

# Holgate Happenings

Holgate Middle School

August 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES

**August 19th - 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Welcome EveryBody (WEB)**

**6th grade Orientation - students only**

**August 22nd - 8:00am-3:30pm**

**Schedule/chromebook pick-up  
for 7th & 8th graders**

**August 22nd - 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**6th Grade Parent/Student Orientation  
HMS Gymnasium**

**August 23rd - 8:00am-11:45am**

**First Day of School**

**September 5th**

**Labor Day / No School**

**September 23rd**

**Fall Picture Day**

## 6TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

6th grade student/parent orientation will be held on **August 22nd** from **5:30pm-6:30pm** in the Holgate gymnasium. Students will be able to meet their teachers, get their schedule and locker assignments, as well as purchase the required planner for \$5.00, and deposit lunch money.

Students will be given a **red folder** that will have all the important paperwork that needs to be completed and returned to the office within the first week of school.

## 6TH GRADE WEB ORIENTATION

On **August 19th, 9:00am - 12:00pm**, the 6th graders are invited to join us at Holgate where the 8th grade WEB leaders will give our incoming students a chance to familiarize themselves with Holgate. It will be lots of fun and very informative for the 6th graders!

**YOU DONT WANT TO MISS THIS!!!**



## 7TH & 8TH GRADE SCHEDULE PICK-UP

On **August 22nd** from **8:00am-3:30pm** parents and/or students can pick up their schedules and locker assignments, as well as checkout chromebooks and pay the \$25.00 technology fee. The required student planner will be available for sale for \$5.00. Students will be given a **red folder** which will have school information.



## HMS NEWSLETTER

Our newsletters are sent electronically each month and you can access them as follows:

Twitter  
Holgate Middle School website  
Text Message



# Daily Student Drop Off & Pick Up



OUR SYSTEM FOR DROPPING OFF STUDENTS IN THE MORNING AND PICKING THEM UP AT THE END OF THE DAY WORKS WELL, IF WE ALL DO OUR PART!

## MORNING

Students can be dropped off in either the left or right lane. The right lane is preferred so your child doesn't have to cross traffic.

**If you must park for an extended period (writing lunch checks, signing papers, etc) please use the parking lot and not the driveway.**

Everyone is on a schedule and no one wants to be late for work. It is always a good idea to leave home early enough to allow extra time for the unexpected. We live in South Dakota, and we all know that traffic slows a lot when the roads get slippery. Leave earlier on bad weather days to allow for slower traffic.

## AFTERNOON

**Parking and waiting is in the right lane only!**

The left lane is for moving cars or for a quick pick up. Stops in the left lane for more than ten seconds will cause the system to break down. This system works well when everyone cooperates. You will notice that many parents meet their children at predetermined locations in the parking lot or on Dakota Street.

**Please make arrangements ahead of time for your child to be picked up very soon after school is dismissed at 3:10pm.**

**STUDENTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF & PICKED UP ON THE SOUTH SIDE!  
THE NORTH SIDE IS RESERVED FOR BUSES!**

**JUST A MORNING REMINDER!**

THE OUTSIDE DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7:30AM. ALL STUDENTS GETTING DROPPED OFF (EXCLUDING BUS RIDERS) MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS AND PROCEED TO THE GYMNASIUM. STUDENTS EATING BREAKFAST SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE CAFETERIA.

**STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP AT THEIR LOCKERS BEFORE BREAKFAST OR REPORTING TO THE GYMNASIUM.**

**WELCOME**

## NEW STAFF TO HOLGATE

**James Brown**  
8th grade Science

**Michele Coughlin**  
8th grade Language Arts

**Brittany Hubbart**  
6th grade Science

**Jason Neuharth**  
8th grade Math

**Karen Armstrong**  
6th Grade EA

**Rachel Hemke**  
Band EA

**LET'S ALL EXTEND A BIG, WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT HOLGATE FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!**

# ATTENDANCE

SOUTH DAKOTA LAW AND SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL REGULARLY. IT IS OUR PRACTICE TO INFORM PARENTS OF DEVELOPING ABSENCE TRENDS REGARDLESS OF THE REASON.

