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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- Junior Jakob Petersen has been notified that he has met the requirements to enter the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. 1.6 million students take part in the initial testing to qualify for the program and 50,000 students are selected to move on to be considered as a National Merit Finalist or a Student of Commendation. Jakob is currently among the semifinalists. Next school year the finalist will be announced.
- RHS teachers are currently in the process of administering the final argumentative writing task. The Building Leadership Team has used the DRT process to monitor student progress over the course of the year and the last 5 years. The group has noticed consistent improvement in student's skills over the short and long-term. Plans are currently underway to begin developing rubrics and skill expectations that delineate between grade spans to provide an even deeper level of instruction and academic support.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Boys' Golf placed 3rd in conference with 5 medalists. Marcus Harvey (12) received a medal for all conference, Rylan Fay (11) received honorable mention. Other medalists include Cyrus Grove (12), Cooper Wilkinson (12) and Mario Garcia (11).
- RHS Step Team took first place at Lee's Summit North High School's competition.
- RHS Choir: Camerata, Concert Choir, and Women's Choir received an Exemplary (1) rating at large ensemble festival, and Men's Choir received an Outstanding (2) rating at large ensemble festival.
- Symphony Orchestra received an Exemplary 1 rating at State Large Ensemble Festival.
- RHS Theatre: BIG RIVER has been nominated for 6 Blue Star awards! This is the most nominations RHS has ever had! The Blue Star awards ceremony is May 23rd, 7:30pm at Starlight.
- RHS Speech & Debate: Rachel DeBoe (12) placed 6th at State in Dramatic Interpretation and Infiatasia Moore (12) placed 4th in Lincoln Douglas Debate. 5 students have qualified for the National Speech & Debate Tournament in Dallas, TX this summer: Caleb Nading (12) and Tanner Ludwig (12) in Public-Forum Debate, Infiatasia Moore (12) and Neftali Ruiz (12) in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Lillian Rhodes (11) in Congress
- RHS Scholar Bowl: Gideon Plank (12) has earned a spot on the All District Team.
- Missouri Boys' State: The following 11th grade students have been selected to participate in Boy's State: Jesse Best, Jonathan Best, Ismael Guijarro, David Sevart, Larry Wilson Jr.

Upcoming School Events

- RHS Prom—Town Pavilion (KC)—April 27 @ 8pm
- Senior Awards Night—RHS Auditorium—April 30 @ 7:30 pm
- Senior Finals—RHS—May 7 & 8
- Attend to Win Assembly—Chittwood Stadium—May 7 @ 10am

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- Yearbook Distribution—Chittwood Stadium—May 8 @ 10am
- Graduation Ticket Distribution—RHS Library—May 9
- Senior Breakfast—Stoney Creek Lodge—May 10 @ 8am
- Graduation Rehearsal—RHS Gym—May 10 @ 10:30am
- EOC Assessments—RHS—May 12-17
- Lead2Feed Field Day—Chittwood Stadium—May 24
- Semester Finals—RHS—May 31 to June 4

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Please congratulate South High Ahmea Parham. STATE CHAMPION POETRY. WAY TO REPRESENT!!!
- Congratulations Donovan Cusick. Donovan received notification that he is a National Merit Semifinalist!
- Please congratulate Juniors Samara Trude and Linda Clark on their 4th place finish for districts in Debate. Going to State Ta'ja Snipes and Ahmea Parham took 2nd in duo. Ahmea also took 1st in poetry. Donovan Cusick took 3rd in Radio Speaking. This is Ahmea's and Donovan's second trip to State.
- Jacob Dodd was accepted to MIT in Boston. He was also offered \$220,000.00 in scholarships to the University of Chicago.
- Jacob Dodd received Scholars 100 Honorable Mention from the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals.
- Congrats to [@RQSSouthHigh](#) senior Jacob Dodd who was selected as a National Honor Society scholarship semi-finalist. Dodd was selected from more than 11,000 applicants and will receive a \$3,200 scholarship toward his higher education endeavors. This scholarship was sponsored by the National Association of Secondary Principals and is based on leadership, scholarship, community service, and character.
- Sophomore Antonio Waltermate was notified that he will receive a Gold Medal and Special Achievement Award for writing at the National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- Students and Staff of the month:
 - 9th - Avery Eichelberger
 - 10th - Nia Shields
 - 11th - Derek Porter
 - 12th - Marvin Hopkins
 - Staff - Mr. Chavez
- Decision Day! This day is a celebration of our seniors' post-secondary plans including 2yr/4yr colleges and the military/army/navy.

Parent/Community Focus

- Congrats Jennifer Enyeribe, Rebekah Nunn, Hopecawin Janis and Linda Clark on their way to Girls State.
- Chance Moore, Donovan Cusick, and Seth King on the way to Missouri Boys State. Way to represent!

