

# Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



May 2023

## Raytown High School

### Academic Focus

- KC Scholars: The following Juniors were named KC Scholars and awarded a \$50,000 scholarship from KC Scholars Foundation: Mariana Barrett, Charlize Brown, Doniesha Funderburke, Dominick Lasiza, Taliah Riley, and Arcianne Soria. KC Scholars staff came to RHS on Friday, April 28 to make a surprise announcement to the students.
- Bilingual Poetry Workshop: On April 13th, members of the UMKC Spanish department came to RHS to conduct a Bilingual Poetry Workshop from the Missouri Latinx Youth Program with students from classes Spanish 3-5 and ELL students. Students learned the history of poetry in Spain and then created a bilingual poem about their identity. Students will submit their poetry to UMKC and will receive a published booklet of their poems along with other bilingual students in the state.
- Seal of Biliteracy: RHS students have earned the Distinguished Missouri Seal of Biliteracy (SoBL) in Spanish. The SoBL is awarded to graduating high school students in districts with a DESE-approved program, who have demonstrated achievement in English, a Language Other Than English (LOTE) and sociocultural competence. RHS students to achieve their SoBL include Marilyn Ayala Palomares, Isabella Hernandez, Shawn Hulen, Yesli Linares Lopez, Amanda Martulrelos Sust, Jobani Pena Ordinola, Luke Taylor, Gabriel Valdes Ramos, and Nya Vargas.
- Career Education Consortium: Several RHS teachers will be participating in some unique learning opportunities through the consortium: Design Thinking Workshop–Jaclyn Uptegrove (RHS Journalism Teacher), Externship–Christy Darter (RHS Science Teacher), Project-based Learning–Tyler Uptegrove (RHS English Teacher), Brian Chaney (RHS Spanish Teacher).

### Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Speech and Debate has qualified a World Schools Debate team to nationals. Those students are: Billy Bettis, Shawn Hulen, Tochi Ihekona, Amaya Morgan, Nya Vargas. Nationals are in June and in Phoenix, AZ.
- RHS Theatre just performed their spring musical, Into the Woods! Many audience members described it as the best show they've ever seen at RHS. RHS Theatre was nominated for several BlueStar awards for their production of Dirty Rotten Scoundrels: Parker Cobden--Best Lead Actor, Lucas Mayo--Best Technical Contribution (Lighting & Scenic), Best Lighting Design, and Best Scenic Design.
- RHS Camerata traveled to Nashville April 20-23. During their trip, they had choral clinics at Belmont University and Vanderbilt University, and visited the National Museum of African American Music, RCA Studio B, and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, They also gave performances on the pavilion of the Grand Ole Opry and in the lobby of the Country Music Hall of Fame.
- RHS Boys golf is nearing the end of their season. We have had a great season with wins against Grandview, Raytown South, Belton, North Kansas City, Fort Osage, William Chrisman, and Van Horn. Senior Luke Markley has medaled at two tournaments: 8th place at the Cardinal Invitational and 11th place at the Lee's Summit Invitational. We are looking forward to competing at Conference and bringing home medals on 5/1.
- RHS Boys Tennis won 5-4 against Truman! It took the whole teams' effort fighting to the very end with some long matches and it came down to a tiebreaker! Congratulations to Zaire Reed, Jake Talley, Angel Cruz, Jhamel Graves, Kaden Tolefree and Byron

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Johnson! The boys' tennis team beat both Truman and St. Michaels.

The team also hosted our first ever boys tournament and we placed 3rd. 5 of the 6 players medaled as well.

- RHS Scholar Bowl participated in district competition on 4/15. The team did not advance past districts, however, Arcianne Soria placed 5th in points scored. Arcianne, Junior at RHS, received a medal for being within the top six scorers at the district tournament.
- RHS Journalism participated in Missouri Interscholastic Journalism Association's J-Day at the University of Missouri. Students received the following awards: BEST OF SHOW: (1st place) Amaya Morgan, ALL-MISSOURI: (1st place) Markiya Donahue: New Teachers of Raytown High, SUPERIOR: (2nd place ranking) Amaya Morgan: Christmas Tree Lighting, Dayanne Parra and Erin Seals: Fit Checks, EXCELLENT: (3rd place ranking) Kenneth Grigsby: Girls Basketball Season, HONORABLE MENTION: Haley Anderson: GSA, EJ Staff: Weekly Announcements.
- RHS Track is gearing up for Conference, Districts, Sectionals, and STATE. Catch us if you can!

