# *WELCOME TO HOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL*

# *2015-2016*

Website: www.hollandisd.org

Phone: 254-657-2224

*The information in this packet is supplemental to the Holland ISD Student Handbook and HISD Code of Conduct which are available online. Paper copies of both documents are available in the campus office.*

# Middle School Faculty and Staff

| | |
|---|---|
| Mrs. Smith | Principal |
| Mrs. Schlickeisen | Asst. Principal/Language Arts |
| Mrs. Lopez | Secretary |
| Mrs. Bentley | Spanish I |
| Coach Burton | Math/Athletics |
| Mrs. Dague | Math |
| Coach Decker | PE/Athletics |
| Mrs. Dickey | Student Support |
| Mrs. Downing | Social Studies |
| Mrs. Flint | Band |
| Mrs. Gordon | Science |
| Mrs. Harris | Math/Reading |
| Mrs. Hood | Language Arts/Dyslexia |
| Coach Johnson | Science/Athletics |
| Mr. Kneten | Choir |
| Mrs. Kriczky | Band |
| Coach Kruger | Social Studies/Athletics |
| Coach Mays | Reading/Communication<br>Athletics/Technology |
| Mrs. Mazoch | Resource Teacher |
| Coach McCray | Science/Technology/Athletics |
| Mrs. Sanchez | Custodian |
| Coach Taisler | Math/Athletics |
| Coach Talbert | Athletics |

# Campus Mission Statement

Our desire at Holland Middle School is to educate each student and help develop a young adult ready to enter High School.

# *THE "DO'S"*
# *OF MIDDLE SCHOOL*

Do obey teachers and school rules.

- Do be responsible.
- Do be respectful.
- Do be safe.

Do give your best every day.

Do be on time for class.

Do participate in class and listen. Raise your hand when you want to speak.

Do bring all supplies to class each day -- pen or pencil, books, paper, library book, etc. Have an AR book available each class period and activity period.

Do class work and homework. **Turn it in on time!**

Do keep classrooms, hallways, restrooms, and lockers clean.

- Band instruments may be stored in the band hall or in the office closet.
- Please do not leave valuables in your bags!

Do leave cell phones turned off and in your locker. Cell phones will be confiscated if you are using it during school hours (7:55 am – 3:40 pm). The office phone is available for students during the school day.

Do take home all notes and reminders for your parents.

Do listen to daily announcements!

Do check for fliers in the Middle School hallways for information and reminders.

Do ask questions.

# *MISCELLANEOUS INFO*

1. **When you are late for school in the morning --**
   Go to Middle School Office for an "admit slip." Be sure to bring a note to explain why you are late. You may not enter first period late without an admit slip.

2. **When you are absent from school --**
   Stop by the Middle School office as soon as you return to school to turn in your note (from parent or doctor) and get an absence slip.

3. **When you have to leave school early for a dental or doctor appointment, or for any other reason --**
   *Your parent, guardian, or their designee needs to stop by the MIDDLE SCHOOL office to sign you out.* Do not leave school without signing out in the office. If you return before school is out, you should stop by the office to sign back in to school. If you do not feel well and need to call home, the school nurse or middle school personnel will assist with your call—remember, cell phone use between 7:55am and 3:40pm is a violation of school rules.

4. **When you lose a library book, textbook or school equipment that is issued to you --** You must pay for it.

5. **When you destroy or write in a textbook or library book --** You must pay for it.

6. **When you have a problem with your locker --**
   Ask the nearest adult for assistance. If an adult is not in the hall, come to the office.

7. **When you have a headache or do not feel well --**
   Your teacher will send you to the school nurse if it is necessary. You may not go to the health center without a pass from your teacher. *(REMEMBER, you must have a signed permission slip from your parent on file before the nurse can administer any kind of medication to you.)*

8. **When you wait until the last few days to "get your points" for AR --**
   You will be in a bind! Teachers may limit students to one test per class period due to limited computer access and time. AR tests may not be available during every class period every day.

