

Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



December 2021

Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- RHS National Honors Society (NHS): Since the spring 2020 NHS students have gloved up and masked up every two weeks to prepare and deliver meals to Raytown families at Raytown Chapel Church to ensure no family goes hungry. The week prior to Thanksgiving students served 407 meals and 58 Thanksgiving meal-prep grocery bags so that every Raytown family can enjoy Thanksgiving dinner. The NHS students also sponsored Custodian Day-Off in the cafeteria where they showed support and appreciation for our custodial staff by giving them a break while the students wiped tables, swept the floors, and took out the trash. RHS NHS is sponsored by Jasmine Brown.
- RHS Journalism: Senior Sariyah Shells, theatre member and reporter for the RHS school newspaper, is being published in the KC Star. Her article is a review for Cappies over the Oak Park High School production of Bring It On.
- RHS Speech & Debate: has once again been recognized by the National Speech and Debate Association for achieving the 100 club for degrees and members. This recognition places the program among the top programs in the country. The speech and debate program is under the direction of Taylor Ambrosi and Zach McGee.:

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Theater had a successful production of the musical 9to5 November 18-20. The cast and crew put on another amazing show for our community.
- RHS Choir held their winter concert on Tuesday, November 30. Camerata will be performing at the Raytown City Lighting ceremony on Friday, December 3.
- RHS Band: The following students were selected KC Metro All-District--All-District Band--Oscar Peraza (11) - 2nd chair clarinet. Honorable Mention Band-- Joshua Ramon (10) - 1st chair trumpet (AD alt 1) and Donald Bunch (12) - 2nd chair clarinet (AD alt 2). All 3 students will be auditioning for All-State band this Saturday in Columbia, MO.
- RHS Orchestra: Senior Cellist, Alena Harper was selected as an alternate to the KC Metro District #3 All-District Orchestra. RHS will present a Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 14th at Raytown High School at 7 pm. Following our tradition, RHS Symphony Orchestra Alumni will join the orchestra on stage to play "Christmas Eve at Sarajevo" by Trans Siberian Orchestra to end the program.
- RHS Speech & Debate has competed in 3 tournaments in November, Novice Raytown South Debate, Ray-Pec/Rockhurst, and North Kansas City/Park Hill South: Dallas Frazier (12) placed 10th at Ray-Pec and 1st at North Kansas City, Judy Batts (12) placed 3rd at Ray-Pec and 2nd at North Kansas City, Shawn Hulen (11) and Tochi Ihekona (11) placed 1st at Ray-Pec, and Michelle Morris (9) placed 2nd at Park Hill South. The team will be hosting the annual RHS/RSHS Speech and Debate Tournament December 10 & 11. The team is recruiting judges and would love for Board members to come out to show support.
- RHS Girls' Basketball is currently 2-0 on the season. Junior, Amani Henry, recorded her 100th block on Monday, November 22nd against Lee's Summit. Also 810 Varsity Sports has ranked the team #4 out of 25 in the metro and we are the only Missouri team in the top 5.
- RHS Boys' Basketball: The varsity team started their season with a win on Nov. 30 against the NKC Hornets. The varsity team travels to Springfield, MO December 3-5

for the Arvest tournament.

- RHS Girls' Swimming has 14 athletes preparing for our first meet on Wednesday, December 8 at the Raytown Wellness Center.
- RHS Jaywalkers will compete at the Kansas City Classic Regional Competition December 11th. The team will compete in the Prop category as well as the Mix category. Senior Captain Molly Pieratt will compete solo in the solo competition section of the competition. The team will also compete at the Lee's Summit North Dance Invitational Regional Competition January 22nd, and travel to St. Louis for the State Competition February 26th. The team has been working hard and is eager to compete in all in-person competitions this season. The team will also be performing both competition routines at Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball games during halftime.

