



HOLICONG WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of December 9th

- ✓ Please see the [Holicong Announcements Page](#) for daily announcements and links to the weekly update. Please check our [Parent Council Page](#) for Parent Council presentations, meeting dates and other parent presentations throughout the year.

WEEK AHEAD

- ✓ **Monday**
 - Faculty Meeting – PD Cohort 2 – Assessment & Differentiation
- ✓ **Tuesday**
 - Orchestra Concert (Holicong/CB East combined) @ CB East
- ✓ **Wednesday**
- ✓ **Thursday**
 - Holicong Winter Band Concert
- ✓ **Friday**
 - Extended Advisory – Team Activities

WEEK IN REVIEW

- ✓ **World Affairs** – Mr. Kelly and the World Affairs club visited CB West on Wednesday! See pictures on the website.
- ✓ **9th Grade Winter Concert** – A Tribute to Walt Disney – This was an amazing event as our band, choral, and orchestra groups performed the music of Walt Disney’s life and career. A special thanks to Mr. Chodoroff, Mr. Glaser, and Mrs. Repper for organizing this event.
- ✓ **Jasper Orchestra Quartet** – Our orchestra students received a special treat as this professional group visited Holicong on Thursday!
- ✓ **NHD Trip to Philadelphia** – 8th & 9th grade students visited Historic Philadelphia to conduct research for the National History Day program.
- ✓ **Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Trip** – Over 50 9th grade students toured MBIT on Thursday to see the different programs and resources offered by our partner.
- ✓ **Colonial Dress Day** – Friday was our Colonial Dress day where students & staff were encouraged to wear their Holicong gear!
- ✓ **H-Factor Caroling Tour** – Mr. Glaser & H-Factor helped to share the holiday spirit by visiting Neshaminy Manor!

ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES

- ✓ **“Faces of Holicong”** – This new segment on the morning show was introduced this week! Please see the message below that will be emailed to all students and staff in preparation for Celebrate Holicong Day!

Holicong Community,

We hope you enjoyed the first feature of the “Faces of Holicong” and a special thanks to Ari Gelb for sharing how she celebrates Thanksgiving as a pescatarian and the meaning of “Tofurkey.” For those of you that missed the first segment and background for this work, “The Faces of Holicong” is a new platform using the morning show as a means learn more about each other as individuals by sharing our experiences, backgrounds, cultures and accomplishments. One of the core values at Holicong is to create a culture of inclusion, tolerance, cultural awareness and acceptance. And the best way to do this is to educate one by celebrating the things that make us the same, and the things that make us different, and this is best done through sharing our stories. Our goal is to share these with students and staff on the morning show and eventually make available to the entire Holicong community through the Holicong website.

With the holiday season and Celebrate Holicong Day approaching, we wanted to utilize our new program to celebrate the multiple holidays and traditions of our own members of the Holicong community. As Dr. Shillingford referenced today we would be sending this email along with a survey for any student or staff member interested in sharing their winter holiday or tradition story. Please know that this is completely voluntary and we will be sharing this email and survey with parents so they are aware. We are breaking the survey down to two parts:

- **Holiday Celebrations:** As we learned from the Humanitarians of Holicong, there are over 20 different holiday celebrations, but the reality is we don’t know much about many of them! If you would like an opportunity to share history, meaning, and how they are celebrated your holiday celebration, please respond here: [Holicong Holiday Celebrations](#)
- **Winter Break Traditions:** This is meant to be more family oriented, from an annual “making of a snowman, visiting grandparents, or watching your favorite holiday movie” together, please respond here: [Winter Break Traditions](#)

The deadline for a response is the end of school on Thursday, December 12th. We will compile the information and reach out to individuals or groups via email or announcements with next steps. We are excited about this event and the future of the “Faces of Holicong” program, as we believe it will be a powerful means to further strengthen and unite the entire Holicong community. We thank you for your support!

- ✓ **VH1** – The planning for this year’s VH-1 concert is well underway! Please see the attached letter if you are interested in sponsoring the event this year.
- ✓ **Success Plan Video & Website** – Thanks to Matt Murray from the district office for creating this video for parents & students – [Success Plan Video](#). Here is a link to the district page for information regarding the [Success Plan Website](#). This is also on our agenda for our next Parent Council meeting.