

HOLDEN R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Pride Newsletter



February/
March 2016

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Eagle Times...Working Together

This is a good time to be reflective, as well as hopeful, for what 2016 has to offer. One area that specifically comes to mind is the school district's working relationships with organizations and groups throughout the community. These partnerships have continued to grow over the years and provide a positive connection. The growth of both the Holden School Foundation and Bright Futures is an example of two groups that continue to see an increase in support. The support of groups like the Holden Optimist Club and the Holden Chamber continues to provide a great service to the students of Holden. Additionally, all of the businesses in Holden are very supportive in many ways from fundraiser support to displaying Holden colors on a regular basis. The District appreciates all of the time and support the community members provide.

The district and community have some joint ventures coming up. The Holden High School agriculture construction class will be partnering with the Holden Chamber of Commerce this spring to provide a

storage building for the Chamber while providing a real-life construction application for the students. Additionally, for the second consecutive year the school district will be hosting a Holden Community Meeting on February 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the multipurpose building at the high school. Representatives from various community organizations will share with the community projects that they are currently working on as well as provide information about their organization. Representatives from the state, county, and local level will be represented. This event will be open to the public.

I wish to thank everyone that volunteers in any way throughout the year to assist the students of Holden. While this does not get said nearly enough, "Thank you!" Please remember to stay up-to-date with district activities by visiting our website at holdenschools.org and as always "SOAR Like an Eagle!"

Wade Schroeder,
Superintendent

Holden Community Meeting

The Holden R-III School District will host its second annual Holden Community Meeting in the Multipurpose Room located behind the Holden High School, 1901 S. Main, on Friday, February 26, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is designed to provide an opportunity for various local organizations and agencies to come together to share ideas, goals, and concerns that impact the welfare of the Holden community. It is the hope that this meeting will allow organizations to communicate ideas, while at the same time foster cooperation and awareness across agencies. The public is invited to attend.

Representatives from the following organizations and agencies have been invited to participate in the forum: Holden R-III Superintendent Wade Schroeder, Holden City Council Member Representative Sam Raber, Holden Mayor Rick Edwards, Holden Police Chief Rick Martin, Holden Chamber of

Commerce President Don Bowers, Main Street Holden President Lori Harris, Johnson County Board of Services Executive Director Scott Holmberg, Johnson County Sheriff Scott Munsterman, Western Johnson County Commissioner Destry Hough, State Representative Denny Hoskins, and State Senator David Pearce.



Each agency representative will provide a main topic/goal that their organization is currently focusing on, as well as one or two challenges that the organization may be facing. Time will be allowed for questions and answers as well.

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Website

<http://holdenschools.org>

Email News & Updates

Visit the school website and click on "Email Sign-up" to get district email updates, school closing announcements, and more!

FAFSA Workshop February 9

Assistance Offered to High School Seniors & Parents Filling Out the FAFSA Form

Seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2016 need to fill out the FAFSA before April 1, 2016 (some colleges require an earlier deadline – check your college for their FAFSA deadline). FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid and is necessary for determining eligibility for federal grants, scholarships and student loans. The sooner the FAFSA is completed, the higher likelihood of receiving federal assistance for college.

If you would like assistance filling out the FAFSA, Holden High School will be hosting a FAFSA Workshop on February 9, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., in the Holden High School Library. This is an opportunity for senior parents and students to receive assistance in completing the FAFSA. Please bring the documents/information listed below if you plan to attend. Plan to take around 30 minutes to complete the FAFSA with an Advisor.

Before completing the FAFSA, students and parents each need to obtain a FSA ID. To get this ID, visit the www.FAFSA.ed.gov website and create a username and password. Both parents and students will need their own emails.

