

Holden R-3 School District



Apr/May
2025

Assistant Superintendent Welcome
Hall Of Fame Nominations
Early Childhood Screenings
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Summer School Dates

Assistant Superintendent Joins Holden R-3 Team

Holden R-III is excited to welcome Dr. Christy Harrison as our new Assistant Superintendent! With more than 20 years in education, Dr. Harrison has served as a teacher, principal, and district leader, most recently overseeing 32 schools as Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership in Kansas City Public Schools. Drawn to Holden for its strong sense of community, dedicated educators, and commitment to student success, Dr. Harrison is eager to build relationships and support the district's continued growth. She credits her mother as a key inspiration, shaping her leadership with a foundation of kindness, integrity, and service. Passionate about developing school leaders, Dr. Harrison believes strong leadership enhances school culture, teacher effectiveness, and student achievement. Outside of work, she enjoys lake time with her family, reading, and cheering on her children in their careers and education.



Join us in welcoming Dr. Harrison to Holden R-III!

To learn more about her background and vision, visit holdenschools.org

Hall of Fame Noms Open

Do you know an athlete, coach, or contributor who has made a lasting impact on Holden R-3 athletics? Nominate them for the Holden Hall of Fame! This recognition celebrates individuals whose dedication and achievements have shaped our athletic programs. Learn more and submit a nomination at holdenschools.org/halloffame. Nominations are due by May 17, 2025.



Robotics Heading to Worlds

The ScrapHeads 21485 have achieved an incredible milestone—they are one of just four teams from Kansas and Missouri to qualify for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) World Championship! This April, the team will travel to Houston, Texas, to compete against 256 top robotics teams from 58 countries.

This season's awards include:

- Inspire Award 2nd Place
- Missouri Kansas Championship
- Inspire Award 1st Place
- KC East League Tournament
- Finalist Alliance - Captain
- KC East League Tournament
- Dean's List Semi-Finalists
- KC East League Tournament

Show your support and follow their journey

at holdenschools.org/robotics, where

you can see photos and videos of their bot in action!



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENINGS

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25
8:30AM - 4:00PM
@ HOLDEN ELEMENTARY**

- ▶ SCREENINGS OPEN TO ALL 3 & 4 YEAR-OLDS LIVING IN THE HOLDEN R-3 SCHOOL DISTRICT
- ▶ PLEASE CONTACT THE HES OFFICE AT (816) 732-6071 TO SCHEDULE A SCREENING APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR CHILD

2024-2025 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

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.”

April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HS Track Meet @ Warrensburg 4pm Baseball C Team Doubleheader v. Nevada @ HHS 4:30pm	2 Baseball V/JV @ Harrisonville 4:30pm	3 HS Band Large Ensemble Contest @ Grain Valley MS Track Meet @ HHS 4pm Baseball V/JV v. Lexington @ HHS 4:30pm	4 HS Track Meet @ Odessa 4pm Baseball V/JV @ Crest Ridge 4:30pm HMS PTO Kids' Night Out @ MS Commons 5:30-7:30pm	5 HS Choir Large Ensemble Contest @ Grain Valley
We're on Instagram! @holdenschools						
6	7 MS Track Meet @ HHS 4pm Baseball V/JV v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 4:30pm	8 Baseball C Team Doubleheader @ Harrisonville 4:30pm	9 Baseball V/JV @ Warsaw 4:30pm	10 Kindergarten Screenings @ Covenant Church 12pm-7pm MS Track Meet @ Oak Grove 4pm Baseball V/JV @ Adrian 4:30pm	11 Kindergarten Screenings @ Covenant Church 8am-2pm HS Track Invitational @ HHS 4pm Baseball C Team Doubleheader @ Pleasant Hill 4:30pm	12 Scholar Bowl Varsity Districts @ Oak Grove Prom
13	14 MS Track Meet @ Archie Baseball Varsity Tournament @ HHS 4pm Baseball C Team Doubleheader @ Oak Grove 4:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	15 HS Track Invitational @ Richmond 3pm Baseball Varsity Tournament @ HHS 4pm Baseball C Team Doubleheader @ Odessa 4:30pm Future Freshmen Enrollment Night @ HHS 5-8pm	16 Baseball Varsity Tournament @ HHS 4pm MS Track Meet @ Cass Midway 4pm High School Enrollment Night (grades 10-12) @ HHS 4:30-7:30pm	17 MS Track Meet @ Higginsville HS Track Invitational @ Lexington Baseball Varsity Tournament @ HHS 4pm Grandparents' Art Night @ HES 6-8pm	18 NO SCHOOL Easter Break HS Track Meet @ Rock Chalk Park Baseball Varsity Tournament @ HHS 1pm	19 HS Track Meet @ Rock Chalk Park
20	21 NO SCHOOL Easter Break HS Track Meet @ Higginsville 4pm Baseball V/JV @ Richmond 4:30pm	22 HS Track Meet @ Marshall MS Track Meet @ Lexington 4pm Baseball C Team Doubleheader @ St. Michael 4:30pm Baseball V/JV @ Carrollton 4:30pm	23 Special Olympics Area Track Meet @ HHS 9am FBLA Banquet @ HS Cafe 6pm	24 MS Track Meet @ Adrian Baseball C Team Doubleheader v. Pleasant Hill @ HHS 4:30pm Baseball V/JV @ Knob Noster 4:30pm	25 Early Childhood Screenings @ HES 8:30am-4pm Baseball JV Tournament @ Odessa HS Track Meet @ Oak Grove 8th Grade Formal Dance @ HMS 6-9pm	26 Baseball JV Tournament @ Odessa MS/HS Science Olympiad State Competition @ UCM HS Track Invitational @ Clinton HES PTO Sock Hop @ ES Gym 5:30pm
27	28 MS Track Meet @ Harrisonville 4pm Baseball V/JV @ Lafayette Co 4:30pm	29 HS Track Invitational @ Knob Noster Baseball V/JV @ Lexington 4:30pm	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar </div>		

