

## Contact Us

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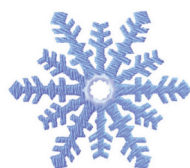
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Bright Futures Holden is an organization that brings together individuals and organizations to support children. When you're cleaning out your closets this winter, please consider donating your gently used coats, hats, and gloves to the Bright Futures Hub.



Be sure to follow Bright Futures Holden on Facebook for monthly themed collections. Deodorant December is next, followed by Runny Nose Season January when our collection will focus on hand sanitizer and tissues.



Collection bins are located at each school building and also at F&C bank.



Don't let a strain on your finances keep you from enjoying a holiday meal. Holiday food bags are available! Contact Bright Futures if you are interested in having your family receive a food bag. [brightfutures@holdenschools.org](mailto:brightfutures@holdenschools.org)

### 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, facility, with the 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](http://holdenschools.org);

**Social Media:** Holden R-III Schools Facebook & Twitter accounts

**TV:** WDAF (Channel 4), KCTV (Channel 5), KMBC (Channel 9), KSHB (Channel 41);

Early Dismissal Dec 20th - 1:15pm

No School, Winter Break Dec 23-Jan 3

No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Jan 20



Dec 2019/  
Jan 2020

Holden R-III School District  
1612 S. Main  
Holden, MO 64040

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# Holden R-3 School District



Dec 2019/  
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Bright Futures  
School Closing Notifications  
Be Our Guest - Upcoming Programs  
Volunteer at Holden R-3

## Be Our Guest!

WE HAVE MANY UPCOMING HOLIDAY CONCERTS AND EVENTS THAT ARE SURE TO BE A TREAT - WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US.

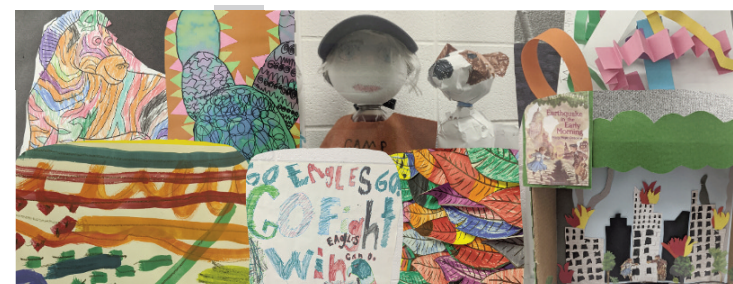
**Wed, Dec 4 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Music Concert**  
Students will be performing winter/holiday music, showing skills they have learned such as steady beat and body coordination with multiple styles and world cultures. The program will begin with Kindergarten at 6:00 followed by 1st grade at 6:30.

**Mon, Dec 9 PTO Christmas Store @ HES through Dec 13**  
The Christmas store will be open from 8:30-4 daily. Parents are welcome to come shop after school or during family nights to be held on Tuesday (10th) and Thursday (12th) until 7pm. Prices range anywhere from \$0.25 to \$20.00. Any monetary donations will be used to allow kids to shop that may not be able to otherwise.

**Wed, Dec 11 High School Band & Music Concert, 7pm**  
Come early for the Dessert Auction & Bake Sale being held prior to the concert!

**Wed, Dec 18 Middle School Band & Music Concert, 7pm**

**Fri, Jan 31 Grandparent Art Night @ HES**  
Holden Elementary is celebrating two of life's most wonderful things: art and grandparents! This free event will be held from 6:00-8:00pm in the elementary. Students' artwork will adorn the hallways and arts and crafts activities will be offered in the gym, cafeteria, and library. Please join us to tour the school, meet many of our teachers, and enjoy the festivities!



## Volunteer at Holden schools

Volunteering enriches the lives of students and volunteers alike! We appreciate every person who makes time in their schedule to invest in our students and want to share some recent changes to volunteer procedures at our district. A new Missouri law, which requires an FBI background check, with fingerprinting, for all **screened volunteers**, took effect in August. **Screened volunteers** are adults who supervise children, outside of the presence of a school district employee, or who may have the opportunity to come in contact with sensitive student information. An example would be field trip chaperones. If you are already registered as a volunteer in the Holden R-III District and do not plan to volunteer outside the presence of a Holden Schools employee, no additional action is required. However, if you would like to become a **screened volunteer**, you will need to make arrangements to begin the fingerprinting process. The required background check is \$41.75 and the background clearance is valid for a volunteer for five



