



ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

The Holden R-III School District activities programs are a significant part of the total educational experience available to students. These programs enhance learning in the school and contribute to a positive school climate. Participation in extracurricular activities is strongly encouraged because students learn teamwork, develop physically and emotionally, develop a sense of belonging and enhance their self-image.

Participation in activities is a privilege and differs from a student's right to a general high school education. Rules and regulations governing each of the various athletic programs have been established to ensure fairness to all students and to guarantee that the school image resulting from the students who represent their school is a positive one.

The ultimate purpose of extra-curricular activities is to provide a maximum number of students an opportunity to grow as young adults within the structure and framework of organized and disciplined programs. Extra-curricular activities offer a positive and meaningful experience that will enhance the growth and development of all young men and women who participate. The Holden R-III School District is committed to the belief that participation in interscholastic activities is a PRIVILEGE, not a right.

It is our philosophy to take the best student participants and represent Holden Schools to the highest degree. Successful programs are a by-product of commitment, fundamental skills, preparation, training and strength of character. We will strive for success and to win by developing these traits.

CHEERLEADING

- Head Coach – Jenica Andes
- Assistant Coaches – Jamie Sullivan & Kara Hays
- Number of Participants: HS – 13 MS – 4

Season Highlights

- HS cheerleaders started off their season with a 1-day UCA camp at Smith Cotton HS in Sedalia, MO. We joined several other schools in the area to learn new cheers, chants, dances, and stunting skills that we can use for game day.
- MS and HS cheerleaders then went to a 3-day summer camp at the University of Central Missouri where they all learned several stunts, tumbling skills, cheers, and dances for game day performances.
- HS cheerleaders were hard at work in September putting together the HOCO festivities. This included decorating the entryway and cafeteria, planning spirit days, royalty crowning, selling and delivering T-shirts, and preparing for game day performances.
- Shortly after HOCO, MS and HS cheerleaders put on another successful kids cheer clinic with over 200 kids grades K-5 attending. During the clinic, MS and HS cheerleaders taught basic cheerleading skills which were performed during halftime of the varsity football game.
- HS cheerleaders will be competing at the MCCA State Game Day Competition on February 23rd at Drury University in the fight song, band chant, and timeout cheer division. All fall game day performances have been preparing them for this competition.

Academic All Conference

Jorja Talley, K'Lea Westover, Grace Williams, Adley Fracassa

A marching band and color guard are performing in front of a brick building. The band members are wearing blue and white uniforms and are holding their instruments. The color guard is wearing blue and white uniforms and is holding flags. The background is a brick building with a large window.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

- Band Director: Emilie Lewis
- Color Guard: Abby Weber

Number of Participants

HS Full Band – 37

HS Drumline – 19

HS Color Guard – 5

6th Grade Band – 28

7th Grade Band – 23

8th Grade Band – 20

HS Highlights

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

- This year's field show was "The Music of Queen" and included the songs *We Will Rock You*, *Crazy Little Thing Called Love*, and *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Taylor Patton and Cesare Moore were the featured trombone soloists on *Bohemian Rhapsody*.
- Competition Results:
 - Concordia Fall Festival Parade: 1st place in parade
 - Carrollton Band Day: 8th place in Parade, 7th place in Field
 - Smith-Cotton Marching Invitational: 6th place in Field
 - Odessa Marching Invitational: 2nd place in Parade, 3rd place in Field
 - UCM Homecoming Parade: 1st place in Parade
 - The band also participated in the Holden Street Fair Parade and Veterans Day Parade.
- The pep band is playing at all girls' and boys' varsity home games this year. We plan to coordinate some songs with the cheer team so that they can do a routine as the band plays. We are also applying to play at the State Basketball Tournament in March.



MARCHING
BAND & COLOR
GUARD

HS Highlights

- Winter Concert, December 9th. They will be performing:
 - ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas... Jack Bullock
 - Sleigh Ride... Leroy Anderson
- 8 students auditioned for the WCMMEA District Honor Bands, and Sean Anstine was selected to perform with the Honor Band. He is now eligible to audition for the all-state band.
- 15 band students will be performing in Tuba Christmas sponsored by the KC Symphony at the Kauffman Center on December 6th.



MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Drumline Highlights

- Their songs for this year were *Mo Diddley* and *Heavy Metal Jam*, and *Heavy Metal Jam* featured the students playing on trashcans. Student McCanna Gudde designed the movements to their show.
- Competition results:
 - Carrollton Band Day: 8th place
 - Smith-Cotton Marching Invitational: 2nd place
 - Odessa Marching Invitational: 2nd place
- They will be performing the drumline show at halftime of some of the basketball games.
- Winter Concert, December 9th. They will be performing as a percussion ensemble at the Winter Concert with music they selected themselves:
 - Arabian Dance from the Nutcracker... David Steinquest
 - Conducted by student Cesare Moore
 - Venus ... Chris Brooks
 - Conducted by student Jenna McHenry
 - The Pink Panther...Chris Crockarell
 - Conducted by student Lane Kendrick

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

• 8th Grade

• This band traveled with the HS band to events, which allowed them to see how HS marching band works. They played *Hot Shot!* and the drummers played the drum cadence *Storm* for these parades.

• Competition results:

- Carrollton Band Day: 2nd Place
- Concordia Fall Festival Parade: 1st Place
- Odessa Marching Invitational Parade: 1st Place
- UCM Homecoming Parade: 1st Place

• Winter Concert, December 16th. They will be performing:

- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen... Traditional English Carol
With modifications by student Isabella McQueary
- Santa and the Blizzard... Rob Romeyn
- Winter Wonderland... arranged by Michael Story

• Isabella McQueary, Jeremiah Burden, Nevaeh Dick, and Porter Eissler were selected to the WCMMEA Jr. High Honor Band.

• 7th Grade

• Winter Concert, December 16th. They will be performing:

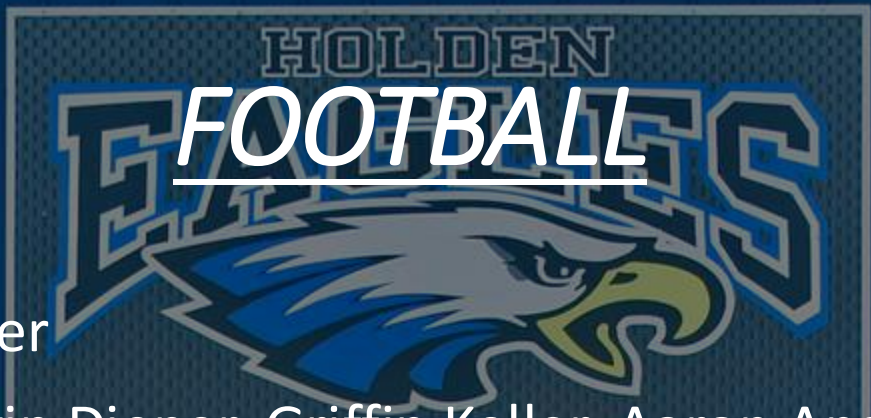
- A Christmas Fanfare... Randall D. Standridge
- Toboggan Run... Matt Conaway
- Diary of a Grumpy Elf... Timothy Loest

• Jacquelinne Cuellar, MaryAlice Stringer, and Brooklin Joy were selected to the WCMMEA Jr. High Honor Band.

• 6th Grade

• Winter Concert, December 16th. This will be these students' very first band concert, and they will be playing:

- Listen to Our Sections ... John Higgins
- Mary Had a Little Lamb ... Traditional
- Jingle Bells ... Arranged by Michael Sweeney
- Hard Rock Blues ... John Higgins



FOOTBALL

- Head Coach: David Diener
- Assistant Coaches: Marvin Diener, Griffin Keller, Aaron Andes, Zach Kroah, Tylor Coulson, Nathan Martin, Mark Weddle, Anthony Taylor
- Number of Participants: HS – 58, MS – 29
- Overall Record: HS: 6-5 JV: 7-1 C-Team: 0-1-1 MS : 3-3

- Class 2 District 6 Semifinalist
- 2nd in the MRVC
- 36 of 58 Athletes earned a Varsity Letter
- 62% of the Team Contributed on Friday Nights



FOOTBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All Conference

Carson Agcopra, Allesandro Burzagli, Sam Comer, Noah Greissl, Phillpp Hoffman
Ryan Hough, Kasyn Tevis, Kale Tryon, Justin Brown, Wes Brown, Owen Doogs, Cohen Drake
Mathew Hull, Shad Weiss, Seth Wright, Brody Bockover, Kaleb Catron, Carson Kephart
Cole Thomas, Truman Wamsley

