



HOLICONG WEEKLY UPDATE

Student First Day – Monday August 30, 2022

Holicong Community,

Monday is an exciting day for the Holicong community as we start a new school year at Holicong Middle School! As we have noted in our welcome letters and other communication, we realize our students are feeling a combination of anticipation, excitement and nervousness. Please know that you are not alone and Monday almost 1,000 students are feeling the same way! Please just remember to be yourself and make it a point to say hello to someone you don't know – this can be challenging for all of us but we promise once you do this it will make all the difference! We ask all of our students, parents, and staff take a moment to read this and watch this video – [8-Year Old New Friends](#). We hope it provides a bit of inspiration and confidence for all of our students, staff, and parents and think of it on Monday morning if you see someone who might need a helping hand (hint – sometimes you don't even need to ask...just get in the game and help and know that if an 8-year-old can do this, so can we!). Please see below for 1st day information and the following pages for more details!

7th Grade Students: You will report directly to the auditorium when you arrive (both bus and car riders). Staff and student leaders will direct you to sit with the other students on your team. You will sit “every other seat” in the auditorium. You will remain in the auditorium for our opening assembly (the first time you are together as a class!) and then break out to meet in your teams where you will meet the teachers and students on your team for the year. We will review the schedule for the day in the opening assembly and all other important information. You will also have time to go to your lockers, review your schedules, review bus pickup schedules, and get settled in at Holicong. For those students who did not get laptops – we have these organized by your team so you will get them on Monday!

8th Grade Students: You will report to the main gym (both bus and car riders). At 7:20 you will report to your first period class. You will bring your laptop to 1st period and login on the school Wi-Fi to make sure everything is working correctly (we will have Mr. Germano available for technical assistance as needed).

9th Grade Students: You will report to the cafeteria (both bus and car riders). At 7:20 you will report to your first period class. You will bring your laptop to 1st period and login on the school Wi-Fi to make sure everything is working correctly (we will have Mr. Germano available for technical assistance as needed).

We realize there may be some difficulty sleeping the next two nights with the anticipation of Monday and also know that for many, the “1st day outfit is primary topic followed by...who am I going to sit with in the cafeteria?” The nervousness and possible stress that you might be feeling – it is natural but as Tom Petty said, “Waiting is the Hardest Part.” The thinking that comes “before the thing”...before the tryouts...before the recital...before the raising your hand in class...the “before” of anything new is hard for all of us – adults included! But we promise that once the “thing happens” ...getting off of the bus or out of the car...walking in the auditorium...sitting at a lunch table. We promise it will then all be OK because you will have the support of the staff, your friends, and all of us in the Holicong community who want every single student to feel safe and valued **AT ALL TIMES!**

For now just make sure that your outfit is ready and your alarm is set so mom or dad don't have to drag you out of bed! And know that our faculty & staff cannot wait to welcome you to Holicong on Monday morning to start the new school year!

Kevin Shillingford, Principal

Mike Canelli, Assistant Principal



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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 AUGUST 30

Monday A DAY	Tuesday B DAY	Wednesday A DAY	Thursday B DAY	Friday A DAY
First Day of School!		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Intervention & Enrichment Schedule ✓ Leadership Meeting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No School for Students

First Day Schedule

Abridged for parents & students in update – the highlighted topics will be wevideos created by Mr. Canelli & Dr. Shillingford that cover these procedures with students and then posted on the website along with other resources.

	7 th Grade	8 th Grade	9 th Grade
Period	Time &Event	Time & Event	Time & Event
Student Arrival	7:05 – 7:20 <i>Report to Auditorium</i>	7:05 – 7:20 <i>Report to Main Gym</i>	7:05 – 7:20 <i>Cafeteria</i>
Arrival & Transition	7:20 – 7:30 <i>Remain in auditorium</i>	7:20 – 7:30 <i>Report to 1st Period</i>	7:20 – 7:30 <i>Report to 1st Period</i>
Opening Assembly & Team Meetings	7:30 – 8:20 Opening Assembly in Auditorium	7:30 – 8:20 Review 1 st Day Information & Schedule	7:30 – 8:20 Review 1 st Day Information & Schedule
1	8:23 – 8:46	8:20 – 8:40	8:23 – 8:53
2	8:49 – 9:13	8:43 – 9:13	8:53 – 9:16
Advisory	9:16 – 9:35	9:16 – 9:35	9:16 – 9:35
3	9:38 – 10:28 Overview, Mission, Cores, Schedule	9:38 – 10:28 Overview, Mission, Cores, Schedule	9:38 – 10:28 Overview, Mission, Cores, Schedule

