

HOLGATE HAPPENINGS

Important Dates

Sept. 5th -
Labor Day - No School

Sept. 20th -
1st Quarter Midterm

Sept. 23rd -
Fall Picture Day

Sept. 28th -
Roncalli Marching Festival
9:30 am - 8th Grade Band

Thrillshare

In order to better communicate with parents and guardians, Holgate uses the “thrillshare” automated phone call system. This service is a great tool for the district and parents.

It is important that families contact Holgate as soon as possible when a change has been made to their contact information.

2022-2023

MEAL PRICES

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT 6-1

Breakfast: \$2.55

Lunch: \$3.50

Students are charged for seconds.

myschoolbucks.com

ONLINE LUNCHBOX SERVICES AVAILABLE

Create your FREE account today!

MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM IS AN ON-LINE SYSTEM THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO MAKE DEPOSITS INTO YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS, VIEW ACCOUNT BALANCES, CREATE PAYMENT REMINDERS AND REVIEW PURCHASE HISTORY, ALL ON ONE ONLINE LOCATION!

mySchoolBucks offers...

Safety - Virtually eliminates worries about your child carrying money to school.

Convenience - Make payments when it's convenient for you, 24-7!

Control:

- Receive low balance email reminders (set your own limits!) FREE!
- Monitor your student's account balances online. FREE!
- View your student's cafeteria purchases. FREE!

Efficiency - Make payments for all your children in one easy step, even if they attend different schools in the district

Flexibility:

- Make payments using your VISA®, Master Card® or Discover® credit/debit card. There is a \$2.00 processing fee charged by MySchoolBucks for each total deposit. One total deposit may include multiple student accounts.
- Option to have payments made automatically each month.

[Daily Menus can be found at: Aberdeen Public Schools | My School Menus](#)

Photography by Mark

Picture Day is Friday, September 23rd.

Picture packets will be coming home with your student the week before picture day.

No need to send cash or flyer back to school when you order online! See more options available online and be sure to order before picture day to take advantage of discounted pictures. Use credit card or PayPal on our secure site!

How To Order Picture Day Photos Online...

1. Go to www.schoolphotosbymark.com
2. Click on "Order Here"
3. Choose the "Click here to order"
4. Enter "ABSD" for the event name, click "search"
5. Click on your school district
6. Click on your students school
7. Enter your email address and click "login". All orders are tracked with the email address you enter.
8. You should now see a page with our photo packages. Choose from any of our packages and/or order ala-carte items.
9. Once you are done shopping, click on the "shopping cart" icon. You will be prompted for your students information as well as yours. That is it!

Some Things You Should Know...

- All Picture Packages are on sale through Picture Day!
- A valid email address is required to place an order.
- You will receive a confirmation email once an order is placed.
- All orders placed through Picture Day will be processed and delivered to the student's school 2-3 weeks following Picture Day.
- If you are ordering for multiple students, you will need to complete an order for each student you are ordering photos of.
- If you are ordering a Class Picture for an elementary student, the Class Picture will be delivered to the school after retake day.
- All portrait orders will be delivered to your student's school.
- If you have ANY questions about school pictures, please contact School Photography by Mark directly 605-362-9221
- For more information, please visit our website www.schoolphotosbymark.com

INFORMATION

CHANGES

PLEASE TELL THE OFFICE STAFF ANYTIME CONTACT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHILD CHANGES.

EXAMPLES:

- **JOB CHANGES** -
- **NEW ADDRESS** -
- **PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL UPDATES** -

PHONE NUMBERS

PLEASE SAVE THE NUMBERS BELOW, AS YOU MAY FIND THEM HELPFUL DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

CC Lee.....725-7500	Holgate Middle.....725-7700
Lincoln.....725-7200	Simmons Middle.....725-7900
May Overby.....725-7300	Central High.....725-8100
OM Tiffany.....725-7400	Food Service.....725-7131
Simmons.....725-7600	Foreman Bussing.....226-5968
Mike Miller.....725-7800	

District Service Center.....725-7100

Student Drop Off and 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, getting papers signed, etc.), please use the parking lot, not the driveway. Everyone is on a schedule and no one wants to be late for work. It's always a good idea to leave home early enough to allow time for the unexpected. We live in South Dakota and we all know traffic slows a lot when the roads get slippery. Leave earlier on bad weather days to allow for slower traffic. Your children's safety is much more important to us than anything else. Frustration resulting in unsafe driving will not be tolerated. Be a good role model for your children. They will be driving in a few years.

Everyone's consideration will get the day off to a better start.



