

**Welcome to
Holicong!**



**The next chapter of your education
begins here**

FAQ

Athletics – Informational packets are handed out at the beginning of the year in guidance. This includes paperwork (physical, parent release, etc.) and tentative start dates for sports. Tryouts are announced at school and updated through the Holicong athletic website.

Activity/athletic bus – We currently do not have a bus that runs for after school activities.



HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL
CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parent pickup/dropoff – The entrance is the first driveway closest to the tennis courts/Mechanicsville road. Due to the high volume of traffic during these times on Holicong Road, we do suggest students take the bus.

Foreign Languages – French & Spanish is offered starting in 8th grade.

ADVICE FROM A PARENT

IT WILL BE

OK!



FUN 7TH GRADE TEACHERS!





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Orchestra

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Chorus



Band



Ugly Holiday Sweater Spirit Day!

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Relay for Life



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Go to anything scheduled to familiarize you as a parent. The parental tour and back to school night helped me become familiar and pass info on to my student.”





ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Buy a metal combination lock and let your child practice at home.”





ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“No one is alone! Everyone is new to 7th grade at one point.”









ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Stay open-minded.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Three minutes between classes is plenty of time make sure to tell your students that .”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

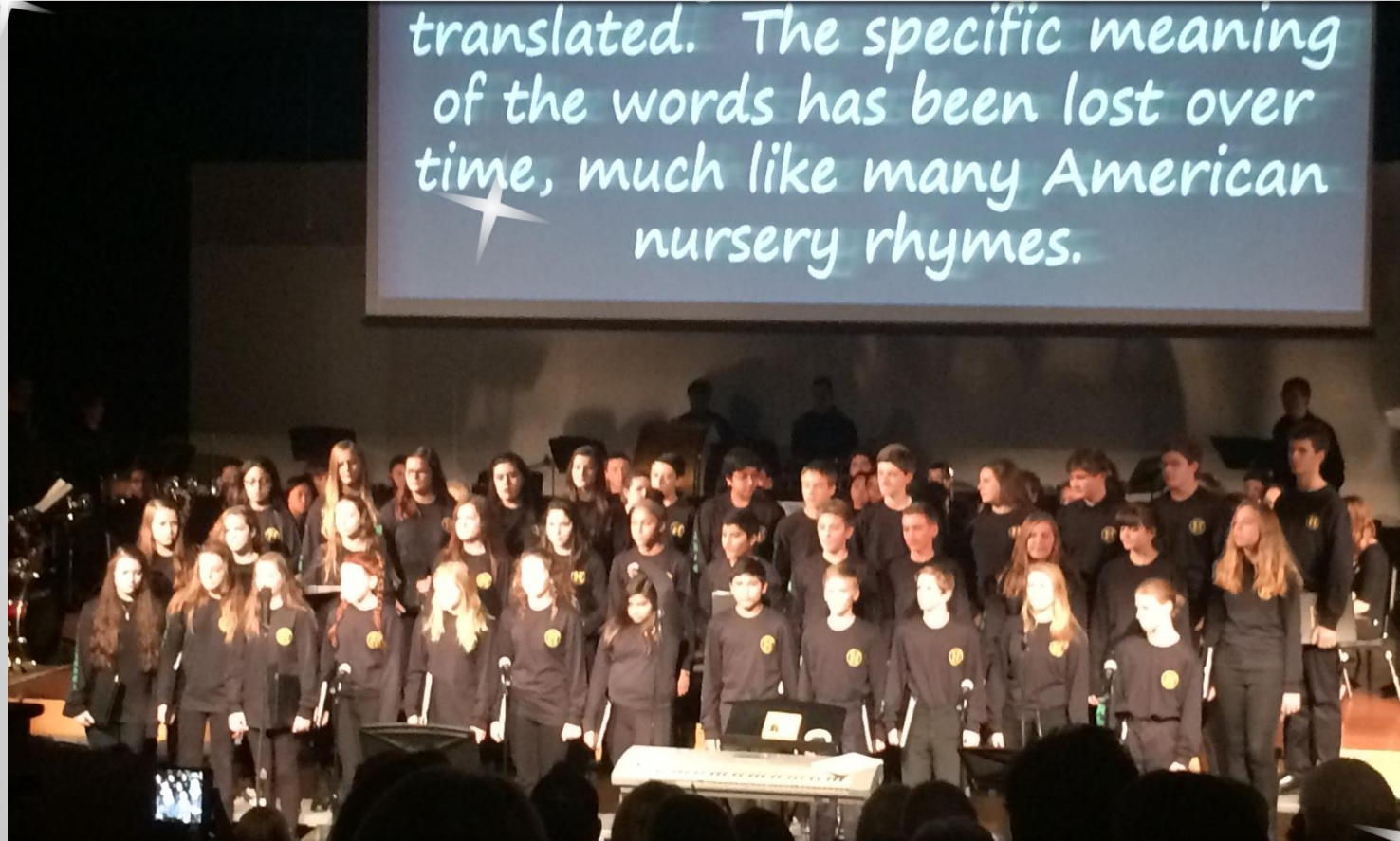
“Don’t procrastinate .”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Don’t share your locker combination.”

translated. The specific meaning
of the words has been lost over
time, much like many American
nursery rhymes.



