

Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- RHS Speech and Debate hosted the annual Last Blast Speech & Debate Tournament on Jan. 9 & 10. The tournament hosted over 25 schools from around the state and brought in hundreds of community members to serve as judges. This event is the single largest community connected event we host and our students and their coaches did a fantastic job. The tournament ran on time and provided a quality experience for all involved. A special thanks goes to coaches Taylor Ambrosi and Adam Higgins.
- ACT Conference: On December 7 Katie Cross, counselor, and Lindsey Pulvetreni, business teacher, attended the state ACT conference. They participated in several sessions focused on helping students become college and career ready as well as sessions on helping students manage the academic and social-emotional transition back to a more traditional educational setting post-pandemic. They will be hosting sessions at upcoming building Professional Learning to share the information with the RHS staff.
- RHS Counseling: The counselors have been busy preparing 9th-11th graders for 23-24 course selection/enrollment. The counselors spent several weeks visiting students in their Social Studies classrooms to present on course selection and to help students begin navigating the process. Students will continue to work on this through advisory and will finalize enrollment in Mid-February.
- RHS Faculty Fundraiser: Each year at our staff holiday party the 9 building departments assemble gift baskets that we raffle off with the proceeds going to the Heather Woodson Scholarship Fund through the Raytown Educational Foundation. This year's raffle raised over \$850. The Scholarship, established to honor RHS Teacher Heather Woodson, is awarded annually to an RHS student who shows academic excellence while also participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Band: The following students were selected for All-State honors: All-State Band–Oscar Peraza, 3rd chair Clarinet (3rd year in the Band), All-State Jazz Band–Joel Martinez, 1st chair Alto Sax, All-State Honorable Mention Band–Grayson Helsel, 2nd chair Bassoon.
- RHS Girls Swimming & Diving finished 2nd out of 8 teams at our home mini-invitational meet on Wednesday, December 14. Senior Mya Geddes and juniors Hannah Batts, Emma Crook and Lilly Dickerson led the LadyJays.
- RHS Boys Varsity Basketball is currently 3 and 4. The team's next game is on January 4 against Platte County.
- RHS Girls Varsity Basketball is currently 8 and 1. The team's next game is January 3 against Platte County.

Upcoming School Events

- Jan. 12-13–Semester 1 Final Exams
- Jan. 13–Semester 1/Trister 3 Ends.
- Jan. 27–RHS vs. RSHS Varsity Basketball Showdown @ RHS–5:30/7:00 pm
- Feb. 3–RHS Courtwarming Game @ RHS 7:00 pm
- Feb. 4–RHS Courtwarming Dance @ RHS 7:00 pm

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Academic Focus

- Raytown South student, Zaya Akins had her signing on January 2, 2023 and she will attend University of Kentucky on a full Track and Field Scholarship. Please give her well wishes when you see her.
- ELA - Each English I class administered the formative assessment from Unit C on Edulastic. One question on this assessment addresses RI1D. All classes scored highest on this question (from 50% correct up to 80% for students who were given multiple attempts). This shows us while this skill needs more practice, students appear to be making progress. We will each continue to work on this standard.
- Math - Geometry student just finished a quiz over basic trig, inverse, and pythagorean theorem. What the team noticed is students did much better with solving with ratios. The results inform the team that students struggle when giving too much information.
- Social Studies- World History-Current unit of instruction (Industrial Revolution) and the department discussed how the online Savvas website learning has great Project Imagine interactive activities to further support students learning and understanding of the social implications of child labor during the Industrial Revolution. The department also discussed incorporating modern issues that students can make connections with to today from the effects of industrialization on the environment.

Parent/Community Focus

- RSHS Christmas Drive thru was successful. We had over 100 students in the South attendance areas that our staff purchased gifts for. Parents and students were very excited for the event..

Upcoming School Events

- January 12-13 Final Exams
- January 13th 3rd Trister/Semester 1 Ends
- 1/11- Wrestling vs. Raytown
- 1/11- Girls swim meet at Wellness Center
- 1/19 Girls Basketball vs Belton
- 1/24 Boys Basketball vs Center
- 1/27 Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Raytown

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Academic Focus

- Sixth graders have been working on Punnett Squares by using math to find probabilities of genetic traits in offspring. They've done so by using pre-made genetic crosses and also coming up with their own. They also made posters showing the types of reproduction to help them visualize how life happens in many different ways.
- 8th grade worked on demonstrations on air pressure. Students were challenged to separate two balloons using only their breath. What they found out is that when they blew air between two balloons, the balloons came together instead of separating. This happens because moving air has lower air pressure than the air around the balloons and air always moves from high pressure to low pressure. Kids were also competing with each other. The teacher challenged two students to see who could blow up a balloon in a water bottle the fastest. Little did they know that the teacher poked a hole in one of the

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water bottles so that one would always win. This was revealed at the end and students would tell the teacher that it's because air takes up space, the air was able to escape from the hole and the balloon will fill up.

