



## HOLICONG WEEKLY UPDATE

This communication is meant to serve as a snapshot of calendar events, announcements, and school and district updates. It does not include all information at Holicong and we have included the most frequently used links below to help you navigate as best we can!

### Holicong Mission

Holicong Middle School will foster a climate of academic, social, and emotional learning with an emphasis on respectful, responsible, considerate, and healthy behaviors.

### IMPORTANT LINKS

- ✓ [Holicong Homepage](#) – Homebase for “all things Holicong”
- ✓ [Daily Announcements & Weekly Updates](#) – Direct link (announcements are what our students see on scroller)
- ✓ [Holicong Shout Out](#) – Click on link to write a shout out to a Holicong staff member!
- ✓ [Attendance / Attendance 2021-2022 \(cbsd.org\)](#) – Link to report student absence
- ✓ [Holicong Athletics](#) – Homebase for athletic information and calendar (not included on update below)

### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8

Monday A DAY	Tuesday B DAY	Wednesday A DAY	Thursday B DAY	Friday A DAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ START of 2<sup>nd</sup> MARKING PERIOD</li> <li>✓ Faculty Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ CBSD School Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Intervention &amp; Enrichment Schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ VETERANS DAY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Extended Advisory – School Level (Goal Review &amp; Setting, Character Education)</li> <li>✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period Grades Posted</li> </ul>

### ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES

- ✓ **Thursday – Diwali Recognition & Schools Closed – [Faces of Holicong - Diwali](#)** – A special thanks to 9<sup>th</sup> grader Aum Mehta, his 12<sup>th</sup> grade sister Aastha Gautam, and father Rajesh Gautam for sharing information about Diwali in a “Faces of Holicong interview.” We truly believe that the conversations we have with those in our own community are the most rewarding, as they foster community and allow us to ask questions, learn more about one another, and create connections. Please look for more Faces of Holicong interviews throughout the year!
- ✓ **Friday Grade Level Activities**
  - **9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Travis Manion Character Counts Program** – Rebecca Cornell, an Iraqi War Veteran and graduate of CB East, will be speaking to our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students tomorrow. We value our relationship with the Travis Manion Foundation (Travis is in our Hall of Fame) and look to grow this relationship going forward.
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Outsiders Day** – This is a Holicong tradition as our 8<sup>th</sup> graders bring the S.E. Hilton novel they are reading to life with a variety of activities. The themes of this book are still relevant today...and as you will see in our 50’s Anniversary Theme...”Stay Gold, Holicong!”

- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Remember the Titans & English Theme Activity** – Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade English teachers tie in these themes with their work in English classes and also ties in with our Colonial Cores and Character Education Programs.
- ✓ **End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period & Goal Review & Setting** – Now that the first marking period is ending, it is important for students to review their goals from the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period to reflect on if they completed these and more importantly – if they did, what structures and practices did they put in place that were effective. And if they did not reach goals – what obstacles did they face and what structures or practices can they incorporate as we look ahead to the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period and rest of year!
- ✓ **Veterans Day** – Mr. Knoedler and Mrs. Keyes have organized an activity for the Social Studies Department at Holicong and our community to honor Veterans Day and it is called Operation Ward 57. We will send out a separate communication but wanted everyone to know that Operation Ward 57 is a non-profit organization that benefits all branches of the military and their families in need, specializing on helping amputees and those who need assistance returning to civilian life. Please look for more specific details on how you can contribute!
- ✓ **feast** – Please see the attached flyer on how our local families can either help support to provide or receive home cooked meals for the upcoming holidays.
- ✓ **Fall Sports** – The only sport left from the fall left is varsity football as all other teams closed out the season. We will send out the Holicong Huddle with an update on all sports and our multiple championship teams!
- ✓ **Parent Council Survey** – We are extending the deadline to this Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for parents & guardians to complete this short survey. This was crafted by Dr. deSilva & Dr. Shillingford after the first parent superintendent advisory council to get feedback from our own community on the topics and presentations from experts they would most like to see. We realize there will be different rankings, but this will allow us to create a schedule based on the consensus of “urgent/important” that also aligns with presentations we are covering with students.