Upcoming School Events

- Dec. 10 & 11: RHS Speech & Debate Tournament (Fri. evening/ Sat. all day)
- Dec. 14: RHS Winter Orchestra Concert--RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- Dec. 16: RHS Winter Band Concert--RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Winter Break

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Our CPL plan requires teachers will implement lessons in Advisory to support students at all grade levels to prepare for graduation and post-graduation plans, as well as social, emotional and academic supports for students. Teachers will implement strategies to support the development of academic and life skills for success in high school and beyond; Students will demonstrate growth in social emotional learning as well as preparedness for post-secondary success.
- Our theatre class best practices include the philosophy that students should learn by doing. During production, crews are all student led, they run the operating boards during the show, and they manage the stage crew. As a director, Mr. Martin steps back and lets the student deliver the product to the audience. Students have been set up to become successful technical designers and performers with this philosophy. They are allowed to feel the pressure of delivering their performances to the audience and in a safe environment to make mistakes and learn from them. Skills in theatre extend far beyond the stage and the skills learned through production contribute to other avenues in life. These skills are self-confidence, self-motivation, self-discipline, ability to meet deadlines, memorization, collaboration, public speaking and abstract thinking.

Parent/Community Focus

- Congratulations to Charles Wolfe 1st Chair Horn at District Band.
- Athletes of the month: Girls Golf Leah McIntyre & Cheer Makiya Polson.
- Chantoya Hawkins is our 50th Anniversary Title IX South Alumni.
- Our business classes had recent success. The Shark Tank Event Competition results: First place: \$1000 check Cilina Touch, Travon Howard Bray, Ryan Bass Second place: \$500 check, Charles Wolfe, Nathaniel Osciak, Jack Burnos, Guy Price Runners up: John Gonzalez, Chinecherem Ihenacho, and Christian Mederos, coached by teacher Venus Webster.

Upcoming School Events

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

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus: Math

- Sixth grade math students completed unit two on dividing decimals prior to Thanksgiving break. We were excited to see students break down whole numbers into decimals to

solve the division problems. Also students put forth a conscientious effort on ratios. They were effective in identifying ratios which provided the opportunity for them to make their own! This engaging activity included students creating an image out of shapes, then created their own ratios from the image. Students did a commendable job staying neat and being creative.

- Seventh grade math students have been enjoying solving digital mystery pictures as a review for their next unit on proportional reasoning. These engaging assignments provide immediate feedback to allow students to progress at their own pace while revealing the mystery picture. Students like the accomplishment that comes from the result of revealing the answer through a picture. The assignment was differentiated by giving students different levels of scaffolded review notes. Students are assessed by accurately revealing the picture. Students really enjoy the pictures!
- Eighth grade mathematicians have been working hard learning about linear equations. Students have had a blended learning experience with hands-on activities, online learning and small group differentiation. Students are ready to show their level of understanding of slope, y-intercept and the relationship between variables within context. They will take this learning and extend it to unit four.

Parent/Community Focus

- Indigenous People's Month activity:
 - The Objective for the activity was to gain a deeper understanding and awareness of Indigenous people. One of our eighth grade students, Soliel Golden Tubby, spoke to a group of ELA teachers and students during Advisory about her native culture. The purpose of the presentation was to increase awareness of this culture, build community and improve cultural competency at RMS. Topics discussed were Stereotypes, racist words/terms, behaviors towards Indigenous people, unique facts about different tribes and cultures, and a look at dance footage from Pow Wows; a gathering of nations and social dancing. This event was sponsored by the cultural competency team at RMS. Thanks to Ms. Ernst and Mr. Gethers for organizing this event.
- Chief stadium tour—Congratulations to the 40 students that attended the Chief's stadium tour. Attending students sold a minimum of three boxes of World's Finest Chocolate to be eligible. Students were able to tour the KC Chiefs football field, locker room and press room. Students learned many facts about their home team and enjoyed the trip especially seeing their home teams lockers.
- "Soctober" Sock Drive Congratulations to the winning Advisories for bringing the most socks to support REAP. They are:
 - Grade 6 Mrs. Riley for bringing 45 pairs
 - Grade 7 Mrs. Mills for bringing 176 pairs
 - Grade 8 Mrs. Igunbor for bringing 46 pairs
 - Sock donations continue to come in to support REAP; a greatly needed item especially during the winter months. Our special thanks to all participants donating socks to support this cause.

