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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- Raytown High School vocal music program director Alex Kolster received the Missouri Choral Directors Association (MCDA) Outstanding District Director Award for the Kansas City Metro District at the annual MCDA Summer Convention held July 19-23 in Springfield, Missouri. The recipient of this award is voted on by choral directors in the Kansas City Metro area.
- RHS Industrial Arts Teacher, Vern Larson, participated in a 3-day Design Thinking workshop hosted by the Career Education Consortium. Vern participated in developing design thinking projects and learned how to better implement design thinking into the classroom setting.
- RHS Social Studies teacher, Peter Moore, participated in a 4-day workshop on Performance Based Learning (PBL). He learned about how to better implement PBL into the classroom setting.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Speech and Debate: Students participated in the virtual National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) Tournament, June 13-19, 2021. Presley Stewart (12) made it to the quarterfinal round in Spoken Word Poetry.
- RHS Jaywalkers traveled to NDA camp at Emporia College. The team received the Superior Award for their home routine, a Silver Award for the camp routine, team speciality awards including Stand-Out Style, Superior Showmanship, as well as the Herky Team Award. Four dancers were also nominated and awarded the All-American Award: Molly Pieratt (12), Kamryn Etter (12), RaMaya Taylor (11), and Lai'Ayla Flowers (11). In the Top Gun competition, Avery Enyard (9) was awarded Top Gun Hiphop. Imani Collins (12) also received the Pin It Forward Award. We are incredibly proud and eager for the upcoming season!
- RHS Girls' Tennis is in its last week of regular season. Last week, the Lady Jays participated in the Lee's Summit North Beginners Doubles Tournament and all 18 Raytown players participating placed 3rd or 4th in their bracket! Those winning 3rd brought home the first "awards" for the brand new tennis program. Last Friday, the top 6 JV players participated in the NKC Novice tournament on the Plaza. This week they have their last two regular matches of the season versus East High on Monday the 27th and against NKC on Thursday the 30th. On Friday October 1st, the top 6 varsity players will compete at Pembroke Hill for Individual Districts.
- RHS Marching Pride: The 2021 show for the Bluejay Pride is BEETHOVEN'S NIGHTMARE. The band performed the first part of the show at halftime of the first home game, September 24th. The band is preparing for competitions at Smith-Cotton High School, Missouri State University, and Cameron MO coming up in October.
- RHS Orchestra is preparing for our Fall Concert on October 19th. We are celebrating Missouri's 200th Birthday at the concert, featuring a piece based on Missouri artist, George Caleb Bingham's Painting, ""Descending the Missouri"" as well as an arrangement (by Amy Sadler) of the ""Missouri Waltz"". The music styles will reflect the theme of the westward expansion as Missouri became a territory and state.

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- RHS Theatre recently performed their fall play, Boeing Boeing, and it was a huge success. The theater department is currently in rehearsals for the musical, 9 to 5.
- RHS Varsity Football is 2-1 and ranked #5 in the state.
- RHS Cross Country participated in several meets in the month of September. At the Ray South Twilight meet Kassy Gonzalez (1st) and Lanee Cooper (6th) were medalists on the girls side. For the boys, JT Taylor (2nd) and Billy Bettis (7th) were medalists. At the Grandview Meet, JT Taylor (1st), Billy Bettis (8th), Ben Crowe (13th), and Carson McKinley (16th) were medalists. The last weekend in September, Raytown traveled to Columbia, MO for the Gans Creek Classic. Billy Bettis medaled once again. This was the 3rd time Billy medaled in his last 4 races. The entire team either hit personal records while at that meet or hit season's best times. The Bluejays are looking forward to wrapping up their regular season in October at Ray Pec & Warrensburg and then competing at Conference in Belton and the District meet at Lee's Summit North later in the month.
- RHS Girls' Golf has had a productive and successful season with 14 girls. The girls have won matches against Truman, William Chrisman, North Kansas City, Fort Osage, Grandview and Raytown South. Senior Awah Asangwe took 4th in the Fred Arbanas Lees Summit Invitational on 9/1. We are looking forward to the varsity girls medaling at conference next week!
- RHS Boys' Swimming is currently 8 -0, The team recently defeated Truman HS last Wednesday 121 to 42, winning every event.

