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Tips & Format

- 1) Camera & Video off when join
- 2) If able – have website browser open to navigate/follow along on your own website
- 3) Use chat feature to ask questions on topic “in the moment” if someone presenting and don’t want to forget or interrupt – we monitor the chat & will also put links in the chat
- 4) Agenda – Allows for approximately 5 minutes of “presentation” from our staff and time for questions live or in chat





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

- Superintendent Parent Advisory Update – Dr. deSilva
- School Updates – Dr. Shillingford
- Teaching & Learning – 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
- Volunteer Opportunities – Mrs. Loughlin





Parent Superintendent Report – 10/19/21

Dr. deSilva

- **Created Group Norms**
- **Breakout sessions by elementary, middle, high school**
 - Topics included: mental health, social issues, vaping, D & A, social media, eating disorders, school spirit, & Lunch and Learn
- **Whole group**
 - Topics included HW policies, lower level of rigor during COVID and impact on executive functioning, transition from elementary to middle and middle to high school
- **Superintendent Priorities**
 - Health & Safety of students – medical, physical, and emotional well-being.
 - Keeping schools open (not going back to online).
 - High quality, research-based education & instruction.

Next Steps at Holicong: Created [Parent Survey](#) that will be sent to all parents/guardians of Holicong Community. We will put in chat of this meeting to begin!





Parent Superintendent Report

Dr. deSilva

If questions or feedback to bring to Holicong or CBSD administration, please contact me at:

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School Calendar & Updates

OCTOBER 22

Hearing Screenings (7th Grade)

OCTOBER 22

Extended Advisory – School Level 50th

Anniversary 70's Decade Day

Holicong COFFEEHOUSE @ 7:00 PM

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25

Spirit Week – Days on Calendar

OCTOBER 25

Faculty Meeting

Red Ribbon Day & Vaping Assembly

NOVEMBER 1

MBIT Assembly (9th Grade)

NOVEMBER 2

Virtual Learning Day

Magazine Drive (Lincoln Financial Field)

NOVEMBER 5

End of 1st Marking Period

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





Holicong 50th Anniversary

Who: Holicong 50th Anniversary Committee – staff & students

What: Variety of ways to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Holicong!

When: Monthly Decade Days & Other Events

Where: Extended Advisory, Concerts, other events

Why: To celebrate the rich tradition of Holicong Middle School and our community

How: Tomorrow is our 70's Decade Day and will include...

- Songs & dress from the 70's
- Interviews with Mr. Dennis
- History of Holicong
- 70's Trivia
- Brady Bunch tied into our Colonial Cores values



Thanks to Richard Wan for our 70's slide!





Teaching & Learning

Mr. Canelli & Dr. Shillingford

- **What is SWPBIS?**

- SWPBIS stands for School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- SWPBIS is not a curriculum but it is a framework to identify needs, develop strategies, and evaluate practice toward building a positive school culture.
- SWPBIS is a process for teaching children appropriate behavior and providing the supports necessary to sustain that behavior.

- **How does SWPBIS include your child?**

- Developing positive and effective student behavior is a group effort where students, teachers, support staff, administration and parents/families work collaboratively towards achieving this goal.





Teaching & Learning

Mr. Canelli & Dr. Shillingford

- When did the Colonial Cores start?
 - **School Year 2018 – 2019** – Holicong works with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit to form SWPBIS team and determine needs of the school.
 - **School Year 2019 – 2020** - Group of Holicong teachers and staff worked as a group with Bucks County Intermediate Unit to revisit the core values of the Holicong Community. Their work led to the implementation of the Colonial Cores. These core values: Considerate, Healthy, Respectful, and Responsible
 - **School Year 2020 – 2021** – Begin to use Colonial Core terminology with students and recognize students for their positive interactions with school community.
 - **School Year 2021 – 2022** – Class lessons on Colonial Cores and expectations in each class reviewed in advisory. Posters are placed around the school with expectations in each area. The Holicong Golden Ticket Club is formed. Teachers recognize students who are exhibiting the Colonial Cores.