Upcoming School Events

- Winter concerts---
 - RMS Orchestra concert, December 13, at 6:00 pm
 - RMS Band concert December 15 at 5:30 pm
 - RMS Vocal Music on December 20 at 6:30 pm
 - Holiday Break Dec 23-January 3, 2022
- 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>

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- The Math Department at South Middle School has been working to incorporate lessons and activities that more readily cater to the developmental needs of middle level learners. This past month they have focused on student movement and student interaction in the classroom. Middle level students need to move and they need to socialize and watching our Math department create instructional tasks that incorporate these things has been more than impressive. In a year where there are more negative student behaviors, our Math teachers are proving that when the right mix of expectations, class community, and structures, students can and will do that which is expected. Bravo to our Math department for knocking this out of the park.
- Our 8th grade American History classes recently participated in their coffee house debates. In groups, students made arguments either defending joining the colonists in taking arms against the crown or staying a patriot and loyal to the king. Students needed to make claims and counterclaims and argued their case before an adult volunteer who scored the merits and strength of each argument to decide a winner. This was a great way to not only teach the causes of the American Revolution but help students learn the joys of organized debate.

Upcoming School Events

- One Act Plays: Dec. 21st @ 7pm
- Winter Band Concert: Dec. 16th @ 7pm

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Our focus is on creating and maintaining a positive classroom climate to encourage student engagement in the learning.
- During DRT this month, several collaboration groups shared ideas that help with student motivation and critical thinking.

Parent/Community Focus

- Scholastic Book Fair was held and hosted by our Library Media Specialist on November 29th-December 3rd for students, staff, and families to shop for books and items.
- All District Band: Congratulations to Mariah Collins, 8th grade, who earned 2nd chair tenor sax in the all district jazz band and 9th chair flute in the middle school all district band.
- All District Orchestra: Congratulations to the following students who earned spots with the all district orchestra: Nalini Portillo Cruz, Kyara Torres, Elizabeth Sprague, Emma Holmes, and Madeline Collins
- November Clothing Drive: CMS Community Closet, led by our social worker, Ms. Guinn and StuCo sponsor, Ms. Hays partnered to do a clothing drive this past month. Over 500+ pieces of new or gently used clothing was collected on behalf of families.
- Thanksgiving Basket food donations were collected through advisories and staff members during the week of November 15th-19th. Our school was able to fill and donate 19 Thanksgiving Baskets, providing meals for 35 children and 36 adults within our school community.

Upcoming School Events

- Winter Band Concert: December 7th at CMS at 7:00pm
- Winter Orchestra Concert: December 15th at RHS at 7:00pm
- Winter Choir Concert: December 20th at RHS at 6:30pm

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Modeling within direct instruction
- Focus observations looking for PGP goals and teaching goals

Parent/Community Focus

- Family Fun night. Students created a written paragraph or artwork that supports our theme of Who are You. The parents did a walk about and looked at their students' work and mingled with the teachers. There were positive conversations between teachers and parents about the positive work students are doing.

Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized IEP Goals
- Essential Elements (MAP-A)
- Communication
- Social Skills/Self Regulation

Parent/Community Focus

- Community Based Instruction: Dollar Tree & Taco Bell

Upcoming School Events

- Annual Christmas Party: Dec. 22, 9:45 - 11:15 AM

Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Haylee McDaniel, Education Exploration student from Ray-Pec, has been selected as a 2021-22 National Ambassador for Educators Rising. Haylee is the only Missouri representative on the team of 13 ambassadors!
- ProStart practices for the management and culinary teams. The state competition will be Thursday & Friday, February 17 & 18.

Parent/Community Focus

- We will host two open houses for prospective students and parents in January and February to encourage students to come see and hear about our programs. We encourage 8th - 11th grade students and their parents/guardians to attend.

Upcoming School Events

- January 27, 2022: Open House 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- February 15, 2022: Open House 5:00 - 6:30 pm