All Conference

1st Team Honors: Sam Comer – Running back, Aiden Christian – Offensive Line, Wes Brown – Offensive Athlete
Justin Brown – Defensive Back, Tucker Kauffman – Linebacker, Trent Stout – Linebacker
Sauren Folson – Defensive Line

2nd Team Honors: Dom Pedrow – Offensive Line, Kale Tryon – Defensive Back, Kaysn Tevis – Defensive Back
Jacob Andes – Defensive Line, Jase Kinnaman – Defensive Line, Cohen Drake – Punter

Honorable Mention: Cohen Drake – Wide Receiver, Gunner Russell – Offensive Line, Seth Wright – Tight End
Noah Greissl – Kicker

FOOTBALL

Individual Honors

All District

1st Team Honors: Aiden Christian – Offensive Line, Sauren Folson – Defensive End
Sam Comer – Running Back

2nd Team Honors: Dom Pedrow – Offensive Line, Jacob Andes – Defensive Line, Wes Brown - Quarterback

Academic All State

Coming Soon

All State

Coming Soon

2024 VOLLEYBALL

- Head Coach – Emily Purnell
- Assistant Coaches – Reagan Berlin, Chris Hertzog, Rosalie Rizzo
- Number of Participants: HS – 31 MS – 33
- Overall Record HS: Varsity 10-20-1 JV 9-8-1 C Team 5-8
- Overall Record MS: A Team 4-5 B Team 5-3 C Team 1-2
- MRVC Record HS 4-6
- 4th MRVC

HOLDEN EAGLES

VOLLEYBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All – Conference

Jaci Gower, Izzy Guinn, Emalee Haggard, Grace Kendrick, Cami Agee, Lilly Carver, Hailee Lloyd
Arionna Johnson, Brionna Johnson

All – Conference

- FIRST TEAM: Jaci Gower
- SECOND TEAM: Emalee Haggard
- HONORABLE MENTION: Hailee Lloyd

