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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- FCCLA: Congratulations to three Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Raytown High School students, Phenix Watson (12), April Aikens (12), and Chase Dernier (10), for advancing to the Missouri State Leadership FCCLA Conference. The students recently competed in the Region 14 STAR Events regional-level competition, where they presented on a topic of their choosing related to Family and Consumer Sciences. Students were recognized for the proficiency and achievement of their project, which required multiple leadership skills. They each received a gold medal for their presentation and will compete in state, which takes place from Sunday, March 12 through Tuesday, March 14. Congratulations to Danyka Garcia (10), who received a bronze medal for her career investigation presentation on becoming a pediatrician.
- Boys' State: The following 11th graders have been selected for Missouri Boys State, which will be held this June 24 - July 1, 2023 at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO: Joshua Ramon, Arcianne Soria, Nigel Turner, Jr, Brett White, and Page Worthington.
- Girls' State: The following 11th graders have been selected for Missouri Girls' State, which will be held June 24-July 1 on the campus of Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO: Hannah Batts, Erin Seals, and Yleiza Soria.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Theatre attended the MO State Thespian Conference and students participated in the state-wide performance competition. Parker Cobden (12) received a Superior rating (and was only 1 point shy of a perfect score) in monologue performance. Izzie Lawrence (12) received an Excellent rating for musical theatre solo, and Phenix Watson (12) received an Excellent rating in musical theatre dance. The theatre department also recently held auditions and began rehearsals for our spring musical, Into the Woods, which performs April 13-15!
- RHS Orchestra: Senior violist, Octavia Duarte, participated in the 2022-2023 KC Metro District No. 3 All-District Orchestra Clinic and Performance on January 5-7 under clinician Dr. Mark Laycock of Wichita State University.
- RHS Girls Basketball: Senior guards, Gladys Brown and Lakorria Brown, committed and signed to play basketball at North Central Missouri College next year Senior forward, Amani Henry, verbally committed to play basketball at Johnson County Community College. The girls basketball team is currently 15-1. We just defeated the number 1 ranked team in the Kansas City metro and state of Kansas, Blue Valley North, in the KAMO tournament. Junior forward, Summer Yancy, was named MVP of the tournament. The team is currently ranked #4 in the state of Missouri and #3 in the Kansas City metropolitan area.
- RHS Wrestling had a successful showing at the Center Tournament. Top Placers were: David Ayala (9)- 3rd place, Gabriel Valdes-Ramos (12) 3rd place, Edgar Orozco (9) - 4th place, Carlos Thomas (12)-1st place, Winston Pieters (10) - 3rd place, Josiah Pilkinton (10) - 4th place, Antwaun Rodriguez (11) - 4th place. The team placed 4th out of 11 teams.
- RHS Girls Swimming won their meet Wednesday night, defeating Grandview, Center, and Raytown South. For the Blue Jays were: 1st place: medley relay: Lilly Dickerson (11), Clara Dickerson (9), Hannah Batts (11), Ariel Vaughn (9); 200 IM: Lilly Dickerson,

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100 butterfly: Hannah Batts, 100 freestyle: Ariel Vaughn, 500 freestyle: Emma Crook (10), 100 breaststroke: Clara Dickerson, 400 freestyle relay: Batts, L. Dickerson, Vaughn, Mattie Collins (9). The team competes Friday & Saturday, February 3 & 4 at the conference championships in Gladstone.

- RHS Scholar Bowl is currently participating in our quads series of competitions. At the first quads event Varsity went 1-2. This was our JV team's first competition which is composed of all Freshmen. They had a strong day of competition.
- RHS Robotics: On February 4th our robotics team will be competing in the KC East League regional. Our team will be competing against around 24 or more teams from the KC Metro. This will be at Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley Campus

Upcoming School Events

- Feb. 4–Courtwarding Dance, 7pm @ RHS Gymnasium
- Feb. 15 & 16–Parent Teacher Conferences, @ RHS
- March 2–Academic Evening, @ RSHS

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Caleb Pennigton was selected as the January Ray of Hope for the RQS
- Cardettes placed 1st in Props and 4th in Hip Hop in MSHSAA Regionals
- Norman Schneider won his 100th career win on 2/1/22. This is a feat that many wrestlers do not accomplish in their high school careers, let alone as a junior. but the last athlete to do this would have been Otis Peeler in 2017. Norman is currently 37-5 on the season and ranked 5th in the state of Missouri in class 3!
- Robotics is ranked 8th in their conference. If they are ranked fifth at their league tournament they will advance to the state championships. Good luck to our Robotics team
- Congrats to Philip Wolfe on Honorable Mention (2nd place) in Electronic Music Composition at the Music Educator's + All-State Conference!