When applying for the FAFSA at www.FAFSA.ed.gov, it is best to have the following information readily available:

- ▶ 1099 Form (from 2015)
- ▶ W-2 Forms (from 2015)
- ▶ Parent'(s) tax information or tax returns
- ▶ Student'(s) federal tax information or tax returns (if applicable)
- ▶ Child Support paid and received
- ▶ Veterans will need to bring information on non-educational benefits
- ▶ Information on cash, investments, and business values



Feb. 11 Early Release @ 1 p.m., Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-8 p.m.
Feb. 12 No School | Feb. 15 No School, President's Day
March 21-25 No School, Spring Break | March 28 No School, Easter Break

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Kindergarten Screening

March 17 & 18

The Holden R-III School District will conduct its annual kindergarten screening March 17 and 18 at the Forward Community Church, 298 SW 131 Highway, Holden. Appointments are available from 12:00-6:00 p.m. on March 17 and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on March 18. Children who will be five before August 1, 2016, will be screened by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the elementary office at 816-732-6071 or 816-850-4444 ext. 3250 beginning February 16th.

Parents will need to bring copies of the following information to the screening:

- the child's official state issued birth certificate;
- proof of residency (utility bill, bank statement, or pay stub with current address);
- immunization record;
- proof of a vision exam;
- proof of a physical exam (recommended).



Please note that children will not be assigned to a class list in the fall if their immunizations are not current and recorded in the office of the school nurse. It is essential that all children residing in the Holden School District who will be entering kindergarten the fall of 2016 attend this screening. District personnel use the results of this screening to make important staffing decisions for the next school year.

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“ 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. ”



R-III SCHOOLS UPCOMING EVENTS

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5th-to-6th Grade Transition Parent Night March 17

The Holden Middle School will host a parent night for our families with students currently in fifth grade to help prepare students for the transition to sixth grade. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 17, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School commons.

Parents will be presented with important information by the school counselor and other staff members regarding academics, activities and changes from the elementary to ensure a successful transition for all students.

Eighth Grade High School Enrollment Night March 15

The Holden High School will host a high school orientation night for 2016-2017 Freshman students on March 15 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the High School gym. Eighth grade families will receive important information regarding high school graduation requirements, block scheduling, activities, athletics, the A+ Program and more.

At the conclusion of the presentation, students will turn in their enrollment forms for their freshman year. Please contact Angela Brown, school counselor, at the high school office if you have any questions.

Local Scholarship Form Due March 1

It's scholarship season for seniors! Local Scholarship forms are available in the high school office. The generic local scholarship form is due March 1st.

All other local scholarships using their own form are due April 1st. Links to all forms are on the scholarship page of the high school guidance web page at <http://holdenschools.org/guidance>

Bright Futures News Study Buddies & Homework Helpers

Bright Futures is still in need of people who are willing to help students at the middle school and high school with their homework and studying. This program is a great resource for our students, especially those in need who do not have the resources for a tutor outside of school.

There's no need to worry if you feel like you've forgotten everything you learned in school. We simply need caring people who are willing to sit with a student for about an hour each week and quiz them for a test, or assist them with their homework. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, or if you know a student who could benefit from this opportunity, please contact us.

Eagle Buddies

Do you have what it takes to be an "Eagle Buddy"? Bright Futures is still in need of volunteers who are interested in eating lunch with an elementary-aged student once a week, to be a mentor to a young child and to encourage their success. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in serving as an "Eagle Buddy", or if you know a student who could benefit from this opportunity, please contact us.

Shout Outs

Bright Futures would like to thank everyone who has donated to Bright Futures this past year, especially for those who helped through the Christmas season. Your contributions helped families in need in our district have gifts to give their family for the holiday.

Stay Connected with Bright Futures

- Email: brightfutures@holden.k12.mo.us
- Web: <http://holdenschools.org/brightfutures>
- Facebook.com/BRIGHTfuturesHolden
- Twitter: @BRIGHTfuturesH

Parent/Family Involvement in Instructional Programs Policy

The Holden R-III School District Board of Education believes that engaging parents/families in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. The Board recognizes that a student's education is a responsibility shared by the district, parents, families and other members of the community during the entire time a student attends school. The Board believes that the district must create an environment that is conducive to learning and that strong, comprehensive parent/family involvement is an important component. Parent/Family involvement in education requires a cooperative effort with roles for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the district, parents/families and the community.