AFTERNOON

Parking and waiting is in the right lane only. The left lane is for moving cars or a quick pick up. Stops in the left lane for more than ten seconds will cause the system to break down. This system works very 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 for your child to be picked up very soon after school is dismissed at 3:10 pm.

Holgate Middle School's *daily schedule*

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Homeroom 8:00--8:13
Period 1 8:16—8:56
Period 2 8:59—9:39
Block 1 9:42—11:05
Lunch 11:05—11:35
Period 6 11:38—12:18
Block 2 12:21—1:44
Block 3 1:47—3:10

Homeroom 8:00--8:13
Block 1 8:16—9:39
Period 3 9:42--10:22
Period 4 10:25—11:05
Block 2 11:08—12:31
Lunch 12:31—1:01
Period 8 1:04—1:44
Block 3 1:47—3:10

Homeroom 8:00--8:13
Block 1 8:16—9:39
Period 3 9:42—10:22
Block 2 10:25—11:48
Lunch 11:48—12:18
Block 3 12:21—1:44
Period 9 1:47—2:27
Period 10 2:30—3:10

Access the links below to check on upcoming assignments for each grade to see when things are due in case your student misses a class, or forgets an assignment!

<https://sites.google.com/view/holgates6thgrade/home>

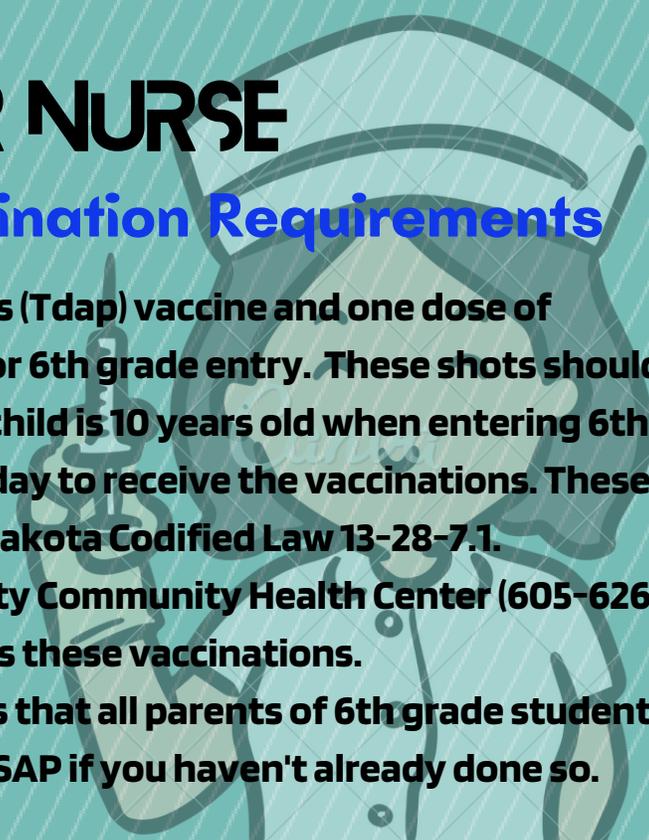
<https://sites.google.com/site/hms7thgrade/lesson/home>

8th Grade:
Go to Google
Classroom

FROM OUR NURSE

Reminder: 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 (605-626-2649) 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 ASAP if you haven't already done so.



Looking for a Challenge?

Join our MathCounts team! We encourage all 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students to be a part of our MathCounts team.

MathCounts is a middle school math program designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop their mathematical knowledge beyond the classroom.

We will have both a morning and an afternoon practice session available. For the mathletes that prefer morning, we will practice both Monday and Wednesdays from 7:35 am - 7:55 am. For the mathletes that prefer afternoon, we will practice Tuesday from 3:10 pm - 3:50 pm. Mathletes are welcome to join all three practice sessions.

Contact Ms. Sievers for more information.
Dena.Sievers@k12.sd.us or (605)725-7737.

SIGN UP TODAY



HOLGATE Middle School PTA Membership Registration / 2022-2023

Please check all that apply...

Yes, I would like to become a **MEMBER** of the PTA. Registration is \$5.00 per person.

***To help fund this year's PTA Budget we are asking parents/guardians to please contribute by making a one-time donation of \$20.00 (suggested) to alleviate the need for outside fundraising.*

One-time Donation of \$20.00 (suggested) per family.

Yes, I would love to volunteer by **donating my time and/or food preparation** for student events.

I would like more information on serving on the **PTA Board**. Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at HMS.

Please fill out information below....

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Student(s) Name: Grade: _____

****Please return this form and payment to the office****

Thank You - Mr. Bo Beck, Principal, and Jen Deutsch, PTA President

****REMINDER:** Please remember to save your **KESSLER's** and **KEN's** grocery receipts and **BOX TOPS** by using the Box Top App on your phone. These are a **BIG** part of our fundraising!

