



ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

The Holden R-III School District activities programs are a significant part of the total educational experience available to students. These programs enhance learning in the school and contribute to a positive school climate. Participation in extracurricular activities is strongly encouraged because students learn teamwork, develop physically and emotionally, develop a sense of belonging and enhance their self-image.

Participation in activities is a privilege and differs from a student's right to a general high school education. Rules and regulations governing each of the various athletic programs have been established to ensure fairness to all students and to guarantee that the school image resulting from the students who represent their school is a positive one.

The ultimate purpose of extra-curricular activities is to provide a maximum number of students an opportunity to grow as young adults within the structure and framework of organized and disciplined programs. Extra-curricular activities offer a positive and meaningful experience that will enhance the growth and development of all young men and women who participate. The Holden R-III School District is committed to the belief that participation in interscholastic activities is a PRIVILEGE, not a right.

It is our philosophy to take the best student participants and represent Holden Schools to the highest degree. Successful programs are a by-product of commitment, fundamental skills, preparation, training and strength of character. We will strive for success and to win by developing these traits.



CHEERLEADING

- Head Coach – Jenica Viers
- Assistant Coaches – Rosemary Hunt & Kara Hays
- Number of Participants: HS – 16 MS – 7

Season Highlights

- MS and HS cheerleaders started off their season by going to a 3-day summer camp where they all learned several stunts, tumbling skills, cheers, and dances for game day and competition performances.
- MS and HS cheerleaders put on another successful kids cheer clinic with over 200 kids in the district attending to learn basic cheerleading skills.
- HS cheerleaders competed in the MCCA KC Regional Competition in October, qualifying for the State competition in December.
- Finished 8th Place at State

Academic All Conference

Madelyn Abel, Jessica Felder, Clara Hernan, Chloe Hernan, Jorja Talley, Anna Unger



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EAGLE PRIDE



MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

- Band Director: Emilie Lewis
- Color Guard: Sarra Taylor

Number of Participants

- HS Full Band – 39
- HS Jazz Band – 11
- HS Color Guard – 7
- 6th Grade Band – 36
- 7th Grade Band – 24
- 8th Grade Band – 11



MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Highlights

Concordia Fall Festival Parade
1st Place

Carrollton Band Day Drumline
7th Place

Indoor Color Guard: 8th Place

Smith-Cotton Marching Invitational
Field Competition: 3rd Place
Drumline: 2nd Place

Indoor Color Guard: 2nd Place

Odessa Marching Invitational
Field Competition: 2nd Place
Parade: 1st Place
Drumline: 1st Place

Indoor Color Guard: 2nd Place

Royal Regiment Marching Festival
Field Competition: 3rd Place



MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Highlights

- The marching band performed at all regular season home football games and played pep band music at all but the re-scheduled post-season games. At the State Quarterfinal game, they performed the National Anthem with the band from Lamar.
- The Winter concert is December 15th
 - Jazz Band is performing *And the Angels Swing!*, *White Christmas*, and *Carol of the Bells*
 - Concert Band is performing *Toy Soldier March*, *All Through the Night*, and *The 3-Minute Nutcracker Suite*
 - The HS band and choirs will be combining for the song *Here We Come A-Caroling*.
- The pep band, including three 8th grade students, has played at all the home varsity basketball games so far this season.
- The Jazz Band will be performing their Winter Concert music for the Mayor's Christmas party at City Hall on December 16th.

A group of middle school students are posed in a music room. Some students are holding saxophones, and one student on the left is holding maces. The room has string lights hanging from the ceiling and blue storage bins in the background. A title overlay is present on the left side of the image.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