Parent/Community Focus

- This month our students, staff and parents will focus on enrollment for the 22-23 school year. Our counselor will visit Social Studies classes to speak with students about the process. Advisors will assist students with choosing classes and completing the enrollment process. Our teachers will review the process and classes chosen with parents during our Parent Teacher Conferences. (Staff are asked to make contact with each of their Advisory to discuss process by phone, Zoom, Google Meet or in person)
- South had 147 students to make the Principal Honor Roll and 71 Students to make the Honor Roll

Upcoming School Events

- Feb. 6 Girls Basketball vs Smithville @ South High JV-5:30, V-7:00
- Feb. 7 Boys Basketball vs Smithville @ South High JV-5:30, V-7:00
- Feb. 9 Boys Basketball vs Excelsior Springs @ South High JV-5:30 V-7:00
- Feb. 13 Boys and Girls vs. Ruskin Girls 5:30, Boys 7:00

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Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- In 8th grade science, students got to model the interaction between a warm and cool air mass.
- Functional Skills has been learning about Martin Luther King and civil rights this month. We are preparing for National Random Acts of Kindness Day, which is 2/17 by giving our friends compliments, helping when others are in need, writing friendly notes and learning how to be giving in small and big ways.

Parent/Community Focus

- We had two activities during the month of January. We did a word search activity for the Lunar New Year that 38 students participated in. We also had a display where students could write what their dreams for the future are in honor of Martin Luther King Jr day. We had 993 students visit the library on passes, 67 classes visited, and checked out 1,110 library books.
- 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!
- Students who sold three or more boxes of the World's Finest Chocolate toured the KC Chiefs Stadium on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.
- Over 500 students qualified to attend the January No Referral Mixer on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Upcoming School Events

- Third Trister Skating party February 7, 2023
- Scholar Bowl to RayPec East February 7, 2023 from 4:00-5:00 pm
- Jazz Band to Mo Western February. 9, 2023 from 7:30-3:00 pm
- Scholar Bowl to Raytown South February 9, 2023 from 4:00-5:00 pm
- Valentine's Dance, February 10, 2023 from 3:00-7:00 pm
- RMS Book Fair, February 13-16, 2023
- Scholar Bowl vs. RCMS February. 14, 2023 from 4:00-5:00 pm
- Scholar Bowl vs. Smithville February 16, 2023 from 4:00-5:00 pm
- Jazz Band to UCM February 25, 2023 from 8:30-2:30 pm

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- On January 18th, South Middle staff members engaged in deeper conversations about Student Engagement as it relates to a "strong start" to a classroom lesson. This involved table talk and mixed content groups sharing ways to spark student thought, generate student talk, and peak middle school students' interests in learning topics for various subjects.
- Focusing on staff connections and cultivating a supportive environment, our teachers also participated in a four square and movement activity to make connections with one another as middle school educators. Staff feedback for this building time together was overall positive!

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- Art II students began the semester with an intriguing unit that builds on their prerequisite course of Art I. Art II classes explored the Elements of Art and examined how this is applied in the real world, along with how this connects to art-related career fields. They focused on Line and the career of animation. Bundy, the instructor, led students to research and reimagine recognizable cartoon shows and television characters as they produced excellent art with their own unique style.
- South Middle Scholar Bowl Team showed their academic skill, trivia knowledge, and teamwork during their first “sweep” and all around win for both A and B Team against RayPec South on January 31st. It was also the first time the team won by 100 points. Congratulations to Ms. Baumgarden and the SM Scholar Bowl!
- For the first semester academic achievement, a total of 226 students were on the Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll. There were (33) students who maintained a 4.0 GPA and Principal's Honor Roll for all three trimesters and (193) students who maintained a 3.0 GPA or above and Honor Roll.

Parent/Community Focus

- South Middle student, Neamya Lee, 6th Grade, was selected by Transportation and our bus driver teammates as a Safe Rider of the Month for January. Neamya received a pop-it bracelet and Bus Bucks from the driver, along with a Certificate of Recognition and school supply grab bag from the building admin team.
- During Career Cafe, we welcomed the following community members to talk with our middle school students during lunch. In January, we had over 20 students sign up for each career presentation on January 13th and January 27th:
 - Kim Rupe, KMBC 9 News, News and Community Affairs Manager
 - Stacy Pieroni, Kansas City Zoo, Director of Education and Conservation
- Boys Basketball Team ended their season on January 26th with lots to celebrate! For the first time in several years, there were enough student-athletes to maintain an A, B, and C Boys Basketball Team. Coach Zach Flanery led the boys through a great season, resulting in camaraderie and high expectations to be a student first and enjoy time on the court. They finished with a total of 26 wins and the following record:
 - A Team was 12-3 this year and finished ranked #5 in the Metro
 - B Team was 10-4 after going 8-7 last year
 - C Team went 4-5 and played against 3 "B" Teams this year.

