



September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Dear Holicong Eighth Grader,

Welcome back to Holicong! We are only a few days away from the start of school and most of you will be in your second year with us. If you haven't done so yet, you might want to set your alarm clocks earlier over the next few days...which will be tough with a holiday weekend! As you can see from the pictures on the website, we have been busy this summer with our renovation. We are putting the finishing touches on the "new look" library this weekend and we guarantee you will love it! Please see the information below and on the second page FAQ for important notes for the beginning of the year.

The first day official school day is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and we will follow the "A" day schedule. When you arrive to school you will report to the main gymnasium and at 7:20 you will report directly to your 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher. Your teacher will provide you with a new copy of your schedule and you will receive other information during your Advisory period. This occurs after 2<sup>nd</sup> period. who will provide you with more information regarding the start of the school year. We are excited about the changes to the new middle school schedule and realize this is a change for you, so please take time to review the bell schedule and other Holicong information on our website – [Holicong Information](#).

This year we will continue to uphold the traits of the Elite 8 - **Honest, Open-Minded, Loyal, Inclusive, Considerate, Optimistic, Non-judgmental, and Genuine**. These are the values we want you to model for your peers and our new 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. You are now a "veteran" and we will look to you to welcome these new students to our community and help them as they transition to Holicong. Remember, you were in their shoes last year and you know how long a smile and friendly face can go in building confidence and easing some of the nervousness that comes with entering a new school.

You are now in the second year of your middle school journey, which means the "learning curve" is over and you can now focus on how you will finish the next two years here at Holicong. We are going to build on the momentum from last year and encourage you to look for leadership opportunities in and out of the classroom. Our hope and expectation is that you will eagerly accept all academic challenges and get involved in as many school activities as possible. We will continue to hold high expectations for you and remain true to our core values – this means treating everyone in the Holicong community with kindness and respecting the ideas and opinions of others. This is what makes Holicong such a special place and while we are very proud to be a part of it with you. Please enjoy the holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you back here next Tuesday!

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Shillingford  
Principal

David J. Newdeck  
Assistant Principal

## **BACK to SCHOOL Fact Sheet**

**Lunch** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch is from 12:14 – 12:44. Please see the bell schedule and other middle school information here: [Holicong Information](#).

**School Policies & AM/PM Procedures** – Please visit our Parents and Students page for our cell phone, dress code and attendance policies: [Parents & Students](#).

**Breakfast and Lunch** – This is provided by Aramark Education. Please click here to see the homepage - [Aramark](#). Parents can put money in your account on this website - [MySchoolBucks](#) and you can pay with your student account number at the register.

**Assignment/Plan Book** – You will be given an assignment book on the first day of class during your Advisory period. Please use this to record your daily homework and long-term assignments. This also serves as the passbook for leaving class, so it is imperative that you do not lose your books. Replacements are available in the guidance office for \$5.

**Census Verification Forms** – Please complete this form online by September 20, 2017. This form ensures that student information is accurate and is a CBSD requirement – [Census Information](#).

**Athletics & Physical Forms** – Please see the Athletics page for information on the Family ID system and turn in Section 6 of the CIPPE form to Mrs. McCusker in the guidance office.

**Student Handbook** – This is available in your student planner and will be made available on the Holicong website.

**Gym shorts, t-shirt & lock** – These may be purchased through My Payments Plus. If parents have not done so, please set up an account with [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com). Our Health & PE department sent an email about this a few weeks ago and Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Davidson, and Ms. Goldstein will review this with you.

### **Important dates:**

Picture Day: September 11<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Spirit Night: October 6<sup>th</sup>