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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;
Social Media: Holden R-III Schools Facebook & Twitter accounts
TV: WDAF (Channel 4), KCTV (Channel 5), KMBC (Channel 9), KSHB (Channel 41);



Thank You Elementary PTO

Teachers at the elementary were asked to put some classroom essentials on their Amazon Wishlist - then Holden PTO came along and CLEARED those lists! They purchased Every. Single. Item! A huge thank you to the PTO board and members who work feverishly to make sure Holden Elementary's needs are met. Along with meeting student needs in the classroom, they look out for the teachers and staff well-being as well. They purchased K cups (coffee pods), creamer, and cups for the elementary workrooms! PTO you are SO appreciated!

Song of the Month @ HES

Sarah Thomas, the new music teacher at Holden Elementary, has implemented a "song of the month" at the beginning of her classes. Students enjoy the powerful, popular songs (August was 'Brave' by Sara Bareilles) and are encouraged to do different movements to the beat as a warm-up to their time in music class.



Holden R-3 School District



Oct/Nov 2019

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Trauma-Informed Schools



Dr. Bryan Pearlman, veteran educator, keynote speaker, adjunct professor, and author, was at Holden High School on Friday, September 13, working with Holden R-3 staff. He shared stories from his own life and childhood as well as experiences he had during his years in education. Specifically, the workshop centered around trauma; how



it affects student performance and the ways that district staff can effectively meet each student where they are to help them succeed.

When a student exhibits challenging behaviors, it is often found that the student has endured a hardship such as food insecurity, loss of a family member, or other traumatic event. Dr. Pearlman processed through real-life scenarios with staff, sharing the data & mental-health



research behind each experience. Together, solutions and best practices were formulated and strategies were shared. The workshop material was straight from Dr. Pearlman's book "Whatever It Takes" and that's the mindset that was adopted. Holden R-3 staff is dedicated to doing "whatever it takes" for our students!

Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct 21 & 24
No School Friday, Oct 25
No School, Teacher Inservice Monday, Oct 28
Thanksgiving Break Nov 25-29



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Parent/Teacher Conferences



October 21st & 24th, 4:00-8:00pm, all buildings

In preparation for conferences, talk with your child about how they feel the school year is going. Explain to them that conference time is when you will get to hear from the teacher about how they are doing in class and how they will be able to make the best progress.

You may want to brainstorm questions beforehand. Maybe you're curious about your child's mood at school, if they are turning in work on time, or ways they could improve. Following the conference, talk with your child about what was

discussed during the meeting. Start with, and emphasize, the positive. Be direct about any issues. Help your student figure out the steps they may need to take to fix any problems. And maybe most important, stay in touch with the teacher throughout the year. A great way to follow up is by email. Check in to make sure your student is maintaining their focus or working to get back on track. Research has shown that parental involvement is one of the most important factors in a student's success in school!

We're glad you are part of the Holden R-3 family!



2019-2020 CALENDAR

October 21 & 24Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.	February 11Parent Teacher Conferences, 2:00-8:00 p.m.
October 25No School	February 13No School - Teacher In-service
October 28No School - Teacher In-service	February 14No School
November 25-29No School - Thanksgiving Break	February 17No School - President's Day
December 20Early Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m. - Teacher Workday	March 16-20No School - Spring Break
December 20End of First Semester	April 10 & 13No School - Easter Break
Dec. 23-Dec 31No School - Holiday Break	May 14Last Student Day, Early Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.
January 1No School - New Year's Day	May 14End of 2nd Semester
January 2No School - Teacher In-service	May 15No School - Teacher Workday
January 3No School - Teacher Workday	May 17Graduation
January 20No School - M.L. King, Jr. Day	May 25Memorial Day
February 11Early Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.	

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. ”

