



Dear Holicong Seventh Grader,

Today is a very exciting day as you will receive your very 1st Holicong Middle School schedule! We are thrilled to have you join our Holicong family and we know that along with the excitement of coming to middle school also comes anticipation....and many questions! We are here to answer all of these questions for both you and your parents!

This is a great time to enter 7th grade and become a Holicong Colonial. The last few years have not been “normal” for sure, but this year we are excited to get back to what we do at Holicong and you will enjoy many former traditions (Spirit Night!) and new ones. You will also be receiving your brand new laptops which we hope will happen on the 1st day of school and will keep you posted on this. And of course you will have new, big lockers to use for the 1st time! Over the coming weeks and first day we will share information through emails, videos and FAQ’s to ensure that you and your parents/guardians have everything you need! We have also posted a quick FAQ & dates to know on the back of this letter and these will also be communicated on the first week of school, posted on the calendar (website and school), announcements, and more – yes, we communicate often and in a variety of ways!

Student 1st Day – Monday, August 29th – This is your official 1st day as a Holicong Colonial and we will follow the “A” day schedule listed on your schedule. When you arrive to school, you will report directly to the auditorium. This will also be your “holding area” for the year if you arrive before 7:20. We will have plenty of teachers to help you find your way that morning. This will be our first gathering as an entire 7th grade, which is very exciting! As we talked about at 6th grade visits – we have students from 5 local elementary schools along with new students to the district! We will cover everything you need to know at that time including introductions to team teachers, counselors, and more!

Colonial Core Values – At Holicong you will be introduced to the [*Colonial Cores*](#). These are the 4 core values that all of the Holicong community follow and are based on what Holicong students and staff feel best exemplify what the Holicong community represents and should live at all times: **Considerate, Health, Responsible, Respectful**. You will hear much more about the Colonial Cores because they are the foundation of our work – how we act and treat one another (and ourselves) at all times!

We realize that many of you are feeling a combination of emotions – excited, curious, nervous, and maybe a little scared –**and you are not alone!** This is only natural and the same way we (your, parents, teachers, and us) felt when we were your age and had to start at a new school. It is important to know that at Holicong we are a true community and your teachers, staff, and 8th & 9th grade students are here to help and support you. And true Holicong Colonials value more than getting good grades and doing homework. We are dedicated to creating a positive school culture ***at all times***. We are nice to each other, treat others with respect and dignity, and are open to the views and opinions of others. Our teachers will hold you to high standards as you learn new information each and every day. Yes, we have high expectations, but this is what makes our school truly special and such a great place to come to every day – we promise! And as you have and will continue to see our motto is “Get in the Game” meaning that we want everyone – students, staff, parents/guardians, and everyone in our community to be actively engaged and support one another and our mission!

You are about to embark on a three-year journey that you will remember for a lifetime and we are excited to start that journey with you next Tuesday. On behalf of the entire Holicong community...**WELCOME!**

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Shillingford
Principal

Mike Canelli
Assistant Principal

BACK to SCHOOL Fact Sheet

(The hyperlinks will take you directly to the Holicong website page that houses this information)

Bell Schedule & Lunch – 7th Grade Lunch is from 11:21 – 11:51. Please see the bell schedule here: [Bell Schedule](#).

Student Handbook – Please visit our Parents and Students page for our cell phone, dress code and attendance policies: [Student Handbook](#).

School Pickup & Dropoff – Please see here for the AM/PM pickup and dropoff procedures. Please make sure that you do not come in the main entrance for pickup & dropoff, as this is for staff and pedestrian traffic: [Parent Pickup/Dropoff](#).

AM Procedures: Doors open at 7:05. If you take the bus or get dropped off before 7:20, please report to the auditorium. You will stay there until 7:20 and then go to your locker and report to 1st period by 7:30. If you arrive after 7:20, you can report directly to your locker. Please give yourself plenty of time to get to your locker and class by 7:30 as we start 1st period promptly at 7:30 and students late will report to the office to get a pass and be marked tardy.

Aramark & Cafeteria – Food services are provided by Aramark Education. This year students will not receive free lunches or breakfast unless complete the free and reduced application. This is a change from the last two years and information posted on the [CBSD Website](#).

- Information about Aramark and daily lunch schedules can be found on the district website here – [Aramark](#).
- Parents can put money in your account on this website - [MySchoolBucks](#) and you can pay with your student account number at the register. We will have a cafeteria orientation on the first day of school.
- [Free & Reduced Application](#) – We encourage parents and guardians that qualify to complete this application as soon as possible. This link will take you to the page with instructions and application.

[Census Verification Forms](#) – This is for parents! Please complete this form online by August 29th! This form ensures that all of your student's information for medical and contacts is up to date and correct in the system.

[Athletics & Physical Forms](#) – Please see the Athletics page for information on the Family ID system and turn in Section 6 of the CIPPE form to Mrs. McCusker in the guidance office – 267-893-2730.

[Holicong Calendar](#) & Important dates – Please continue to check our Holicong website and weekly and daily announcements – below are a few dates to circle on your calendar in September!

7th Grade Back to School Night: September 15

Picture Day: September 6

Holicong Spirit Night: September 23