



# HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

February 17, 2022

## Tips & Format

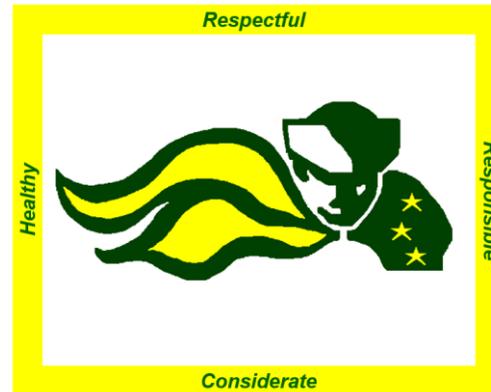
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# Parent Council Norms & Values

- **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 – Dr. Shillingford
- 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

## **FEBRUARY**

TODAY – Math Midterms

FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Professional Development for Staff (Mastery Learning)

MONDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF

WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Verifications on the Portal

MONDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> – Faculty Meeting – Curriculum & Mastery Learning Work

## **MARCH**

MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation

MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting

MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting

MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> – Holicong Musical!

MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> – Faculty Meeting

MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council

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





# PSSA UPDATE

PSSA Reports – We received hardcopies of the PSSA reports from our elementary schools this week and they will get out to all grades in Advisory on Tuesday next week. You can currently access the PSSA scores for your student in the Parent Portal.

- [For Parents / Parent Portal Information \(cbsd.org\)](https://cbsd.org)
- [PSSA Results \(pa.gov\)](https://pa.gov)





# PSSA IN INFINITE CAMPUS

- 1) Log into Infinite Campus
- 2) Click More
- 3) Click Assessments

More

- Address Information >
- Assessments >
- Demographics >
- Family Information >
- Health >
- Important Dates >
- Transportation >
- BMI to Portal >
- Backpack >
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Infinite Campus

- Message Center
- Today
- Calendar
- Attendance
- Fees
- Documents
- More

State Tests			
NAME	SCORE	RESULT	DATE



# Minding Your Mind



## Minding Your Parent – Presentation Recording



# Intervention & Enrichment Update Coaches vs. Cancer Basketball Tournament



# Athletics





# Athletics

## Mr. Rittenhouse

- **Winter Sports**

- Girls Basketball – Varsity won Championship
- Wrestling
- Boys Basketball

- **Spring Sports**

- Offerings – Track, Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, Lacrosse
- Family ID – Open on February 16<sup>th</sup> – [Holicong Middle School Family ID \(holicongathletics.com\)](http://holicongathletics.com)





# MUSIC & ARTS



## Music

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

- Congratulations to all students who participated in the Choir Concert last week! It was a fantastic concert, and everyone should be proud of themselves and the ensembles!
- Congrats, as well, to those students who participated in the Middle School Honors Band Festival earlier in the month. The 3-day festival was held at Unami and culminated in an awesome concert!
- Best of luck to the students who will be participating in the upcoming All-County Music Festival.





# Music

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

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra members will be performing as part of the CB East Pops Concert on 2/23. Should be a great night of music!
- Save The Music Follow-Up:
  - We do not have a final total yet, but we are excited to report that we hit our \$40,000 goal for the year!
  - The money will be donated to the Save The Music Foundation and used to start a music program at an underprivileged school in the Mississippi Delta Region.
  - Thank you for your support of this concert!!





## Musical Information

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

- All cast members have access to the *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* Canvas course. They can find info there about:
  - Bios
  - One-Liners
  - Donations
  - Program Ads
- Ticket information for the show is coming soon.
- "T Cast" and "F Cast" information is also coming soon.



