

## Secondary Education Monthly Update to Board of Education

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May 2018



### Raytown High School

#### Academic Focus

- Argumentative Writing: Teachers are currently collaboratively scoring the 5<sup>th</sup> and final round of argumentative writing essays.
- Senior Academic/Awards Night: The annual Awards night was held on May 1. Graduating seniors have garnered over \$800,000 in scholarships for next fall with a renewable total of over \$2 million.
- National Speech & Debate Association All American Award: Neftali Ruiz (11<sup>th</sup>), Caleb Nading (11<sup>th</sup>), and Tanner Ludwig (11<sup>th</sup>) have been awarded the National Speech & Debate Associations Academic All-American Award for excellence in academics, speech and debate, and citizenship.

#### Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- RHS Speech & Debate: The following students have qualified for the National Speech & Debate Tournament: Neftali Ruiz—Big Questions Debate and Caleb Nading—Student Congress.
- RHS Band: The following students received a Gold Medal (1) rating at the MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble competition: Lucas Boyd (11<sup>th</sup>), Elliott Clemons (11<sup>th</sup>), Danielle Ellsworth (11<sup>th</sup>), Cameron Geeding (12<sup>th</sup>), Zahnye Jackson (9<sup>th</sup>), Jocelyn Johnson (9<sup>th</sup>), Lindsey Mahan (11<sup>th</sup>), Troy Oberholtz (12<sup>th</sup>), Logan Oehring (11<sup>th</sup>), Drake Ross (10<sup>th</sup>), David Severt (10<sup>th</sup>), and Zach Strader (12<sup>th</sup>).
- RHS Choir: The following students received a Gold Medal (1) rating at the MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble competition: Kyle Baker (11<sup>th</sup>), Raymond Bauer (12<sup>th</sup>), Kaleb Clemmons (11<sup>th</sup>), Carly Cobden (11<sup>th</sup>), Sydney Embry (12<sup>th</sup>), Grace Givens (12<sup>th</sup>), Emma Hill (11<sup>th</sup>), Elijah Jimenez (11<sup>th</sup>), Kayla Kittrell (9<sup>th</sup>), Lindsey Mahan (11<sup>th</sup>), Caleb McCarroll (12<sup>th</sup>), Jack McClung (11<sup>th</sup>), Iliana Miller (12<sup>th</sup>), Logan Oehring (12<sup>th</sup>), Tim Sadler (12<sup>th</sup>), Tuesday Scanlon (10<sup>th</sup>), Destiny Tillman (10<sup>th</sup>), Nibia Ulloa (12<sup>th</sup>), John Webb (11<sup>th</sup>), and Justin Wood (11<sup>th</sup>).
- RHS Orchestra: Anna Ryan (11<sup>th</sup>)—viola received a Gold Medal (1) rating at the MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble competition.
- RHS Theatre: has received 2 nominations for BlueStar--Outstanding Costume Design and Caleb McCarroll (12<sup>th</sup>) as Lead Actor. The awards ceremony is May 17th at 7:30pm at Starlight.

#### Upcoming School Events

- RHS JayFest (art fair): May 4 at 5:00-7:00 pm—RHS Small Gym
- RHS Pops Concert: May 4 at 7:00 pm—RHS Auditorium
- RHS Baseball vs. RSHS: May 8 at 4:00 pm—Raytown South High School
- RHS Band Concert: May 8 at 7:00 pm—RHS Auditorium
- Attend to Win Assembly: May 9 at 10:15 am—Chittwood Stadium
- Baccalaureate: May 16 at 7:00 pm—RHS Auditorium
- Graduation: May 19 at 4:30 pm—Silverstein Eye Center Arena

## **Raytown South High School**

### **Academic Focus**

- Congratulations senior Camron Jones and counselor Erika Miller. We received notification from Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver on Camron's appointment to West Point. Way to represent!
- Elijah Washington will be going to study abroad in China for six weeks this summer on a full [@NSLIY](#) scholarship! Way to represent!
- Jacob Dodd is going to MIT for a week as a part of the MIT Online Science Technology and Engineering Community (MOSTEC) 2018 program! Way to represent!
- At the Three Trails Tournament at Fort Osage High School in November, the RSHS Academic Team qualified to National Academic Quiz Bowl Tournament Junior Nationals for the first time in the history of the program. Nationals will take place in Orlando June 14-17. Coaches Vivian Bozikis and Arianne Henry will attend Nationals with students Joshua Blew, Raju Nichols, Ethan McIntyre and Nash Overfield.
- These students placed 4th out of 36 schools with questions ranging from music, art history, world history, mathematics, literature, physics and chemistry. This team of four boys has become a cohesive unit and show what character, teamwork and dedication can accomplish. They started with the goal this year of qualifying to Nationals and we are proud to see their goal accomplished.
- FBLA overall accomplishment, they placed in the top 15% in their respected categories. Joshua Blew: Economics, Personal Finance Kurt Ramirez: Personal Finance Alexander Omorodion: Business Math Calculations
- MoreMoASSP Missouri Scholars 100 Honorable Mention, Alexis Elizabeth Jefferson
- These four students are going to STATE for Speech and Debate. Brandon Guzman will represent us in Poetry. Ahmea Parham in Storytelling. Zakia Thomas in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Donovan Cusick in Radio Speaking. Zakia Thomas is going to State. She received 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lincoln Douglas debate at Districts.

