

# Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



## March 2019

### Raytown High School

#### Academic Focus

- The following students were selected as KC Storytellers Scholars: Angel Sanchez (12th), Olivia Richter (11th), and Lillith Vieux (11th). The KC Storytellers invites a select group of students from diverse high schools to write and share their personal stories.
- Amy Barrett, RHS registrar, was selected as Greater Kansas City School Counselor Association's Counselor Advocate of the Year!
- Katie Kolster, RHS Theatre teacher, was selected as the 2019 RHS Teacher of the year. Amy Barrett, RHS Registrar, was selected as the 2019 RHS Support Staff Employee of the Year.

#### Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Boys' Basketball finished the regular season 18-6 and are conference champions. Their first round of District play is Thursday, March 1st at Truman High School.
- RHS Girls' Basketball finished the season 8-16.
- RHS Football competed at the Winnetonka Powerlifting Meet the following student placed: Donald Brown (10th) 1st in division, Joe Campbell (11th) medaled in all 3 lifts & 1st in his weight division, John Chicho (12th) won 4 medals & was 1st in his weight division, Anthony Rodriguez (10th) placed in all 3 lifts & was 2nd in his weight division. DeAngelo Brooks (10th) won 1st in bench & 2nd place squat. Isaac Yzaguirre (10th) won multiple medals & won 1st in his division. The 9th & 10th grade men's team took 2nd place in the competition.
- RHS Girls' Swimming finished second place at the conference meet. We had numerous conference finalists: 200 free--Abby Kujath (11) 3rd, Megan Johnson (10) 6th, Andrea Ledgerwood (10) 7th, 200 IM Addie Arduser (10) 6th, 50 free: Bella Jimenez (11) 8th, 100 fly: Megan Johnson (10) 5th, Infiatasia Moore (12) 7th, 100 free: Bella Jimenez (11) 5th, Meret Haeming (9) 8th, 500 free: Chyloh Ratterree (10) 7th, Katie Valdovinos (10) 8th, 100 back: Andrea Ledgerwood (10) 5th, Abby Kujath (11) 6th, Miranda Erickson (12) 8th, 100 breast: Addie Arduser (10) 6th, Meret Haeming (9) 8th.
- RHS DECA: The following students competed at the District DECA competition and qualified for State: Hannah Morris (12)- Personal Selling--2nd, Larry Wilson (11) & Briana Salinas (12)- Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making--2nd, and Derreck Shinault (11)-Restaurant Management--4th.
- RHS Speech and Debate earned 2nd overall at conference. The following students were 1st Team All-Conference: Lillian Rhodes (11) Lincoln Douglas Debate--1st, Rae DeBoe (12) Dramatic Interpretation--1st, Anna Maloney (12) / Rae DeBoe (12) Duo Interpretation--1st, Caleb Nading (12) International Extemp--2nd, Infiatasia Moore (12) US Extemp--2nd, Kylie Butler (10) Humorous Interpretation--2nd, Bracey Odums (11)/Kennedy Wynn (11) Public Forum Debate--3rd, Infiatasia Moore (12) Lincoln Douglas Debate--4th, and Caleb Nading (12)/Tanner Ludwig (12) Public Forum Debate--4th.

#### Upcoming School Events

- RQS Academic Evening--March 7 @ RSHS--6pm
- RHS Choir Concert--March 26 @ RHS Auditorium--7pm
- RHS Band & Orchestra Concert--March 28 @ RHS Auditorium--7pm
- RHS Mr. Raytown--April 5 @ RHS Auditorium--7pm

