



## DID YOU KNOW

January 2023

### Ray of Hope Honoree



Caleb Pennington, 12th grade student at Raytown South High School, submitted by Gretchen Kemp, Raytown South High School Director of Choirs.

Caleb has excelled academically and musically throughout all of his high school career. He is one of Raytown South High School's advanced course students, excelling at all advanced courses, holding straight A's in all of his classes. He is an active member of his school community, participating in choir, orchestra, and extracurricular activities. He's been in several school musicals serving as the lead character for many.

Caleb just recently earned All-State Honors for choir. He auditioned for All-State Choir and was selected as All-State Honorable Mention. This is a big accomplishment for the school community, as Caleb is the first all-state choir student for RSHS since 2011. Caleb has also been selected for the second year in a row for the Sight-Singing Bee.

### Happening at RQS



#### RQS Culinary Arts Students Make Meals for the Community

Right before winter break, students in the award-winning HCC Culinary Arts program prepared and distributed 500 meals for families in the Raytown community. This important event designed to help fight food insecurity was made possible through partnerships with 15 and the Mahomies Foundation, Kids Feeding Kids, Pete's Garden, and Lucky International Trading, Inc.

#### All-District and All-State Music Highlights

- Greyson Helsel (RHS) made 2nd chair bassoon in the All-State Honorable Mention Band
- Joel Martinez (RHS) made 1st chair alto saxophone in the All-State Jazz Band
- Caleb Pennington (RSHS) made honorable mention for All-State Choir
- Oscar Peraza (RHS) made 3rd chair clarinet in the All-State Band
- Philip Wolfe (RSHS) was selected to The Collective, a new All-State Modern Band Ensemble. He was also selected as 2nd alternate euphonium for the All-State Band.

#### Upcoming Dates

**No School - MLK Day**  
Mon., Jan. 16

**No School - Teacher Professional Work Day**  
Tues., Jan. 17

**Bond Forum**  
Tues., Jan. 24

