Holden R-3
School District

Oct/Nov 2026

Veterans Day Breakfast & Parade
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Students Selected for Honor Choirs
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Bright Futures Hub Happenings

Veterans Day @ Holden R-3

Join us for our Veterans Day Breakfast & Parade! Start your day off right with friendly faces, a warm breakfast, and an exciting parade.

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

- Breakfast @ Holden High School: 7:45-8:10am
- Line up for parade: 8:15-8:45am
- Students line parade route: 8:45am-9:00am
- Parade: 9:00am

Students from all buildings, along with their veterans and our other esteemed guests, will gather at the high school cafeteria for breakfast. Parking will be available in the staff lot between the high school and elementary school.

After breakfast, stick around and be in our parade! Enjoy the comfort of your vehicle and join the line-up in front of the high school. The parade follows the bus lane through campus, led by the Eagle Pride Marching Band, and students will line the route to cheer you on!

Please RSVP for breakfast by Wednesday, November 4 by scanning the QR code and filling out the form, or by calling Central Office at (816) 732-5568.

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

RSVP by calling the high school at (816) 732-5523 if you'd like to participate in the parade.

All veterans are welcome - whether or not you have students in our schools.

A Message from Dr. Christy Harrison

We are off to a strong start this school year! It has been great to see our students back in our buildings, our staff working hard, and our families and community supporting our schools. Thank you for helping us get the year started on such a positive note. Let's keep it going!

Homecoming is coming up on Friday, October 2. The parade will begin at 1:00 p.m., with the football game that evening. We hope you'll come out and help us celebrate our students and show your Eagle pride!

We also have student-led conferences coming up. This is a chance for students to share what they are learning, where they are growing, and what they are working toward. I hope our parents and families will make plans to attend. Your involvement matters, and our students need to know that school and home are on the same team.

As we look ahead to November, we are also looking forward to welcoming our veterans into our schools for Veterans Day. This is a special tradition at Holden, and we are grateful for the opportunity to honor those who have served. We look forward to seeing our veterans and their families on campus!

I also want you to know that I want to hear from you. If you have a question, concern, thought, or idea, please reach out. I'll continue to be out in our schools and community, and I hope you'll stop and talk with me when you see me. Hearing from our families and community helps us know what is working and where we can do better.

We've had a strong start. Now the challenge is to keep that momentum going. Thank you for supporting our students, our staff, and our schools. I'm looking forward to a great fall in Holden!

District Honor Choir

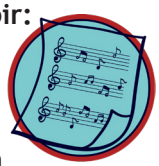
Holden High School hosted the West Central District Honor Choir auditions on September 12. Three of our students earned a spot in the Treble Honor Choir, while five more were selected for the All-District Choir. Being selected for a district honor choir is a reflection of the talent, dedication, and hard work these students bring to their music.

Treble Honor Choir:

- MacKenzie Stewart
- Peyton Pemberton
- Addy Morris

All-District Honor Choir:

- Vanessa Turner
- Hayden Iglehart
- Roxy Stanwyck
- Danyelle Samilin
- Benjamin Ferguson



2026-27 CALENDAR At-A-Glance

Oct 5	No School - Teacher Inservice	Feb 15	No School - Presidents' Day
Oct 19 & 22	Parent Teacher Conferences	Mar 8-12	No School - Spring Break
Oct 23	No School - Teacher Inservice	Mar 26	No School - Easter Break
Oct 30	Early Release @ 12pm	Mar 29	No School - Teacher Inservice
Nov 23-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break	Apr 23	Early Release @ 12pm - Teacher Inservice
Dec 18	Early Release @ 12pm - Winter Break Begins	Apr 26	No School
Dec 21-Jan 1	No School - Winter Break	May 23	Class of 2027 Graduation Ceremony
Jan 4	No School - Teacher Inservice/Workday	May 27	Last Day of School - Early Release @ 12pm
Jan 18	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	May 28	Teacher Inservice/Workday
Feb 12	Early Release @ 12pm - Teacher Inservice		

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."

