



HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

March 18, 2021



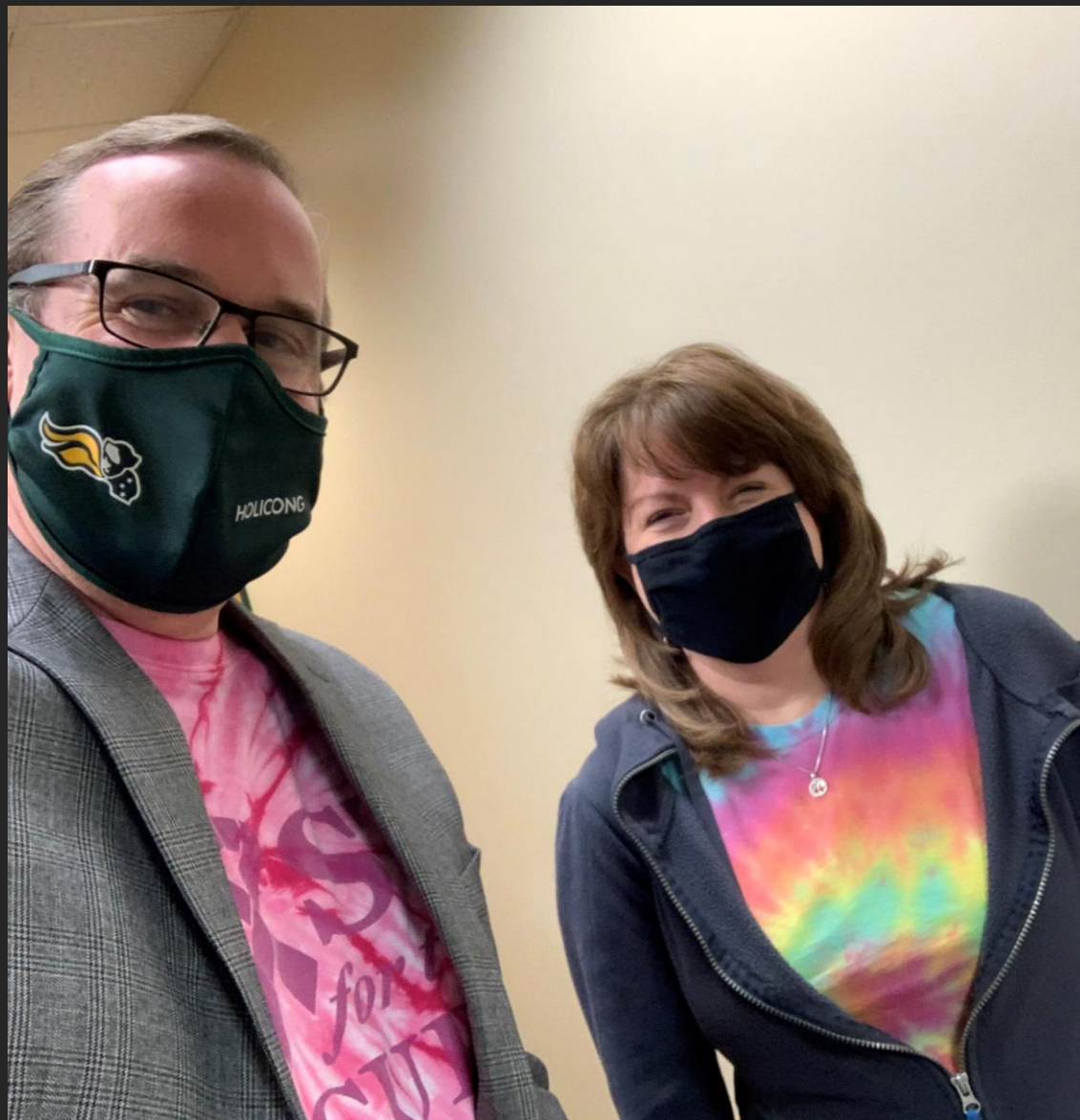


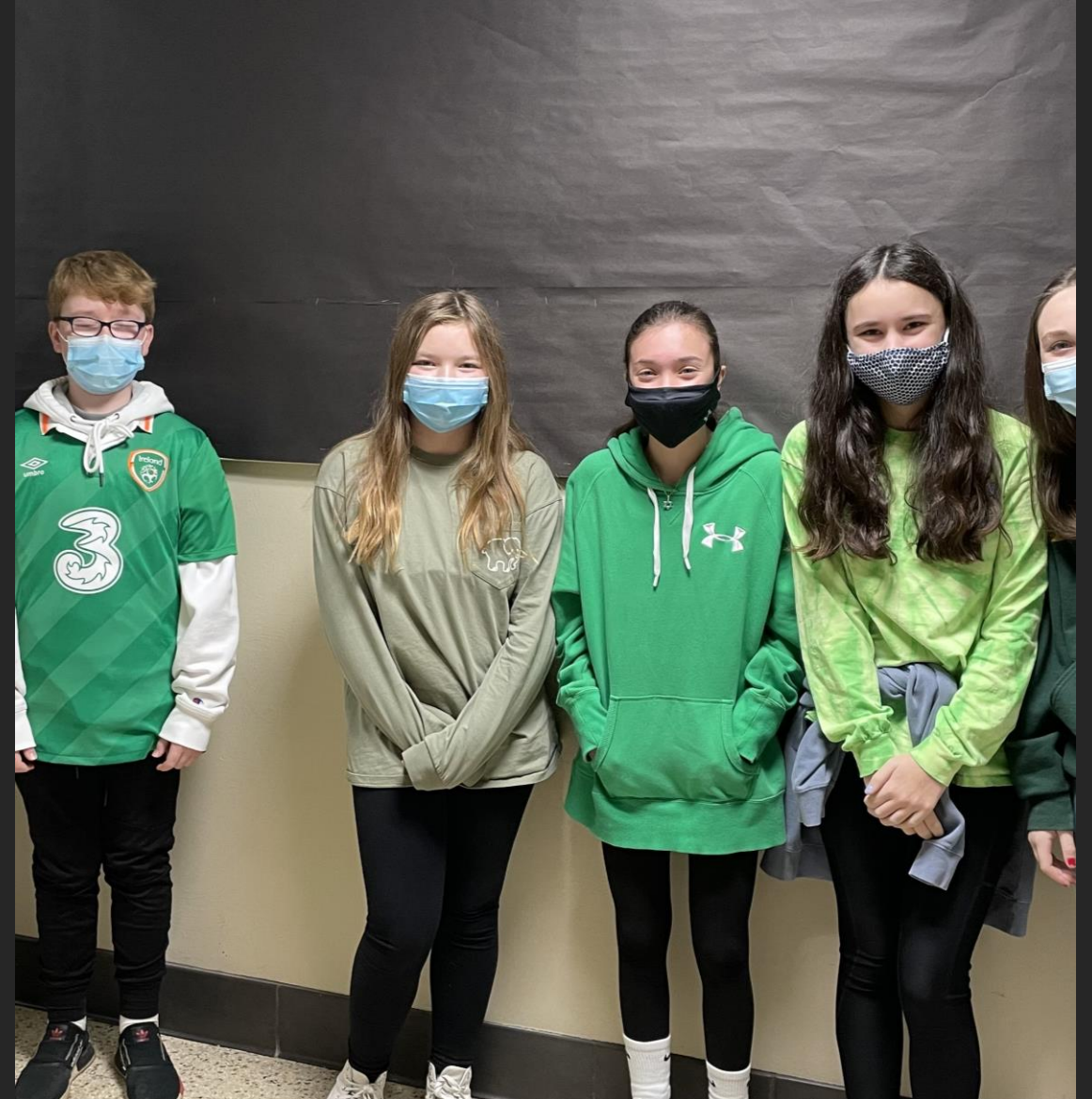