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Time management don’t wait until the last moment.”





ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Don’t stress out over little things.”





ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Make sure you let them know there is more independence, but also more responsibility .”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Get involved with your kids homework to help them study.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Study a good amount for tests.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Pack a snack for your child. Even if they didn't eat a snack in Elementary School, many of the 7th and 8th grade teachers allow in one of their classes to eat a snack each day. You will be surprised!”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

*“Parents don’t stress... because
it will stress your kid out.”*



How can we participate?
Form a team of people who people and who
a team captain
Who should be our team captain?

ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

*“Practice opening locker
before school starts.”*



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

*“Make sure your kid is
organized.”*



4th Place
Clare Donnelly & Hazen Gotschal

1st Place
Angie Biagiorno

3rd Place
Joey Stella and Connor Goodyear

ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Use Parent Portal and teacher sites to keep on top of classes/grades/ assignments. You can always email a teacher with questions. Back to school night is helpful as you may get different interpretations from kids than what teacher says...it helps to hear from teacher and have a face to a name.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Try to make a variety of friends from different teams.”





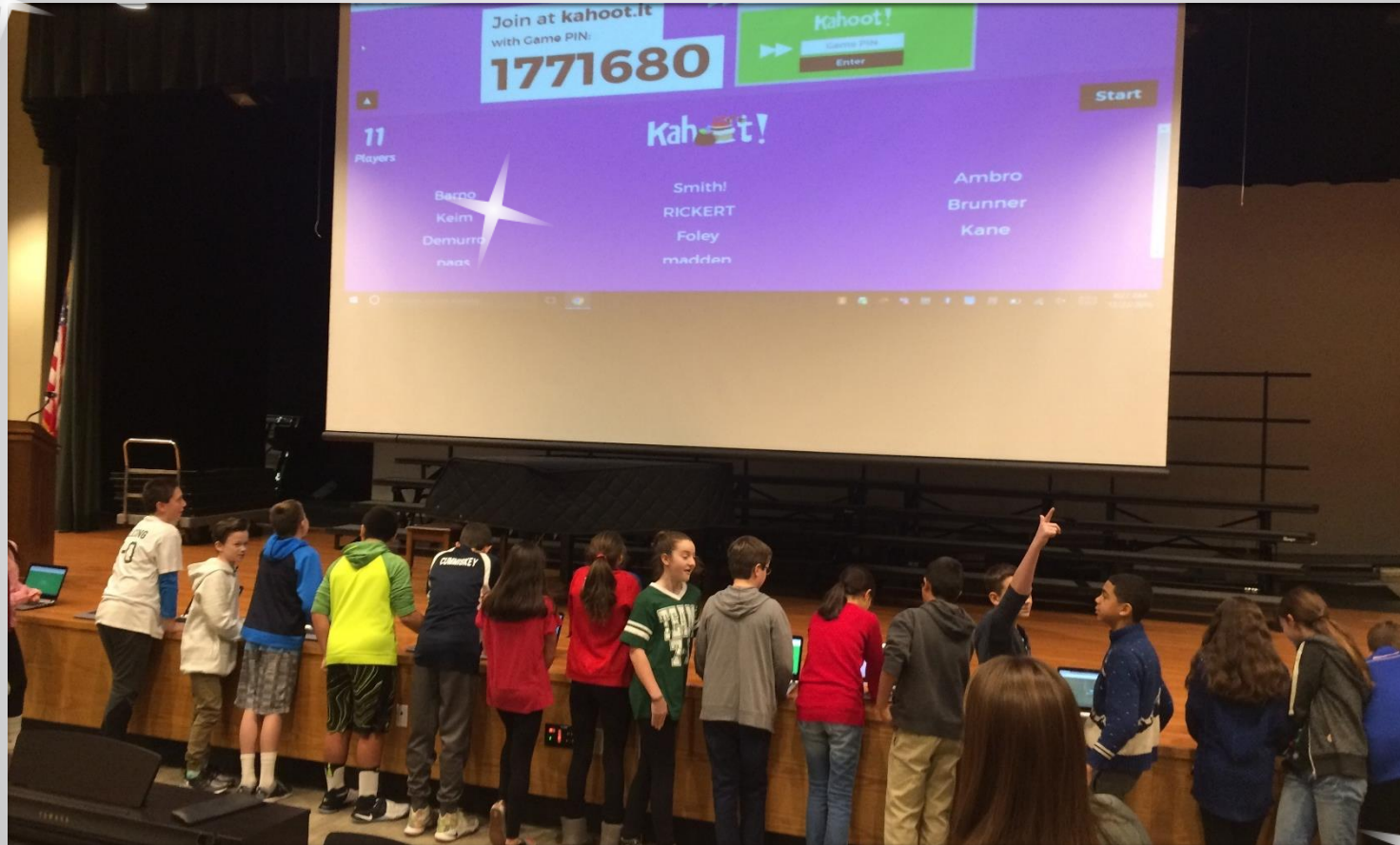
ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Buy a lot of pencils.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

