

# Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



April 2019

## Raytown High School

### Academic Focus

- Hate Has No Home Here—Holocaust Remembrance Event: RHS teachers Chelsea Post, Katie Kolster, and Amy Sadler planned a full day event for Students, Teachers, and the Raytown Community focused on holocaust remembrance. Through Chelsea Post's connection with The Yad Veshim Center teachers across the district had opportunity to engage in a professional learning session in the afternoon of March 27. Katie Kolster arranged for family friend Inge Auerbacher, holocaust survivor, to present to students during the morning of March 27 and later that evening a community event was held where Inge shared her story of surviving her time in a Nazi concentration camp. Throughout each of these events Amy Sadler's orchestra performer musical selections written as remembrances of the holocaust. All three of these events were huge successes. Over 500 students participated in the school day event, over 30 district teachers engaged in the professional development activities, and over 350 community members attended the evening event.

### Parent/Community Focus

- RHS FCCLA: Rachel Phelps (12) earned silver for her Illustrated Talk event at State for FCCLA.
- RHS Debate: The following students have qualified for the MSHSAA State Speech and Debate Tournament: Rachel Deboe (12)—Dramatic Interp and Infiatasia Moore (12) in Lincoln Douglas. The Following students have qualified for the National Speech and Debate Tournament: Infiatasia Moore (12)—Lincoln Douglas Debate, Neftali Ruiz (12)—Lincoln Douglas Debate, Caleb Nading (12)/Tanner Ludwig (12)—Public Forum Debate
- RHS Louder Than a Bomb: the team successfully advanced through 2 preliminary rounds and competed in the semifinals.
- Scholar Bowl: Gideon Plank (12) is ranked 3rd in All-Conference play. Congratulations to Anna Ryan (12) for placing 3rd overall at the Belton BASIC Tournament making her a National Qualifier.
- RHS Choir: The following students earn an Exemplary (1) rating at district solo and ensemble and have qualified for the MSHSAA State Contest—Vocal Solos: Kyle Baker (12), Kaleb Clemmons (12), Karlee Etter (12), Gabrielle Fiene (10), Emma Hill (12), Judson Hulme (10), Lindsey Mahan (12), Jason Meyer (11), Logan Oehring (12), Tuesday Scanlon (11), Destiny Tillman (11), Olivia Villa (12), Nahrya Williams (10), Justin Wood (12). Ensemble: Camerata Men's Ensemble: Kyle Baker (12), Kaleb Clemmons (12), Zion Noble (10), Jack McClung (12), Joshua McCarroll (10), Jason Meyer (11), Dakota Humphress (12), Logan Oehring (12) and Camerata Women's Ensemble: Carlyn Carpenter (12), Destiny Tillman (11), Emma Hill (12), Tuesday Scanlon (11), Lindsey Mahan (12), Olivia Villa (12)
- RHS Orchestra: The following students earn an Exemplary (1) rating at district solo and ensemble and have qualified for the MSHSAA State Contest: Anna Ryan (12)—Viola and Violin Solos, Darra Harper (12)—Viola Solo, Abigail Meyer (11)—Violin Solo, Alena Harper (9)—Cello Solo, Abigail (11) and Jason Meyer (11)—Violin Duet, Abigail Meyer (11), Anna Ryan (12) and Alena Harper (9)—String Trio.

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- **RHS Band:** The following students earn an Exemplary (1) rating at district solo and ensemble and have qualified for the MSHSAA State Contest—Solos: Natalya Ferbet (9)—Alto Saxophone, David Severt (11)—French Horn, Miles Clemons (10)—Piano Solo, Logan Oehring (12)—Trumpet, Javien Hubbard (11)—Snare Drum, Caleb Nading (12)—Snare Drum. The Jazz Band competed at University of Central Missouri's Jazz Festival and received the following Exemplary (1) Ratings: RHS Jazz Ensemble 1 [Soloist awards: Elliott Clemons (12), Tenor Sax / Miles Clemons (10), Piano / Isaac Pieters (11), Bass] and RHS Jazz Ensemble 2 [Soloist awards: Cheyenne Bunch (10), Trumpet / Alex Woods (10), Baritone Sax / Andrae Smith (9), Trumpet. At the Pittsburg State University Jazz Festival RHS received the following Exemplary (1) rating: RHS Jazz Ensemble 1 [Soloist awards: Isaac Pieters (11), Bass / Elliott Clemons (12), Tenor Sax / Miles Clemons (10), Piano / Javien Hubbard (11), Drums]
- **RHS Boys' Basketball:** the following player was selected All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team and All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team--Desmond Hutson (12). He was also selected All-Conference Player of the Year. Cody Buford was selected as Conference Coach of the Year.
- **RHS Girls' Basketball:** the following students were selected All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team: Kaylani Hoskin (10) and Stevi Yancy (9)