MS Highlights

- 8th Grade
 - They marched as a drumline in the Carrollton Band Day Parade where they placed 4th.
 - They performed with the HS band in the pre-game at the Homecoming football game, then some in them joined in with the pep band at the post-season games
 - Several of them have opted to perform with the HS pep band at the basketball games.
 - They will perform with the 7th grade band at the Winter Concert on December 12th playing *Ceremonium*, *Winter Wonderland*, and *Toboggan Run*.
 - Kamryn Baker, Ben Ferguson, Alisson Diaz, and Sam Baldwin were selected to be in the District Middle School Honor Band in January.
- 7th Grade
 - They will perform with the 8th grade band at the Winter Concert on December 12th playing *Ceremonium*, *Winter Wonderland*, and *Toboggan Run*.
 - Brody Brockhaus, Paxton Zeikle, Nevaeh Johnson, and Mason Doll were selected to be in the District Middle School Honor Band in January.
- 6th Grade
 - Their very first concert will be on December 12th, and they will be performing *Listen to Our Sections*, *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, *The Dreidel Song*, *Kwanzaa Celebration*, and *Jingle Bells*.

VOLLEYBALL

- Head Coach – Tori Florence
- Assistant Coaches – Emily Purnell, Chris Hertzog, Emily Ringen
- Number of Participants: HS – 22 MS – 32
- Overall Record HS: 16-8-2 MS: 7-4 (A Team) 7-6 (B Team)
- MRVC Record HS 8-2
- Conference Runner-Up
- 3rd Place Sherwood Tournament



HOLDEN EAGLES

VOLLEYBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All+ Conference

Sara Ayler, Gracie Carver, Gigi Jones, J'Lee Jones, Alex West, Cami Gibson-Agee, Jaci Gower, Izzy Guinn, Emalee Haggard

All + Conference

- FIRST TEAM Jaci Gower, Tristyn Powell
- SECOND TEAM Gracie Carver
- HONORABLE MENTION: Alex West

All – District

- SECOND TEAM Gracie Carver, Tristyn Powell
- HONORABLE MENTION: Jaci Gower, Alex West

MVP

- Cami Gibson-Agee
- Chloe Idsinga

HOLDEN EAGLES

FOOTBALL

- Head Coach: David Diener
- Assistant Coaches: Matt Hertzog, Griffin Keller, Mark Weddle, Nathan Martin, John Bockover, Anthony Taylor
- Number of Participants: HS – 48 MS – 29
- Overall Record: HS: 8-4 JV: 4-3 MS : 3-2-1
- Class 2 District 6 Champions
- Final 8 Teams in the State
- Received votes to be a ranked Class 2 team
- 3rd in the MRVC
- All 4 losses were to ranked teams and 2 of those losses were within one score
- Playoff loss was to Lamar who played in the State Championship Game



FOOTBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All Conference

Garrett Smith, Aiden Morarity, Reco Jenkins, Bryce Faust, Isaac Bell, Cohen Drake, Justin Brown, Lane Siemer, Kaysn Tevis, Wes Brown, Seth Wright, Benjamin Schorbach

All Conference

1st Team Honors: Garrett Smith, Aiden Christian, Americo Mabrey – Defensive

2nd Team Honors: CJ Reifsteck, Jayden Davis-Hacker, Reco Jenkins, Tucker Kauffman, Aiden Christian, Benjamin Schorbach

Honorable Mention: Aiden Morarity, Domanic Sizemore, Andrew Johnston, Garrett Smith, Bryce Faust, Jacob Andes

All Johnson County

1st Team Honors: Reco Jenkins, Jayden Davis-Hacker, Garrett Smith, CJ Reifsteck, Aiden Christian, Andrew Johnston, Domanic Sizemore, Americo Mabrey, Tucker Kauffman, Bryce Faust

Honorable Mention: Aiden Morarity, Jacob Andes, Josh Taylor, Benjamin Schorbach

All Johnson County Football Player of the Year – Americo Mabrey

All Johnson County Fall Coach of the Year – David Diener

FOOTBALL

Individual Honors

All District

1st Team Honors: Tucker Kauffman – Linebacker, Garrett Smith – Tight End, Americo Mabrey – Defensive Line, Aiden Christian – Offensive Line, CJ Reifsteck – Defensive Back

2nd Team Honors: Aiden Morarity – Quarterback, Josh Taylor – Defensive Back, Bryce Faust – Defensive Back, Reco Jenkins – Running Back, Jayden Davis-Hacker – Running Back.

