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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- Boys & Girls State Update: RHS has 3 additional students selected to participate in Boys State: Anthony Carranza, Antonio Taylor, John Young will join our other 5 students (Joshua Ray, Arcianne Soria, Nigel Turner, Brett White, Page Worthington) at the end of June! We also have 4 female students participating in Girls State: Erin Seals, Hannah Batts, Yleiza Soria, and Deanna Barbee. Boys and Girls state will be held concurrently this year for the first time.
- RHS Student Council: have been awarded the Honor Council distinction by the Missouri Association of Student Councils. Only 57 councils in the state received this recognition.
- ouR Town: The RHS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is putting the finishing touches on our upcoming student forum event titled ouR-Town. This event will be a one day retreat for approximately 40 students and will be held on Thursday, April 6 at the Wellness Center. Students and the sponsoring staff will engage in a variety of fun, thought provoking and engaging activities focused on working to make sure RHS is a more inviting, inclusive, and welcoming school for all students, staff, and visitors.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Girls Basketball placed 3rd at state tournament, this is the first team in boys or girls basketball history to place that high and the first girls team in school history in any sport to make it to the final four. The team won the District Championship for the first time since 2010 and is back-to-back Conference Champions. Head Coach Elyseia Dunn was awarded Conference Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year and named District Coach of the year. Summer Yancy (11) was selected All-State for the second consecutive year, District Player of the Year, all district team, and 1st team All-Conference. Lailah Hatcher (10) was awarded- All-District team and 1st team All-Conference. Amani Henry (12) was awarded 1st team All-Conference and Gladys Brown (12) is 2nd team All-Conference. Gladys Brown and Amani Henry will be on the Missouri All-Star team in the Missouri vs Kansas game in early April.
- RHS DECA had 2 students, Luke Taylor (12) and Shawn Hulen (12) place 5th in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Event at State DECA and are advancing to National DECA in Orlando, FL in April. This is a huge accomplishment!!
- RHS Choir: On Tuesday, February 28th, RHS Camerata performed with the University of Central Missouri choirs at their Spring concert. On Friday, March 3rd, RHS choir students participated in MSHSAA District Solo/Small Ensembles at Lee's Summit High School. Receiving an "Exemplary" and advancing to state on their vocal solos are Parker Cobden (12), Reiko Groves (10), and Nigel Turner (11). Two small ensembles received an "Exemplary" and will move on to state, which includes the following students: Halie Boardman (11), Tehya Cauthon (10), Aniqua Nelson (11), Kaydence Keightley (10), Troy Hook (9), Chris Saccardi (9), Megan Meade (10), Destyni Mayes (9), Izzie Lawrence (12), Olivia McCarroll (12), Josie McCoy (12), Taliah Riley (11), and Clara Heiken (11). In total, 5 events received "Exemplary" ratings, 13 events received "Outstanding" ratings, and 6 events received "Satisfactory" ratings. State Music Festival will take place on Friday, April 28th in Columbia, MO. On Sunday, March 5th, RHS Camerata participated in a masterclass with Nigel Short, conductor of the world renowned choir Tenebrae. The clinic took place on stage at The Folly Theatre. On Tuesday, March 21st,

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RHS Camerata and Concert Choir traveled to Lee's Summit West for MSHSAA State Large Ensemble Festival. Both ensembles received an "Outstanding" rating.

- RHS Chess Team: placed first place in their tournament on Saturday! Congratulations to individual players Nicholas Berg (12), Dominic Clauson (11), and Asher Hensel (9) who all placed in the top ten!
- RHS Girls Soccer defeated Grandview on their opening night, 2-0. The Lady Jays attack was led by goal scorers Trinity Kaullen (12) and Kyle Middleton (12). Carla Dominick (11) got the shutout in goal.
- RHS Track & Field: Amir Williams (12) got 1st in the 60m Hurdles and at the 4th in the 60m Dash UCM track meet on Monday March 20th.
- RHS Speech & Debate: Congratulations to Nya Vargas (12) and Billy Bettis (12). Each finished 6th place in their speech events last weekend at MSHSAA districts!