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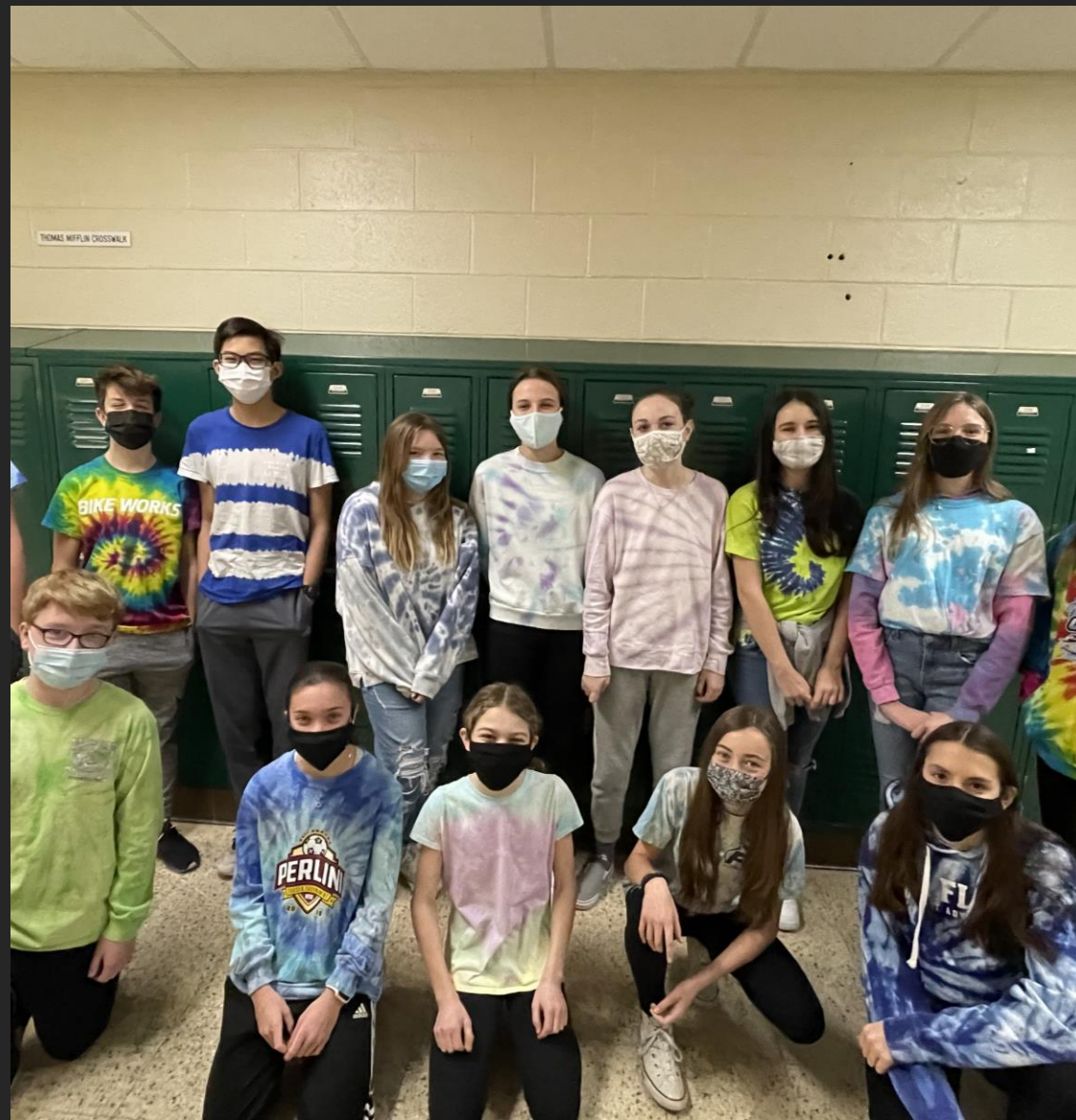
Holicong Spirit Week!

