



Welcome To Holicong Middle School



**New CBSD Student and Parent
Orientation**

August 24, 2022

What is the
plan for the
evening?

Welcome &
Introductions

Whole Group
Presentations

Breakout – Students
& Parents

Who is here tonight?

- ▶ **Holicong Students:**
- ▶ Santiago Zarate Martinez, Elena Bhatt, Julia Nace
- ▶ **Holicong Parents**
- ▶ Mrs. Nace, Mrs. Bhatt, Mrs. Zarate Martinez
- ▶ **Counselor:** Mrs. Louderback
- ▶ **Principal:** Dr. Shillingford

What is our mission?

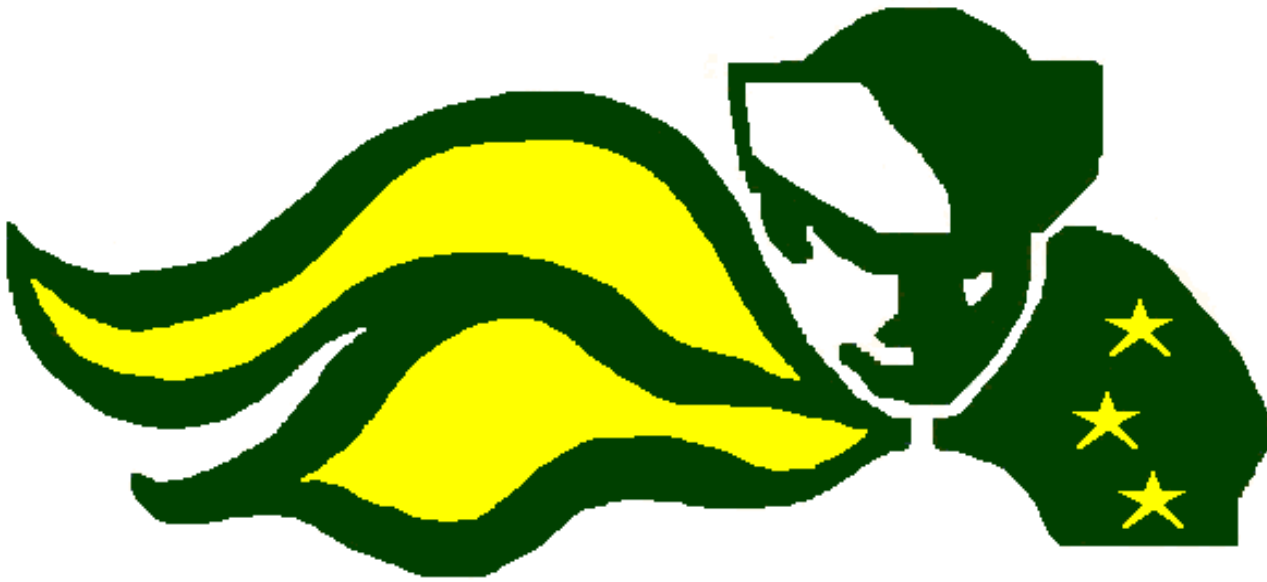
Holicong Middle School will foster a climate of **academic, social, and emotional** learning with an emphasis on **respectful, responsible, considerate, and healthy** behaviors.

What are our values? The Colonial Cores



Respectful

Healthy



Responsible

Considerate

Be Responsible

- I am prompt, prepared, and ready to learn
- I complete my work on time
- I complete my own work
- I demonstrate effort on a consistent basis

Be Respectful

- I am an active listener
- I follow directions the first time
- I promote a positive classroom environment
- I leave my area clean and return all materials

Be Considerate

- I listen to and consider other people's ideas, backgrounds, and beliefs
- I stand up for myself and others
- I am kind, helpful, and inclusive

Be Healthy

- I have a growth mindset
- I am mindful
- I am kind, patient, and understanding with myself
- I reach out for help when needed

What is the school makeup?

