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Holden R-III Seeks Distinguished Alumni Nominees

The Holden R-III School District is seeking nominations for its Distinguished Alumni Award. The Distinguished Alumni Award will recognize 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 1, 2019.

The Distinguished Alumni Recipient(s) will be recognized during the Holden High School Graduation Ceremony on May 19, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the Holden High School Gymnasium.



School Closing Decisions

Holden R-III School District is mindful of the effects closing school due to inclement weather has on our families. Often we must heed the potential of an unfavorable forecast and make the decision out of an abundance of caution.

Much is taken into consideration before calling off school. Our superintendent keeps a close watch on the weather, driving conditions, and consults with other area superintendents as to conditions in their areas. Our transportation department must check to see that our busses are operating sufficiently in the adverse weather. Our facilities & maintenance department provides input as to the feasibility of clearing lots and sidewalks to ensure staff and student safety once they arrive on campus as well as building conditions.

Since our district stretches over 20 miles from our north end to the south and includes everything from state highways to gravel county roads, a variety of road conditions can occur. Every effort is made to make a decision by 6:00am, but occasionally conditions can deteriorate quickly and a later call might be made. As always, the safety of our students, parents, and staff is our first priority. Holden R-III School District uses School Messenger to call our families to announce a school closure. We will also share the information on our website (holdenschools.org) and with the local news and radio stations, as well as posting to Facebook.



Classes resume January 7

No School - Martin Luther King Day, Jan 21

Early Dismissal @ 1:00pm - Parent/Teacher Conferences, Feb 12

No School, Feb 15 & President's Day - February 18

**Jan/Feb
2019**

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HOLDEN R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Pride Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2019

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TEACHER FEATURE

Sally Burnett

Sally Burnett, teacher at the high school, was featured in a recent JumpStart Coalition article for her work to promote financial literacy. At Holden, she teaches American History, personal finance, economics, business education and social studies.



Sally Burnett at the 2018 JumpStart National Educators Conference with Jay Davis, fellow educator from Smyrna High School in Delaware

Mrs. Burnett serves as Vice President of Missouri FBLA-PBL Professional Division, assists with the Scholar Bowl team, and has been the Holden Student Council advisor for 11 years. During her tenure, Holden Student Council, a proud member of the Missouri Association of Student Councils

(MASC), has achieved Gold Level Honor Council status at the state level. Many times you can find her with her Leadership class around town, getting involved in community activities and planning!



Mrs. Burnett with fellow Student Council Sponsor, Scott Moore with the Fort Osage District



Scan the QR code to read more about Mrs. Burnett & Mr. Craven on our Teacher Feature page on the Holden District website

Jay Craven

Jay Craven, sponsor of Holden FFA, was among 5 teachers from across the country presented the Honorary American FFA Degree award at the 2018 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. This award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.



FFA Sponsor, Jay Craven speaking with a student during the Food for America event held at Holden Elementary in October

Mr. Craven also serves as the Trap Team Coach. His team recently became the 2018 Area 7 Trap League Champions!

Mr. Craven teaches Agricultural Science, Conservation & Natural Resources, Greenhouse 1 & 2, Introduction to



National FFA Officer Gracie Furnish, Eastern Region Vice President from Kentucky presents Jay Craven with the Honorary American FFA Degree award

Mechanics, & Drafting at the high school. Mr. Craven excels in keeping his students and their parents in the loop by utilizing Remind messages and emails regarding upcoming events and activities.



FAFSA NIGHT

Wednesday, February 13 6:30pm
Middle School Library

To apply for federal student aid, you need to complete the FAFSA. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid - that's right - FREE! Come to the middle school library on Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30pm to learn how to complete the application and find out how much money you can get towards continuing your education! Colleges and universities use this form to determine your eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs.

:: Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Jan 7 Classes Resume - Beginning of 2nd Semester
- Jan 21 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb 2 Mat/Court Warming Dance 9:00pm
- Feb 9 ACT Test 7:30am
- Feb 12 EARLY RELEASE @ 1:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00pm
- Feb 13 FAFSA Night 6:30-8:00pm
- Feb 15 NO SCHOOL
- Feb 18 NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- Feb 23 PTO Skate Night @ Rink Ratz 4:30-6:30pm

FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCEDURES NOTICE

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires certain notifications to parents and guardians when school districts receive federal funds. School districts must annually disseminate federal programs complaint resolution procedures to parents and guardians of students and appropriate private school officials or representatives. The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) complaint procedures can be found online at <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/qs-fedcomp-Complaint-Procedures-ESSA.pdf>

“ 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. ”

January 2019							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 ← NO SCHOOL → HOLIDAY BREAK	2	3 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service	4 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service	5 HS Varsity Wrestling Invitational 10:00am @ Butler HS	
6	7 HS JV/V Girls BB Game @ Lexington 5:30pm	8 MS Girls BB Game @ Lexington 5:00pm MS Boys BB Game @ HMS v. Lexington 5:00pm HS Wrestling Dual @ Higginsville 6:00pm	9	10 MS Girls BB Game @ HMS 5:00pm v. Richmond MS Boys BB Game @ Richmond 5:00pm HS Girls JV/V BB Game @ HHS v. Knob Noster 5:30pm Holden PTO Meeting @ ES Library 6:30pm	11 HS V Wrestling Tournament MRVC Championship @ Oak Grove 5:00pm MS Girls BB Game @ HMS v. Lafayette County 5:00pm MS Boys BB Game @ Lafayette County 5:00pm HS Boys C/JV/V BB Game @ Knob Noster 5:00pm	12 HS V Wrestling Tournament MRVC Championship @ Oak Grove 9:00am	
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13	14 HS V Wrestling Triangular @ Carrollton 5:30pm	15 Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7:00pm	16 MS Girls & Boys BB Tournament @ Carrollton Middle School	17 HS Girls JV/V BB Game @ Lafayette County 5:30pm	18 HS Boys C/JV/V BB Game @ Lafayette County 5:30pm	19 HS Varsity Wrestling Invitational @ Brookfield	
20	21 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day HS Girls BB Tournament @ Archie High School HS Boys BB Tournament @ Crest Ridge HS	22 HS V Wrestling Dual @ Lexington 5:30pm	23	24 HS All-State Choir @ Tan-Tar-A	25	26 Columbia College High School Art Competition Awards 11:30am Columbia, MO HS Varsity Wrestling Tournament @ Odessa Holden PTO Mother/Son Dance 6:30-8:30pm @ ES 3-5 Cafeteria/Gym	
27	28 HS Varsity Wrestling Triangular v. Clinton, Father Tolton Regional Catholic @Clinton 5:30pm	29 HS Boys BB Game v. Carrollton @ HHS JV 5:00pm V 7:30pm HS V Girls BB Game v Carrollton @ HHS 6:00pm	30	31 HS V Wrestling Triangular v. Knob Noster, Richmond R-XVI @ HHS 5:30pm	Follow us on Twitter @HoldenSchools		

February 2019							
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3	4 HS Varsity Boys & Girls BB Tournament @ Cass Midway HS Casey's Card Fundraiser begins	5 MS Band/Choir & HS Jazz Band Concert @ HS gym 7:00pm	6 HS FBLA District Competition @ UCM Warrensburg	7	8 HS V Wrestling District Tournament	9 MS Music Festival @ Richmond ACT Test @ HHS 7:30am-1:30pm	
National School Counseling Week							
10	11 HS JV/V Girls BB Game v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7:00pm	12 EARLY RELEASE at 1:00pm Parent/Teacher Conf 1:00-8:00pm Career Day @ ES HS Boys C/JV/V BB Game @ Lexington 5:00pm SOS: Trusted Adult Training @ HS library 6:00pm	13 HS FAFSA Night @ MS Library 6:30-8:00pm	14	15 NO SCHOOL HS JV/V Boys & JV/V Girls BB Games v. Lafayette County @ HHS 5:00pm	16	
17	18 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day HS V Girls & Boys BB District Tournament	19	20 HS FFA Breakfast @ HHS FACS Room	21	22	23 Holden PTO Skate Night @ Rink Ratz 4:30-6:30pm Blue Springs, MO	
24	25	26	27	28 HS FFA Contest Workshop @ Cass Career Center Harrisonville, MO 4:00-9:00pm	Follow us on Twitter @HoldenSchools		

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Optimism : Finding the positive in any situation

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