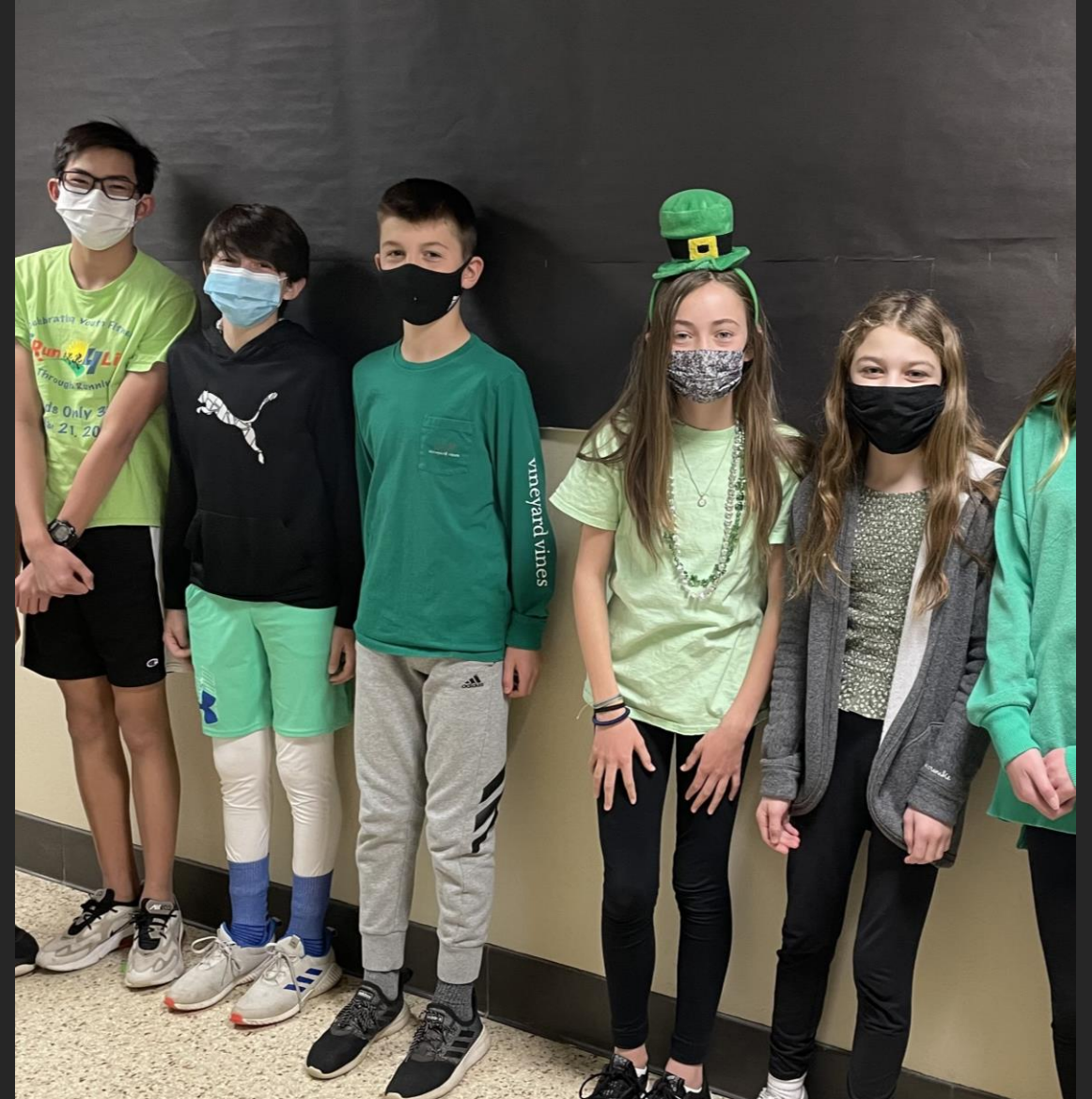
