



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 – 13 MS – 7

Season Highlights

- MS and HS cheerleaders started off their season by going to a 3-day summer camp at the University of Central Missouri where they all learned several stunts, tumbling skills, cheers, and dances for game day performances.
- HS cheerleaders also got to attend a 3-day camp with Next Level Cheerleading in August. At this camp, cheerleaders were able to learn skills and techniques to enhance game day performances.
- HS cheerleaders were hard at work in September putting together the HOCO festivities. This included decorating the entryway and gym, planning spirit days, royalty crowning, selling and delivering T-shirts, and preparing for game day performances.
- Shortly after HOCO, MS and HS cheerleaders put on another successful kids cheer clinic with over 200 kids grades K-5 attending. During the clinic, MS and HS cheerleaders taught basic cheerleading skills which were performed during halftime of the varsity football game against Richmond.
- HS cheerleaders will be competing at the MCCA State Game Day Competition on February 25th at Drury University in the fight song, band chant, and timeout cheer division. All fall game day performances have been preparing them for this competition.

Academic All Conference

Madie Abel, Jessica Felder, Chloe Hernan, Clara Hernan, Jorja Talley, K'Lea Westover



MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

- Band Director: Emilie Lewis
- Color Guard: Kristi Miller

Number of Participants

HS Full Band – 36

HS Drumline – 15

HS Color Guard – 4

6th Grade Band – 36

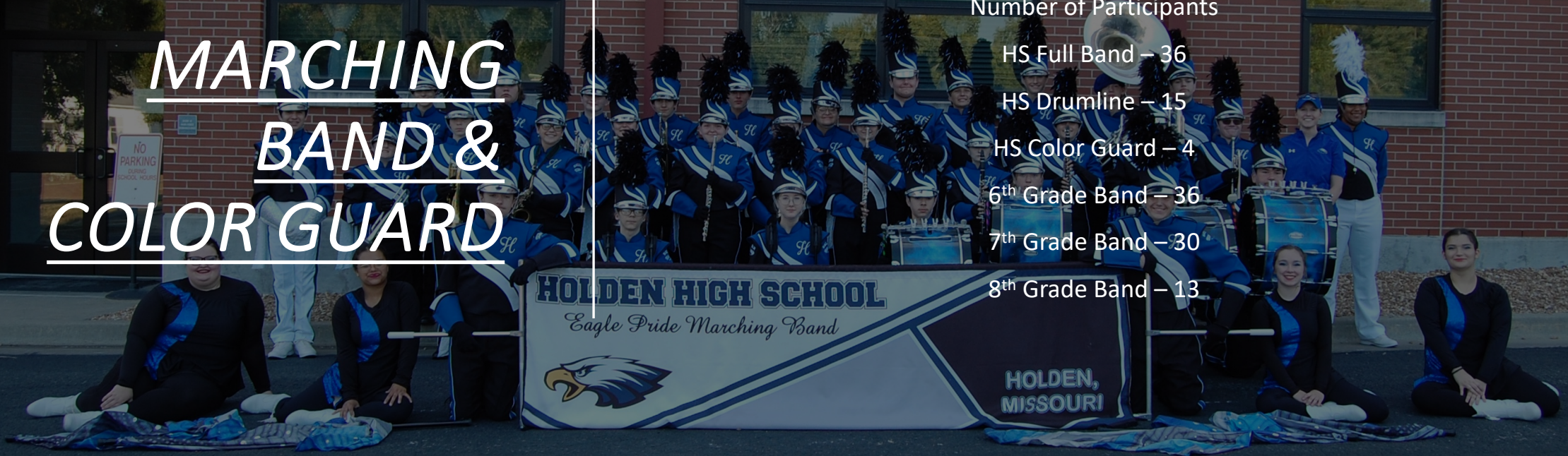
7th Grade Band – 30

8th Grade Band – 13

HOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL
Eagle Pride Marching Band



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MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Highlights

