



Dear Holicong Freshman,

It is official! Tomorrow you will have access to your schedule for next year and you are about to enter your final year at Holicong. ***Congratulations!*** This is sure to be an exciting time in your academic and life journey and we are eager to see you back on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>! You are now the leaders of the school. Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be watching you from schedule pickup day to the first day of school until you leave here in June, so it is extremely important that you model our values of the Colonial Cores and demonstrate high levels of character at all times. This is how we continue the culture of kindness and respect at Holicong that makes our community proud! Please make sure to read and or post the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this letter – it includes information and resources that you and parents can access throughout the year!

The freshman year looks a bit different than 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and this year you will be officially referred to as the “Freshman Class Team.” There are 2 separate teams being led by the Freshman team leaders Mr. Maigur and Mrs. Smith. They have a few new ideas for the group that they are excited to share with you at our opening assembly on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please know that you still have Advisory activities and resource that will work the same in your schedule as years past.

We will talk about the importance of the freshman year as it pertains to your high school and future goals, but for now we want to stress again how much we value character and integrity at Holicong and are asking you to continue to model the [Colonial Cores](#): ***Considerate, Healthy, Respectful, and Responsible***. This is more important than ever because our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will look to you as leaders and this starts at our first Open House on Friday...and every day going forward. They will see how you treat others and that will shape many of their behaviors – they are watching even though you may not know it. **We hope you value this role and trust you will represent the Holicong community with pride!**

We realize the last few years have presented challenges for you, and your resiliency and ability to overcome them have been...remarkable. We would like to believe you understand what makes Holicong such a special place to be as a student. It is more than the classroom experience. It is about possessing outstanding character attributes, being involved in school and extracurricular events, and treating everyone with respect. And our goal will continue to be that you feel supported and valued in and out of the classroom. That is our promise to you. A special thanks to our freshman who have helped us prepare for our Open Houses and to others...we are going to look to you to “get in the game” on August 29<sup>th</sup>!

See you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin T. Shillingford".

Dr. Kevin T. Shillingford  
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Canelli".

Mr. 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** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch is from 10:40 – 11:10. 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 cafeteria. You will stay there until 7:20 and then go to your locker and report to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>! 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!

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night:** September 22

**Picture Day:** September 6

**Holicong Spirit Night:** September 23