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- New World Leader, South Alumni and Missouri State Track Champion Quincy Hall in his first outdoor meet sets Univ South Carolina 400m record 44.53 which is fastest time in world this year.
- Varsity Basketball Junior Mark Cann received Missouri All-State and will have a banner hung in the gym.
- Congrats to Raytown High students Rae DeBoe and Infiatasia Moore and @RQSSouthHigh students Donovan Cusick, Ahmea Parham and Ta'ja Snipes who qualified for the State Speech and Debate Tournament. More info: <https://bit.ly/2Im8oYm>
- Varsity girls won 1st place at the Winnetonka Soccer Tournament.
- Makari Locke & Caliph Stigler received outstanding solo awards at their UCM jazz competition.
- The Jazz band performed at the PSU festival yesterday! CJ Stigler, Makari Locke, Brad Snyder, Vernon Potts, and Kale Sipes came away with outstanding musicianship awards.
- The Jazz band performed at the Gem 18th and Vine.
- Please congratulate our Speech and Debate finalists. Ahmea Parham took 7th in Program of Oral Interpretation. Linda Clark took 3rd in Big Question debate! Great job.
- Yearbook Editors Brissa Gonzalez and Morgan Johnson received recognition for outstanding spread in 2018 yearbook.
- All conference girl swimmers, Alanna Cole 7th in 500 free, Rebekah Nunn 2nd in 100 back and 5th in 200 free, Olivia Mahl 6th in 500 free.
- Girls Basketball 2nd Team All Districts: Amya Milligan Honorable Mention : Brianna Garth.
- Ray-South Varsity basketball players participated in the 9th Annual City vs County Basketball showcase game, from Friday night. Players:
 - Brianna Garth, Amya Milligan & Desa Evans
- Full Sail University visited from Orlando Florida with an interactive semi-trailer truck.
- Vocal Music Exemplary rating and going on to State: Eva Wendel Rebekah Nunn Kayla Kittrell.
- The 7th Annual Raytown South Father/Daughter Spring Fling. Sponsored by and supporting 9 student organizations, it's a spring tradition for girls of the Raytown School District.
- 1979 South Alumni Rob Easterly visited his art classroom with former RSHS art teacher Pat Pummill. Ms. Pummill taught at RSHS for 25 years.

Upcoming School Events

- Follow us for weekly events and updates on the Twitter RQSSouthHigh.

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- FACS highlight - In sewing class, eighth grade students recently completed their fashion design projects. Students sketched their design and calculated production costs to determine the retail price. In the process for the next step, students selected their target market and created an advertisement showcasing their design. Designs are presented to

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the class in a fashion show and the classes vote for their top designs.

Students enjoyed this activity as they saw their designs come to life.

During the next unit, eighth grade students recently started their food labs. After learning the details of kitchen safety, lab groups created their own PBS matrix applicable to food labs, so each member of the team understands “norms” and the expectations for which they will follow. The matrices are hung in each lab station, so each group member can reference during cooperative group work.

Parent/Community Focus

- School Play - Under the direction of Taylor Jennings, *Thoroughly Modern Millie JR.* is a clever adaptation of the six-time-Tony-Award-winning Best Musical and the Academy Award-winning film. *Thoroughly Modern Millie JR.*, is the high-spirited musical romp that has all of New York dancing the Charleston! It’s 1922 in New York City, and a young Millie Dillmount has just moved to the Big Apple in search of a new life. Her grand plan is to find a job as a secretary for a wealthy man and then marry him. However, her plan goes completely awry. Millie’s wealthy boss is slow in proposing marriage, and the man she actually falls in love with doesn’t have a dime to his name — or so he tells her. The performances were impeccable as the student cast enhanced the audience with their vocal and dance talent. Parents, staff and students were so proud of their talents and accomplishments.
- Fifth trister Assembly - Students were honored at the fifth Trister grade level assembly this month. One student from each grade level is nominated by their teachers, with the criteria of meeting requirements of RAPS; Respectful, Accountable, Positive and Safe behaviors. Students recognized were Malachi Green grade 6, Kevante White, grade 7 and Evelyn Doud, grade 8. Students not only model RAPS expectations, but also go above and beyond following school procedures, respect all teachers and peers, as well as support fellow students. Each student is recognized in the grade level assembly as well as one teacher; Colleen Barchack, science teacher was recognized for going beyond to support students and the mission and vision of RMS. We are proud to have these individuals positively represent RMS. In addition, the vocal music choir sang two selections to add a bit of sunshine to a rainy day as we countdown to the upcoming state assessment.

Upcoming School Events

- Annual MAP assessment May 6-17
- Student Recognition Night Tuesday May 14, 2019
- Spring Orchestra Concert Monday May 20, 2019
- Spring Band Concert Tuesday May 21, 2019

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- Math teachers at RSMS have used STAR growth reports to target learning gaps in previous units for students. Teachers then assigned corresponding units in IXL for each student. Students can then access those individualized units to review in IXL at any time from their CBs. Once a student demonstrates 80% proficiency, they are allowed to move

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on. Students are given a small reward for completing units. This is a great way for us to to recoup student learning and much of it is done outside their regular math class time.

