

# Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



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## Raytown High School

### Academic Focus

- The RHS music department hosted a retirement concert for Brenda Yeates on Saturday, May 14th. A choir made up of over 140 alumni, friends, and current students performed at the concert and were conducted by former RHS choir directors Noel Fulkerson, Rick Gilpin, and Susan Hazelrigg. Camerata students performed as well, and participated in the alumni choir. Brenda is retiring after serving as the RHS accompaniment for 40 years.
- Student Council Hunger Games: The annual food drive that the RHS student council organizes for the district collected over 24,000 food and staples items for REAP. This effort involves the hard work of students throughout the district.

### Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Theater has received 6 BlueStar nominations and 11 Cappies nominations, including Best Musical for 9-5.
- RHS Vocal Music attended the state music festival on 4/28. Receiving Gold on vocal solos were Clara Bryant (12) and Ben Baker (12). Receiving Silver on vocal solos were Reiko Groves (09), Halie Boardman (10), Parker Cobden (11), and Cynne Soria (12). Receiving Gold was the Camerata Small Ensemble of Clara Bryant (12), Cynne Soria (12), Izzie Lawrence (11), Naomi Gonterman (12), Jodi Hoffman (12), Parker Cobden (11), Marques Alsup (11), Lucas Mayo (11). Receiving Silver was the Concert Choir Small Ensemble of Clara Bryant (12), Halie Boardman (10), Victoria Olson (10), Reiko Groves (09), Aniqua Nelson (10), Tehya Cauthon (09), Josie McCoy (11), and Hannah Cartner (10).
- RHS Band student earned these awards at State Solo and Ensemble, Earning Gold: Joel Martinez (11), Alto Saxophone Solo, Joshua Ramon (10), Trumpet Solo, Grasyon Helsel (10), Bassoon Solo; Earning Silver: Oscar Peraza (11), Clarinet Solo, Kelly Sharp (11), Trumpet Solo, Joshua Ramon (10), Kelly Sharp, Kylan Silvers, Trumpet Trio
- RHS Orchestra held their spring concert and recognized 15 graduating seniors. Senior Cellist, Alena Harper, was awarded the National School Orchestra Award.
- RHS Girls Soccer: Ashlyn Ledgerwood (12) was named 2nd team All-Conference for girls soccer.
- RHS Track & Field: At the State Track Meet Amir Williams (11) placed 2nd in Hurdles. Devonn Melson (12) placed 8th in the Long Jump. Congratulations to our Sectional Qualifiers: Cynea Butts (11), Jayonna Stills (09), Dominique Hill (10), Sequoia McAdoo (12), Alyzah Griffin (11), Avery Enyard (09), Rianna Bush (09), Zahmari Gary (12), Amir Williams (11), Meshack Mckay (12), Cedric Owens (12), Jwann Griffth (12), Jaden Reed (11), Devon Melson (12). Amir Williams (11) took 2nd place in hurdles at sectionals and Devonn Melson (12) took 3rd place in Long Jump.
- RHS Boys Golf ended the season at districts held on 5/9. This season we celebrated wins against William Chrisman, Belton, North Kansas City, Grandview along with Truman JV and Fort Osage JV. At conference Luke Markley (11) placed 4th for Varsity and First-Team All Conference, Billy Bettis (11) placed 15th for varsity & Honorable Mention All-Conference, Logan Reichert (11) placed 5th for JV, Beau Flickner (12)

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placed 7th for JV, Tieler Cooper (12) placed 8th for JV and Kai Hensel (12) placed 10th for JV. Overall, JV took 2nd place at Conference. We had 7 seniors on the team this year.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Please visit the RHS Activities Webpage for details about upcoming events.

