

Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



February 2019

Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- 249 RHS students qualified for the Fall 2018 Honor Roll. 131 students met the qualifications for the Bluejay Honor Roll and 118 students met the qualifications for the more rigorous Principal's Honor Roll.
- RHS has 8 students who were selected for KC Scholars: Johnathan Martinez (10th), J'Vian Williams (10th), Jayden Williams (10th), Miranda Erikson (12th), Karlee Etter (12th), Neftali Ruiz (12th), Anna Ryan (12th), and Esther Vidal (12th).

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Boys' Basketball is 14-5 overall and 6-1 in conference play and in first place. We are on an 8 game winning streak and just won the Summit Grill Classic at Lee's Summit High School with Aubrey Martin (12th) and Desmond Hutson (12th) being selected to the All-Tournament Team.
- RHS Girls' Swim won our 7 team home meet Wed., January 8 defeating Sedalia, Ray-South, Harrisonville, St. Pius, Grandview, and St. Michael's.
- RHS Jaywalkers competed at the Lee's Summit Regionals Competition last weekend and placed 5th in their hip hop routine. The Jaywalkers compete at State on February 23rd in St. Louis.
- RHS Theatre attended the annual MO State Thespian Conference. Students brought home the following ratings: Excellent Ratings--Arrena Flores (12th) & Keely McLouth (12th) (duet acting), Karlee Etter (12th) (solo musical), Justin Wood (12th) & Emma Hill (12th) (duet musical) and Good rating--Shelby Ranck (12th) (monologue)
- RHS FCCLA: Rachel Phelps (12th) received the top score for her FCCLA STAR Event at the Region 14 STAR Event competition. She advances to state. Rachel competed in the Illustrated Talk event with her project "The Importance of Sleep".
- RHS Math Club: The following student placed at the Smith-Cotton Math Contest:
9th Grade: Tabitha Bartlett, Jodi Hoffman and Anthony Nevels - 4th (Team 9); Jodi Hoffman - 3rd place (Find a Place Challenge). 10th Grade: Isaac Yzaguirre - 5th place (Team 11). 11th Grade: Tiffany Lin - 5th place (Team 11), Jakob Peterson - 1st place (Logic), 2nd place (Overall Top Junior), 4th place (Word Problems 11), 4th place (Probability and Statistics), and 5th place (Team 11). 12th Grade: Briana Salinas - 5th place (Calculus), 5th place (Team 12); Gideon Plank - 3rd place (Right Triangle Trig 11/12), 4th place (Timed Math 11/12), 5th place (Word Problems 12) and 5th place (Team 12).

Upcoming School Events

- RHS vs. RSHS Boys' & Girls' Basketball Games--Fri. Feb. 1 @ 6 & 7:30 pm.--RHS Gym
- Courtwarming Carnival--Fri. Feb. 8 @ 2:30 pm--RHS Gym Commons
- Winter Musical (Big River)--Feb. 21 to 23 @ 7pm--RHS Auditorium
- Night of Jazz Concert--Feb. 26 @ 7pm--RHS Auditorium

Raytown South High School

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- The Advisory Leadership Team worked on 2nd semester lessons including Missouri Connections, Digital Citizenship and student activity recognition assemblies. The team also coordinated grade check and academic support to assist student achievement. The ALT used feedback from staff to guide their plans and making communication more efficient and streamlined.
- Lessons include junior advisory financial aid sort, school comparisons, choosing degree or certification program. Freshmen lessons include Missouri Connections, learning styles inventory, career clusters. Seniors include Missouri Connections career cluster inventory and interest profile. Sophomore lessons included Missouri Connections work importance locator, workplace employability survey. We also planned for grade level self-care assembly lead by counselors. Team members include Venus Webster, Makenzie Kroenke, Tiffany Glasgow, Angela Lea, Meredith Schulze, and Marie Hazel.
- Kellie Williams and Zaibunnisa Malik. These students were just informed of a KC Scholars scholarship of \$50,000 each. Way to represent!
- Please congratulate the Raytown Robotics team. Winners of the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award.
- Senior Anderson Styles is accepted into Cerner Scholars! Way to represent!