Parent/Family Involvement Goals and Plan

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of eliminating barriers that impede parent/family involvement, thereby facilitating an environment that encourages collaboration with parents, families and other members of the community. Therefore, the district will develop and implement a plan to facilitate parent/family involvement that shall include the following six (6) goals:

- Promote regular, two-way, meaningful communication between home and school.
- Promote and support responsible parenting.
- Recognize the fact that parents/families play an integral role in assisting their children to learn.
- Promote a safe and open atmosphere for parents/families to visit the schools their children attend, and actively solicit parent/family support and assistance for school programs.
- Include parents as full partners in decisions affecting their children and families.
- Use available community resources to strengthen and promote school programs, family practices and the achievement of students.

The district's plan for meeting these goals is to:

- Provide activities that will educate parents regarding the intellectual and developmental needs of their children at all age levels. This will include promoting cooperation between the district and other agencies or school/community groups (such as parent-teacher groups, Head Start, Parents as Teachers, etc.) to furnish learning opportunities and disseminate information regarding parenting skills and child/adolescent development.
- Implement strategies to involve parents/families in the educational process, including:
 - Keeping parents/families informed of opportunities for involvement and encouraging participation in various programs.
 - Providing access to educational resources for parents/families to use together with their children.
 - Keeping parents/families informed of the objectives of district educational programs as well as of their child's participation and progress within these programs.
- Enable families to participate in the education of their children through a variety of roles. For example, parents/family members should be given opportunities to provide input into district policies and volunteer time within the classrooms and school programs.
- Provide professional development opportunities for teachers and staff to enhance their understanding of effective parent/family involvement strategies.
- Perform regular evaluations of parent/family involvement at each school and at the district level.
- Provide access, upon request, to any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.
- If practical, provide information in a language understandable to parents.

Title I, Migrant Education (MEP) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Programs

The Board also recognizes the special importance of parent/family involvement to the success of its Title I, MEP and LEP programs. Pursuant to federal law, the district and parents will jointly develop and agree upon a written parental involvement policy that will be distributed to parents participating in any of these programs.

Title I Program Parent Involvement

The district and parents of children participating in the Title I program will jointly develop and agree upon a written parent involvement policy that will describe how the district will:

- Involve parents in the joint development of the Title I program plan and in the process of reviewing the implementation of the plan and suggesting improvements.
- Provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement.
- Coordinate and integrate Title I parental involvement strategies with those of other educational programs.
- Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content of the parental involvement policy and its effectiveness in improving the academic quality of the schools served. This will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by law, particularly by parents who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. The district will use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, the parental involvement policies.
- Involve parents in the activities of the schools served.

Each school receiving Title I funds will jointly develop with and distribute to parents of children participating in the Title I program a written parental involvement policy agreed upon by such parents in accordance with the requirements of federal law:

- The policy must be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- The policy shall contain a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility of improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children.
- Each school participating in the Title I program will convene a meeting annually to inform parents about Title I and to involve parents in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review and improvement of the school parental involvement policy.

Migrant Education Program Parent Involvement

Parents of students in the MEP will be involved in and regularly consulted about the development, implementation, operation and evaluation of the Migrant Education Program.

Parents of MEP students will receive instruction regarding their role in improving the academic achievement of their children.

Limited English Proficiency Program Parent Involvement

Pursuant to federal law, parents of LEP students will be provided notification regarding their child's placement in and information about the district's LEP program. Parents will be notified of their rights regarding program content and participation.

Policy Evaluation

The district, with parent/family involvement, will review and evaluate the content and effectiveness of this policy and each school-level policy at least annually. The district will revise this policy as necessary to improve or create practices that enhance parent/family involvement.