- ▶ Enrollment – 930 Approximate
- ▶ 7th Grade – 280
- ▶ 8th Grade – 325
- ▶ 9th Grade – 325
- ▶ Feeder Elementary Schools:
 - ▶ **Buckingham**
 - ▶ **Warwick**
 - ▶ **Linden**
 - ▶ **Cold Spring**
 - ▶ **Bridge Valley**
 - ▶ **Private/Parochial Schools**



What are the Teams?

- ▶ Teachers work in Teams during the year and students are assigned to a Team. They monitor student academics and supports and plan the Team activities...and much more!
 - ▶ **Two Teams per Grade**
 - ▶ **No Significance To Number**
 - ▶ **Teams Are Balanced as best as possible**
 - ▶ **Randomly Assigned**
 - ▶ **Include Cores & Specials**
 - ▶ **I & E and Resource “on Team”**
- ▶ “On Team” = You will be with students and teachers on your team for your cores and specials and have access to peers & teachers for support



What is the transition to Holicong like?



- **What does Holicong offer as bigger school?**
 - *More variety of clubs and people to meet.*
- **What help or suggestions do you have to make my kids transition more welcoming? How can my kid connect with like-minded peers?**
 - *Events such as this, our student leadership team, Team Leaders and sharing this information. We encourage students to join clubs and sports, don't be scared to branch out!*
- **How are the kids with new students?**
 - *Students are welcoming, don't be afraid to meet new people.*
- **What resources are available for students if they are having a difficult time emotionally rather than academically with their adjustment?**
 - *Communication is key – we have a new student group, our leadership team, and counselors that are always available. It is natural to feel some stress in a transition like this so counselors check in early with new students!*

What is an average day at Holicong like?

Is there a lot of homework each night or how is homework assigned?

- The amount of homework each night depends on the class and teacher, we try to not overwhelm students.
- Homework is assigned in class or on Canvas.

What happens if I am late to class because I've gotten lost?

- Teachers are very understanding the first week of school, they know you're getting used to the building.

Are there any field trips for this year?

- Yes. This depends on what grade you are in.

If I'm having trouble with my locker, where do I get help?

- Ask any teacher or student, they will help you with any problems.

What does testing & grading practice?

How frequently is standardized testing done?

- There are the PSSAs once every year (with exception of the 9th graders) and Keystones for Algebra 1 students.

How often are regular subject tests given?

- Tests are given around once a month (depending on the class and teacher) and quizzes are given in between the tests.

Do you have quarters or semesters for grading?

- We have four quarters called marking periods, we also have two semesters each year which determine the special classes the child is taking.

What is the grading policy?

- The breakdown for all courses is 90% summative & 10% formative? A detailed breakdown of these practices are on the website and will be reviewed with students at school.

How do we know our grades?

- You can always review updated and new grades on parent or student portal. Or ask your teacher.

What are the extracurricular opportunities?



ATHLETICS – OVER 15 SPORTS OFFERED IN FALL, WINTER, & SPRING.



CLUBS – OVER 20 CLUBS RANGING FROM ART TO WORLD AFFAIRS.



MUSIC – SELECT GROUPS IN BAND, CHORUS, AND ORCHESTRA.

**What
clubs are
there?**
Student
Activities /
Activities
Overview
(cbsd.org)

Humanitarians of Holicong

Power of Positive Students

Art Club

Skateboard Club

Technology Club

Literary Magazine

Photography

GSA

Mock Trial...

And more!

What athletics are offered?

Fall Sports

Boys Soccer
Cheerleading
Field Hockey
Football
Tennis (Boys and
Girls)

Winter Sports

Basketball
(Boys and Girls)
Cheerleading
Wrestling

Spring Sports

Baseball
Softball
Track
Girls Soccer
Lacrosse (Boys
and Girls)

When are tryouts for sports?

These will be posted on the athletic website and daily announcements on the website. We also have morning announcements, slides for the TV hallways, and daily lunch announcements!