years. For fingerprinting services through the state electronic fingerprint vendor, you must first register with the Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS) at [www.machs.mo.gov](http://www.machs.mo.gov), or individuals without access to the internet may contact IDEMIA at (844) 543-9712 to have a Fingerprint Services Representative conduct this registration on their behalf. Please contact a school office to obtain our district registration code and with any questions you may have. Volunteer forms and information can be found on our website at [holdenschools.org/volunteer](http://holdenschools.org/volunteer). We believe these enhanced security requirements will help ensure the safety of our children. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to partnering with you!

## 2019-2020 CALENDAR

December 20 . . . . .Early Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m. - Teacher Workday  
December 20 . . . . .End of First Semester  
Dec. 23-Dec 31 . . . . .No School - Holiday Break  
January 1 . . . . .No School - New Year's Day  
January 2 . . . . .No School - Teacher Inservice  
January 3 . . . . .No School - Teacher Workday  
January 20 . . . . .No School - M.L. King, Jr. Day  
February 11 . . . . .Early Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.  
February 11 . . . . .Parent Teacher Conferences, 2:00-8:00 p.m.  
February 13 . . . . .No School - Teacher In-service

February 14 . . . . .No School  
February 17 . . . . .No School - President's Day  
March 16-20 . . . . .No School - Spring Break  
April 10 & 13 . . . . .No School - Easter Break  
May 14 . . . . .Last Student Day, Early Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.  
May 14 . . . . .End of 2nd Semester  
May 15 . . . . .No School - Teacher Workday  
May 17 . . . . .Graduation  
May 25 . . . . .Memorial Day

*Make-up Days/Hours will be scheduled as needed.*

“ 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 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  <div>Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at <a href="https://holdenschools.org/calendar">holdenschools.org/calendar</a></div>	<b>2</b> Red Cross Blood Drive @ HHS Library 8am-2pm  MS Wrestling Quad @ Knob Noster HS 5pm	<b>3</b> MS Girls Basketball v. Lafayette @ HMS 5pm  MS Boys Basketball @ Lafayette 5pm  HS Girls Basketball v. Sherwood @ HHS 6pm  HS Boys Basketball v. Sherwood @ HHS JV 5pm V 7pm	<b>4</b> Cross Country Banquet @ Tiger Jacks 6pm  Kindergarten & 1st Grade Music Concert @ HHS 6pm	<b>5</b> MS Girls Basketball @ Lexington 5pm MS Boys Basketball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm HS Wrestling Triangular @ Oak Grove 5pm HS Girls Basketball @ Crest Ridge JV 5:30pm V 7pm HS Boys Basketball v. Crest Ridge @ HHS JV 5:30pm V 7pm	<b>6</b> SOAR Assembly @ HES 2:30pm  FFA Barnwarming @ HHS Ag Building 6pm	<b>7</b> HS Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Knob Noster 9am
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> PTO Christmas Store @ HES 8:30am-4pm  HS Boys Basketball C Tournament this week dates TBD  MS Wrestling Meet v. Higginsville, Lexington, & Richmond @ HHS 5pm  Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	<b>10</b> PTO Christmas Store @ HES 8:30am-7pm  MS Wrestling Meet v. Adrian & Clinton @ HMS 5pm  HS Girls Basketball v. Carrollton @ HHS JV 5pm V 6pm  HS Boys Basketball v. Carrollton @ HHS V 7pm	<b>11</b> PTO Christmas Store @ HES 8:30am-4pm  Dessert Auction/Bake Sale prior to: HS Band/Choir Concert @ HHS 7pm	<b>12</b> PTO Christmas Store @ HES 8:30am-7pm  MS Girls Basketball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Basketball @ Richmond 5pm  MS & HS Wrestling Dual @ Sherwood 5pm	<b>13</b> PTO Christmas Store @ HES 8:30am-4pm MS Girls Basketball v. Carrollton @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Basketball v. Carrollton @ HMS 6pm HS Girls Basketball @ Pleasant Hill JV 5:30pm V 7pm HS Boys Basketball @ Knob Noster C 5pm JV 6:30pm V 8pm	<b>14</b> HS Wrestling Tournament JV/Girls only @ Harrisonville
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> HS Boys Basketball @ Lexington C 5:30pm JV 6:30pm V 8pm  PreK/Parents As Teachers Activity Night @ HES 6:30pm	<b>17</b> School Board Candidate Filing Opens at 8am  MS & HS Wrestling @ Adrian 5pm  HS Girls Basketball v. Oak Grove JV 5:30pm V 7pm	<b>18</b> MS Band/Choir Concert @ HHS 7pm  Football Banquet @ HMS Commons 6pm	<b>19</b> MS Wrestling Quad @ Higginsville 4:30pm  MS Girls Basketball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Basketball @ Knob Noster 5pm  HS Girls Basketball v. Knob Noster @ HHS JV 5:30pm V 7pm	<b>20</b> <b>Early Release @ 1:15pm</b> HS Wrestling Tournament @ MO Fair Grounds HS Basketball v. Richmond @ HHS Girls V 6:30pm Boys JV 5pm V 8pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>No School - Winter Break</b>	<b>24</b> <b>No School - Winter Break</b>  <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>25</b> <b>No School - Winter Break</b>  <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>26</b> <b>No School - Winter Break</b>  <div>Follow us on Twitter @HoldenSchools </div>	<b>27</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>28</b> HS Girls & HS Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament @ Stover (through Jan 4, dates TBD)
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>No School - Winter Break</b>	<b>31</b> <b>No School - Winter Break</b>  <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<div>  We're now on Instagram! @holdenschools           </div>			

