

# WELCOME TO PARENT COUNCIL!

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*As you enter, please take a moment to write a “Thank you” – this can be to a staff member, student, or anyone that has played a role in your child’s education and growth!*

# **HOLICONG PARENT COUNCIL**

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**JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**



# UPCOMING CALENDAR - JANUARY

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**January 21<sup>st</sup> NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> Faculty Meeting**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> VHI Save the Music Concert**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> VHI Save the Music Concert**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period; ½ Day for Students**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Program Planning Assembly**

**January 31<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program Planning Assembly**

# UPCOMING CALENDAR - FEBRUARY

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February 1<sup>st</sup> Day      First Friday – Colonial Spirit

February 4<sup>th</sup>      Leadership Council

February 6<sup>th</sup>      Math Midterm Exam

February 7<sup>th</sup>      Orchestra Field Trip; Parent Positive Series @ 7 pm at Lenape MS “Healthy Transitions from Elementary to Middle to High School”

February 6<sup>th</sup>      Parent Portal Open – 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Grades Posted

February 11<sup>th</sup>      Faculty Meeting

February 14<sup>th</sup>      Development for Staff

February 15<sup>th</sup>      Development for Staff

February 18<sup>th</sup>      President’s Day

February 19<sup>th</sup>      Orientation

February 20<sup>th</sup>      Meetings

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

February 25<sup>th</sup>

**NO SCHOOL; Staff**

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**NO SCHOOL –**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent**

**Department**

**Parent Council**

**Faculty Meeting**

# 2018-2019 VHI SAVE THE MUSIC

**CB SAVE THE MUSIC 2019**



Come join us for a fantastic weekend of concerts featuring music from across the pond! CB music staff, students, alumni & friends will take you on an incredible journey through Britain's modern musical history featuring everything classic rock to modern pop, to songs from stage and screen.

Again this year, we hope to raise at least \$35,000 so that we can single-handedly provide enough funds to revive another instrumental music program in the Orleans Parish District in New Orleans, LA!

**STUDENT GROUPS PERFORMING THIS YEAR**

Friday Night	Saturday Afternoon	Saturday Night
CB West Orchestra	CB Elementary All-Star Choir	Holicong Jazz Band
Lenape 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir	Holicong Robe Choir	Holicong Robe Choir
Lenape Chamber Choir	Tamanend Chieftains	Holicong String Ensemble
Lenape String Ensemble	Tohickon Select String Ensemble	Holicong 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra
Tamanend Jazz Band	Tohickon 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra	Tamanend Chieftain Chorus

*\*\*Holicong H-Factor and Tamanend Gold'n'Blues perform at all three concerts!\*\**

Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM  
Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM & 7:30 PM  
Holicong Middle School - 2900 Holicong Rd. Doylestown

Purchasing advanced tickets is highly recommended - all three concerts typically sell out in advance.  
Tickets go on sale on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at <https://vhl2019.brownpapertickets.com>

Questions? E-mail Joel Chodoroff at [jchodoroff@cbbsd.org](mailto:jchodoroff@cbbsd.org)



## VHI Save the Music CBSD HOMEPAGE

(click above for tickets, sponsorships, pictures, and more!)

# VHI SAVE THE MUSIC - UPDATES

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- Saturday night show is most Holicong-centric. **H-Factor, Robe Choir, Holicong Strings, and Jazz Band!**
- Only about **200 tickets left** for each show...based on past years, that means all shows will sell out. Get tickets soon. [www.cbsd.org/vhI](http://www.cbsd.org/vhI)
- For this year's Basket Bonanza, we'll have tons of awesome items, including a **Spin Bike** donated by Northeast Fitness Solutions (Leonard family from Holicong). Bonanza will be out at lunches a couple of days next week.
- Friends and family from far and wide can help us reach our goal of \$35,000 by donating on Facebook or Crowdrise online. Links can be found at top of **front page of CB Save the Music website**. (A \$50 donation puts an instrument in a child's hands for a year.)
- Final dine and Donate event to support CB Save the Music – this **Monday from 5-8 at Candlewyck** (right by Buckingham Wawa).