Parent/Community Focus

- We did a book review activity where students who wrote reviews of books they had recently read won a prize and were entered into a drawing to win a book. We had 10 students participate. We also did an Ugly Sweater coloring contest where students colored an ugly sweater or drew their own. Teachers voted on the winners. We had 33 students enter.
- RMS held a Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Mart on December 10th. We had over 200 families come out to this event along with Santa Claus, Star War Storm Troopers and Spirit Singers in attendance. Participants donated canned goods to obtain tickets for the raffle.
- Our Women's A-team Bluejay basketball team are CHAMPIONS!!!! Bluejay Women's basketball team beat Raytown Central for the Lewis and Clark Tournament Championship Trophy. Congratulations to all the players.
- Our Bluejay Wrestling team went undefeated this year.

Upcoming School Events

- Our school play Seussical the Musical will be held in February.
- January 5th: GBB vs. Platte County (home)
- January 10th: GBB vs. Smithville (home)
- January 11th: BBB vs. Smith-Hale (home)
- January 12th: GBB vs. RSMS (home)
- January 17th: GBB vs. Nowlin (home)
- January 19th: BBB vs. RCMS (home)

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- South Middle Building Leadership Team worked to make a revision to our Mission, Vision, and Values.
- Staff participated in Professional Learning regarding the PLC at work and revisiting two of the Four Critical Questions: What do we want students to know and be able to do? and "How will we know if they learned it?"

Parent/Community Focus

- South Middle Career Cafe had the pleasure of welcoming Jennelle Houts in December. As a writer, editor, proofreader, and former English and Spanish teacher, Ms. Houts had lots of experience to share with middle schoolers. Students were excited to learn about another career path with several possibilities!
- December Attend to Win students had attendance of 90% or above. Each winner will receive a gift card to a local restaurant.
 - 6th- Kaylee Neyland - 100%
 - 7th- Dakari Conners - 91%
 - 8th- Na'Khila Glover - 96%

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- The Winter Choir concert was held on December 12th at RHS and was a true success! Congratulations to choir students and Mr. Figueroa on a job well done.
- Adrian Abdallah, 8th grade student, was selected to the KC Metro District Honor Band and performed on December 10th with the all-district honor band. Destiny Small, 8th grade student, was also selected as 1st Alternate on the Euphonium. Excellent job!

Upcoming School Events

- January 5th: Girls Bball, Home v. Grandview
- January 10th: Boys Bball, Home v. Kearney
- January 12th: Boys Bball, Home v. RMS
- January 13th: Trister 3/Semester 1 Ends
- January 17th: Boys Bball, Home v. CMS
- January 19th: Girls Bball, Home v. Osage Trail
- January 31st: SMS Scholar Bowl, Home v. Ray Pec South

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Teachers identified a focus standard for their instructional units beginning in Trister 3. This will be the focus for PLC work planning instructional strategies, writing common formative assessments, and deciding how to respond to their student data.
- Teachers are preparing to give finals in their courses for the first semester.
- Students will take the winter NWEA in the coming few weeks. We are eager to see their results and to learn how to respond to their outcomes.

Parent/Community Focus

- 250 students qualified for the December reward field trip to Main Event - students had to have earned all three monthly rewards (Sept., Oct., and Nov.) by passing all classes with 70% or better, accumulating no more than 3 tardies in the month, having no ISS or OSS in the month.
- Nearly 300 students qualified to attend the Trister 2 recognition rally by passing all classes with a "C" or higher.
- Our students' average GPA (grade-point average) for Trister 2 was a 3.0!
- Fine Arts programs in December were very impressive and enjoyable. Our Orchestra classes played for their peers at our rally.

Upcoming School Events

- Jan. 5 - Boys BB - home
- Jan. 11 - Girls BB - home
- Jan. 12 - Boys BB - home
- Jan. 18 - Girls BB - home
- Jan. 19 - Boys BB - home
- Jan. 20 - Recognition Rally for Trister 3

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Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Literacy for our SIP

Parent/Community Focus

- Creating Monthly parent newsletter

Upcoming School Events

- Family Fun Night
- Parent Conferences

Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized Education Program Goals
- Communication
- Social/Emotional Learning

Parent/Community Focus

- Northwood held its annual Christmas Party on December 19. Students received gifts from Santa and participated in Holiday karaoke. This was made possible by a generous donation from Rock Island Church.

Upcoming School Events

- Trauma Smart Training
- LIFE program students will participate in Community Based Instruction at the Mid-Continent Library, QuikTrip and Lowe's.

Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Construction students had a 100% pass rate on their Level 1 Certification tests.
- EMT students began their clinical experiences in December. They are required to have 5 experiences prior to being eligible to test for the National Registry for EMT.

Parent/Community Focus

- We continue to host tours with our sending schools to provide opportunities for students to learn about options for programs in their junior and senior years of high school.
- Parents, students, and sending school personnel receive a Weekly Newsletter updating them on the content learned for the week in each program, pictures, and other relevant content.

Upcoming School Events

- January 25th 5:30 - 7:30 pm: Open House for Prospective Students/Parents
- February 16th 5:30 - 7:30 pm: Open House for Prospective Students/Parents