Parent/Community Focus

- In conjunction with Junior Achievement, RSMS will host a career fair on May 28th from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. 8th grade students will have the opportunity to learn about careers in a variety of fields and meet with professionals This is a great opportunity for students to begin exploring pathways to college and career.

Upcoming School Events

- RSMS Beautification Day Saturday, May 11th 9am. - 11 am
- Fine Arts Symposium, Friday, April 26th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Awards and Recognition Night, Thursday, May 16th - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m

Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Central Middle School is gearing up for a successful MAP assessment season. Our Math, ELA and Science teachers have been incorporating MAP practice assessment tools to expose our students once again to the online assessment model. All of our teachers have been experimenting with the close reading strategy that we have been learning more about this semester in order to ensure our students are implementing strong literacy skills for success across content areas. We are looking forwarding to students showing what they know in the next few weeks!
- Our teachers have continued to engage in one of two book studies this semester. Half of our staff is reading *Lost at School*, and the other half of our staff is reading *Crucial Conversations*. In both book study groups, teachers practiced using the close reading strategy that we will be implementing building wide in the 19-20 school year. Our teachers were engaged in deep conversations as to how these studies can impact positive changes in our building as we start to look to the coming school year.

Parent/Community Focus

- CMS will once again be hosting an 8th grade celebration on Wednesday afternoon during the last period of the day on 5/22.
- We will host a Spring Mixer on 5/30 from 3-5pm sponsored by Student Council.

Upcoming School Events

- Band Concert @ SHS 5/14 - 7-8pm
- Orchestra Concert @ CMS 5/16 - 7-8pm
- Choir Concert @RHS 5/21 - 6:30-8pm
- CMS Academic Recognition Night - 5/23 from 6:30-8:30pm
- Talent Show - 5/31 (1:30-3pm)

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Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- RSA 8th graders presented an Oratory Poem on MLK at the Truman Library on Monday evening.
- EOC prep
- MAP Prep

Parent/Community Focus

- Senior Reception on May 9th from 12- 1:30

Upcoming School Events

- Attendance Celebration - 5/2
- Bus Incentive - May 7th
- PBS End of the Year Celebration - 5/8
- Pancake Breakfast. - 5/17
- Graduation - 5/18
- All School Field Day - 5/31

Northwood

Academic Focus

- MAP-A Assessment
- IEP Goals
- Transition

Parent/Community Focus

- Culver's Night Fundraiser for Job Olympics April 3, 2019
- Total funds raised for 2019 Job Olympics:
- Job Olympics Participation on April 5, 2019
- Community Based Instruction:
 - Library
 - Popeyes
 - Family Dollar Store
 - Raytown Wellness Center
 - Caves Spring Park
 - Taco Johns
 - KC Zoo

Upcoming School Events

- Northwood's Annual Art/Music Fair May 2 at 6 PM
- Northwood Graduation May 10 at 1 PM

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Herndon Career Center

Academic Focus

- Students in all programs have been taking certification and licensing exams which lasts approximately 6 weeks. Students receive notification of success on the exams according to the timelines of certification. Some notification is immediate while some take a couple of weeks.
- Teachers have been preparing to welcome the 2019-2020 students on April 25. The orientation for students and their parents ensures they are prepared for HCC in the fall.
- Students are getting exposure to several companies through field trip opportunities and job fairs.
- Cosmetology students prepared their portfolios for job interviews and participated in a Career Fair with five salons represented.

Parent/Community Focus

- Herndon hosted a Rotary District Group Study Exchange educator from Australia. She went on a tour of each program and gathered ideas to take back to her students.
- Culinary Arts students hosted a pop up dinner on April 5 to showcase six courses including the three for the National ProStart Invitational.

Upcoming School Events

- May 1: Program Showcase and Awards Night
- May 3: Signing Day
- May 29: Advisory Committee Meetings

Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Education Exploration students took the IRC for teacher cadets.
- Animal Health students who are not on internship are working with Faulkner's Farm and socializing goats who will be participating in Goat Yoga.
- Technology solutions students are working on their passion projects for presentation on May 1.
- Internship students are wrapping up their internships for this semester. We have four students who have been offered Cerner Internships for the summer as well as others who will get to continue working beyond their internships at different locations.

Parent/Community Focus

- Andrea Blackman placed 4th at the state Educators Rising conference and qualified for the national competition.
- Industry partner projects for next year are beginning to be submitted.

Upcoming School Events

- May 1: Program Showcase and Awards Night
- May 3: Signing Day
- May 29: Advisory Committee Meetings