ATHLETICS

Athletics began on a very small scale directly after the school was started in 1912. No organized schedule in any sport was started, however, until a basketball schedule was approved in 1914. Prior to this, the town, other classes, and faculty provided most of the competition. Baseball was played in the fall, in place of football, until 1916 when eleven uniforms were bought and paid for by the Athletic Association. The first football game was played on Thanksgiving Day, 1916, against the town of Holyoke. By 1916, basketball for both boys and girls was in full swing. The boys played a total of 15 games, winning 11. The first year girls' basketball was played on any interscholastic level was 1916. Hattie Glenn was the coach of the girls in 1916 and D. O. Smith was coach of all boys' sports.

Low ceilings and different heights of baskets were blamed for some of the early defeats in basketball. The first football game was played directly east of the school in the spot where the gym now stands. A grandstand was erected in that area in 1916 also. Later, the football field was moved to its present site, south of Posegate Hall.

The Dragon, according to our sources, has always been the mascot for the school, and the colors have been green and white.

As the years have gone by, changes in the Athletic Program have taken place. Baseball has been replaced by track as the spring sport. Girls' interscholastic sports were dropped as a result of a state ruling. Tennis was dropped as a major sport. Wrestling was made a part of the Athletic Program in 1952. A new gym was also constructed in the present high school building in 1961.

Several of Holyoke's athletic teams have made appearances in State Playoffs and have always given a good account of themselves in whatever event they were involved. Following is the most accurate account available of coaches who have been at Holyoke,

1916-	D. O. Smith
1919-23	Oscar Wikoff
1925-26	Lawrence Wilcox
1927-29	Wendell Walker
1929-30	W. H. Lancaster
1930-34	L. V. Toyne
1934-35	Glenn Ament
1936-37	Martin Koolen
1937-42	Sidney Werner
1942-43	Gerald D. Ferguson
1944-45	Lawrence Wilcox
1945-47	Doran H. Grossman
1947-50	Oscar Wikoff
1950-53	Harold Chaffee
1953-54	Robert Oenbrink, William Knuckles, & Gene Daise
1954-55	Robert Oenbrink, Fred Nanni, & Gene Daise
1955-56	John Seaberg, Fred Nanni, & Gene Daise
1956-59	John Seaberg, Robert Walters, & Gene Daise
1959-60	Paul Sorenson, Gary Adams, & Gene Daise
1960-61	Paul Sorenson, Mark Fahring, & Gene Daise
1961-63	Mark Fahring, Paul Garretson, Ernest Phillips, Gene Daise & Royce Enns