



## Holicong Middle School

August 24, 2015

Dear Holicong Ninth Grader,

Congratulations! In less than one week you will officially enter your final year at Holicong. This is sure to be an exciting time in your academic journey, and we are eager to see you here on August 31<sup>st</sup>! As many of you saw last Thursday, we have been very busy over the summer during the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the renovation process. While most of the work is construction, you will see several new student and staff “beautification” projects throughout the hallways. We hope you like them! Please see below for important information to start the year. See you in a week!

Your first day official school day is August 31<sup>st</sup> and we will follow the “A” day schedule. When you arrive to school, you will report directly to your homeroom/1<sup>st</sup> period teacher. Your teachers will provide you with more information that morning.

One of the most important things about entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade is that you are now a freshman, and your academic achievements will be recorded as part of your high school transcript. Your transcript is your record of academic achievement, which is a vital for those of you continuing your education after your senior year in high school. With that said, it is extremely important that you start the year off strong in the classroom.

While academics are important, you now know how much we value character and integrity at Holicong, and we will continue to follow the traits of the Elite 8: **Honest, Open-Minded, Loyal, Inclusive, Considerate, Optimistic, Non-judgmental, and Genuine**. Our goal is for all of us in the Holicong community – students, staff, administration, and parents – to model and instill these values in others. As 9<sup>th</sup> graders, many of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will look to you as leaders. They will see how you treat others and that will shape many of their behaviors – they are watching even though you may not know it. We hope you value this role and trust you will represent the Holicong community proudly!

Most of you have been here for two years, which means you are aware of what it is that makes Holicong such a special place to be as student. It is more than the classroom experience. It is about possessing outstanding character attributes, being involved in school and extracurricular events, and treating everyone with respect. Please enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you back here soon!

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Shillingford  
Principal

Donna L. Dome  
Assistant Principal

## **BACK to SCHOOL Fact Sheet**

**Locker combination** – This is included on your schedule. Do not share this information with anyone.

**Breakfast and Lunch** – This is provided by Aramark Education. There are two different options for lunch. Regular meals are \$2.95, premium meals are \$3.40, and market fresh bistro meals are \$3.45. Carton drinks are \$.80. Breakfast is available for \$2.15.

**Assignment/Plan Book** – You will be given an assignment book on the first day of class. Please use this to record your daily homework and long-term assignments. This also serves as the passbook for leaving class, so it is imperative that you do not lose your books. Replacements are available in the guidance office for \$5.

**Athletics & Physical Forms** – Please see the Athletics page for information on the Family ID system and turn in Section 6 of the CIPPE form to Mrs. McCusker in the guidance office.

**Student Handbook** – This is available in your student planner and will be made available on the Holicong website.

**Summer Reading & Supply Lists** – These can be found on the Holicong homepage.

**Gym shorts, t-shirt & lock** – These must be purchased in the first few days of school and be done in a bundle for \$10.65 or separately (shorts - \$3.60, shirt - \$2.10, and lock - \$4.95). Please make checks payable to “Holicong Middle School.” Sizes are as follows:

**Shirts (boys and girls)**

M	34-36
L	38-40
XL	42-44

**Shorts (boys and girls)**

S	28" waist
M	32" waist
L	36" waist
XL	40" waist