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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- Signs of Suicide (SOS) student presentations will occur on Thursday, November 8. The RHS counseling department has been working hard to organize and implement this event for our students. Staff will go through SOS training on Wednesday, November 2.
- RHS Staff Professional Learning: this fall we have been focusing on three key areas: Core Instructional Practices, Classroom and Student Behavior Management, and Cultural Responsiveness. At our recent professional learning day staff had the opportunity to learn and collaborate with colleagues in these three areas through a variety of workshops. Staff survey results have been highly positive and observations show staff implementing many of the ideas, strategies, and methods presented.
- RHS Junior Marissa Johnson, recently served on a community panel sponsored by the Girls Scouts of America. Marissa was featured as one of the “Tough Cookies” The panel presentation was held in the Theater at Plexpod KC-Westport. Marissa spoke about her ability overcoming adversity and her hard work to succeed in her many endeavors. She represented RHS with excellence and pride.
- Students for the RHS Music programs will be attending the UMKC Crescendo Concert, at Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts on November 4. It is a fast-paced, one-hour, collage-style performance put together by the students and faculty of the UMKC Conservatory.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Student Council has been busy this month. Peris Frazier-Green (11), STUCO fundraising committee chair, organized a Tips fundraiser at Hy-Vee on 350 Saturday October 22nd, raising \$1,300.00 for Student Council. Kaylynn Glosenger (11), Community Service committee chair, organized the fall school blood drive with the Community Blood Center of Kansas City on October 24th. Aiden Young (11), Missouri Association of Student Council committee chair, led the charge in RHS running for District Secretary at our STUCO Districts on Friday October 28th at Fort Osage High School. Raytown High will serve as secretary for the Trails West District for the 2023-2024 school year. Keo Crocket (12), Recreation committee chair, led his team in hosting Raytown High’s first Haunted Hallway event, Saturday October 30th. We had an amazing turn out from the elementary age kids in the community who participated in the trick or treating as well as the haunted gym consisting of witches, a mad scientist lab, a spooky graveyard, and our own zombie athletes.
- RHS Speech and Debate has started. At the Blue Springs Tournament, semi-finalists include Ilisabeth Garcia (10)–Dramatic Interpretation and Ariel Vaughn (9) –Oratory. At the Staley Tournament Reiko Groves (10) took 5th place in Prose. At the Belton tournament, Emily Chen (9) placed 4th in Lincoln Douglas Debate. The team will host their annual tournament on December 9-10.
- RHS Choir: 12 RHS choir students participated in the KC Metro All-Districts Choirs. Students who auditioned and were selected to the All-District Choir include Parker Cobden (12), Reiko Groves (10), and Izzie Lawrence (12). Students selected to the SSAA Honor Choir were Marissa Johnson (11), Halie Boardman (11), and Olivia McCarroll (12). Students selected to the TTBB Honor Choir were Lucas Mayo (12) and

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Nigel Turner (11). Students selected for the 9/10 Honor Choir were Troy Hook (9), Megan Meade (10), Ava Bruscatto (10), and Lucas McCarroll (10).

- RHS Cross Country participated in their Conference Meet on October 15. The varsity boys ran a full squad and finished in 3rd place overall, their highest finish in over a decade. Brendan Santellan (9) finished 2nd-team All-Conference. Islem Golden-Tubby (10) and CJ Harris (9) were honorable mention all conference. The JV boys also finished 3rd as a team in the JV division, with Silas Powell and Carson McKinley as medalists. On the girls side, Lanee Cooper (10) and Micaiah Williams (10) medaled in the JV division.
- RHS Orchestra presented their fall concert on October 18. The concert was a success and featured a guest appearance by retired RHS accompanist Brenda Yeates!
- RHS Band recently wrapped up their fall marching band season. This year's show was titled "The Hero's Journey." Most recently the band took 4th place at the Harrisonville Marching Festival.
- RHS Theater is currently rehearsing their upcoming musical, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, which will premiere November 17-19.
- RHS Boys Soccer
- RHS Football is currently 6 and 4 for regular season play. They will take on Raytown South in the second round of district play Friday, November 4.
- RHS Softball ended the season 4 and 13. The team worked hard, developing skills, and enjoying the season.
- RHS Boys Swimming is having another top notch season. Ben Gippner recently set a new conference record

Upcoming School Events

- Nov. 4–Hall of Fame Student Forum, RHS Library @ 8:30 am
- Nov. 8–Election Day–NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 10–Signs of Suicide Student Presentations, RHS @ 7:30 am
- Nov. 17-19–RHS Musical, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- Nov. 21-25–RQS Fall/Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 8 & 9–RHS Speech 7 Debate Tournament, RHS (all day event)

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- The Math Department focus is on the priority and support standards of in each of the classes- using the NWEA data formative and summative assessments to guide of next steps.
- The Social Studies Department will continue to focus on common assessment data and lesson development.
- SpEd Dept. Two LEAs have been added to the department to assist with meetings. Team is collaborating with regular education teachers using NWEA scores to assess reading and math scores
- The ELA Department is focusing on analyzing NWEA scores as well as data from common assessments. English III and IV will have their midterm data to analyze. English I and II will have their second unit common assessment data to assess.
- First Trimester we have 659 students that are passing 7 classes
- First Trimester we have 725 students with 0-5 tardies

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- We've had over 1,000 books checked out of our Library this year. Mrs. Wells has instituted a Punch Reward System for our students who checked out 3 books. We've also had an art class design covers for books, b

Parent/Community Focus

- Raytown South High Student Council is preparing for our Christmas Party for our Elementary Students. We adopt ten students in need from each elementary school, We ask the elementary counselors to send us a wish list for each student, we have staff members to adopt a student and we spend \$50 on each student. The event is hosted on 12/14 from 6:00-8:00 pm. The family drives through our decorated front Circle see Santa and pick up their presents
- The Raytown South Sound of the South Side completed at the UCM Festivals of Champions on Saturday October 22nd. They swept all captions in their class for preliminary competition and earned a spot in final performance. Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Auxiliary, Outstanding Drum Major, Fan Favorite, 1st Place indoor drum, 1st place indoor Color Guard, 1st place field show

Upcoming School Events

- Raytown vs Raytown South District Football Game on Nov. 4th at Raytown High School
- Boys Soccer had a major upset defeating Grain Valley to advance to Districts Finals Nov. 1st at William Chrisman
- Winter Sports begin Oct. 31st
- South Will be presenting the Musical Bright Star Nov.3-5th at 7pm in the Auditorium
- We will host Girls Basketball Jamboree at 5pm on Nov. 16th at South High Gymnasium
- Nov. 21st Boys Basketball game at Central High School JV 5:30pm and Varsity 7pm
- Nov. 21st Girls Basketball game at North Kansas City 5:30pm and Varsity at 7pm

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- Social Studies Highlights: 6th Grade: We worked on Google Slide Projects based around Ancient India. Students made slides with collages, bullet lists of facts, and identified important places in India. We had a blast deciphering hieroglyphs! Student's decoded secret messages using a key. They were able to create their own messages for their peers to decipher as well. Student's also pretended they went on a trip to Ancient Egypt, and created a postcard. Students drew pictures of Ancient Egypt on one side, on the back they wrote a letter for someone who lives at that house, what they would have seen during that time. These were shared with families in their parent teacher conference folder.
- Social Studies Highlights: 7th grade classes finished up "Core Concepts of Geography" with a project creating Bloom Balls that show student knowledge of the 5 themes and how it relates to the world. We are currently learning about Europe and next month will be studying Africa. While discussing Africa, 7th graders will be using the book, A Long Walk to Water, to connect with people their own age to understand current issues in Africa, including conflict and water scarcity.
- Social Studies Highlights: 8th grade classes have been leading up to the American Revolution. While we have been doing that, our department has shown students what it was like to live in that time period. One way we engaged the students was making butter in class using cream and a mason jar (along with a lot of shaking)! The students were

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able to enjoy the fruits of their labor by getting to try the butter on saltine crackers. 8th grade has also just finished projects (posters/pamphlets) on the "Road to Revolution" explaining how British actions caused reactions from the Colonists. They also showed off their knowledge of point of view by either taking the side of Britain or the American colonists. We are now beginning the American Revolution. Today we made poems and Raps over the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." Soon we will be doing numerous activities including listening and reflecting on some singles from the play Hamilton, using our conversations, readings and notes to compare and contrast points of view.

Parent/Community Focus

- The school spelling bee is coming! The spelling bee will take place on Thursday, November 17th from 3 - 4:30 pm in the library. Anyone can sign up to participate. You can sign up in the library or with your English teacher. The winner will get to go to the regional spelling bee for the chance to win a free trip to Washington D.C.!
- November is Native American Heritage Month. Come celebrate in the library by participating in our trivia activity! Everyone who answers the trivia questions correctly wins a prize. See the librarian to get the questions. Answers have to be turned in by November 30th.

Upcoming School Events

- ABC School Mixer: On November 4th, we will be hosting our first during school mixer for all students with all As, Bs, or Cs.
- November 4th, RMS Blue and White Wrestling Meet
- November 11th, we will host our second Trister activity night.
- November 14, Wrestling vs. Bingham and New Mark
- November 15th, Blue and White Basketball Game
- November 29th, Girls Basketball vs. Plaza

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- For October, teachers worked diligently to provide quality instruction to South Middle students, and many classrooms incorporated movement or hands-on activities.
- Sixth Grade Math classes focused on a priority learning standard for finding surface area of polyhedrons and various shapes. Students in Ms. McSparin's classroom used an interactive notebook to cut, paste, label, and determine surface area of rectangular prisms.
- Seventh Grade ELA classes practiced using the R.A.C.E. strategy to respond to constructed-response items by moving around the room to work with peers on one part of the strategy and share their written responses with the class.
- Eighth Grade Science classes engaged in a Density Lab, exploring how mass and volume relate, and observing as objects sink or float while recording calculations and results.
- Staff honored the Academic Achievement of several students through Advisory and lunch time. Students received award certificates, red and gray cards, Cardinal Cash, and an ice cream treat!
- During the First Trister, there were 170 Principal's Honor Roll students with a 3.5 GPA or above.

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- During the First Trister, there were 143 Honor Roll students with a 3.0-3.4 GPA.
- South Middle had 81 students with Perfect Attendance and 86 students with Zero Tardies during Trister 1.
- There were 193 students with 90% or higher attendance.

Parent/Community Focus

- PBIS recognized three students for their positive attitudes and responsible behavior at school. Each student received an October Student of the Month Certificate and goody bag:
 - 6th Grade~Chloe Anderson
 - 7th Grade~Austin Donaldson
 - 8th Grade~Lyrik Clinton
- South Middle Career Cafe was well-attended by groups of approximately 23 students who enjoyed a presentation in the following career fields:
 - Accountant, Briiohn Covert from NBKC Bank
 - Entrepreneur & Coach, George Goode, a South High graduate and co-owner/operator of Ruby Jean's Juicery
- Attend to Win monthly winners were celebrated for their attendance of 90% and above throughout the month of October. These students received a DQ Gift Card for great attendance:
 - 6th Grade~Aaron Simpson & Maiya Moir
 - 7th Grade~Alejandro Vargas & Octavious Bryant
 - 8th Grade~Jazzy Parker & Markyla Cann
- Ryan Shaw, 8th Grade, is being recognized as an exemplary student and Ray of Hope at South Middle for his academic performance, community involvement, and school spirit!

Upcoming School Events

- November 3-4: The Musical: Beauty & the Beast, 7:00 pm
- November 11: Student Council Glow Night Dance, 5:00 pm
- November 14: Wrestling Meet (v. Nowlin, East Trails)
- November 29: Boys Basketball Game (v. Smith Hale)
- November 30: Girls Basketball Game (v. Pioneer Ridge)

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- 66% of all students passed all classes with C's or better for Trister #1.
- Our average student GPA for Trister #1 is a 3.0 !
- 300 students earned a treat from the Kona Ice truck for meeting the criteria for the monthly reward for September: all C's or better, no more than 3 tardies in the month, no ISS or OSS in the month. Students who meet these expectations for the month of October will be rewarded with freshly popped popcorn and a cold drink this Friday.
- Our highlight this month is elective classes: Ms. Burk facilitates hundreds of beautiful art pieces in her classes. Students really enjoy her lessons and produce some exemplary art work. PE just got some new nets with which students are learning to play pickle ball, a recreational activity that has become popular with many adults in recent years. Family and Consumer Sciences classes have learned to thread a sewing machine and to wield

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a needle for hand-sewing some attractive pillows from old t-shirts.

Orchestra classes are learning special music to perform at our next recognition rally.

- Teachers and administrators have been learning the foundational elements of a Professional Learning Community.
- Our staff has developed our Mission Statement, our Vision Statement, and our Collective Commitments as a learning community. We are beginning to explore how to set Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) for academic improvement.

Parent/Community Focus

- CMS greatly enjoyed our time with parents and families during conferences on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. We had nearly 88% of our families attend a conference, and several teachers are still working toward getting 100% of their students' parents to attend a conference.
- The stage play, produced and directed by Drama teacher Kendra Drake, was a huge success. All actors and stage workers did an excellent job both nights of the performance. Their parents and the staff are very proud of these youngsters.
- CMS students are scheduled to participate in Dr. Martin-Knox's Superintendent's Forum later this month.

Upcoming School Events

- Nov. 4 - Monthly Reward for October
- Nov. 8 - Election Day - no school
- Nov. 16 - Wrestling - home
- Nov. 18 - Trister #2 ends
- Nov. 21 - 25 - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29 - Basketball - home
- Nov. 30 - Wrestling - home

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- RACE constructed response
- Focus on Core Instructional Practices, i.e. clear learning objectives, direct instruction & Modeling, guided Practice and Gradual Release, Check for Understanding, closure of lesson

Parent/Community Focus

- Family fun night on November 17, focus on How are we Making our Lives Great

Upcoming School Events

- Celebrate attendance, passing all classes, increase number of students on level 4 to celebrate students on Level

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Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized Educational Goals
- Communication
- Social Emotional Learning

Parent/Community Focus

- Northwood had an 82% rate of attendance at Parent Teacher Conferences
- The L.I.F.E. program will participate in Community Based Instruction at the Wellness Center, Hy-Vee and Dollar Tree this month.

Upcoming School Events

- Northwood's Annual Christmas Party will be held in December, the date is TBD.
- Two staff members are attending The Trauma Smart Academy November 1-4.

Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Foundations of Nursing students began their clinical rotations at Villages of Jackson Creek Memory Care and John Knox Village. Students will need to complete 100 hours of clinical experience to qualify for the CNA test.
- Business Innovation & Creation students attended two different chamber events this past month to learn more about community events and the coordination between different community organizations while also networking with other attendees.
- Advertising & Graphic Design students printed their first shirts on the new screen printing press. Students are learning how to take their projects from the planning stage to design and then to production.

Parent/Community Focus

- We hosted a FAFSA Frenzy event during Parent Teacher Conferences to encourage families to complete the FAFSA and provide support to answer questions.
- Cinder held its first Restaurant Night for the community on October 14.

Upcoming School Events

- November 1: Student Application for 23-24 Opens
- November 1: Cosmetology Opens for Community Members
- November 10: Community Open House
- November 17: Cinder Restaurant Night