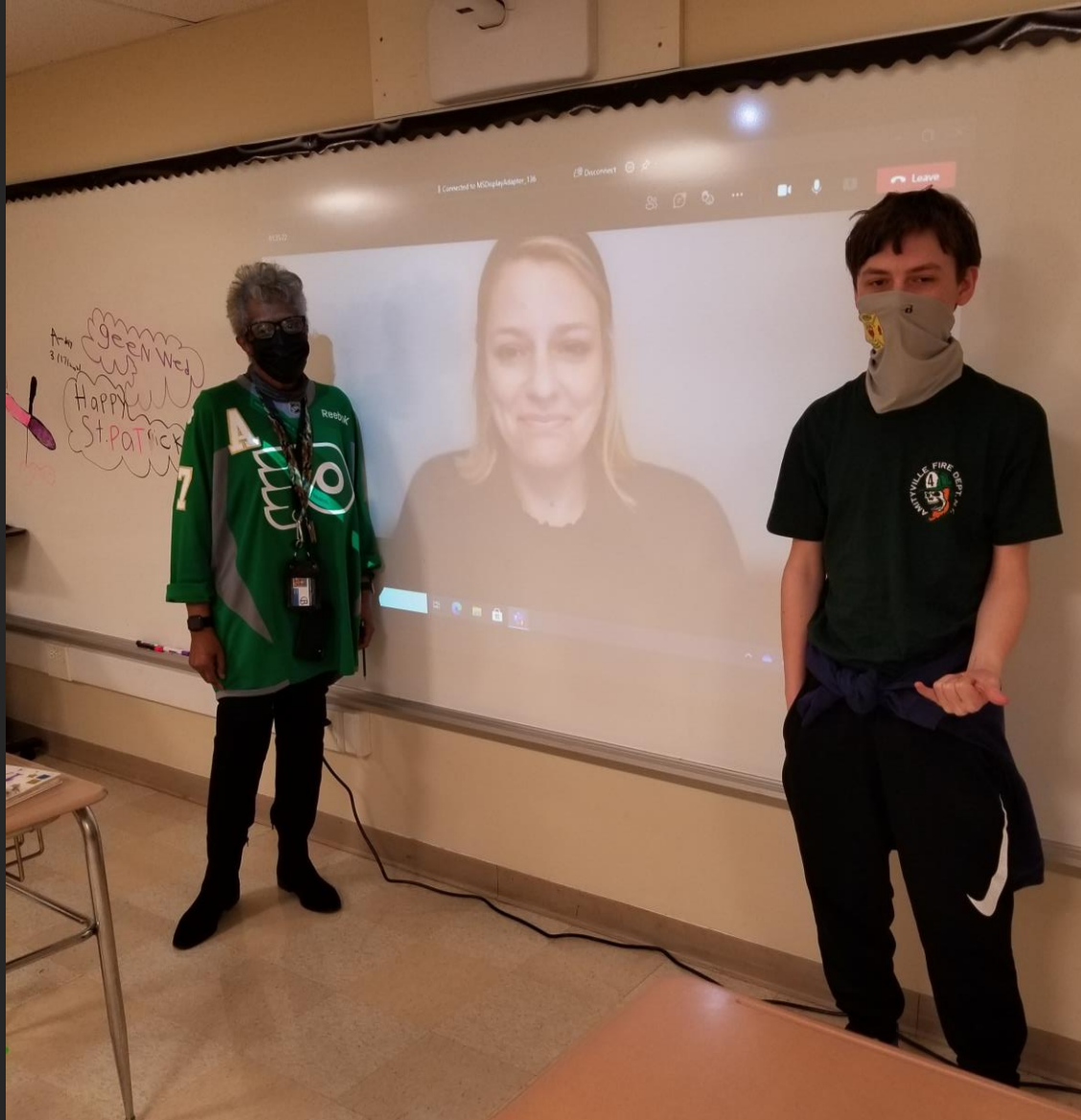




