

# Holden R-3

## School District



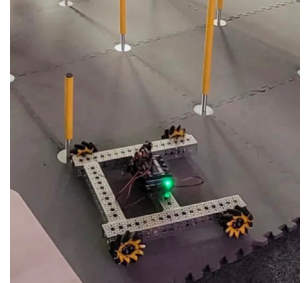
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## Holden Middle School Robotics Team Begins Competition



Holden Middle School Robotics Team ("Scrapheads") has been busy designing, building and programming their robot to prepare it to compete at their first meet on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Pleasant Lea Middle School in Lee's Summit. A second meet will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at East Trails Middle School in Lee's Summit with a tournament on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at MCC-Penn Valley in Kansas City, Missouri. Students held a successful fundraiser Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at Culver's in Warrensburg where they saw lots of familiar faces from the district. The amazing community support is much appreciated! Continue to follow their journey on Instagram at @scrapheads21485.



## Board Members Complete Training

Gerilynn Hoover and Nathan Haun, both elected to the Holden R-3 Board of Education in April, have each completed eighteen hours and thirty minutes of orientation and training, required within the first year following their election to the board. Mrs. Hoover attended training sessions sponsored by the Missouri Association of Rural Educators (MARE) while Mr. Haun completed Essential New Board Member training sponsored by the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA). Topics covered included an overview of board responsibilities, important school laws, fundamentals of school finance, protecting students from sexual misconduct, district long-range planning, danger signs of potentially abusive relationships between adults and children, assessment of students, and effective board operations.



## Librarians Attend Workshop

Holden R-3 librarians Abby Weber (Holden Middle & High Schools) and Robin Eissler (Holden Elementary School) attended a library workshop at Boonslick Library in Sedalia on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Presenters included Dr. René Burress, Associate Professor of Library Science and Information Services Chair, and Dr. Jenna Kammer, Assistant Professor Library Science and Information Services Program Coordinator, from the University of Central Missouri. General Library policies were reviewed and they dug deeper into the basics of being a librarian.



**SCHOOL CLOSING NOTIFICATIONS:** We take this opportunity to inform parents of the procedure used in the dismissal of school due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Many factors are considered when determining to close including temperature, road conditions, staffing shortages, or facility issues, with student and staff safety being a top priority. Closings are announced using the following avenues: **TEXT** - Subscribers to Text Alerts will receive a text message **PHONE** - A recorded message will be sent to all Holden R-III families **EMAIL** - An electronic message will be sent to all Holden R-III families who have an email on file with our office **WEBSITE** - holdenschools.org **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Holden R-III Schools Facebook & Twitter accounts **TV** - WDAF (Channel 4), KCTV (Channel 5), KMBC (Channel 9), KSHB (Channel 41)


## 2022-2023 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

December 16	Early Release Day - 1:15pm	March 6-10	No School - Spring Break
December 19-January 2	No School - Winter Break	April 7 & 10	No School - Easter Break
January 3	No School - Teacher Inservice	May 21	Class of 2023 Graduation 2pm
January 13	<b>End of 1st Semester</b>	May 24	Early Release 1:15pm
January 16	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		Last Day of School
February 17	No School - Teacher Inservice		End of 2nd Semester
February 20	No School - Presidents Day		<small>Make-up Days/Hours are built into the schedule.</small>

"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."

# December 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at <a href="https://holdenschools.org/calendar">holdenschools.org/calendar</a>				<b>1</b> HMS PTSO Family Trivia Night @ HMS  MS Girls Bball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm  MS Boys Bball @ Lexington 5pm  HS Girls Bball v. Crest Ridge @ HHS 5:30pm	<b>2</b> HS Boys Bball @ Crest Ridge 5pm  HES Music Concert @ HS Gym 6pm  HS Girls Bball @ Oak Grove 7:15pm	<b>3</b> MS Robotics Team @ Pleasant Lea MS  Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Marceline  Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Knob Noster 9am  HMS PTSO Family Skate Night @ Rink Ratz 1:30-4pm
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
HES PTO Penguin Patch Shop						
	HS Boys Bball C Tournament @ Richmond  MS Wrestling Triangular @ HMS 5pm  XCcountry Banquet @ HS Library 6pm	HS Girls Bball @ Carrollton 5pm  MS Wrestling Quad @ HMS 5pm  HS Boys Bball @ Carrollton 7pm	HS Boys Bball C Tournament @ Richmond  Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ HHS 5pm  Football Banquet @ HS Gym 6:30pm	HS Boys Bball C Tournament @ Richmond  MS Girls Bball @ Richmond 5pm  MS Boys Bball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm  MS/HS Wrestling Dual v. Sherwood @ HHS 5pm	MS Girls Bball @ Carrollton HS 5pm  MS Boys Bball @ Carrollton MS 5pm  HS Girls Bball v. Pleasant Hill @ HHS 5pm  HS Boys Basketball @ Knob Noster 5pm  FFA Chapter Barnwarming @ Ag Building 7pm	HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Belton  HS Boys Wrestling JV Tournament @ Harrisonville  MS Wrestling Tournament @ Carrollton
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
HS Cheer State Competition 9:15am  	HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Cass Midway  HS Girls JV Bball @ Lone Jack 5:30pm  HS Boys C & JV Bball @ Lone Jack 4:30pm  Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm  MS Choir & Band Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	 Follow us on Twitter! @HoldenSchools		MS Girls Bball @ Knob Noster HS 5pm  MS Boys Bball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm  MS Wrestling Quad @ Higginsville 5pm  HS Choir & Band Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	<b>EARLY RELEASE @ 1:15pm</b> Winter Break  HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Eldon HS  HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ MO Fair Grounds	HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Eldon HS    HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ MO Fair Grounds
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break					Christmas Eve
	HS Girls Bball v. Richmond @ HHS 5pm  HS Boys Bball v. Richmond @ HHS 5:30pm					
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
Christmas Day	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break					New Year's Eve
			HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Parkview			

