

Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



March 2023

Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- RHS Teacher of the Year (TOY) and Support Staff Employee of the Year (SSEOY): The RHS faculty have selected 2 outstanding individuals for these recognitions: Nicole David (TOY) works with our English Language Learners and does a great job of help students and staff members achieve success. David Griffin (SSEOY) oversees our In-School Suspension Room and he does a great job of building relationships with students and ensuring that the ISS room is a safe and productive environment.
- The RHS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is developing a student forum event called “R”-Town to be held on April 6. The event will be a retreat for 30 students from across the student body and will focus on engaging students in select activities both fun and thoughtful related to DEI.
- Girls & Boys State: We have a number of RHS juniors who've been selected. For Girls State: Erin Seals, Hannah Batts, Yleiza Soria, and Deanna Barbee. For Boys State: Joshua Ray, Arcianne Soria, Nigel Turner, Brett White, Page Worthington. We have 3 additional applications waiting for approval.
- RHS Microbiology Teacher, Christy Darter, recently took her Microbiology students on a field trip to the Kansas City Water Treatment facilities. Students had the opportunity to learn about public water services, green industry practices, and career opportunities in the field. The trip was a huge success.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Wrestling: Congratulations to the Girls Wrestling team for making history! Amaya Johnson-Matney (12) placed 6th at the state wrestling tournament. Amaya is the 1st District Champion, 1st state qualifier, and 1st ALL STATE female wrestler from Raytown High School.
- RHS Jaywalkers: Took 3rd in Hip Hop and 5th in Mix at the Lee's Summit North Invitational. Academic All State Awards Ava Bruscato (10), Amelia Divito (11), Avery Enyard (10), Lai' Ayla Flowers (12), Lanyce Flowers (11), Niyah McDowell (11), Lillianne Ross (12). At the MDTA State Competition the Jaywalkers took 2nd place in Hip Hop and 5th in Mix.
- RHS Girls Basketball is the Suburban White Conference Champions for the second year in a row. The team is undefeated at home and currently has a 20-2 record heading into district play.
- RHS Boys Basketball: C-Team finished the season with a 15-4 record and had a great season. The JV Team just finished their season on February 21st with a 17-5 record. The Varsity Team is 13-11 on the season, finishing second in conference.
- RHS Girls Swimming & Diving: Hannah Batts (11) achieved a state reportable time of 5:55 in the 500 free, and missed qualifying for the state meet by only 2.9 seconds. She finished the season with the 35th fastest declared time in class 1.
- RHS Robotics spent the 17th of February at Harvester's packing Italian Sausage pizza topping and making fruit and vegetable baskets for seniors. Robotics is also attending the State Tournament on 3/4 in Rolla, MO.
- RHS Student Council: Amaya Morgan (12) Executive Board President won the Distinguished Student Leader Award for Missouri Association of Student Council.

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Upcoming School Events

- March 2: RQS Academic Evening–6:00 pm @ RSHS
- March 3: Student Immunization Clinic–7:00 am @ RHS
- March 14: Choir Concert–7:00 pm @ RHS Performing Arts Center
- March 16: Orchestra Concert–7:00 pm @ RHS Performing Arts Center
- March 27-31: Spring Break

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- I would like to congratulate Jarrod Sims (TOY) and [Mallory Shump](#) (SSEOY). Jarrod is our Project Lead the Way teacher and Robotics Coach. Jarrod brings real world issues into the classroom for students to seek solutions. Mallory is an IA in our CBI classroom and is always available to assist teachers and students with any issues in class. Please congratulate both of these staff members.
- I would like to acknowledge our Boys and Girls State Qualifiers. Our Male qualifiers are Reily Berroteran, Daniel Green, Dayton Shelley and Nas'R Dill. Our female qualifiers are Lumuela Christiana-Desouza, Lauren Jakes, Carys Shelley and Serena Enyeribe. Please assist me in congratulating these students.
- Our BLT is continuing to bring focus to our DRT process while also beginning to plan for next year. We will begin with a book study of the book Ruthless Equity: Disrupt the Status Quo and Ensure Learning for All Students.

Parent/Community Focus

- Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Wrestling all hosted Middle School Nights this winter: South Middle students received free entry for a game & got a tour of the school
- Girls Basketball are the Suburban Conference Blue Division Champs! The girls went undefeated in conference play, they also have remained undefeated at home for the past two seasons. The Girls are seated 3rd in their district tournament. District play begins 3/2 vs Lee's Summit North @ LSN
- Boys Basketball are seated #6 in their district, the boys play Ruskin first round on 3/1 @ Belton
- Philip Wolfe named Honorable Mention (2nd place) in Electronic Music Composition at the Music Educator's + All-State Conference.
- Speech and Debate received 2nd place at their conference tournament
- Robotics advanced to the MO/KS Championship in Rolla, MO on 3/4
- DECA'S Ian Briscoe and Destyne Nicholson qualified for state
- Wrestling's Norman Schneider, Zayla Van, and Abibatou all competed at the MSHSAA State Tournament. Norman Schneider won a district championship
- Our Cardettes won 1st in Prop at MSHSAA State

Upcoming School Events

- RQS Academic Night at South High Mar 2, 2023 @ 6:00pm
- Band Concert March 14, @ 7:00 pm at South High Auditorium
- Choir Concert March 16 @ 7:00 pm at South High Auditorium
- Baseball vs St. Michaels March 17th @ 4:00 pm South High Baseball Stadium

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- Orchestra Concert March 21 @ 7:00 pm South High Auditorium
- JV/Varsity G Soccer March 23 @ 5pm South High Soccer Stadium

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- Mrs. Maroney's students have been learning about great and innovative Black Americans daily in February including inventors, singers, astronauts, and Members of Congress in celebration of Black History Month!
- To culminate and celebrate the skills learned in our Poetry Unit, 8th Grade ELA teachers put on a Poetry Slam for students to compete and showcase their acquired knowledge through reciting poetry and performing spoken. With a sponsorship grant from KUAW Radio and The Music and More Foundation, our students were able to win prizes in the forms of cash and a trophy for their classroom. The abstract competency of poetry, allowed students to tap into new and unique ways to communicate. This event was educationally inspiring for all who attended and participated.
- Room 10 at Raytown Middle School LOVES Black History month. Through project-based instruction, we studied Harriet Tubman and some of the helpful tools she used along her journey to freedom. Students were thrilled to sing aloud to Louis Armstrong's hits and learn of his difficult path to fame. Jackie Robinson taught them determination in the face of adversity, and they saw a true baseball legend. All assignments concluded with a large project-based art creation highlighting concepts and instilling mastery. This was a blast for the kids, my I.A., and myself Go room 10. You can do anything!

Parent/Community Focus

- Girls Basketball A team had a phenomenal season and finished the year 15 - 1 and conference champions! Boys basketball B team also had a phenomenal season and finished 15-1 and are conference champions!

Upcoming School Events

- ABC/No Tardy Mixer - March 2, 2023
- Grade Level Assemblies - March 14, 2023
- March Madness Parent Event - March 14th - 6:00-7:30 pm
- Main Event Field Trip - March 16, 2023
- Immunization Clinic - March 17th 8:00-11:00 am

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- South Middle had our first Academic Achievement Awards ceremonies for each grade level on February 28th! Students were greeted by their team of grade-level teachers with pom-poms and cheers. During the assembly, students were recognized for grade-point averages of 3.0 and above, a category of Most Growth in each course, and a category of consistently High Performance in each course.
- For Black History Month, students were presented with (7) different challenges by Ms. Ernst. Students were asked to write a poem relating to the black experience, check out a library book by a black author, support and review a black-owned business or restaurant, and visit and take a selfie at the Negro League Baseball Museum. Students

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Completing any or all of the challenges were placed in a drawing to win an Amazon gift card. This month's winners were:

- Alexander Tabor, 6th Grade
- Ben Gutierrez, 7th Grade
- Persaus Thoele, 8th Grade
- Jennifer Ernst, ELA/Reading teacher and lead of the building cultural competence committee activities, also organized a Black History Collective video, alongside a fellow CMS teacher. Thank you for your hard work in highlighting our community's diversity!
- As the close of Trister 4 approaches, teachers are working together to identify a focus standard for their instructional units beginning in Trister 5. This will be the focus for PLC work with instructional planning.

Parent/Community Focus

- Marissa Romero, Director of Bands at South Middle, welcomed Dr. Mark Bonner from the University of Central Missouri to work with our 7th and 8th grade band students as they prepare for a large group contest in March. He provided instructional feedback and coaching to students in the large group setting and spoke to Cardinals about band opportunities that await them for high school and college!
- Andrew Jones, a chief manufacturing engineer, joined South Middle students for a Career Cafe session on February 7th. During the lunch hour, he presented approximately 30 students with information on engineering, the inner workings of factories, and the process for designing and assembling many products.
- South Middle Debate Team competed with 21 schools in a debate tournament on Friday, February 10th. South Middle debate team earned 1st and 2nd place medals! Congratulations to students and sponsors, Abigail Gartland and Aiden Bundy!
 - 1st Place, Tournament Champions: Ryan Shaw, 8th Grade and Samar Draper, 8th Grade
 - 2nd Place: Jederrion Knighten, 7th Grade and Kennadee Phillips, 7th Grade

Upcoming School Events

- March 10: Elementary Schools Visit - Band Introduction
- March 10: Immunization Clinic, 12:00-3:00 pm
- March 15: No Tardy Party
- March 17: 8th Grade Career Fair, 8:30-10:30 am
- March 20: Middle Schools Honors Band Auditions
- March 27-March 31: Spring Break

Raytown Central Middle School

- Our Teacher of the Year is History Teacher Melissa Hays.
- Our Support Staff Employee of the Year is Principal's Secretary Candice Abernathy.
- Highlighting English courses this month:
 - 6th graders are deciphering some rigorous text about myths and practicing writing introductory paragraphs
 - 7th graders are exploring nonfiction text through the study of the life of Malala Yousafzai and her book I am Malala. They did a cultural study of the country of

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Pakistan and are coming to understand an author's perspective based on clues from text.

- 8th graders just completed a Poetry unit they found enjoyable, in which students attempted to write several forms of poetry, including haiku, limerick, cinquain and free verse. This unit included study of figurative language used in poetry.
- 250 students earned our January monthly reward by passing all classes with 70% or higher, accumulating no more than 3 tardies for the month, and earning no ISS or OSS for the month. They got 30 minutes of time together for 3-on-3 basketball, or BINGO with prizes, or to sit and "chill" with friends.

Parent/Community Focus

- We enjoyed our parent-teacher conferences in February and were happy that, even with Red Wednesday off, we were able to hold 73% of all conferences.
- Several parents have made a point of telling Ms. Boyd that they are thankful for the programs we have embedded this school year to reduce fighting and to incentive school success. It makes us all feel good to have our hard work noticed by those we seek to serve.
- CMS hosted a huge speech and debate tournament on the night of March 3. Thanks to sponsor and teacher Kendra Drake for planning and facilitating, and to all the staff and parents who judged and helped.

Upcoming School Events

- March 3 - Speech and Debate Tournament at CMS
- March 7 - 4:30 - 5:00 Track Parent Meeting
- March 7 - Trister 4 grades due
- March 9 - Monthly Reward party during Advisory class for those who qualify
- March 17 - Trister 4 Achievement Celebration Rally

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Creating behavior plans which help students stay in the classroom. This helps students be more successful academically.
- Focus on academic discussion between students and teachers. Looks like "why" we are learning the objective

Parent/Community Focus

- Family Fun Night with Social Workers sharing with families resources for families

Upcoming School Events

- Level Celebrations, passing all classes celebrations, attendance celebrations

Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized Education Goals
- MAP-A Testing
- Communication
- Social and Emotional Skills

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Parent/Community Focus

- We will once again partner with Clark Appliance in stuffing Easter Eggs for Raytown's Eggstravaganza!
- The L.I.F.E. Program has partnered with our district in putting together STEM kits for elementary students.

Upcoming School Events

- Trauma Smart Facilitator Training March 20-24
- Teacher of the Year Breakfast: Congratulations to Northwood's 2024 teacher of the year Jon Jacque Luteran.
- We will recognize our custodians on March 6, Custodians Day, with a song written and performed by NWSA students.

Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Foundations of Nursing students completed their clinicals. Students will now study for the theory and skills tests to become a Certified Nurse Assistant.
- CAPS students participated in the PPR Reverse Pitch competition. Students from Education Exploration, Animal Health, and Business Innovation and Creation participated. Four business selected winners, Southland CAPS had members on three of the winning teams.
- We had over 915 applications by the priority deadline for 2023-24 students.

Parent/Community Focus

- Acceptance notifications for 2023-24 will be sent to students prior to spring break.
- Staff encouraged parents and students to participate in Parent Teacher Conferences. The majority of our conferences in the spring were held electronically.
- Our Open House was very well attended. Families had the opportunity to visit any program they were interested in. The feedback from families was great.
- Culinary Arts students hosted the last Cinder restaurant night of the year. The event was sold out, and the feedback was positive.

Upcoming School Events

- SkillsUSA State: March 30-April 1
- HSOA State: March 27-28
- Educators Rising State: March 15