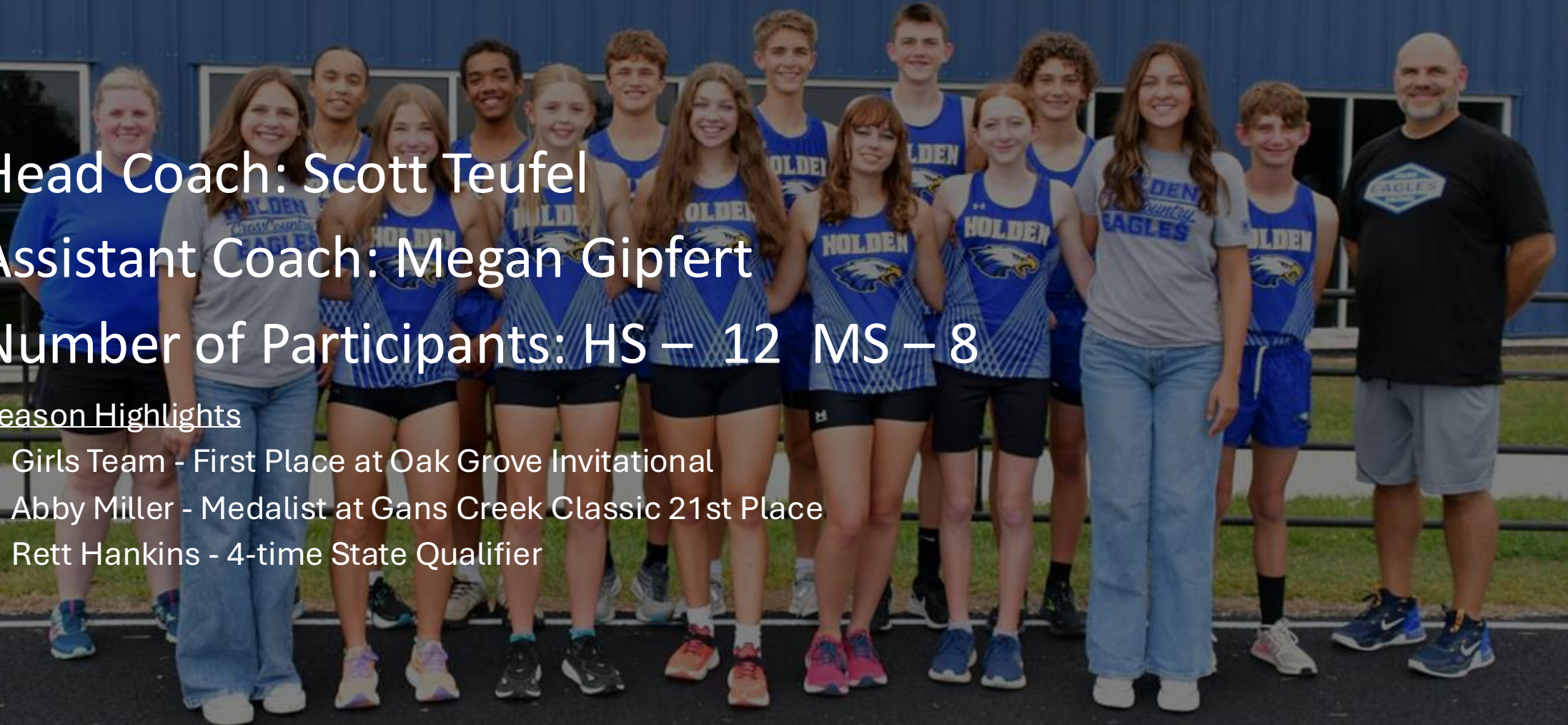
All – District

- SECOND TEAM: Jaci Gower
- HONORABLE MENTION: Emalee Haggard

HOME OF THE EAGLES

CROSS COUNTRY

- Head Coach: Scott Teufel
- Assistant Coach: Megan Gipfert
- Number of Participants: HS – 12 MS – 8
- Season Highlights
 - Girls Team - First Place at Oak Grove Invitational
 - Abby Miller - Medalist at Gans Creek Classic 21st Place
 - Rett Hankins - 4-time State Qualifier



HOME OF THE EAGLES

CROSS COUNTRY

Season Highlights

Academic All Conference

Ava Young, Abby Miller, Malea Brewington, Madisyn Talley, Jessy Stringer

Rett Hankins, Evan Robinson, Joseph Samilin

Conference

- Girls – 3rd Place as a Team
- Boys – 4th Place as a Team, Rett Hankins 3rd Place, Liam Claxton 9th Place

District

- Girls – 6th Place as a Team
- Boys – Rett Hankins 10th Place

State

- Boys – Rett Hankins 25th Place



SOFTBALL

- Head Coach: Jeff Smith
- Assistant Coaches: Tonya Mallinson, Trent Pritchard
- Number of Participants: 23
- Overall Record: 17-12
- JV Record: 6-3

Season Highlights

- 2nd MRVC East Conference
- 2nd Place in the Chillicothe Tournament

SOFTBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All Conference

Lilee Keller, Jenna McHenry, Abby Sisk, Haley Brooks, Jazy Brown, Addy Campbell, Bobbie Diibon, Macey Greene
Addilyn Wooster, Olivia Wooster, Ady Yoder, Isabella Haggard

All Conference

1st Team: Lilee Keller, Addy Campbell, Jazy Brown

2nd Team: Haley Brooks, Olivia Wooster

Honorable Mention: Bobbie Diibon, Abby Sisk

All District

1st Team: Lilee Keller, Jazy Brown, Addy Campbell

2nd Team: Abby Sisk, Olivia Wooster, Haley Brooks

All Region

1st Team: Lilee Keller, Addy Campbell

2nd Team: Jazy Brown

All State

1st Team: Lilee Keller (1st Team Infield)

HOLDEN

EAGLES

A group of students, mostly wearing blue t-shirts and some with medals, are posing in front of a building with a black metal fence. The students are arranged in several rows, some standing and some kneeling or sitting in the front. The background shows a building with a large window and a fence.

Science Olympiad

- HS/MS Sponsor – Amanda Orton
- Number of Participants: HS – 19, MS – 22

Events

- High School Science Olympiad Invitational at Olathe Northwest
November 16th
- High School Science Olympiad Invitational at Pembroke Hill
January 11th
- Middle School Science Olympiad Invitational at Warrensburg
January 18th
- High School Science Olympiad Invitational at Oak Park
February 1st
- MS & HS Science Olympiad Regionals at William Jewell
March 1st
- State Science Olympiad at UCM
April 26th


Science Olympiad students compete in 23 events pertaining to various fields of science, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on activities.