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

- CONGRATULATIONS! Sarah Apple is the Rotary District Literacy Teacher of the Year \$1000 Award (Grades 7-12). Her commitment to literacy and the ideals of Rotary, and dedication to student learning are outstanding. Way to represent!
- Congratulations to Meghan Minihan, our RaySouth 2018 Teacher of the Year!
- Congratulations to Willie Griffin, our RaySouth 2018 Support Staff Employee of the Year!
- Honorable Mention All-Conference Girls Basketball: Eden Billups-Campbell, Briana Garth & Amya Milligan
- The following orchestra students competed at district contest today and received the following ratings: Outstanding (2): Duet Bradley Snyder and Elizabeth Torres Exemplary and performing at STATE (1): Solos: Kailynn Byrne, Bradley Snyder Congratulations!
- Choir.... Good (3): Nathalie Rivera Outstanding (2): Sierra Barrett, Makya Nash, Mackenzie Clark Exemplary and performing at STATE (1): Kailynn Byrne, Brandon Guzman, Juvi Luna.
- Congrats to Cecily Wells, Taylor Jakes, Brad Snyder, Makari Locke, Rodrigo Torres, Ashlie Woodruff, and Gracie Allen who all qualified for State solo and ensemble contest. and Abel Monarrez to the list of band qualifiers!

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Summer School
- Sports camps

## Raytown Middle School

### Academic Focus

- Spanish I students used a four-part rubric to create a food diary on a google document created through google classroom. Their goal was to choose how to complete the diary in such a way to access accurate vocabulary. Each phase or part was required but students selected the areas they wanted to learn in more depth. Because of the flexibility of the assignment, students often used a variety of different ways to fulfill the task and they consequently took more risks to earn additional points. Students could earn extra credit for such efforts when done correctly. When the due date arrived, student projects were assessed and peer evaluations were assigned. Students chose a partner and shared their document with their peer. Their peer was responsible for highlighting mistakes and making suggestions using the google comment tool. This proved to be very effective in helping students recognize the different ways their assignment can be assessed based on the criteria and also helped students realize errors in their own work as they evaluated the work of others which helped to reinforce the correct use of Spanish vocabulary.

### Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- **School Play - Once on This Island** is an engaging, Caribbean-flavored musical set in Haiti. The story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who falls in love above her class, is told around a fire by a group of Caribbean peasants as they wait out a terrible storm. With the meddling gods looking over her, Ti Moune's journey of unrequited love comes to prove that the power of love is stronger than the power of death. Ti Moune's courage and spirit prove that love can withstand the storm, cross the Earth, and survive even in the face of death. With rhythms of the Caribbean Islands, this show was a favorite of performers and audiences alike! This was the second Disney play featured at RMS and was exceptionally performed. Over four months of rehearsals prepared students for their roles. Costume were designed by Ms. Jennings and sets were designed by students. This musical was an inspiring event. Parent, staff and students were so proud of their talents and accomplishments.
- **Speech and Debate** - The Raytown Middle Speech and Debate team coached by Angela Lorang and Robert Johnson, and had 27 students participate this year. There were eight students who began learning to debate in December, and were competing by February. Our debate topic this year was the electoral college verses the national popular vote. The debate team won matches at all four tournaments this year and our highlight was getting into the Expert Debate Final Round at the Raymore-Peculiar tournament on March 2, 2018. One of our debate pairs, Dallas Frasier and Levi McConnell achieved a second place. On the Speech side, there were participants in Prose, Poetry, Original Oratory, Impromptu Speaking, and Humorous Interpretation. Eight graders Mesmariah Hall and Kyle Burkey were finalists in multiple tournaments. Mesmariah was a finalist in Impromptu Speaking, Humorous Interp, and Kyle in Original Oratory. Overall, it was a great season with many new and promising students on the team.