- This year's field show was "A 60's Dance Party" and included the songs *Twist & Shout*, *Hey Jude*, *The Chicken Dance*, and *Shout*. Sean Anstine was the featured trombone soloist on *Twist & Shout*, and Taylor Patton was the featured tenor saxophone soloist on *Shout*.
- Competition Results:
 - Concordia Fall Festival Parade: 1st place in parade
 - Smith-Cotton Marching Invitational: 4th Place in Field
 - CMU Band Day: 4th Place in Parade & 8th in Field
 - Odessa Marching Invitational: 3rd in Parade & 3rd in Field
 - UCM Homecoming Parade: 1st in Parade
 - UCM Festival of Champions: 7th in field
- The band is playing at all girls' and boys' varsity home games this year. We are coordinating 3 songs with the cheer team, so they do a routine with us for *Blue Eagle* (the school's fight song), *Go Big Blue*, and *Land of 1000 Dances*.
- Their winter concert was on December 4th, and they performed *Santa Loves to Cha-Cha*, *Santa's Toy Shop*, *Christmas Elves*, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, *Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!*, *Santa and the Blizzard*, *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*





MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Highlights

- 9 students auditioned for the WCMMEA District Honor Bands, and Sean Anstine was selected to perform with the Honorable Mention Band.
- 10 band students will be performing in Tuba Christmas sponsored by the KC Symphony at Crown Center on December 5th.
- 15 students have volunteered to perform the National Anthem at the Youth Wrestling Tournament on December 10th.
- For the 2nd year in a row, Mayor Ray Briscoe has invited choir and band students to perform at the city Christmas party, and 20 band students have volunteered for that event!



MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Drumline Highlights

- We created a new drumline class this year to try and help this group receive more rehearsal time and be more competitive at competitions. To do this, we replaced the 1st semester jazz band class, so jazz band is now only 2nd semester instead of a full year.
- Indoor Drumline: Their song for this year was *The Twist*, which fit with the "A 60's Dance Party" theme that the full marching band did. The students worked together to design the movements to their show (in years past the band director did it).
- Competition results:
 - Smith-Cotton Marching Invitational: 3rd Place in Drumline
 - CMU Band Day: 4th in Drumline
 - Odessa Marching Invitational: 1st in Drumline
 - UCM Festival of Champions: 2nd in Drumline
- Their winter concert was on December 4th, and they performed *The First Noel*



MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

MS Highlights

- 8th Grade
 - Competition results:
 - Concordia Fall Festival Parade: 2nd Place
 - Odessa Marching Invitational Parade: 4th Place
 - UCM Homecoming Parade: 1st Place
 - They performed the *US Armed Forces Service Medley* and the *Star-Spangled Banner* with the HS band at the Military Night football game.
 - Their first concert will be on December 19th, and they will be performing *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Minka's Sleigh Ride*, *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*
 - Brody Brockhaus, Lennon Cline, Mason Doll, Neveah Johnson and Paxton Zeikle were selected to the WCMMEA Jr. High Honor Band
- 7th Grade
 - Their first concert will be on December 19th, and they will be performing *The Chipmunk Song*, *The Christmas Song*, *Can Santa Can-Can?*
 - Jeremiah Burden, Penny Caldwell, Isabella McQueary and Luke Tebbenkamp were selected to the WCMMEA Jr. High Honor Band
- 6th Grade
 - Their very first concert will be on December 19th, and they will be performing *Hear Our Sections*, *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, *Jingle Bells*, *Up On the Housetop*

VOLLEYBALL

- Head Coach — Tori Florence
- Assistant Coaches — Emily Purnell, Chris Hertzog, Emily Ringen
- Number of Participants: HS — 21 MS — 38
- Overall Record HS: 16-15-1 MS: 4-3 (A Team) 3-4 (B Team)
- MRVC Record HS 5-5
- 4th MRVC
- 1st Place Lexington Tournament
- Jaci Gower earned her 500th Career Kill this season

