

School Pride Newsletter

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Eagle News : District Annual Performance Report

This time of the year, school districts receive their district Annual Performance Report (APR) from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Missouri Department of Education has a set of criteria that they use to determine the level of accreditation for each school district in Missouri. The set of criteria is termed MSIP, and we are now working to meet the standards as determined by MSIP 5. The MSIP 5 Standards have been in place for four years now. That being said, the standardized tests that have been

used as one of the areas of measure is still being developed which means the standardized tests that students have been taking the past four years have not been consistent.

The Holden R-III School District has worked to continually improve to meet the district's goal of reaching 90% on the APR. We are proud to say that over the past four years we have continued to improve as the district has worked to meet the new tougher, more rigorous standards. This year, the district earned a 90.7% which continues a four-year consecutive improvement

and is up from 89.6% in 2015. This says a great deal about the students, faculty and staff in the Holden R-III School District as they work to continually improve to be the best they can be.

Please remember to stay up-to-date with all district activities by visiting the district website at www.holdenschools.org and as always **"SOAR Like an Eagle!"**

*Wade Schroeder,
Superintendent*

Holden R-III Named an America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant Winner

The Holden R-III School District has been chosen to receive an America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant for \$10,000, which will be used to enhance our S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs at the elementary and middle school. Many thanks to our librarians, administrators, and science, technology, and art teachers who are working together to create new makerspaces in our libraries for our students, and to the local farmers who supported our application.

The grant will fund the purchase of two 3D printers, WeDo Lego Robotics, Little Bits electronic building blocks, and Makey Makey electronic circuit boards. Working with these innovative tools will ignite our students' desire to learn while enhancing their skills in science, engineering, technology, and coding. Students will be engaged in problem solving, creative thinking, and collaboration through invention-based learning.



Pictured, front row, Ashton Treece (student), Olivia Jones (student). Second row, left to right Emma Lohe (student), Sara Lohe, Sarah Burks (elementary principal), Charlie Blalock (Monsanto representative); Angela Grammer (elementary assistant principal) Mike Hough (middle school principal), Shirley and David Garrett (farmers). Back row, left to right, Bailey Lohe (student), Steve Briscoe (farmer), Wade Schroeder (superintendent), Clint Smith (Channel Seedsman for Johnson County).

“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.”

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Kindergarten & First Grade Winter Concert

December 15



The Holden Elementary kindergarten and first grade students and staff are pleased to ring in the holidays with their upcoming winter music concert. The program will feature an array of songs and a number of seasonal delights. This free concert will take place at the Holden High School gym on December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

PTO Holiday Store

December 5 to December 9

The Holden Elementary PTO is once again sponsoring a Holiday Store with affordable gifts elementary students may purchase for family members.

The PTO Holiday Store will be available Monday, December 5, through Friday, December 9, from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the elementary.

Preschool Activity Night

December 19

Families of preschoolers are invited to attend the preschool activity night at the elementary school on December 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. that evening. This event will be full of fun, family activities that are certain to create fond memories for you and your child,

Middle School Band & Choir Concert & Art Show

December 20

The middle school bands and choirs will perform their winter concert on December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. This is a free concert and the community is invited to attend. Please come enjoy the music! A special viewing of artwork created by Holden Middle School art students will be on display in the high school cafeteria the evening of December 20 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We invite the community to attend.

High School Music Concert

December 14

The high school bands and choirs will perform a variety of splendid selections during their winter concert on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. We invite the public to come and enjoy this special performance.

Grandparents' Art Night

January 20

Holden Elementary is celebrating art and the special bond between grandchildren and their grandparents. Grandparents are invited to join elementary students and their families on Friday, January 20, for Grandparents' Art Night. This free event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the elementary. We invite you to admire the students' artwork lining the halls, create some art of your own art in the gym, play Masterpiece Bingo in the library, and more! Please join us to tour the school, meet many of our teachers, and enjoy the festivities.



Girls Cross Country Team Takes 2nd at State

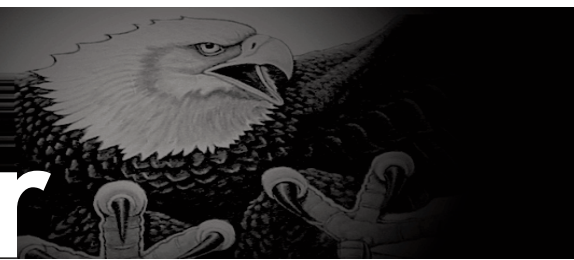
The Holden High School Girls Cross Country team competed at the State Competition in Jefferson City in early November earning a 2nd place finish. Camille Gudde, Alice Evans and Ellan Harder earned Class 2 All-State Cross Country Honors with their performances at the State Meet. During the season, the Girls Cross Country team won the District Championship and had nine 1st place team wins, the most for the girls team in school history. Eagles boys individual state qualifiers, Eric Thomason and Hunter Tevis, represented the Holden Boys Cross Country team as individual qualifiers at the Class 2 State Meet in Jefferson City. Congratulations on a great season!