Upcoming School Events

- February 9- South Middle Scholar Bowl vs RMS (Home)
- February 14- South Middle Scholar Bowl vs Smithville (Home)
- February 15- Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3pm-7pm
- February 16- Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8am-8pm
- February 17- No School
- February 20- No School, President's Day

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- All students participated in the NWEA growth assessment over the past few weeks.
- 250 students earned the January monthly reward for passing all classes with a “C” or higher, having no more than 3 tardies in the month, and having no ISS or OSS.

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- CMS continues to be the #1 Debate team in Raytown, coached by teacher Kendra Drake. Results of our students' recent tournament at Pioneer Ridge:
 - We had three young ladies make it to the final round of Student Congress debate, however only two placed: Gracie Seese received 5th overall and Bridgette Nuesse-Boyd received 8th. Emma Sprague made it to the final round but did not place.
 - Ezenwa Odinigwe: placed 8th in Humorous Interpretation AND 5th in Impromptu Speaking
 - Madeline Moffitt placed 6th in Original Oratory
 - Alesha Maxi placed 1st in Impromptu Speaking
 - RCMS tied for 3rd place overall as a team! So super proud of everyone's dedication, hard work, and achievement!
- CMS Scholar Bowl is in full force, practicing and competing. CMS hosted the Scholar Bowl last week.

Parent/Community Focus

- Students and staff are participating in the Chiefs celebration week coordinated by Student Council.
- High school counselors spent time with 8th-grade students during their Social Studies classes last week to talk about 9th grade and enrollment
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held on 2/16 and 2/17. Parents will hear about academic progress as well as enrollment for next school year.

Upcoming School Events

- Feb. 7 Scholar Bowl at Ray Pec, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 9 Scholar Bowl v. Smithville, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Speech and Debate at Belton, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Scholar Bowl at Raytown, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 16 Scholar Bowl v. Ray South, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 17 Speech and Debate at Northgate, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 16 and 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 23 Band Pre-Contest, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 23 South High School concert with CMS 8th graders @ SHS, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 24 Speech and Debate at Ray Pec, 4 p.m.

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Literacy using Achieve 3000 to collect data
- Working with district literacy coach to strategize with teachers
- Had level 3-4 field trip. This encourages students to get level 3 or 4 which includes academic focus.

Parent/Community Focus

- Communication positive choices of students with parents
- Family Fun Night

Upcoming School Events

- Level celebration
- Bus behavior incentives

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Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized Educational Goals
- Social Emotional Learning
- Communication

Parent/Community Focus

- The Life Program has been participating in Community Based Instruction. Locations this past month included the library, LOWES, QT and the Wellness Center.
- Transition planning meetings with outside agencies (EITAS, KCRO, DPI) for seniors graduating this year. This helps ensure that our students' post-secondary goals and next steps are in place upon graduation.

Upcoming School Events

- Fabulous Fridays in February-Special days for Staff
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Life Program Community Based Instruction at Wal-Mart and the library.

Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Students participated in the West Central District SkillsUSA competition this month. Our award winners include: Automotive Service Technology: Gauge Buseck (2nd), Auto Maintenance & Light Repair: Ryan Moulder (3rd), Criminal Justice Tech Info: Elisha Baldwin (1st), Sophia Stein (2nd), Zane Hawkins (1st), HVAC Tech Info: Isaiah Earnheart (1st), Justin Jordan (2nd), Brody French (3rd), Diesel Equipment Tech Info: Jose Mora (2nd), Culinary Arts Tech Info: Rachel Hartwig (1st), Yasmyn Carson (2nd), Brooklyn Doctor (3rd), Automotive Service Tech Info: Oliver Crowe (1st), Isaac Simpson (3rd)
- Southland CAPS student feedback from internship site supervisors is excellent so far. Many students have already assumed additional responsibilities or have been offered positions after their internships have concluded.
- HCC/SC/MO Option students took the WorkKeys assessments. We are waiting for results, but will be celebrating students who earned Platinum, Gold, or Silver recognition.
- Over 250 students earned Honor Roll honors for 1st semester. Honor roll is based on grades and attendance.

Parent/Community Focus

- Postcards were sent to all potential 8th-11th grade students in our sending school districts promoting HCC/SC, our programs, and our Open Houses.

Upcoming School Events

- February 15 & 16: Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 16th 5:30 - 7:30 pm: Open House for Prospective Students/Parents
- March 3: CINDER restaurant night