and helpful regarding concerns related to adolescent development and health matters. Prescription medications are kept in a locked cabinet on campus and dispensed according to instructions. Required documentation must be in file. Medication should NOT be carried by student while on campus or during school sponsored activities. The school nurse is on campus weekly on a limited basis.
Consult with someone about a specific matter of discipline or general school safety	Contact the school vice-principal's office at (530) 757-5445 ext. 117 to make direct phone contact or to make an appointment with vice-principal, Ms. Kerin Kelleher.	While Ms. Keller has many aspects to her job, a primary role is to maintain a safe environment for our students during the school day and during activities related to school. Report any concerns you have regarding your child's safety or the safety of another person on campus to Ms. Kelleher. Parents and students are responsible for knowing and abiding by school rules. Refer to your child's planner as a resource for the school rules and dress code.	Ms. Kelleher will work with students, parents, & school staff to resolve issues before discipline is part of the picture. While some school rules are guidelines and have some room for negotiation, many rules are specific and have non-negotiable consequences. Understanding Holmes' school rules are essential for your child's safety and the safety of others on campus. The student-family oath is a commitment that we make to each other to promote good citizenship and to assure a safe learning environment.
Report my child's absence or request homework	Report absences at (530) 757-5454 ext. 201 as early in the day as possible. If your child is absent for 3 days or more due to illness, a homework request can be made through the counseling secretary, <b>Judy Stafford</b> , at (530) 757-5450, ext. 115, on the morning of the third day.	Ms. Stafford will contact your child's teachers to inform them of your child's absence and request that they send homework to the office. You can come to the main office at the end of the school day to get your child's work.	If your child is absent one or two days s/he can call his or her study buddies and check the teachers' websites, if available, to get information about what was discussed in class and what homework assignments were given by the teacher.
Arrange for my child to go on travel study	Contact Davis School for Independent Study at (530) 757-5333 to arrange for Travel Study.	Davis School for Independent Study staff will explain the requirements of the travel study program.	Contact Davis School for Independent Study at least two weeks before your child leaves for travel study or vacation to ensure that your child is able to contact his or her teachers and clarify what will be expected.
<b>Important Phone Numbers</b>		<b>Important Dates For 2010-2011</b>	
(530) 757- 5445 – General School Line (530) 757- 5453, ext. 102 – Attendance Office Msg. Line (530) 757- 5453 or 757- 5454 – Access Voice Mail (530) 757- 5455 – Counseling		Oct. 8 – Workday Reduction – <b>No School</b> Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day – <b>No School</b> Nov. 12 - Workday Reduction – <b>No School</b> Nov. 22-26 – Thanksgiving Break – <b>No School</b> Dec. 20-31 – Winter Break – <b>No School</b> Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Day – <b>No School</b> Feb. 21-25 – President's Day & Workday Reduction – <b>No School</b> Apr. 4-8 – Spring Break – <b>No School</b>	

## HOSPITALITY THANK-YOU

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who brought food/beverage donations, and also to those of you who offered your time to help set up or clean up, for the Holmes Back-to-School Staff lunch which was held on August 24. Thanks to your contributions we were able to put on another lovely lunch for the Holmes staff to enjoy as they got ready for the first day of school. I especially send out my personal "thank you" to everyone who participated in this lunch as I know that "Back to School" is a very busy and hectic time for everyone!

If you are interested in being a part of the Holmes Hospitality Committee and helping with upcoming Hospitality events, please send an email to **Sally Albertson** at:  
[sallyalbertson@comcast.net](mailto:sallyalbertson@comcast.net)

## Submit Photos for the Yearbook

The yearbook staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have great photos of school and community events or of you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. We are especially looking for Summer photos and Fall sports photos.

### Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:400052680 and password: HJHPhotos
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details"

It's that easy! Submit your photos today. The last day to submit photos is March 10, 2011. The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be used in the yearbook.

~ Deanna Leveque

Yearbook Advisor and the 2011 Yearbook Staff

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