# SAFE 2 SAY SOMETHING

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CENTRAL BUCKS  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



A MESSAGE FROM  
THE SUPERINTENDENT

**SAFE 2 SAY SOMETHING**  
Dr. Kopicki introduces the Safe 2 Say Something program - an anonymous reporting system designed to help students and staff to recognize the warning signs and signals of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others.

# SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

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**MAKE GOOD CHOICES**

USE MEDIA SAFELY

We remind families – please encourage children to make good choices when consuming, sharing, and using online content and electronic media like photos and videos. Report inappropriate content to a trusted adult, reject or delete it if someone attempts to share it with you, and don't pass it along – the consequences could be serious.

Electronic media is a useful and exciting part of our 21st Century life – but we must all be responsible consumers. To learn more about digital citizenship and get advice for helping children navigate the digital world, we suggest the resources at [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

- Nomophobia & FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)
- [Holicong Technology & Digital Literacy Page](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)
  - [What Parents Need to Know About Social Media & Anxiety](#)



# PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

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- Please see documents below when you have time!
  - [Pennies for Patients – Holicong Kickoff](#)
  - [Pennies for Patients – Setting up Online Donations](#)
  - [Pennies for Patients – Advisory Activity](#)

# CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY

## Teen Essay Contest



Cancer Support Community  
Greater Philadelphia  
Kid, Teen and Parent Support Groups  
are starting February 2019.

### What is it?

Kid Support™ and Teen Support are peer support groups for kids who have a parent, grandparent, other family member or friend with cancer (either in treatment or post-treatment), or for kids who have cancer themselves.



### How does it work?

These FREE 10 week groups offer kids ages 4-17 an opportunity to make friends and learn skills to help them cope when cancer is in their lives. Each week we talk about something different with activities, games and projects. A Parent Group coincides with Kid & Teen Support.

### Where is it?

Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia  
@ Gilda's Club 200 Kirk Road, Warminster, Pa 18974

### Pre-Registration Required

For information Contact Christina at 215-441-3290  
christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org



Kid Support,  
Teen Support,  
Parent Support

Teen  
support

### Begins

Tuesday, February 26th 6:30-8:00pm

To learn more about all CSOGP has to offer men, women, kids & teens living with cancer, please visit us online at [www.cancersupportphiladelphia.org](http://www.cancersupportphiladelphia.org) 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation



Are you a kid or a teen  
who has lost someone to cancer?  
Would you like to talk to others  
going through the same thing?  
Together we can figure this out.

## Living with Loss for Kids and Teens

2nd Wednesday of each month  
6:30-8:00pm

"We never truly  
get over a loss,  
but we can move  
forward and  
evolve from it."  
—Elizabeth  
Berrien

In our groups, we talk, we play games and we do artwork.

For more information or to register  
call 215-441-3290 or email  
[christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org](mailto:christina@cancersupportphiladelphia.org)

There is an adult LWL group  
at the same time.

"We bereaved are not alone.  
We belong to the largest  
company in all the world —  
the company of those who  
have known suffering."  
—Helen Keller

Gilda's Club: 200 Kirk Road | Warminster, PA 18974  
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# YOUNG WRITERS

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WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY

## YOUNG WRITERS CLUB

1st and 4th Wednesdays of the month at  
6:00 PM Starting on January 23.

Join us as we explore different genres and facets of writing. The program is led by CB East senior, Megan Lunny, who will help participants hone their skills with writing prompts and activities.

# HOLICONG MID-YEAR REMINDERS

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- Attendance – Excuse Notes & Leaving Early
  - 3 or more unexcused absences or 10 or more total absences = Student Assistance Improvement Plan (SAIP) Meeting
  - Please have students bring in notes for early dismissal or call in before lunches = we do not call into classes as this is a disruption to the class and teachers' lessons (the front office staff and our teachers very much appreciate this!)

