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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- RHS Argumentative Writing: During trimesters 2 and 3 teachers engaged in developing and implementing specific instructional strategies related to argumentative writing. From these efforts the Building Leadership team has selected 15 staff members who will be hosting a "Gallery Walk" presentation of their efforts and results. This is a part of our ongoing efforts related to argumentative writing.
- Signs of Suicide Training: The RHS counselors worked with our staff to complete the SOS training in preparation for our school-wide SOS day. The training was well received and a special thanks goes out to Shana Bobbitt for taking the lead!

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Boys' Basketball team earned 3rd place at the William Jewell tournament with wins over Lee's Summit West and Liberty High School. The Boys varsity are currently 6 - 4 for the season.
- RHS Girls' Basketball is 3-3 for the season.
- RHS Football: The following players were selected to All-State: D'Vontae Key (11th), Joe Campbell (11th), and Dontae Manning (11th)"
- RHS Wrestling is off to a strong start and defeated Raytown South in their rival dual 54-12.
- RHS Chess Club took 2nd at the William Chrisman Tournament. Their next competition is at Rockhurst on January 26th.
- RHS Student Council has been elected as the Vice President of the Trails West District for the 2019-2020 school year.
- RHS Math Club: Performed well at the Warrensburg Math and Science Relays and the California (MO) Math Contest. RHS Students placed in the top of all divisions.
- RHS Orchestra: The following students were selected for the All-District Orchestra: Anna Ryan (12th), Darra Haper (12th), Logan Oehring (12th), and David Severt (11th).
- RHS Cheer took 3rd in the performance division and 6th in the time out division at state competition. Raja Brockenberry (11th) and Taylor Iverson (11th) were selected as All State Cheerleaders.

Upcoming School Events

- Winter Activities Assembly--RHS Gym--January 15 @ 10:00am
- RHS vs. SHS Basketball Games--RHS Gym--February 1st @ 5:30/7:00 pm

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Way to represent Constanza Castro, South High Class of 2015 Raytown, Missouri (born in Santiago, Chile) University of Kansas Major: Political Science with a concentration in U.S. Foreign Policy Minor: Economics. Thirty-one undergraduate students from colleges and universities across the U.S. attended the Public Policy and International Affairs Program's (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute (JSI) this summer at Princeton University. Hosted by the Woodrow Wilson School since 1985, the rigorous seven-week program is designed to prepare the students for graduate study and careers in public policy and international affairs.

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- CAPS Education Exploration program participant Andrea Blackman, was chosen for a Cerner Kids Internship at their Realization Campus for next semester. Way to represent!
- Senior Anderson Styles was accepted into Cerner Scholars! Way to represent!
- Building Leadership Team Activities:
 - Suicide Training – Counselors
 - ACT score measurement, course sequence, and action plan
 - Efficacy - Dr. Overfelt
 - John Hattie: 10 Mindframes for Visible Learning video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tANBHAY5DDU> (start at 1 minute)
 - BrightBytes Survey
 - Strengthsfinder
 - 8th Grade credits
 - Enrollment process
 - Book study structure - Trauma Informed Schools

Parent/Community Focus

- Raytown South High School Student Council students held their annual Children's Holiday Party with over 300 people attending. They have been collaborating in committees designing party activities for 70+ children that were recommended by Elementary School Counselors. Special thanks to Student Council Sponsors Vivian Raridon, Meredith Moore, and Arianne Henry. Math coordinator/teacher Michele Anderson was one of the original founders of this activity in 1998. This year over \$5000 will be spent on the party and gifts. It is the 21st year for this activity and over \$120,000 has been raised since the activity began.
- Donations over the years have come from Chief Lynch and the Raytown Police Benefits fund, individual staff members throughout the district and is also supplemented by South High school dance revenues. Activities include a Holiday stocking walk, face painting, ornament making tables, snowman building, and Christmas gifts from Santa. Santa (Mayor McDonough) read the night before Christmas. There was pizza, cookies, and refreshments provided compliments of South and Raytown High's Student Councils. Both High Schools can be proud of this activity.
- Performances from music groups around the KC Metro area, including our South High Cardinal Chorale, were featured on Channel 41's Sounds of the Holidays!
- Football
- South played 5 teams ranked in the Top 10 Missouri Poll (2 5A and 3 4A)
- Academic All-State Jacob Dodd
- Missouri Good Hands Team Jacob Dodd
- All District - 1st Team Jovon Ray - QB Raevon Carter - DB Cameron Houts - K All District - 2nd Team Deniro Peterson - OL Derek Porter - DL

