



## 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 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> A DAY	Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> B DAY	Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> A DAY	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> B DAY	Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> A DAY
✓ Faculty Meeting	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Intervention &amp; Enrichment Schedule</li> <li>✓ Coaches vs. Cancer 3 on 3 Tourney – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade</li> </ul>	✓ 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation @ 7:00 PM	✓

### ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES

- ✓ **Black History Month at Holicong** – Thank you again to Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Barraclough and the Humanitarians of Holicong for the work they put in to make our Advisory activities educational and meaningful as we continue to make Holicong a place where we learn about and appreciate each other’s backgrounds, cultures, and what makes us a community. This week they shared a video from Mr. Rodgers to follow up on our movie night, a trivia game, and a padlet that included a variety of videos for students and teachers to choose to watch and discuss during Advisory.
- ✓ **PSSA Reports** – The hardcopies of the reports were sent home in Advisory on Tuesday. Please see update from last week for more detailed information!
- ✓ **Holicong Bookmarks** – Congratulations to our bookmark winners – S. Serban - 7-1, A. Sinha - 7-1, A. Dong - 7-2, K. Campos-Zuna - 8.1. We have pictures on the website and announcements and the goal is to make enough for all of our students and staff to have one to have!
- ✓ **Math Counts** – Congratulations to all the students who took part in this work during the year and on the day of the competition – it is extremely difficult! There were 57 total participants

in the Bucks County Chapter and Holicong had 5 students place in the top 20: A. Chen (5), J. Cheng (8), A Wan (10), K. Tang (14), and A. Awasthi (17).

- ✓ **Mock Trial Celebration** – Thanks to Mrs. Loughlin, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Maigur for holding the Mock Trial lunch celebration to honor the work of this group during the year!
- ✓ **NHD Celebration** – Thanks to Mrs. Keyes, Mr. Knoedler, Mr. Vacca and Mrs. Loughlin for hosting the
- ✓ [Parent Resources / Parent Council 2021-2022 \(cbsd.org\)](#) – Here is the link to our February Parent Council page which includes both the video recording of the AM session (with program planning information for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents) and the pdf version as well. Lots of pictures and updates included.
- ✓ **Program Planning** – Please see the counseling page websites for information & resources!
  - [Guidance/School Psychologist / 7th to 8th Grade Program Planning \(cbsd.org\)](#)
  - [Guidance/School Psychologist / 8th to 9th Grade Program Planning \(cbsd.org\)](#)
  - [Guidance/School Psychologist / 9th to 10th Grade Program Planning \(cbsd.org\)](#)
- ✓ **1<sup>st</sup> Period & Tardies** – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> there is a consequence as our teachers start the day right at the bell with announcements.
- ✓ **Coaches vs. Cancer** – This week we had 16 teams compete in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament for Coaches vs. Cancer! It was awesome! We have pictures on the website and excited about next week's 7<sup>th</sup> grade tournament.
- ✓ **Wordle at Holicong** – We are following the trend and having fun with this at Holicong! Please continue to follow Twitter to see the words!
- ✓ **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** – We have already started using the furniture and “living room” space for a variety of purposes and will continue to add to it! Look for pictures on the website!

**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](mailto:vbarrett@cbsd.org).

**MARCH DATES**  
(subject to change and additions)

**WEEK OF March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> A DAY	Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> B DAY	Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> A DAY	Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> B DAY	Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> A DAY
✓	✓	✓ Intervention & Enrichment Schedule ✓	✓	✓

**WEEK OF March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> A DAY	Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> B DAY	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> A DAY	Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> B DAY	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> A DAY
✓ Faculty Meeting	✓	✓ Intervention & Enrichment Schedule ✓	✓	✓

**WEEK OF March 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> A DAY</b>	<b>Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> B DAY</b>	<b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> A DAY</b>	<b>Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> B DAY</b>	<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> A DAY</b>
✓ Faculty Meeting	✓	✓ Intervention & Enrichment Schedule ✓	✓	✓

**WEEK OF March 28<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> A DAY</b>	<b>Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> B DAY</b>	<b>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> A DAY</b>	<b>Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> B DAY</b>	<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> A DAY</b>
✓	✓	✓ Intervention & Enrichment Schedule ✓	✓	✓