



Dear Holicong Seventh Grader,

It is time! We know you are looking to your official first day as a Holicong student next Tuesday and we are thrilled to have you join our family! We have had an opportunity to meet many of you over the last few weeks and going back to our 6th grade orientation in the spring and impressed by your enthusiasm and eagerness to start the year.

We have shared many resources to get you started and we **PROMISE** you (and your parents) that we will take very good care of you on your 1st day as soon as you step out of the bus or out of the car! This will include our opening welcome assembly, times to review your schedules and how to navigate the school, finding your bus, and yes, still more time to practice lockers. Please see the information below for what your first day will look like and the back of this welcome letter as it includes important information for 7th graders.

1st Day Schedule – Tuesday, September 3 – A few pieces of information to start!

- **Start of day** – You will report directly to the auditorium to start the day where we will have our welcome assembly. We will have our student ambassadors and staff to help direct you and this is where you will meet your teachers and team for the first time.
 - Auditorium (7th grade home base) – As noted on the bell schedule, the auditorium will also be “holding area” for 7th grade, so if you arrive before 7:20 any morning that is your “go to spot”.
- **“A Day”** – Tuesday is an A day on your schedule for your specials classes and resource. We will review this with you and don’t worry – your teachers are going to escort you directly from the auditorium.
- **New Schedule** – We have printed all new schedules for you on the first day. Many students like to keep these in the front of their binders so they don’t lose it.
- **[Parent Resources / Opening of School \(cbsd.org\)](#)** – We have shared this link before and here again as we recommend you review the resources...especially the “how to read your schedule video” from Mr. Canelli. This will help you become more comfortable with what your day will look like.
- **Primary Policies** – We will review many policies & procedures over the first few days, such as cafeteria rules, cell phones, attendance, and more. We have these on the website below and as you will see, we are clear with expectations (especially cell phones!).
 - [Parent Resources / Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy \(cbsd.org\)](#)
 - [Parent Resources / Dress Code Policy \(cbsd.org\)](#)
 - [Parent Resources / Attendance Procedures \(cbsd.org\)](#)
- **End of Day** – We give students time at the end of the day to get to lockers and their busses. We know this is a new procedure and promise again to take care of you!

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 trust us – many of us (including me) have felt the same way and still do when trying something new. We can promise that everyone here is committed to helping you succeed and as you will see very soon that our primary goals at Holicong are being kind to one another and creating a positive atmosphere where EVERY STUDENT & ADULT feels welcome and a sense of belonging.

On behalf of the entire Holicong community and our teachers and staff...***WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!***

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Shillingford
Principal

Mike Canelli
Assistant Principal

BACK to SCHOOL QUICK HITS

Bell Schedule & Lunch – 7th Grade Lunch is from 11:21 – 11:51. Please see the bell schedule here (includes half-days): [2024-2025 Holicong Middle School Bell Schedules.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

Student Handbook – Please visit our Parents and Students page for our cell phone, dress code and attendance policies: [Parent Resources / 2024.2025 Daily Announcements & Weekly Updates \(cbsd.org\)](#).

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](#) and [Overhead Map Pickup/Dropoff](#).

AM Procedures: Doors open for student arrival at 7:05. Bus riders that exit the bus at East will walk up the crosswalk and be directed by staff to the bus platform doors. You will walk back the crosswalk at the end of the day to get back on your bus for PM departure. If you arrive before 7:20 you will report to the auditorium and 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.

Aramark & Cafeteria – Food services are provided by Aramark Education.

- **Aramark Lunch Code** – You will receive your individual code on the first day of school. **DO NOT LOSE THIS!** It is the number you will use at lunch to purchase your meals.
- 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.

PA Dental Report Form – It is state law for all 7th graders to have to have a dental examination and provide the report to our nurse's office. Please contact Mrs. Irrera with questions.

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 – 267-893-2710.

Holicong Calendar – Please continue to check our Holicong website and weekly and daily announcements for important dates - we will also have students note these (BTSN, Picture Day, and more) in their new handbooks the first week of school!

Student Activities / Activities Overview (cbsd.org) – We will update this for the new year, but this is our Student Activities page. You can click on the student activities brochure to see all the clubs, athletics, and music programs we offer and note that if you click on the hyperlink you will get a video overview from the sponsor or club members!