## **Raytown South High School**

### **Academic Focus**

- The Raytown South school counseling team is hard at work on the four components of a comprehensive school counseling program including individual planning, responsive services, system support and counseling curriculum. Counselors have been working diligently this year to get students reacclimated to attending in person school and helping students determine what career and education pathway is a good fit after high school. Counselors create and distribute a monthly newsletter which highlights important information regarding scholarships, enrollment in Herndon and STA as well as mental health highlights. Counselors have also spent time in classrooms helping students select classes and/or programs for next year that align with their career goals and interests. The team has also helped many students with their college and scholarship applications as well as completing the FAFSA. Counselors organized and held the ACT on three Saturdays as well as the PSAT, and most recently, they organized the Senior Awards night where many of our students were honored for their academic achievements.
- Please congratulate the following students as they won scholar bowl districts for the first time since 2004 defeating Rockhurst HS. Vivian Raridon is their coach. Jackson Burnos (all district), Nate Osciak, Nathan Gilner (all district), Charles Wolfe. (All district )
- Each year we recognize students that rank in the Top Ten (12) academically and honor them at graduation. Leah McIntyre, Rylee Hamby, Chin-AY-Chair-em EE-hen-acho, Charles Wolfe, Jackson Burnos, Kaileaha Alcantara, Christjin Bell, Elisa Ramirez, Nathaniel Ush-Chuck, Huh-NAN HEY-yuh, Anas Althalathini, Dahlia Martinez-Chavira
- Principal Citizenship Award: Ja’Niyah Davis & Marcus Foster
- Three students were accepted in to the Missouri Scholars Academy: Leah McIntyre, Chin-AY-Chair-em EE-hen-acho & Elisa Ramirez
- Other high academic honors include 2020 KC Scholars who are receiving a scholarship of 50K per student for a total of 200K. Abrianna Richardson, Jayme Thompson, Nikyrean Looney-Wright & Chin-AY-Chair-em EE-hen-acho
- Skyler Lea, Tatyana Midgette, Kali Ellis and Amiah Tillman each received \$50,000 scholarship money as a KC Scholar for a total of \$200,000.

### **Parent/Community Focus**

- Zaya Akins (Raytown South) makes the first-team in the 400m after posting her US # 1 time of 53.26 at Nike Indoor Nationals!
- Senior State and National accomplishments included: Ja’Niyah Davis
- All State Track and State Champion
- All State Basketball Ja’Cole Johnson
- Missouri Scholar Academy Leah McIntyre & Elisa Ramirez
- State Band Bekah Cook & Guy Price
- State Choir Molly Haslar, Millie Rhodes, Jayden Jones, Teresa Straws

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- Girls State Jayme Thompson
- State Biliteracy Hanan Hayyeh & Zainab Nadeem
- 2X State Champion Dance Alexa Pinkston
- State FBLA Cilina Touch & Ryan Bass
- State & National FBLA Guy Price & Jackson Burn
- State & National FBLA, Boys State Nathaniel Osciak
- State Choir, State, National, and Academic All American Speech & Debate Breanna Bonner
- Girls State, State FBLA, Missouri Scholar Academy Chin-AY-Chair-em EE-hen-acho
- State Band, State Scholars 100 Honorable Mention, State FBLA Charles Wolfe

### Raytown Middle School

#### Academic Focus

- A new teacher leader team has been selected to begin the work of the upcoming school year. With the goal of supporting the trauma Smart and Cultural Competency initiatives, teachers are excited to begin their new journey.
- The 2022 RMS track season: Expanding off of the previous update the Boys Track team finished with a record of 31-8. Our 4x200 team held the second best time in the state according to momilesplit's results with a time of 1:39, that relay team consisted of Micah Hall, Elijah Dunn, DJ Williams and Hyliss Davis. Girls competed well and finished with a winning record as well. The season culminated with the Raytown/Independence meet in which RMS boys and girls again defeated RSMS and RCMS, the boys winning the entire meet outright.
- May continues to present a remarkable display of music excellence. Each class is represented during the spring concert season performing a variety of classic songs. Vocal and Instrumental departments represented RMS with talent, and school pride directed by Tyler Rick and Jenna Bartz, (band), Amy Sadler, (orchestra), and Tyler Balk, (vocal music). During the band concert, exemplary students were presented with excellence in music awards. The vocal music concert was combined with all three middle schools at Raytown High. It is exciting to enjoy in-person concerts again after two years of virtual performances.
- The annual Student Recognition Night was held on Wednesday May 11, 2022 to formally recognize students earning an exemplary GPA of 3.5 or higher, while also successfully contributing to the RMS community by their achievements and activity involvement. Recognitions include presidential awards, academic honors, activity and sportsmanship awards, attendance and most improved performance awards. It was a proud moment to recognize Lucas Alexander Dean Hughes receiving the Principals Academic Scholars Award. This award was presented for outstanding achievement throughout three years at RMS maintaining the highest GPA percentage. A plaque and a one-hundred-dollar gift card were presented to Lucas and his dad.
- Additionally, the *Outstanding Male Athlete* winner was Samuel Pilkinton and the *Outstanding Female Athlete* was Raniyah Smith, earning the MSHSAA outstanding male and female student athlete awards for exceptional athletic talent and sportsmanship. Again, it was exciting to meet in-person with our students, parents and families!

