



Holicong Community,

We are reaching out to all students, staff, and parents in one communication before tomorrow. This email includes our welcome letters, information to help with schedules, logistics for our Open House, and other information you might need. Before we get to logistics, I would first like to thank our Student Leaders for coming to Holicong today and putting in a full day of “scut” work to help us prepare for tomorrow and the beginning of the year.

It is also important to note that in light of Dr. Lucabaugh’s recent communication that went out not long ago that we are still holding our Open House tomorrow and Wednesday. We are currently “status quo” based on the current Health & Safety plan and masks are optional. All I request from our students and parents as the principal and de facto “en loco parentis” of over 950 students and leader of 100 faculty and staff – please let us be respectful of others and model behaviors that are consistent with the values we hold dear and have dedicated our time in cultivating over the past several years. Tomorrow is meant to be an exciting day for all students...and especially those starting their “careers” at Holicong. While while we cannot ignore the situation around us, we want this day to be a special one for them whether they are joining us in-person (and 7th graders getting laptops) or using our resources from home.

Mr. Canelli and I have spent much time over the past day to create resources available online to students and parents - [Parent Resources / Opening of School \(cbsd.org\)](#); [Parent Resources / Holicong Student Handbook \(Bell Schedules, Building Maps, Policies and More\) \(cbsd.org\)](#). We have done this so you can access as much information as possible before the start of school and encourage students and parents to use these resources because we are hopeful that they will answer many of the questions you have!

Welcome Letters – These are attached for students in each grade and we encourage students and parents to read them before the first day of school (if not tonight!). These are in PDF format because the back of the letter includes resources and links that you can click on to make finding information easier – in years past this would have been something to post on the refrigerator...but can't click on links there!

Welcome Carolann Irrera! With the retirement of our certified school nurse Donna Radice last year, we are excited to introduce Mrs. Carolann Irrera who has joined the Holicong team this summer! We will introduce our other new members to the Holicong staff in later communication, but wanted to make everyone aware that Mrs. Irrera will be in the Health Office tomorrow from 8:00 – 11:00 and next Wednesday from 5:00 – 7:00 if you would like to stop by and say hello. She has also updated the [Health Office webpage](#) and made a short introduction powerpoint so you can meet her “virtually” – [Mrs. Irrera Introduction!](#)

Students Schedules and Other Resources:

[Parent Resources / Opening of School \(cbsd.org\)](#) – We have created this page on the website that is a “home base” that will help students/guardians for schedules and other information get you through the next week. This page includes:

- A short video for each grade on how to read your schedule (includes A/B information & lunches) – we recommend that everyone watch this when schedules come out so you can see what information is available
- Copies of our welcome letters for each grade (resources and policies on the back)
- Supply Lists (we will not have these hardcopies tomorrow)
- Team Letters (we will not have these hardcopies tomorrow)

Access to Schedules: These will be available at 8:00 and you can access them on your mobile device or laptop. We no longer printing out paper schedules (or supply lists or team letters – these are posted on the site above so you can access them right after you find out what team you are on). Now that students can access schedules online (and on phones) printing out thousands of pieces of paper seemed a bit irresponsible and many were not picked up and had to be discarded. We will have printed schedules for students on the first day of school.

Note 1 - We do have our ambassadors and student leaders here to help you access these if you are not able and Mrs. McCusker will be available in guidance to print schedules upon request.

Note 2 - We are asking students (and parents/guardians please help us with this) **to NOT post their schedules on social media**. Students have done this in recent years with no ill-intent and most likely excited to share to see who has classes together, but the schedules include confidential information with locker numbers and class schedules and once this is out on social media, it becomes part of the digital footprint where anyone could have access.

Instructions: You will need your username & password to do this! Darshan and Pranet put these basic instructions below to make this process easy for all. Note – You do need your username & password – so if you do not remember, please see the helpful links below:

To Access and Print Infinite Campus Schedule on Mobile

1. Download the Infinite Campus Parent App on the App Store or the Google Play Store
2. Sign-In and select the District as CBSD (Central Bucks School District)
3. Select the three black bars, and click on Schedule on the Side Menu Page
4. Click on the Print Icon/ The print Button

To Access and Print Infinite Campus Schedule on a Computer

1. Visit CBSD.org and select the A+ icon on the right
2. Select Parent, and then insert your Sign-In details
3. On the Menu on the Left, select the Schedule button
4. Select the Print icon/button, or use shortcut ctrl+p

Helpful Links

1. [Recover Parent Portal Username and Password](#)
2. [Campus Mobile App instructions and notification settings](#)
3. [General Help Center](#)

Logistics for Tomorrow

Time: Doors will open at 8:00 and stay open until 2:00 pm.

Parking: Parking is available in the main lot and the bus platform. The bus platform doors are locked so everyone will enter through the doors at the "H."

Student Ambassadors: Our student ambassadors are here to help and assist you! They will be at tables in the atrium and around the building to assist with directions, opening lockers, reading schedules, accessing schedules and parent portal on mobile devices, and more. Please don't be shy about reaching out - they are here to help you!

Other Information:

- **Student Leadership Table** – Our Student Leadership will have a welcome table out front – look for the yellow canopy. The table will include information for new students, scavenger hunt scavenger hunts to help students find their way, and club and activity information.
- **Information Tables in Atrium** – These will include maps of the building with teacher assignments, support for technology help, help reading schedules, and other information to help you start the day.
- **School Supplies** – Our Student Leaders will have a station in the atrium for parents to drop off any extra supplies for the year for students in need (something we will revisit at Back to School night).
- **Holicong Gear** – Caldwell's will have a location where you can pick up Holicong clothing for the beginning of school year.
- **Census Verifications** – Parents can complete the online census verification online at Holicong that day. We have laptops set up in a class off the atrium.
- **Other** – We have posted QR codes on signs throughout the building with access to the videos of how to open a locker, links to the resources pages, and a sheet for students and parents to put any questions or feedback regarding schedules.

Please note:

If you can't be here – Please join us next Wednesday evening from 5:00 – 7:00 during our Open House or visit the website for all information for back to school. **Open House next Wednesday evening!**

We want to leave you with one last message before schedules go live tomorrow: We realize that this is an exciting time and one of the first things students want to know when schedules come out is "what team are they on and who else is on it?" That is a natural part of human nature and we would be remiss if we didn't admit we did the same thing many (OK, many, many) years ago. But we want you to know that all of our teams in each grade include dedicated and passionate teachers who care about students. And while it is human nature to want to be on the same team as friends from elementary school or 8th & 9th grade, we would ask that you embrace the opportunity of meeting new students and building new relationships in our school community. We realize this is easy to express in email and a bit harder to do in "real life" but we know you can do it. One of our goals at Holicong is to build a community where we all know and respect one another – this will make our school and local community stronger now and over the course of each and every one of your journeys through Holicong, CB East, and beyond.

That is all for now! There is much more information to share and we will follow up with a


communication next week before the first day of school with any follow up in regards to opening days and Health & Safety information.


Thank you and we can't wait to see you!


Kevin Shillingford, Principal

Mike Canelli, Assistant Principal

Attachments:

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