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- April 28—Mr. Raytown, Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- April 29—Prom, Hilton Garden Inn (Independence) @ 6:30 pm
- May 2—National Honors Society Induction, Performing Arts Center @ 5:30 pm
- May 2—Senior Awards Night, Performing Arts Center @ 6:30 pm
- May 4—Spring Band Concert, Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 5—JayFest Art Show, Performing Arts Center Lobby @ 4 pm
- May 8-12—Staff Appreciation Week
- May 9—Spring Orchestra Concert/Amy Sadler's Retirement Concert, Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 11 & 12—Senior Finals
- May 12—Seniors Last Day
- May 12—Spring Choir Pops Concert, Performing Arts Center @ 7pm
- May 19—Senior Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn (Independence) @ 8 am
- May 19—Graduation Rehearsal, RHS @ 10 am
- May 21—Graduation, Cable Dahmer Arena @ 2:00 pm
- May 24-26—Finals
- May 26—Last Day of School

### **Raytown South High School**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Choir & Orchestra Competed at Festival Disney in Orlando, Florida
- DeTrevion Wallace won a State Championship in Information Speaking at Speech & Debate State
- It is possible that we have 5 KC Scholars that will receive \$50,000 scholarships each

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

- Girls Soccer beat Raytown 5-2
- Baseball beat Raytown for the first time in 14 years
- Zaya set the KU Relays Meet Record in the 400m (53.56)
- James Watkins set a career best in the 110m hurdles at KU (14.23)

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- The Weight Room received the NSCA Strength of America Award. This award recognizes elite high school strength and conditioning programs.
- The following students signed their National Letter of Intent to compete at the collegiate level:
  - Football: Manny Burnett (Carthage), Cortez Newman (Carthage), Terry Vester (Mid-America Nazarene), Damarion Walker (Mid-America Nazarene)
  - Girls Basketball: Riri Thompson & Jiji Thompson (Neosho)
- Caleb Pennington and the Theatrical Design class received a Blue Star Award Nomination for the fall musical

### **Upcoming School Events**

- 5/1 Baseball vs. Pius Varsity 4PM
- 5/2 Soccer vs. Tonka 5 PM
- 5/2 Choir Concert, Raytown South Auditorium 7PM
- 5/3 Raytown South Host Conference Championship Track 3PM
- 5/4 Band Concert, Raytown South Auditorium, 7PM
- 5/6 Prom
- 5/12 Raytown Baseball Districts
- 5/13 Girls Soccer Districts
- 5/13 Girls and Boys Track Districts

### **Raytown Middle School**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Students in Mr. Selvey's Family and Consumer Science classes have been working hard on their cooking units. The first thing students complete is the Kitchen Safety Test where they demonstrate that they can conduct themselves safely. Once students have shown that they can pass the Kitchen safety test, we proceed with the cooking labs which consist of Orange Banana Julius Smoothies for FACS I kids and other varieties of smoothies For FACS II kids for one lab, Mac and Cheese, Waffles, Omelets or Egg in the mug, Cookies, to Quesadillas, to Chicken Alfredo Pasta.
- Students in Mr. Colwell's 7th Grade Science classes used recycled materials (newspaper, milk cartons, and various plastics) to design "automobiles" that contained a raw egg simulating the impact force of an automobile in a car crash. There were several unique designs and approaches to preventing the eggs from cracking. A record high 70% of eggs survived the "crashes"

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

- The library hosted a Peeps scavenger hunt. They also hosted a Take a Poem, Leave a Poem activity. Students can take a slip of paper with a short poem on it and then leave one of their own for another student to take (either one they have written or a favorite poem they have copied).
- Administrators are preparing for Recognition Nights, which will be a night of celebrating our outstanding students.
- We held our Spring play, "Seussical Jr" on April 20th and 21st to an audience of over 300 families.
- MAP Assembly was held on Friday, April 21st to get students prepared for the assessment. Parents submitted video recordings encouraging students to do their best.

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### Upcoming School Events

- Teacher Appreciation Week - May 1-5, 2023
- Student Recognition Night - May 10th - 6:00 pm
- 8th Grade Formal Dance - May 11th - 5:00 pm
- 5th Trister Movie Incentive - May 12th
- Advance band Worlds of Fun Trip - May 12th
  
- 7th and 8th Grade Field Day - May 15th
- Orchestra Concert - May 15th - 7:00 pm
- 6th Grade Field Day - May 16th
- Spring Band Concert - May 16th - 7:00 pm
- Choir Concert - May 17th - 6:00 pm
- Incoming 6th Grade Open House - May 18th - 5:00 pm

### Raytown South Middle School

#### Academic Focus

- Our 6th Grade Science classes, led by Ms. Alderks, worked to build free-standing towers using a unique set of materials, including toothpicks and marshmallows. Students worked in cooperative groups to meet the challenge.
- Ms. Baumgarden's 8th Grade Math classes worked in collaborative groups to classify polynomials by degree and number of terms, with some groups adding movement to their share out.

