

Holicong Music Opportunities 2022-23

- Band, chorus and orchestra students have class every other day for the entire year.
- The 7th Grade Band, Chorus and Orchestra students will have a 7th Grade Music Kickoff night in September where they will get to perform together for the first time as middle schoolers!
- Students who do not participate in band, chorus or orchestra class will not have a music class in 7th grade, but will take Exploratory Music class in 8th grade for one semester.

7, 8, 9 Band 7, 8, 9 Orchestra 7, 8, 9 Chorus	These are curricular classes that meet every other day all year. Students do not need to audition for these groups. Students receive a marking period grade for these classes. Students can participate in more than one of these by arrangement with teachers.
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Exploratory Music (8th)	This course is for students who do not participate in band, chorus or orchestra. It is designed to explore various aspects of music and other types of performing. Topics covered in this graded course may include basic musicianship, playing instruments, acting, technology and music consumerism. Exploratory Music class meets every other day for half the year.
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Guitar 9	One-semester elective class for 9 th Graders that allows both beginning and experienced guitarists to develop guitar skills and musical skills.
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The following activities are co-curricular. Students must be in a curricular performing group to be eligible for these enrichment activities (the Spring musical is the lone exception – it is “extra-curricular”).

Wind Ensemble	Holicong’s auditioned concert band, open to any musician involved in Holicong’s band program. Auditions will be held in the fall. Normally rehearses once a week outside of the school day (normally from 6:30-7:20 AM on Tuesdays). Auditions in Fall.
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Jazz Band	Holicong’s competing jazz group. Open to band members AND any students who play guitar, bass, or piano. Usually competes four to five times a year at local festivals (February-April). Normally rehearses once a week outside of the school day (normally from 6:30-7:20 AM on Thursdays). Auditions in Fall.
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Robe Choir	Holicong’s auditioned large choir (normally around 70-80 voices) open to all band, choir and orchestra students. Rehearses on Wednesdays until 4:00 with occasional rehearsals on Thursdays or other days. Performs in a handful of community events in addition to the winter and spring concerts. Auditions are normally held in late September/early October.
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H-Factor	The choir department’s traveling road show. This elite group of 30-35 singers learns a diverse repertoire with rapidity and intensity and performs at 15-20 school and community functions throughout the year. Rehearses on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:30 or 5 and occasionally on other days as needed.
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String Ensemble	Holicong’s auditioned string group, open to all grades. Rehearses on Tuesdays after school and performs at various school and community functions throughout the year. Auditions in Fall.
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Other Opportunities	<p><u>School Musical</u>: Open to ALL STUDENTS. Holicong puts on a musical production every year. Traditionally, auditions are in November, rehearsals run from December through early March, and the show is performed in mid-March.</p> <p><u>Honors Groups</u>: Various honors opportunities will be announced by directors throughout the year and normally include County and District Orchestra, CB Middle School Honors Band, County Band and County Choir.</p> <p><u>Piano Accompanying</u>: Pianists who wish to use their talents in school should listen for piano related announcements. Mr. Glaser normally holds auditions for potential choir accompanists in the fall.</p>
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Central Bucks Save The Music Concerts	The “CBSTM Concerts” are the signature event of the Holicong music department. This annual weekend of concerts features performances by CB music staff, friends, alumni and students, and raises money for the Save The Music Foundation. We are proud to have donated over \$300,000 since 2004, including over \$50k from our concerts in January of 2022. Tickets can be purchased online – sales normally begin in December.
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Music Staff	<p>Feel free to email us with any questions!</p> <p>Mr. Chodoroff (bands): jchodoroff@cbsd.org;</p> <p>Mr. Glaser (all choirs): jglaser@cbsd.org</p> <p>Mrs.Repper (orchestras): jrepper@cbsd.org</p>
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Holicong Music FAQ's

My child plays piano or guitar, not a traditional band/orchestra instrument. How can they get involved?

- We like to suggest that these students give chorus a try in 7th grade so they “get their foot in the door” of the music program as a whole. They may find that they enjoy chorus even if they don’t think of themselves as singers. Piano and guitar players can audition for jazz band in the fall. Piano players can also audition in the fall to be choir accompanists. Students should listen to morning announcements to hear about these opportunities.
- Another option for piano players is to sign up for band and play a mallet instrument such as the bells and the xylophone. Piano skills translate very well to playing these instruments, and several current mallet players at Holicong came to the band program as piano players. Sometimes, Mr. C even has students in band who help cover parts on electric keyboards. Please reach out to Mr. C if you are interested in this option.

What about electric bass players?

- Electric bass players would be welcome in band or orchestra class as long as they read music notation and not just “tabs”. Email Mr. Chodoroff and Mrs. Repper to find out which class is best.

Are there any opportunities for students who write their own songs, etc.?

- Holicong traditionally has a coffeehouse night in the fall to feature student singers, songwriters, poets and instrumentalists (this year, we did it online!!). We also have talent shows at the end of the year. And, of course, we encourage these students to enroll in choir class for an awesome music experience!

Doubling

- Even though you can only enroll in one music class (band, choir, orchestra) in 7th grade, it is possible to participate in more than one of these groups.
- If you play an instrument and also want to sing:
 - First, sign up for band/orchestra as your music class for next year.
 - Then email Mr. Glaser (jglaser@cbsd.org) and your Holicong guidance counselor, Mrs. Louderback (blouderback@cbsd.org) to let them know you want to also participate in chorus.
 - When you get to Holicong, you’ll occasionally come to chorus class during your resource period or band/orchestra class so that you can be a part of both groups.
- If you play both a band instrument and an orchestra instrument:
 - Sign up for either of the two as your music class for next year.
 - Then, email Mr. C. (jchodoroff@cbsd.org) and Mrs. Repper (jrepper@cbsd.org) and your Holicong guidance counselor, Mrs. Louderback (blouderback@cbsd.org) to let them know you want to be involved in both band and orchestra.
 - You will split your time between band and orchestra class so you can be a part of both groups.
 - If you also want to sing in addition to being in band and orchestra, please include Mr. Glaser on the email and indicate that in your message!