HOLDEN EAGLES

VOLLEYBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All – Conference

Alex West, Cami Gibson-Agee, Jaci Gower, Izzy Guinn, Emalee Haggard, Lilly Carver, Brionna Johnson

All – Conference

- FIRST TEAM: Jaci Gower
- SECOND TEAM: Alex West
- HONORABLE MENTION: Izzy Guinn

All – District

- SECOND TEAM: Alex West, Jaci Gower
- HONORABLE MENTION: Cami Gibson-Agee, Izzy Guinn

- VARSITY: Lilly Carver
- JUNIOR VARSITY: Hailee Lloyd

MVP

All-Tournament Team at Lexington Tournament

- Cami Gibson-Agee, Alex West, Izzy Guinn

HOLDEN EAGLES

2023

FOOTBALL

- Head Coach: David Diener
- Assistant Coaches: Marvin Diener, Griffin Keller, Aaron Andes, Nathan Martin, Mark Weddle, Anthony Taylor
- Number of Participants: HS — 55, MS — 31
- Overall Record: HS: 7-4 JV: 4-3 MS: 6-0
- Class 2 District 6 Semifinalist
- 2nd in the MRVC
- 33 of 55 Athletes earned a Varsity Letter
 - 60% of the Team Contributed on Friday Nights

2023

FOOTBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All Conference

Cohen Drake, Lane Siemer, Kasyn Tevis, Aiden Morarity, Ryan Hough, Carson Moreno, Sam Comer, Brody Bockover, Jayden Davis-Hacker, Reco Jenkins, Wesley Brown, Carson Agcopra, Justin Brown, Gerard Costa, Isaac Bell, Shadrach Weiss, Adne Gamst-Eriksen

All Conference

1st Team Honors: CJ Reifsteck – Tight End, Aiden Christian – Offensive Line, Jase Kinnaman – Offensive Line, Reco Jenkins – Running Back, Jacob Andes – Defensive Line, Sauren Folson – Defensive Line, Tucker Kauffman – Linebacker, Mathew Reynolds – Defensive Back

2nd Team Honors: Jayden Davis-Hacker – Running Back, Cohen Drake – Wide Receiver, Dom Pedrow – Offensive Line, CJ Reifsteck – Linebacker, Isaac Bell – Defensive Line, Kale Tryon – Defensive Back, Lane Inglis – Kicker

Honorable Mention: Lane Siemer – Quarterback

2023

FOOTBALL

Individual Honors

All District

1st Team Honors: Mathew Reynolds – Defensive Back, Aiden Christian – Offensive Line, CJ Reifsteck – Tight End

2nd Team Honors: Reco Jenkins – Running Back, Jayden Davis-Hacker – Running Back, Jacob Andes – Defensive End

Academic All State

Aiden Morarity, Lane Siemer, Reco Jenkins, Kaysn Tevis, Cohen Drake, Isaac Bell, Ryan Hough

2023

CROSS COUNTRY

- Head Coach: Ben Kiger
- Assistant Coach: Scott Teufel
- Number of Participants: HS – 11 MS – 7

HOLDEN EAGLES

CROSS COUNTRY

Season Highlights

Academic All Conference

Ava Young, Abby Miller, Malea Brewington, Elsa Grange, Ashtyn Treece, Madisyn Talley
Rett Hankins, Gerard Costa, Noel Petitpierre, Evan Robinson, Joseph Samilin

Conference

- Girls – 4th Place as a Team, Ava Young 12th Place
- Boys – 5th Place as a Team, Rett Hankins 6th Place

District

- Girls – 11th Place as a Team
- Boys – 14th Place as a Team, Rett Hankins 21st Place

State

- Boys – Rett Hankins 67th Place and ran his personal record time

HOLDEN EAGLES



SOFTBALL

- Head Coach: Jeff Smith
- Assistant Coaches: Tonya Mallinson, Trent Pritchard
- Number of Participants: 17
- Overall Record: 24-7
- JV Record: 11-0

