

# Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



May 2022

## Raytown High School

### Academic Focus

- RHS Student Council has started its annual Hunger Games to help combat hunger in our community. The Raytown District has raised over 7,000 items to give to REAP! Thank you to all that participated and helped out the people in our community who need it the most.
- Senior Activities: The next two weeks will see a number of senior activities. Prom was held on April 23 and over 300 students attended. May 3 we will host our Senior awards night where we recognize all the students who received REF scholarships and additional awards graduating seniors are receiving from community organizations, colleges and universities, and honors societies. Many of our honors societies, clubs, and activities are also holding individual recognition banquets and awards ceremonies. Additionally, all of your music programs will hold their final concerts of the year the first week of May. These concerts all feature and recognize our graduating seniors.
- JayFest: The RHS visual arts department will host their annual art show featuring student work on Friday, May 6. The event will be held in the Auditorium Commons at 5pm leading up to the annual Pops Concert at 7pm.
- Missouri Scholars Academy: The following sophomores were selected to attend Missouri Scholars Academy: Nigel Turner, Clara Heiken, and Page Worthington.
- Girls and Boys State: The following Juniors were selected to attend Missouri Girls State: Tochi Ihekona and Amaya Morgan. The following Juniors were selected to attend Missouri Boys State: William Bettis, Shawn Hulen, Joel Martinez, Kelly Sharp, Luke Taylor, and Benjamin Gippner.
- RHS Retirement Tea: The faculty and Staff will host a retirement tea on Wednesday, May 18 at 2:00 pm in the Library. The honorees will be: Brenda Yeates—accompanist (40 years with RQS), Janet Clark—ELA Teacher (19 years with RQS), & Amanda Drinkwater (1 year with RQS).

### Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Speech and Debate: The following students will compete in Worlds School's Debate at the National Debate Tournament in June: Judy Batts (12), Awah Asangwe (12), Maggie Givens (12), and Antonio Taylor (10).
- RHS Symphony Orchestra earned a Gold Exemplary Rating at the MSHSAA State Music Festival. The RHS Concert Orchestra earned a Silver Outstanding rating. The following students performed at MSHSAA District Solo/Small Ensemble Music Festival. Earning a Silver rating: Lucas Mayo, (11) violin; Madelyn Riffie (12), violin; and Nigel Turner (10), viola. Octavia Duarte (11), viola, earned a Gold Exemplary rating on her solo and will perform at the State Solo Festival on April 28th in Columbia, MO.
- RHS Baseball defeated Raytown South 7-6 in an up and down rivalry game.
- RHS Girls Soccer won their senior night game in a penalty kick shootout over Grandview.
- RHS Track & Field: As the regular season winds down, and the championship season starts, we look forward to seeing Amir Williams (11th) who is first in our district, 2nd in our sectional and 8th in the state right now moving on to the state track meet, we also look forward for some fun competitive races in the 4x1, 4x2, and some open races on the

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boys side! On the girls side, we are looking to advance a 300h, and a few relays. All will be fun to watch.

- RHS Boys Golf has been improving all season. We have won matches against Belton, William Chrisman, Grandview, and North Kansas City. We are anticipating several medalists at the conference matches the first week of May.
- RHS Boys Tennis is 2- 9. Last Thursday 4/21 the entire team participated in the Lee's Summit North Novice Doubles Tournament. 3 doubles teams earned 3rd place medals. Flight 1: Jake Talley (10) & Mark Tran (10) , Flight 3: Angel Cruz (10) and Thomas Reynolds (12), and Flight 8: Karl Washington (10) and Dallas Stuck (09)
- RHS Scholars Bowl: Arcianne Soria (10) was selected for the All-District Team. To qualify, you have to be in the top 8 in the district in answering questions. He accomplished this as a first year in the program!

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- May 3: Senior Awards Night–RHS Performing Arts Center @ @ 6:30 pm
- May 3: NHS Induction–RHS Performing Arts Center @ 5:30 pm
- May 5: Spring Band Concert–RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 6: JayFest Art Show–RHS Performing Arts Center Lobby @ 5pm
- May 6: Pops Concert (Vocal Music)–RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 10: Spring Orchestra Concert–RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 10: Attend-to-Win Assembly–Chittwood Stadium @ 10:20 am
- May 11: Yearbook Distribution–Chittwood Stadium @ 10:30 am
- May 13: Senior Last day of Attendance
- May 18: RHS Retirement Tea–RHS Library @ 2pm
- May 20: Senior Breakfast–Hilton Garden Inn @ 8am
- May 20: Graduation Rehearsal–RHS Gymnasium @ 9:30 am
- May 22: Graduation–Cable Dahmer Arena @ 10am