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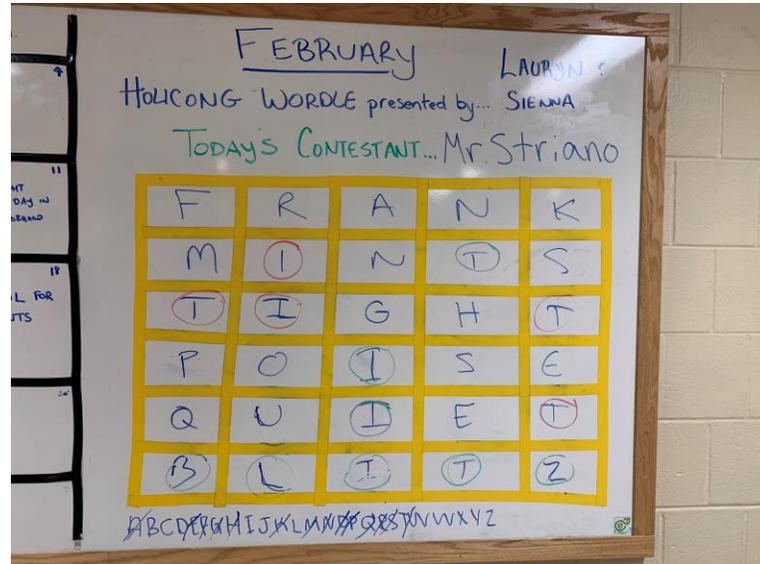


YOU'RE A GOOD MAN  
CHARLIE BROWN



# TEAM & STUDENT ACTIVITIES

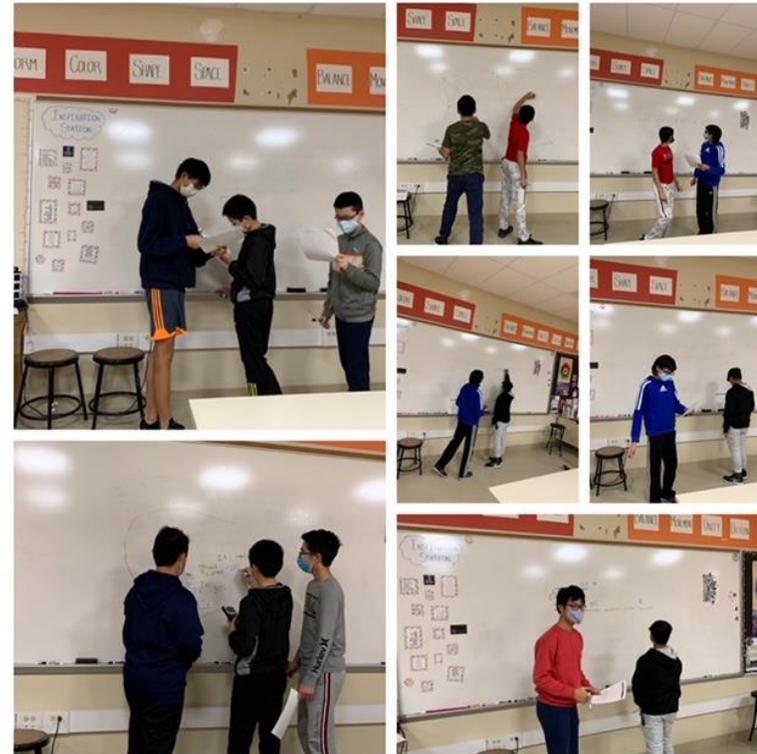
# Wordle at Holicong



# Math Counts Competition

Good luck to the students in Math Counts as they have their final competition. This group has worked hard all year and proud of them!