Holden Cheer Compete at State

The Holden High School cheer team participated in the 2016 Missouri Cheer Coaches Association State Competition in Columbia in November and took 6th place. The Holden Cheer team qualified for State after placing 2nd at the 2016 2A Large Regional Competition. Go Eagles!

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Holden R-III School Foundation Awards Fall Teacher Grants

The Holden R-III School Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients for the 2016 Holden R-III Fall Teacher Grants. \$2000 in grants were awarded this fall to teachers in the Holden R-III School District.

Emily Reed, agriculture teacher, was awarded a grant for a field trip learning experience to Shatto Dairy for sixth grade agriculture students to extend their learning about animals, products we obtain from animals, as well as learning about marketing techniques and the joys and hardships of owning a company.

Third grade students will experience an educational conservation, ecology and animal program offered through Animal Wonders through a grant that is being awarded to Danielle Haney, third grade teacher. Learning about various animal species, their behaviors, ecosystems, habitats, and influences in their environments are important concepts of the third grade life science curriculum.

A dissection lab is being funded for seventh grade science students through a grant that was submitted by Stephanie Ballman, seventh grade science teacher. The lab will provide students a truly interactive, inquiry-based learning experience to enhance their laboratory procedure and report writing skills and increase their interests in the field of science.

High school students in Charlie Castle's social studies classes will benefit from a hands-on learning experience when they visit the World War I Museum in Kansas City made available through a teacher grant. Students will have the opportunity to view various primary sources from WWI such as weapons, uniforms worn at the time, pictures and artifacts, as well as the interactive displays at the museum.

Through teacher grants, scholarships and directed donations, the Holden R-III School Foundation promotes excellence and supports the innovations that make our great school system, even better.

The Holden R-III Foundation is a tax-free entity that can enhance student endeavors in many ways from providing support to existing groups to administering scholarships and grants. Contributions may include pledges, memorials, tributes of any amount, and financial support of fundraising activities.

The Foundation is a 501c(3) corporation and all donations are tax-deductible. Your contribution will directly affect the learning opportunities of students in the Holden R-III School District because your dollar stays right here in Holden.

Holden R-III School Foundation Membership Recognition Levels include: Friend \$50; Family \$100; and Founder \$500. Membership dues are annual. Membership donations can be mailed to: Holden R-III School Foundation, 1612 S. Main Street, Holden, MO 64040.

There is always something you can do to help! To find out what that is, please contact the Foundation by phone at 816-732-5568 or by email at foundation@holden.k12.mo.us



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, 2017.

The Distinguished Alumni Recipient(s) will be recognized during the Holden High School Graduation Ceremony on May 21, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the Holden High School Gymnasium.

December 2016

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Please check the school calendar **ONLINE** for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org

Our **CHARACTERplus** Trait of the month is...
GRATITUDE - Being thankful

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FFA Chapter Officers Meeting @ Ag Building, 7am
MS & HS Wrestling Dual Home vs. Sherwood, 5pm
MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Lexington, 5pm
MS Boys Basketball @ Lexington, 5pm
JV/V Boys Basketball @ Crest Ridge, 5:30pm

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JV/V Girls Basketball Home vs. Crest Ridge 5:30pm

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MS Wrestling Tournament @ Heritage
Varsity Wrestling Tournament @ Knob Noster

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PTO Christmas Store @ Elementary 8am-4pm
MS Wrestling @ Lexington, 5pm
JV/V Girls Basketball @ Rich Hill, 6pm

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PTO Christmas Store @ Elementary 8am-4pm
MS Wrestling Quad @ Holden, 5pm
JV/V Girls Basketball & Varsity Boys Basketball @ Carrollton, 5pm
District CSIP Oversight Committee Meeting, HS Library, 6-9pm

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PTO Christmas Store @ Elementary 8am-4pm
Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick Up Elementary 3-5 Cafeteria, 3:30-6pm

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PTO Christmas Store @ Elementary 8am-4pm
MS Girls Basketball @ Richmond, 5pm
MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Richmond, 5pm
JV/V Girls Basketball @ Warrensburg, 5:30pm
FFA Chapter & Alumni Meeting, Ag Building, 7pm

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PTO Christmas Store @ Elementary 8am-4pm
MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ Carrollton, 5pm
JV/V Boys Basketball Home vs. Archie, 5:30pm
JV/V Girls Basketball @ Green Ridge, 6pm

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JV Wrestling Tourn. @ Harrisonville

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HS Field Trip to Summit Technology Academy, 9am
C/JV/V Boys Basketball Home vs. Lexington, 5pm
Board of Education Meeting @ Elementary Library, 7pm

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MS Wrestling Tri @ Adrian
Varsity Wrestling Tri @ Adrian, 5pm

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High School Band & Choir Concert @ HS Gym, 7pm

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Kindergarten & First Grade Winter Concert @ HS Gym, 6:30pm
MS Wrestling Quad @ Higginsville, 4:30pm
JV/V Girls Basketball @ Knob Noster, 5:30pm