Upcoming School Events

- April 13-15--Spring Musical "Into the Woods"--RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- April 29--Prom--Hilton Garden Inn (Independence) @ 7pm
- May 2--Senior Awards Night--RHS Performing Arts Center @ 6:30 pm
- April 19--Stuco Talent Show--RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 4--Band Concert--RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 5--JayFest Art Exhibit--RHS Performing Arts Lobby @ 4pm
- May 9--Orchestra Concert--RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 12--RHS Choir Concert/Pops Concert--RHS Performing Arts Center @ 7pm

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- The following students on qualified for Speech & Debate Nationals: John Overfield: 3rd in Dramatic Interpretation and DeTrevion Wallace: 1st in Informative Speaking (District Champ)
- Scholar Bowl earned 2nd place at Conference: Will Abts, Kali Ellis, Vincent Siack, Nathan Gilner
- Destyne Nicholson and Ian Briscoe participated in DECA State

Parent/Community Focus

- Coach Bagsby (Head Girls Basketball Coach) & Coach Henry (Head Wrestling Coach) are finalists for 2023 KC Metro Coaches of the Year. This award is meant to honor those who use sports to transform the lives of young adults in Kansas City.

Upcoming School Events

- April 5th-Baseball Varsity and JV 4::30 and Soccer 5pm
- April 6- Boys and Girls Track at LSW 4pm
- Academic Awards Night and NHS Induction 6pm Raytown South Auditorium
- April 29th Spring Play 2pm and 7pm

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Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- The teachers have voted for the winners of the Tiny Art contest and they are: 1st Place - Hassan Reed, 2nd Place - Siarah Boyce-Dale, 3rd Place - Shania Traylor-Lewis, Please come to the library to collect your prizes, winners. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who submitted an entry!

Parent/Community Focus

- Raytown Middle School Hosted a Read-In on Friday, March 24th.
- The most circulated books in February were Before the Ever After and Guts.
- The library hosted a library scavenger hunt and celebrated a Chain Activity celebrating Women's History Month

Upcoming School Events

- Track vs. Delta Woods and University Academy - Home on Tuesday, April 4th
- Track @ Lakewood - Away on Thursday, April 6th
- Track vs. Grandview, RayPec South - Home, Tuesday, April 11th
- ABC and No Referral Mixer - Thursday, April 13th

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- On March 8th, the South Middle Teacher Leader Team presented their action research project related to excessive tardiness and school-wide strategies they were able to implement and lead to reduce tardiness and encourage students to be in class.
- Speech and Debate Team students participated in their final debate tournament on March 10th, placing well in three categories. Congratulations to Ms. Gartland, Bundy, and the students:
 - Original Oratory: Mariah Turner, 1st Place; Sammy Bernard, 8th Place
 - Improv Duet: Ryan Shaw, 1st Place; Samara Draper, 1st Place
 - Poetry: Samara Draper, 5th Place
- In recognition of Women's History Month, ELA teachers and staff worked with students to "shout out" women who have made a mark in history and an impact on their lives. Staff members submitted names and information for honorees to be read on morning announcements. Students were able to research women in history and participate in related activities. Students completing all tasks were put into a drawing. Congratulations to these students:
 - 6th Grade: Nyairra Morris
 - 7th Grade: Chloe Williams
 - 8th Grade: Oliver Brisbin

Parent/Community Focus

- In partnership with Junior Achievement, the South Middle Counseling Team organized an 8th Grade Career Fair that was held on March 17th for all eighth grade students. The purpose of the fair was to expose students to future career opportunities, help students learn more about their interests and give them the opportunity to practice soft skills while interacting with new adults. The participating organizations and companies were as follows:

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- Turner Construction
- JE Dunn
- Wayside Waifs
- Cinematic Visions
- AIA- American Institute of Architects
- IFMA-International Facility Management Association
- KC Veterans Administration
- Bank of the West/BMO Bank
- Dynamic Consultants Group Marketing
- Black & Veatch
- Federal Express
- Marissa Romero, SM Band Director, hosted the inaugural first RQS MS Honors Band Auditions at South Middle on March 20th. Middle school band students from around the district participated in auditions for the inaugural Raytown School District Middle School honor band. Students who auditioned spent time outside of class working on very challenging music. The following South Middle students auditioned and were placed into the band.
 - Tony Henderson: 6th chair percussion
 - Adrian Abdallah: 2nd chair clarinet
 - Jerry McCloud: 2nd chair trumpet
 - Jaela Brown: 2nd chair flute
 - Kamron Simmons: 4th chair trombone
 - Jade Benard: 1st chair horn
 - Oliver Brisbin: 6th chair trombone
 - Destiny Small: 2nd chair euphonium
 - Ma'niya Green: 12th chair clarinet
 - Savanna Ricks: 3rd chair percussion
 - Bella Metzger: 2nd chair Tuba
 - Ozzie Estlund: 4th chair clarinet
 - Xaria Leverette: 7th chair clarinet
 - Zyon Steele: 10th chair clarinet

