

Holden R-3 School District



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State Champion Eagle Softball

You may have heard the cheers—or maybe you were one of the folks lining the streets as our Lady Eagles rolled back into town November 1 with something our community has never seen before: a state softball championship. Holden was on a winning streak when they defeated South Harrison 4-1 in Springfield at the 2025 MSH-SAA Class Two state championship. It's the first state title in program history and the school's first state championship in any sport since 2003. Within hours of the championship win, Holden did what Holden does. Friends, families, and local first responders lined up for a hero's welcome home parade—traffic stopped, sirens sounded, and the town made sure these athletes knew just how proud everyone was.



WINGS Academy & JAG Classes Helping Students Find Their Path

Article by: Royelle Rogers, Office & Library Student Intern

WINGS is a program for students who need a competency-based approach to learning and want to build career-readiness skills. WINGS looks out for students who struggle in a traditional classroom setting and helps prepare us for life after high school by building skills we'll use in college, in our jobs, and in our personal lives. Some people doubt what WINGS can do, but being part of it shows the complete opposite — and that's why we want to, and will, prove them wrong. In WINGS, we work on classwork in the morning in a relaxed setting. We have the chance to make up attendance, catch up on credits, and connect with the community through service learning. In the afternoons, students have jobs or internships set up through the program.



JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES

All WINGS students participate in JAG, Jobs for America's Graduates. JAG is a national program focused on helping and empowering young people. Over the summer, educator Tyler Jolly completed the training needed to bring JAG to Holden, where the class is now available for middle and high school students. The program is designed to help students succeed in school, graduate, and transition smoothly into college, careers, or military service. Leadership, employable skills, and personal growth are at the core of JAG. "Students face many obstacles, and the framework of the JAG program helps students learn to navigate those challenges," says Mr. Jolly.



2025-26 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

Dec 19	Early Release at 1:15pm - Winter Break Begins	Mar 9-13	No School - Spring Break
Dec 22-Jan 2	No School - Winter Break	Apr 3 & 6	No School - Easter Break
Jan 5	No School - Teacher Inservice/Workday	May 17	Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony
Jan 19	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	May 21	Last Day of School - Early Release
Feb 13	No School - Teacher Inservice	May 22	Teacher Inservice/Workday
Feb 16	No School - Presidents' Day	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."

December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar MS Boys/Girls Wrestling Quad @ HMS 5pm	2 MS Girls Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HMS 5pm HS Girls Bball v. Sherwood @ HHS 5pm MS Boys Bball @ Lafayette Co 5pm HS Boys Bball v. Sherwood @ HHS 5:30pm HS Boys/Girls Wrestling @ California HS	3 	4 HS Girls Bball @ Crest Ridge 4:30pm MS Girls Bball @ Lexington 5pm MS Boys Bball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm HS Boys Bball @ Crest Ridge 5pm	5 Scrapheads Robotics Meet @ HMS 3:30pm-7pm MS Holiday Dance @ MS Gym 6-8pm Varsity Football State	6 Scrapheads Robotics Meet @ HMS 7am-6pm MS Science Olympiad @ Pembroke Hill Invitational Father/Daughter Dance hosted by Project Grad 2026 @ ES Gym 6-8pm
7	8 HS Boys C Team Bball Tournament @ Richmond MS Boys/ Girls Wrestling Triangular @ HMS 5pm HES PTO Holiday Family Night @ ES Gym 5:30-7:30pm Board of Educations Mtg @ MS Library 7pm	9 HS Boys C Team Bball Tournament @ Richmond MS Girls/Boys Wrestling Quad @ HMS 5pm HS Girls Bball v. Carrollton @ HHS 7pm HS Boys Bball v. Carrollton @ HHS 7:30pm	10  HS Scholar Bowl Quad @ HHS 5pm HS Choir & Band Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	11 HS Boys C Team Bball Tournament @ Richmond MS Girls Bball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Bball @ Richmon 5pm MS Boys/Girls Wrestling Dual @ Sherwood	12 HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Belton MS Girls/Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Lexington 4pm MS Boys/Girls Bball v. Carrollton @ HMS 5pm HS Boys Bball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5pm	13 HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Belton HS Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Harrisonville
14 	15 PreK Activity Night @ HES 6pm MS Girls Bball @ Lone Jack 5pm MS Boys Bball v. Lone Jack @ HMS 5pm HS Boys/Girls Bball @ Drexel 5pm MS/HS Boys/Girls Wrestling Triangular @ Adrian 5pm	16 MS Girls Bball v. Adrian @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Bball @ Adrian 5pm HS Girls/Boys Bball @ Kingsville 5pm K & 1st Grade Music Concert @ HS Gym 6-8pm	17  MS Choir & Band Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	18  MS Girls Bball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Bball @ Knob Noster 5pm MS Boys/Girls Wrestling Quad @ Higginsville 5pm	19 EARLY RELEASE Winter Break Begins HS Girls/Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Missouri Fair Grounds HS Boys Bball v. Ballard @ HHS 5pm HS Girls Bball v. Ballard @ HHS 6pm	20
21	22	23 	24	25	26	27 HS Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Hallsville 
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break						
28	29	30	31	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break		
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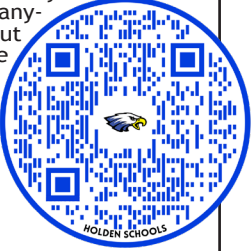
Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Gratitude - being thankful

"Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. It's the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul." ~ Amy Collette

January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holden R-3 and area districts have Hudl cameras which catch many of our sport ing events LIVE for you to watch from anywhere! Check it out by scanning the code. To watch away games, go to fan.hudl.com and search for our opponent's school.  				1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break 	2 	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice HS Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover	6 HS Girls Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover	7 HS Boys Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover	8 HS Girls Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover MS Girls Bball @ Knob Noster 5pm MS Boys Bball v. Knob Noster @ HMS 5pm	9 HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Butler HS Boys Bball @ Odessa 4:30pm MS Girls/Boys Bball @ Carrollton 5pm	10 HS Boys/Girls Bball Varsity Tournament @ Stover HS Science Olympiad @ Pembroke Hill Invitational HS Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Butler
11	12 HS Girls Bball v. Lexington @ HHS 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	13 MS Girls Bball v. Lexington @ HMS 5pm MS Boys Bball @ Lexington 5pm HS Boys Bball @ Lexington 5:30pm HS Girls/Boys Wrestling Dual v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5:30pm	14  Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ Harrisonville 5pm	15 MS Girls Bball @ Richmond 5pm MS Boys Bball v. Richmond @ HMS 5pm HS Girls Bball @ Knob Noster 5:30pm HS Boys Bball @ Butler 5:30pm HS Girls/Boys Wrestling Triangular @ HHS 5:30pm	16 MS Girls Bball @ Lafayette Co 5pm MS Boys Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HMS 5pm HS Boys Bball @ Knob Noster 5pm	17 HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Odessa HS Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Plattsburg 
18	19 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice MS Boys/Girls Bball Tournament @ Carrollton HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Mexico 8:30am HS Boys/Girls Bball @ Richmond 4:30pm	20	21  We're on Instagram! @holdenschools HS Girls Bball @ Butler 5:30pm	22 HS Girls/Boys Wrestling Triangular @ Carrollton 5:30pm	23 HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Clinton HMS PTSO Kids Night Out @ HMS 5-8pm HS Girls/Boys Bball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5:30pm	24 HS Boys Wrestling JV Tournament @ Warrensburg HS Boys Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Lathrop 
25	26 HS Boys/Girls Bball Tournament @ Crest Ridge PreK Activity Night @ HES 6pm	27 	28 HS Girls/Boys Bball Tournament @ Crest Ridge Scholar Bowl Varsity Quad @ Clinton 5pm	29  HS Girls/Boys Wrestling Dual @ Lexington 5:30pm	30 HS Boys/Girls Bball Tournament @ Crest Ridge HS Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Benton	31 HS Science Olympiad @ Dedrick Invitational at Oak Park HS HS Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Odessa

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Optimism - finding the positive in any situation

Both optimism and pessimism are contagious. "Choose to be optimistic. It feels better." ~Dalai Lama

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Holiday Music

Our students hard work and heart shine a little brighter during the holidays - join us at a concert to add some cheer to the end of your year!



High School Choir & Band Concert

Dec 10 @ 7pm



Kindergarten & 1st Grade Music Concert

Dec 16 @ 7pm



Middle School Choir & Band Concert

Dec 17 @ 7pm



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 by: **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** - holden-schools.org **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Holden R-3 Schools Facebook & Instagram accounts **TV** - WDAF (Channel 4), KCTV (Channel 5), KMBC (Channel 9), KSHB (Channel 41)

Thank You Veterans!

We were blessed to have over 60 veterans stop by for breakfast and our parade on Tuesday, November 11. Each got the chance to fill a "snackle box" with goodies for later, too! We hope you know how much visiting with you means to our students and staff. Thank you for serving our country!



Dec 19: Early Release @ 1:15pm

Dec 22-Jan 2: NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Jan 5: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday

Jan 6: Classes Resume

Jan 19: NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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