**WE WILL CONTACT YOU AT APPROXIMATELY 6 ABSENCES AND AGAIN AT 12 ABSENCES, SHOULD THEY ACCUMULATE.**

AFTER THAT, WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE DISTRICT TRUANCY OFFICER AND STATES ATTORNEY WHO WILL DETERMINE IF FURTHER ACTION IS APPROPRIATE. PLEASE HELP US AVOID THIS! THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT STUDENTS CAN'T LEARN IF THEY ARE NOT IN CLASS. POOR ATTENDANCE CAN CAUSE UNDUE STRESS FOR STUDENTS TRYING TO CATCH UP WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN GONE. MANY THINGS LIKE CLASS DISCUSSIONS, GROUP WORK, AND ACTIVITIES CANNOT BE DUPLICATED AND YOUR CHILD WILL MISS OUT.

**PARENTS, PLEASE CALL ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE. PLEASE DON'T WAIT FOR THE OFFICE TO CONTACT YOU.**

## REMINDERS!!!

### PARENTS & GUARDIANS

If you have recently enrolled your child at Holgate, please check with the office to make sure that they have all the up to date information for your child like immunization records, address changes, contact information, etc.

If any contact or household information has changed for your family, please stop in the office so we can get your information updated; or give us a call at 725-7700.

### STUDENTS

If your class schedule needs to be changed, please set aside a time to either call the office at 725-7700 or stop in before or after the school day to make the necessary changes.

REMEMBER to bring your supplies with you on the first day of school, you don't want to be without a pencil or paper!!!

# SCHOOL LUNCH

**The first day of school lunch will be on Wednesday, August 24th!**

You can deposit money into your child's lunch account by either using the link for **My School Bucks** below, or you can send a **green deposit slip**, along with money, with your student on the first day of school.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>



**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Aberdeen Food Service**



If your student requests seconds, there will be an additional charge. Milk can be purchased separately. The school lunch information for this year is available on the district website below:

<https://aberdeen,k12.sd.us/page/information>



## SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:00AM

If you arrive at school before 7:55 am you will need to go to the gymnasium or you may eat breakfast in the cafeteria and wait until you are released to go to homeroom.

**If you are late coming to school, you must see Mrs. Deuel in the office and get a tardy slip.**

## SCHOOL ENDS AT 3:10PM

Make sure your student is picked up on time after school at the main entrance of Holgate, located on the south side. We do not have supervision for students after the 3:10pm bell.

**YMCA After the Bell (225-7113) and Boys and Girls Club (225-8714) have afterschool programs available for after school supervision. The vans for these programs pick up students on the north side of Holgate.**



# HMS Physical Education

PE CLASSES WILL NOT REQUIRE GYM UNIFORMS.

## From Our Nurse 6th Grade Vaccination Requirements

One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and one dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine are REQUIRED for 6th grade entry.

These shots should be given on or after the 11th birthday. If your child is 10 years old when entering 6th grade they have 45 days after their 11th birthday to receive the vaccinations.

These requirements are specified in South Dakota Codified Law 13-28-7.1.

Please visit with your physician or Brown County Community Health Center (626-2649) to see if your child needs these vaccinations.

**The Aberdeen School District Health Office asks that all parents of 6th grade students turn in the updated immunization record to the school one week prior to the first day of school**

## Middle School Immunization Requirements

South Dakota Codified Law 13-28-7.1 requires that students enrolled in a public school meet certain immunization requirements. Minimum requirements are defined as having received:

- \*Four or more doses of DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) vaccine. One dose must be given after age 4.
- \*One dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) given after age 11.
- \*Four or more doses of Polio Vaccine, with one dose given after age 4.
- \*Two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) given after age 12 months.
- \*Two doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox) given after age 12 months.
- \*One dose of MCV4 (Meningococcal) given after age 11.