### **Raytown South High School**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Counselors wear many hats. First and foremost, we are here to develop relationships with students and help guide them through high school and work together to develop a post-secondary plan that matches each student's interests and abilities. We do this by meeting with students one on one, in small groups and in the classroom setting; as well as communicating regularly through email and our monthly counseling newsletter. Our day never looks the same as we prioritize and balance our time by helping students in crisis, monitoring progress towards graduation for each one of our students, master schedule planning, 504 coordinating, assisting with IEP meetings, ACT registrations, scholarships, credit recovery, letters of recommendation, and, most importantly, collaborating with parents and staff to ensure the success of all our students.
- The English department at Ray South is focused on building relationships with students to ensure best practice has an environment to thrive. Teachers focus on creating and articulating daily objectives in reading, writing and verbal communication. ELA teachers are applying a variety of modeling activities to engage their classes. You will see

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modeling in real time, using student work and chunking texts for better understanding. The students gain confidence while they work independently on tasks with teachers ab

- Please help me congratulate Louise Eskina for being accepted to the MO Scholars Academy this summer!

#### **Parent/Community Focus**

- Zaya Akins won the National Championship 400m at the Nike National Indoor meet in Staten Island, New York.
- Breanna Bonner qualified for National Debate for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- Please congratulate our Orchestra students for their Exemplary and Outstanding ratings at Large Group Contest this evening in their prepared pieces and sight reading.
- State Vocal Solo & Ensemble students include: Breanna Bonner, Molly Haslar, Millie Rhodes, Jayden Jones, and Teresa Straws
- Congratulations Jacole Johnson 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference, JiJi Thompson First Team All Conference, Amrri Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Conference, and Toniya Cruthird All Conference Honorable Mention.
- Please congratulate each of our choirs for their outstanding performances at State Large Group Contest!
  - Each group had a mixture of scores that averaged out to Outstanding on stage. After three years away and only our seniors ever having experienced this event before, we are all so proud of our accomplishments! In the total of the scores were 3 EXCELLENT ratings, as well!
- All-Conference
  - Boys Basketball Shawndale Ross (1st Team), Tyrese Cannon (2nd Team), and Adrian Thompson (Honorable Mention)
  - Girls Basketball Jiyani Thompson (1st Team), Ja'Cole Johnson (1st Team), Amrri Thompson (2nd Team), and Taniya Cruthird (Honorable Mention)
  - Wrestling Zayla Vann, Norman Schneider, Raul Romero, Millie Rhodes, and Sandra Mancera
- All-District
  - Boys Basketball Shawndale Ross and Tyrese Cannon
  - Girls Basketball Jiyani Thompson, Ja'Cole Johnson, and Amrri Thompson
- FBLA National Qualifier: Nate Osciak: Journalism
  - Top 5 Placement: FBLA State Leadership Conference Kayauna Barnes: Client Service, Cilina Touch: E-Career Portfolio, and Guy Price: Journalism

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- Senior Night
- NHS Induction
- Graduation

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## Raytown Middle School

### Academic Focus/ Speech and Debate

- Seventh grade Speech students finished their competitive drama unit by performing Poetry Interpretation programs. The class was divided into three sections to introduce students to theatre, competitive drama, and debate. The objective of the competitive drama unit is to demonstrate understanding of the rules and requirements of the competitive speaking events of Storytelling, Original Oratory, and Poetry Interpretation. The students learned the rules of Poetry Interpretation, watched three examples from national competitions, and then chose two poems with a common theme to weave together into a poetry program to perform for the class.
- Eight grade Debate students are learning about case construction and preparing to begin debating each other in class. Case construction is the act of researching and writing a debate case in order to participate in debates. This year's middle school topic is: "Resolved: The United States should replace means-tested welfare programs with a universal basic income" so students are currently researching welfare programs and universal basic income in preparation to debate each other about the topic.

### Parent/Community Focus

- Track and Field Summary - RMS coaches recruited 120 students for Track this year, providing a great opportunity to learn citizenship, accountability, work ethic, community pride and the sport. As of 4/26 the Boys record is 12-2 with two of those wins against Ray-Central and South. Currently the Boys 4x200 team of Micah Hall, Elijah Dunn, DJ Williams and Hyliss Davis has the fastest reported time in the state at 1:41. The girls are currently 10-4 with two of those wins against Ray Central and South. We are proud of our Bluejays!
- School Play—Frozen, Jr. - Under the direction of Kalyssa Brockman, Frozen JR. is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna and the magical land of Arendelle to life onstage. The show features all the memorable songs from the animated film. Frozen Junior JR. is a story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. Student performers are: Harper York as Anna, A'shay White as Elsa, Troy Hook as Kristoff, Addysun Merit as Sven, Kaylin Davis as Hans and Jarvis Walker as Olaf. The performances were impeccable as the student cast enhanced the audience with their vocal and acting talent. Parents, staff and students were so proud of their talents and accomplishments.
- Black History Essay Contest Winner: The winner of the Black History Essay Contest is Iyana Gabriel (Grade 7). The topic was "Is it important to have Black History Month, or should it be considered part of American History?" Iyana's essay truly represents the essence of true education. She is a student that is teaching knowledge discovered in a field of facts. Readers will be fulfilled from the harvest of information stored within her essay!

