

## Holyoke students get first hand look at injury prevention

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Freshmen at Holyoke High School spent Thursday, March 15 learning how to be safe. They also learned and witnessed what happens when people aren't safe.

The Injury Prevention Program, formerly known as PARTY (Preventing Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) is held for freshmen to teach them how to keep themselves safe. Students spent last Thursday morning watching videos and listening to speakers. They learned about alcohol, drugs and even insurance.



**Inside the emergency room at Melissa Memorial Hospital, trauma coordinator Marcia Mankin, at left, and Travis Polk, at right, demonstrate how EMS would strap a patient to a back board in an emergency. Holyoke freshman Nicholas Ortner was the brave volunteer to be strapped to the board. Polk is the trauma outreach coordinator from North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley. —Enterprise photo**

Put on as part of Melissa Memorial Hospital's trauma prevention education, it opens students' eyes to situations that could cause them harm.

During lunch, students had to eat with different disabilities. Some of the students were partially blind, totally blind or had broken hands, and had to learn how to eat with their disability.

After a quick bus ride to Melissa Memorial Hospital, students witnessed Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department in action as they performed a vehicle extrication.

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