**IF your child is 10 years old when entering 6th grade they have 45 days after their 11th birthday to receive the Tdap and MCV4 vaccinations.**

These vaccinations can be obtained through your family physician or the Brown County Community Health Center, 626-2649.

**6th Grade: Please have these immunizations taken care of before the first day of school. You may drop off your proof of immunization at the office ahead of time or bring a copy with you during the parent/student orientation on August 22nd from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.**

It's the **ROLE...**  
**SHOTS** before **SCHOOL!**



### 6th Grade Immunizations:

- Tdap\* (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)
- MCV4\* (Meningococcal)
- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Flu (Influenza-seasonal)



\*School entry REQUIREMENT for South Dakota 6th grade students.

### Call to schedule today!

Vaccines available at Brown County Community Health Center  
Self-Pay, Insurance and Medicaid accepted  
605-626-2649

or schedule an appointment with your family provider



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# IMPORTANT BAND INFORMATION

ALL 6TH GRADE BEGINNING BAND STUDENTS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN ASSIGNED AN INSTRUMENT FROM MRS. WEISCHEDEL, PLEASE CONTACT HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY REACH HER AT **605-725-7745** OR **SARA.WEISCHEDEL@K12.SD.US**

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU NEED FOR SCHOOL? GO TO OUR WEBSITE WHERE WE HAVE OUR SUPPLY LISTS FOR EACH GRADE.

OR CHECK OUT OUR LOCAL DEPARTMENT STORES, THEY SHOULD HAVE THEM AS WELL!

[HTTPS://ABERDEEN.K12.SD.US/O/HMS/BROWSE/126964](https://aberdeen.k12.sd.us/o/hms/browse/126964)

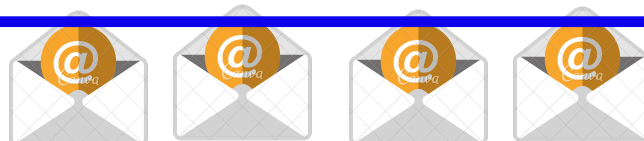


FOLLOW US **@HOLGATEMS** TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL!

Instagram

# Staff Communication

Parents are encouraged to contact their student's teachers with any questions and concerns regarding their student. Please call Holgate and leave a message for the teacher to return your call at 725-7700. All teachers have school e-mail addresses. Parents who wish to correspond by e-mail are encouraged to do so. Following, you will find a list of e-mail address for the 2022-2023 school year.



## Office Staff

Bo.Beck@k12.sd.us	Principal
Kari.Brenner@k12.sd.us	Counselor
Peggy.Cox@k12.sd.us	Assistant Principal
Janet.Deuel@k12.sd.us	Attendance
Jeanette.Hahler@k12.sd.us	Nurse
Julie.Hoellein@k12.sd.us	Administrative Assistant
Jason.Sperle@k12.sd.us	Custodian
Brad.Wolf@k12.sd.us	Resource Officer

## Educational Assistants

Judy.Albl@k12.sd.us	EA Opportunity Room
Dakari.Allen@k12.sd.us	8th - Resource Room
Karen.Armstrong@k12.sd.us	6th - Resource Room
Breanna.Brockel@k12.sd.us	7th - Resource Room
Rachel.Hemke@k12.sd.us	EA Band
Ann Lacher@k12.sd.us	EA Opportunity Room
Tessa.Oliver@k12.sd.us	EA ESL
Linda Resmen@k12.sd.us	Clerical Aide
Becky.Snell@k12.sd.us	EA Opportunity Room

## Special Education/ESL

Jodi.Carlsgaard@k12.sd.us	6th Resource Room
Brian.Dannen@k12.sd.us	Counselor
Justin.Fox@k12.sd.us	7th Resource Room
Kallyn.Jerde@k12.sd.us	6th Resource Room
Margaret.Moore@k12.sd.us	ESL
Crystal.Nash@k12.sd.us	8th Resource Room
Amber.Nguyen@k12.sd.us	Speech
Madison.Oseguera@k12.sd.us	8th Opportunity Room
Sonya.Wagner@k12.sd.us	6th/7th Opportunity Room