Upcoming School Events

- Mansa Wakili Class of 2006 is a Grammy Award Nominee and will speak to Seniors. He is a writer, composer, producer, and performer. He has 24 Hollywood film soundtrack credits in addition TV credits that include Jumanji, Wonder, Club Mickey Mouse, Emoji Movie, Spider Man Homecoming, Lego Batman, and Empire.

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Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- **Social Studies DRT** Linda Shippy visited the social studies department on 12/13/18 during DRT. During this time, she observed the DRT process and posed several questions to the team. She asked how does the team determine readability with their data? What are the commonalities in the data? How are priority expectations measured? As the discussion progressed, Mr. Hile explained how an article is selected to support the standard(s) on Actively Learn. Ms. Shippy asked if there are questions written with a bank of possible questions available for use. She learned that the social studies department work together to create assessment questions. Strategies discussed were using STAR data as a baseline to support struggling readers with various struggling abilities, then test on content and reading questions. In addition, to look at item types—who is performing well with writing? Multiple choice? Additionally, the scoring guide is key for the team; that all scoring should be done the same way; that everyone uses the same rubric. Papers should be scored three times with a strong anchor paper. The team was receptive to the comments during the discussion and plan to move forward with Actively Learn as the tool to support the instructional process with alignments to the ELA curriculum. Although it is a work in progress, the social studies department is working diligently to plan and analyze data to support the curricular standards.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Annual Pancake Breakfast** On Saturday December 1, 2018 the twelfth annual pancake breakfast was held at Raytown Middle School sponsored by the RMS Community Outreach Team. With a can good donation, families and patrons enjoyed an all you can eat pancake meal while enjoying holiday music, prize drawings and fellowship. The holiday spirit was alive and well, as once again Mr. Fletcher surprised our families dressed as Santa Claus!! A special thanks to the Community Outreach team for another successful event! A total of 20 boxes of non-perishable food was collected for REAP.
- **Concert Season 2018** December is the season for holiday music and is always a joy to experience. The season began with the band concert highlighting several holiday favorites. Mike Doney and Tyler Rick do not disappoint with the high quality expectations of students; the music is clear, crisp and a joy to hear. The orchestra, conducted by Amy Sadler, impressed us with the beginning classes playing with passion as well as the seventh and eighth grade classes performing well also. The season concluded with choral magic from the vocal music students under the direction of Brian Marston. Not only did they perform during the concert, but also at several community events throughout December. What a great send off for the holiday break!
- **Wrestling Season** The Raytown Middle School Wrestling team had another highly successful year in 2018 competition. The Bluejays started the year with high levels of interest as 45 student athletes joined, which in turn required a third coach to be hired for the second straight year. The squad finished the year with a 16-2 record and once again dominated cross town rivals Raytown Central and Raytown South Middle. This marks the sixth year of wrestling as a sport in Raytown School District and RMS has never lost to RCMS nor RSMS. We are proud of our team and their accomplishments!

Upcoming School Events

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- Major Saver Fundraiser January 7, 2019
- MLS practice assessment testing January 2019
- Major Saver Mixer February 21, 2019

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- At our December faculty meeting the SEL team collaborated with Nancy Skahan to utilize Actively Learn to review an article entitled, *A Mindshift to Continue Supporting the Most Frustrating Kids*. Staff reflected on how mind frames influence their effectiveness in working with difficult students as well as strategies that help foster connections and belonging. Mrs. Skahan reviewed literacy strategies with staff that include setting a purpose, chunking, and making connections to text. Actively Learn is a great tool to help teachers incorporate literacy across all content areas.

Parent/Community Focus

- The SEL team hosted the 3rd Annual Cardinal Christmas Store this year for students. With donations from Raytown Retired Teachers, REAP partners, and our own staff and their families, the LMC was converted into a Christmas department store where students could spend their Cardinal Cash for gifts for family members. Teachers even volunteered to take turns working the gift wrapping station to make presents extra special. It is very rewarding to see the joy that “giving” brings to our students. Great stuff SEL team!

Upcoming School Events

- RSMS is moving forward with creating intramural opportunities for our students. We all know the benefit when students are engaged in their school communities outside of the academic day. We have started cheer, 6th grade wrestling and will look at golf and soccer in the spring. These intramurals also feed existing programs at the High School. You can catch our cheer squad at upcoming basketball games through the month of January.

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- At our December faculty meeting our Leadership Team modeled a building-wide literacy strategy of Close Reading (a 4 step process for teaching students to critically read passages). The staff utilized an article related to working with students from trauma as the example to practice the Close Reading strategy together. This exercise was selected based on exit ticket information collected from staff at our November faculty meeting. As a building leadership team we are working slow to go faster with collectively building efficacy in teachers of all content areas to have a deeper impact on student success. It was a great exercise, and non-core content teachers especially appreciated the feeling of being included in the process and potential impact. We look forward to going deeper with this strategy and implementation in the January faculty meeting.

Parent/Community Focus

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- We held our winter Music concerts (Band, Choir and Orchestra) in the month of December. Each of these groups did a tremendous job, and showed great growth in their performances for this semester.
- Our Drama department performed their winter play “Sherlock Holmes: The Baker Street Irregulars” in December as well. The play was very well attended, and the Drama Club put on a great performance.

Upcoming School Events

- Winter Break from 12/24/18-1/4/19

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Building basic reading skills - elementary
- Building Comprehension Skills and utilizing Venn diagrams - Middle School
- Vocabulary Development - High School

Parent/Community Focus

- RSA had four graduates in December.
- RSA celebrate students with no discipline entries and/or improvement for the semester

Upcoming School Events

- Bus incentive field trip - January 24. Three buses received no writes up for the semester
- Pancake Breakfast for level students January 18.
- Family Fun Night - February 7.
- PAC Celebration - February 28.

Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized Education Goals/Objectives
- Social Skills
- Community Based Instruction

Parent/Community Focus

- Northwood held their annual Christmas Party on December 20. Students participated in constructing gingerbread houses, visiting with Santa, opening gifts and eating Christmas snacks. Without donations from our community this party would not be possible. Northwood is extremely thankful to Wal-Mart (350 Hwy), Servos Pro and the Raytown Rotary Club.

Upcoming School Events

- During the February parent-teacher conference schedule, parents and students will have the opportunity to visit and tour post-secondary settings. This includes sheltered workshops, as well as adult day programs.

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Herndon Career Center

Academic Focus

- Construction students took the Technical Skills Attainment test through Career Connections. Ninety-six percent of first year students passed the test. This is an excellent pass rate for first time testers.
- Foundations of Nursing students completed first semester clinicals. The students will switch locations for clinicals for second semester. Ms. Plesser's students will be at John Knox Village, and Ms. Pratt's students will be at Villages of Jackson Creek Memory Care.
- EMT students began their patient contacts as required to obtain EMT certification. Students partner with local agencies to gain the patient contacts.

Parent/Community Focus

- Students from all programs contributed to a can food drive for REAP. Students raised over \$1300 and several boxes of canned food to donate to families in the community.

Upcoming School Events

- January 24: Career Night from 5:00 - 6:30 pm @ HCC
- Ongoing: Applications being accepted for 19-20
- February 11, 12, & 14: Parent Teacher Conferences

Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- During the month of December, 18 Animal Health Sciences students interviewed and accepted internship positions for 2nd semester. Students who are not scheduled for an internship will continue working on passion projects, job shadow experiences, and in depth learning in their focus areas.
- Technology Solutions now has three students interning through Cerner Scholars. Students will return one day a week to recap internship experiences, visit other tech spaces, and work on projects.
- Education students have been placed in internship opportunities at Cerner and throughout their home districts.

Parent/Community Focus

- Students contributed to the REAP fundraiser by donating cans and money during the first two week of December.
- Students continued to refine their professionalism skills through interviews and resume writing, so their interactions within the community are representative of their future plans.

Upcoming School Events

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