Parent/Community Focus

- All Tournament US Bank Team Armani Williams, Desmond McKinney, and Tournament MVP Kobe Campbell. Way to represent!
- Jabril Cox (Class of 2016) and North Dakota State University Bison won the FCS. Jabril's accomplishments include 2 FCS Championships, 2018 Mo Valley Defensive Player of the Year, 2017 FCS Freshman All-American, 2017 MVFC Newcomer of the Year and Freshman of the Year.
- South High 2016 grad Emmanuel Madu and fellow medical student Jason Egberuare came to speak with our students today. They are both students in the 6 year medical school program and a part of the UMKC Student National Medical Association.
- 92 RSHS students out enjoying @kcreptheatre performance of the famous, Of Mice and Men. Fantastic job!
- Sports History
 - There have been 10 state championships which include 1 volleyball, 4 basketball, and 5 track & cross country.
 - 41 Final Four appearances in 12 Varsity Sports
 - 11 Final Four Basketball which includes 4 State Championships
 - 24 Final Four Track and Cross Country which includes 5 Track & Cross Country State Championships
 - Congrats to [@RQSSouthHigh](#) senior and student-athlete, Mikayla McClinton, who signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Metropolitan State University of Denver, in Denver Colorado.

Upcoming School Events

- Follow us for weekly events and updates on the Twitter RQSSouthHigh.

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus SPED

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- Functional Skills classes continues to offer their specialized coffee bar to staff. Last year the class opened up their first coffee bar titled, "Life's Skills Coffee Corner." The menu offers regular coffee, specialty coffees, and hot cocoa. Orders are filled and delivered on Friday mornings of each week. Students in the functional skills program work together under the direction of their teachers to fill the orders. As they continue to learn new skills, students are doing great making the coffee, as well as getting to know more of the staff members in our building. Everyone really enjoys seeing and meeting the students and appreciates the receiving their special beverage. The profit earned on the coffee bar is planned for a spring field trip; hoping to visit the College Basketball Experience!
- SPED teachers have been joining their regular education teachers in DRT. This has enabled the team to be part of planning and analyzing data for all students, not just SPED students. The SPED teacher's role has been to provide strategies as well as to become more of a voice in the classroom. Teachers are able to use the data from DRT to plan strategies for students as well as other students who might need the extra help. Case managers have reported that students have shown growth in the Achieve 3000 program. This data is being tracked and included in data presented to DRT. Several students have shown progress with the READ 180 program and have transitioned from resource to CWC settings. This data will be tracked to monitor continued success. It is the hope that with the continued communication and data sharing between SPED and regular education instruction, students with IEPs and those just needing a little push will continue to show growth as the year progresses.

Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- **RMS Radio** RMS Radio is a monthly broadcast written and produced by students at Raytown Middle School. KUAW Radio, a global community station, is partnering with Raytown Middle School to allow the students to give the city, state and country a view of the positive aspects of our students, staff and school community. RMS Radio also has a worldwide reach and a fan following. The students are able to broadcast new content on the last Thursday of each month as well as older content in rotation every additional Thursday at 7:00pm on www.kuaw.org. RMS Radio has been so successful with listeners, students have the opportunity to have a spin off program that will give current students a hand at producing a radio program. Currently, former RMS Radio students (now Raytown High School students) have a broadcast titled, "Next Generation". This program airs every third Sunday of each month. This additional broadcast allows students at Raytown Middle School the opportunity to have more air time! KUAW has multiple ways to listen and see the broadcast of the students.

Upcoming School Events

- Parent Teacher Conferences- February 12-14
- World's finest Chocolate Fundraiser -March 2016
- Spring Break --March 18-22

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Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- Raytown South Middle continues to focus on literacy across content areas. We are fortunate to have a Reading Specialist in the building this year and have worked with Nancy Skahan to roll out PD around literacy strategies and Actively Learn. The main points from that first session were:
 - Set a purpose for reading
 - Chunk the text
 - Model how you read
 - Interact with student thinking

(from the second session at the faculty meeting), In ActivelyLearn:

- Take time to add extra help for the students who need it in the articles you choose
- There is no magic in ActivelyLearn, but the tools are there to make reading accessible to all students
- The goal is reading for depth which will then create deeper thinkers

Parent/Community Focus

- South Middle was the first building in the district to do the SOS screening and it was all very smooth. I appreciate our staff's unconditional willingness to do all that needs to be done to keep our students healthy and safe. Our counselors, Shelly Sopha and Laura Jones, did a great job organizing and planning. District counselors were incredible and we appreciated their support.
- Counselors visited with over 80 students and our counselors followed up with another 35 later in the week. I was pleased our students felt comfortable reporting and talking about their emotional well being and I credit a strong sense of community for this. We truly have a remarkable group of educators here at South Middle!

