



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 February 14th

Monday, 14 th A DAY	Tuesday, 15 th B DAY	Wednesday, 16 th A DAY	Thursday, 17 th B DAY	Friday, 18 th NO SCHOOL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staff Soup'er Bowl Lunch (Soup & Salad) ✓ Program Planning – 9th Grade Counselors Meet with students ✓ Faculty Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 7:00 Minding Your Mind Parent Presentation Live & Streamed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Intervention & Enrichment Schedule ✓ 9th Grade Coaches vs. Cancer 3 on 3 Basketball ✓ Department Meetings Program Planning – 7th to 8th Grade Verifications on Portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math Midterms ✓ Program Planning – 9th Grade Counselors Meet with students ✓ Parent Council @ 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM - Click here to join the meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Teacher In-Service

ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES

- ✓ **Black History Month at Holicong** – We are honoring Black History Month in a variety of ways at Holicong throughout the month. We do not want to list them all here, but a few of the things we are doing include:
 - **8th grade Social Studies** – Students are working on a project *Slavery in the President's Neighborhood* and focuses on the contributions free African Americans and slaves made to the design and construction of our nation's capital. Students are researching 9 individuals / events associated with our nation's first presidents and how the contributions made by slaves/free blacks played an integral part of their presidencies. The final product will be a focus on 1 person/event and the students will be creating a 2-3 minute video of themselves narrating their story. All videos will be recorded in Canvas so parents will have access to see these projects as well!

- **Humanitarians Bingo** – Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Barraclough and the Humanitarians of Holicong have made an educational and interactive game focused on prominent figures in our country and their achievements in all areas of society.
- **Bulletin Boards & Announcements** – We will have both of these throughout the month recognizing different aspects of the contributions and history African American culture.
- ✓ **Winter Arts & Choral Concert** – A shout out to our art students and chorus for and orchestra octet for participating in Wednesday’s event. Our art students are extremely talented and we will keep up the exhibit so others can see their work. The octet did an amazing job welcoming families with their musical arrangement and it was wonderful to hear (and see) all of the chorus groups singing ON STAGE together for the first time in a long time! Mrs. Ritter, Mrs. Repper, and Mr. Glaser are very proud!
- ✓ **Minding Your Mind** – Please see the email from Dr. Shillingford about Tuesday evening’s event. This is open to all Holicong staff, parents and guardians!
- ✓ **Team Activities** – Please see the team and Holicong website for pictures from today’s Team Activities! Today was our monthly “Team Time” extended advisory where students had the opportunity to engage in a variety of team-building, collaborative, educational, and fun activities where students have opportunities to work together to build community!
- ✓ **1st Period** – We have noticed an increase in tardies to first period. We have reminded students that students are allowed 2 tardies to class and on the 3rd there is a consequence as our teachers start the day right at the bell with announcements.
- ✓ **8th Grade Soft Pretzels** – Today was the day! Thanks to our varsity girls basketball team winning the championship over Tamanend, the entire 8th grade was treated to soft pretzels. Thanks ladies and Dr. Caughie and Mr. Dudley.
- ✓ **Coaches vs. Cancer** – Please look on the announcements for our 1st 3 on 3 basketball tournament! We are going to do this during I & E as an opportunity for wellness, charity, and to build community with our students!
- ✓ **Holicong Family Movie Night Reschedule** – This event was rescheduled from last Friday to this Friday. Please join us for a night out sponsored by the Humanitarians of Holicong to enjoy “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”.
- ✓ **Mock Trial Competition** – Congratulations to our Mock Trial team for participating in this year’s event. This was A LOT of hard work that paid off on Thursday night in an awesome trial. Thanks to Mr. Maigur & Mr. Kelly for sponsoring this club and to our judges Mr. Knoedler, Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Vacca acting as our jury – they had a difficult job as the prosecution and defense both presented excellent arguments!
- ✓ **Wordle at Holicong** – We are following the trend and having fun with this at Holicong! Our staff (Mrs. Farrell & Mr. Vogelsinger) and students (Ariana) are 3 for 3 so far...and the words have been hard. Students were sent an email to sign up if they are interested in being chosen at random to take a crack at this one day in the second semester.