Colonial Cores Classroom Expectations

- **BE RESPECTFUL**

- I AM AN ACTIVE LISTENER
- I FOLLOW DIRECTIONS THE FIRST TIME
- I PROMOTE A POSITIVE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT
- I LEAVE MY AREA CLEAN AND RETURN ALL MATERIALS

- **BE RESPONSIBLE**

- I AM PROMPT, PREPARED, AND READY TO LEARN
- I COMPLETE MY WORK ON TIME
- I COMPLETE MY OWN WORK
- I DEMONSTRATE EFFORT ON A CONSISTENT BASIS

- **BE CONSIDERATE**

- I LISTEN TO AND CONSIDER OTHER PEOPLE'S IDEAS, BACKGROUNDS, AND BELIEFS
- I STAND UP FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS
- I AM KIND, HELPFUL, AND INCLUSIVE

- **BE HEALTHY**

- I HAVE A GROWTH MINDSET
- I AM MINDFUL
- I AM KIND, PATIENT, AND UNDERSTANDING WITH MYSELF
- I REACH OUT FOR HELP WHEN NEEDED






Positive Behavior Intervention

Positive

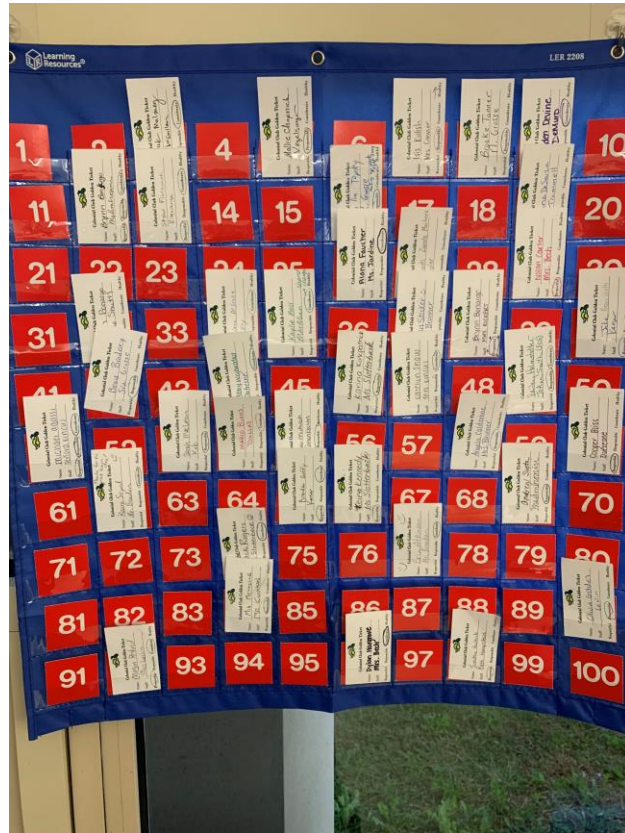
COLONIAL CLUB GOLDEN TICKET



Name: _____

Staff: _____

Respectful Responsible Considerate Healthy



Restorative



Holicong Behavior Reflection Form

What Colonial Core did I have difficulty with?

What choice did I make that violated the Colonial Cores?

My choice affected: (check boxes)

- My Classmates My Teacher My School Support Staff (lunch, custodians, coaches, bus drivers, educational assistants)

How did my behavior affect the above?

What could I have done differently?





Athletics

Mr. Rittenhouse

Fall Sports Update

Summary and Tournaments

Winter Sports Update

- Family ID is open for Girls Basketball, Wrestling & Winter Cheerleading. Boys Basketball will open in Family ID 12/1.

Holicong Calendars

- [Holicong Middle School \(holicongathletics.com\)](http://holicongathletics.com)
- Weekly schedule included every day in daily announcement & scroller
- Posted on whiteboard outside of boys and girls team rooms





Music

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

Holicong Coffeehouse

- **TOMORROW NIGHT (Friday, October 22nd) at 7PM**
- **An outdoor evening of music and poetry by students and staff**
- **\$5 admission includes treats & hot beverages**
- **To donate needed items, sign up here today: [Holicong Coffeehouse: Holicong's 2021 Coffeehouse: A Celebration of the Arts \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/signup/holicong-2021-coffeehouse)**

Dine And Donate @ Panera in Doylestown (near Weis Market)

- **Tuesday, October 26th – more details coming**
 - **Will have to present voucher or show on phone**





Music

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

- **Co-Curricular Music Groups**

- **Robe Choir & String Ensemble are up and running**
- **Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble auditions have concluded and rehearsals start next week**
- **H-Factor auditions are this week and next week**
- **REMIND APP used for communication**

- **Congrats to East Marching Band**

- **Several of our 9th graders participate**
- **Earned first place in their group at their last competition**





Music

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

- **Winter Concert Schedule Preview**

- **Thursday, December 2nd – Holicong Orchestra Concert 7PM**
- **Thursday, December 9th – Holicong 9th Grade Winter Concert 7PM**
 - 50th Anniversary - A Celebration of The Holicong Hall of Fame
- **Thursday, December 16th – Holicong Winter Band Concert 7PM**
- **Wednesday, January 12th – Holicong Winter Arts Night & Choir Concert**
 - Concert starts at 7PM
 - Winter arts festival opens earlier (usually 5PM)





