



## HOLICONG WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- ✓ 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 IN REVIEW

- ✓ **Department Meetings** – Teachers met in departments to work on school and district goals
- ✓ **Parent Council**
  - ✓ **Curriculum Spotlight** – Thank you to Mr. Palmer, Jace Gale, Reagan Smith, Sophia Schwarz and Anna Devine for sharing an overview on Innovation & Creativity
  - ✓ **Red Ribbon Week** – Thank you to Sierra Graziosi for sharing information regarding Red Ribbon Week next week!
  - ✓ **Pennies for Patients** – Thank you to our Student Leadership team and Mrs. Wentz & Mrs. Kincus for planning our No Shave November fundraiser (open to parents!).
  - ✓ **David Fialko** – Thank you Mr. Fialko for his vaping presentation at both our morning and evening events. He will be back to join us Monday to meet with students and staff as well
- ✓ **Breast Cancer Pink Out Day** – Thank you to our Student Leadership team for organizing this week's event and Friday's pink out!
- ✓ **GSA Social @ New Hope** – Thank you to Mr. Willard for organizing this event for our own students and other groups in Central Bucks!
- ✓ **Holicong Volleyball** – A great season for the first year of Holicong volleyball ended on Thursday! Check out pictures (and dance moves) on the Holicong website!

### WEEK AHEAD

- ✓ **Red Ribbon Week** – This week is Red Ribbon week at Holicong. Red Ribbon Week is a drug prevention campaign and our Power of Positive Students (P.O.P.S) has planned activities for each day in Advisory aimed to educate our students.
  - **Monday – Red Ribbon Day** – Students and staff will receive their ribbons in Advisory on Monday and P.O.P.S. officers will explain the meaning of Red Ribbon Week on the announcements. Mr. David Fialko from the Bucks County Council will present his vaping program to each grade level separately throughout the day.
  - **Tuesday** – Teachers in Advisory will share a information and video about the history of Red Ribbon week.
  - **Wednesday** – Teachers will review our SAP (Student Assistance Program) at Holicong and explain the process for how they can help support students by referring (anonymously) a student to the SAP team.

- **Thursday** – All students and staff are asked to wear red and we will take a picture during advisory of all students wearing red this day. This picture will be included in the yearbook.
- **Friday** – Students will once again be introduced to our Safe2Say initiative & our “see something, say something” theme at Holicong

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES**

- ✓ **Welcome Mrs. Snyder** – Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Robyn Snyder to the Holicong team!
- ✓ **PA Youth Survey (PAYS)** – Our school is taking part in the 2019 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. The survey will ask questions about the behaviors of students in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades, including questions about school climate, violence, depression, bullying, and substance abuse. We plan on distributing this survey to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on November 12<sup>th</sup> during an extended Advisory period.
- ✓ **Holicong Attendance** – Please know that teachers are taking attendance each period in our Parent Portal system. For those parents that sign up for attendance alerts – please know that if your student is in school but marked absent at the beginning of a period, please be patient – this might just mean that he or she is in the previous class, running late to class, or tied up in the office. Taking attendance in the system every period allows us to have a better record for each period (rather than in gradebooks) and helpful for safety and other purposes.
- ✓ **Open Study** – Open Study is open from 2:30 – 4:00 on Tuesday and Thursdays in the library. This is the perfect time to stay at Holicong in a quiet, comfortable learning environment to study, do homework, and make-up work and get help with math from Mrs. Farrell!
- ✓ **Holicong Community Involvement** – Please complete our [2019-2020 Holicong Community Involvement & Feedback Form](#) if you would like to be more involved in the Holicong community and provide feedback on “anything Holicong!”