Corinne.Anderson@k12.sd.us	6th Language Arts
Mia.Bergan@k12.sd.us	7th Language Arts
Donnie.Bowden@k12.sd.us	PE & Health
James.Brown@k12.sd.us	8th Science
Michele.Coughlin@k12.sd.us	8th Language Arts
Tanya.Dargatz@k12.sd.us	6th Math
Ericka.Doxsee@k12.sd.us	7th Math
Erin.Fiegler@k12.sd.us	7th Social Studies
Laurel.Foster@k12.sd.us	PE & Health
Carolyn.Geyer@k12.sd.us	7th Language Arts
Jenny.Gross@k12.sd.us	8th Language Arts
Kerwin.Hoellein@k12.sd.us	Industrial Technology
Brittany Hubbart@k12.sd.us	6th Grade Science
Julie.Jordre@k12.sd.us	Librarian
Tristen.Lechner@k12.sd.us	6th Math
Cassandra.Mraz@k12.sd.us	Art
Greg.Murley@k12.sd.us	PE & Health
Marcie.Netzer@k12.sd.us	Vocal Music
Rhonda.Neubert@k12.sd.us	Computer Technology
Jason.Neuharth@k12.sd.us	8th Math / Algebra
Ann.Scott@k12.sd.us	Family and Consumer Science
Dena.Sievers@k12.sd.us	8th Math / Algebra
Brent.Stanek@k12.sd.us	8th Social Studies
Noelle.Stubbe@k12.sd.us	Orchestra
Michael.Swenson@k12.sd.us	7th Science
Margaret.Thares@k12.sd.us	7th Math
Chance.Torrence@k12.sd.us	6th Social Studies
Sara.Weischedel@k12.sd.us	Band
Stacy.Wiest@k12.sd.us	6th Language Arts

## Teaching Staff



## Additional Phone Numbers

C.C. Lee Elementary	725-7500	Central High School	725-8100
Lincoln Elementary	725-7200	Athletic Office	725-8187
May Overby Elementary	725-7300		
O.M. Tiffany Elementary	725-7400	District Service Center	725-7100
Simmons Elementary	725-7600	Food Service	725-7131
Mike Miller Elementary	725-7800	Food Service (HMS)	725-7705
Holgate Middle	725-7700		
Simmons Middle	725-7900	Foreman Bus Co.	226-5968





# Beginning Band



## Boot Camp

.....Where chops are formed

Students will learn: Instrument assembly, maintenance, and the first few notes!  
Those Hot Crossed Buns will never know what hit 'em!

When: August 8-12, 2022

Where: Simmons Middle School Band Room

Who: All incoming 6th grade band students (Holgate and Simmons)

- ★ Flute: 8:00 - 8:50 am
- ★ Clarinet: 9:00 - 9:50 am
- ★ Saxophone: 10:00 - 10:50 am
- ★ Percussion: 11:00 - 11:50 am
- ★ Trumpet & French Horn: 1:00 - 1:50 pm
- ★ Trombone: 2:00 - 2:50 pm
- ★ Baritone & Tuba: 3:00 - 3:50 pm

Students will need to bring their instruments, care kits and books to each session. The larger instruments (tubas & baritones) and school issued instruments will be checked out at the first session.

Register by filling out the attached form and returning it to your school office or by clicking the link: <https://forms.gle/nZK2RmQTFTwxQL8a6>

Questions? Please contact Sara Weischedel ([sara.weischedel@k12.sd.us](mailto:sara.weischedel@k12.sd.us)) or Jim Panerio ([james.panerio@k12.sd.us](mailto:james.panerio@k12.sd.us))

# WELCOME

# August A/B Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21	22	23 <i>11-45 am Dismissal</i> <b>A</b>	24 <b>B</b>	25 <b>A</b>	26 <b>B</b>	27
28	29 <b>A</b>	30 <b>B</b>	31 <b>A</b>			





# Healthy Bites



**INFORMATION • PAYMENTS • MEAL PRICES • MENUS • LOCATIONS • CONTACTS**

We look forward to the coming school year at **Aberdeen School District** as **Lunchtime Solutions** continues to provide your food service program.