# Accelerated Reader ("AR")

Reading is an important skill; just like football or basketball or acting or cheerleading, it improves with practice. Reading is required in every academic course for students and is used as a tool and as a recreational activity in adult life.

We believe reading is a lifelong activity—it may take us places in our imagination or it may take us up the ladder at work. All Middle School students are encouraged to participate in Accelerated Reader. Each student will bring a book to class (including activity period) to read when completed with assignments.

Students will be provided an opportunity to go to the library once per week. Tests are also available for many books from the public library.

## AR Rewards

- Average comprehension score must be 85% or above.
- Field trip (skating?) for students earning 50 points (between August 24 and dismissal for November 30)
- Field trip (bowling?) for students earning 100 points (between December 1 and dismissal on April 29)
- Field trip (Scholastic Warehouse Sale shopping trip) for students earning 125 points between August 24 and dismissal on April 29.

# CLUBS and ACTIVITIES

The following clubs and activities are available at HMS:

- **Student Council** – provides community and school service.
- **Cheerleaders** – 7th and 8th grade pep squad.
- **UIL Sports** – 7th & 8th football, volleyball, basketball, track and cross country.
- **UIL Academics** – 6th, 7th, & 8th: Art, Calculator Applications, Chess Puzzles, Dictionary Skills, Editorial Writing, Impromptu Speaking, Listening Skills, Maps, Graphs & Charts, Mathematics, Modern Oratory, Music Memory, Number Sense, One Act Play, Oral Reading, Ready Writing, Science, Social Studies, Spelling
- **UIL Band**—Concerts, Competitions
- **Temple Daily Telegram Spelling Bee**
- **Service Learning** – Holland Middle School participates in a variety of service learning projects at the school and in the community.

Clubs and activities (including 4-H, church, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Texas Middle School Rodeo Association and private lessons as well as school) often increase for students in the 7th grade. Students must learn to prioritize activities and study time in order to be successful.

"No Pass No Play" applies to Middle School students just as it does High School students. Students must maintain passing grades to participate in extracurricular activities. ("No Pass No Play" applies to 4H and the Rodeo Association also.)

---

# TUTORIAL SCHEDULE

All students are encouraged to attend tutorials when needed. **A copy of the tutorial schedule is posted in the school office, posted on the website, and**

**given to each student.** Tutorials will be held most Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons in various subjects.

Many of our Middle School Teachers are coaches. During their specific sports seasons, they may be available by appointment only. Other teachers on campus will be glad to help you. We also make use of the activity period immediately before lunch.

Tutoring for individual needs is also available by appointment. Students should contact their teacher to arrange a day/time.

---

## Mandatory Tutorials

Parents will be contacted to set tutorial appointments for students who:

- ⇨ receive a 3-week progress note due to a class average below 75
- ⇨ have missing work or incomplete assignments after attending detention (or Saturday School/ISS if needed)

Incomplete assignments will result in Detention (or Saturday School/ISS if needed). Multiple failing grades and absence from tutorials may result assignment of Saturday School or truancy charges

---

## Dress Code

Middle School students follow the High School Dress Code with the exception that middle school students are not allowed to wear hats.

# *REMEMBER:*

Store backpacks and duffel bags in locker, and store band instruments in the band hall or the office closet.

Help keep the building clean.

Hang your jacket on the back of your chair if you bring a jacket into the classroom. Do not bring blankets to class.

Be seated and ready to work *before* the tardy bell rings or you will be counted tardy.

Come to class prepared with appropriate supplies such as notebooks, pens, pencils, paper, AR book etc.

Cell phones may not be used during the school day. If you need to make a call, speak with your teacher.

Bring permission slips back to school by the stated deadlines.

The full student code of conduct is available on line or a paper copy may be requested in the campus office.

Information about school activities can be found in notes/reminders sent home, on the HISD website, in the Tribune Progress (Bartlett-Holland newspaper), in the PowerSchool Daily Bulletin and often on social media. School Reach messages can also help make sure your parents receive information if they supply an email address or a phone number and request to receive the messages.

***Be Responsible***

***Be Respectful***

***Be Safe***