# LOGISTICS FOR MEETING

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- **White Card** = Questions, Feedback for CB East!
- **Green Card** = Questions, Feedback for Holicong!
  - (Please make sure we collect these before you leave!)
- **Questions** – Time for Q & A at end – want to ensure that we get through the information from our surveys to ensure all information is covered!



***Please Welcome...***

**Mrs. Lori Gallagher-Landis**  
Principal

**Dr. Luke Hadfield**  
House Principal, Class of 2022



9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***What is in place to help 9<sup>th</sup> graders transition to CB East?***

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***A lot!***

- ***Freshman Moveup Day***
- ***Meetings with Guidance Counselors***
- ***Club Fairs***
- ***Curriculum Nights and Back to School events***



9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition


***Are there extracurricular opportunities for students?***

#CBE MiniTHON

MENS

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***60+ clubs in addition to music, theater and athletics programs in place.***

A group of students in formal attire performing on stage. The girls are wearing long, flowing red dresses with white ruffled hems. The boys are wearing white shirts, dark trousers, and red bowties. They are all smiling and appear to be in the middle of a performance or a dance. The background is a stage set with a large tree and a wreath on the wall.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***How do students adjust  
from the 50 minute class to  
90 minute “block” class?***

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

CENTRAL BUCKS EAST		DARTMOUTH	
20	16		
SHOTS	PER	SHOTS	PER
0	20	0	16
T.O.L.		T.O.L.	

Consratulations,  
Class of 2016!

LT DOLBY UMBRELL FIELD

***What is the “House System?”***

***Who is our student’s main contact person at the high school?***

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***What suggestions do you have for students that are “music” students in regard to signing up for electives?***

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***What are the differences between Academic, Honors, and AP courses?***

***Suggestions when to take AP courses?***

***Do colleges look at these courses or overall GPA?***



9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***How can parents get involved at the high school?***

A large, diverse crowd of students is shown in the background, many wearing school spirit gear like 'PATRIOT PRIDE' and 'SAN DIEGO' shirts. The text is overlaid on this image.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***What suggestions do you have for parents to prepare students for the social & academic adjustment?***



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

***Do students from Tohickon attend CB East? How do these students meet?***



**QUESTIONS?**




## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

# TIMELINE FOR PROGRAM PLANNING

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<b>Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup></b>	MBIT Presentation to 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students @ Holicong
<b>Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup></b>	MBIT Open House <b>6 to 7 PM</b> Information Session <b>7-9 PM</b> Open House at MBIT
<b><u>Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Interested 9 <sup>th</sup> grade students visit to MBIT
<b>Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9 <sup>th</sup> graders Program Planning assembly for current 9 <sup>th</sup> grade students Guidance counselors will distribute the Program of Studies to all 9 <sup>th</sup> graders & Program of Studies Available online
<b>Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>Curriculum Fair</u> at CB East (see letter from Mrs. Gallagher-Landis)
<b>Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>Recommendation Day</u> Recommendations are written formally by teachers and shared with students Portal opens for students to begin input to IC from home
<b>Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Council Presentation for 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents at 9 am & 6 pm
<b>Sunday, February 3rd</b>	Last day for 9 <sup>th</sup> grade student to enter classes into the Portal
<b>Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Verification sheets are sent home for parent review and signature
<b>Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Verification sheets due back to Holicong. No Changes can be made after this date.



# CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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- 4.0 credits of Math
- 4.0 credits of Social Studies (Social Studies must be taken each year, once per year)
- 4.0 credits of English (English must be taken each year, once per year)
- 3.0 credits of Science (EVERY 10<sup>th</sup> grader takes Biology)
- 1.0 credit of PE
- .50 credits for Career Plan
- 10.75 electives (this includes World Language and any additional major subjects)
- **TOTAL CREDITS = 27.25**

# WHAT ARE MOST 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS COMING TO 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WITH?