R-III SCHOOLS QUICK NEWS

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New Immunizations for 2016-2017 Eighth Graders & High School Seniors

New State of Missouri requirements are resulting in additional immunizations for current seventh-graders and current high school juniors. The following additional immunizations will be required by the state beginning with the 2016-2017 school year:

- All 2016-2017 eighth-grade students are required to have one dose of Meningococcal vaccine.
- All 2016-2017 eighth-grade students are required to have a Tdap Booster vaccine. (This is not a new requirement.)
- All high school seniors are required to have two doses of Meningococcal vaccine, unless the first does was administered when the student was 16 years of age or older.

The Holden R-III School District's Health Services Dept. is working with Johnson County Community Health to coordinate an immunization clinic in our district. It is anticipated that this clinic will be offered in May 2016. The school will be providing families with more information as it becomes available. It is important to remember that students will not be allowed to enroll for the 2016-2017 school year without providing proof of all required immunizations including the new Meningococcal vaccine.

If you have any questions, please contact Rose Peerson at 816-850-4444, ext. 7005.

Complaint Resolution Procedure for NCLB

The Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires state departments to adopt procedures regarding programs authorized under the act, including Title programs. Part of the compliance directs districts to inform parents about complaint procedures. The NCLB complaint procedures may be accessed at: <http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/qs-fedcomp-Complaint-Procedures.pdf>

Holden R-III Receives \$10,000 Grant to Improve School Safety

The Missouri School Boards' Association through its Missouri Center for Education Safety (CES), announced the Holden R-III School District has been awarded a school safety grant in the amount of \$10,000. The funds will be used by the district to further improve Holden R-III's security camera system. Safeguarding the well being of all students and staff is a primary concern for the district. A properly installed system of school security cameras is an important tool for ensuring safety on school grounds. School security cameras aid in identifying and resolving issues as they arise.

The Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) awarded more than \$400,000 in grants to 49 school districts in Missouri to support school safety related programs and initiatives. The funding for this initiative was made possible through a legislative appropriation to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and administered by MSBA through its Missouri Center for Education Safety, the state's school safety center. The CES provides comprehensive support to all schools in Missouri, through training, technical assistance, and other safety related initiatives.

Holden competed with other public schools in the state for a limited amount of funding, which is aimed at enhancing school safety in local school districts. More information on this grant and other school safety related programs can be found at the CES web site: www.moces.org

The Missouri School Boards' Association is a private, not-for-profit organization that exists to help school boards succeed.



March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MS Math Competition @ Holden, 4:30pm Local Scholarship Form Due	2	3 FFA MOASK Contest @ Harrisonville	4 FFA MOASK Judging @ Brunswick	5 Conference Band PTO Father/Daughter Dance @ Elementary Gym, 6:30-8:30pm
6	7 Preschool Activity Night, Elementary, 6:30pm State Choir Contest @ Paseo Academy	8 Varsity Scholar Bowl MRVC Conf. Tourn. @ Blue River C.C. State Band Contest @ Paseo Academy FFA MOASK Judging Day @ Archie FFA Area VII & State Officer Interviews @ Clinton	9 FFA MOASK Judging Day @ Marshall	10	11	12 Dodgeball Tournament sponsored by Holden Foundation, HS Gym, 9am-12pm
13	14 Board of Education Meeting, Elementary Library, 6:30pm	15 8th Grade High School Enrollment Night H.S. Gym 6 pm	16	17 Kindergarten Screening @ Forward Community Church 12pm-6pm 5th to 6th Grade Transition Parent Info. Night @ M.S., 6-7 pm Foundation Meeting @ Holden Inc, 6pm	18 Kindergarten Screening @ Forward Community Church 8am-2pm Varsity Baseball, Home Warsaw, 1pm & Van Horn, 3pm	19 District Solo & Ensemble Band @ Grain Valley
20	21 NO SCHOOL <i>(Scheduled Make-Up)</i> JV/V Baseball @ Sherwood, 4:30pm	22 NO SCHOOL <i>(Scheduled Make-Up)</i> Varsity Track @ UCM FFA Area VII LDE Contest @ Clinton C Baseball, Home Grain Valley, 4:30pm	23 NO SCHOOL <i>Spring Break</i>	24 NO SCHOOL <i>Spring Break</i> Varsity Track @ California C Double Header, Home, Harrisonville, 4:30pm	25 NO SCHOOL <i>Spring Break</i>	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL <i>Easter Break</i> <i>(Scheduled Make-Up)</i> JV/V Baseball @ Knob Noster, 4:30pm	29 FFA Central District CDE Contest @ UCM Varsity Track @ Warrensburg	30	31 FFA Central District LDE Contest @ UCM MS Track @ Holden, 4pm JV/V Baseball @ Lexington, 4:30pm	<div data-bbox="1124 1441 1463 1542" data-label="Text"> <p>Follow us on Twitter: @ACTIVITIES_HHS for the latest updates on the Holden R-III Activities!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1216 1582 1370 1663" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1139 1683 1432 1804" data-label="Text"> <p>Our CHARACTER TRAIT of the month is... PERSEVERANCE: Never giving up</p> </div>	