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#### Upcoming School Events

- Summer School: June 2 - June 30th.

#### Raytown South Middle School

##### Academic Focus

- RSMS finished CADRE learning groups in May. Teachers met in self-selected learning groups that focused on Cultural Competency, Trauma Informed Care, and Dynamics of Middle Level Learning Organizations. Although we were forced to alter our PD schedule significantly due to issues related to Covid, teachers continued to be committed to their literature circles and professional learning. This will be an important foundation as the building continues forward next year with Trauma Smart and Cultural Competency.

##### Parent/Community Focus

- South Middle recognized the academic achievement of students who earned a place on the Academic Honor Roll (GPA of 3.0 - 3.94) and Principal's Honor Roll (GPA of 4.0). Students were mailed a congratulatory letter highlighting their academic achievements this past year.
- South Middle Live, May 5th and 6th, a comedy performance put on by the South Middle Theater Department was a huge success. Ms. Garland and Mrs. Alderks, theater sponsors, did an outstanding job working with the cast and crew to make sure this was an incredible performance. Congratulations on a great year of performances and we're already looking forward to the Fall musical.

#### Upcoming School Events

- Summer School: June 2 - June 30th.

#### Raytown Central Middle School

##### Academic Focus

- CMS Teachers and Staff finished the year strong, providing great instruction throughout the month of May, including a rockets experiment with PLTW class!
- The Teacher Leader Team worked to create the CPL Plan for 2022-2023 to include Trauma Smart, Cultural Competence, and an emphasis on Student Engagement. We will also bolster our efforts to strengthen and connect our teacher team with new staff joining CMS for next school year.
- Academic Recognition Night was held on the evening of Monday, May 16th. Our program was held in the gym to formally recognize students' various academic achievements. Students earned awards for Principal's Honor Roll, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and excellence in academics with the Presidential Award. Congratulations to the following 8th Grade students who earned a 4.0 GPA for all three years of middle school:
  - Madeline Collins
  - Johnny Felder
  - Charles Frazier
  - Elizabeth Krueger
  - Ava Mallory
  - Charis Rose

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#### **Parent/Community Focus**

- CMS honored our 2022 Retirees at a Retirement Reception on May 18th. Family and friends of our retirees joined our staff in celebrating their journey and impact on education. CMS Retirees included: Teresa Moore, Cindy White, and Joe Yoder.
- To end the year on a positive note and enjoy our final school days with students, CMS held a Field Day & Yearbook Signing Party on May 27th. Students at each grade level rotated through (3) stations, including the kickball game, the gym for selfies and free throws, and the courtyard for popcorn and drinks! We had such a great time with students and hoped to make some lasting middle school memories with them.
- In May, we held our annual Attend to Win grand prize drawing. This year's winners were given a \$100 Main Event gift card, along with credit for games for having 95% and above attendance at school:
  - 6th Grade-Ciara Collins
  - 7th Grade-Todd Basting
  - 8th Grade-Chibugo Odinigwe

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- Have an enjoyable summer!

### **Raytown Success Academy**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Focus on credit completion and plans for students who are behind in credits
- Focus on 5th and 8th grade promotions. These students met with our academic counselor to help prepare them for middle and high school

#### **Parent/Community Focus**

- Senior recognition with families

### **Northwood**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Individualized Education Goals
- Social/Emotional Learning
- Communication

#### **Parent/Community Focus**

- Life Church provided donuts and supplies to NW teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Graduation was held May 12, 2022. Northwood had three graduates: Juan Bibbs, MyKell Duree and Ariana Washington. Thank you to Terry Landers for attending.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- NW/NWSA Back-to-School Night - August 18, 2022 5:30-7:00 PM

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### **Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS**

#### **Academic Focus**

- The Culinary ProStart team earned 3rd place at the National ProStart Invitational.
- 179 Herndon students earned a DESE approved Industry Recognized Credential.
- 335 students earned at least one DESE approved Stackable Credential.
- 64 students successfully completed an Internship tied to their Southland CAPS or Herndon class.
- 18 students earned the CTE Certificate.

#### **Parent/Community Focus**

- HCC hosted a second Meet the Teacher night to allow parents and students to gain more insight into their programs for the 22-23 school year.