### Upcoming School Events

- Annual assessments completion May 7-11
- Student Recognition Night Tuesday May 8, 2018
- Spring Concert/Band Thursday May 10, 2018

## **Raytown South Middle School**

### **Academic Focus:**

- Seven teachers participated in the ***Shadow A Student Challenge*** in the month of April. Teachers shadow one student for an entire day immersing themselves in the daily school life of that student. Teachers are asked to do a pre and post assessment in the following areas:
  - Active Learning
  - Student Engagement
  - Relevance
  - Supportive Environment
  - High Standards
- The data was collected and shared with the staff. In the area of Supportive Environment, our community excels earning 3.8. Areas of needed focus according to teacher observations and perceptions are Relevance (2.2) and Student Engagement (2.4). This data is useful and we begin planning for staff development next year.

### **Parent/Community/Activity Focus:**

- The RSMS PTSA has been very active this year raising money through various Dinner Night Out events to support our school community. They are a small but active group and we are very appreciative of all they have done for students and staff.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Shakespeare in the Courtyard at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Awards & Recognition Night 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## **Raytown Central Middle School**

### **Academic Focus**

- Wow! We can hardly believe that we are down to our last month of school. This school year has been filled with some new and exciting endeavors, and going deeper with some of the things we started last year at RCMS. We just wrapped up our first RCMS Activities Assembly hosted our new AP, Mr. Showman. This year we also continued to meet with each grade level at the conclusion of the trimester to review their academic, attendance and behavioral data. We are also looking forward to our Attend to Win assembly coming up in May to recognize one student from each grade level that will be recognized with a grand prize for maintaining 95% attendance or higher for the entire school year! We are very proud of our students this year, and their commitment to being at school each day.
- Additionally, we have spent much time in preparation to enter into the MAP testing season, and are very excited to see how our students will demonstrate their learning this year. We have elected as a middle school team to go back to a testing time frame each day to maximize student time on task. The online assessments have been fairly smooth again this year, and students are off to a great start on their MAP assessments. The hard work and focus is evident as they take their time, and really show that they want to do well.

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

- Student Council hosted a 2<sup>nd</sup> dance this year in the Spring, that was well attended by students, and fun was had by all.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- May 1<sup>st</sup> will be our Spring Orchestra concert at RCMS
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Meyer Music Instrument Rental night @ RCMS 5:30-7pm
- May 10<sup>th</sup> will be our Spring Band concert at Raytown High School at 7pm.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> will be our Academic Recognition at 6:30pm in the RCMS Gym to honor our students that have demonstrated academic excellence.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> will be our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Celebration sponsored by PTSA

### **Raytown Success Academy**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Preparing for MAP testing for Elementary and Middle School
- High School students are preparing to take the EOC testing
- Graduates are working hard to finish strong

#### **Parent/Community/Activities**

- Pancake Breakfast April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Reception – 12:00 May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Retirement Celebration – 2:30 May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Elementary Graduation – May 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Herndon Career Center**

#### **Academic Focus**

- Law Enforcement students took a written test as a component of their Industry Recognized Credential. We had 20 students pass the written test to qualify for the practical exam in Jefferson City which is the most in the state. The also hosted their mock critical incident with over 10 different agencies and community supports to assist.
- Foundations of Nursing had a 98% first time pass rate on the Certified Nurse Assistant exam. We now have 56 new CNA.
- Auto Technology students took the ASE certification tests. We have 27 students who have earned at least one certification, and three students who passed all 10 ASE certification tests.

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

- The Culinary Arts ProStart team won the ProStart National Invitational! The students will be receiving National Championship Rings in celebration of their accomplishments. A video of our students can be found: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0fliseZYA8&feature=youtu.be>
- The construction program was featured on Fox4 Reaching for Excellence. The feature can be found: <http://fox4kc.com/2018/04/25/metro-high-school-students-build-tiny-house-to-prepare-for-construction-industry-jobs/>

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- May 10: Meet the Teacher Night
- May 30: Advisory Committee Meeting

## **Northwood**

### **Academic Focus**

- IEP Goals & Objectives
  - Continued focus on individualized educational goals
- State Testing:
  - DLM
  - MAP
- Community Based Instruction Trips
  - Diamond Bowl
  - Quik Trip
  - Wal-Mart
  - Chik-Fil-A

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

- L.I.F.E. Program Work Experience – Students are gaining work skills at the following businesses
  - Raytown Quality Schools Wellness Center
  - Raytown Quality Schools Technology Department
  - River of Refuge
- Northwood Music Concert & Art Fair (April 24)
  - Parents, guardians and families attended a music concert presented by NW & NWSA students lead by Ann Marie Robins. The concert contained students singing and playing musical instruments. Student's art work was displayed throughout building.
- IA Appreciation Week (April 16-20)

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Northwood 60<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration – May 2 from 5:00 -7:00 PM
- Northwood Graduation – May 11 at 1:00 PM
- Northwood Field Day – May 25