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Integrity - always doing the right thing and being honest

"Peace is your home, integrity is the way to it, and everything you long for will meet you there." - Martha Beck

May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<p>Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar</p>			<p>HS Band State Solo & Small Ensemble Contest @ Mizzou</p>	<p>MS/HS Track Invitational @ Lafayette Co 4pm</p> <p>Baseball V/JV v. Lawson @ HHS 4:30pm</p>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Teacher Appreciation Week						
	<p>Baseball V/JV @ Warrensburg 4:30pm</p> <p>MS/HS Choir Concert @ HS Gym 7pm</p>	<p>MS/HS Band Concert @ HS Gym 7pm</p>	<p>Baseball C Team Doubleheader v. Warrensburg @ HHS 4:30pm</p> <p>Baseball V/JV @ Oak Grove 4:30pm</p> <p>Kindergarten Graduation @ HS Gym 5:30pm</p>	<p>Baseball V/JV @ Carrollton 4:30pm</p> <p>FFA Chapter Banquet @ HS Gym 6pm</p>	<p>HMS PTSO Kids' Night Out @ MS Commons 5:30-7:30pm</p> <p>Preschool Graduation @ ES Gym 7pm</p>	<p>HS Track Varsity Districts</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>Baseball V/JV v. Richmond @ HHS 4:30pm</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm</p>			<p>Baseball V/JV @ Cole Camp 5pm</p>		<p>Baseball Varsity Districts</p> <p>MS Send Off Dance @ HMS 6-8pm</p>	<p>HS Girls Bball Varsity State</p> <p>HS Boys Bball Varsity State</p> <p>HS Band & Choir District Solo & Small Ensemble Music Festival @ Grain Valley</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony @ HS Gym 2pm</p>	<p>Baseball Varsity Districts</p>		<p>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early Release @ 1:15pm</p> <p>Baseball Varsity Districts</p>	<p>TEACHER INSERVICE</p>	<p>HS Track Varsity State Meet @ Jefferson City High School</p>	<p>HS Track Varsity State Meet @ Jefferson City High School</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		<p>Baseball Varsity Sectionals</p>		<p>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL</p> <p>Baseball Varsity Quarterfinals</p>		

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Courage - holding to your beliefs and opinions, even when it is difficult

“Courage is nothing more than taking one more step than you think you can.” - Holly Lisle

Contact Us

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General Questions

comments@holdenschools.org

School Website

https://www.holdenschools.org



You're Invited!

On Wednesday, April 23, Holden R-3 is hosting the area **Special Olympics Track Meet** on our fabulous track and field. Come experience the excitement and witness the competition as athletes from 10 teams run, jump, and throw their way to a medal!

Opening Ceremony - 9:30am



New this year - one of our athletes from Holden Elementary will be signing the national anthem as the choir sings! Our WINGS Academy will be doing face painting and the concession stand and coffee shop will be open with delicious refreshments. So, come pack the stands and cheer on our Holden R-3 Eagles!

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

ANY CHILD TURNING FIVE BEFORE AUGUST 1ST IS ELIGIBLE TO START KINDERGARTEN

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH NOON-7PM & FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH 8AM-2PM

COVENANT CHURCH
298 SW 131 HOLDEN, MO 64040

PLEASE BRING CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, 2 PROOFS OF RESIDENCY, AND IMMUNIZATIONS



TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL THE HOLDEN ELEMENTARY OFFICE
(816)-732-6071

SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

SESSION 1: May 29-June 13

SESSION 2: July 7-July 22

Apr 18 & 21: NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

May 18: Class of 2025 Graduation

May 21: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Early Release

May 29: Summer School Session 1 Begins

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