Middle School Student Council

- MS Sponsors – Kerri Hanneken, Dustin Orton
- Number of Participants: MS – 21

MS Highlights

- The MS Student Council runs the concession stand for all indoor sporting events. We also plan and run the 5 dances we have throughout the school year which is a big money maker for the school.
- We are planning to start a program 2nd semester for our members to be involved with Special Olympics. We also do spirit things throughout the year: community wall where we have a prompt for all kids to join in (last month was “what is your favorite thanksgiving food” and they had a turkey to write their answer on), spirit dress up days, decorating common areas for holidays or special events.

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- HS/MS Sponsor – Kyra Johnson
 - Number of Participants: HS & MS – 15 (so far)

Highlights

Theater

- Attended the UCM Theater and Communications workshop day and did a lot of learning in the areas of acting and directing.
- We have a date scheduled for our Spring play, *Murder on the 518*. It is a comedic murder mystery that takes place on a train on its way to Los Angeles, California.
- Auditions are set to take place when we get back from winter break.

NHS

- HS Sponsor – Miranda Langston
- Number of Participants: HS – 57

HS Highlights

- Officer team includes:
 - President – Grace Kendrick
 - Vice President – Taylor Patton
 - Secretary – Macie Remington
 - Treasurer – Lilly Carver
- Our Induction Ceremony took place November 21st along with Academic Awards night, where 23 new members were inducted.
- Students have been volunteering around the community at locations such as the food pantry, animal shelter, CAC, Harvesters, and many other locations.
- Our officer team is currently planning a group volunteering event at Old Drum animal shelter in Warrensburg.



GYMNASIUM

- HS Sponsor – Miranda Langston
- Number of Participants: HS – 11

HS Highlights

Math Team

- Competed at Warrensburg Math Relays on November 2nd
 - Nevaeh Johnson earned 1st in geometry and 4th in word problems and got 3rd top freshmen overall.
 - Kamryn Baker earned 4th in geometry and 5th in word problems.
 - Sean Anstine earned 2nd in geometry, 2nd in chemistry, and 4th in word problems.
 - Ellie Claxton earned 1st in chemistry, and Lucy Dungan earned 5th in geometry.
 - Our sophomore team got 1st overall and senior team earned 4th overall.
- Next Competition in January in Sedalia at Smith-Cotton HS



Middle School Art Club

- Sponsor – Janine Ferguson
- Number of Participants: HS – 15

Highlights

- In October we received a Foundations grant in the amount of \$415.00 for t-shirt design. We have started to learn how to print screen and made several shirts already.
- Students are learning entrepreneurship and keeping track of product sales while learning a skill that could lead to a creative career.
- Our goal is to make a variety of t-shirts to sell during school dances and events to raise awareness of our art program, build a community, and fundraise for more enrichment activities.



Middle School Yearbook

- Sponsor – Janine Ferguson
- Number of Participants: HS – 13

Highlights

- Students have been working hard at learning how to use professional cameras to take pictures for home sporting events. Students have already captured MS Football, Volleyball, and Wrestling athletes and will continue with the current and upcoming sport seasons.
- These pictures will then be used to create a student produced yearbook... currently students have also been busy editing the yearbook theme and organizing their pictures.

- HS Sponsor – Audrey Stever, Joseph Hendrix
- Number of Participants: HS – 50
 - Greenhands - 27

HS Highlights



FFA

- We got 2nd place in the Holden Street Fair Parade in the Educational/Religious category (September)
- We had 10 members help park vehicles at the Holden Truck & Tractor Pull (September)
- The Officer Team participated in the Chapter Leadership Conference in Butler (September)
- 7 members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis and participated in ag related tours at a creamery and pumpkin patch/corn maze (October)
- A Teacher Impact Grant was awarded to our chapter to purchase contest study materials (October)
- 13 chapter members attended the UCM Choose Ag Day (November)