Academic All State

Garrett Smith, Aiden Morarity, Lane Siemer, Reco Jenkins, Kaysn Tevis

KMZU Dream Team

Americo Mabrey - Defensive Line

Garrett Smith - Tight End

All State

CJ Reifsteck-2nd Team Defensive Back.

Garrett Smith-2nd Team Tight End

Americo Mabrey-3rd Team Defensive Line

CROSS COUNTRY

- Head Coach: Dale Wescott
- Assistant Coach: Ben Kiger
- Number of Participants: HS – 12 MS – 5



CROSS COUNTRY

Season Highlights

Academic All Conference

Ava Young, Abby Miller, Malea Brewington, Riley Snively

Ruben Wiesmann, Zachary Willis, Garrett Hankins, Jackson Treece

Conference

- Girls – Ava Young 10th Place, Malea Brewington 9th Place
- Boys – 3rd Place as a Team, Rett Hankins 9th Place, Zach Willis Individual Conference Champion

District

- Girls – Ava Young 28th Place
- Boys – 9th Place as a Team, Rett Hankins 27th Place, Zach Willis 6th Place

State

- Girls – Ava Young 127th Place and she ran her 5th fastest time of the season
- Boys – Rett Hankins 130th Place and ran his 4th fastest time of the season, Zach Willis 39th Place and ran 21 seconds faster than last year

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SOFTBALL

- Head Coach: Jeff Smith
- Assistant Coach: Tonya Mallinson
- Number of Participants: 27
- Overall Record: 21-10
- JV Record: 15-0

Season Highlights

- Co-Conference Champions MRVC East
- 2nd Place in Bronze bracket in the Greater Kansas City Tournament

HOLDEN EAGLES

RENAE JENNINGS
CHARITY SECUREST
AMANDA RAKER
JULIE GUINN
DEBBIE RILEY
ANITA ANDERSON
SARAH WATSON
MGR: ALYSSA RALSTON
RECORD: 35 - 8 - 1

2024

SOFTBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All Conference

Camille Davidson, Gabrielle Gard, Alli Iles, Marah Klover, Kameryn Rehfeldt, Madelynn Sechrest, Kimberlyn Spring, Faith Brown, Lillian Keller
Haley Brooks, Macey Greene

All Conference

1st Team: Lillian Keller, Marah Klover, Kimberlyn Spring

2nd Team: Camille Davidson, Madelynn Sechrest

All District

1st Team: Marah Klover, Camille Davidson, Lillian Keller, Kimberlyn Spring, Abby Sisk

2nd Team: Madelynn Sechrest

All Region

1st Team: Marah Klover, Camille Davidson, Kimberlyn Spring, Abby Sisk

2nd Team: Lillian Keller

All State

1st Team: Marah Klover

2nd Team: Camille Davidson, Abby Sisk

HOLDEN EAGLES



NHS

- HS Sponsor – Miranda Langston
- MS Sponsor – Janine Ferguson
- Number of Participants: HS – 37 MS – 54

HS Highlights

- Students have been volunteering around the community and school to get their volunteer hours in for this year.
- As a group we worked with Bright Futures to organize and make snack bags for students in our district.
- Our next project will be making Christmas cards for the nursing home in Holden.
- Our volunteer committee is looking at some other group volunteer opportunities such as working concessions stands, picking up trash around the school, and tutoring.
- Induction Ceremony is set for February 2nd 6:30-7:30PM

MS Highlights

- Completed our first community service project -Harvesters Food Drive from Oct 31-Nov 18.
- We collected over 500 can goods and delivered them to the Holden food pantry.
- Induction Ceremony is set for December 14th 6:30-7:30PM

Math Team

- HS Sponsor – Miranda Langston
- MS Sponsor – Caitlin Furlong
- Number of Participants: HS – 11