October 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Softball @ Leeton JV/V 4:30pm MS Volleyball @ Knob Noster 5pm HS Volleyball @ Lafayette C/JV 5pm V 7pm MS Football v. Richmond @ HHS 5:30pm	2 MS Cross Country Meet @ Ray-Pec HS 4pm Fun Run @ HHS 4pm Softball @ Lexington V 5pm JV 6pm	3 Softball @ Lafayette V 5pm JV 6pm MS Volleyball v. Carrollton @ HMS 5pm HS Volleyball v. Richmond @ HHS C/JV 5pm V 7pm	4 SOAR Assembly @ HES 2:30pm HS Football @ Lafayette 7pm	5 HS Band @ Smith-Cotton Marching Invitational Trap Shooting Team @ Area League Shoots HS Volleyball Varsity Tournament @ Archie 9am
6	7 HS JV Football @ Lafayette 5:30pm	8 MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Exelsior Springs Golf Club Softball v. Richmond @ Stub Memorial Complex V 5pm JV 6:30pm MS Volleyball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm HS Volleyball @ Carrollton V 5pm JV 5:30	9 2nd Grade Field Trip to Kaleidoscope	10 Softball @ Carrollton V 5pm JV 6pm MS Volleyball v. Clinton @ HMS 5pm HS Volleyball @ Knob Noster C/JV 5pm V 6pm	11 HS Football v. Richmond @ HHS 7pm Youth Cheer Clinic & Performance @ Football Game	12 Cross Country Varsity Meet @ Lexington HS Band @ UCM Homecoming Parade & Odessa Marching Invitational HS Volleyball Varsity Tournament @ Sherwood 9am
13	14 Softball v. Clinton @ Stub Memorial Complex JV/V 5pm HS Volleyball v. Lafayette @ HHS C/JV 5pm V 7pm HS JV Football v. Richmond @ HHS 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ HMS Library 7pm	15 MS Volleyball v. Pleasant Hill @ HMS 5pm HS Volleyball v. Lexington @ HHS C/JV 5pm V 7pm MS Football @ Knob Noster 5:30pm	16 Softball Varsity Districts	17 MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Warrensburg High School 4pm Holden R-III School Foundation Meeting @ Innovation Center 7pm	18 Book Fair @ HMS (through Oct 24) PTO Father/Son Dodgeball Night @ HES 6:30-8:30pm HS Football @ Carrollton 7pm	19 HS Band @ Cameron Band Day Trap Shooting Team @ Area League Shoots MS Volleyball Tournament @ Oak Grove HS 8am
20	21 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm HS Volleyball v. Osceola @ HHS C 5pm JV 6pm V 7pm HS JV Football @ Carrollton 5:30pm Trusted Adult Training @ HHS 7-8pm	22 HS Volleyball @ Richmond C/JV 5pm V 7pm	23 HS Cross Country Varsity Championship @ Richmond 3pm	24 Picture retakes @ HES Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm HS Band/Choir Concert @ HHS 7pm	25 No School Pre-game Holden School Foundation Chili/Walking Tacos HS Football v. Knob Noster @ HHS 7pm	26 HS Band @ Harrisonville Marching Invitational
27	28 No School Teacher Inservice HS Volleyball Varsity Districts	29 NHS Induction Ceremony @ HHS gym 6:30pm	30	31 Fall Parties @ HES Holden School Foundation Trunk or Treat w/ Main Street/Chamber		

November 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SOAR Assembly @ HES 2:30pm HS Football Varsity Districts 7pm	2 HS Cross Country Varsity Districts @ TBD PTO Skate Night @ Rink Ratz in Blue Springs 4:30-6:30pm
3	4	5	6	7 PTO Meeting @ HES Library 4pm	8 Veteran's Day Assembly @ HHS Gym 2:30pm	9 HS Cross Country Varsity State @ Gans Creek Recreation Area Trap Shooting Team @ Area League Shoots
10	11 Book Fair @ HES (through Nov 15) Board of Education Meeting @ HMS Library 7pm	12	13	14	15	16 PTO Mother/Daughter 90s Dance Night @ HES Gym 6:30-8:30pm
17	18 PreK/Parents As Teachers Activity Night @ HES 6:30-7:30pm	19 MS Wrestling v. Butler & Sherwood @ HHS Multi	20	21	22 HHS Musical	23 HHS Musical MS Wrestling Tournament @ Oak Grove 9am
24	25 No School	26 MS Wrestling Quad @ Pleasant Hill HS 5pm HS Girls Basketball v. Warrensburg @ HHS JV 4:30pm V 6:30pm MS Girls Basketball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Basketball @ Knob Noster Middle School 5pm HS Boys Basketball @ Concordia C 5pm JV 6:30pm V 8pm	27 Thanksgiving Break	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

Creating a “caring community of learners” at HOME, SCHOOL and in the COMMUNITY.

Our CHARACTERplus TRAIT of the month is...

RESPONSIBILITY: TAKING OWNERSHIP OF WHAT YOU SAY AND DO

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CITIZENSHIP: BEING A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY