



# Holyoke High - Dean Campus

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Hello Holyoke High School Dean Campus Families and Students,

We are about to begin the 20-21 school year! The start of this year will be quite different from the start of any other school year. We know that students have not had a traditional school experience since March 13th and this has been hard. We have been working to put together a plan that will address some of the potential issues that we experienced in the spring. On September 14th, we expect our students to engage in meaningful academic and vocational training (on campus and/or remotely). While our focus will be on academic and vocational training, we also want our students to know that we care about them, we are here for them, and we will support them as they get used to learning in this new way. Thank you for being patient and responsive during these past couple weeks as we finalize our plan for 20-21. Below you will find much information that you have been waiting for. If you have any further questions, please reach out.

**Facebook Live on Monday 31 August with Mr. Gates, Ms. McKenna and Dr. Mahoney:** We will be sharing information and answering questions on re-opening this coming Monday. 5:00 to 5:45 will be in English and 5:45-6:30 will be in Spanish. Please join us at: <https://www.facebook.com/holyokehighknights>

**Chromebook/Schedule Pick Up:** Each student will be receiving a chromebook from HPS. Our pick up will be on the Dean Campus, the schedule is below. If you wish to exchange your current school-leased chromebook for a new one, please bring your current device with you to the Dean Campus. Families will need to fill out the Chromebook Loan Agreement form ([Spanish](#) and [English](#)). Students without a parent present must fill out the form themselves.

\*If you can print, read and sign the Chromebook Loan Agreement form (Click [Spanish](#) and [English](#) Link) in advance, it will allow for things to move along smoothly on the day of pick up.

<u>Friday-Sept 4th</u> 12th Grade	<u>Tuesday-Sept 8th</u> 9th Grade	<u>Wednesday-Sept 9th</u> 10th Grade	<u>Thursday-Sept 10th</u> 11th Grade	<u>Friday-Sept 11th</u> All Grades
9:00am - 2:00pm				*Call to schedule

**Remote daily Schedule:** Upon the reopening of school, students will start their day at 8:45 am by checking in with their assigned homeroom teacher. A student will have up to four classes each day, 50 minutes long. Class sessions will run from 9:00am - 1:00pm with 10 minutes between each class. These classes will take place with a live instructor through zoom. Each teacher will have a Google Classroom that will have all the lessons for students and these classes will meet in virtual Zoom rooms. After lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, students will complete work independently. They can work with teachers during this time by visiting their Zoom links. Each teacher will also offer from 3-4pm on Mon., Tue., or Thur. Eight classes will be split over the course of two days Four on one day, four on the next (A Day, B Day). At Dean students will have one day dedicated to vocational training and the other four will be remote. \*Vocational experience will vary by grade level (See Live Vocational Training Schedule Below).

**EXAMPLE: 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE ONLY BELOW** \*Each grade level has a different dedicated SHOP day

Time	Day 1/Monday	Day 2/Tuesday	Day 1/Wednesday	Day 2/Thursday	SHOP/Friday
8:45-8:55	Homeroom with Squad	Homeroom with Squad	Homeroom with Squad	Homeroom with Squad	SHOP or Exploratory
9:00-9:50	A Block Class	E Block Class	A Block Class	E Block Class	

10:00-10:50	B Block Class	F Block Class	B Block Class	F Block Class	(Remote or On Campus)
11:00-11:50	C Block Class	G Block Class	C Block Class	G Block Class	
12:00-12:50	D Block Class	H Block SQUAD	D Block Class	H Block SQUAD	
1:00-1:30	Lunch				
1:30-3:00	Teachers available				

**Squad (NEW):** For the 20-21 school year, we have created a new course (also your child's homeroom). The HHS squad program promotes meaningful relationships between staff and students while providing academic and pro-social support during a pandemic. Squads will also be designed to leverage important pre-established connections among both students and staff. Students will receive 1.25 credits upon successful completion of the course. Ex. Our incoming 9th graders will be in small groups with their peers from middle school.

**Grades:** Unlike the spring, students will receive letter grades for all courses using our traditional grading system. Grades will determine honor roll and will be used in the calculation of GPAs.

**Attendance:** Student attendance will be taken in each class by the teacher and will impact course credit and/or course grade. We are waiting on a revised HPS policy.

**Live "On Campus" Vocational Training:** If you choose to attend our "On Campus" vocational training, your child will spend one day, on campus, each week. We have provided a visual below of this schedule. On the days where your child is not "On Campus" they will participate in the remote learning schedule above, there will be more to come on this soon.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>12th Grade</b> 7:30-1:00	<b>11th Grade</b> 7:30-1:00	<b>OFF</b>	<b>10th Grade</b> 7:30-1:00	<b>9th Grade</b> 7:30-1:00

**\*Remote Vocational Training:** If you choose not to attend the "On Campus" vocational training day, there will still be vocational training provided for your child. They will experience vocational training through a similar experience as with academics (remotely). For grades 10-12, your specific teachers in your shop will be reaching out to you and providing you with information to connect.

**Grade 9: A & B period Exploratory:** Work directly with shop teachers throughout exploratory.

**Grade 10: A & B period Shop:** A combination of posted video, direct instruction and independent work time.

**Grade 11: E, F, G period Shop:** A combination of posted video, direct instruction and independent work time.

**Grade 12:** Project based with direct instruction: one on one w independent work time.

This year will certainly be different from what we are used to. That being said, we are committed to making this year an awesome year for our students. The whole team at HHS Dean Campus has been working together to prepare for our students and to welcome them on September 14th to the 20-21 school year. We can't wait to be working with them again!

With great respect,

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**\*To access an electronic copy to print & sign "Chromebook Loan Agreement" visit hps.dean**