Upcoming School Events

- RHS Choir Concert--RHS Performing Arts Center--October 11 @ 7:00 pm
- Hall of Fame Inductee visits--October 15
- RHS Orchestra Concert--RHS Performing Arts Center--October 19 @ 7:00 pm
- Parent/Teacher Conferences--October 25 & 28
- *Please check the RHS Activities and Athletic Website for additional upcoming events.*

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Our **Professional Learning Mission:**
 - Ensure student success through evidence based instructional practices
 - Provide a strong instructional foundation for beginning teachers
 - Provide a mentoring program that promotes new teachers and supports staff retention
 - Promote techniques and strategies to ensure teachers meet the challenges and changes of the current academic community
 - Support district initiatives and curriculum through ongoing professional learning aligned to professional growth plans
- Our BLT CPL Professional Learning Goal #1 Raytown south High School teachers will demonstrate effective development of current research based instructional strategies to increase the quality and rigor of instruction in the classroom. Rationale: Teachers should engage in professional learning that encourages the regular implementation of up to date, evidence-based practices in education. Such learning opportunities enhance

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instruction in the classroom, thus promoting academic excellence and independent think. In addition, teacher engagement and morale are enhanced through opportunities for collaboration and growth.

- Each year we recognize the students that rank in the "Top Ten" academically and honor them at graduation. Class of 2021 scholars include:
 - 1. Anna Hoffman, 2. Erin Shawhan, 3. Antonio Waltermate, 4. Thomas Elkin, 5. Theron Payne Theron, 6. Jailyn Wendt Jaily, 7. Tahleel Althalathini, 8. Kara Jo Henderson, 9. Christina Brown & 10. Kale Sipes

Parent/Community Focus

- State and National awards and honors recognized at Commencement.
 - State Choir - Thessalonia Ryan
 - State Band - Makari Locke, Cecily Wells, Ashlie Woodruff, Rodrigo Torres & Makari Locke
 - State Speech & Debate - Tal'ja Snipes
 - All State Football - Quinton Rowell
 - 2x All-State soccer and Boys State - George Hanson
 - 3x All-State soccer - Riley Mickelson
 - All State Track - Nia Shields & Tachelle Thomas
 - Girls State - Christina Brown
 - Girls State and Missouri Scholars - Anna Hoffman
 - Girls State and Bright Flight - Erin Shawhan
 - Girls State, All American, Academic All State, & State Champion Dance - Candace Hayes
 - State DECA & FBLA, National Speech & Debate, State Champion Poetry - Ahmea Parham
 - Academic All State & State Champion Dance - Christina Brown
 - All American, Academic All State, & State Champion Dance - Jailyn Wendt
 - All American & State Champion Dance - Markayla Lottie
 - State Champion Dance - Aceyeah Bates & Jaia Johnson
 - State Champion Basketball - Kobe Shahib
 - State Seal of Bi-literacy - Ashley Rodríguez
 - All State Wrestling - Jasmine Alcantara
 - State Scholastic Writing Award, Regional Gold Key, & National Gold Medal - Antonio Waltermate

Upcoming School Events

- For current updates and news follow us on the District website or the Twitter @RQSSouthHigh.
- Check out Sonic Locker Room for sports, clubs, theatre, and music interviews of students, teachers, and coaches.

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Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- Sixth graders have been using the writing process to write a personal narrative. They are beginning to type their final draft this week.
- The seventh grade narrative unit called for students to write a series of poems that illustrated the student's competency of the standard. As an assessment, Mr. Gether's class did a Poetic Cypher in the courtyard to showcase a written and verbal understanding of the skills. The students were able to showcase their knowledge of narrative writing through poetic verse.
- Eight grade students are developing narratives about real or imagined experiences, which establish and maintain a consistent point of view, and include clearly identified characters, well-structured event sequences, narrative techniques and relevant, descriptive details. Students created podcasts to demonstrate these skills. We used the writing process and guest speakers to help inspire and create the podcasts.
- Literacy focus and book Study — RMS continues to focus on How to Differentiate Instruction in Academically Diverse Classrooms. The book we are studying is by Carol A Tomlinson. During professional development, teachers participated in learning DI strategies and sharing best practices in their content. In addition, their planning included DI goals, TLAC strategies, DOK levels and review of Hess' Rigor and Relevance Framework. The goal is for teachers to enhance their working knowledge of the connecting standards, instruction, and assessment to student growth to the planning process.

