



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.

- ✓ [Daily Announcements & Weekly Updates](#) – Our “home base” for daily announcements, the weekly updates, and live video updates!
- ✓ [Health & Safety Plan and Hybrid Resources](#) – Our “home base” for Holicong resources and procedures for the 2020-2021 school year!
- ✓ [Holicong Athletics Page](#) – Our “home base” for athletic schedules & announcements!
- ✓ [Parent Council Page](#) – Our “home base” for Parent Council presentations, meeting dates and other parent presentations throughout the year.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15th, 2021

(extended calendar below announcements & Holicong website)

- ✓ **Monday – NO SCHOOL (PRESIDENT’S DAY)**
- ✓ **Tuesday – A DAY (Hybrid 1 In-Person)**
 - SEL Survey – All Students in 4th Period/Wellness Time
 - Intervention & Enrichment Available after School
 - 6th Grade Parent Orientation @ 7:00 PM
- ✓ **Wednesday – B DAY (All Students Online)**
 - 2nd Marking Period grade available on parent portal
 - 9th Grade Program Planning – Mr. McGullam’s Classes
- ✓ **Thursday – A DAY (Hybrid 2 In-Person)**
 - Parent Council @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM – [Teams Meeting Link](#)
 - Intervention & Enrichment Available after School
 - 9th Grade Program Planning – Mr. Shaeffer’s Classes
- ✓ **Friday – B DAY (Hybrid 2 In-Person)**

ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES

- ✓ **Celebrating Black History Month @ Holicong** – We have a date set for this month’s songfest. Please join us on **Tuesday, February 25th @ 7:00 PM!** We have different groups working on activities & plans for this and to continue our “Courageous Conversations” work with Faces of Holicong & Humanitarians of Holicong we started last year. A few things we would ask you to look for:
 - **Daily Calendar (posted on announcements and website)**
 - **Book List for Students in Library** – created by Mrs. Wentz on her canvas page and pushed
 - **Courageous Conversations & Ethnic & Diversity work** – We are collaborating with our student leaders for activities and interviews...stay tuned!
- ✓ **Friday Professional Development – Equity & Inclusion** – Thank you to our CBSD team for leading this work that focuses on Inclusion and Equity in the Classroom, Social Emotional Learning, and more. This is extremely important and meaningful work...and the reality is there are different levels of comfort with teachers, staff...all of us...when discussing equity and inclusion and training and resources like this are essential and appreciated so we can learn more as a community.

- ✓ **SEL Student Survey** – This will be going out Tuesday to all students and created by our Child Study Team and SWPBIS team. We feel it is essential to hear from students directly about the connotations they are making at Holicong and learn more about them as individuals. This has come from the many discussions about the “disconnection” students may be feeling and our work with the KidsPeace after we faced a tragedy in our own community just a few weeks ago.
- ✓ **Woman’s Place Presentation** – A “shout out and thank you” to our friends from a Woman’s Place for joining us virtually for the 9th grade presentation in Health/PE classes. We appreciate the partnership we have with them and the expertise and insight they provide our students!
- ✓ **5 Day Return** - We are making preparations for the 5 day return on February 22nd. There are too many to list here – so we are going to cover them at our Parent Council Meetings next Thursday at our 9:00 & 6:00 sessions.
- ✓ **Mock Trial** – Congratulations to our 9th grade mock trial team led by Mr. Kelly & Mr. Maigur. They had an awesome run during the season and which ended this week against CB South (just give our 9th graders 3 more years...and see what they do!). Congrats to award winners Conner Nace for best witness and Cassie Kempiski for best advocate!
- ✓ **Staff “Fun & Love” Event** - A special thank you to Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Hallman for planning this staff wellness event Wednesday...and to Mr. Chodoroff and Mr. Glaser for leading us in a “Valentine Theme Love Song” name that tune! It was a great way to celebrate “joy” in the middle of a snowy February! We are attaching the Valentine Emoji Guessing Game for everyone to enjoy!
- ✓ **Girls Basketball** – Congratulations to the varsity grade girls’ basketball team on winning the district championship against Tamanend. The girls had a strong game with amazing play on both ends of the court. Their quick defense and strong rebounding led them to a 18-15 victory. Thank you to our coaches, athletic director, parents and students for a great season! Our JV team finished the season with a win against Tamanend to lead the district with 1 7-1 record. Congrats to Coach Kelly and the girls!
- ✓ **Humanitarians of Holicong T-Shirts** – These are currently on sale for My Payments Plus...and yes, they are in long-sleeve! Proceeds support the work of our group and we appreciate your support!
- ✓ **Boys Basketball Tryouts** – These started on Wednesday and will continue for the remainder of the week.
- ✓ **Tech Ed Spaghetti Bridge Project** – Congratulations to Katie Bullard! There were many great submissions...but she was able to take home the first place prize!
- ✓ **Sequestered Songfest – Grammy Edition!** – A special thanks to the students, staff...and guest alumni for an awesome concert Thursday night. This songfest along with all others are posted on the [Sequestered Songfest Video Page!](#)
- ✓ **Holicong Musical – Freaky Friday** – Rehearsals are under way! Please remember to see the [“Musical News”](#) Homepage for schedules, rehearsals, and announcements!