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

## Gratitude - Being thankful

"When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in." ~Kristin Armstrong

# January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Break  HS Boys & Girls Bball Tournament @ Stover HS	<b>3</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher Inservice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> MS Girls Bball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm  MS Boys Bball @ Knob Noster MS 5pm	<b>6</b> HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Butler  MS Girls Bball v. Carrollton @ HMS 5pm  MS Boys Bball v. Carrollton @ HMS 6pm	<b>7</b> HS Band District Rehearsal & Concert  HS Science Olympiad @ Pembroke Hill Invitational  HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Seneca HS  HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Invitational @ Butler 9am
<b>8</b>  We're on Instagram! @holdenschools	<b>9</b> HS Girls Bball @ Lexington 5:30pm  Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	<b>10</b> FFA Greenhand Motivational Conference HES PTO Meeting @ ES Library 4pm MS Girls Bball @ Lexington 5pm MS Boys Bball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm HS Boys Bball v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm HS Boys & Girls Wrestling Varsity Triangular @ Higginsville 5:30pm	<b>11</b>  Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ Oak Grove 5pm	<b>12</b> MS Girls Bball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm  MS Boys Bball @ Richmond 5pm  HS Girls Bball @ Knob Noster 5:30pm  HS Boys Bball v. Butler @ HHS 5:30pm	<b>13</b> End of 1st Semester HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Center 4pm  MS Girls Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HMS 5p  MS Boys Bball @ Lafayette Co MS 5pm  HS Boys Bball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5pm  HS Girls Bball @ Warrensburg 5:30pm	<b>14</b> HS Math Team @ Camdenton  MS Robotics Team @ East Trails MS  HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Center 1pm
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day  MS Boys & Girls Bball Tournament @ Lexington  HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Mexico HS 8:30am	<b>17</b> HS Girls Bball v. Odessa @ HHS 5:30pm  HS Girls & Boys Wrestling Varsity Triangular @ HMS 5:30pm	<b>18</b> HMS PTSO Meeting @ MS Library 6:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Invitational @ Brookfield  HS Girls & Boys Bball @ Lafayette Co 5:30pm  HES PTO Mother/Son Nerf Night @ ES Gym 6pm  FFA Movie Night @ Ag Building 6pm	<b>21</b> HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Invitational @ Brookfield  
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  HS Boys & Girls Bball Varsity Tournament @ Crest Ridge HS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> HS Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ Center HS 5pm	<b>26</b> HS Girls & Boys Wrestling Varsity Dual v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> HS Math Team @ Smith-Cotton Competition  HS Wrestling Boys Varsity Tournament @ Odessa
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> HS Boys Bball v. Carrollton @ HHS 5pm  HS Girls Bball v. Carrollton @ HHS 6pm  HS Boys & Girls Wrestling Varsity Triangular @ HMS 5:30pm			Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at <a href="https://holdenschools.org/calendar">holdenschools.org/calendar</a>	

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## Optimism - Finding the positive in any situation

"Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress." ~Nicholas M. Butler



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# Holden R-3 History at your Fingertips

If you've stepped inside the lobby at Holden High School lately, you may have seen a large touchscreen television mounted on the brick wall near the original date plate placed when the building was built. On the screen, photos of sports teams and clubs rotate through gallery-style, a social media feed scrolls along the bottom left, a calendar of upcoming events is displayed, and buttons along the bottom beckon you to explore deeper into Academics, Activities & Athletics, and Yearbooks/Holden Pride. But you don't have to be standing in front of this kiosk in the high school lobby to access all of this history - you can view it online from the comfort of your favorite recliner! The site, <https://holdenschools.touchpros.com/Home2.aspx>, is linked on our district website for easy access. Look up photos of family members and former classmates; see how our sports teams have done in recent years - it's all there! New information is being added as it is gathered, so you're bound to learn or see something new each time you visit the site. Have photos, trophies, uniforms, plaques, or information about Holden R-3? Share it with us by emailing Bekki Currier, Communications Coordinator, at [bcurrier@holdenschools.org](mailto:bcurrier@holdenschools.org) or Spencer Gudde, Activity/Athletic Director, at [sgudde@holdenschools.org](mailto:sgudde@holdenschools.org)



Dec 16: EARLY RELEASE @ 1:15pm  
Dec 19- Jan 2: NO SCHOOL - Winter Break  
Jan 3: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice  
Jan 13: End of First Semester  
Jan 16: NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day

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