Help our School
Join Today!

Become a Member



PRESENTED BY THE ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The Golden Apple

CONTACT GRETCHEN SHARP | 725-7118 | GRETCHEN.SHARP@K12.SD.US

Do you know someone who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the Aberdeen School District? Nominate them for an Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation Golden Apple Award!

Nominees may be patrons and/or current employees (volunteers, administrative assistants, food service workers, custodians, aides, nurses, counselors, coaches, administrators, and teachers) of the Aberdeen School District that stand out above the rest for their outstanding contributions to the Aberdeen School District and dedication to excellence in education. Nominations forms are available on the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation website at <https://www.aberdeenpublicschoolsfoundation.org>. Nomination forms are due by October 1, 2022. Nominees will be contacted to fill out a brief form to confirm their nomination. Up to three Golden Apple Award winners will be announced in January and will receive \$500 and a golden apple.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

In an effort to provide quick and easy access to student information and updates, the Aberdeen School district now offers resources through the following apps.



Aberdeen School District

Stay up to date with the Aberdeen School District. Receive push notifications for important District announcements, view upcoming events and athletic schedules, breakfast and lunch menus, maps and directions and school contact information.



Infinite Campus Parent Portal

View student assignments, attendance, grades, and schedules

- 1) Enter the District ID: RRLLGQ
- 2) Enter your username and password provided by the school district
- 3) Review your settings-Subscribe to 'Notifications' to receive alerts about grades, assignments and attendance changes.



MySchoolBucks

MySchoolBucks makes school meal payments easy for busy parents on the go! Quickly and securely add money to your student's school meal account using your credit card, debit card, or electronic check. You can also view recent cafeteria purchases and check current meal account balances for each student.

WELCOME 6TH GRADERS!

The transition to middle school is a major event in the life of a young person, yet there are very few strategies that support or exist in middle schools. 6th graders have been known to experience lower academic achievement and difficult social adjustments. We hope to ease this time in a students' (and family's) life by offering WEB, which stands for Welcome Everybody. Our 8th grade WEB leaders were trained on August 18th, and were ready to welcome 6th graders on Friday August 19th. The day was spent modeling positive behaviors, creating a place free of intimidation or fears, team building games and activities in small groups and of course, mastering the locker combinations! We had a great day and hope we can make this a great year for our 6th grade students!

Thank you WEB leaders for a job well done!

Stress and Anxiety in Students

As we navigate through these unusual times, paying attention to our students' mental and emotional health will be more important than ever. This school year will be a time of many possible changes, where we will need extra flexibility and understanding. It will be even more important for families and schools to work together as a team for our kids. Here are some techniques we may teach or model here at school that you can also use at home.

- Teaching self-talk, regulating attention/focus, thoughts, emotions
- Morning or afternoon check with a teacher or school counselor
- Mindfulness, grounding techniques; bring the student to a quiet place to regroup and refocus.
- Self-monitor: How am I/you feeling on a scale of 1-10?
 - Mobile apps for coping skills/strategies, guided relaxation techniques, (ex. Happify, HeadSpace, Calm, Colorfy)
- Instead of avoiding or protecting someone from the situation or stressor causing or creating the anxiety, help your child/student cope with and manage difficult situations in supportive and positive ways (even if it is in small doses!) This will help them find ways to navigate through difficult times using healthy coping strategies as they get older.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school if you have questions or concerns, or to seek out other mental health services in the community.

* JOIN HOLGATE'S YOUTH POWER*

- Youth Power is a drug/alcohol free organization that is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.
- The purpose of Youth Power is to provide members with activities of interest which are drug/alcohol free and held in a safe environment.
- Students in Youth Power are asked to sign a pledge to be drug/alcohol free along with pledging to be positive leaders within our school and community.
- Some activities that will be offered will encourage students to engage within our school and community in a positive manner, and will promote and foster kindness.
 - Youth Power will meet a couple of times each month, after school on various days throughout the week. Some events may even take place on the weekends. Calendars will be provided for each month that will have the date, time, place, and activities planned.



The first informational meeting for Youth Power will be held today, September 7th, from 3:15 - 4:00 pm in the Art Room 402.



September

A/B Day Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 B	2 A	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day NO SCHOOL</i>	6 B	7 A	8 B	9 A	10
11	12 B	13 A	14 B	15 A	16 B	17
18	19 A	20 B	21 A	22 B	23 A	24
25	26 B	27 A	28 B	29 A	30 B	