- Aarav Awasthi
- Jerry Cheng
- Salil Ponamgi
- Kayden Tang
- Asher Wang
- Jaden Lake
- Shreyan Katiyar
- Mitav Mehta
- Dalen Ibragmor









# Student Activities

Mrs. Wentz & Club Advisors

- You Matter Follow up
- March Spirit Week (3/14 -3/18)
  - 3/14: Sports Day
  - 3/15: Neon Day
  - 3/16: Flower Power
  - 3/17: Green Out
  - 3/18: Freaky Friday (dress like a friend)





# Health Office

Mrs. Irrera

Please send in 7th grade dentals- they were due 10/15/21, this is state mandated





# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Program Planning Timeline

- **7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *The 2022-2023 Middle School Program of Studies will be available online at [www.cbsd.org](http://www.cbsd.org) on January 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. No exceptions.**





# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program Planning Timeline

- **8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *The 2022-2023 Middle School Program of Studies will be available online at [www.cbsd.org](http://www.cbsd.org) on January 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **February 1 & 2** – Select electives for 9<sup>th</sup> 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.\*

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# Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade FAQ

- **How many credits does my student need?**
  - Students will earn 6.75 credits in their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. For a standard diploma students need 27.25 credits to graduate
- **Do 9<sup>th</sup> Grade classes appear on high school transcripts?**
  - Yes, 9<sup>th</sup> grade is the first year of high school even though it is housed in the middle school building, and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes are designed with a high school level of rigor. These classes do appear on the transcript for Central Bucks East

# Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade FAQ

- **What electives can my student take in 9<sup>th</sup> grade?**
  - Non performing music students will take .50 credits of PE/Health. In addition, they will have their choice of 4 electives in the following areas: Art, Technology & Engineering Education, FCS, and Integrated Tech
  - Performing Music students will take .50 credits of their performing music class, .50 credits of PE/Health and 2 electives in the following areas: Art, Technology & Engineering Education, FCS, and Integrated Tech
  
- **Are Honors classes “weighted” in 9<sup>th</sup> grade?**
  - Yes. 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes are weighted. The curriculum is different between academic and honors to justify the weighting of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade course. Even though the 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses are weighted, in speaking with the high school counselors, they report admissions offices strip away “weighted” GPAs to make everyone equal. Colleges are more interested in seeing students that take the most challenging curriculum available to them that they can succeed in.

## Honors vs. Academic classes

- Available in English, Science, Social Studies, and Math (Algebra 2/Trig ONLY)
- **Factors in Teacher Recommendation:**
  - Class grades (both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - PSSA scores (both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - Specific skills (i.e. Writing)
  - Interest & motivation in subject area
  - Work habits

# Honors English

## Assessment –

- Core 1: Includes specific grammatical structures that enhance style in personal narrative
- Core 2: Required research components
- Revised rubrics

## Writing –

- **Minimum of six required writing pieces, including two new required on-demand argument writing pieces**
- Additional research
- Additional grammar instruction to enhance style (new workbook)

## Reading –

- Whole Novel Approach
- **Minimum of 4 more complex texts**
- *The Illustrated Man, Lord of the Flies, A Separate Peace*

# Honors Social Studies

- **Higher expectation every day (more complex examples and applications, more complex formative and summative assessment)**
- Mid-Term
- Different Final Exam
- Different Core Assessments
- Additional Content
- **More reading and writing**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Book list (students required to choose one to read)
- More use of primary source documents
- More analysis, synthesis, interpretation, conceptual thinking and less memorization
- Students need to realize there is a higher expectation for deeper academic conversations with Socratic Circles, debates, using more outside research with evidence
- Different writing assessments- DBQ, pulling together to synthesize

# Honors Science

- Each unit of study will include:
  - Greater depth of content.
  - Different learning experiences.
  - Different (open inquiry) approach to laboratory investigations.
  - **Challenging reading assignments from scientific journals.**
- The course will include:
  - A nonfiction companion text.
  - Various research components.
  - Different unit assessments and core performance assessments.

Questions?

For more information please reach out your child's School Counselor:

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Thank you!





# FAQ

- 1) What is the procedure of notifying the class when a teacher has made mistakes on tests that affect all students?

This is generally handled in the classroom setting. The teacher would review and if appropriate, adjust scores or remove the question from the test.

- 2) What are the topics discussed in 9<sup>th</sup> grade science?

It is generally an integrated study of Earth Science and a little Biology in preparation for 10<sup>th</sup> grade science.





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