Season Highlights

- MRVC Conference Champions MRVC East
- 1st Place in the Chillicothe Tournament
- 2nd Place in Class 3 District 7 Tournament

SOFTBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All Conference

Faith Brown, Lilee Keller, Abby Sisk, Haley Brooks, Jazzy Brown, Addy Campbell, Bobbie Diibon, Macey Greene
Addilyn Wooster, Olivia Wooster, Adasyn Yoder

All Conference

1st Team: Lilee Keller, Addy Campbell, Jazzy Brown, Haley Brooks

2nd Team: Addilyn Wooster, Abby Sisk

All District

1st Team: Lilee Keller, Jazzy Brown, Haley Brooks, Addy Campbell

2nd Team: Faith Brown, Abby Sisk

All Region

1st Team: Lilee Keller

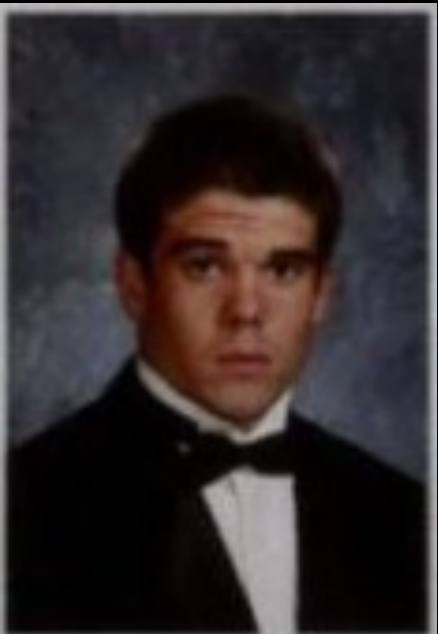
2nd Team: Haley Brooks, Addy Campbell

All State

1st Team: Lilee Keller



Hall of Fame



Hall of Fame

- Induction Ceremony was on December 2nd
- Inducted four new members for the Class of 2023
- Tiffany (Graham) Sullivan
 - Class of 2002
- Dennis Hutchings
 - Class of 2009
- Jacob Reiman
 - Class of 2011
- Max Mickey
 - Class of 2013






NHS

- HS Sponsor – Miranda Langston
- Number of Participants: HS – 49

HS Highlights

- Officer team includes:
 - Daylen Greene – President
 - Faith Brown – Vice President
 - Jorja Talley – Secretary
 - Macie Remington – Treasurer
- Students have been volunteering around the community at Harvesters, Story Book Trail for Halloween, the CAC for concessions stands during games, the food pantry, and many other locations.
- As a group, we are currently gathering materials to make dog toys to donate to local shelters before the holidays.
- We just had our induction ceremony along with academic awards night on November 27th, with 28 new members being inducted.