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- 1.0 Math
- 1.0 Social Studies
- 1.0 English
- 1.0 Science
- 1.0 elective in World Language or Reading
- .5 PE
- 1.0 other elective (band, tech, art, etc.)
- .25 Career Plan
- **6.75 TOTAL CREDITS**
- **Student DO NOT receive credit for Resource!**

# WHAT IS LEFT AFTER 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE?

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27.25 credits

-6.75 credits

**20.5 credits for grades 10, 11, and 12**

**Students should plan to take AT LEAST 7.0 credits per year!**

Colleges don't like to see too many open spaces...they know we offer 8.0 credits!

Students have the potential to earn 31.0...3.5 more than required!

# BLOCK SCHEDULING IN GRADES 10-12

## THE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

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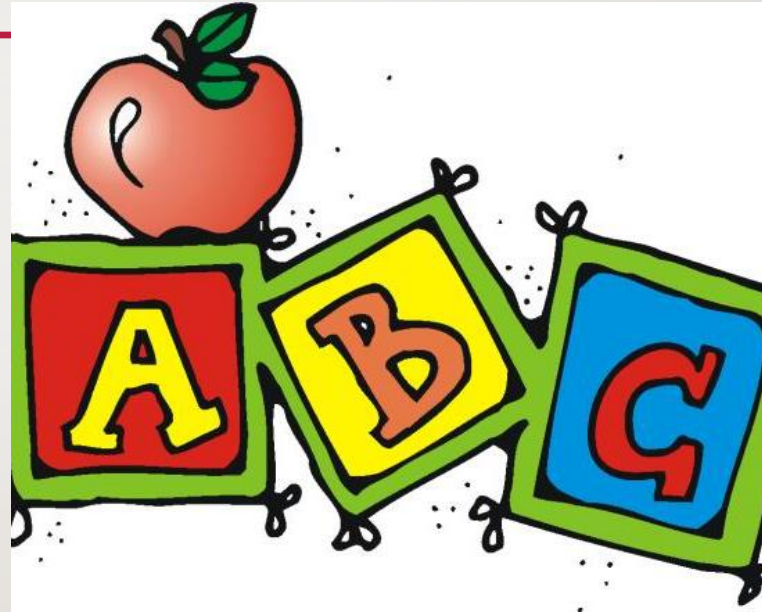
### **Organization of the School Day**

- Students can take four courses per marking period
- Students have twice as many opportunities to complete the required courses if they fail a subject.



## OTHER BENEFITS TO BLOCK SCHEDULES

- Students can take multiple Math, Science and World Language classes in one year.
- Block schedules mimic a college course schedule and class load.



# SAMPLE 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE: ACADEMIC/HONORS

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Period	Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4
1 7:25am-8:55am	H Biology	H Biology	Geometry/Trig	Geometry/Trig
2 9:00am-10:30am	Spanish 3	Spanish 3	Accounting I	Accounting I
3 10:53am-12:55pm	English 10	English 10	H World History	H World History
4 1:00pm-2:30pm	PE/Health	Intro to Ceramics	Oceanography	Creative Writing

# SAMPLE 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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Period	Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4
1 7:25am-8:55am	AP Euro History	AP Euro History	AP Euro History	PE/Health
2 9:00am-10:30am	Honors Biology	Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry	Honors Chemistry
3 10:53am-12:55pm	Honors Pre Calc.	Honors Pre Calc.	Spanish 3	Spanish 3
4 1:00pm-2:30pm	Art I	Art I	H English 10	H English 10

# SAMPLE 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE: MBIT

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Period	Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4
1 7:25am-8:55am	MBIT	MBIT	MBIT	MBIT
2 9:00am-10:30am	MBIT	MBIT	MBIT	MBIT
3 10:53am-12:55pm	English 10	English 10	Alg. 2/Trig	Alg. 2/Trig
4 1:00pm-2:30pm	Biology	Biology	World History	World History

# SAMPLE 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE: WITH MUSIC

Period	Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4
1 7:25am-8:55am	Choir (A) PE/ Health (B)	Choir (A) PE/Health (B)	Choir (A) Digital Imaging (B)	Choir (A) Digital Imaging (B)
2 9:00am-10:30am	English 10	English 10	Biology	Biology
3 10:53am-12:55pm	Geometry/Trig	Geometry/Trig	World History	World History
4 1:00pm-2:30pm	Spanish 3	Spanish 3	Latin I	Latin I

# HOW DO 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS CHOOSE CLASSES?

Attend the 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
Curriculum Fair at your  
high school.