The purpose of this communication is to provide you with an overview of the school food service program this year. If you have any questions or comments about our program, please feel free to contact **Erika McLeod**, Food Service Director, at 605-725-7131 or [e.mcleod@lunchtimesolutions.com](mailto:e.mcleod@lunchtimesolutions.com). For your convenience, our menu is posted monthly on the school website.

Breakfast and Lunch prices are listed below, along with extra entrée prices and extra milk prices.

Elementary Breakfast	\$2.40
Lunch	\$3.35
Middle School Breakfast	\$2.55
Lunch	\$3.50
High School Breakfast	\$2.75
Lunch	\$3.80
Second Entrée Breakfast	\$1.15
Second Entrée Lunch	\$2.25
Extra Milk	\$0.50



## SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served in the dining areas before school starts.

Please encourage your student to participate in school breakfast.

**Research studies** show that eating breakfast can help students perform better in the classroom.



## ONLINE MENUS

Connect with us through the Lunch Menu link on your school district's website where you'll find links to our monthly menus, nutrition information, healthy tips and links to other programs in your students' lunchrooms.



## SCHOOL LUNCH

School lunch will offer a wide variety of choices for students.

K-5 2 Options

6-8 4 Options

9-12 8 Options

All meals include an entrée choice, a hot vegetable plus the unlimited Fruit & Veggie Bar, and milk choices.



## SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Enclosed is the District's Lunch Account Policy for the 22-23 School year. The District allows students to charge up to two meals. When an account balance is below \$10, students receive a minimum of three reminders to bring lunch money. At the point, when an account reaches a negative of 2 meals parents will be notified by **letter**. If the student is a free student they still will be able to purchase a school lunch, but no extra entrées will be allowed.

A Point of Sale (POS) software system is used for the school lunch program. Please note the following important information:

- Each student will have his/her own individual **Student Account**.
- If sending cash with a student, place in a sealed envelope, along with the student's name and lunch account number.
- We are not responsible for lost, unidentified, or stolen cash. Deposits should be turned in by **9:00 a.m.** at the student's school.

**Lunch Account Deposits must be made before school starts.** Because we receive an overwhelming amount of deposits the morning of the first day of school, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to input all deposits into accounts before the lunch period begins. To ensure that your deposit is credited to your student's lunch account on the first day of school, please send your first deposit, for each student in your family, to the address below:

**ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
1224 s 3rd ST  
ABERDEEN, SD 57401-6920

Include your name, your student's name, and your student's lunch account

### Applications for Free and Reduced-price meals can be filled out any time during the school year.

Applications can be picked-up at the District Administration Building, or are available at the school website on the "Food Service" page.

Students approved for Free & Reduced price meals from the previous year will be on a 30 day carry over. All other students will be on Paid status unless an application is filled out.

## DIET MODIFICATIONS

Families are responsible for notifying the School Food Service if their child requires a diet modification because of a life threatening disability. A licensed physician must provide specific written medical documentation.

Please contact Lara Braun at the School Food Service office for more info.

## SNACKS

For Middle/High School students, snack items will be available during the lunch period.

### Snack items offered include:

Fruit drinks	Chex Mix	Beef Jerky
Ice cream	Variety of Chips	Yogurt
Water	Granola Bars	

All snacks meet standards set by the District's Wellness Policy.

## EXTRA ENTRÉE – EXTRA MILK

All students, at an extra cost, can purchase an additional entrée or milk offered as part of the school lunch program.

For example if a student wants a second entrée, or an additional entrée, like a slice of pizza, then that entrée can be selected in the lunch line and charged to the student's account.

*Extra entrees are only sold to students who first purchase a school lunch.*

**All students can have extra servings of these with no charge:**  
Canned Fruit      Fresh Fruit      Vegetables      Salads

If a student is free or reduced they may receive one entrée with their meal but they must have money in their account to purchase any extra



Contact: Erika McLeod  
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## MY SCHOOL MENUS

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