

## Secondary Education Monthly Update to Board of Education

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February 2018



### Raytown High School

#### Academic Focus

- Critical Thinking & Argumentative Writing: Teachers recently finished scoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Argumentative Writing essays. We have seen an improvement in the ability of students to write claims and to identify textual evidence. Teachers have noted that we still want to work on identifying textual evidence and how to succinctly effectively link this evidence to the claim.
- Black History Month: The RHS BSU is sponsoring a series of events in February to improve awareness about notable African Americans and other topics related to African American History. The group is sponsoring a school-wide spirit week the first full week of February.

#### Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- RHS Robotics: The Robotics team has advanced to the West Conference Qualifier on Feb. 10 at Blue Springs High School. 24 teams will be competing for 7 advancement slots to go to the Championship.
- RHS FCCLA: Alexis Mitchell (12<sup>th</sup>) and Rachel Phelps (11<sup>th</sup>) received a silver medal for their Illustrated Talk STAR Event. They will be heading to the state competition for FCCLA.
- RHS Boys' Basketball: The Varsity Boys Basketball team is currently 12-7 and tied for 1st in the Conference. The team recently had a big win over Liberty High School 75-69. Their next home game is Tuesday, February 13 against Liberty North.
- RHS Girls' Basketball: Lady Jays are Currently 5-10. They're next home game is Monday, February 12 against Liberty North.
- RHS Girls' Swimming and Diving: Sydney Jackson (12<sup>th</sup>) set a school record to win the Monett Invitational. Ligia Valencia (12<sup>th</sup>) finished 2<sup>nd</sup> as well.
- RHS Wrestling: Eli Jimenez (12<sup>th</sup>) is currently undefeated. Wrestling begins their District Tournament February 8th at Staley High School.

#### Upcoming School Events

- Spring Enrollment Conference: February 12 & 15 @ RHS
- RHS Winter Blood Drive: Tuesday, February 13 at RHS Small Gym
- RHS Musical—FIDDLER ON THE ROOF: February 22-24 at 7:00 pm in the RHS auditorium.
- RHS Jazz Night: February 27 at 7:00 pm—RHS auditorium
- RQS Academic Evening: March 1 at 6:00 pm—Raytown High School

### Raytown South High School

#### Academic Focus

- Jamar Madge won the Gary Filbert MVP award during our 80-54 victory over Columbia Battle and the Norm Stewart Classic in Columbia Missouri. Jamar was also All-Academic at the Jefferson City tournament for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- The top 40 out of over 400 essays at SHS for the MLK essay contest will all receive a \$25 gift certificate during Advisory class and their picture in the twitter. Thank you Ms. Hazel and Dr. Moore.

- The National Speech and Debate Association. South High was ranked in the top 8% of chapters nationwide and is in the prestigious 200 Club. Way to represent!
- Starting in September 2018, students from low-income families who take the ACT with fee waivers will be allowed to send ACT score reports for free to colleges and/or scholarship agencies at any time during their college search process.
- @RQSSouthHigh hosted the @MOSWPBS Secondary Summit. Staff members and students presented to attendees on PBIS best practices. #BeRaytown. 136 teachers and administrators from 75 schools participated in the program at South High

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

- The 21st Annual MLK Multicultural Celebration hosted by the Raytown Community Interfaith Alliance at South High.
- State Representative Jerome Barnes presented state proclamation honoring Terry Landers at South High.
- Varsity Boys Basketball won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Jefferson City defeating Jefferson City Helias and Chicago Hyde Park. They lost in the Championship game to an Ohio team which is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in large schools.
- Jan. 10 and Jan. 18 MBCA Mo. High School Basketball State poll has Vashon ranked #1 and South #10 in Class 4.
- Congrats to @RQSSouthHigh teacher Tracy Colin who received the VFW Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year award from Post 5789! #BeRaytown
- Attend to win December winners. Freshman Olivia Mahl, Sophomore Martha Juah, Junior Brady Prewitt, and Senior Montel Price.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- Tryouts for "The Crucible"
- Thank you BOE for math tutoring and after school meal program.
- Congratulations SHS teacher Tracy Colin VFW 5th District Teacher of the Year Award (TOY) winner. She will represent our local Veterans of Foreign War District's choice as TOY at the Department (state) level competition.
- Special Education teacher Meghan Minihan is the South High 2018 building Teacher of the Year

### **Raytown Middle School**

#### **Academic Focus/Special Education Department**

- Sixth grade SPED teacher, Mrs. Hulme started a math and tutoring group two days a week for her SPED students. In the reading group, students are reading a novel and focusing on specific reading skills. E.g. inferencing. Small group time ends with fun paired reading passages to practice reading aloud and to answer comprehension questions. In math, each group starts with a brain-teaser for about 5 minutes, then move to a daily word problem and work on practice skills needed to be successful with our current math curriculum topic. The current topic is learning/practicing strategies to reduce/simplify fractions.
- The Functional Skills class opened up their first coffee bar this month titled, "Life's Skills Coffee Corner." The menu offers regular coffee, specialty coffees, and hot cocoa. An order form has been created for teachers/staff to make their selection. Their order is filled and delivered on Tuesday mornings of each week. Students in the functional skills program work together under the direction of their teachers to fill the orders. They are learning new skills, which include setting up the shop, writing tickets, making coffee, taking money, making change, serving coffee, and

practicing good customer service skills. Students are so excited and proud when they deliver the coffee they prepared.

