



HOLICONG WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of October 21st, 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

- ✓ **Red Ribbon Week** – A special thanks to our Power of Positive Students group led by Mrs. Louderback, Mrs. Radice and Mr. Dallas for all of the work put in to make this week a success. There are too many highlights to include here, but you can see our pictures on the website, including the giant Red Ribbon from Thursday. We also encourage our students, staff and parents to continue the conversation of living life “drug free.”
- ✓ **Bingo Party & Eagles Trip to Lincoln Financial Field** – These were held on Tuesday! Check the website for pictures and congratulations to Mrs. Paglione’s Advisory for winning the donut party for raising the most money. A reminder that all funds generated from the magazine drive go directly back to Student Activities here at Holicong!
- ✓ **Faculty Meeting** – Topics included the vaping presentation from Mr. Fialko, review of the Student Assistance Program from Mr. Striano, a CERT tabletop drill, and other school & district updates.
- ✓ **Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Visit** – Representatives from MBIT made their yearly presentation to 9th grade students about the programs offered at MBIT. This was an introduction to the program. Next steps for interested students and parents regarding MBIT include:
 - ✓ **MBIT Field Trip for Interested Students** – December 5th (need parent permission)
 - ✓ **MBIT Open House** – November 21st
 - ✓ **CB East Curriculum Fair** – January 9th
- ✓ **Pennies for Patients Fundraiser** – Thanks to Mrs. Wentz, Mrs. Kincus and ___ for organizing this year’s Pennies for Patients fundraiser to bring awareness to Childhood Leukemia. We have posted the presentation on the website so our entire community can see this work. Note – it is not too late for any parents to participate in the No Shave November! Please just email Mrs. Wentz before next Thursday as it start on Friday, November 1st!
- ✓ **Safe2Say** – Friday morning students were introduced to the Safe2Say initiative. We will discuss this at our next Parent Council and parents can also learn more about this program here – [Safe2Say](#).
- ✓ **Student Assistance Program** – This was referenced in our last update and we want parents to know that Mrs. Blankenburg, Mrs. Louderback, and Mr. Striano are also looking to start different support groups and used this week’s presentation to provide students an opportunity to see what is offered. Here are resources:
 - ✓ [SAP Website Link](#)
 - ✓ [Guidance Homepage with Discussion Groups Link](#)

WEEK AHEAD

- ✓ **Monday** – First Responders Luncheon – this is hosted by Student Council on 1st Responders Day – all local 1st responders were invited to this event!
- ✓ **Thursday**
 - **Halloween Costume Contest** – You are never too old to participate! Prizes awarded for individual & group costumes for both students and staff!
 - **8th Grade “Poe Day”** – The entire 8th grade is dedicating their learning activities around the work of Edgar Allen Poe. They are also visiting our neighbors at CB East to see a sneak peek of Patriot Players fall performance of “Nightfall with Edgar Allen Poe!”
 - **Holicong vs. Tohickon “Kick or Treat!” Football Game** – The football game this week is being played at CB East since it is on Halloween the coaches decided to make it a little more interesting! All students & parents that attend will receive a free soft pretzel and we will have a field goal kicking contest for fans chosen at random with the winner receiving the “Halloween” candy pumpkin. The principals of both schools have agreed to wear the opposing schools polos the following day as well!
- ✓ **Friday** – Holicong Coffeeshouse at 6:30! This is an amazing event to showcase the talents of our Holicong students and we even have staff that may do a surprise song or two! Please see the attached flyer for more details and please sign up here if you would like to help and/or donate with this event – [Holicong Coffeeshouse signup](#). Please reach out to Ms. Ambrosini or Mr. Vogelsinger for more details!

ANNOUNCEMENT & UPDATES

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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 8th grade students on November 12th during an extended Advisory period. The district has posted the passive consent letter and more details here – [PAYS Passive Consent Letter](#).
- ✓ **Superintendent Parent Advisory Minutes** – Thanks to Mrs. Matich for representing Holicong at these meetings. She took notes from the October meeting and they are posted on the Parent Council along with the October presentation – [Parent Council](#).
- ✓ **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!”