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Community Connections—RHS Gym—April 13 @ 11am-2pm
- RHS Prom—Towne Pavillion—April 27 @ 8pm
- RHS National Honor Society Induction—RHS Auditorium—April 30 @ 6:30pm
- RHS Senior Awards Night—RHS Auditorium—April 30 @ 7:30pm

## **Raytown South High School**

### **Academic Focus**

- As part of our CPL and Cultural Competency plan our staff worked with Mr. Anthony Butler: Title: "The U & I In Equity...The ME In Implementation (A Personal Plan For Racial Equity) Description: "You and I" will set the tone for an engaging, authentic, solution based discussion ranging from our parents' lives, our childhoods, adolescent years, young adult years, our own families, neighborhoods, communities, public, professional, private, and personal lives, & more! We will analyze the many ways racial equity or the lack of equity affects our society! We will examine what we can do immediately to develop and implement excellent equitable education for all.
- Cara Bray-Howard has been selected as a 2019 KC Storyteller Scholar. The KC Storytellers invites a select group of students from diverse high schools to write and share their personal stories with each other and the community in order to break down divisive barriers in the city. The program includes the KC Storyteller Scholars who have been nominated by a teacher and recognized for their commitment to building a better community, and KC Storyteller Peer Mentors who provide program leadership.

### **Parent/Community Focus**

- Last year at this time there was only one high school in the State of Missouri that won four Class 4 District Championships in a row during the time frame of '18, '17, '16, '15. That High School is Raytown South. Now the team has won 5 in a row. Add 2019.

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- Jacob Dodd, has been selected as the 2019 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics High School Student-Athlete of Character Award Winner. Only one Metro area Missouri Kansas High School student is selected. Past winners were from Blue Valley and Lee's Summit. The High School Student-Athlete of Character award will be given to Jacob on Monday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown Muehlebach Tower in Kansas City, Missouri during the Champions of Character Foundation Awards Luncheon. Jacob has been selected based on his character and likeness to the NAIA's Champions of Character program: Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Sportsmanship and Servant Leadership. Jacob was nominated by his principal.
- Quincy Hall, SHS Alumni Class of 2017
  - Broke Olympian Maurice Mitchell's school record in 400m
  - Part of 4 school records and 4 State Championships
  - No. 1 Missouri State Track Champion 400m 2016
  - No. 1 Missouri State Track Champion 400m, 4x4, & 4x2 2017
  - No. 1 in University of South Carolina [#Gamecocks](#) history
  - No. 1 on the 2019 NCAA leaderboard.
  - No. 4 in the world this year 2019
  - Quincy was part of 72 Track and Cross Country Conference Championships in the history of South High.
- Makari Locke & Caliph Stigler received outstanding solo awards at their UCM jazz competition. Way to represent!
- Donovan Cusick will represent SHS at Boys State
- 36 District employee's teenagers who attend South High recently had a pizza party with the Principal.
- Please Congratulate the following Boys Basketball Players on their Post Season Awards:
  - II-Conference: Mark Cann & Kobe Campbell 1st Team, Dez McKinney 2nd Team, and Raevon Carter Honorable Mention
  - All-District Team: Kobe Campbell, Mark Cann, and Dez Mckinney

### **Upcoming School Events**

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

### **Raytown Middle School**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Spanish I Recently, our Spanish I students completed a food diary project and which stands out as one of our peaks in student progress. Students use a matrix to select how they will work to earn their point requirements, before they begin writing about what their family members eat during a typical 1-4-day period. Not only does this project give students a connection to their everyday home life, moreover, it requires them to bring together their cumulative knowledge of Spanish acquired since the beginning of the school year. Students are given two days to work on their project on google docs in

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class and at home before asking them to share their project with a peer to discuss for editing. As students work with their partner, they comment on each other's project in class. This is especially helpful because students assist one another in processing correct grammar, vocabulary use, and overall flow of language and communicated message. Mr. Schoff enjoys seeing his students take risks to use what they have in their Spanish tool box and showcase what they can produce as they choose a level of difficulty that matches their skill level.

