

Holden R-3 School District



**Feb/Mar
2025**

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Senior Citizen Luncheon - Mar 28

We are thrilled to invite you to our Senior Citizen Luncheon **Friday, March 28, at 12:00pm!** Join us for free delicious food, lively entertainment, and student-led showcases.

Lunch and dessert will be prepared by our talented Foods II students under the guidance of our Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, Tonya Mallinson and our Opa! food services team. From greeting to meal service, students in leadership roles throughout the district will ensure a warm and welcoming experience for all attendees.

Enjoy a performance by our Jazz Band, led by our Band Director, Eimile Lewis, followed by an exciting demonstration from our robotics team, the Scrapheads, led by Middle School STEM Teacher & Robotics Team Sponsor, Mendy Brewington. To top it all off, guests are invited to a special matinee of our spring play, *Murder on the 518*, directed by Special Education Teacher and Theater Director, Kyra Johnson.

To help us plan appropriately, please **RSVP by Friday, March 14.** You can RSVP online at <https://forms.gle/9jv27vWM3hbFqy83A>, call us at 816.732.5568, or email us at hello@holdenschools.org

We are eager to celebrate and connect with the senior citizens in our community and surrounding area. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and see the incredible talents of our students and staff. We can't wait to see you there!



Future Teachers Update

In November, the Holden R-3 Future Teachers Association (FTA) attended the MSTA State Conference in Columbia, MO. Among other activities at the conference, students participated in a college fair and heard Missouri's 2024 Teacher of the Year, Greg Kester, speak.



FTA has 950 members statewide from 62 different chapters. Two Holden students, Izaak Williams and Madison Speakman, were voted in to be MSTA state ambassadors.

Currently, students are planning for a lesson they will deliver to a class at Holden Elementary in the spring.

Spring Play

Auditions just wrapped up and rehearsals have begun for the spring play, *Murder on the 518*, a comedic murder mystery that takes place on a train on its way to Los Angeles, California. The family-friendly show will keep you guessing until the train pulls into the station - you won't want to miss it!



March 28 & 29
7:00pm
@ Holden High School

2024-2025 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

Feb 14 No School - Teacher Inservice
Feb 17 No School - Presidents' Day
Mar 10-14 No School - Spring Break
Apr 18 & 21 No School - Easter Break

May 18 Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony
May 21 Last Day of School - Early Release
May 22 Teacher Inservice/Workday

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

"The mission for Holden R-3 School District is for all students, upon graduation, to have marketable skills or the basis to be eligible for post-secondary educational opportunities."

February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 We're on Instagram! @holdenschools				1 HS Science Olympiad Dedrick Division C Invitational @ Oak Park High School Scraphead Robotics FTC KC East League Tournament @ Yeokum in Belton HS Boys Wrestling JV Tournament @ Warrensburg HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Odessa
2	3	4 HS Girls Bball v. Carrollton @ HHS 5:30pm HS Girls & Boys Wrestling Triangular @ Knob Noster 5:30pm HS Boys Bball - Varsity v. Carrollton @ HHS 7pm	5	6  HS Boys Bball v. Warsaw @ HHS 4:30pm	7	8 HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Albany  Youth Cheer Camp @ ES Gym 1-3pm
9	10	11  HS Girls Bball v. Pleasant Hill @ HHS 5:30pm	12	13	14 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice	15  Scrapheads Robotics FTC Super-Qualifier @ East Trails MS HS Girls Varsity Wrestling Districts @ Nevada
16	17 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day HS Girls Bball v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm *senior night*	18 <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar </div> HS Boys Bball @ Lexington 4:30pm	19	20 HS Girls Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5:30pm HS Boys Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 4:30pm	21	22 HS Boys Wrestling Varsity District @ Butler 
23 HS State Cheer 	24  HS Boys Bball Varsity Districts @ Windsor	25 HS Girls Bball Varsity Districts @ Lone Jack	26 HS Boys Bball Varsity Districts @ Windsor  HS Boys & Girls Wrestling State @ Columbia	27 HS Girls Bball Varsity Districts @ Lone Jack HS Boys & Girls Wrestling State @ Columbia	28	HS Boys Bball Varsity Districts @ Windsor HMS PTSO Kids' Night Out @ MS Commons 5:30-7:30pm