HS Highlights

- Competes at Warrensburg Math Relays on November 5th
- Kasey Johnson-Atkins - 5th in Complex Numbers, 3rd in Probability
- Autumn Cantrell – 2nd in Complex Numbers
- Sean Anstine – 3rd in Geometry, 3rd in Biology, 5th in Word Problems, 4th overall top freshmen
- Elizabeth Claxton – 2nd in Biology
- Payton Kruse – 4th in Chemistry
- Freshmen Team 1st place
- Sophomore Team 2nd place
- Senior Team 4th place
- Next Competition in January in Camdenton

MS Highlights

- MS Math Relays will have tryouts in January



FBIA

- Sponsor – Angie Smith
- Number of Participants: HS – 44, MS – 9

Highlights

- Sept. 24: Career Day at Worlds of Fun
- Oct. 22: Clara Ferguson represented FBIA at the Johnson County Community Clean-up Day and received a letter of commendation from the mayor of Holden.
- Nov. 1: HS and MS students attended a presentation about business start-ups at Prehistoric Putt.
- Nov. 10-12: 15 high school students attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, CO.
- February 2: 28 students are competing across more than 50 events at the District Leadership Conference in Warrensburg.

A group of about ten students are sitting around a long wooden table in a restaurant or cafe. They are eating, talking, and looking towards the camera. The table is set with plates of food, glasses of water, and napkins. The background shows wooden paneling and framed pictures on the wall.

Foreign Language Club

- Sponsor – Michelle Landrum
- Number of Participants: HS – 20

Highlights

- Attended the Day of the Dead festival at the Nelson Atkins Museum in Kansas City on Sunday, October 30
- Plan on going to the Asian Lunar New Year festival at the same museum on Sunday, January 29



Art Club

- HS Sponsor – Mark Weddle
- MS Sponsor – Janine Ferguson
- Number of Participants: MS – 13

MS Highlights

- 2 iPads from our Tech Department to explore digital art programs
- Received a Foundations Grant for 4 ultimate print screen kits and supplies to be able to fundraise through custom made t-shirts
- Working on our first large scale mural, Holden Spirit theme, to be painted in “Blue Parkway”

Student Council

- HS Sponsor – Tyler Jolly & Ashley Perman

Executive Board

President: Kimmie Spring **Vice President:** Chloe Drake

Secretary: Lilly Keller **Treasurer:** Gracelyn Carver

- MS Sponsor – Kerri Hanneken & Dustin Orton
- Number of Participants: HS – 24

HS Highlights

- STUCO members have been hard at work this fall with kicking off the year at Freshman orientation in August. STUCO members helped freshman with finding their classes and answering any questions before the first day of school. STUCO members were also able to build relationships with incoming freshman prior to the start of school to ensure students felt welcome on the first day.
- STUCO members chalked up the sidewalks prior to the first day of school welcoming all students with positive messages and school spirit.
- STUCO members created theme nights for all home games during the fall sports season. These themed nights were displayed around the school and announced on social media. This was a way to promote school spirit as well as encourage more students to come out to home events.
- STUCO were able to attend Trials West Conference in October at Fort Osage High School. At this conference students were able to attend leadership workshops and seminars and learn more about how to be a more affective and positive leader in their schools.
- STUCO is ending their fall semester by preparing the themed home sport nights for winter sports as well as planning for Court and Mat warming dance and crowning.
- STUCO is also planning and preparing to adopt a family for the holidays and purchase gifts for a family in need within our community.



Missouri State High School Activities Association

- HS & MS Marching Band
- HS & MS Choir
- HS Flag Corps
- HS & MS Sideline Cheerleading
- HS & MS Science Olympiad
- HS & MS Scholar Bowl
- HS & MS Student Council
- HS & MS National Honor Society
- HS FBLA
- HS Trap Shooting
- HS FCCLA
- HS Foreign Language Club
- HS & MS Math Relays
- HS & MS Art Club
- HS Student Ambassadors
- HS & MS Drama Club
- HS & MS Yearbook
- HS FFA
- HS & MS Football
- HS & MS Volleyball
- HS Softball
- HS & MS Cross Country