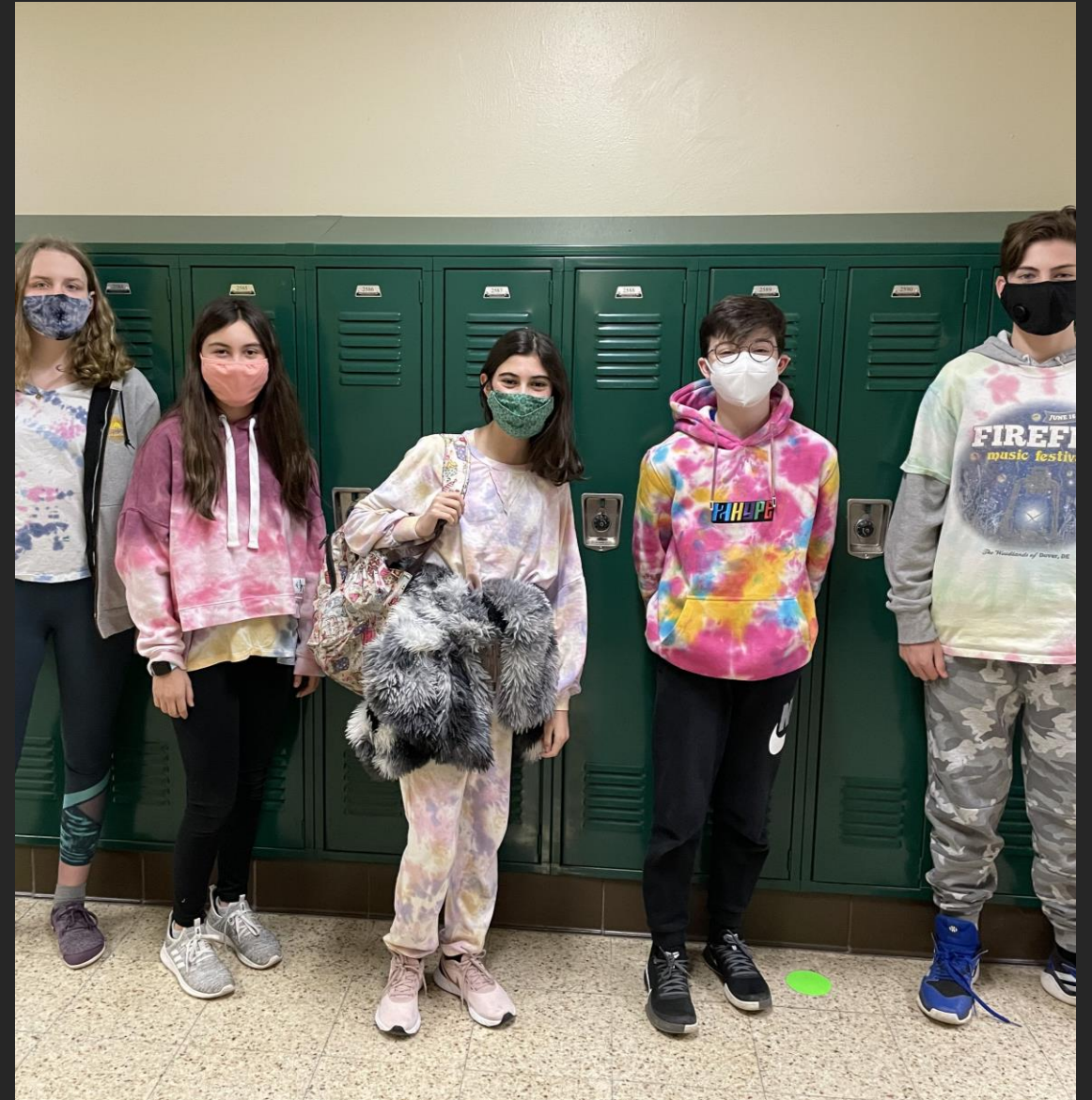














Agenda

- Student Activities
- Music
- Athletics
- Technology
- Teaching & Learning
- Guidance
- Health & Safety Plan
- Parent Superintendent Advisory Update
- FAQ





Parent Council Norms

- Be Respectful & 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 enough to share their thoughts

Logistics – Presenter presents topic at time; takes questions on topic and move to next item (goal is 10 minutes maximum per presenter)





School Reminders & Updates

[Daily Announcements](#) – Includes Days of Week, Birthdays, Club Announcements and More

[Holicong Calendar](#)

- Short Term
 - April 1st, 2nd & 5th – NO SCHOOL
 - April 9th – End of 3rd Marking Period & Student ½ Day
 - April 9th – Continue work with Courageous Conversations & Faces of Holicong
- Long Term
 - End of Year – Setting dates for awards and end of year events last week of school





Student Activities

Mrs. Wentz & Club Advisors

[Student Activities Page](#)

- Information on clubs & extracurricular activities

[Holicong Video Page](#) “Homebase”

- Our Story, Songfests, Mornings Show, and Shout Outs!

