

Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



December 2022

Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- RHS Speech & Debate Tournament: The team will be hosting our tournament in the building Dec. 9-10th. They are anticipating between 25 and 30 schools, several hundred students, coaches, and community members to participate in making this event another annual success. Judges are always welcome. Please email Adam Higgins or Taylor Ambrosi if you are interested in judging.
- Superintendent Forum: Approximately 60 students had the opportunity to talk with Dr. Martin-Knox in a casual forum held in the Library on Nov. 29. Students had a great time learning more about Dr. Martin-Knox and her plan to support them and the district.
- RHS Counseling has been working hard to prepare for 2023-2024 course enrollment. This year students will be participating in using SISK12 to enter course selection. This process will begin the week of December 7.
- RHS BLT has finalized a revision to the RHS Mission, Vision, and Value Statements. They group gathered feedback from staff as they updated the documents to reflect the ever evolving identity of RHS. They group has also been working to help staff transition over to the update DRT formatting that increases the focus on collective commitments focused on high priority standards.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Boys Swimming: Congratulations to the Raytown Bluejay Boys swimming team. They finished 10th at the Missouri State Championships out 66 teams, and won All-State honors in 5 events. Ben Gippner (12) in the 200 & 100 Freestyles, Luke Markley (12) in the 50 & 100 Freestyle events, and Winston Pieters (10), Charlie Farrand (10), Markley, and Gippner in the 200 Free Relay.
- RHS Girls Swimming: Hannah Batts (11), has won 4 conference titles in the last 2 years, and returns to lead the Lady Jays swimmers. The team has 20 girls out for swimming this year, our largest team in several years.
- RHS Band: The following students auditioned and were selected for the KC Metro All-District Bands: KC Metro All-District Band–Oscar Peraza (12), 1st chair Clarinet, Joel Martinez (12), 2nd chair Alto Sax, and Grayson Helsel (11), 3rd chair Bassoon. KC Metro Honorable Mention Band– Josh Ramon (11), 4th chair Trumpet and Kylan Silvers (10), 7th chair Trumpet. KC Metro All-District Jazz Band –Joel Martinez, 2nd chair Alto Sax.
- RHS Orchestra: Octavia Duarte (12) was selected for the KC Metro All-District String Orchestra. She will play viola in the concert on January 7, 2023 at Liberty North High School. The RHS Orchestras will present their winter concert on Tuesday, December 13th @ 7:00 pm.
- RHS Theatre presented the fall musical *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (Nov. 17-19). The show was a huge success. They are now preparing for auditions for a spring Musical, *Into the Woods*.
- RHS Math Club competed at the Warrensburg Math-Science Relay. Results are as follow: 1st place - Geometry - Samuel McCarroll (10), 3rd place - Biology - Samuel McCarroll, 5th place - Sophomore Team - Keshawna Hyde-Milligan, Jayden Lee, and Samuel McCarroll, 5th place - Top Sophomore - Samuel McCarroll, 7th place - Algebra Equations 9 - Jayden Lee, 7th place - Graphing - Samuel McCarroll.

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- RHS National Honors Society: On Nov. 16th, the Raytown NHS hosted with Raytown Chapel Church a Raytown Community Thanksgiving Dinner for families in need. Over one hundred Raytown residents sat down with the church to eat. One hundred seventy-four to-go meals were handed out to community members that could not stay to eat, and were served through the parking lot drive-thru event. Over thirty families used the church food pantry for Thanksgiving groceries so they could feed their own families on Thanksgiving.
- RHS Girls Basketball won their home opener against Liberty North 43-42 in a nail biter of a game.

Upcoming School Events

- Dec. 2–Trister Celebration–RHS Cafeteria @ Lunchtime
- Dec. 5–Winter Choir Concert–RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- Dec. 9-10–RHS Speech & Debate Tournament
- Dec. 13–Winter Orchestra Concert–RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- Dec. 15–Winter Band Concert–RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- Dec. 21-Jan. 2–Winter Holiday Break
- Jan. 4–Staff Workday
- *Additional dates for athletic and other school events can be found on our website.*

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- We celebrated 477 students who have 95% attendance and above through REF on 11/30
- The ELA Department is reviewing data regarding our formative assessment. We reviewed the district summative assessment for Unit 2, which was available through Edulastic.
- The Math Department is also reviewing Data from Unit 2 assessments and preparing for the Common Assessment to be given to students.

