



DID YOU KNOW

November 2022

Ray of Hope Honorees



Zaya Akins, senior at Raytown South High School, submitted by Lauren Adair, RSHS activities director.

Zaya is an amazing student athlete who is making and breaking records. She is a five time state champion, with two titles in the 100m dash, one title in the 200m dash, and two titles in the 400m dash. Zaya holds state records in the 200m and 400m, and holds the state meet record in the 400m dash.

In 2021-22, Zaya was chosen as the Missouri Girls Track Gatorade Player of the Year. She also competed with Team USA at the World U20 Championships in August 2022. In the 2022-23 school year, she continues to skyrocket as an athlete.



Ryan Shaw, 8th grade student at Raytown South Middle School, submitted by Toni Davis, RSMS principal.

Ryan is a Cardinal who is very involved in the school community.

He currently serves as the Student Council Vice President and has made an effort to increase school spirit by helping plan Spirit Week and a school dance for students to earn in November.

He participates in theater and drama club, concert choir, and the Spotlight Singers. He also helps run the Cardinal Store and Concessions at many school sporting events, all while keeping up his academic grades with a 3.2 GPA!

Happening at Schools



Great Expectations students paid a visit to the Raytown Fire Protection Department, where they ended the National Fire Safety Month of October with hands on activities, and also made thank you cards and gave the fire fighters a box of donuts to thank them for their hard work!



Congratulations to HCC's student-led Cinder Restaurant on a successful opening!



Four-year-old New Trails students enjoying hands-on activities, making shapes in the classroom.



Upcoming Dates

RSHS "Bright Star" Musical
Thursday, Nov. 3 - Saturday, Nov. 5

No School - Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 8

No School - Thanksgiving Break
Monday, Nov. 21 - Friday, Nov. 25