Robotics
aka
ScrapHeads
21485

- Sponsor – Mendy Brewington
- Number of Participants:
 - HS – 9, MS – 8

Events

- This year's team members applied and earned their placement on the team in May. They started the season by participating in the Global Robotics Exchange, collaborating with robotics teams from around the world. Their partner team was Geniuses Team 19353 from Libya, where students communicated by translating Arabic, learning about Libyan culture, sharing about our culture, and lots about robots.
- They worked over the summer, hosting a STEM Camp for 2nd-3rd grade elementary students in June and a Robotics Camp for 4th-5th grade students.
- In July, the ScrapHeads held a team retreat to set goals for the year. They also designed and built a parade float for the Holden Parade, winning first place. During the parade, they interacted with the community by driving last year's robot through the streets.
- In August, the team was one of several teams in Missouri to be part of SHOW ME FIRST Robotics at the Missouri State Fair where they interacted with the public and helped promote FIRST Robotics.
- This season's competition was revealed on September 12th. Since then, students have been designing and building this season's robot in preparation for their first competition on November 23rd. Additional meets are scheduled for December 12th and the League Tournament on February 1st.
- ScrapHeads 21485 Team Leads (Neil Tebbenkamp, Callie Cates, Liam Claxton, Trevor Snively, and Luke Tebbenkamp) were invited to this year's Missouri School Boards' Association Student Showcase in October. Here they interacted with attendees and helped to promote robotics and FIRST in Missouri schools.
- During their team meetings, a few team members have been mentoring two elementary students participating in Lee's Summit FRC Team Driven's Junior Robotics League competition.
- The ScrapHeads have been working with Detective Kerr from the Raytown Police Department to develop a presentation for other robotics teams and raising awareness about the dangers of fentanyl. This presentation took place on December 7th at Lee's Summit High School.
- Most recently, the team created a 3,500-square-foot holiday light display for Powell Gardens' Festival of Lights. Both students and mentors contributed by building props, splicing wires, soldering connections, and troubleshooting to prepare the display. The exhibit features 35 props and nearly 30,000 lights synchronized to music. This display is sponsored by All Pro Electric Technology.

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- HS Sponsor – Tiffany Gilmore
 - Number of Participants: HS – 10



FTA

HS Highlights

- FTA recently attended the MSTA State Conference in Columbia, MO.
- Two students, Izaak Williams and Madison Speakman, were voted in to be MSTA state ambassadors. These students will represent our district for FTA.
- In the spring, students will be teaching a lesson with a mentor teacher at the elementary school.



FCCLA

- HS Sponsor – Tonya Mallinson
- Number of Participants: HS – 14

Highlights

- Annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive which provides complete meals for 10 needy families in our community. Yoss Bros partners with FCCLA to provide a Honeysuckle Turkey Breast to complete the meals.
- We will help set up for the annual Christmas Store which is located at the United Methodist Church in Holden. Students will help sack meals, as well as organize toys for the families to come shop.
- FCCLA helps Bright Futures by shopping for an “adopt-a-family” event.



Special Olympics

- Sponsor – Emily Ringen
- Volunteers –
 - Niki Wooster, Mitti Manor, Emily Lay
 - Kristi Miller, Shellie Morrison, Christy Smith
 - Jamie Sullivan
- Number of Participants:
 - HS – 7, MS – 6, ES – 8



Special Olympics

- **Fall Events:**
 - Holden Parade (Sept. 14th)
 - Day event with Whiteman Air Force Base Volunteers (Sept. 21st)
 - Carrollton Track & Field (Oct. 2nd)
 - Odessa Track & Field (Oct. 9th)
- **Winter Events:**
 - E-Sports (TBD)
 - Bowling w/ Warrensburg (TBD)
- **Spring Events:**
 - Holden Track & Field (April 23rd)
- **Highlights:**
 - We went from 12 athletes from last year to 21 athletes this year.
 - 3 Seniors this year: Braydon Sizemore (10th year competing), Hayden Sherrod (2nd year competing), Isaac Rinehart (1st year competing).
 - All athletes competed in multiple events getting medals.
 - Amazing send off and police/fire department escort on October 9th to Odessa. The athletes were so excited and hyped for their events that day.



Missouri State High School Activities Association

- HS & MS Marching Band
- HS & MS Choir
- HS Flag Corps
- HS & MS Sideline Cheerleading
- HS & MS Science Olympiad
- HS & MS Scholar Bowl
- HS & MS Student Council
- HS & MS National Honor Society
- HS FBLA
- HS Trap Shooting
- HS FCCLA
- HS Foreign Language Club
- HS & MS Math Relays
- HS & MS Art Club
- HS Student Ambassadors
- HS & MS Drama Club
- HS & MS Yearbook
- HS FFA
- HS & MS Football
- HS & MS Volleyball
- HS Softball
- HS & MS Cross Country