Upcoming School Events

- April 6: Talent Show
- April 7: No School, Good Friday
- April 14: Student Council Spring Dance
- April 15: RQS MS Honors Band Performance, 4:30pm
- April 21: Trister Celebration & Activity Afternoon, 3:00-5:00pm
- April 24: Grade Level Assessments/MAP Testing Begins

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- 75% of all students are passing all classes as of the end of Trister 4
- 270 students earned the monthly reward for February by passing all classes with C's or better, having no ISS or OSS, and having no more than 3 tardies during the month.

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- Several students placed in the final Speech and Debate Tournament we hosted on March 10: Congress: Gracie Seese 3rd, Bridgette Nuesse-Boyd 4th, Jada Rock 8th; Public Forum Debate: Rhylan Walker and Molly Wheeldon 6th; Humorous Interpretation: Ezenwa Odinigwe 7th; Original Oratory: Lorenn Bennett 7th, Madeline Moffitt 5th.
- On March 8th, the Central Middle Teacher Leader Team presented their action research project on peer-support of new teachers (with the goal of increasing staff retention).
- CMS hosted a Learning Walk for district level leaders and elementary and middle school administrators on April 4.

Parent/Community Focus

- Several CMS students tried out for RQS Honor Band. Many qualified, including: Clarinet - Siriayah Cowens, Kayson Hasam, KeiRon Jones, Shaniah Winn; Alto Sax: La'Ryah Griffith; Tenor Sax - Jaidon Fountain; Trumpet - Kayla Wheeldon; Trombone - Ciara Collins, Cameron Servos, Anthony Perez-Corzo, Steven Seals; Percussion - Ezenwa Odinigwe, Avierre McClelland, Nicolas Turlin
- In recognition of Middle School Month, Superintendent Dr. Martin-Knox spoke to students and staff at our recognition rally on March 17.
- Our own Ms. Melissa Hays was awarded District Teacher of the Year at the *Teachers of the Year Breakfast* on March 24.

Upcoming School Events

- April 4 - track meet at East Trails
- April 6 - track meet at Plaza
- April 7 - No School
- April 10 - track meet here (RMS track)
- April 11 - track meet at Maple Park
- April 12 - reward party for March monthly incentive
- April 15 - RQS Honor Band at South High auditorium 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- April 21 - Trister #5 ends
- April 21 - Skating party for students who earned 3 monthly incentives in a row
- April 24 - Grade Level Assessments begin
- April 26 - track meet at Kearney
- April 27 - track meet at Ray-Pec East
- April 28 - last Recognition Rally of this school year

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- RTI practices with teachers
- Level up celebrations (student gaining level based on grades behavior and attendance)

Parent/Community Focus

- Family Fun Night

Upcoming School Events

- Passing all class celebrations
- Anti-bullying program for elementary with Way-Side Waifs

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Northwood

Academic Focus

- MAP-A Testing
- Individualized Education Program goals
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Communication

Parent/Community Focus

- Community Based Instruction included trips to the Zoo and library.
- Students in the L.I.F.E. program are filling thousands of Easter Eggs for Raytown's Easter Egg Hunt

Upcoming School Events

- Northwood Graduation is May 11, 2023 at Raytown High School Auditorium

Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Students in all Herndon programs are gearing up for certification tests throughout the month of April.
- The Missouri Highway Patrol led a week of training and introduction to the variety of careers available through the Patrol with our Law Enforcement students.
- Every student who competed at the Educators Rising state competition qualified for Nationals.
- Acceptance letters for 2023-24 students were sent out on March 22.

Parent/Community Focus

- In conjunction with REF, Culinary Arts is hosting "The Cinder Experience", a fundraising event, on April 21 from 6-8 pm. Reservations are required due to limited seating.

Upcoming School Events

- SkillsUSA State: March 30-April 1
- HSOA State: March 27-28
- Meet the Teacher Nights: April 20 & May 3
- The Cinder Experience: April 21
- Awards Night: April 27