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### Upcoming School Events

- Student Recognition Night Monday May 9, 2022
- Eighth Grade Celebration Thursday May 12, 2022
- Spring Orchestra Concert Monday May 16, 2022
- Spring Band Concert Tuesday May 17, 2022

### Raytown South Middle School

#### Academic Focus

- Our Digital Media Club has been moving forward to create their first media broadcast and we are more than happy with the progress our students are making through this club. For this first project, there were three main learning objectives: communication skills, editing, and camera efficiency. These objectives were put in place in order for students to learn how to implement technology into real world examples while using skills they have obtained in school. Cameras were utilized to capture what the students wanted to say. When students would record, they had a goal of telling a story without words. The club also used WeVideo in order to edit interviews, b-roll, and text effects to tell a story. This website was put to use by the whole club to collaborate, share videos, and learn new technology skills. By the end of the year, the students created the first edition of CardinalTV. The show consisted of interviews, creative edits, and inclusive stories about peers and teachers. Equipment and software was purchased from a \$10,000.00 dollar grant from Walmart Corp. to South Middle and this has been money well invested. Bravo South Middle, Digital Media Club!

#### Parent/Community Focus

- Our first ever 5th Grade Parent Night was held on Tuesday, April 19th and what a great event it was! It was so good to get our new Cardinal families in the building and begin building connections and relationships with them. Popcorn, snow cones, nachos, the jazz band and plenty of smiling teachers made this an awesome evening! Parents heard presentations from 6th grade teachers, RSMS admin. and took self guided tours. A special thanks to Mrs. Jackman and Ms. Romero for all their planning, organizing, and work to make this happen. And a big thank you to all the 6th grade teachers and volunteers who came out to help and support - I know our future Cardinal parents and students enjoyed getting into the building and meeting their 6th grade teachers.
- Mrs. Christina Thurman, admin. intern at South Middle, has been working with our young ladies through the club she founded called, Pretty E.Y.E.S (Empowered Young Effective Sisters). Pretty Eyes is a character and leadership development program that provides a platform for young ladies to explore their personal and collective impact within their spheres of identity and influence. It was created to provide a foundational understanding and exploration of the following 4 questions:
  1. Leadership: What is my purpose as a leader?
  2. Values: How do my values guide my actions?
  3. Community: What does it mean to be a sister?

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#### 4. Advocacy: How can I give to others using my strengths?

- The Pretty EYES Culmination Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 28, from 4-5pm. The ladies presented some of the things they've learned, received certificates of achievement, letters from their mothers, and had refreshments. This was such a great experience for many of the young ladies in our school communities and I could see it being a model that is duplicated in other buildings. Great work, Mrs. Thurman!

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- SM Middle Live: Spring Production - Thursday, May 5th and Friday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

### **Raytown Central Middle School**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Our staff continues to share Instructional Success Stories to highlight the teaching and learning that takes place at CMS. Teachers and students continue to engage in high quality instructional activities that enhance learning and deepen student understanding of various concepts.
- The Cultural Competence Committee provided excellent professional development last month that centered around discovering our own cultures and belief systems and how that may impact our classrooms. The CCC worked with staff on table-top discussion to recap the work we've done and staff growth this school year. We established a revised working definition of cultural competency and developed a purposeful mission statement that describes our 'why' related to our focus.
- Ms. Irmiter led Social Skills classes in a lesson related to compromise, appropriate leisure interaction with peers, and taking turns. Students engaged in group discussion and Ms. Irmiter led students to play the board game, LIFE, to practice application of related social skills during the lesson. Ms. Irmiter demonstrated great teaching skills with checks for understanding and increased opportunities for students to respond to guided social skills questions for this activity.
- Eighth grade English Language Arts students are currently working on the Poetry Unit. Utilizing the poetry of Maya Angelou, students were able to explore essential questions, including How can you use your life experiences as a foundation for creative and expressive writing? And Why are imagery and figurative language important to the understanding of poetry? Students have been able to read, connect, and create their own poetry at the start of this unit. They also used sidewalk chalk to decorate the courtyard with excerpts of Angelou's work.