Upcoming School Events

- SM is looking forward to meeting with our parent community on Feb 12,13, and 14th.

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Teacher Leaders had the opportunity to work with staff during our monthly staff meeting to introduce a whole staff instructional strategy of close reading. Mrs. Marcella shared some overarching information about the strategy, and how it can be implemented across the content areas. In the coming months, Teacher Leaders will continue to roll out a different component with this strategy during our faculty meeting professional learning time. In addition to our building-wide focus on the close reading instructional strategy implementation, two of our teacher leaders have lead our staff in a book study titled *The Essential 55*. Teachers have engaged in wonderful, meaningful conversations about best practices in their classrooms throughout our time in this book.

Parent/Community Focus

- January was a difficult month with weather impacting many of our basketball games. Our teams have forged ahead in games throughout the month when they were rescheduled.

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Upcoming School Events

- Girls' and Boys' Basketball cross town rivalry games will be played on February 1st & 2nd.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences for 19-20 enrollment will be held Feb. 12, 13 and 14.

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- 26 Secondary Students are on Honor Roll for 1st semester
- 35 Secondary Students passed all classes for 1st semester

Parent/Community Focus

- February 7, 2019 Family Fun Night - Black History Program
- February 22, 2019 Pancake Breakfast
- February 28, 2019 PAC Celebration

Upcoming School Events

- Parent Teacher Conferences 11- 14

Northwood

Academic Focus

- IEP Goals/Objectives
- Community Based Instruction
- Social Skills

Parent/Community Focus

- During the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences parents will have the opportunity to tour Developing Potential Workshop and Adult Day Program with Northwood staff. This is one option when looking at post-secondary options for students with significant disabilities. Transportation will be provided for parents, students and staff. This provides the opportunity for parents to talk with other parents who understand their unique needs.
- Community Based Instruction took place at Mid Continent Library and Taco Bell.
- Northwood Success Academy students who maintained behavior expectations for first semester participated in an incentive trip to Diamond Bowl.

Upcoming School Events

- Community Based Instruction is scheduled for the following locations: Maj-R-Thrift, Harvesters, Diamond Bowl and Wal-Mart.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Herndon Career Center

Academic Focus

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- HCC hosted informational sessions at nine high schools during January. The goal of the lunchtime informational sessions was to assist advisory teachers with information about each program for enrollment planning with students and parents. Each teacher was provided a folder with information about the programs, what students will learn, the career wages, and possible certifications or dual credit. Teachers were able to ask questions about the academic requirements and potential for student success during these sessions.
- Cosmetology is continuing to accept clients for appointments to gain experience prior to their licensing test. Students recruit clients, and we encourage walk-in customers as well. Students complete an intake process, work on customer service skills, verify services wanted/needed, and then complete the tasks while hoping for satisfied customers.

Parent/Community Focus

- Our career night attracted over 300 students and parents on January 24. Each program was open for students to explore and speak with current students and teachers. Our visitors made several comments about the availability of opportunities for students. We sent emails to each 8th-11th grade student at all of our sending schools.

Upcoming School Events

- February 2: Skills USA District Competition
- February 11, 12, & 14: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- February 15: Priority deadline for applications for 2019-20
- February 21-22: MO ProStart Championship

Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Twenty-five students in the three strands began internships in January. To be placed in an internship, students were required to apply, interview, and be selected for the internship. Students were able to apply for the internships that appealed to their career interests. During the course of the semester, additional students may earn internship opportunities as they meet the requirements and additional internship sites are available.
- The CAPS network administered a survey at the conclusion of the first semester focused on student professional growth prior to beginning CAPS and at the conclusion of one semester of CAPS. Our growth score was 64. If a score is above 0, it's considered good, and a score of 50 or more is considered great.

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- Teachers are utilizing opportunities during advisory sessions at sending schools to meet with potential students and answer questions related to CAPS programs prior to their applications being submitted.

Upcoming School Events

- February 11, 12, & 14: Parent Teacher Conferences

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