- ✓ **La Luna Trip** – Thanks to Senora Grosse, Senor Grosse, and Senor Palmer for sponsoring this trip for our Spanish students! This trip allows students to truly immerse themselves in the culture to make learning more meaningful...and fun too! Pictures on the website!
- ✓ **Chorus Concert Reschedule** – A reminder that this Wednesday is the chorus concert! You don't want to miss it!
- ✓ **Thank you Bocelli's!** – Bocelli's restaurant is generously donating lunches to all staff in Central Bucks School District over the course of the next few months. The Holicong team will be receiving lunch next Tuesday so on behalf of all of us...thank you!
- ✓ **7th & 8th Grade Program Planning** – We are well under way and students had their assemblies via teams this week. A special thanks to the counselor for not only presenting this information but also creating these resources online so students and parents can access them! We will also be covering this information and taking questions at our next parent council but in the meantime please see the Program Planning pages on the guidance website – each grade has its own page with presentations, timelines, and everything you need:
 - [Guidance/School Psychologist / 7th to 8th Grade Program Planning \(cbsd.org\)](https://www.cbsd.org/guidance/school-psychologist/7th-to-8th-grade-program-planning)
 - [Guidance/School Psychologist / 8th to 9th Grade Program Planning \(cbsd.org\)](https://www.cbsd.org/guidance/school-psychologist/8th-to-9th-grade-program-planning)
 - [Guidance/School Psychologist / 9th to 10th Grade Program Planning \(cbsd.org\)](https://www.cbsd.org/guidance/school-psychologist/9th-to-10th-grade-program-planning)
- ✓ **You Matter Campaign** – A special thanks to our POPS (Power of Positive Students Group) for sponsoring our “You Matter” campaign. We hope this work resonated with our students, staff, and parents and continue to create a culture of kindness and inclusion at Holicong. If you are interested in joining POPS, please reach out to Mrs. Louderback!
- ✓ **Furniture Donations** – Thank you to those families who have donated furniture! We are going to work with our students to design (and name) this area and will be sure to share pictures once it is complete!

FEBRUARY SPARKS NEWSLETTER



As part of the State mandate for career education, all Pennsylvania students are to receive information on the various pathways available to them to pursue their interests including post-secondary education, the

world of work or the military. As one part of this we have developed a long-standing relationship with the local Career Technical Center, Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

At the high school level, our students can spend half of their school day at MBIT in classrooms and program laboratories receiving specific training in areas such as horticulture or electronics. While in the middle school grades, students attend presentations about the many programs which can lead to visits or even shadowing a current student in programs such as commercial art or dental occupations. Summer school programs are also conducted in many areas of interest including Drone Discovery and Pastry Art.

Over the last few years, we have also shared information with our elementary students through in-person tours (when permitted) and most recently real-time virtual panels and visits given by the current MBIT students to our sixth-grade classes. These tours are scheduled again for this May.

Take a tour yourself and find out more about the many opportunities available to the Central Bucks students.

<https://www.mbit.org/Domain/152>

For comments or questions, please contact Ginny Barrett at vbarrett@cbsd.org.

FEBRUARY DATES
(subject to change and additions)

WEEK OF February 21st

Monday, 21 st NO SCHOOL	Tuesday, 22 nd A DAY	Wednesday, 23 rd B DAY	Thursday, 24 th A DAY	Friday, 25 th B DAY
✓ President's Day – School & Offices Closed	✓	✓ Intervention & Enrichment Schedule Program Planning – 8 th to 9 th Grade Verifications on Portal	✓	✓

WEEK OF February 28th

Monday, 28 th A DAY	Tuesday, 1 st B DAY	Wednesday, 2 nd A DAY	Thursday, 3 rd B DAY	Friday, 4 th A DAY
✓ Faculty Meeting	✓	✓ Intervention & Enrichment Schedule	✓ 6 th Grade Parent Orientation	✓