Student Activities

Mrs. Wentz & Club Advisors

- [Student Activities / Activities Overview \(cbsd.org\)](https://cbsd.org) (List of clubs & activities as of fair and how to create a club form for students)
- Student Activities (athletics, clubs, music, other programs) – communicated through morning announcements, morning show, scroller, and here - [Parent Resources / 2021 - 2022 Daily Announcements & Weekly Updates \(cbsd.org\)](#)
- Update since club fair – we have a record number of activities & clubs being offered at Holicong and new since the club fair
 - AV Club
 - Board Game Club
 - Coding Club
 - eSports
 - Finance Club (7th & 8th grade)
 - Math Club
 - Ping Pong Club
 - Retro Video Game Club
 - STEM Club





Student Activities

Mrs. Wentz & Club Advisors

- **Club Choice fundraiser ended on 10/7**
 - Success!
 - All funds support our Holicong student activities
- **Eagles Experience Field trip- prize reward**
 - Tuesday, November 2nd
- **Delivery date for cookie dough**
 - TBA





Student Activities

Holicong Fall Spirit Week

October 25th – October 29th

Monday, 10/25- Wear **red** day

Tuesday, 10/26- College day

Wednesday, 10/27- **Pink out** to recognize breast cancer awareness month

Thursday, 10/28- HMS color wars- 7th wear **yellow**, 8th wear **green**, 9th wear white

Friday, 10/29- Halloween costume contest





Guidance Updates

Mrs. Louderback, Mr. Striano, Mrs. Schrack

- Overview of Website - [Guidance/School Psychologist / Guidance \(cbsd.org\)](https://www.cbsd.org/Guidance/School%20Psychologist/Guidance)

Discussion Group Sign-up during Advisory – over 200 students

- Stress Management
- Friendship Issues
- Family Issues
- Bereavement
- Study Skills/Organization

Red Ribbon Event – The Council presentation

Monday 10/25/21 prevention education vaping & marijuana





Technology
Mrs. Lovuolo & Mr. Striano

Canvas Student Overview





Health Office

Mrs. Irrera

- 7th Grade dental forms were due 10/15/21 - I can take any dental form dated 9/1/2020- now.
- 7th Grade Hearing Screenings (Plus all New & all students with IEP's) – Friday, October 22nd
- Please go on the parent portal and complete the Census/Emergency Form





Volunteer Opportunities

Mrs. Loughlin

- Holicong will have various volunteer opportunities throughout the year. These opportunities will be announced as events are planned.
- If you wish to chaperone your child's future planned event, please recognize that your clearances must be up to date with the Central Bucks School District.
- If your clearances are up to date, simply upload them into the [App Garden-Volunteer Tracker](#).





Volunteer Opportunities

Mrs. Loughlin

- If your clearances have expired **or** if you need to begin the clearance process, simply click on [Required Documents](#) for the directions. Once you received the approved clearances, you may then upload them into the [APP Garden-Volunteer Tracker](#).
- For your convenience, I have attached the link to the Human Resources Volunteer Required Paperwork webpage.
- [Human Resources / Volunteer Required Paperwork \(cbsd.org\)](#)





FAQ

- Will Parent Council meetings go back to in person?
 - We have adjusted the meetings to Teams for this year to maximize participation. We do have them planned as team meetings for this year and any changes we would communicate to everyone.
- How do students earn “Healthy” golden ticket?
 - This is not just about the physical but about also mental health. It could be being kind to themselves, making smart choices in the cafeteria, and demonstrating a growth mindset. These do not need to be grand gestures; small acts are recognized as well.
- Are 9th Grade sports included in the daily announcements.
 - Games and outcomes of all sports are included in the announcements and are posted online as long as the coach provides this information to Holicong.
- Where can we send photos to possibly be included in the Yearbook?
 - Email Mrs. Lock at Jlock@cbsd.org





FAQ

- Will there be additional Coffee House's throughout the year?
 - This is a unique event and is held once a year in the fall
- Are Club meetings included in the announcements?
 - Club announcements: sponsors do try to communicate dates and times ahead of time and can see club advisors here <https://www.cbsd.org/domain/108>. Students can email advisors any questions.
- Who at Holicong can help my child make better use of canvas?
 - Dr. Shillingford will look into revisiting Canvas at an Extended Advisory.
- Will teacher websites be continuously updated throughout the year?
 - If you find a specific teacher's website is not updated. Please email Dr. Shillingford with that teacher's name and he will look into it for you.





FAQ

- Are PSSA results available?
 - They are not currently available and will be shared when they are. You will also be able to see these in the Parent Portal when available
- Can information on the Holicong Coffeehouse be shared on the Holicong Parent Facebook page?
 - We are happy to have Holicong Events shared throughout our community. You help in encouraging people to attend events and activities is appreciated.





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