



HOLICONG WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of September 10th, 2019

- ✓ Please see the [Holicong Announcements Page](#) for daily announcements and links to the weekly update. Please check our [Parent Council Page](#) for Parent Council presentations, meeting dates and other parent presentations throughout the year.

WEEK IN REVIEW

- ✓ **Faculty Meeting** – For our whole group faculty meeting we worked on school goals, ALICE drill feedback, and other school business.
- ✓ **Patriot Day & Robert Kibbe** – We remembered the victims 9/11 on Wednesday by taking a moment of silence and conducting a special Advisory lesson created by Mrs. Keyes. This allowed students to learn about this day and what it meant to our country. Mrs. Keyes also reminded students & staff about our Robert Kibbe, one of our Holicong teachers who is currently deployed overseas. Students have the opportunity over the next week to write thank you's to him and others serving our country and we organized a way for all of us to contribute to send a care package to the troops on behalf of the Holicong community – please see here how you can help. (Note – we have also planned a luncheon for our local First Responders on October 28th, which is National First Responders Day).
- ✓ **Team Activities** – This Friday marked the first full day of extended Advisory Team Time. Each team uses this time in a different way to develop the culture of collaboration, teamwork and unity – please see the Holicong and Team websites for pictures!
- ✓ **Picture Day** – Picture day went well and students will be receiving their pictures in the next few weeks – we will make announcements when they come back from the photographer. For students that did not have paperwork or want to do a retake – do not worry. We are having picture retake day on October 23rd!
- ✓ **8th & 9th Grade Back to School Night** – A special thanks to our student ambassadors, Doylestown library, Caldwell's, and faculty & staff for a successful 8th & 9th Grade Back to School night.
- ✓ **9th Grade Tour of the 20th Century** – This is a hallmark of the 9th grade experience at Holicong. 9th grade students will have an assembly once a month to learn about the history, pop culture, and all aspects of life in the United States of each decade of the 20th century. This program is meant to combine the content area curricula and arts and engage and involve all students in 9th grade. The first tour is this Friday and students will experience the early

20th century and have a special visit from the Bucks County Gentlemen chorus and hear the sounds of the barbershop quartet!

- ✓ **Classroom Visits** – Mr. Canelli, Mrs. Louderback, Mrs. Blankenburg, Mr. Striano, and Dr. Shillingford visited every classroom on Monday & Tuesday.
- ✓ **Holicong Athletics** – Tryouts and practices are in session for fall sports and we are excited to see so many students looking to participate.
- ✓ **Fire Drill** – We had our first fire drill on Thursday and took time to review our safety procedures & expectations. We have our first ALICE drills scheduled for next week. We are happy to say that our students responded extremely well and took this very seriously.

WEEK AHEAD

- ✓ **Monday & Tuesday** – ALICE overview and Intruder on Campus drill. We communicate to our students, staff, and parents that safety is the number one priority at Holicong and have spent much time as a CERT team and working with the Buckingham police to practice and review our ALICE drills. For those of you unfamiliar with the ALICE protocols, we have posted the [CBSD ALICE parent FAQ](#) on our site and will also cover this at Parent Council.
- ✓ **Wednesday** – Department Meetings
- ✓ **Thursday** – Parent Council at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. A separate communication will be sent regarding Parent Council from Dr. Shillingford and the Parent Advisory team.
- ✓ **Friday**
 - **Magazine Drive Assembly** – The magazine drive is the primary student activities fundraiser for the year. Proceeds from this fundraiser come back to Holicong to provide support for student activities programs and purchases that benefit the Holicong community.
 - **PSSA Reports** – Students will receive their PSSA score reports from last year to take home. This report includes an explanation of how to understand “what the scores mean” for students & parents. These will be accessible in the parent portal on Monday, 9/23.

ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES

- ✓ **Weekly Update** – Please note that we will now post our weekly updates and other presentations on the Holicong announcements page alongside our [Daily Announcements](#).
- ✓ **Advisory** – Please see below for our Advisory schedule for the year.
 - **Consult** – On Monday and Thursday during Advisory students will have an opportunity to see teachers whose schedules may not align with their resource (Specials, Math, etc.).

- **Morning Show** – We will have the morning show twice a week. This morning show is led by Mr. Kelly & Mrs. Ambrosini and the media crew. This team is now assembled, and we will begin in the coming weeks.
- **Daily Read** – Tuesdays is our Daily Read during Advisory. This will ensure that students have time to “shut everything off” and have dedicated time to read for pleasure. We encourage students to ALWAYS have an outside reading book with them and please know we have three little library locations throughout the building and our main library – so finding a book at Holicong should never be an issue!

- ✓ **Clubs & Activities** – Our clubs and extracurricular activities are forming! Please tell students to listen to our daily announcements and scrollers in the hallways to see how to sign up for our various organizations. We have also scheduled the Holicong Student Activities Fair for September 27th at Holicong!

- ✓ **1:1 Rollout** – The rollout for the devices went very well and we want to thank the district 1:1 team for its support! A reminder to parents that payments and user agreements must be completed by the end of September. To access this online and all other information regarding the 1:1 initiative, please visit here – [CBSD 1 to 1 Initiative](#).

- ✓ **Good Luck Mrs. Passerini & Welcome Ms. Johnstin** – Friday is Mrs. Passerini’s last day before she takes her maternity leave and the Holicong community are excited for her and her family. We also want to welcome Mrs. Johnstin who will be in for Mrs. Passerini during this time working with our students!