- Recent STAR Math reports reveal that students in resource math classes have demonstrated growth from the beginning of the school year to the mid-year point. Teachers are practicing math fluency facts while incorporating a Valentine's Day activity in the upcoming weeks.

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

- Special Thanks to the BOE - RMS would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your service and dedication to the RSD. Your time, vision and the voice you share, supports the goals of our school is sincerely appreciated. A special **"Thank You"** to the Board of Education for your support of our schools and commitment of service to the Raytown community. Please enjoy a special gift as a small token of our appreciation. 😊
- Basketball Season Finale - The RMS girls' basketball team had its best year in several years finishing with 12 wins and only 3 losses, including two tournament championships. The team only lost one game when it had all of its starters healthy, with the other 2 losses coming when injuries hit the team. The girls had a great season! The boys team had a great season also finishing the year winning 6 of its last 8 games and playing its best basketball of the season. In tournaments, they brought home both a first and second place trophy on the year. The boy's B team also had great success making the championship game of the end of the season tournament, but brought home a second place trophy. The four basketball teams (Boys/Girls, A/B) played in a total of eight tournaments bringing home (3) first place trophies, (2) 2nd place trophies, and a 3rd place trophy. This was a great year for RMS basketball in 2017-2018. WAY TO GO RMS!!

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- Parent Teacher Conferences- February 13 and 15
- World's finest Chocolate Fundraiser -March 2016
- Spring Break --March 19-23

### **Raytown South Middle School**

#### **Academic Focus**

- GLA Practice assessments are in full swing here at RSMS. There have been lots of healthy conversations about curriculum and instruction and what our students need before the spring assessment window. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA teachers are meetings cross district to score and analyze the essay performance event. Using this student data to inform learning objectives around writing over the next several weeks will be very beneficial.

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

- South Middle's finalist for the MLK essay contest not only showcased the student's ability to write well, but demonstrated great personal courage, too. We are proud of our finalist for being brave and proud of who she is.
- Winter Sports wrapped up with our Girl's A team taking second place and the Boy's A team finishing first in the Year End Tournaments. Although our wrestling numbers were small, the addition of a new coach to the program helped establish a very loyal team of 7<sup>th</sup> graders that we look to build upon next year. Congratulations players and coaches on a successful winter season.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- RSMS Chipotle Night – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 5-9 p.m.

**Raytown Central Middle School****Academic Focus**

- RCMS has kicked off 2018 with a great start! Our focus this semester is to continue to go deeper with the Data Review Team process. Our Building Leadership Team was able to spend some time on January 9<sup>th</sup> working with Lisa Almeida. This opportunity helped us to continue to narrow our focus on student achievement, and how to use that data to drive our instruction.
- Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teachers have been working with the Curriculum Coordinator to develop station teaching experiences to better meet the needs of their students. We are excited to see the impact to student academic progress with this strategy implemented on a regular basis.
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**Parent/Community/Activity Focus**

- Our Winter sports teams wrapped up their season for this year. Both the Boys and the Girls basketball teams have shown a great deal of growth from the start of their seasons. We had some nail biting games this season! We are very proud of all the hard work and dedication our student athletes and coaches have demonstrated this year.

**Upcoming School Events**

- Parent/Teacher Spring Enrollment Conferences for M.S. – February 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Raytown Success Academy****Academic Focus**

- Small group instruction for ELA and Math - Elementary
- Vocabulary Development - Secondary
- Social Emotional Learning for all Students
- Teacher Efficacy
- Safe and Civil Schools Development

**Parent/Community/Activity Focus**

- Parent Teacher Conferences February 13<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>th</sup>
- Pancake Breakfast - 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Attendance Celebration

## **Herndon Career Center**

### **Academic Focus**

- Cosmetology students continue to practice skills with clients Tuesday – Friday afternoons.
- Law enforcement students are focusing on paying attention to detail and writing accurate witness statements for reports.
- Auto technology students are transitioning to working more on client vehicles during second semester.

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

- SkillsUSA students are preparing for regional competition within the next few weeks. Students will participate in many leadership and content related competitions.
- Culinary arts students have been busy preparing for the JCCC Culinary competition and the ProStart state competition.
- Career Night was held on January 25 for prospective students.
- Teachers are working on scheduling parent-teacher conferences during February.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- February 2: JCCC Culinary Competition
- February 3 & 10: Skills USA Competition
- February 12 & 15: Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 15 – 16: ProStart State Competition

## **Northwood**

### **Academic Focus**

- Individualized Education Goals/Objectives
- MAP-A Instructional Window
- Behavior Goals/Objectives
- Community Work Experience
  - Raytown Wellness Center
  - Raytown Technology Department
- Community Based Instruction
  - Maj-R-Thrift
  - Taco Bell

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

- Job Olympics Fund Raising at Culvers 01/30/18
  - Over \$400 raised to help support RHS, RSHS & NW compete in Job Olympics

### **Upcoming School Events**

- Community Based Instruction will continue in February.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Feb 13 & 15
- Parent Tours of areas Sheltered Workshops Feb. 15