*“There is homework on the weekends!
Figure out which day is best, because it's not
like the don't have to look at their
backpacks until Monday morning.”*



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE STUDENT

“Encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities .”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Don't be afraid to ask any question big or small. Everyone has been an open book making this transition very smooth.”





ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Talk to other parents- especially ones who have been through it before...I had an older child go through it first, so then when my younger one was starting Holicong and some of her friend's parents were experiencing everything for the first time, I had answers to many of their questions since I had been through it before. They were not hard questions, but I think it calmed the parents - which of course is better for the kids who could feed off parents anxiety.”



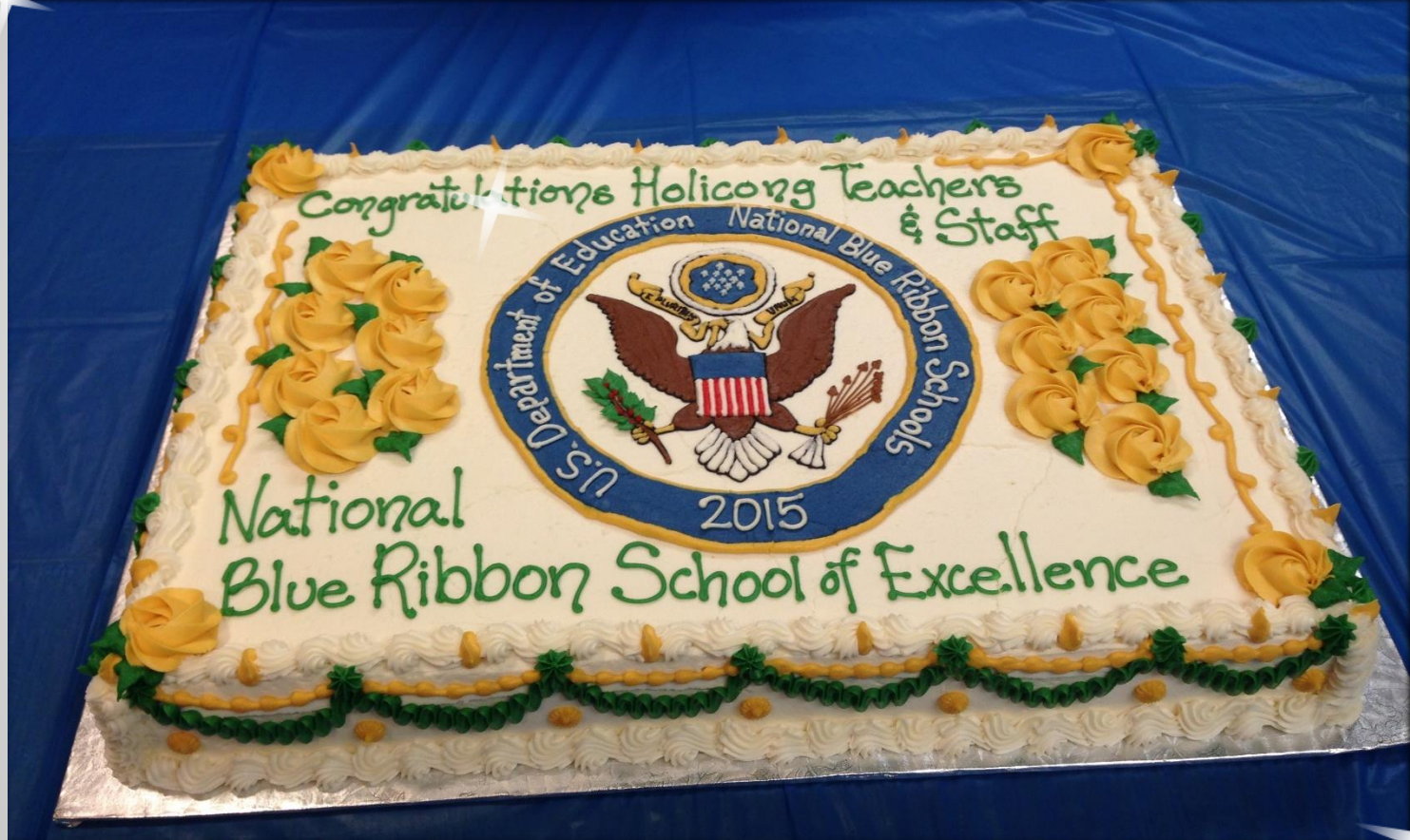
ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Your child will be well served by being up to date on Office 365 and PowerPoint skills. These get used a lot! Advise your child to make the most of the time in 6th grade to learn these skills well. Also! Use a zipper binder with a section for each subject. This is the best way for students to stay organized and not leave things behind.”