**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm A-K  
7:30pm L-Z**



# HOW DO 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS CHOOSE CLASSES?

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Teacher Recommendations from current 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Recommendations are made early into the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period.



## HOW DO STUDENTS CHOOSE CLASSES FOR 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE?

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Individual Meeting with their high school Guidance Counselor in early February 2019.

Individual Meeting with their current middle school Guidance Counselor.





## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING YOUR COURSES FOR 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

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- Find the right fit...don't worry about your weight!
- Increase the rigor of your schedule **WHERE** appropriate.
- Take teacher recommendations seriously, they see your ability level and work habits.
- Take advantage of the curriculum fair by asking questions at the various tables. Teachers from each subject area will be available to speak with you.

# GPA WEIGHTING

Grade	Academic	Honors	Advanced Placement
A	4.0	4.25	5.0
A-	3.6	3.85	4.6
B+	3.4	3.65	4.4
B	3.0	3.25	4.0
B-	2.6	2.85	3.6
C+	2.4	2.65	3.4
C	2.0	2.25	3.0
C-	1.6	1.85	2.6
D+	1.4	1.65	2.4
D	1.0	1.25	2.0

# HIGH SCHOOL CRITICAL COURSE CHANGE POLICY

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- Once you register for a course, and the window for changes has closed, changes may **ONLY** be made for the following reasons:
  1. A deficiency in a prerequisite.
  2. Misplacement into a course.
  3. Must repeat a course due to the failure of a required course.



## WHAT SHOULD I DO IN THE SUMMER BETWEEN 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE?

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- **Volunteer**
- **Get A Job**
- **Shadow a Job/Do An Internship**
- **Play A Sport**
- **Join A Band**
- **Go On A Mission Trip**
- **Go To Camp**
- **Start A Business (example: mowing lawns, making and selling jewelry)**
- **STAY ACTIVE...colleges are going to want to know what you do in your free time!**



# SO WHO IS YOUR CB EAST COUNSELOR?

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- A-Le: Ms. Lyn Russo

[mrusso@cbsd.org](mailto:mrusso@cbsd.org)

- Lf-Z: Mrs. Tanya Barone-Durant

[tdurant@cbsd.org](mailto:tdurant@cbsd.org)

# THE NEW CAREER PLAN 9

## Grade 9:

Timeframe	Naviance Activity	Details & Learning Outcomes
Marking Period 1	Learning Styles Inventory*	Students will complete the Learning Styles Inventory Assessment in Naviance Student to gain a better understanding of their learning style and how to apply it in their lives.
Marking Period 2	Career Cluster Finder	Students will complete the Career Cluster Finder assessment in Naviance.
Marking Period 3	Multiple Intelligences Assessment*	Students will complete the Multiple Intelligences Advantage assessment to build self-confidence by understanding the many ways that they are intelligent.
Marking Period 4	Résumé Building	Students will learn about the importance of keeping an up-to-date résumé and begin building a résumé in Naviance Student that includes an objective, education, extra-curricular activities, and awards.
Marking Period 4	Reflection	Respond to the following reflection questions in Naviance journal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What <u>are</u> your job/career goals?</li> <li>• Which classes would you consider taking in the future based on the surveys you took this year?</li> <li>• Which extra-curricular activities, community service acts, and/or work experiences would you consider getting involved in based on the surveys you took this year?</li> <li>• Based on your responses to the first three questions, list at least one area that you will research further.</li> </ul>
At the end of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade, students earn .25 credit when all 9 <sup>th</sup> grade activities are completed to proficiency.		

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# WHERE IS MY “HOME BASE” FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INFORMATION

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## PROGRAM PLANNING

[9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Holicong Program Planning Website](#)

Team 9

[TEAM 9 Homepage](#)

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# QUESTIONS?



# **HOLICONG PARENT COUNCIL**

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**JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**