

Community School Report



Holden R-3
School District

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Holden R-3 FFA Officers Attend Leadership Conference



Six Holden High School students recently represented the Holden FFA Chapter at the FFA Leadership Conference held September 15 at Butler High School. Chapter officers attending included President Sean Anstine, Vice President Hailee Lloyd, Secretary Kyleigh Stowell, Treasurer Matthew Hull, Sentinel Justice Barker, and Reporter Mila Turpin. The conference brought student leaders together from across the region to sharpen teamwork, communication, and leadership skills.

One of the highlights for Holden's officer team was the Ag Olympics, where teams competed in fun challenges designed to strengthen collaboration. "Our big takeaway was that teams thrive when everyone brings their different strengths to the table," Matthew shared. "It helped us see how we can use those skills to have better outcomes as a group." The officers also noted that the sessions helped them improve their communication. "We learned that not everyone communicates the same way, and that's important to know so we can be effective leaders," Sean said.

FFA is a natural fit for many of Holden's students. "I participate because I already do agriculture and farm-related activities in my everyday life," Kyleigh explained. "FFA helps me learn how to lead and become more knowledgeable in the work I already do." The officer team meets regularly to prepare ideas before presenting them to the larger chapter. "It's easier if the framework is already there," they explained, "but we always stay open to new ideas for improvement."

Looking ahead, Hailee mentioned that the Holden FFA Chapter hopes to increase activities and membership this year. Community support plays an important role in making those goals possible. "You can help by attending our events, purchasing fundraiser items, and recognizing FFA members who volunteer in the community," she said.

The chapter's food sales (fruits, chocolates, cheeses, meats, cookie dough and candy) fundraiser kicks off in October through 4 Seasons Fund Raising. Orders can be placed online - look for a link soon on the Holden FFA Facebook page - or in person during the FFA Alumni Hog Roast at the home football game on October 10, where order forms will be available. Contact Mrs. Stever, FFA Advisor, with any questions astever@holdenschools.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 10/1	Special Olympics Track Meet @ Odessa	Wed 10/22	Cash for College Night @ HS Library 4-8pm
Thu 10/2	HS Cheer Parent/Athlete Meeting @ MS Library 5:30pm	Thu 10/23	Picture Retakes @ All Buildings
Sat 10/4	HS Band @ Smith-Cotton Invitational		Parent/Teacher Conferences @ All Buildings 4-8pm
Mon 10/6	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice		*HMS Book Fair & Bright Futures Hub OPEN during conferences!*
Tue 10/7	ASVAB Testing @ HHS	Fri 10/24	NO SCHOOL
Wed 10/8	Special Olympics Track Meet @ Carrollton		Senior Night & Cancer Awareness Night
	Youth Cheer Clinic @ ES Gym 3:45-5pm		@ Varsity Football Game 7pm
	MS/HS Choir Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	Sat 10/25	HS Band @ UCM Homecoming Parade
Thu 10/9	Youth Cheer Clinic @ ES Gym 3:45-5pm	Mon 10/27	Red Ribbon Week (thru 10/31)
Fri 10/10	Ready, Aim, Write Assembly @ HES	Tue 10/28	Special Olympics Bowling @ Warrensburg
	Military Appreciation Night & FFA Alumni Hog Roast	Wed 10/29	HS StuCo Movie Night @ HS Football Field 7pm
	@ Varsity Football Game 7pm	Mon 11/3	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
Sat 10/11	Youth Cheer Performance @ Varsity Football Game	Thu 11/6	4th & 5th Grade Music Concert @ HS Gym 6pm
Mon 10/13	HS Band @ Odessa Marching Invitational	Mon 11/10	Board of Education Mtg @ MS Library 7pm
Fri 10/17	Board of Education Mtg @ MS Library 7pm	Tue 11/11	Veterans Day Breakfast & Parade 7:30am
	Book Fair @ HMS (thru 10/23)	Sat 11/15	HS Science Olympiad @ O-Town Throwdown
	HES PTO Family Movie Night @ HS Football Field 6pm		@ Olathe NW HS
	HMS Halloween Dance @ MS Gym 6-8pm		
Mon 10/20	Parent/Teacher Conferences @ All Buildings 4-8pm		
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