

Holicong Community,

A shout out to our students, faculty, and staff for making our first two days of the year a success! We covered much ground in these days and a primary focus has been and will continue to be on setting a positive culture at Holicong built on our Colonial Cores and creating a sense of belonging for all students and staff. We have high expectations for how we treat one another and believe that it is essential that this foundation is set before learning can take place at the highest level both in and out of the classroom.

We wanted to take a moment to share with the students, parents, and guardians what we have shared and plans for the rest of the week in our I & E and Resource. Here goes!

**Tuesday** – Students attended welcome assemblies in the morning for introductions, overview of core policies and daily routine, and a review of our school mission. Students received their Aramark lunch codes for the cafeteria, agenda books, new schedules, district calendars (for youngest siblings in district) and reviewed the primary school policies – cell phones, tardies, reassessment, and dress code. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders and new students had opportunities to visit bus locations. It was a busy day!

### **Today**

- **Code of Conduct & Class Canvas Page** – Students enrolled in a grade level canvas course. They read and signed off on our Code of Conduct and Reassessment policy. We have attached it for parents & guardians to review (you do not need to sign this since we were able to do this electronically).
- **Handbook Overview** – We created a lesson/checklist for students to start using their handbooks. Each student is given a handbook for free but if they lose it, they need to purchase one for \$5. We stressed the importance of this so please reinforce this at home. We have attached some of what they worked on and will finish up tomorrow. The handbooks can be an important tool (outside of using it as a hall pass) for organization & planning.

### **Thursday**

- **Team Meetings** – Students will meet with their team of teachers and other students on Team during resource or I & E. Thanks to our Team Leaders for coordinating these and the role they play at Holicong.
- **Handbook & SMART Goals** – Students will continue their work in the handbook and one of the tools is how to create SMART goals. They will create their own (look for pages 4-5 to see what your student put) to work on as they start the year and should revisit this to see their progress.
- **New Student Technology Training** – We currently have 31 new students since the summer and 3 new students as of today! Lovuolo, Mrs. Hallman, and Mr. Striano and members of our student leadership team & iTeam will be spending time with them tomorrow to get them set up with their technology needs.

- **Holicong shirts** – We have a big surprise and thanks to the work of our Student Activities team and magazine drive last year we were able to once again purchase Holicong shirts for every student and staff member that we will hand out at the Team meetings. It is our hope that this only builds our community and positive message at Holicong!

### Friday

- **Eagles Dress/Holicong Spirit Gear** – Holicong tradition to show our support for the Eagles opening weekend so we encourage students to throw on their Eagles gear or wear their new Holicong shirt...we will let you guess what color it is!
- **Community Building in I & E** – Our Friday I & E's are dedicated to team or school building activities and events focused on our school and district goals. This Friday our students will learn more about the students in their classes & teams to foster the culture of belonging and community!

The above doesn't take into account what is taking place inside our teachers' classrooms! You can be sure to see some homework and assignments coming out in the next week!

We typically don't send this much detail but wanted to share as much as we could for week 1 so you know what we are doing and continue any conversations at home. We will also do the same for next week as we will start reviewing our safety & security protocols, schoolwide positive behavior protocols and more.

We hope you are hearing our parents & guardians are hearing positive things at home from students after first two days. There is an energy in the building that is palpable and we only plan on building on this for the weeks and months to come! Thank you for your support of our work and look for another communication before next week.

Until next time!

Kevin Shillingford, Principal

Mike Canelli, Assistant Principal

### Attachments:

 [Colonial Core Expectations and Student Code of Conduct Handout.pdf](#) (217.1 KB)

 [Holicong Student Handbook Agenda Overview and Lesson.pdf](#) (112.9 KB)

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