



HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

January 20, 2022

Tips & Format

- 1) Camera & Video off when join
- 2) If able – have website browser open to navigate/follow along on your own website
- 3) Use chat feature to ask questions on topic “in the moment” if someone presenting and don’t want to forget or interrupt – we monitor the chat & will also put links in the chat
- 4) Agenda – Allows for approximately 5 minutes of “presentation” from our staff and time for questions live or in chat





Parent Council Norms & Values

- **Be Considerate** – of other people’s thoughts and opinions
- **Be Responsible** – ready to begin on time, be prepared, and maintain joy
- **Be Healthy** – create a safe meeting environment where all feel comfortable
- **Be Respectful** – of the time and feelings of attendees and presenters





Agenda

- School Updates – Mr. Canelli
- Athletics – Mr. Rittenhouse
- Music – Mrs. Repper, Mr. Chodoroff, & Mr. Glaser
- Student Activities – Mrs. Wentz
- Guidance – Mrs. Louderback, Mr. Striano, & Ms. Blankenburg
- Health Office – Mrs. Irrera
- Technology – Mrs. Lovuolo & Mr. Striano





School Calendar & Updates

- ✓ Friday, January 28 End of 2nd Marking Period (Half Day)
- ✓ Friday, January 28 7:30 PM CB Save the Music Concert
- ✓ Saturday, January 29 3:00 PM & 7:30 PM CB Save the Music Concert
- ✓ Thursday, February 3 7:00 PM Mock trial
- ✓ Wednesday, February 9 7:00 PM Winter Choral Concert
- ✓ Tuesday, February 15 7:00 PM Minding Your Mind Presentation

- ✓ [Holicong MS / Holicong MS Calendar \(cbsd.org\)](https://cbsd.org)
- ✓ [Parent Resources / 2021 - 2022 Daily Announcements & Weekly Updates \(cbsd.org\)](https://cbsd.org)





Athletics

Mr. Rittenhouse

- Congratulations to the 8th grade girls basketball team on their CB Tournament Championship
- Congratulations to the 7th grade girls basketball team on their undefeated season
- Wrestling is going well with high participation
- Boys basketball started last week
- Spring sports begin March 21st. Family ID registration will open March 1st.





Music

Mr. Chodoroff, Mr. Glaser, and Mrs. Repper

- Upcoming Performances:
 - CB Save The Music Concerts next weekend
 - Friday, January 28th @ 7:30 PM
 - Saturday, January 29th @ 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM
 - Please note that the Holicong Jazz Band, String Ensemble, and 9th Grade Orchestra will be performing at the **SATURDAY NIGHT concert**.
 - The Holicong Robe Choir will be performing at **BOTH SATURDAY concerts**.
 - The Holicong H-Factor will be performing at **ALL 3 concerts**.
 - Tickets are moving very fast so please get them ASAP if you would like to attend:
 - <https://showtix4u.com/events/cbstm2022>





Music

Mr. Chodoroff, Mr. Glaser, and Mrs. Repper

- Upcoming Dine and Donates to support the CBSTM Concert:
 - **TONIGHT (THURSDAY NIGHT): Warrington Panera (in Valley Square)**
 - 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - **Wednesday (January 26th): Doylestown Chipotle**
 - 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - **The Café with Soul “Breakfast Competition” is still going on.**
 - It ends on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd.**
- **One last “non-CBSTM” bit of info:**
 - If your student is any before or after-school ensembles, please be sure to check your email/Remind for any important messages. Especially with more winter weather on the way.





Student Activities

Mrs. Wentz & Club Advisors

- Successful Celebrate Holicong Day celebration before winter break
- Student Council is pairing with POPS- You Matter Campaign next week



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Health Office

Mrs. Irrera

Students will be approved to live-stream for COVID-related issues. This would include students who have tested positive for COVID-19 (including home tests), those who have been asked to isolate or quarantine by their medical doctor or the Bucks County Health Department, and/or those who are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms as confirmed by their physician. When a positive home test result is available, the following should be requested from the parent/guardian:

- 1. A picture of the positive home test*
- 2. The student's name and date of birth on the test*
- 3. The date the test was administered*

*****Please send in your 7th grade child's dental form- I can accept dates between 9/1/2020- today***





Guidance Updates

Mrs. Louderback,
Mr. Striano, Mrs.
Schrack

- Program Planning – All grades
- Minding Your Mind –
Middle School Parent Presentation
 - February 15th 7:00-9:00
Holicong Auditorium





7th Grade Program Planning Timeline

- **7th to 8th Grade:** *The 2022-2023 Middle School Program of Studies will be available online at www.cbsd.org on January 14th under Parent or Student Resources.* Please refer to the Program of Studies Guide for clarification of course requirements.
- **February 1** – Program Planning Assembly – Teacher Recommendations, Academic vs. Advanced courses, World Language/Reading Options and Music options for 8th grade will be reviewed. Students must let their Guidance Counselor know if they will be changing their Music situation for 8th grade.
- **February 2** – Eligible students select their World Language choice during English class
- **February 11** - Verification sheets available in the Parent Portal for review and approval. Requests for changes should be made via the [Verification Change Microsoft Form Submission](#) by 2/17.
- **February 17** – Last eligible day for Verification sheet approval in the Parent Portal. LAST day to make course requests changes*.