- Please check Daily Announcements for club announcements! Most of our clubs are up and running!
- NJHS Reminder – Applications for 8th & 9th grade students are due to Mrs. Schmitt tomorrow! All eligible students received an email from Mrs. Schmitt





Student Activities

Power of Positive Students

Door Decorating

POPS Rocks

Kindness Theme

Kindness messages painted on the
rocks

Doors throughout the school

Decorated by Wellness

Positive and joyful pictures

Donut party for winners

Future meeting the club will
distribute on Holicong property
and at park

Treats for other participants







Student Activities

Student Council

SPIRIT WEEK
MARCH 15-19

MON – BLING OUT DAY 

TUE – TIE DYE DAY 

WED – GREEN OUT DAY 

THU – THROWBACK THURSDAY 

FRI – FREAKY FRIDAY 

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Music

Mr. Chodoroff, Mr. Glasser, and Mrs. Repper

- Songfest and Performance Dates:
 - March 23 – Instrumental Songfest #2
 - Link will be sent by Dr. Shillingford in a community email
 - The Music Department is currently working on an "End-of-the-Year Performance Calendar" that will list future songfests, virtual concerts, etc.
- Musical:
 - Program ads, "one-liners," and donations can be purchased/made via My Payments Plus.
 - Deadline is April 1st.
 - All information can be found on the *Freaky Friday* Canvas page.
 - We anticipate that the virtual cabaret will take place in late April and that *Freak Friday* will be shared with the community in mid-May.





Athletics

Mr. Rittenhouse

- [Athletics Page](#)
- **Winter Sports Recap**
 - Girls Basketball – Varsity won championship; JV 7-1
 - Boys Basketball – Varsity 6-3; JV 0-8
 - Wrestling – Finished season at CB West Tournament
 - Cheerleading – Finished season with the boys basketball team.
- **Spring Sports**
 - We will begin spring sports next week. All tryout dates will be posted on athletic website by the end of the week.
 - Games/Meets begin April 19th. Final schedules will be posted by Monday 3-22.





Athletics

Mr. Rittenhouse

- **Spring Health & Safety Plan**
 - Updates from Board Meeting
- **Spring Sports – Track, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse**





Technology Updates

Mrs. Lovuolo & Mr. Striano

Submitting Work Tickets





Teaching & Learning

Mr. Canelli & Dr. Shillingford

- Formative Assessment
 - Formative Assessment is a process used by teachers and students during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes.
 - Daily (not always in gradebook)
 - Planned for (those decided before instruction)
 - Embedded (in curriculum, used to gather data)
 - Informs the “moves” we make as teachers
 - Includes student input
 - Encourages student self-assessment
 - Students take responsibility for their learning





Guidance

Ms. Blankenburg, Mrs. Louderback, & Mr. Striano

PSSA and Keystone Updates **Mr. Canelli – Testing Coordinator**

PSSA ELA

April 23rd Test 1 & 2, April 30th Test 3

PSSA Math

May 7th Test 1 & 2

PSSA Science

May 10th Test 1 & 2 (8th grade only)

Keystone dates TBD





Guidance

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Social-Emotional Learning Survey

- **Results & Next Steps**
- **Connections with staff**
 - All students that listed no connection – staff members reaching out (explain logistics in video)
- **Connections with students**
 - Part of our work for April 9th with **Courageous Conversations**





Health & Safety Plan

Mrs. Radice & Dr. Shillingford

Updates now that we are in 5 Day return

- 5 Day Traditional Return – 4th Marking Period
 - Will send out survey on Monday, March 22nd – April 1st
 - Will determine if Health & Safety Plan allows for return of students (class sizes)
- Close contact procedures
 - If we find out during school day – Student discreetly pulled from class and parents/guardians contacted
 - If we find out outside school – Parent will be contacted at home and student stays home before next day