#### **Parent/Community Focus**

- CMS held a Spring Dance on April 14th for the first time in three years! The event was a success. With a theme of 'Welcome to Paris,' students were able to take backdrop photos with the Eiffel Tower and enjoy great snacks and a DJ. Several parents stayed at the dance and joined CM staff in line dancing with kids!
- For demonstrating strong qualities related to Diligence, our March Student of the Month Winners and nominees were selected by staff members and honored with a Certificate and Pizza luncheon. Grade-level winners are:
  - 6th Grade-Kaila Crook
  - 7th Grade-Efrain Garcia
  - 8th Grade-Alexis Hogan

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- This month's Attend to Win students who were able to maintain attendance averages above 90% include the following students. Each drawing winner received a gift card:
  - 6th Grade-Ezenwa Odinigwe
  - 7th Grade-Kyara Torres
  - 8th Grade-Clara Dickerson

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- May 9th-13th: Scholastic Book Fair @CMS Library Media Center
- May 11th: Spring Orchestra Concert @RHS
- May 14th: Worlds of Fun Band Festival
- May 16th: CMS Academic Awards Night, 6:30-8:00pm
- May 17th: Spring Band Concert @CMS
- May 18th: MS Combined Choir Concert @RHS

### **Raytown Success Academy**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Race Method used for Constructive response
- Best teaching practices of teachers connected with critical thinking

#### **Parent/Community Focus**

- Family fun Night April 28th

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- Field trip for students on level 3 and 4
- Recognition days in May for 5, 8th and Seniors

### **Northwood**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Individualized IEP Goals
- Communication
- Social/Emotional

#### **Parent/Community Focus**

- Northwood students in the L.I.F.E. program filled over 6000 eggs for The Raytown Main Street Association's Egg Extravaganza

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- Congratulations to Lisa Peterson (IA) Northwood's Support Staff of the Year
- Northwood Graduation: May 12 at 6:30 PM; Raytown High School Auditorium
- Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6

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## Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

### Academic Focus

- We will recognize students who have made a commitment to go to work, continue training or college, or the military in a Signing Day presentation in May.
- Students are in the midst of wrapping up their certification tests for each of their programs. At this point, we have had a very high success rate. These certification tests will allow students to go to work with a higher rate of pay and to be qualified for more job opportunities.
- Our culinary students prepared a version of the appetizer, entree, and dessert for 60 people in Cinder. One aspect of the ProStart competition is the ability to replicate the items in a restaurant setting. This experience gave our students an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and receive feedback that will be utilized as they continue to practice for nationals.
- All CAPS students participated in a Gallery Walk with their passion projects. Visitors were able to hear from each participant about their project and the results. The students did an excellent job of articulating their projects which each student designed and implemented throughout the year based on a passion and how to help educate or improve society including advocating for pets, planting sustainable gardens, and projects specific to lesson planning.
- Our Education Exploration students competed in the State Leadership Conference and qualified for Nationals in Washington DC in June. Our state award winners are:
  - Dayna Boots-Lesson Planning & Delivery (2nd)
  - Dayna Boots and Mataya Morales-Inside Our Schools (1st)
  - Annette Guijarro-Children's Literature K-3 (3rd)
  - Haylee McDaniel-Educator's Rising Moment (2nd) & Children's Literature Pre-K (3rd)
  - Alec Snider-Lesson Planning: Humanities (3rd) & Job Interview (6th)
  - Taylor Vandergraft-Children's Literature (5th).
- Students from EMT and Intro to Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine competed in HOSA State Competition over spring break.
  - Cidney Woods-Sports Medicine placed 4th
  - Lauren Diaz and Brandon Hollman-EMT won the state competition.
  - Lauren and Brandon qualified for National HOSA in Tennessee in June.
- SkillsUSA held their State Leadership Conference and we had three place winners.
  - Alex Fulson-Culinary Management Tech Info (1st)
  - Steven Menjivar-Motorcycle Service Technology (1st). Pattapol Panpruek-Collision Repair Tech Info (2nd). Steven qualified for the National SkillsUSA competition in Atlanta this summer.
- We have 129 students who have qualified for the National Technical Honor Society. In order to qualify, they must have a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA, B or better in their HCC/SC program, and have at least 90% attendance with no unexcused absences.

### Parent/Community Focus

- Student applications were processed and students were notified in early April of acceptance for the 22-23 school year. We continue to process applications for programs with openings.



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- Next year's students and parents were welcomed to campus for Meet the Teacher night on April 21. We had a great turnout and are looking forward to next year.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- May 4: Meet the Teacher #2
- May 6-8: ProStart Nationals for Culinary & Management Teams
- May 13: Signing Day Video Released
- June 20-24: SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference
- June 22:25: HOSA National Leadership Conference
- June 24-27: Educators Rising National Leadership Conference