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

- Debate Tournament Summary 2019 The Raytown Middle Speech and Debate team coached by Robert Johnson and Ashley Moll had a productive tournament season this year. There were many novices this year to both speech and debate and they all did an effective job 'learning the ropes' and our experienced mentors helped bring cohesive talent to the team. The debate topic this year was: *NCAA Student Athletes Ought to Be Recognized as Employees Under the Fair Labor Standards Act*. Our debate team took fifth place this year at the Grain Valley tournament on March 15<sup>th</sup>. In the speech category, there were participants in Prose, Poetry, Original Oratory, Duo Improvisation and Musical Duo. Our Musical Duo team took second place. Overall, it was a great season with many new and promising students on the team. Students put in a tremendous amount of work, both in their preparation and at tournament participation. We are certainly proud of their accomplishments this year.

#### **All School Read In**

- On Friday March 15, all students participated in the third annual Building-wide Read In. The purpose of the activity is to foster reading for enjoyment and preference, to support a community of readers and to build reading stamina. Each Advisory student earned points based on their signed reading log; the goal was to read twenty minutes each night for one week and validated with parent signature. Student totals were calculated as a percentage of total reading minutes per advisory and the top advisory D. Johnson enjoyed pizza. Students were focused and enjoyed reading for pleasure with their peers.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- School Play/Production, *Thoroughly Modern Mille* April 4-5 7:00 pm

### **Raytown South Middle School**

#### **Academic Focus**

- RSMS was able to send 12 students to the Middle School STEAM event in Warrensburg, MO this past March. Students attended various workshops and activities, explored career paths related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. They also had the privilege of hearing our own Melissa Tebbenkamp as the keynote speaker. Several students reported they now want to attend the University of Central Missouri. I'm not sure if this is true or not; however, it was a great way to introduce them to college and career opportunities

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### **Parent/Community Focus**

- There has been much work to expand sports opportunities for middle school students over the past few years. Providing opportunities for our students to connect to their school community is highly beneficial to students. I am happy to report that after several years of discussion about starting an intramural soccer program at the middle school, South Middle. Over 70 students came to the informational meeting. The club will meet once a week and will even participate in an intra-district game vs. RSMS. Stay tuned, this will be exciting stuff.
- Speech and Debate had the following students place in their most recent tournament: Please help me celebrate the following students placing at the Liberty Speech and Debate tournament:
  - Breanna Bonner took 5th in Poetry
  - Louise Eskina took 8th in Impromptu Speaking
  - Trinity Houts took 3rd in Impromptu Speaking
  - Trinity Houts and Skyler Lea took 6th in Improvised Duet
  - Christian Bell and Breanna Bonner took 1st in Improvised Duet
  - Zayla Vann and Serena Enyeribe took 2nd in Novice Debate
  - The team took 3rd overall in the small school division!

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Shakespeare in the Park: *A Midsummer's Night Dream* TBA

## **Raytown Central Middle School**

### **Academic Focus**

- During the month of March at RCMS we kicked off our second staff book study professional learning opportunity. Half of our staff is studying *Crucial Conversations* and the other half of our staff is studying the book *Lost at School*. Staff engaged in some incredibly meaningful conversation during our monthly staff meeting around these two books. We also extended our learning to include our close reading strategy as a staff. We are excited to continue our professional growth in the coming months.
- RCMS was able to send approximately 10 students to a STEAM event at UCM this past month with the other two middle schools. Our students returned excited about the opportunities that they were exposed to from this great workshop.

### **Parent/Community Focus**

- We hosted the PTA council meeting at RCMS this past month where we were able to engage with the BOE candidates and hear more from Dr. Markley about the upcoming Bond issue on the ballot.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Track season is well underway. We will host another meet at RHS track in April.

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### **Raytown Success Academy**

#### **Academic Focus**

- RSA continues to focus on professional learning on Differentiated Instruction.

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

- Family Fun Night
- Community Connections
- SSEOY - Tamera Davis

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- April 2 - National Autism Awareness Month
- April 4 - Attendance Celebration
- April 9 - Bus Incentive
- April 11 - Family Fun Night
- April 13 - Community Connections
- April 26 - Pancake Breakfast

### **Northwood**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Individualized Education Goals
- Communication
- Community Based Education

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

- Students have participated in Community Based Education trips to the following locations: Library, Minute Mart, Street Car (Downtown KC), Graceway (utilized movie theater), KFC.
- Job Olympics Culver's Night Fundraiser on March 12- \$483.96 was raised to help support Job Olympic classroom activities.
- Northwood's Teacher of the Year is Denise Barnes.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- April 1- Royals Promotion
- April 2 - National Autism Awareness Day
- April 3 - Job Olympics Culver's Night Fundraiser- Little Blue Parkway 5-8 PM
- April 5 - Job Olympics
- April 8 - Representatives from Miller Park School in Lee's Summit School District will be touring Northwood
- TBD - Northwood Music/Art Fair