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Follow us on LinkedIn! @holdenschools			**1** Girls Tennis v. Carrollton @ HHS 4:30pm Softball v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5pm MS Volleyball @ Carrollton 5pm HS Volleyball @ Richmond 5pm	**2** Homecoming Parade 1pm FFA Hog Roast @ HS Cafeteria 5pm Varsity Football v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 7pm *homecoming game*	**3** Cross Country @ Grain Valley Band @ Royal Regiment Marching Invitational @ Harrisonville HS Volleyball JV Tournament @ Odessa 8am
4	**5** NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice Girls Tennis @ Knob Noster 4:30pm MS Volleyball v. Crest Ridge @ HMS 5pm JV Football v. Lafayette Co @ HHS 5:30pm	**6** MS/HS Cross Country @ Excelsior Springs 4pm Softball @ Richmond 5pm HS Volleyball v. Carrollton @ HHS 5pm MS Football @ Carrollton 5:30pm	**7** Girls Tennis @ MRVC Tournament MS/HS Fall Choir Concert @ HS Gym 7pm	**8** Game On: FAFSA Night @ HS Library 4:30-6pm Softball v. Carrollton @ HHS 5pm HS Volleyball v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5pm MS Vollyeball v. Lone Jack @ HMS 5pm	**9** Ready, Aim, Write Assembly @ ES Gym 9:40am HES PTO Fall Family Movie Night Varsity Football @ Richmond 7pm	**10** MS Cross Country @ Lexington Band @ Odessa Marching Invitational HS Volleyball Varsity Tournament @ Sherwood 9am
11	**12** HS Volleyball v. Richmond @ HHS 5pm MS Volleyball @ Sherwood 5pm JV Football @ Richmond 5:30pm Board of Education Mtg @ MS Library 6pm	**13** HS Volleyball @ Lexington 5pm MS Football v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5:30pm	**14** Special Olympics @ Odessa Track Meet 9:30am MS Volleyball @ Richmond 5pm	**15** MS/HS Cross Country @ Wburg 3:45pm Mini Cheer Clinic @ HES Gym 3:35-6:15pm Softball Districts @ HHS HS Volleyball @ Lafayette Co 5pm C Team Football v. Harrisonville @ HHS 5:30pm	**16** Book Fair @ HMS Softball Districts @ HHS HMS Dance @ MS Gym 6-8pm Varsity Football v. Carrollton @ HHS 7pm *mini cheer performance* *cancer awareness night* *senior night*	**17** HS Band @ UCM Homecoming District Choir State Auditions & Performance @ Oak Grove HS Volleyball JV Tournament @ Cole Camp
18	**19** Book Fair @ HMS *open late during conferences* Bright Futures Hub @ HHS open 4-7pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm JV Football v. Carrollton @ HHS 5:30pm	**20** Book Fair @ HMS Red Cross Blood Drive @ HS Multi Building 8am-3pm HS Volleyball Districts @ Knob Noster	**21** Book Fair @ HMS MS/HS Cross Country @ Lexington 2pm	**22** Book Fair @ HMS Bright Futures Hub @ HHS open 4-7pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm HS Volleyball Districts @ Knob Noster	**23** NO SCHOOL Scrapheads Robotics @ MSBA Showcase Varsity Football @ Knob Noster 7pm	**24** HS Cross Country @ St. Michael HS Volleyball Districts @ Knob Noster Bright Futures Holden 'A Night of Stars' Gala @ The Matchbook 6pm
25	**26** JV Football @ Knob Noster 5:30pm	**27**	**28**	**29** HS Volleyball Sectionals	**30** EARLY RELEASE @ 12:00PM Varsity Football Districts 7pm	**31** HALLOWEEN HS Cross Country Districts @ Kearney HS Volleyball Quarterfinals

--- Red Ribbon Week --- Red Ribbon Week --- Red Ribbon Week --- Red Ribbon Week ---

Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Responsibility - *taking ownership of what you say and do*

"It is only when you take responsibility for your life that you discover how powerful you truly are" ~Allanah Hunt

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 *Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar* 	3 4th & 5th Grade Music Performance @ HS Gym 6pm	4	5 HS Volleyball Varsity State	6 HS Cross Country Varsity State @ Gans Creek Rec Area Varsity Football Districts @ Odessa 7pm	7
8	9 Board of Education Mtg @ MS Library 6pm	10	11 Veterans Day Breakfast 7:45am & Parade 9am NHS Induction & Academic Awards @ HHS 6pm	12 HES PTO Meeting @ HES 5:30pm	13 Varsity Football Districts @ Lamar 7pm	14 District Band & Jazz Band Auditions @ Warrensburg MS Boys/Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Sedalia
15 	16 Book Fair @ HES Cross Country Banquet @ HS Cafe 6pm	17 Book Fair @ HES Open Late 4-6pm! MS Girls/Boys Wrestling Quad @ HHS 5pm HS Boys Bball Varsity Jamboree @ Kingsville 5:30pm	18 Book Fair @ HES	19 Book Fair @ HES	20 Book Fair @ HES Grand Event 7:15am Varsity Football Quarterfinals	21 MS Girls/Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Oak Grove
22	23 **NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break** 	24 MS Boys/Girls Wrestling Quad @ Pleasant Hill HS Girls Wrestling @ Versailles Scholarships & FAFSA Night @ HS Library 4:30-6pm HS Boys/Girls Basketball v. Concordia @ HHS 5pm	25	26 THANKSGIVING 	27 Varsity Football Semifinals	28
29	30 MS Girls/Boys Wrestling Quad @ Knob Noster 5pm 				We're on Instagram! @holdenschools	

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Citizenship - *being a responsible member of a community*

"Citizenship is a tough occupation which obliges the citizen to make their own informed opinion and stand by it." ~Martha Gellhorn

Contact Us

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General Questions
comments@holdenschools.org

District Website
https://www.holdenschools.org

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Autumn is for Book Fairs

HMS

The HMS Book Fair is
coming your way,
For every book you buy,
a game you will play.
Level up with a new read or two;
Come by, take a look,
there's a book for you.

Fri, Oct 16 through Thu, Oct 22

OPEN LATE during conferences Oct 19 & 22 4-8pm

HES

Mon, Nov 16 through Fri, Nov 20

Family Night
Tue, Nov 17 4-6pm

GRANDparent Event
Fri, Nov 20
7:15-7:45am

Costumes & Coats, for Kids

Mon, Oct 19 & Thu, Oct 22
4:00-7:00pm

The Bright Futures Hub will be open during conferences - it houses clothes and supplies FREE of charge for those in our school family. Come choose a costume for the holiday, or winter gear for once the chilly weather sets in.

See you at the Hub!

Bright Futures can connect you with resources in our community. Email brightfutures@holdenschools.org

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