4	10:31 – 11:21 Student Safety, Leaving Class, Restroom	10:31 – 11:21 Student Safety, Leaving Class, Restroom	10:28 – 11:03 LUNCH
LUNCH (By Grade – highlighted blue)	11:21 – 11:56 LUNCH	11:21 – 12:14 Review bus information & visit locations	11:06 – 11:51 Review bus information & visit locations
5	11:59 – 12:44 Student Arrival and Holding Areas Video (7:21)	12:14 – 12:49 LUNCH	11:54 – 12:44 Student Arrival and Holding Areas Video (7:21)
6	12:47 – 1:37 Review bus information & visit locations	12:52 – 1:37 Student Arrival and Holding Areas Video (7:21)	12:47 – 1:37 Student Arrival and Holding Areas Video (7:21)
7	1:40 – 2:20 Dismissal Procedures Video Bus Locations (7:25)	1:40 – 2:20 Dismissal Procedures Video Bus Locations (7:25)	1:40 – 2:25 Dismissal Procedures Video Bus Locations (7:25)
Dismissal – Announcement & Staggered Dismissal	2:20 – 2:30 Staff escorts & supervises and assists students <i>Bus Riders – Report to bus location & riders report to pick-up location</i>	2:20 – 2:30 Staff escorts & supervises and assists students <i>Bus Riders – Report to bus location & riders report to pick-up location</i>	2:20 – 2:30 Staff escorts & supervises and assists students <i>Bus Riders – Report to bus location & riders report to pick-up location</i>

ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES

- [Back to School 2021-2022 \(smore.com\)](#) – Newsletter from Dr. Lucabaugh includes welcome & a variety of links and resources (attendance, breakfast & lunch, emergency forms, and more!)
- [Attendance Procedures](#) – New procedure for attendance in 2021-2022. Link to report student absence on top of weekly update each week!
- [Reading Your Schedule](#) – This is the link to the page with Mr. Canelli’s videos of how to read your schedule for each grade and includes the welcome letters, supply lists, and other resources. A few notes:
 - When accessing your schedule on your phone, make sure you click on the 3 lines in the top left, then click on Documents, then “student schedule” – this view is the view that students will have on schedules and includes locker information, counselor & team assignments, and more!
 - Please check your schedule – there were a few updates prior to the Open House
 - 1st Day – as seen above in our letter and schedule, all students get a paper copy to begin the day
- **Welcome New Faculty and Staff**

Faculty	Support Staff	Welcome Back
Bryan Reice (H & PE)	Val Pero (2 nd Shift – FEMO)	Molly Rickert
Teresa Morgan (F & CS)	Michael Evans (EA)	Kristy Trammell
Amanda Romig (LS – 8.2)	Emily Boyd (EA)	Eleni Dufresne
Jesse Everhart (School Psychologist)	Cheryl Martin (PCA)	
Carolann Irrera (Certified School Nurse)	Polina Pulia (PCA)	

- [Bell Schedule](#) – A direct link to the bell schedule (posted in several pages on website!)
- [Pickup Dropoff](#) and [Overhead Map with Instructions](#)
- **Quick Hit Reminders**
 - **Bookbags** – These are allowed and encouraged.
 - **Lunch & Cafeteria** – Students can buy or bring. Mr. Canelli will review all cafeteria procedures with each grade at lunch.

- **Lockers** – We are limiting the use of lockers to start the year to minimize class disruptions (“can I go to my locker?” – not needed if everything in hand) and reduce the number of students at lockers and in hallways both during and in between classes (safety and supervision).
- **Snacks** – Students can bring snacks and the Advisory period is a time for this (as long as students follow teacher classroom management plans).

UPCOMING DATES

(subject to change)

SEPTEMBER 6	Labor Day – SCHOOLS CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 7	Rosh Hashanah – SCHOOLS CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 13	Picture Day!
SEPTEMBER 16	Yom Kippur – SCHOOLS CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 17	SPIRIT NIGHT!
SEPTEMBER 23	7 th Grade Back to School Night
SEPTEMBER 28	Music Program Kickoff
SEPTEMBER 30	8 & 9 Grade Back to School Night