



Dear Holicong Eighth Grader,

It is that time to welcome back our returning 8th graders and say “hello” to our new 8th grade students joining us this year! At this point you have seen your schedules for the coming year either online or in-person (we still have hardcopies for students coming Wednesday night to the second Open House). This is an exciting time as you will continue your journey at Holicong and you will see some changes, including our bell schedule that includes daily I & E (more details forthcoming), use of our lockers in lieu of carrying bookbags to class & lunch, and more that we will share before school and the first day. Please see below and the back of this letter for more information – please know that anywhere you see a hyperlink you can click and it will take you directly to a website that has more information on that specific topic!

This year we will continue to uphold the values that are the foundation of our work at Holicong – the Colonial Cores: Considerate, Healthy, Respectful, and Responsible. We will continue to spend time familiarizing our students and community with these values and what they mean in terms of our behaviors and how we treat each other in the Holicong community. We are confident that you have seen how these values are the way we can support one another and ourselves. And as you see new students and 7th graders, please remember that a smile and a kind word to someone can make a world of difference and make someone feel better.

You are now in the second year of your middle school journey, which means the “learning curve” is over and you can now focus on how you will finish the next two years here at Holicong. We knew last year would be a challenge as you had to transition to a new school after years of disruptions with virtual and hybrid learning. This is why we focused so much on the Colonial Cores and teaching and reteaching how we should treat one another, our teachers and staff, the building, and ourselves. One of our personal highlights from last year was the 7th grade talent show and the level of support and positivity that was shown toward the performers and overall appreciation of this day is something that excites us and we hope to build off this momentum as we begin next year.

This is the year where we hope and expect that you will eagerly accept all academic and leadership opportunities and get involved in as many school activities as possible. There will be plenty of opportunities as we look to bring back some Holicong traditions and create new ones. We will continue to hold high expectations for you and remain true to our core values – this means treating everyone in the Holicong community with kindness and respecting the ideas and opinions of others. This is what makes Holicong such a special place and we are very proud to be part of this Holicong community with you!

On behalf of the entire Holicong faculty & staff...we are excited to **“GET BACK IN THE GAME!”**

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin T. Shillingford
Principal

Mr. Mike Canelli
Assistant Principal

BACK to SCHOOL
Resources & Fact Sheets

We will review this information with students at school but please keep as a reference for the year!

Bell Schedule & Lunch – 8th Grade Lunch is from 12:20 – 12:50. 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 **main gym**. 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!

8th Grade Back to School Night: September 22

Picture Day: September 6

Holicong Spirit Night: September 23