



Dear Holicong Freshman,

You have been waiting for this day since the day you first stepped in to your 1st day of kindergarten (you just don't remember!) but on Tuesday you will be in 9th grade and officially a high school student!

Congratulations! It is an exciting time for you and also for our faculty & staff as you are now the leaders of Holicong and will set the example for our 7th & 8th grade students on what we do and how we do it. This means modeling the Colonial Cores and always showing kindness and respect for others at all times. Our culture and focus on community is what make Holicong such a special place and we will look to you to carry on this tradition. Please see below for a details on your first day back and other information as you begin your Freshmen year!

Freshmen Team Overview – 9th grade is set up a bit different than 7th & 8th grade. You will work essentially as one team as classes are not grouped, but you will see your resource class is either 9A or 9C. We have divided the class in this manner for a variety of team building activities throughout the year. The Freshmen team leaders who will be are Mr. Kaeser, Mr. McVey, and Mrs. Smith.

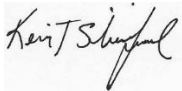
Student 1st Day – Tuesday, September 3rd (A DAY) – Below is a brief overview of the first day of school.

- **Start of day** – You will report to the cafeteria when you report to school. This will be your “home base” (similar to the main gym last year) from 7:05 – 7:20. You will start the day in 1st period where you will get a new copy of your schedule and teachers will review your schedule for the day and your individual schedules.
- **“A Day”** – We will follow this schedule for the day so you will have your resource and specials class.
- **I & E** – Some of your I & E teacher may have changed since you picked up your schedule and this is on purpose to allow your I & E to be on the same 9A/9C as your resource.
- **Other Handouts** – You will get your student handbook (each student gets one) and this will also act as your passbook/hall pass – so please hold on to this! You will also get your Aramark lunch code to use at lunches for the year. You will need this for the year as well.
- **Class Assembly** – After 2nd period we will have our opening assembly for the year with the entire 9th grade. We will welcome you as a class and provide an overview of those primary procedures that you need to know about. A reminder about the primary policies below:
 - [Parent Resources / Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy \(cbsd.org\)](#)
 - [Parent Resources / Dress Code Policy \(cbsd.org\)](#)
 - [Parent Resources / Attendance Procedures \(cbsd.org\)](#)
- **End of Day** – We will dismiss a few minutes early so you will have time to get to your locker and your bus or parent pickup.

We will talk about the importance of the freshman year as it pertains to your high school and future goals, but for now we want to stress again how much we value character and integrity at Holicong and are asking you to continue to model the [Colonial Cores](#): ***Considerate, Healthy, Respectful, and Responsible***. Our 7th and 8th grade students will look to you as leaders and this starts Tuesday. They will see how you treat others and that will shape many of their behaviors – they are watching even though you may not know it. **We hope you value this role and trust you will represent the Holicong community with pride!**

We would like to believe you understand what makes Holicong such a special place to be as a student. It is more than the classroom experience. It is about possessing outstanding character attributes, being involved in school and extracurricular events, and treating everyone with respect. And our goal will continue to be that you feel supported and valued in and out of the classroom as you navigate your freshman year!

Sincerely,



Dr. Kevin T. Shillingford
Principal



Mr. Mike Canelli
Assistant Principal

BACK to SCHOOL QUICK HITS

Bell Schedule & Lunch – 9th Grade Lunch is from 10:40 – 11:10. Please see the bell schedule here (includes half-days): [2024-2025 Holicong Middle School Bell Schedules.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

Student Handbook – Please visit our Parents and Students page for our cell phone, dress code and attendance policies: [Parent Resources / 2024.2025 Daily Announcements & Weekly Updates \(cbsd.org\)](#).

School Pickup & Dropoff – Please see here for the AM/PM pickup and dropoff procedures. Please make sure that you do not come in the main entrance for pickup & dropoff, as this is for staff and pedestrian traffic: [Parent Pickup/Dropoff](#) and [Overhead Map Pickup/Dropoff](#).

AM Procedures: Doors open for student arrival at 7:05. Bus riders that exit the bus at East will walk up the crosswalk and be directed by staff to the bus platform doors. You will walk back the crosswalk at the end of the day to get back on your bus for PM departure. If you arrive before 7:20 you will report to the **cafeteria** and stay there until 7:20 and then go to your locker and report to 1st period by 7:30. If you arrive after 7:20, you can report directly to your locker.

Aramark & Cafeteria – Food services are provided by Aramark Education.

- **Aramark Lunch Code** – You will receive your individual code on the first day of school. DO **NOT LOSE THIS!** It is the number you will use at lunch to purchase your meals.
- Information about Aramark and daily lunch schedules can be found on the district website here – [Aramark](#).
- Parents can put money in your account on this website - [MySchoolBucks](#) and you can pay with your student account number at the register. We will have a cafeteria orientation on the first day of school.

Athletics & Physical Forms – Please see the Athletics page for information on the Family ID system and turn in Section 6 of the CIPPE form to Mrs. McCusker in the guidance office – 267-893-2710.

Holicong Calendar – Please continue to check our Holicong website and weekly and daily announcements for important dates - we will also have students note these (BTSN, Picture Day, and more) in their new handbooks the first week of school!

Student Activities / Activities Overview (cbsd.org) – We will update this for the new year, but this is our Student Activities page. You can click on the student activities brochure to see all the clubs, athletics, and music programs we offer and note that if you click on the hyperlink you will get a video overview from the sponsor or club members!