Please check the school website for the latest calendar information: <http://holdenschools.org>

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2 Calendar Committee Meeting, Elementary Library, 3:45pm	3 MS Scholar Bowl @ Sherwood, 4:30pm	4 FFA State Degree & Proficiency Selection, Warrensburg, 4:30pm MS Scholar Bowl Quad @ Grain Valley, 4:30pm JV/V Wrestling, Home vs. Knob Noster, Richmond, 5:30pm PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, Elementary Library	5 JV/V Boys Basketball @ Richmond, 5pm JV/V Girls Basketball @ Richmond, 5pm MS Valentine Dance MS Gym, 7-9pm	6 ACT Test @ HS, 7:45am-12pm
		7	8 Board of Education Meeting, Elementary Library, 6:30pm MS/HS Pre-Contest Band & Choir Concert, HS Gym, 7pm	9 FBLA Districts @ UCM, 8am-3pm MS Scholar Bowl, Home vs. Kingsville, 4pm FAFSA Workshop HS Library, 5-7:30pm JV/V Boys Basketball @ Carrollton, 5pm Varsity Girls Basketball @ Carrollton, 6pm	10 FFA Parents & Friends of FFA Meeting, Ag Building, 7pm	11 EARLY RELEASE @ 1:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30 - 8:00 pm JV Boys & Girls Basketball @ Knob Noster, 5:30pm
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14	15 NO SCHOOL <i>President's Day</i> <i>(Scheduled Make-Up)</i> JV/V Girls Basketball Home, Lexington, 5:30pm Girls Senior Night	16 C/JV/V Boys Basketball Home, Lexington, 5pm Boys Senior Night Taco Dinner Fundraiser	17 JV/V Scholar Bowl @ Higginsville vs. Grain Valley/Richmond/Higginsville, 5pm	18 MS Scholar Bowl @ Holden Tournament Varsity Wrestling State Tournament Holden R-III School Foundation Meeting, Holden, Inc., 6pm	19 Varsity Wrestling State Tournament JV/V Boys Basketball @ Higginsville, 5pm JV/V Girls Basketball @ Higginsville, 5:30pm	20 Varsity Wrestling State Tournament Band @ UCM Jazz Festival
21	22	23	24 FFA Business Breakfast @ HS 7am Conference Band Chair Placement @ Oak Grove, 8am	25	26 Holden Community Meeting @ Multipurpose, 9am FFA Farm Show & Border War Food Drive @ American Royal - Hale Arena, KC	27
	Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball @ District Tournament					
28	29	<div data-bbox="2002 1663 2356 1784" data-label="Text"> <p>Our CHARACTER TRAIT of the month is... COMPASSION: Caring how others think and feel</p> </div> <div data-bbox="2402 1683 2556 1764" data-label="Image"> </div>			<div data-bbox="2602 1663 2926 1784" data-label="Text"> <p>Follow Us on Twitter: @ACTIVITIES_HHS for the latest updates on Holden R-III Activities!</p> </div>	

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