

Holden R-3

School District



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2023**

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Growing Our Own

Ever wonder how many teachers and staff who work at Holden R-3 attended and graduated from here? A bunch! 51 Holden alums gathered at our convocation in August to be photographed. Many districts, including Holden R-3, work to “grow our own” by encouraging our students who want to be educators to return and teach in their home district. A few years ago, a Future Teachers of America (FTA) club was started at Holden High School. Through mentoring on campus and workshops at locations such as the University of Missouri, students gain a better understanding of the requirements and responsibility of the teaching profession.

FTA is sponsored by Ms. Valerie Craft, Instructional Coach at HMS & HHS, and they are hosting a shoe drive fundraiser through March 9 to raise funds for college and career exploration opportunities in the area of education. “We are excited about our shoe drive,”

says Ava Young, Holden FTA President. “[With the donation of shoes] we raise money to fund trips to workshops, college fairs, host educational events for local students, and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It’s a win-win for everyone.” By donating gently worn used and new shoes to the Holden FTA, you will be giving the shoes a second chance and make a difference in people’s lives around the world as well as the students in Holden. Shoes can be dropped off at any of the school building offices through March 9, 2023.



Scholarship Applications Due

Spring of senior year means applying to scholarships if you are college-bound. Many local scholarships are available. The generic local scholarship form is due March 1. Senior students only need to fill out one local application form to be considered for all scholarships available that they qualify for.



Visit <https://www.holdenschools.org/scholarships> to apply today.

Take in a Concert

Every spring, our choirs and bands perform in competitions around the Kansas City metro area. To prepare for these performances, concerts are held on campus for practice and for friends and family to enjoy the results of their hard work. We hope you can join us for a concert!

MS Band & Choir Concert
Thursday, March 16 @ HS Gym at 7pm

HS Band & Choir Concert
Tuesday, March 21 @ HS Gym at 7pm



2022-2023 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

February 17
February 20
March 6-10
April 7 & 10

No School - Teacher Inservice
No School - Presidents Day
No School - Spring Break
No School - Easter Break

May 21
May 24

Class of 2023 Graduation 2pm
Early Release 1:15pm
Last Day of School
End of 2nd Semester

Make-up Days/Hours are built into the schedule.

“The mission for Holden R-III School District is for all students, upon graduation, to have marketable skills or the basis to be eligible for post-secondary educational opportunities.”

February 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
	 We're on Instagram! @holdenschools			NHS Induction and Academic Awards @ HS Gym 6:30pm	HS Boys Bball @ Richmond 4:30pm HS Girls Bball @ Richmond 6:30pm	MS Robotics Competition @ MCC-Penn Valley HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Buffalo HS HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Albany R-3 HS HMS PTSO Family Skate @ Rink Ratz 1:30pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
National School Counseling Week						
HES PTO Penny Wars @ Holden Elementary						
			HS Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ Knob Noster 5pm		HS Girls Wrestling Districts @ Clinton 5pm	HMS PTSO Valentine's Vendor Fundraiser Shop from 9am-4pm! HS Girls Wrestling Districts @ Clinton 10am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	HS Girls Bball v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	HS Girls Bball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5:30pm *senior night* HS Boys Bball @ Lexington 5:30pm		HS Girls Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5:30pm HS Boys Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 6pm	NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice	HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Districts @ Versailles HS 5pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
National FFA Week						
	NO SCHOOL Presidents Day		HS Boys Bball Varsity Districts HS Band Conference Band Auditions HS Boys & Girls Wrestling State @ Columbia	HS Girls Bball Varsity Districts HS Boys & Girls Wrestling State @ Columbia	HS Boys Bball Varsity Districts FFA KC Western Farm Show	HS Girls Bball Varsity Districts HS Band UCM Jazz Festival HS Math Team @ Cole Camp
26	27	28	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar </div>			
	HS Boys Bball Varsity Sectionals HHS Career Day 1-3pm HMS PTSO Kids Night Out @ MS 5:30pm	HS Girls Bball Varsity Sectionals HS Band Conference Band Rehearsal & Concert				

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Compassion - Caring how others think and feel

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." ~Dalai Lama

March 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3 HS Boys Bball Varsity Quarterfinals HS Scholar Bowl Varsity Tournament @ Lafayette Co 1pm "The Outsiders" Drama Performance @ HS Gym 7pm	4 HS Boys Bball Varsity Quarterfinals HS Scholar Bowl Varsity Tournament @ Lafayette Co 1pm "The Outsiders" Drama Performance @ HS Gym 7pm
	6 FFA Area & State Officer Selection	7	8 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK	9 HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity State Competition	10 HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity State Competition FFA Archie/Adrian Area Contest (CDE/MOASK)	11 HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity State Competition
5 "The Outsiders" Drama Performance @ HS Gym 2pm						
12	13 Baseball Varsity Jamboree 4pm	14 HES PTO Meeting @ ES Library 6pm	15  Follow us on Twitter! @HoldenSchools	16 MS Choir & Band Pre-contest Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Baseball Varsity Double Header @ Reeds Spring 10am
19 	20 HS Track Varsity Meet @ UCM Baseball v. Sherwood @ HHS 4:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	21 FFA Area 7 Leadership Development Events (LDEs) Baseball v. Crest Ridge @ HHS 4:30pm HS Choir & Band Pre-contest Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	22 Baseball @ Clinton 4:30pm	23 Baseball C Team Double Header v. Oak Grove @ HHS 4:30pm	24 MS Track Meet @ Butler 3pm	25 Baseball Varsity Double Header v. Russellville @ HHS 11am HES PTO Father/Daughter Dance @ ES Gym 6pm
26	27 Baseball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 4:30pm	28 ACT Testing Day @ HHS FFA District Career Development Events (CDEs) HS Track Varsity Meet @ Warrensburg MS 4pm Baseball v. Harrisonville @ HHS 4:30pm	29 Baseball C Team Double Header v. Clinton @ HHS 4:30pm HMS PTSO Meeting @ MS Library 6:30pm	30 FFA District LDEs MS Track Meet @ HHS 4pm Baseball v. Lexington @ HHS 6pm	31 HS Track Varsity Meet @ Odessa 4pm Baseball @ Warsaw 4:30pm	

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Katy Trail Mobile Dental Clinic RV on campus



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Perseverance - Never giving up despite difficulty or delay

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other." ~Walter Elliot

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Science Olympiad Teams at HMS & HHS

Science Olympiad participates in 23 events ranging from building events, such as Storm the Castle and Trajectory, to lab based events such as Environmental Chemistry Lab and Wi-Fi Lab, to testing events such as Astronomy, Remote Sensing, and Codebusters. Many members of the Holden High School and Holden Middle School teams have qualified for state in the past and are hoping for another successful season. Regionals take place on February 18th at UCM. Pictured are the MS (left) & HS (right) teams with sponsor, Mrs. Amanda Orton.



Distinguished Alumni Nominations

The Holden R-III School District is seeking nominations for its Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes Holden High School graduates, graduated at least 10 years, who have made a significant contribution to their community or their field of work, or have been recognized for an outstanding achievement, accomplishment, contribution or act that has had a profound and positive effect. Supporting documents (i.e. newspaper articles, stories, letters of recommendations) are encouraged. Anyone may nominate a graduate for consideration. All nominees will remain on a nominee list for induction. Nominations will be considered by the Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee. Nomination forms are available at the school offices and on the district website at holdenschools.org/alumni. The deadline for nominations is March 13, 2023. The Distinguished Alumni Recipient(s) will be recognized during the Holden High School Graduation Ceremony on May 21, 2023, at 2pm in the Holden High School Gymnasium.

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