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Compassion - caring how others think and feel

"No one is so poor that they cannot enrich the lives of others with kindness and compassion as these coins come from your heart, not your purse. ~ Michael Josephson

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	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar </div>					1 HS Girls Bball Varsity Districts @ Long Jack MS/HS Regional Science Olympiad @ William Jewel College MS Choir at 5th/6th Grade Honor Choir Festival @ UCM
2	3 HS Boys Bball Varsity Sectionals Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	4 HS Girls Bball Varsity Sectionals Soup with the "Supe" @ HS Cafe 7pm	5 Project Grad Class of 2025 Meeting @ HS Cafe 6pm	6 MS Band/Choir Spring Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	7 HS Boys Bball Varsity Quarterfinals Reading Night @ HES 5:30-7:30pm HMS PTSO Kids' Night Out @ MS Commons 5:30-7:30pm	8 HS Girls Bball Varsity Quarterfinal Scrapheads FTC MO/KS Championship @ Gale Bullman Multi-purpose Building Scholar Bowl Varsity Tournament @ Oak Grove 8:30am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
NO SCHOOL - Spring Break						
		Scrapheads Robotics in Student Showcase @ MSBA Advocacy Day at the Missouri State Capitol		HS Girls Bball Varsity State HS Boys Bball Varsity State	HS Girls Bball Varsity State HS Boys Bball Varsity State	HS Girls Bball Varsity State HS Boys Bball Varsity State HS Band & Choir District Solo & Small Ensemble Music Festival @ Grain Valley
16	17 	18 Baseball Varsity Jamboree @ HHS 4pm 2nd & 3rd Music Concert @ HS Gym 6-8pm	19	20 HS Choir/Band Spring Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	21	22 HMS PTSO Vendor Fair @ HMS Baseball Varsity Doubleheader v. Aurora @ HHS 12pm
23 	24 HS Track Varsity Meet @ UCM Baseball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 4:30pm	25	26	27 HS Track Varsity Meet @ Butler 9:30am Baseball C Team Doubleheader @ Oak Grove 4:30pm	28 Senior Citizen Luncheon @ HS Gym 12pm MS Track @ Butler 4pm Baseball @ Faith Christian Academy 4:30pm MS Spring Dance @ MS Commons 6-8pm HS Spring Play @ HS Gym 7pm	29 HS Spring Play @ HS Gym 7pm
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Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Perseverance - never giving up despite difficulty or delay

"The simple truth is that in order to become good....you have to put in an awful lot of time and hard work and couple that with desire and unflagging perseverance." ~ Yngwie Malmsteen

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HOLDEN SCHOOLS

NO TAX INCREASE LEVY TRANSFER

Vote APR 8

By transferring \$0.18 to our operating budget, we will be able to continue in our work to attract, employ, and retain quality staff, which is a goal of the District Strategic Plan and budget priority of our Board of Education. This transfer will not increase the current tax levy, which will remain at \$4.59.



**NO TAX LEVY
INCREASE TRANSFER**



SUPPORTS TEACHERS!

"Soup WITH THE Supe"

We invite you to join us for some hearty soup and conversation with Holden R-3 Superintendent, Dr. Mike Hough and the administrative team. Learn more about the levy transfer on the ballot in April, the District Strategic Plan, and happenings at Holden R-3!

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00PM

@ **HHS CAFETERIA**
1901 S MAIN HOLDEN, MO



RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/rDPiXtkmnhYT9Qhn8>
or call 816.732.5568

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)

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