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Our CHARACTERplus TRAIT of the month is...

**GRATITUDE: BEING THANKFUL**

January 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>  We're now on Instagram! @holdenschools           </div>			<b>1</b> <b>No School</b> Winter Break  <i>New Year's Day</i>	<b>2</b> <b>No School</b> Teacher Inservice	<b>3</b> <b>No School</b> Teacher Workday	<b>4</b> HS Wrestling JV Tournament @ Pleasant Hill 7:30am
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> FFA Greenhand Motivational Conference	<b>8</b> HS Boys Basketball @ Pleasant Hill C 5pm JV 6:30pm V 8pm	<b>9</b> HES PTO Meeting @ HES Library 4pm  MS Girls Basketball @ Knob Noster 5pm  MS Boys Basketball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm	<b>10</b> MS Girls Basketball @ Carrollton HS 5pm  MS Boys Basketball @ Carrollton HS 6pm	<b>11</b> HS Wrestling Varsity Invitational @ Butler 10am
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> HS Girls Basketball v. Lexington @ HHS JV 5:30pm V 7pm  Board of Education Meeting @ HMS Library 7pm	<b>14</b> MS Girls Basketball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm  MS Boys Basketball @ Lexington MS 5pm  HS Wrestling Varsity Dual v. Higginsville @ HHS 6pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> MS Girls Basketball @ Richmond 5pm  MS Boys Basketball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm  HS Girls Basketball @ Knob Noster JV 5:30pm V 7pm  Holden Foundation Mtg @ Innovation Ctr 6pm	<b>17</b> HS Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Oak Grove  MS Girls Basketball @ Lafayette 5pm  MS Boys Basketball v. Lafayette @ HMS 5pm  HS Boys Basketball v. Knob Noster @ HHS C 5pm JV 6:30pm V 8pm	<b>18</b> HS Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Oak Grove
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>No School</b>  <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	<b>21</b> School Board Candidate Filing Closes at 5pm  HS Girls Basketball @ Odessa JV 5:30pm V 7pm  HS Wrestling Varsity Triangular v. Carrollton & St. Paul Lutheran @ HHS 5:30pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> HS Girls Basketball v. Lafayette @ HHS JV 5:30pm V 7pm	<b>24</b> HS Boys Basketball v. Lafayette @ HHS JV 5:30pm V 7pm	<b>25</b> HS Wrestling Varsity Invitational @ Brookfield  HES PTO Mother/Son Dance @ HES 6:30pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> HS Girls Basketball Varsity Tournament @ Archie  HS Boys Basketball Varsity Tournament @ Crest Ridge	<b>28</b> HS Wrestling Varsity Dual v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Grandparents Art Night & PTO Silent Auction @ HES 6-8pm	
				<div>           Follow us on Twitter @HoldenSchools  </div>		

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**OPTIMISM: FINDING THE POSITIVE IN ANY SITUATION**