

# Holden R-3

## School District



Feb/Mar  
2024

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### Proposition K.I.T.S.

Attracting, employing, and retaining quality staff is an identified goal in our District Strategic Plan and considered a budget priority by the Board of Education. We're seeking approval to adjust our operating tax levy by \$0.2204, ensuring we can continue to meet this goal, enhance teacher support, and cover additional operating expenses. Importantly, this adjustment won't increase the current tax levy, as we plan to offset it by reducing the debt service levy by the same amount. This helps us maintain competitive teacher pay and benefits, crucial for the success of our students while keeping the total tax levy the same. The passing of Proposition K.I.T.S. (Keep It The Same) ensures a strong educational foundation for our community, especially in the face of nationwide teacher shortages. Register to vote by March 6 to be eligible to vote on the General Municipal Election Day, April 2, 2024. For more information about Prop K.I.T.S., including official ballot language and links to make sure you're registered to vote, visit <https://www.holdenschools.org/district/propKITS>

**KEEP  
IMPROVING  
TEACHER  
SUPPORT**

**KEEP  
IT (tax levy)  
THE  
SAME**

**Current  
2023-2024**  
**Levy Split in Funds**  
Operating Funds \$3.53 **22¢** Debt Service \$1.06  
**Total Levy: \$4.59**

**Proposed  
2024-2025**  
**Levy Split in Funds**  
Operating Funds \$3.75 Debt Service \$0.84  
**Total Levy: \$4.59**

### Hutchings Family Donation

Mrs. Juanita Hutchings served as an English teacher and librarian in the Holden R-3 District from 1971 until 1993. Following her passing on October 25, a large donation of art supplies and materials was made by her family to the high school in her name. **Thank you Hutchings Family!** We are honored to be the recipient of this generous gesture and were blessed to have Mrs. Hutchings as a part of our Holden Eagle staff for so many years!



### Nominate a Distinguished Alumni



The Holden R-III School District is seeking nominations for its Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes Holden High School graduates, 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. 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 each school building office and on the district website at [holdenschools.org/community/alumni](https://www.holdenschools.org/community/alumni). Forms are due by March 12, 2024.

### 2023-2024 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

February 16	No School - Teacher Inservice
February 19	No School - Presidents Day
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."

# February 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at <a href="https://holdenschools.org/calendar">holdenschools.org/calendar</a></div>				1 	2 HS Girls Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Buffalo HMS PTO Kids Night Out @ MS Commons 5-8pm HS Boys Bball v. Richmond @ HHS 5:30pm HS Girls Bball Varsity v. Richmond @ HHS 7pm	3 HS Science Olympiad @ Battle at the Burg at Warrensburg HS  HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Albany
	4	5 HS Girls Bball v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm	6 Project Grad Meeting @ HS Cafe 6pm	7  Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ Knob Noster 5pm	8 HS Girls Bball @ Knob Noster 5:30pm HS Boys Bball @ Lexington 5:30pm	9 HS Girls Wrestling Varsity District @ Nevada Musical Performance @ HS Gym 7pm
10 HMS PTO Valentine Ventror Event @ MS 9am-4pm HS Girls Wrestling Varsity District @ Nevada Musical Performance @ HS Gym 7pm	11	12  HS Girls Bball @ Lexington 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	13 HS Boys Bball v. Lexington @ HHS 4:30pm HS Girls Bball @ Odessa 5:30pm HES PTO Meeting @ ES Library 4:30pm	14 HS Concert Choir @ Warrensburg 9am	15 HS Girls & Boys Bball @ Lafayette Co 5:30pm	16 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher Inservice HS Boys Wrestling Varsity District @ Butler
17 MS/HS Science Olympiad @ Regionals at UCM HS Boys Wrestling Varsity District @ Butler 	18	19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Presidents Day HS Girls Bball Varsity District @ Summit Christian	20 HS Boys Bball Varsity District @ Adrian	21 HS Girls Bball Varsity District @ Summit Christian HS Girls & Boys Wrestling Varsity State @ Columbia HS Band Conference Chair Auditions @ Oak Grove 4pm	22 HS Boys Bball Varsity District @ Adrian HS Girls & Boys Wrestling Varsity State @ Columbia	23  HS Girls Bball Varsity District @ Summit Christian HS Winter Dance @ HS Gym 6pm
24 HS Boys Bball Varsity District @ Adrian HS Math Team @ Cole Camp	25 HS Cheer State Cheer Competition	26 HS Boys Bball Varsity Sectional	27  HS Band Conference Band Rehearsal and Concert @ Pleasant Hill 8:30am HS Girls Bball Varsity Sectional Power Up Parent Night @ ES Cafe 5pm	28	29 We're on Instagram! @holdenschools 2nd & 3rd Grade Music Concert @ HS Gym 6pm	

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

## Compassion - Caring how others think and feel

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." ~John Holmes

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is  
**Perseverance** - Never giving up despite difficulty or delay  
 “No one succeeds without effort...those who succeed owe their success to perseverance.” ~Ramana Maharshi

# Contact Us

## Central Office

1612 S Main (816) 732-5568  
Dr. Mike Hough, Superintendent

## High School

1901 S Main (816) 732-5523  
Grant Guevel, Principal  
April Placht, Assistant Principal  
Spencer Gudde, AD

## Middle School

301 Eagle Drive (816) 732-4125  
Kyle Stoecklein, Principal

## Elementary School

1903 S Market (816) 732-6071  
Sarah Burks, Principal  
Paige Farmer, Assistant Principal

## Transportation - First Student

2000 S Clay Street (816) 732-6541  
Kate Koch, Terminal Manager

## General Questions

comments@holdenschools.org

## School Website

<https://www.holdenschools.org>



HOLDEN SCHOOLS

## Local Scholarships Available

Spring of senior year means applying for scholarships if you are college-bound. Many local scholarships are available. The generic local scholarship form, available on our website: <https://www.holdenschools.org/hhs/guidance/scholarships>, is due March 1. Senior students only need to fill out one local application form to be considered for all scholarships available that they qualify for.

## Stream Some Eagle Basketball

We welcome our community to come see games in person, but if you'd rather watch home match-ups from the warmth of your house and the comfort of your couch - you can! Tune to Holden R-3's YouTube channel to see the competition : <https://www.youtube.com/@holdenr-3schooldistrict933>



**SCHOOL CLOSING NOTIFICATIONS:** 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](https://www.holdenschools.org) **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Holden R-3 Schools Facebook & Instagram accounts **TV** - WDAF (Channel 4), KCTV (Channel 5), KMBC (Channel 9), KSHB (Channel 41)

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Vote April 2!

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