

6th Grade Holicong Parents,

Thank you again for joining us for the Holicong 6th Grade Parent Orientation. We do hope that our presentation provided you with enough information to get you started on what 7th grade looks like for students and parents, and what we stand for as a Holicong community. We also want to thank our student ambassadors for providing our tours and to you for letting them “lead the way.” It may be hard to fathom now, but some of your children will be asked to play that role a year from now. For those of you who could not attend, please do not worry as there will be other opportunities to visit and we have provided the information below.

[6th – 7th Grade Program Planning](#) – This link is to our guidance page and includes the presentation, opening slideshow, and program planning timeline. We have also posted the video from the Celebration of Schools about our own Mr. Rittenhouse and encourage you to watch along with your students.

[Video Page](#) – There are several videos from the past few years, ranging from our VH-1 concert to vaping public service announcements made by our own students. We encourage you to take watch any that catch your attention and recommend the ones that focus on our 7th grade students over the years giving advice to incoming 6th graders.

[Parent Resources](#) – As noted during the presentation, our Parent Resources includes a plethora of information. We post all of our Parent Council presentations, daily announcements and weekly updates, and school logistics & procedures. We have also created resources for parents regarding two topics of much importance to us at Holicong: Social-Emotional Health & Wellness & Technology & Digital Literacy. We do our best to update these pages with professional articles and resources (and even a few created by students) to help educate our parents and staff about the role they play in the life of a middle school student.

The information provided above is sure to keep you busy for the next few months and while we do not want to “overcommunicate” we do feel strongly that it is our role to provide detailed information to parents and provide resources to help educate and inform our entire community. We hope you find this information useful as we all help our students navigate the world of adolescence and the transition to middle school!

We are excited to have our 6th graders join us for the 6th grade visits to Holicong on May 27th & May 28th. We are also excited for what next year holds in store, but realize that we have 4 more months left of the current school year and want our 6th graders and parents to enjoy the completion of their journey at the elementary schools! (But in the meantime, please feel free to add our Holicong homepage to one of your favorites on you Internet Favorites Bar!).

Until next time!

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