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#### Academic Focus

- Jacob Dodd was recently featured on FOX4 TV for the Excellence in Leadership Achievers. He is ranked 1st in the Senior class and is involved in many school and church activities. Jacob is a leader in our school and President of the National Honor Society, he is a member of the Academic Team that went to Nationals. Other activities include RQS Citizens' Advisory Committee, Varsity Football, and Student Council. Outside community activities include Anti-Violence Walkout planning committee, Boys State Circuit Judge, Satellite Rocket program, Heartland Foundation Youth Advisory Program, and MIT Online Science Technology and Engineering Community.
- Antonio Waltermate won a Gold Key Award in the 2019 Missouri Writing Region of the Scholastic Writing Awards Contest. Winners were selected from more than 800 submissions we received from throughout Missouri and the Kansas City, Kansas, area. He will be honored at Tan Tar A in March.
- The Raytown District Robotics Team, Fire & Ice, will be competing at Blue Springs High School on February 9th with an opportunity to advance to state. We are currently ranked 8th in our conference out of 43 teams and six teams will advance to the state championships at Missouri S&T in Rolla Missouri. SHS Students: Chevelle Snyder, Rebekah Cook, Marvon Kelly, Madyson Steif, Karla Valencia, Maya Thomas, Hannan Hayyeh, Daniel Kirkpatrick, & Elizabeth Torres

#### Parent/Community Focus

- 5 seniors performed Sunday with the 2019 UMKC Midwest Honor Band and Orchestra Festival. Bradley Snyder, Hanna Koger, Tiffany Johnson, Teonna Butler, and Lindsay Pitts attended with teacher Brandon Ford.
- Renee Tempel and Travon Thurman are ready for their All-District 9-10 Honor Choir performance after a full day of rehearsal.
- Congrats to [@RQSSouthHigh](#) alum and University of Missouri – Columbia senior and journalism student Makayla Looney who received the KMBC Larry Moore Journalism Scholarship. Looney is a sports reporter and producer at KOMU TV-8. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2DeBCFF>
- FBLA District Leadership Conference Result
  - First Place: Joshua Blew: Economics: State Qualifier
  - Second Place: Joshua Blew: Securities and Investment: State Qualifier
  - Fourth Place: Hanna Koger: Individual presentation: Electronic Portfolio
  - Fourth Place: Hanna Koger, Derek Porter: Group presentation: Social Media Campaign

#### Upcoming School Events

- Follow us for weekly events and updates on the Twitter [RQSSouthHigh](#).

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### Raytown Middle School

#### Academic Focus

- PE/Health The RMS Physical Education department continues to focus on improving the overall wellness of our cardiovascular fitness among all of our students. This semester we have softly implemented the use of “Fitnessfolios” in some of our classes. It is our goal to have all classes doing these by the next school year. Students are responsible for logging their personal fitness scores in their journal after performing their fitness test. During our DRT time, the PE department analyzed data to see what percentage of students are within the Healthy Fitness Zone. Students are continuing to show cognitive improvement through the use of pre and posttests that are administered at the beginning and end of each unit. Based on the data collected; these tests are continuing to reveal effective results. In regards to our health curriculum, the health teachers partnered with the Kansas City Police Department last year for their G.R.E.A.T. program. G.R.E.A.T. which stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training, is an evidence-based and effective gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula. Two police officers come once a week to teach our students gang resistance, education and training. The department are very pleased with the content of the program and feel it is highly beneficial to our students.

#### Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- Basketball Season Update (Boys/Girls) B The RMS boys’ basketball team enjoyed a memorable season where each team finished in top form. After a few early losses, the A team finished 9-2, B team 8-3, and C team 7-1. One of the biggest highlights was how the team played so well together and continued to improve as the year progressed. RMS can also celebrate another year of beating our cross town rivals, South and Central.
- The RMS Lady Jays basketball team had much success during the 18-19 season. Our A team finished their season 12-3. They took second place at the Lewis and Clark tournament and fourth place at the end of the season tournament. Our B team finished their season 11-4 and took second place at the Lewis and Clark tournament. Our C team finished their season 5-3. The girls worked very hard all season long and continued to show growth until the end. Our team received compliments after several games; for sportsmanship and overall performance. Our coaching team was extremely proud of the way our girls conducted themselves and of their successes.

#### Upcoming School Events

- World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser February 26 to March 15
- Spring Break March 18-22

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### Raytown South Middle School

#### Academic Focus

- RSMS continues to find ways to connect students with opportunities to explore College and Career pathways. In addition to our partnership with Walmart through the MiFuturo program, our Career Cafe sessions, and Herndon and STA site visits, we have most recently partnered with the Kansas City Builders Association. A student group will tour their facilities and explore their apprentice programs followed by a visit to J.E Dunn Headquarters and lunch. A special thanks to Mrs. Laura Jones and Mrs. Shelly Sopha for creating C&C exploratory options for our students

#### Parent/Community Focus

- The University of Missouri- Columbia Orchestra program travelled to South Middle to play alongside our orchestra students. Over 60 members from Columbia made the trip and put on quite the concert.