Parent/Community Focus

- Andrew Porter is South High Three times All-State Player, Suburban Conference Blue Division Player of the Year and Region Co-Offensive Player of the Year
- Cardinal Chorale will be on KSHB-Sounds of the Holidays Dec 25, 2022 at 6am & 12pm & January 1st at 11am. KMCI-38 December 24th at 6pm & December 25th at 3pm
- Band All District-Sophia Luce 8th Chair Horn, Philip Wolfe - 2nd Chair Euphonium and Philip Wolfe - 1st Alternate Jazz Piano
- Orchestra All District- Caleb Pennington and Elizabeth Kruger
- All District Soccer- Andrew Porter, Kevin Jacobo, Isaac Shields and Pedro Gonzales
- All District Football- First Team Manny Burnett, Marcus Neal, Corey Slaughter
- 2nd Team All District Football- Mylen Simmons, Chris Lemons, Terry Vester
- 1st Team All Districts Softball-Carley Leverette
- 2nd Team All District Softball-Abibatou Vilane

Upcoming School Events

- December 14th Student Council will decorate the West Entrance and South High Staff adopted 100 students from our district to give Christmas presents. These families will be able to pick up these gifts from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.
- Choir Concert 12/13 7pm SHS Auditorium

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- Band Concert 12/15 7pm SHS Auditorium
- Swim Meet @ Wellness Center 5pm
- Girls Basketball 12/8 at Grandview 5:30 JV/7:00 Varsity
- Boys Basketball vs. Truman Home 5:30 JV/ 7:00 Varsity

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- Social Studies Department - 6th Grade: We worked on Google Slide Projects based around Ancient India. Students made slides with collages, bullet lists of facts, and identified important places in India. We had a blast deciphering hieroglyphs! Student's decoded secret messages using a key. They were able to create their own messages for their peers to decipher as well. Student's also pretended they went on a trip to Ancient Egypt, and created a postcard. Students drew pictures of Ancient Egypt on one side, on the back they wrote a letter for someone who lives at that house, what they would have seen during that time. These were shared with families in their parent teacher conference folder.
- 7th Grade: RMS 7th grade classes finished up "Core Concepts of Geography" with a project creating Bloom Balls that show student knowledge of the 5 themes and how it relates to the world. We are currently learning about Europe and next month will be studying Africa. While discussing Africa, 7th graders will be using the book, A Long Walk to Water, to connect with people their own age to understand current issues in Africa, including conflict and water scarcity.
- 8th Grade: 8th grade classes have been leading up to the American Revolution. While we have been doing that, our department has shown students what it was like to live in that time period. One way we engaged the students was making butter in class using cream and a mason jar (along with a lot of shaking)! The students were able to enjoy the fruits of their labor by getting to try the butter on saltine crackers. 8th grade has also just finished projects (posters/pamphlets) on the "Road to Revolution" explaining how British actions caused reactions from the Colonists. They also showed off their knowledge of point of view by either taking the side of Britain or the American colonists. We are now beginning the American Revolution. Today we made poems and Raps over the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." Soon we will be doing numerous activities including listening and reflecting on some singles from the play Hamilton, using our conversations, readings and notes to compare and contrast points of view.

Parent/Community Focus

- Library Update - Students checked out over 1400 books this month and 49 ebooks. Over 60 classes visited the library and the most checked out books were Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Fighting Words, The Canyon's Edge, Glitch and Closer to Nowhere. The library encouraged students to participate in monthly programming activities centered around Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a scavenger hunt, a trivia contest and a Thankfulness garland activity.
- Fundraising Update - Another successful World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser was held this year at Raytown Middle School. We got the students super excited, with candy already on their minds, as we held a grade level assembly on Halloween day. During our grade level assembly we demonstrated the do's and don'ts of how to sell World's Finest Chocolate bars, in order for our students to be most effective and safe while being young

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entrepreneurs. Students were able to see all of the awesome prizes and extra cash they could collect along the way!!! The assembly was extremely beneficial and successful, as it drove over 141 participants to the office to receive their first box of candy! It did not take long before all 266 boxes were checked out and chocolate bars were flooding the community. The sale has come to a conclusion and we have collected over \$12,000 dollars, making the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser not just a staple here at RMS, but a success!