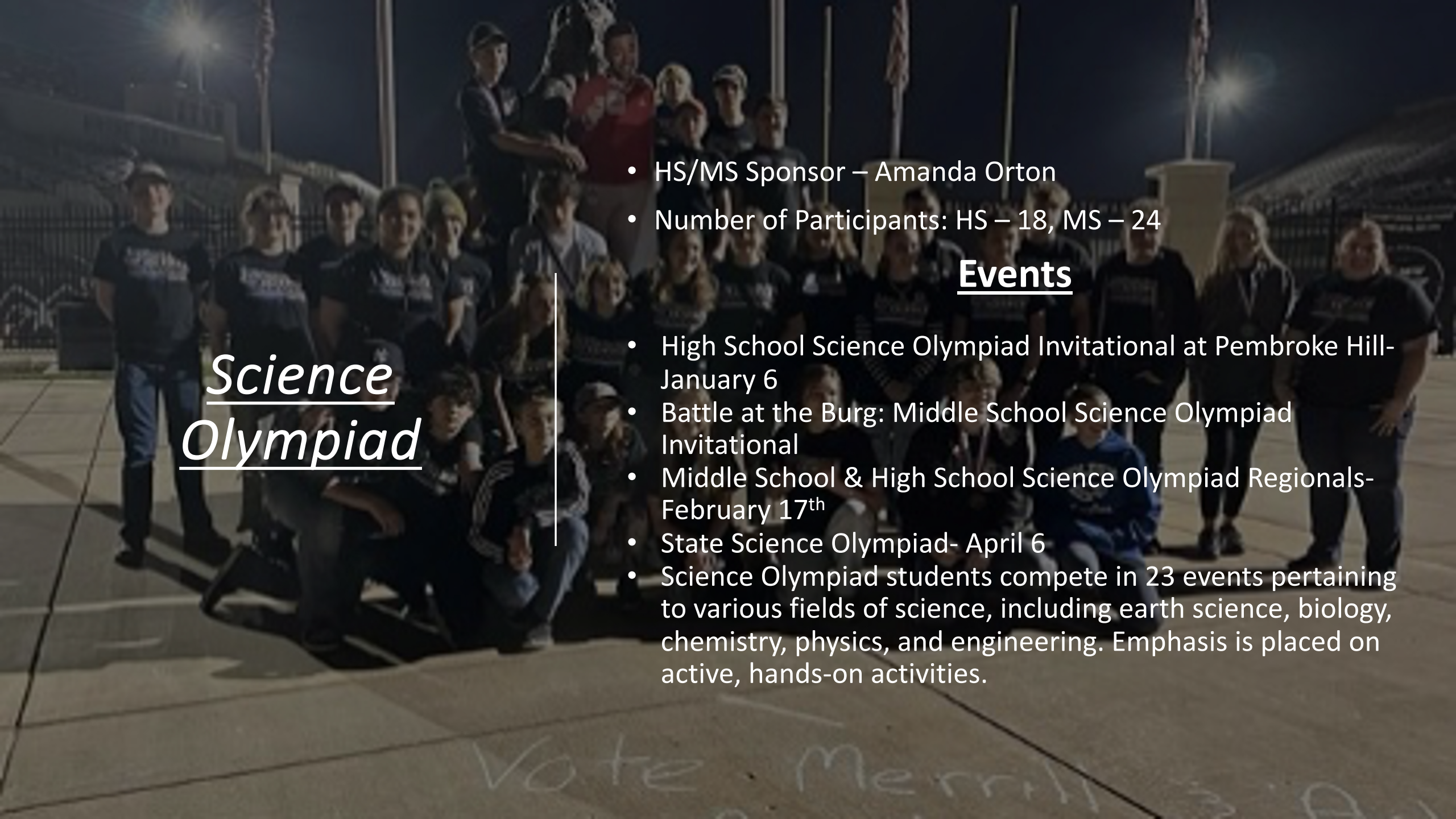


Math Team

- HS Sponsor – Miranda Langston
- Number of Participants: HS – 9

HS Highlights

- Competed at Warrensburg Math Relays on November 4th
- Taylor Patton – 3rd in Graphing
- Sean Anstine – 5th in Graphing, 3rd in Geometry, 1st in Biology, 3rd in Word Problems, and 3rd overall top Sophomore.
- Ellie Claxton – 1st in Geometry
- Vanessa Turner – 1st in Geometry
- Sophomore team earned 3rd place
- Junior team earned 2nd place.
- On November 9th four high schoolers and four middle schoolers went to Sonia K Day at UCM where they participated in multiple STEM activities and a problem-solving competition. Two of our middle schoolers, Paige Landers and Nevaeh Johnson, won third place. Two of our high schoolers Ellie Claxton and Emma Mallen won first place in the competition and won personal TI-84 calculators.
- Next Competition in January in Sedalia at Smith-Cotton HS



Science Olympiad

- HS/MS Sponsor – Amanda Orton
- Number of Participants: HS – 18, MS – 24

Events

- High School Science Olympiad Invitational at Pembroke Hill- January 6
- Battle at the Burg: Middle School Science Olympiad Invitational
- Middle School & High School Science Olympiad Regionals- February 17th
- State Science Olympiad- April 6
- Science Olympiad students compete in 23 events pertaining to various fields of science, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on activities.