#### Upcoming School Events

- RSMS PTSA Chipotle Night: Tuesday, March 12th from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### Raytown Central Middle School

#### Academic Focus

- RCMS had continued to focus in our professional learning on the Close Reading strategy. We spent our February faculty meeting with two of our teacher leaders sharing with staff how they have incorporated Close Reading in their classrooms. We also shared a bookmark tool with staff that they can keep close by as a reference. This month our focus was on step two of the strategy which consists of reading for understanding. Teachers were encouraged to find ways to engage with students using this strategy of identifying important words/terms and making connections with the text in step two.

#### Parent/Community Focus

- We held our Spring Enrollment Parent/Teacher Conferences in the middle of February. Many parents were able to have quality conversations with their student's Advisory teacher on academic performance and course selection for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Both our Band and Orchestra programs competed the last weekend in February and received overall 2 ratings. They did a fantastic job, and represented RCMS well.

#### Upcoming School Events

- Spring sports will kick off the week of February 25th.
- Spring sports parent meeting will take place on March 7, 2019

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### Raytown Success Academy

#### Academic Focus

- RSA continues to focus on professional learning on Differentiated instruction. Teachers leaders spent February staff meeting on sharing strategies on how to differentiate lessons in all subjects and grade levels.

#### Parent/Community Focus

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Family Fun Night
- Community Connections

#### Upcoming School Events

- March 7 - Attendance Celebration
- March 8 - PAC - Passing All Classes - Celebration
- March 27 - Level Celebration
- March 29 - Pancake Breakfast

### Northwood

#### Academic Focus

- IEP Goals
- MAP-A
- Community Based Instruction

#### Parent/Community Focus

- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Parent/Teacher tours of Blue Valley Industries (Sheltered Workshop)
- Parent/Teacher tour of Developing Potential Inc. (Adult Day Program in KC)
- Parents, teachers and students loaded a Raytown school bus and went to downtown KC to tour a sheltered workshop and adult day program. These are just two options for post-secondary outcomes for Northwood students.

#### Upcoming School Events

- Culver's Night for Job Olympics - March 12, 5-8 PM
- Music and Art Fair - April 18 6-7 PM

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### Herndon Career Center

#### Academic Focus

- Culinary students won the state contest in both the Culinary and Management divisions at the Missouri ProStart competitions. Students will compete in Washington DC in May.
- Construction students attended two different job fairs to meet representatives from construction companies and learn about job opportunities and benefits.
- Automotive Technology and Diesel students went to the World of Wheels event that is hosted specifically for high school students to learn about all aspects of the automotive industry.
- Foundations of Nursing students continue to work to get their 100 required hours of clinical time with all the snow days. The industry sites have been great partners in working with reschedule dates.

#### Parent/Community Focus

- The focus of February parent teacher conferences was the next steps for students whether that be college, career, or a combination, or recommendations for students to return for their senior year.
- Herndon was represented at multiple career fairs and enrollment events throughout the month to make sure students were aware of the application process.
- Culinary students made pastries for the REF Share the Love event.

#### Upcoming School Events

- March: Acceptance letters for 19-20 will be mailed
- April 5: Culinary Pop Up Dinner
- April 25: Meet the Teacher (19-20 students)
- May 1: Program Gallery Walk & Awards Night

### Southland CAPS

#### Academic Focus

- A few Animal Health students have gained additional internship opportunities through expanded internships or new placements.
- Education students are working on projects for the Educators' Rising competition.
- Students in all programs are generating action plans for their passion projects which will be on display at the Gallery Walk on Awards Night.

#### Parent/Community Focus

- Technology Solutions students are working on a new client project.
- Projects for next school year have started rolling in to be evaluated for fit into the programs we have.
- A video is being developed to promote technology opportunities for students after high school. Industry partners participated and addressed issues that may help students and parents better understand the needs in the industry and how our students can help fulfill those needs while earning a considerable wage.

#### Upcoming School Events

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- April 25: Meet the Teacher (19-20 students)
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