



Team 8-0



August 2020

Dear Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As we draw closer to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, we would like to welcome you to Team 8-0. Eighth grade is an interesting year in the life of a Holicong student. No doubt, this year will be unlike any other. Despite these unprecedented times, our goal is to make your 8th grade experience one filled with engaging and rewarding experiences. Whether you are physically present in our classroom or not, we remain committed to providing a dynamic learning experience that prepares you for 9th grade, and the start of high school.

We understand that things may look differently this year, but we are determined to help you make your 8th grade journey successful! As a first step in that direction, we encourage you to read over the Guide to Successful Virtual Learning included with this letter. Additionally, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us with questions or concerns. An open line of communication is key to healthy school community.

Below you will find some additional information on the Team 8-0 teachers and how to contact us:

- **Mr. Kaeser**- English (Team Leader): jkaeser@cbsd.org/ 267-893-2700 x6324
Mr. Kaeser combines elements of Reading and Writing Workshop in his classroom. Students will study writer's craft and learn the grammatical foundations of the language while they read both classic and contemporary literature that spans multiple genres. Writing instruction focuses on informative, argumentative, and narrative forms, and speaking applications range from informal group discussions to whole-class presentations.
- **Mr. Geneva**- Science: sgeneva@cbsd.org / 267-893-2700 x2682
Mr. Geneva is excited to teach a dynamic curriculum that focuses on astronomy, chemistry, anatomy, and physics. This is Mr. Geneva's fourth year teaching 8th grade science and is ecstatic to be teaching content that he is passionate about, while working with an amazing team of teachers.
- **Mrs. Bech**¹- Math: ambech@cbsd.org / 267-893-2700 x1750
This will be Mrs. Bech's 4th year at Holicong. Students will be expected to rise to many new challenges in Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B. Both of these courses will involve learning essential algebra skills and concepts that build a foundation for all other future math courses. Geometry students will be exposed to a new approach to learning and thinking about math.
- **Mr. Knoedler**- American History: rknoedler@cbsd.org / 267-893-2700 x1559
"Enter the world of self-discovery." Mr. Knoedler's classroom provides an environment that reaches every learning style and ability through creative and interactive learning activities. Students in Mr. Knoedler's class will discover their true potential as they become part of America's past.
- **Mr. Simon**- Special Education: chsimon@cbsd.org/ 267-893-2700 ext. 2653
This will be Mr. Simon's 6th year at Holicong Middle School. Mr. Simon will be co-teaching one class with Mr. Knoedler and one class with Mr. Knoedler, as well as a section of Math 8. Mr. Simon is looking forward to working with all types of students and helping them discover how they can learn best.

¹ Depending on the section of math you are taking, you may have a math teacher other than Mrs. Bech.

- **Mrs. Snyder**- Learning Support: rosnyder@cbsd.org / 267-893-2700 x7703

This is the start of Mrs. Snyder's tenth year of teaching but her 2nd year at Holicong, she previously taught at People for People Charter School and Boyertown Area School District. This school year, Mrs. Snyder will be teaching two sections of English, a section of math, co-teaching an English class, and teaching a study skills class.

We are looking forward to the upcoming school year and are confident you will enjoy a positive 8th grade experience.

Sincerely,

Your Team 8-0 Teachers