



Dear Holicong Eighth Grader,

The countdown is almost over and it is time to welcome back our returning 8th graders and say “hello” to our new 8th grade students joining us this year! We know you have received a lot of information so far this summer and the purpose of this letter is to provide an overview of your 1st day and give you other information you will need for the year. We promise that you will be in very good hands once you get to school on Tuesday! Please note that the information on the back of the letter as well!

Student 1st Day – Tuesday, September 3rd (A DAY) – Below is a brief overview of the first day of school.

- **Start of day** – You will report to the main gym when you report to school. This will be your “home base” (like the auditorium last year) from 7:05 – 7:20. You will start the day in 1st period where you will get a new copy of your schedule and teachers will review your schedule for the day and your individual schedules.
- **“A Day”** – We will follow this schedule for the day so you will have your resource and specials class.
- **I & E** – You will see that your I & E teacher may have changed since you picked up your schedule and this is on purpose. Our team leaders and teachers want to make sure that all students have I & E “on team” with students & teachers that you will be with all year to create connections.
- **Other Handouts** – You will get your student handbook (each student gets one) and this will also act as your passbook/hall pass – so please hold on to this! You will also get your Aramark lunch code to use at lunches for the year. You will need this for the year as well.
- **8th Grade Assembly** – After 1st period we will have our opening assembly for the year with the entire 8th grade. We will welcome you as a class and provide an overview of those primary procedures that you need to know about. A reminder about the primary policies below:
 - [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 will dismiss a few minutes early so you will have time to get to your locker and your bus or parent pickup.

This is an exciting time as you begin the second year of your middle school journey! We do hope and expect that you will eagerly accept all academic and leadership opportunities as there will be many ways for you to get involved in and out of the classroom. And 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 want you to continue this tradition and be a model for our incoming 7th graders.

On behalf of the entire Holicong faculty & staff...we are excited to welcome you back and ready to ***“GET IN THE GAME!”***

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin T. Shillingford
Principal

Mr. Mike Canelli
Assistant Principal

BACK to SCHOOL QUICK HITS

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

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!