NO CHANGES accepted after February 17th. No exceptions.





8th Grade Program Planning Timeline

- **8th to 9th Grade:** *The 2022-2023 Middle School Program of Studies will be available online at www.cbsd.org on January 14th under Student Resources.* Please refer to the Program of Studies Guide for clarification of course requirements.
- **January 31** – Program Planning and Elective Assembly. Learn about the Program Planning process and view presentations about the various elective choices that are available in the 9th grade.
- **February 1 & 2** – Select electives for 9th grade in the Science Class.
- **February 23** - Verification sheets (lists courses requested) posted on Parent Portal.
- **March 1** - Requests for changes should be made on Microsoft form, signed and submitted on Parent Portal.
- **March 1** - LAST day to make course request changes.*

NO CHANGES accepted after March 1st no exceptions.





9TH GRADE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

TIMELINE FOR PROGRAM PLANNING 2022

- 11/01/21 - **MBIT Presentation** by Lurinda Hellwig in-person
- 11/18/21 - MBIT Open House - virtual
- 1/18/21 to 2/15/21 - MBIT Interested Students request shadowing visits
- 12/01/21 & 12/16/21 - MBIT information meetings with Mrs. Louderback in Aux Gym
- 1/03/22 - Program of Study posted on CBSD.org > Students
- 1/06/22 - 9th Grade Program Planning Teams Assembly - information on registering for 10th grade classes
- 1/13/22 - **CB East Curriculum Fair** - In-Person and Virtual information shared
- 1/14/22 - Recommendation Day - Teachers conference about course recommendations with students during classes throughout day
- 1/18/22 - Portal Opens for students to enter electives
- 2/06/21 - **Portal Closes for students - all courses must be entered**
- 2/07/22 to 3/17/22 - Students and Counselors meet to review Courses registered in Portal
- 3/18/22 - Verification Sheets posted in Portal for parents to review and electronically sign
- 3/25/22 - Course Change Requests due - No Changes will be made after this date.

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 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 10th grader takes Biology)
- 1.0 credit of PE
- .50 credits for Success Plan
- 10.75 electives (this includes World Language and any additional major subjects)
- **TOTAL CREDITS = 27.25**

WHAT ARE MOST 9TH GRADERS COMING TO 10TH GRADE WITH?

- 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 9TH GRADE?

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

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 10TH GRADE SCHEDULE: ACADEMIC/HONORS

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 10TH GRADE SCHEDULE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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 10TH GRADE SCHEDULE: MBIT

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 10TH GRADE SCHEDULE: WITH MUSIC

Period	Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4
1 7:25am-8:55am	Choir (A) <hr/> PE/ Health (B)	Choir (A) <hr/> PE/Health (B)	Choir (A) <hr/> Digital Imaging (B)	Choir (A) <hr/> 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 10TH GRADE STUDENTS CHOOSE CLASSES?

Attended the 9th grade
Curriculum Fair at your high
school.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY
13th**

**Still Posted on CB East
Site**

Dr. Watters message

Ask A Senior

Department Videos



HOW DO 10TH GRADE STUDENTS CHOOSE CLASSES?

Teacher Recommendations from current 9th grade teachers. Recommendations were made last week and can be reviewed into the 3rd marking period.



HOW DO STUDENTS CHOOSE CLASSES FOR 10TH GRADE?

Individual Meeting with their School
Counselor in February/March 2022.



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING YOUR COURSES FOR 10TH GRADE:

- 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

- 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 9TH AND 10TH GRADE?

- **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?

- A-K: Ms. Lyn Russo

mrusso@cbsd.org

- L-Z: Mrs. Tanya Barone-Durant

Tdurant@cbsd.org

WHERE IS MY “HOME BASE” FOR 9TH GRADE INFORMATION

PROGRAM PLANNING

9th to 10th Grade Program Planning

Team 9

Canvas Page

QUESTIONS?



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January 20, 2022

Thank you!





FAQ

1) Why isn't there a late bus?

- We have not had late busses for a long time. The decision to have or not have additional busses is a district decision.

2) Can 9th grade students stay after school this spring for a sports practice at East that doesn't start until 3:30?

- Yes. Students generally walk over to East and wait with other team members for practice to begin.





FAQ

3) When is the choir concert rescheduled for?

- Rescheduled Choir Concert is Wednesday, February 9th.

4) Do rising 9th graders follow East's Curriculum offer?

- Yes it is a 9-12 curriculum, 9th graders follow the middle school schedule - 7 periods. They are not on teams however like they are in 7th and 8th grade.





FAQ

5) Is there a way for parents to view the teacher recommendations?

- It is the recommendation sheet, kids/parents cannot change these sheets but they can view them.