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Varsity Wrestling @ Wentworth Military Academy
JV/V Girls & Boys Varsity Basketball Home vs. Richmond, 5pm

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Eagle Star Day @ Elementary
JV/V Girls Basketball Home vs. Odessa 5:30pm
Preschool Activity Night @ K-2 Cafeteria, 6:30pm

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Eagle Star Day @ Elementary
C Boys Basketball @ SCA, 6pm
MS Art Show @ HS 5:30-7pm
MS Band & Choir Concert @ HS Gym 7pm

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EARLY RELEASE @ 1:00 PM Teacher Workday End of First Semester

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NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

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NO SCHOOL / WINTER BREAK

JV Wrestling Tourn. @ Pleasant Hill

January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Please check the school calendar ONLINE for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org	2 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK Varsity Girls Basketball @ Stover Tournament	3 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKDAY FFA Greenhand Motivational Conference @ UCM, 12pm MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Knob Noster 5pm MS Boys Basketball @ Knob Noster, 5pm JV/V Boys Basketball @ Rich Hill, 6pm	4 CLASSES RESUME FOR STUDENTS Second Semester Begins C Boys Basketball Home vs. Richmond, 6pm	5 FFA Chapter Officers Meeting @ Ag Building, 7am MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Higginsville 5pm MS Boys Basketball @ Higginsville, 5pm Varsity Wrestling Dual @ Eldon, 6pm FFA Greenhand Degree Ceremony, HS Gym, 6pm	6 District Band @ UCM MS Girls & Boys Basketball, Home vs. Carrollton, 5pm	7 District Band @ UCM Varsity Wrestling @ Butler Inv., 10am
8  Follow us on Twitter @HOLDENR3SUPER @ACTIVITIES_HHS	9 Varsity Boys Basketball @ Lathrop Tournament JV/V Girls Basketball @ Lexington, 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting, Elementary Library, 7pm	10 MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Lexington, 5pm MS Girls Basketball @ Lexington, 5pm JV/V Girls Basketball Home vs. Harrisonville 5:30pm Varsity Wrestling Dual @ Higginsville, 6pm	11 District CSIP Planning Team Meeting, HS Library, 3:45-6:45pm MS Girls & Boys Basketball Home vs. Sedalia, 5pm	12 FFA State Degree Work Night @ Ag Building, 3:30-6pm MS Boys Basketball @ Richmond, 5pm MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Richmond, 5pm	13 District HS Jazz Band Rehearsal @ Warrensburg Varsity Wrestling @ Harrisonville Tourn.	14 District Jazz Band @ Smith-Cotton Jr. High District Jr. High Band @ Smith-Cotton Jr. High
15	16 NO SCHOOL M.L.K. Day	17 MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ Lexington Tournament C/JV/V Boys Basketball @ Knob Noster, 5pm Varsity Wrestling Quad @ Carrollton, 5:30pm	18 Scholar Bowl Quad @ Holden HTA Meeting, HS Library, 3:45pm MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ Lexington Tournament	19 MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ Lexington Tournament JV/V Boys Basketball @ Higginsville, 5:30pm Varsity Wrestling Dual Home vs. Tipton, 6pm [MATWARMING] Holden R-III Foundation Meeting @ Holden, Inc., 6pm	20 Grandparents' Art Night @ Elementary, 6-8pm MS Girls & Boys Basketball @ Lexington Tournament C/JV/V Boys Basketball Home vs. Clinton, 5pm JV/V Girls Basketball @ Higginsville, 6pm	21 Varsity Wrestling Tournament @ Brookfield
22	23 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service Varsity Boys Basketball @ Clinton Tournament Varsity Girls Basketball @ Archie Tournament	24 Varsity Wrestling Dual @ Lexington, 5:30pm	25 District CSIP Planning Team Meeting HS Library, 3:45-5:15pm	26 Varsity Wrestling Tri @ Holden, 5:30pm FFA Movie Night @ Ag Building, 6-8pm	27 Elementary PTO Mother/Son Event, 6:30-8:30pm	28
School Board Recognition Week						
29	30	31	Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is... OPTIMISM - Finding the positive in any situation			

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closings, early dismissals and event
reminders.



School Board Recognition Week

Missourians benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,600 men and women in every community across the state. These public servants are elected by local constituents and do not receive compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Missouri.

During the week of January 23, communities across the state will honor the dedicated service of local boards of education during School Board Recognition Week. The goal is to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board of education plays in communities and schools. All Missouri citizens are asked to recognize the important contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the vital role these public officials play in the education of Missouri's children. School Board Recognition Week is sponsored by the Missouri School Boards' Association.

Holden R-III Board of Education

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Dec. 21 - Early Dismissal @ 1 p.m. / Teacher Workday

Dec. 22 to Jan. 2 - No School / Holiday Break

Jan. 3 - No School / Teacher Workday

Jan. 16 - No School / M.L.K. Day | Jan. 23 - No School / Teacher In-service

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