FBLA

- Sponsor – Angie Smith
- Number of Participants: HS – 28
- President: Taylor Patton
- Vice President: Malea Brewington
- Secretary: Ellie Claxton
- Director of Membership/Socials: Abby Miller
- Director of Community Service: Jolyn Hagston
- Director of Fundraising: Shastah Gilkey
- Director of Public Relations: Evan Robinson

A group of about ten FBLA students are posing in a classroom. In the foreground, a student holds a small white pumpkin. Behind them, several other students are visible, some holding larger orange pumpkins. The background shows a classroom setting with a computer monitor on a desk and a banner on the wall that reads "FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA DISTRICT III".

FBLA

Highlights

- Over the summer, Malea Brewington, Ellie Claxton, Jolyn Hagston, and Abby Miller represented Holden High School at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
- In addition to being officers within the HHS FBLA chapter, Ellie Claxton and Abby Miller serve as District Officers for our district. Ellie is Parliamentarian and Abby is the Vice President of Communications.
- To kick off the school year, FBLA hosted a "Bring Your Own Banana" Ice Cream social for new and returning members, as well as a pumpkin carving party.
- For community service, many students volunteered for the Storybook Trail, handing out candy on Halloween, as well as helping out with Shop Small Saturday, the weekend after Thanksgiving. Our largest community service project was planned and executed by Abby Miller. Abby planned the "Running on a Dime" 5K, with all proceeds going to the March of Dimes, to bring more awareness about prenatal health and prematurity. Abby raised over \$1200 to be donated to the March of Dimes.
- In November, 13 students traveled to the National Fall Leadership Conference in Dallas. At the conference, they attended workshops varying from developing their personal brand to resume building to the best ways to prepare for the upcoming competitive season.



World Cultures Club

- Sponsor – Michelle Landrum
- Number of Participants: HS – 17

Highlights

- Attended the Day of the Dead festival at the Nelson Atkins Museum in Kansas City on Sunday, November 5th
- Plan on going to the Asian Lunar New Year festival at the same museum in late January

A group of approximately 12 people, including students and adults, are posing for a photo on a track. They are all wearing blue t-shirts with the Holden Eagles logo, which features the Olympic rings and the text "HOLDEN EAGLES". The background shows a chain-link fence and bleachers. The text "Special Olympics" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Special Olympics

- Sponsor – Emily Ringen
- Volunteers – Mitti Manor, Emily Lay, Kristi Miller, Shellie Morrison, Christy Smith
- Number of Participants:
 - HS – 4, MS – 1, ES – 6

Events

- Fall Events:
 - Odessa Track & Field (Oct. 4th)
 - Carrollton Track & Field (Oct. 11th)
- Winter Events:
 - Lexington Unified Basketball (Jan. 17th)
 - Lafayette Co. Unified Basketball (Feb. 14th)
- Spring Events:
 - Holden Track & Field (April 17th)



Robotics *aka* Scrapheads 21485

- Sponsor – Mendy Brewington
- Number of Participants:
- HS – 1, MS – 16

Events

- This year's competition was released on September 9th. Students have been designing, programming and building since then to prepare for their first competition on December 2nd.
- They went 6-0 for all of their matches and are currently undefeated! They placed 2nd at the meet and currently sit 2nd in our League!
- They will have another meet on January 13th with their regional tournament on January 27th.
- The team has a fundraiser at Culver's planned for December 11th and an outreach event in January as well as several members helping pilot an elementary school outreach program helping 3rd graders build and race a robot.



