



## Holden Optimists Impact Lives of Youth



Since 1967, the Optimist Club in Holden has implemented and managed countless activities and events for the benefit of the children of Holden. The Optimist Club believes that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life, and the world. Through fundraising efforts such as flag contracts for posting flags at the Holden cemetery and monthly Bingo nights, the club is able to offer annual scholarships to graduating seniors. In 2019, three \$500 scholarships were awarded to Holden seniors and they are hoping for many applicants again this coming spring. For any high school student, the Optimist International Essay or Oratorical Contests are worth looking into as well. In the past, students have also been sponsored by the Optimist Club to attend momentous events such as Boys & Girls State and the Missouri Leadership Dinner. If any community member is interested in getting involved with the Holden Optimists, they are invited to attend a meeting, held the 2nd Thursday of each month, at the Holden United Methodist Church at noon. More information about Optimist International may be found at [optimist.org](http://optimist.org). You may contact the Holden Optimists by messaging their Facebook page.



Senior Rachel Bertling demonstrates moves from her Taekwondo training and foreign exchange student Thuntaree Ma-Am sings for the crowd of students and staff at the Holden High School Talent Show.



## Holden R-III Seeks Distinguished Alumni Nominees

The Holden R-III School District is seeking nominations for its Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes Holden High School graduates, graduated at least 10 years, who have made a significant contribution to their community or their field of work, or have been recognized for an outstanding achievement, accomplishment, contribution or act that has had a profound and positive effect. Supporting documents (i.e. newspaper articles, stories, letters of recommendations) are encouraged. Anyone may nominate a graduate for consideration. All nominees will remain on a nominee list for induction. Nominations will be considered by the Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee. Nomination forms are available at the school offices and on the district website at [holdenschools.org/alumni](http://holdenschools.org/alumni). The deadline for nominations is March 3, 2020. The Distinguished Alumni Recipient(s) will be recognized during the Holden High School Graduation Ceremony on May 17, 2020, at 2pm in the Holden High School Gymnasium.

### 2019-2020 CALENDAR

February 11	Early Dismissal @ 1:15pm	April 10 & 13	No School - Easter Break
February 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2:00-8:00pm	May 14	Last Student Day, Early Dismissal 1:15pm
February 13	No School - Teacher Inservice	May 14	End of 2nd Semester
February 14	No School	May 15	No School - Teacher Workday
February 17	No School - President's Day	May 17	Graduation
March 16-20	No School - Spring Break	May 25	Memorial Day

“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.”

# February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 HS Wrestling Varsity Tournament @ Odessa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
School Counselors Week						
	HS Wrestling Varsity Triangular @ HHS 5:30pm	HS Boys Basketball @ Carrollton JV 5pm V 7:30pm HS Girls Basketball @ Carrollton 6pm		HS Wrestling Varsity Triangular @ Knob Noster 5:30pm	SOAR Assembly @ HES 2:30pm HS Girls Basketball @ Richmond JV 5pm V 6:30pm HS Boys Basketball @ Richmond C 5pm JV 6:30pm V 8:00pm MS Winter Dance in Commons 6:00-8:00pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
School Board Recognition Week						
	HS Girls & Boys Varsity Tournament @ Cass Midway Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	Early Release @ 1:15pm Career Day @ HES Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00pm SOS Trusted Adult Night @ HS Library 6-7pm	Valentine's Day Store @ HMS library	NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice	NO SCHOOL HS Wrestling Varsity District Tournament	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Future Farmers of America Week						
	NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day HS Girls Basketball @ Lexington JV 5:30pm V 7pm	HS Boys Basketball v. Lexington @ HHS JV 5:30pm V 7pm Senior Night		HS Wrestling Varsity State Tournament Holden Foundation/Chamber After Hours @ ES Library 5:30pm	HS Wrestling Varsity State Tournament HS Boys Basketball @ Lafayette JV 5pm V 7pm HS Boys Basketball @ Lafayette V 5:30pm JV 7pm	HS Wrestling Varsity State Tournament HES PTO Skate Night @ Rink Ratz 4:30-6:30pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	HS Girls & Boys Basketball District Tournament		World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser @ HMS begins	Math Quest Event @ HMS 3:45-8pm	Career Day @ HHS 8:30-10:30am Special Olympic Basketball Tournament @ Warrensburg HS 9am	
		Follow us on Twitter! @HoldenSchools				

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Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is  
**COMPASSION**  
- caring how others think and feel

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# March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Freshman Enrollment Night @ HS gym 6-8pm PreK/Parents As Teachers Activity Night @ HES 6:30-7:30pm		MS Music Festival @ HMS 4:00-8:00pm	Spring Picture Day @ HES Scholar Bowl Tournament @ Harrisonville HES PTO Meeting @ ES Library 4pm	SOAR Assembly @ HES 2:30pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	HMS PTO Meeting @ MS Library 6pm	World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser @ HMS ends	Sonic Night Fundraiser for HMS PTO @ Holden Sonic 5-8pm	5th Grade Living Museum @ HES 9-10:30am	
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NO SCHOOL Spring Break						
	Baseball Varsity Jamboree @ Knob Noster 4pm					Baseball Varsity Game @ Crane 3pm & 5:30pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Track Varsity Meet @ UCM HS Color Guard Camp 3:30-5pm Baseball Varsity Game @ Sherwood 4:30pm	HS Color Guard Camp 3:30-5pm FFA Area Banquet	HS Color Guard Camp 3:30-5pm	HS Color Guard Camp 3:30-5pm Track Varsity Invitational @ California HS Baseball C Doubleheader v. Harrisonville @ HHS 4:30pm	Track MS Meet @ Butler 3pm HS Color Guard Camp 3:30-5pm	Track Varsity Meet @ Butler 9:30am HMS PTO Skate Night @ Rink Ratz 4:30-6:30pm HES PTO Father/Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30pm
		We're on Instagram! @holdenschools				
29	30	31				
	HS Color Guard Camp 3:30-5pm Baseball Game v. Knob Noster @ HHS V 4:30pm JV 6:30pm	FFA District CDE HS Color Guard Camp 3:30-5pm Track Varsity Meet @ Warrensburg MS 4pm Baseball C Doubleheader v. Clinton @ HHS 5pm	Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at <a href="http://holdenschools.org/calendar">holdenschools.org/calendar</a>			

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**PERSEVERANCE**  
- never giving up despite difficulty or delay

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# Holden R-III Foundation is powered by YOU - THANK YOU!!

The Holden R-III School Foundation promotes excellence in education by awarding Teacher Impact Grants and scholarships. These endeavors are possible because of community members like you, as well as area businesses, who generously contribute funds.



With the Foundation's careful guidance of donations and innovative fundraising efforts, \$8,429 in teacher grants were awarded this past year!

Teacher grants provide educational tools, books, and field trips.

*Where else can you invest \$50 or \$100 and affect hundreds of children for years to come?*

Through their scholarships, the Foundation has awarded thousands of dollars to hopeful students, excited to further their education. Creating a scholarship with the Holden R-III School Foundation is simple and easy. For more information about the Holden R-III School Foundation, visit their Facebook page by scanning this QR code:



Contact the Holden School Foundation at [foundation@holdenschools.org](mailto:foundation@holdenschools.org) or call (816) 732-5568.

Early Dismissal @ 1:15pm - February 11  
No School - Teacher Inservice - February 13  
No School - February 14  
No School - Presidents' Day - February 17  
No School - Spring Break - March 16-20

## Feb/Mar 2020



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