- For the first time in several years, both of our Girls and Boys basketball teams have full rosters! It is great to have so many Bluejays out on the court working on their skills. On November 15th, we held our Blue and White scrimmage for our basketball teams. We had a full gym full of student and family supporters in attendance to cheer on our Bluejay athletes. Our Bluejay teams opened their season during the last week of November against Plaza middle.
- The wrestling team at RMS has grown to over 35+ athletes this year with our highest proportion of female wrestlers in our school history! On November 10th, we held our Blue and White scrimmage matches for our wrestlers. With many students and families in attendance, it was a fun night to see our wrestler's moves. Our wrestling team has competed in three meets and one tournament to round out November.
- On November 15th, we hosted our annual Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Emmanuel W. for winning the RMS spelling bee and going on to represent us at districts.
- The RMS BlueJays Wrestling has a championship score of 8-0.
- On November 11th, we held our trister 2 activity night to celebrate our student's success! Students earn eligibility to attend by having less than 10 tardies and no suspensions during the second trister. It was a fun night of activities and dancing for all of our students and staff in attendance. We can't wait to see their dance moves in February for our next activity night.

Upcoming School Events

- Monday December 5th - Wrestling @ Grandview
- Tuesday December 6th - Basketball vs. Bingham
- Wednesday December 7th - Wrestling vs. RayPec East, Hogan, Kearney - Home
- Thursday, December 8th - RMS Band Concert
- Saturday, December 10th - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Monday, December 12th - Basketball Boys A @ Pioneer Ridge, Basketball Boys B @ Osage Trail, Basketball Girls A @ RCMS

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- South Middle Faculty members engaged in the Trauma Smart Module 6: Affect Identification. Staff members shared ideas for grounding and discussed the bottom blocks of the ARC pyramid to become increasingly trauma informed.
- The Teacher Leader Team began developing plans for a classroom focus on Strong Start, Strong Finish, in terms of classroom instruction and engagement. Discussions centered around effective strategies for peaking student interest at the start of a lesson and revisiting lesson planning components like the anticipatory set.

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- FACS classes began a foods unit by engaging in table top activities related to healthy eating habits. Using the federal guidelines and MyPlate as a reference, students were able to participate in a Kahoot and a small foods project to focus on kitchen cooperation and safety. This was followed by a delicious demo of a healthy smoothie recipe.
- Physical Education classes sparked excitement with team games! Teams of students participated in team handball after opening the unit with a strategy game involving small group cooperation and balance to get a team across a distant mark with only 6 objects as the 'safe' platform.

Parent/Community Focus

- Our TIC Team sponsored our first Trauma Smart Parent Night to begin implementation of the Smart Connections aspect of supporting students and families. The workshop was held on Friday, November 11th and focused on the topic of Recognizing Emotions.
- South Middle Career Cafe welcomed Raytown Mayor Mike McDonough this month. He presented to three different groups of students and spoke about his job as a city mayor. Approximately 42 students attended the cafe and asked thoughtful questions about issues such as reducing our carbon footprint and helping people who are experiencing homelessness. He also took several pictures with students!
- PBIS recognized three students for being thoughtful, considerate of others, and hard workers in classes at school. Each student received a November Student of the Month Certificate and treat:
 - 6th Grade~Sedra Al-Wafie
 - 7th Grade~Chloe Williams
 - 8th Grade~Kamerhon Young
- November Staff Member of the Month, Interventionist Jeffrey Byrd, was honored for being a strong support for students and staff members. He was awarded a certificate and lunch for his consistency and diligence when it comes to teaching replacement behaviors that help students improve.
- Student Council sponsored a Glow Night Dance on November 11th that was a huge success! The night was full of groups of teachers and students line dancing together and parent chaperones watching the fun.