FFA Trap Shooting

- HS Sponsor – Jay Craven
- Assistant – Matthew Miller
- Number of Participants: HS – 13

HS Highlights

- We placed 2nd in the Area with our team of Briar Hibner, Coleman Evans, Macie Remington, Hunter Bruns, and Greyson Thieman.
- We had the Area high individual with Briar Hibner scoring 31 more hits than the second-place individual.
- After Christmas we will start practice back up preparing for the District and State Competitions in the early spring at Linn Creek.



FTA

- HS Sponsor – Valerie Craft
- Assistant – Brittany Smith
- Number of Participants: HS – 14

HS Highlights

- Z Packard, a junior at HHS, was elected by peers as a 2024 FTA State Ambassador. Junior, Ava Young, retired from her position as a 2023 FTA State Ambassador. Ava was also an ambassador during the 2022 season.
- Members attended the annual Future Teacher Academy at UCM in October and the State FTA Meeting in Columbia in November.
- Members will attend UCM's Teach it Forward event in February, as well as Teacher Exploration Day at MIZZOU in March. The club is planning a trip to the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas sometime this Spring.

The FFA logo is displayed in white text on a blue background. It consists of the letters 'FFA' in a bold, sans-serif font, with a horizontal line underneath the letters.

- HS Sponsor – Audrey Stever
- Number of Participants: HS – 45
 - Greenhands - 16

HS Highlights

- In October the Greenhouse and Ag. Business classes were visited by State FFA Officer Lynn Dyer, from Higginsville, where they learned about leadership and the qualities that good leaders should possess and strive for.
- At our Greenhand Ceremony on October 30, we inducted 16 new members and enjoyed refreshments served by the FFA Alumni.
- Five of the chapter members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis at the beginning of November where they participated in leadership sessions and attended a concert.
- Members, along with our Alumni, served a community pancake breakfast in conjunction with FBLA's Running on a Dime 5K in mid-November.
- We hold Chapter meetings once a month after school to discuss upcoming events as well as enjoy refreshments and a time for community building within the chapter.



Student Council

- HS Sponsor – Ashley Perman & Angie Smith
- **President:** Faith Brown
- **Vice President:** Taylor Patton
- **Secretary:** Lillie Keller
- **Treasurer:** Madison Speakman
- Number of Participants: HS – 37

HS Highlights

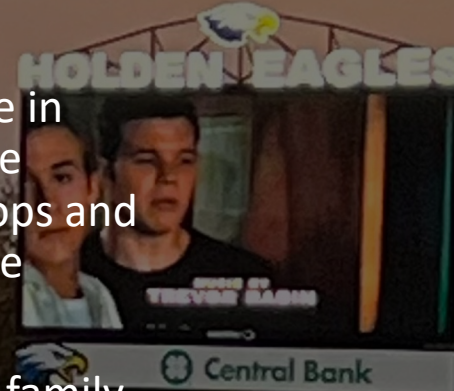
- STUCO members have been hard at work this fall with kicking off the year at Freshman orientation in August. STUCO members helped freshman with finding their classes and answering any questions before the first day of school. STUCO also provided an HHS shirt for all incoming freshman to have. The goal for this is for the whole school to have the same shirt over the next few years.
- 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.
- Each month STUCO creates a new Spirit Wall Prompt that is displayed outside the office. Students are presented with the prompt during lunch or talon and their answer is posted on the wall for the rest of the month.



Student Council

HS Highlights

- STUCO was able to attend Trials West Conference in October at Center 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 also planning and preparing to adopt a family for the holidays and purchase gifts for a family in need within our community.
- STUCO hosted the first ever movie night on the new football field in October in playing Remember the Titans. The cost of admission for this was free but concession stands were open. Our next movie night is in December inside the HS gym to watch Elf.
- STUCO has also created working relationships with Special Olympics with Coach Emily Ringen. Our goal is to become a Unified School with assisting the team with STUCO buddies at their events throughout the school year. Thus far we have gone to Odessa and Carrollton for track meets and plan on attending Unified Prom at Odessa in December.





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