Superintendent Parent Advisory

Mr. & Mrs. Freeman

- Update from Student Services (re: cleaning, reported COVID cases, great job they're doing to regularly address, etc.) -> KEY NOTES: Holicong has 41 total cases to date; overwhelming majority of all cases (reported district-wide) are originating OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL; they discussed 'tracing' procedures which are being done on a county/state level (not by the district); since start of the new year... there have been a total of 14 "ACTIONABLE" cases in the district (i.e. requiring comprehensive bldg & targeted cleaning)
- Staff vaccinations
 - 3400 total staff "all-in" - inclusive of support staff, substitute teachers, aids, coaches, maintenance support, etc.
 - at this point in time - it is NOT MANDATORY that staff receive vaccinations; based on last district-wide survey - there were only +/- 200 staff NOT INTERESTED in receiving
 - they will continue surveying... as some staff are getting vaccinations through other means
 - district is being allocated +/- 800 J&J vaccines -- as you're probably aware - being administered @ Bucks Cty Intermediate Unit through 3/13





Superintendent Parent Advisory

Mr. & Mrs. Freeman

- Policy Impacts
 - Masks & social distancing will continue to be required
 - They will adjust policy as needed relative to CDC, state guidelines, etc.
 - Hopeful to return to "normalization" within 6-17 month range (my note: I'm think beginning in Sept / new school year)
 - Looking to have graduations, possibility of field days, etc. -- as such questions were raised by some parents
 - If you, your staff or parents have questions -- they reiterated to have them contact the the superintendent and his staff, etc -- who would be happy to address
- Budget Discussion
- Elem. education presentation on Science curriculum/activities





FAQ

- Q: Will students get NHS credit for helping with Math Counts?
- A: We do not currently have this club at Holicong but if East students helped with this or the tutoring program (or other clubs) we would sign off on this if approved by the CB East NHS.
- Q: How much instructional time will be interrupted by the extended PSSA testing window? How will you operate school with virtual kids needing to test in school but needing to keep social distance?
- A: Covered earlier in Guidance information.
- A: We are waiting for the official numbers of virtual students taking the test and will determine logistics for testing.





FAQ

- Q: Is there an option for students to change their virtual to in-person learning in the 4th marking period?
- A: This was covered in more detail during the Health & Safety portion of the presentation. Look for survey on Monday!
- Q: Is there a late bus for after school activities?
- A: The district does not have this. This was covered in more detail during the Student Activities portion of the presentation (but relevant to other students as well) and context provided.
- Q: Can students stay after for activities?
- A: Not at this time. This was covered in more detail during the Athletics portion of the presentation (but relevant to other students as well) and context provided.





FAQ

- Q: If a student does not make an athletic team can they join track after?
- A: Yes! Students would reach out to Coach Barno if that is the case.
- Q: Can students still join clubs?
- A: Yes! This was covered in more detail in the Student Activities portion of the presentation. Students can reach out to club advisors and check the daily announcements for meeting information.
- Q: How does the rolling total for Positive Cases?
- A: <https://www.cbsd.org/14-day>





FAQ

- Q: If staff refuse vaccine are they permitted to work from home or do they take leave?
- A: This was covered at the night presentation.
- There is no mandate that all staff members must receive a vaccination. If teachers are working from home they will have a TA in the classroom and still do all lesson planning and teaching of lessons.
- Q: Are parents notified of positive cases of teachers and students?
- A: This was covered at the night presentation.
- No. Due to confidentiality, we do not release the names of the individuals. We reviewed the process for close contacts during the Health & Safety presentation.
- Q: How does the rolling total for Positive Cases?
- A: <https://www.cbsd.org/14-day>





FAQ

- Q: Are graded tests (science and math) sent home for parent review?
- A: Assessments are reviewed with students and most are sent home for review. For certain district assessments (finals, midterms) and other summative assessments (possible cores) – these are case by case basis by department and if a parent reaches out to the teacher, arrangements will be made for review at the request of a parent.
 - Note – covered in previous meetings and with our 9th grade Student Council representatives at 6th grade parent orientation said many assessments are competed on Canvas and have access/reviewed soon after.





FAQ

- Q: Will students that missed keystone testing during 19-20 school year have to take it this year?
- A: No, an important change is the passage of Senate Bill 1216, which delayed Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement until the class of 2023. It also states that any student who was scheduled to sit for a Keystone exam in Spring 2019-2020 will not be required to make it up and will be deemed proficient (as long as they passed the subject area course).





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