Upcoming School Events

- December 7: Wrestling Meet (v. Summit Lakes, Smith-Hale)
- December 8: Girls Basketball (v. Excelsior Springs)
- December 9: Fun Friday - Zero Tardy Party
- December 12: Wrestling Meet (v. Excelsior Springs, Maple Park)
- December 12-16: Spirit Week
- December 16: Play Production, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, 7:00pm
- December 21-30: Winter Break

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Teacher teams of common content and grade levels met to discuss their upcoming instructional units, to select a target standard for student growth during their unit, and to write their first common formative assessment.

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- These teacher teams are called Data Review Teams (DRTs) in the PLC process; we have begun working on learning and collaborating as a professional learning community (PLC).
- Our focus for our next instructional PL will be how to launch a lesson using an intention, pre-planned “hook” or anticipatory set to gain student interest and focus on the topic.
- 277 students earned the November monthly reward - which was popcorn and a pop - by passing all classes with 70% or higher, getting no more than 3 tardies in the month, and having no ISS or OSS in the month.

Parent/Community Focus

- Students and parents (but mostly teachers) were excited to socialize together at our first school dance - Winter Wonderland - on December 2, 2022. We had a good turnout. Many students dressed up, and all were excited about the opportunity to meet with friends for the event.
- Advisory teachers lead students to complete a form that captures their grades for the month, their tardies, their attendance, and their behavior record in order to communicate with parents about student needs and/ or celebrations.
- Drama/Speech teacher Ms. Drake awarded the Roaming Raven to Math teacher Lexii Mitchell to recognize her great relationships with her students. Ms. Mitchell will award the next staff member of her choice at our next faculty meeting on Dec. 12.

Upcoming School Events

- November monthly reward on December 8 - students who meet the qualifications will get to play BINGO for prizes while enjoying a hot chocolate bar in the cafeteria.
- Rally (assembly) to recognize student achievement during Trister #2 - Students must have met our building goal of passing all classes with 70% or higher in order to attend.
- Dec. 5 - Orchestra concert
- Dec. 6 - Band concert; Girls Basketball at home
- Dec. 7 - Boys Basketball at home
- Dec. 8 - November monthly reward
- Dec. 9 - Rally for Student Recognition
- Dec. 12 - Choir concert; Boys Basketball at home
- Dec. 13 - Girls Basketball at home
- Dec. 15 - Guiding Coalition meeting
- Dec. 16 - All-monthly-rewards Field Trip to Main Event
- Dec. 20 - Holiday concert for all students; early release
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Working on Literacy as a school, K-12 for our SIP
- Critical thinking and writing

Parent/Community Focus

- Had our 2nd Family fun night in Dec. Had the reading rocket come from Mid Continent Library.
- Focus on attendance calls by social workers.

Upcoming School Events

- Level celebrations, attendance celebration

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Northwood

Academic Focus

- MAP-A Testing - NW Teachers did an amazing job completing the multiple assessments with students!
- Individualized Education Program goals
- Social/Emotional learning

Parent/Community Focus

- Community Based Instruction - Aldi
- CAPS student will be shadowing a teacher from Dec. 5-15

Upcoming School Events

- Annual Holiday Party - December 19, 2022
- Trauma Smart Training Module 6

Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- EMT students earned their BLS Heartsaver certification in November. This is a requirement for them to be able to do the 5 patient contacts required prior to testing for their EMT.
- CAPS students have begun interviewing and gaining internship acceptance for 2nd semester.
- We currently have 10 students who have completed their MO Option requirements. We are anticipating many more soon due to testing platform switching companies and being down for several weeks.

Parent/Community Focus

- We continue to send our Weekly Update to parents, students, and sending school personnel each week.
- We have presented at many schools to students and staff during the day and parents in the evenings to share the opportunities that students have at HCC/SC.

Upcoming School Events

- January 15 & February 16: Open House 5:30 - 7:30 pm