#### Parent/Community Focus

- Trister Celebrations for Honor Roll, Attendance, Tardies, and Academic Growth were held on April 21st. There were 244 students recognized for their accomplishments.
- Ms. Gartland organized the South Middle Talent Show that was held on April 6th, with (9) student performers, and (2) staff performers, displaying talents such as piano, ballet, acting skit, and singing. Student performers including the following acts:
  - Alea Caldwell
  - Tilly Davis
  - Samara Draper
  - Ozzie Estlund
  - Sarah Fuller
  - Xaria Leverette
  - Zion Vann
- South Middle staff was recognized by Transportation for having a cheerful school staff and treating fellow RQS team members, including bus drivers and aides respectfully.

#### Upcoming School Events

- May 4-5: South Middle LIVE! Production, 6:30pm
- May 5: Teachers Night at the Royals, 7:00pm
- May 8: HOME Track Meet, 4:00pm
- May 8-12: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 11: Student Awards Night, 6:00pm
- May 16: Spring Orchestra Concert, 6:00pm

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- May 17: Science Fair, 6:00pm
- May 18: Spring Band Concert, 7:00pm
- May 26: Chromebook Collection

### **Raytown Central Middle School**

#### **Academic Focus**

- 6th-grade Math teachers, Ms. Walters and Ms. Mitchell, just completed a competition project in which their students developed theme parks. A Worlds of Fun engineer judged their projects, and 8 students won a trip to Worlds of Fun.
- 264 students earned a Skating Party at Rink Ratz for earning the monthly reward for all three months (January, February, and March). Criteria: pass every class with a “C” or higher, no more than 3 tardies in the month, no ISS or OSS in the month.
- The first few days of our testing season have gone very well. We test through May 19th.

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

- Librarian Dana Smith facilitated a very successful Scholastic Book Fair
- We are preparing for nearly 250 students to participate in our May Academic Awards Event
- Summer School enrollment details are being communicated to parents

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- We are celebrating all positions’ Appreciation Month the weeks of May 1-5 & May 8-12.
- May 5 - Band trip to Worlds of Fun
- May 12 - Final All-school Rally; announcement of HOUSE winners
- May 15 - 6th graders Skating Party for earning all 3 months’ Monthly Reward
- May 16 - 7th- and 8th-graders Skating Party for earning all 3 months’ Monthly Reward
- May 16 - Band Concert at RHS
- May 17 - Combined Middle School Choir Concert at RHS
- May 18 - Orchestra Concert at CMS
- May 23 - Reward field trip for winning HOUSE
- May 23 - Academic Awards Night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- May 25 - Field Day
- May 26 - Last day of school - early release

### **Raytown Success Academy**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Working on Literacy as focus using Achieve 3000. Teachers focusing on incremental growth with students.
- Students getting on level by learning in the classroom and passing classes

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

- Final Family fun night with music concert

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- **Summer school**

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### **Northwood**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Individualized IEP goals
- Communication
- Social/Emotional Learning
- MAP-A
- Grade Level Assessments

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

- L.I.F.E. Program students participated in Community Based Instruction (CBI) at Raytown Wellness Center and Taco Bell
- Select Northwood high school and L.I.F.E. program students will be participating in Job Olympics on April 28, 2023.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- Northwood Graduation will be held Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Raytown High School Auditorium.

### **Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS**

#### **Academic Focus**

- We hosted our awards ceremony in two shifts. Over 400 students were recognized for their accomplishments based on grades, attendance, and achievements in their CTSOs.
- Angeleic Huth was selected as the Breaking Traditions State Educator of the Year through DESE. She was nominated for the award by a student, Brooklyn Berry. She was celebrated as a part of the Breaking Traditions celebration in Jefferson City.
- Students in each program tested for their certifications. Final certification numbers will be tallied once all results are in.
- Seniors are submitting their post graduation commitments and will be recognized in the weeks to come.

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

- We hosted the first Meet the Teacher night for next year's students and parents.
- Parents and students were invited to our awards night ceremonies. Students and Industry Partners were recognized in each program area.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- May 3: Meet the Teacher
- May 24: Advisory Committee Meetings