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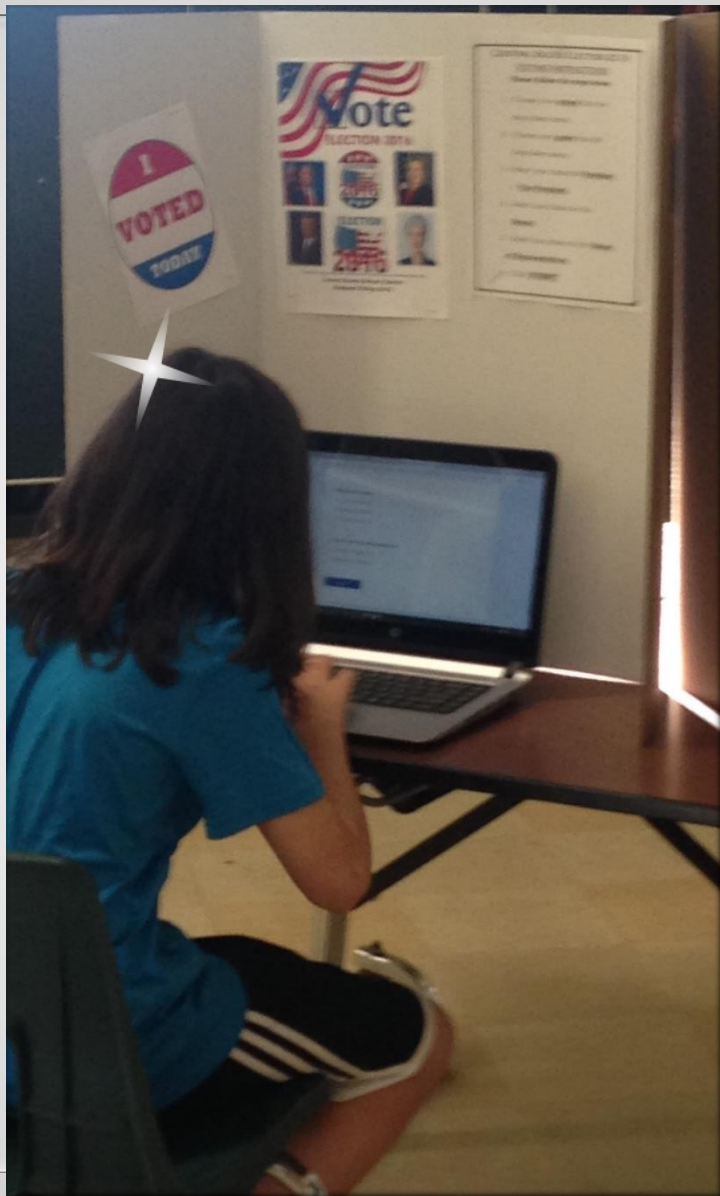
“Once school begins keep eyes and ears open for the Daily Announcements. It is read aloud each morning but also posted on the CBSD Holicong homepage. It is a great way to learn how students can get involved in all activities and clubs that Holicong has to offer.”



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ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Listen to your child.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Take advantage of all events/orientation nights and days leading up to 7th grade. Going into the school at the "open house" when you pick up your child's schedule definitely will help ease her or him into the transition. We made sure the locker could be opened several times then walked from class to class per the schedule and did the "scavenger" hunt. These all helped my child to feel more familiar with the new school and it was a big help in easing nerves.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Learn to utilize the teacher's websites & school websites right away so that it becomes a part of your daily/weekly ritual.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Get a large zipper binder with a handle to help your child stay organized. They can keep every subject in one location. This makes it much easier for them to transport along with all their books.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Don't stress. There will be challenges and changes but help your child embrace them instead of fear them.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Don't be afraid to contact the teachers with any questions comments or just praise. Just because your child is in middle school now they still like to hear from you.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Definitely use the mobile Campus Portal. It's easier to read/scan and check your child's grades and assignments than the online parent portal.”



ADVICE FROM A 7TH GRADE PARENT

“Be positive about new, fun experience. The kids are so nervous about opening lockers and who to sit with at lunch etc. Just tell them it will be fine and you'll meet new people, see familiar faces, and have great new teachers etc. Go to get the schedules and tour school in summer - open the locker, etc. It helps the kids with anxiety.”



