

Holden R-3

School District



**Dec 2023/
Jan 2024**

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Foundation Awards Grants

Through teacher grants, scholarships, and directed donations, the Holden R-III School Foundation promotes excellence & supports the innovations that make our great district even better. **This fall, nine Teacher Impact Grants were awarded to twelve staff members, totalling \$11,419.87.** The grants were requested for items such as audiobooks, a laminator & film, dissection supplies, calculators, weight sets and lifting belts, reading rewards, and even an author visit! The foundation board and general members accept donations from individuals, families, businesses, and organizations and host fundraisers throughout the year. The nine grants awarded came from foundation funds and donations from David & Carrie Anstine, F&C Bank, Ruth Ferguson, Jeff & Debbie Snell, Dr. John & Fran Yoder, Bob & Linda Mickey, HMS PTSO, Gregg Montgomery, Heiman's True Value, Central Bank, & Mike Keith Insurance. For all photos and grant specifics, visit our website at <https://www.holdenschools.org>



Thanksgiving Program @ Eagles Nest

Eagles Nest Preschool hosted their first Thanksgiving Family Feast and Program on Friday, November 17. Lead teacher, Jocelyn Rowan, planned and coordinated the effort along with Brandi Totta & Rubi Caballero, Eagles Nest Assistants. Students sang and danced to songs they had practiced. Colorful paper turkey feathers, stating what each student was thankful for, were added to a turkey decoration on the wall. The meal was a pot luck with dishes such as chicken tenders, macaroni, and mashed potatoes as well as desserts like fresh cinnamon rolls. We are thankful for our youngest turkeys...erhm, we mean, Eagles!



Holiday Music to Fill Your Heart

Join us for a band, choir, or elementary music performance in the high school gym to fill your heart with the holiday spirit and your head with some catchy tunes!

Dec 4 @ 7pm

Holden High School Band & Choir Concert



Dec 14 @ 6pm

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Music Concert



Dec 19 @ 7pm

Holden Middle School Band & Choir Concert



2023-2024 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

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| December 21 | Early Release @ 1:15 p.m. - Teacher Workday |
| Dec 22 - Jan 5 | No School - Winter Break |
| January 8 | No School - Teacher Inservice |
| January 15 | No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| February 16 | No School - Teacher Inservice |
| February 19 | No School - Presidents Day |

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| March 4-8 | No School - Spring Break |
| March 29 | No School - Easter Break |
| April 1 | No School - Easter Break |
| May 19 | Graduation - Class of 2024 |
| May 22 | Last Student Day, Early Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m. |
| May 23 | Teacher Workday |

Some make-up days/hours are built into the schedule.

"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 2023



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| <p>Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar</p> | | | | | 1 HS Boys Bball v. Crest Ridge @ HHS 4:30pm HMS PTSO Kids Night Out @ HMS 5-8pm HS Girls Bball @ Oak Grove 5:30pm | 2 Girls Varsity Wrestling @ Marceline Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Knob Noster Artemis Space Camp @ HES 7:30am-3:30pm Hall of Fame Ceremony @ HS Cafe 5-8pm |
| 3 | 4 HS Boys Bball C Team Tournament @ Richmond MS Boys & Girls Wrestling Triangular @ HMS 5pm HS Choir & Band Concert @ HS Gym 7pm | 5 HMS PTSO Andale Amigo Fundraiser MS Boys & Girls Wrestling Quad @ HMS 5pm HS Boys Bball v. Carrollton @ HHS 5:30pm HS Girls Bball v. Carrollton @ HHS 7pm | 6 HS Boys Bball C Team Tournament @ Richmond Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ HHS 5pm HS Football Banquet @ HS Gym 6:30pm | 7 HS Boys Bball C Team Tournament @ Richmond MS Girls Bball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Bball @ Richmond 5pm MS & HS Boys & Girls Wrestling Dual @ Sherwood 5pm | 8 HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Belton MS Boys & Girls Wrestling @ Lexington 4pm MS Girls & Boys Bball v. Carrollton @ HMS 5pm HS Boys Bball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5pm HS Girls Bball @ Pleasant Hill 5:30pm | 9 MS Girls & Boys Wrestling @ Carrollton HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Belton HS Boys Wrestling JV Tourn. @ Harrisonville |
| 10 | 11 HS Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Cass Midway HS Boys Bball C & JV v. Lone Jack @ HHS 4:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm | 12 We're on Instagram! @holdenschools HS Girls Bball Varsity Tournament @ Cass Midway MS & HS Boys & Girls Wrestling @ Lone Jack 5pm | 13 HS Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Cass Midway HS Stuco Movie Night @ HS Gym 6pm | 14 HS Girls Bball Varsity Tournament @ Cass Midway MS Girls Bball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Bball @ Knob Noster 5pm MS Girls & Boys Wrestling Quad @ Higginsville 5pm K & 1st Music Concert @ HS Gym 6pm | 15 HS Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Cass Midway HS Girls Wrestling @ Eldon HS Boys Wrestling v. Lathrop @ MO Fair Grounds FFA Barnwarming @ HS Ag Shop 6pm | 16 HS Girls Bball Varsity Tournament @ Cass Midway HS Girls Wrestling @ Eldon HS Boys Wrestling v. Lathrop @ MO Fair Grounds |
| 17 | 18 HS Boys Bball @ Richmond 4:30pm HS Girls Bball @ Richmond 5:30pm | 19 MS Band & Choir Concert @ HS Gym 7pm | 20 | 21 EARLY RELEASE @ 1:15pm HS Girls Wrestling @ Harrisonville 6pm | 22 NO SCHOOL Winter Break | 23 |
| 24/31 | 25 Christmas | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover |
| NO SCHOOL - Winter Break | | | | | | |
| | | | | HS Girls Wrestling @ Parkview HS | HS Boys Wrestling JV Tournament @ Pleasant Hill | |










Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Gratitude - Being thankful

"Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart." ~Roy T. Bennett

January 2024



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | 1 New Years Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover HS Science Olympiad @ Pembroke Hill Invitationals HS Boys Wrestling @ Butler |
| | NO SCHOOL - Winter Break | | | | | |
| | |  HS Girls Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover | HS Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover | MS Girls Bball @ Knob Noster 5pm MS Boys Bball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm | HS Girls Wrestling @ Butler MS Girls & Boys Bball @ Carrollton 5pm | |
| 7 | 8 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice HS Girls Bball v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm | 9 HS Boys Bball @ Lexington 4:30pm MS Girls Bball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Bball @ Lexington 5pm HS Girls & Boys Wrestling v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5:30pm *senior night* | 10  Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ Pleasant Hill 5pm | 11 MS Girls Bball @ Richmond 5pm MS Boys Bball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm HS Boys Bball @ Butler 5:30pm HS Boys & Girls Wrestling @ El Dorado Springs 5:30pm HS Girls Bball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5:30pm | 12 HS Girls Wrestling @ Lafayette Co 4pm MS Girls & Boys Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HMS 5pm HS Boys Bball @ Knob Noster 5pm | 13 HS Boys Wrestling @ Lafayette Co 10am  |
| 14 | 15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day MS Boys & Girls Bball Tournament @ Richmond HS Girls Wrestling @ Mexico 8:30am HS Boys Bball @ Oak Grove 5:30pm | 16 HS Girls Bball @ Odessa 5:30pm | <div>Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar</div> | | 18 HS Boys & Girls Wrestling @ Carrollton 5:30pm | 19 HS Girls Wrestling @ Clinton HMS PTO Kids Night Out @ HMS 5-8pm HS Girls Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5:30pm HS Boys Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 6pm |
| | | | | | | 20 HS Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Lathrop HES PTO Nerf Night @ ES Gym 6pm  |
| 21  | 22 HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Crest Ridge HMS PTO Key Coffee Fundaiser Day | 23  | 24 HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Crest Ridge Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ Center 5pm | 25 HMS PTO Meeting @ MS Library 3:45pm HS Boys & Girls Wrestling @ Lexington 5:30pm | 26 HS Girls & Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Crest Ridge | 27 HS Math Team @ Sedalia Smith-Cotton HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Odessa HS Boys Wrestling JV Tournament @ Warrensburg |
| 28  We're on Instagram! @holdenschools | 29 | 30 HS Girls Bball @ Carrollton 5:30pm HS Girls & Boys Wrestling Varsity Triangular @ Richmond 5:30pm HS Boys Bball @ Carrollton 7pm | 31 |  | |  |

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Optimism - Finding the positive in any situation

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement." ~Helen Keller

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School Website

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HOLDEN SCHOOLS

Hall of Fame Induction

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, four individuals will be inducted into the Holden R-3 Hall of Fame. Being honored are:

Tiffany (Graham) Sullivan - Class of 2002

Volleyball, Basketball, & Softball

Dennis Hutchings - Class of 2009

Football & Track

Jacob Reiman - Class of 2011

Football & Wrestling

Max Mickey - Class of 2013

Football & Wrestling



Honorees will enjoy dinner followed by a ceremony where they will be presented with an engraved award. The Hall of Fame hallway is lined with photos of individuals, coaches, and teams who have excelled during their years as a Holden High School Eagle.

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, staffing shortages, or facility issues, with student and staff safety being a top priority. Closings are announced using the following avenues: **TEXT** - Text messages sent through ParentSquare **PHONE** - A recorded message will be sent to all Holden R-3 families **EMAIL** - An electronic message will be sent to all Holden R-3 families who have an email on file with our office **WEBSITE** - holdenschools.org **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Holden R-3 Schools Facebook & Instagram accounts **TV** - WDAF (Channel 4), KCTV (Channel 5), KMBC (Channel 9), KSHB (Channel 41)

Dec 21: EARLY RELEASE @ 1:15pm

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