The coaches email address are also posted on the website, so if you have any questions, please email them directly!

**How do
we
handle
school
safety?**

- ✓ CERT Team
- ✓ ALICE
Procedures
- ✓ Drills
- ✓ Buckingham
Police
Department

What is Canvas and how do we use it?

- ▶ Homework Assignments
- ▶ Long-term Assignments
- ▶ Upcoming Tests/Quizzes
- ▶ Class Procedures
- ▶ Contact Information
- ▶ And More
- ▶ Trainings for parents – on tech website & Parent Council



How do I read my schedule?

Schedule alternates every day and is indicated as A and B day on your schedule

Across the top of the schedule, please note MP1 through MP4. This row tells you which marking periods in the year you have a course. All major area classes, Band, Orchestra, and Chorus will be included under MP1 through MP4. This listing indicates that you have the class all year

Non-music track – note that all 4 specials classes change from semester 1 to semester 2

Music track – you stay in the music class all year, and your other specials class will change from semester 1 to semester 2

What are the academic supports?

- ▶ Open Study
- ▶ Resource
- ▶ Subject Peer Tutoring
- ▶ CB East Tutors
- ▶ Intervention & Enrichment Period



Intervention & Enrichment, Resource & Open Study

Intervention & Enrichment

- ✓ Monday – Thursday
- ✓ 40 Minutes
- ✓ Provide interventions & support for students – students can report to individual teachers based on need
- ✓ Enrichment activities also provided
- ✓ Friday – Wellness Days for School

Resource

- ✓ Rotating on A/B Schedule by team
- ✓ 47 minutes
- ✓ Attendance mandatory
- ✓ Focus on variety of activities and supports (SWPBIS, Smart Futures, Goal Setting, Daily Read, and more)

Open Study

- ✓ Tuesday & Thursday
- ✓ After School in Library
- ✓ Students sign up based on need
- ✓ Access to all materials and resources at Holicong with access to Holicong math coordinator

What is technology like?

- **Each student gets his/her own laptop, charger, and case**
- **The main platform we use is Office 365 through Microsoft & Canvas**
 - **All files will be organized in OneDrive**
 - **Outlook used for school email**
- **Canvas**
 - **Canvas is where you will find most of your submission pages and grades**
 - **This is also where teachers can give feedback and revise documents**
- **I-Team**
 - **We have a student led I-Team to support students and Mr. Germano is the technician that addresses all work tickets**

Miscellaneous questions

Are doors locked at all times?

- Yes, they are locked at all times

What is the gym dress code?

- There is no dress code anymore for gym, but it is recommended to bring athletic clothes to change into

What time of day can we go to the library (for checking out books)?

- At resource or advisory, some English teachers bring students to the library every so often to find books as well

How do we communicate with teachers?

▶ If having problems connecting to parent portal, who do we contact?

- Your child can ask the iTeam or put in a work ticket on the website

▶ What is the best way to contact teachers if it is necessary?

- You can email them via their teacher email

While we want our student to independently address things with teachers, this can be hard... How do you suggest we navigate this in the first weeks of school so that the student and the parents feel they are "on the same page" with instructors?

- There is back to school night where parents can meet with teachers and if any problems arise don't be afraid to email the teachers

▶ Best way for parents to know Canvas, tutorial?

- Your child can show you how to use Canvas or ask your students teacher

Dates & Communication

Holicong MS /
Homepage
(cbsd.org)

How to follow Holicong!

- ▶ [Holicong Website](#)
- ▶ [Daily Announcements & Weekly Updates](#)
- ▶ [@CBHolicongMS](#) - Twitter
- ▶ [CBSD Mobile App \(choose Holicong\)](#)
- ▶ [Holicong Athletics](#)

Point People!

Administration

Front Office
267-893-2700

Parents

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Let's Split Up

7th Graders	8th Graders	9th Graders
Julia	Elena	Santi

Questions?

