



Holmstead Gazette

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Let's be thankful for November!

Like any month at Holmstead, November is full of exciting things. In this issue, we have celebrated Veterans Day. We dove into the history of WW1 as we observed its 100th anniversary. Thanksgiving was on the 22nd, and since Holmstead School was closed, we celebrated it on the 20th with a giant feast. Holmstead elections were also on the list of events that have passed in this month of November.

Veterans Day/100th WW1 Anniversary

November 11th, 1919 was observed as the first anniversary of the end of WW1. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead. Originally called, "Armistice Day", Veterans Day was renamed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954. The end of World War I, happened on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.



Interviews

Christopher C

Q- How long have you worked at Holmstead?

A- 32 years

Q- What do you do at Holmstead?

A- Teaches Algebra, Geography and World History, Mass Communication, Film Study, Driver's Education, Spanish, Study Skills

Q-Where did you receive your professional training?

A- Bergen Community College, Montclair State University, FDU, William Paterson University

Q- Do you have any children or pets?

A- Two rescue pit bulls, Dexter and Cool-Hand Luke

Q- What is your favorite pastime or hobby?

A- Watching old movies

Q- What is the last book you read?

A- Insomnia by Stephen King

Q- What is your favorite TV show or movie?

A- MASH the TV show

Q- Do you have a favorite food or restaurant ?

A- Natural Way Café

Q- What are your pet peeves?

A- Running up the Holmstead stairs, people that don't use their turn signals and people that don't work up to their full potential

Steve T

Q- How long have you worked at Holmstead?

A- 29 years in February 2019

Q- What do you do at Holmstead?

A- Teach English 9 and 12 and two Film Production classes

Q- Where did you receive your professional training?

A- Saint Peter's University and William Paterson University

Q- Do you have any children or pets?

A- Two daughters, Rachel and Sarah, a son, Devon, a granddaughter, Victoria. Two cats, Oliver and Abigail

Q- What is your favorite pastime or hobby?

A- Piano and reading

Q- What is the last book you read?

A- Ben Hogan- A Life

Q- What is your favorite TV show or movie ?

A- NCIS as a Tv show and Rio Bravo as a movie

Q- Do you have a favorite food or restaurant?

A- El Cid

Q- What are your pet peeves?

A- Rude and unkind people

Welcome to Holmstead, Rachel!

Q- Name

A- Rachel D

Q- What is your favorite movie?

A- It's a Wonderful Life

Q- What is your favorite book?

A- Pirate Queen

Q- What is your favorite color?

A- Pink

Q-Do you have any children or pets?


A- I have 2 children and 2 pets. An 8 year old son, James, and a 3 year old daughter, Elizabeth. Also, I have a dog, Bella, and a cat, Blazer, who I like to call "boo-boo".

Q- Where did you receive your professional training?

A- William Paterson University

Q- Where have you worked before Holmstead?

A-

- Waldwick Middle and High School
 - Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology
 - Honiss Elementary School in Dumont
 - Dumont High School
 - Indian Hills High School
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Q- What is a piece of advice you would give to your students?

A- To understand the need to take risks and that you won't always get it on the first try.
(Challenge yourself)

Q- What are your pet peeves?

A-Giving up too quickly and the sound of pens clicking

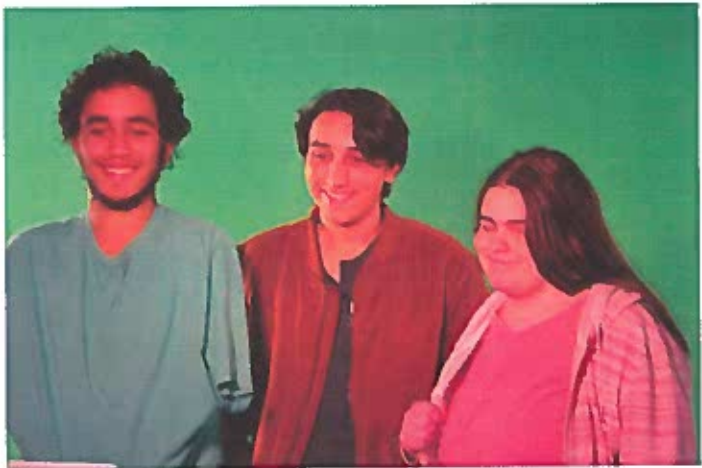
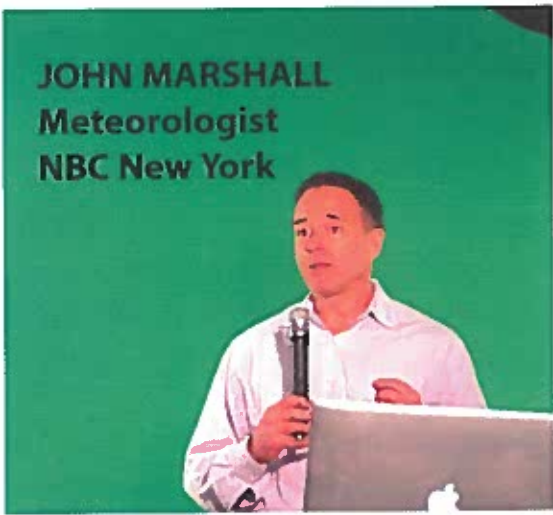
We welcome Rachel into our school with open arms and hearts. It is an honor to have you fill this teaching position. We can't wait to see what great talents you have to offer to our Holmstead community.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a very special time for the students at Holmstead. It not only allows Holmstead students to stuff their faces with treats and feasts alike, it also allows the students of Holmstead to appreciate the privileges and gifts in their everyday lives. Some students are thankful for friends and family, good health and second chances while others are thankful for food, such as rice cakes with honey and cinnamon, cats who are beautiful and perfect, dogs and animals in general. Holmstead school, theatre and Quentin Tarantino are also on the list of things to be thankful for at Holmstead school. The school, whilst being closed on the actual Holiday, we celebrate the holiday on the 20th of November with a giant feast made by the following teachers: Peggy, Vicki, Michelle, and Steve. A very big thank you to Vicki for all those pies! But the biggest, most grateful thank you goes to Mark for making and carving the two turkeys. Without your expertise and culinary talent there would be no feast!

Weather Assembly-

John Marshall, a meteorologist from NBC channel 2 news, had come to visit the Holmstead school. giving the students a great presentation about the adventures of weather forecasting, the difference between weather and climate and the different types of clouds and fronts. The students and teachers enjoyed the assembly very much. Marshall had set up a green screen and hooked up a camera and television, allowing the students to practice their future meteorology careers.



Holmstead Elections

This year's Holmstead elections were the most surreal to date. The senior class all ran unopposed except for the spot for the vice president which quickly turned into a battlefield. The week to come would grow filled with intimidation tactics, propoganda, and bribery (aka posters, cookies and the occasional "Hope you lose" joke) Other than that, the elections were pretty docile for the underclassmen and seniors classes. When Election Day came around, the underclassmen delivered their speeches which were quite formal, and got their votes. The seniors however took a much lighter approach with jokes and word for word speeches from the movie Braveheart.

Winners-

Underclassmen-

President- Morgan M.

Vice President- Isaac S.

Secretary- Maia Z.

Treasurer- Sydney B.

Class Representative-
Christina B.

Seniors-

Co-presidents- Meredith
M. and Michaela M.

Vice-President- Gabe R.

Secretary- Colton B.

Treasurer- Hanna M.

Class Representative-
Karlee K.