Parent/Community Focus

- Grade level assembly: Grade level assemblies were held to introduce key staff members and review goals for the year, highlighting PBS and extracurricular activities available for students.
- RMS Clubs and Activities is off to a great start this year. Students are excited about participating in in-person activities. We have several new clubs that students have taken an interest in starting this month.

Upcoming School Events

- MS Parent-Teacher Conferences- October 26 and 28
- RMS Chocolate Fundraiser starting October 13 to October 28
- Student Picture day –October 19
- Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @RQSRaytownMidd
- For current updates and highlights, follow us on RMS Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/Raytown-Middle-School-106165480742984>

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Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- After an active and busy first month, we're finding our way back to structure and routines and I could not be more proud of our staff for staying consistent and positive as we work to transition students back to school. One of the school-wide strategies we are implementing to help students develop patterns of successful schooling is a common framework around transitions. Our teachers are using CHAMPS to frontload students with expectations for the class as they move from activity to activity and into class from the hallways. We're seeing positive results as teachers continue to clarify expectations and tighten transitions for students.
- South Middle is starting year two of our CADRE learning groups. Teachers were able to self-select into one of four groups: Trauma Informed Practices/Care, Social Emotional Learning, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, & The Dynamics of Middle Level Teaching and Learning. Each group has various literature they will be reviewing, evaluating, and sharing. Groups are using literacy circles to guide and facilitate teacher discussions. The cross-collaborative groups and the connections we're facilitating are equally as important as the content we're exploring and these "collisions" of colleagues that transcend grade-level or content taught will help us grow closer as a learning community and I am eager to see all the ways these cadres move us as an organization.

Parent/Community Focus

- South Middle will host an end of Trister parent meeting to review our Title I plan, Trister I grades and Q&A with the principal on Tuesday, Oct. 12th. This will be a Zoom meeting starting at 6 p.m.

Upcoming School Events

- Parent/Teacher Conferences: Oct. 26th and 28th.

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Teachers at CMS have been collaborating on the development of relevant and useful Professional Growth Plans (PGPs) that align with building, department, and individual goals for educator growth.
- Teacher Leader Team (TLT) at CMS provided Professional Development to staff on September 8th related to the importance of framing the lesson for kids. TLT presented practical ways for teachers to incorporate the C.E.R./Claims-Evidence-Reasoning strategy for argumentative writing in various content areas.
- In alignment with our district C&I Goal to understand student differences through cultural competence to meet the diverse needs of students, our building Cultural Competency Committee developed and implemented Professional Development on September 23rd that incorporated educator stories and the development of a working definition for cultural competency.

Parent/Community Focus

- Parents received a monthly newsletter containing school information and events for September.

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- Parents gathered at CMS on September 27th to discuss the promotion and reforming of a PTSA unit for CMS this year.

Upcoming School Events

- Parent/Teacher Conferences: Oct. 26th and 28th

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Staff is actively creating PGP that promote district and personal growth.
- Beginning an idea called Q5. Staff is meeting on Wednesday's and coordinating need to know skills for all students that parallel the current curriculum. Ex. Math: spend 5 minutes reviewing multiplication problems; ELA, review the difference between adjective and adverb. The idea behind this is repetition. The teachers are coordinating must know knowledge for their grade level and or curricular area.
- Enrich time on Wednesday's for students. Focus on reading, academic enrichment and civic behaviors and responsibilities.

Parent/Community Focus

- Family fun night on October 21st. This is for Parent student engagement.

Upcoming School Events

- Parent teacher conferences
- Family Fun Night
- Pancake Breakfast
- Attendance celebration

Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized Educational Goals
- Social/Emotional Learning
- Communication

Parent/Community Focus

- Community Based Instruction will begin in October
- Planning with community partners for job skill training
- IEP Meetings / Parent Conferences

Upcoming School Events

- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Herndon & Southland CAPS hosted Raytown South staff on the Professional Development Day. Staff were able to share the specifics for each program while also showing the learning space and answer questions.

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- Students in Animal Health trained at Wayside Waifs, which allows students to volunteer and take additional training providing more hands-on experiences.

Parent/Community Focus

- HCC/SC hosted high school counselors in early September allowing counselors to see our facilities and ask questions that can help answer parent and student questions.
- HCC Culinary promoted their Soup Extravaganza to the community. Students will prepare the soups, and community members will be able to pick up the soups in October.

Upcoming School Events

- October 14/15: Soup Pick Up
- October 25/28: Parent Teacher Conferences