- ✓ **Snow Days** – For any future snow days – students will not report to school and work will be asynchronous. Teachers will post work to Canvas pages by 9:00 AM the morning of the snow day and provide any specific instructions for the day. As with Wednesdays – student attendance will be taken based on the completion of the work/tasks assigned.
- ✓ **Parent Council** – The Parent Council presentation “live video” and regular powerpoint are posted on the website. A special thanks to Mrs. Wentz (Student activities), Mrs. Louderback (Social-Emotional Health, Program Planning), Mr. Chodoroff, and Mr. Glaser (Concert, Musical Updates), Mr. Rittenhouse (Winter & Spring Athletics), Mrs. Lovuolo (LanSchool Overview), and Mrs. Radice (Health & Safety) for making time to provide updates for our community!
 - **LanSchool Overview** – We created a standalone video of Mrs. Lovuolo’s presentation showing how this technology is used – thank you Mrs. Lovuolo!
- ✓ **Academic Progress Updates** – All students should have completed this in Resource class on Thursday or Friday. If students were absent they can still do this on their own. We hope this is helpful for students & parents to celebrate accomplishments to this point in the year and make a plan for turning in any work!
- ✓ **“How to Take Care of Ourselves & Our Mental Health”** – Here is the link to the video created by Ms. Blankenburg and shared with all students last Thursday & Friday in resource. We have posted it on our website for our parents, students, and staff (and others) to reference as needed. This is a discussion topic for Thursday’s Parent Council but we will not watch the video but we encourage those who haven’t seen it to watch (it is 9:16).
 - **Social Emotional Health & Wellness Page** – This page is in the “Parents/Guardians” tab and we have now “linked” it to the homepage for easier “one-click” access. This page currently includes professional articles, Holicong & CB presentations from previous Parent Councils, classes, and other venues, and other resources on general wellness, anxiety stress and mental health, school refusal, vaping, suicide prevention and response, and an excellent article about adolescence (12 pages) that I have included here – **Developmental Characteristics of Young Adolescents**. We will review this page at the end of the marking period and include any new resources we have to share.
 - **Guidance Groups** – Mrs. Louderback (**Stress Management Group**), Ms. Blankenburg (**Family Issues**), and Mr. Striano (**Organization & Academic Support**) are currently running groups based on student feedback from before break. If a student did not complete the sign up and interested, please reach out to Mrs. McCusker at dmccusker@cbsd.org (guidance secretary) to see if you can still join!
- ✓ **3rd Marking Period Blended Learning Requests** – **Holicong Blended Learning Requests** – This was emailed as a standalone and the form link will stay open until Tuesday, November 19th at midnight. We will send out a reminder next Tuesday morning as well!
- ✓ **Free Breakfast & Lunches** – Great news! The free breakfast and lunch program will continue for the remainder of the school year! These are available for students in-person for students at 3 locations at Holicong (front office vestibule, bus platform, and the stairwell inside of parent pickup & dropoff). **Note – these options are available for online students as well with curbside pickup at all 3 high schools on Monday & Thursday.** Please see the link for more information!

- ✓ **Athletics & Musical Schedule** – These are available on the athletics and musical website, but will include this is the morning announcements each week so we have a “consolidated schedule” in one spot (please know that if changes are made, they will be noted on the website)
- ✓ **Academic Intervention & Resource** – Students on the D/F report and behind on academic assignments will be expected to remain in resource class when online/at home. Our staff is focusing on reaching out to our students that are struggling with getting work in and trying to communicate with as many students & parents as we can before the break in the hopes that students get caught up on everything before the winter holiday
- ✓ **Extracurriculars @ Holicong** – Please see our [Activities Website](#) for the extracurricular activities and opportunities for Athletics, Clubs, and Music Programs! We encourage our students to engage outside of class and “get in the game!”
- ✓ **Morning Show** – Please check out the Morning Show page for the morning show from Wednesday!
- ✓ **Review of Colonial Cores & Hybrid Learning Expectations - 2nd Marking Period** - A reminder for anyone who has not seen this yet – our “reboot” of expectations for our hybrid learning for the 2nd marking period as it ties into our Colonial Cores!
- ✓ **Holicong Videos – Telling our Story** – One way we can continue to tell our story to our community! These will include a variety of short videos from the year as well as some of the other work we do at Holicong!

Holicong Athletic & Musical Weekly After School Schedule
FEBRUARY
Week of 2/8/21

Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Musical		Rehearsal 3:00 – 5:00			Rehearsal 3:00 – 5:00	
Girls Varsity Basketball						
Girls JV Basketball						
Boys Varsity Basketball	Tryouts – 3:00-5:00					
Boys JV Basketball	Tryouts – 3:00-5:00					
Wrestling	Practice – 3:00-4:45	Practice - 3:00-4:45	Match			
Cheerleading						

UPCOMING DATES
(subject to change)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR DATES

February 22nd

**5 Day Return (Information in Separate Email)
Faculty Meeting**

HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN – HOLICONG PROCEDURES & VIDEOS

(These are the videos posted on our [Health & Safety Plan and Hybrid Resources Page](#))

Topic & Video	Time
✓ Review Student Health & Safety Practices – Face Coverings, Washing Hands & Sanitizing, Staying Home When Sick	18:06
✓ Student Arrival Procedures & Holding Areas	15:10
✓ Review Student Traffic Patterns – Between Classes	9:36
✓ Review Cleaning Desks Procedures	2:51
✓ Review Bell Schedules & A/B Rotation	6:29
✓ Review Restroom & Leaving Class Procedures	8:05
✓ Review Bell Schedules & A/B Rotation	6:29
✓ Review Colonial Cores & Behavior Expectations	4:00
✓ Review OneDrive & Canvas Organization	3:55
✓ Review Hybrid vs. Virtual Instruction & Expectations	3:46
✓ Review Dismissal Procedures & Traffic Patterns & Grab & Go Lunch Locations	8:26