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### Herndon Career Center

#### Academic Focus

- Foundations of Nursing students finished their 100 clinical hour requirement at Jackson Creek Memory Care and John Knox Village. With the practical component completed, students will now focus on passing their Certified Nursing Assistant written and practical exams at the end of April.
- Auto Collision students are focusing on iCAR certification in addition to the hands-on experience in the classroom. Mr. Billy Byrd attended the state advisory committee meeting for Auto Collision curriculum on March 15.
- Auto Technology, Diesel, and a few other select students visited Custom Truck One Source. Students heard from the owner and several other department leaders about the company, its growth, and career opportunities that are currently available to our students.

#### Parent/Community Focus

- The Culinary Management Team practiced their presentation and critical thinking answers in front of a panel of 15 respected industry leaders on March 14. The students presented each section and then answered questions that the chefs, architects, and business owners asked. The exercise was meant to help the team solidify their business plans and justifications in preparation for the National ProStart Invitational. The team will present their improved presentation in a similar exercise in April.
- Over 600 applications for 2019-20 HCC programs have been reviewed and scored. Student acceptance letters were mailed the week of March 25. Students have been invited to a Meet the Teacher event on April 25. Many programs are full. New applications will continue to be accepted and scored in programs that are not yet full.
- Mr. Zier, counselor, has been coordinating career exploration opportunities at local businesses for students. The students who are interested in a particular placement go visit the business to learn more and potentially earn an interview for a job.
- On May 1, HCC/Southland CAPS will host our Student Showcase and Awards Night at Raytown High School. Our students CAPS passion projects and HCC program accomplishments will be on display from 5:30 - 6:45 pm, and awards will be presented beginning at 7:00 pm.
- Herndon will host our first Signing Day on May 3 to highlight students who have acquired a job in the area of their HCC training, have been accepted to college to continue their education, or have been accepted into military training. Employers, college representatives, military recruiters, and parents will be invited to attend this celebration.

#### Upcoming School Events

- April 5: Culinary Pop Up Dinner
- Throughout April: Certification and Licensing Testing
- April 25: Meet the Teacher Night
- May 1: Program/Student Showcase and Awards Night
- May 3: Signing Day
- May 5 - 11: National ProStart Invitational

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## **Southland CAPS**

### **Academic Focus**

- Education students are in the midst of their semester long internships with our partnering schools and educators. Students have the opportunity to present at the state Educators' Rising conference. Andrea Blackman will be reading her children's book that was written and illustrated by Andrea in the Children's Pre-K Literature event. Andrea has also been offered a summer internship opportunity at Cerner following her Cerner Scholar internship this semester.
- Our Technology Solutions internship students have continued their internship opportunities. Three of our students currently completing their Cerner Scholar internships have been invited to continue in summer internship opportunities.
- One of our Technology Solutions students has been working on a server project that will benefit our Herndon nursing program students in electronic charting. Neko is working with our RQS Technology Team one day a week outside of his internship to complete the project prior to the end of the semester.
- One of our Animal Health students has added an additional internship opportunity to his existing internship to focus specifically in preparation for his acceptance into the Vet Tech program at Maple Woods. He is working on specifically logging shadowing hours, so he can meet the hours' requirement for acceptance.
- Interning Animal Health students are getting exposure to multiple different facets of the Animal Health field. The 19 students convene together one day a week to share out their experiences and discuss opportunities that are available due to their internships.

### **Parent/Community Focus**

- On May 1, HCC/Southland CAPS will host our Student Showcase and Awards Night at Raytown High School. Our students CAPS passion projects and HCC program accomplishments will be on display from 5:30 - 6:45 pm, and awards will be presented beginning at 7:00 pm. Parents, industry partners, and community members are invited to this event.
- We received an increase of 50% in applications for our 19-20 Southland CAPS programs. Acceptance letters were mailed week of March 25 to our new students. Students and parents have been invited to Meet the Teacher night on April 25. Lee's Summit School District students were eligible through their district to apply this year, so we are growing our educational partnerships as we head into next year.
- CAPS students will be invited to participate in Signing Day on May 3. Students continuing their education or obtaining a job in a related program area will be invited to participate. Employers, college representatives, military representatives, parents, and school staff will be invited to attend.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- April 25: Meet the Teacher Night
- May 1: Program/Student Showcase and Awards Night
- May 3: Signing Day