

Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- Argumentative Writing: In spite of the hectic year RHS staff have continued to implement their argumentative writing process. By the end of trister 3 all students will have engaged in argumentative writing tasks 3 times in each of their classes. Teachers work to collaboratively score this work and develop lessons and activities to grow students' skills over time.
- Highlighting a new faculty member: Mr. Burgett joined our Mathematics department this year. He comes to us with previous experience in the Grandview school district. Mr. Burgett has quickly proven to be a skilled educator. In a recent observation, he did a great job engaging students using a variety of guided practice techniques to teach about slope/intercept form. He has excellent rapport with students and does a great job being a positive role model for students in and outside the classroom.
- Highlighting a veteran RHS faculty member: Mrs. Shana Bobbitt has been a part of the RHS counseling department for 8 years. This year Shana has taken on several key leadership roles and is doing an amazing job. She works to mentor our newest counselor, while also helping guide our other counselors through everything from Signs of Suicide training to Master Schedule planning and prep work. From the start of her time here, she has been an excellent counselor, but this year she has taken it to a new level!
- RHS Speech & Debate successfully hosted the varsity portion of the annual RHS/RSHS Last Blast Speech and Debate tournament on December 10 & 11. Over 28 schools from around the state participated in the tournament making it one of the largest tournaments in the state and the single largest event we host at RHS throughout the year with hundreds of community members in attendance. The speech and debate program is under the direction of Zach McGee and Taylor Ambrosi.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Choir hosted the first annual Mr. Fulkerson's Holiday Sing-Along took place on Sunday, December 12th. Over 300 alumni and members of the community attended. The choir program is under the direction of Alex Kolster and the group is accompanied by Brenda Yeates.
- RHS Band performed their annual winter concert on December 16. The student put on an amazing concert, which concluded with a show stopping performance of Sleigh Ride! The band is under the direction of Joe Hill, with assistant directors Jenna Bartz and Tyler Rick.
- RHS Orchestra performed their annual winter concerns on December 14. The concert was another success for the group. The orchestra is under the direction of Amy Sadler.
- RHS Varsity Boys' Basketball is 3-4 on the season and recently defeated Liberty North 39-36. Their next game is against Blue Springs South on December 21st. The team is coached by Cody Buford.
- RHS Varsity Girls' Basketball is currently 7-1 on the season. The team placed 3rd in the Liberty North tournament. The team is coached by Allecia Dunn.

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- RHS Wrestling: Trista Cooper (9) took 2nd Place in the 105lb weight class at the Coffman Girls Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The team is coached by Garret Stanley.
- RHS Girls' Swimming and Diving finished 21st of 40 teams at the Winnetonka Christmas Invitational. Medalists for the Lady Jays: 200 medley relay: Lilly Dickerson (10), Zoe Terryberry (12), Hannah Batts (10), Reece Harmon (9); Hannah Batts (10): 200 & 500 free; and 400 free relay: Hannah Batts (10), Lilly Dickerson (10), Reece Harmon (9), Zoe Terryberry (12). The team is coached by Sean Nunn.
- RHS Jaywalkers competed at the KC Classic Regionals Competition December 11th and received 1st place in their prop routine and 2nd place in their mix routine. The team will compete at the Lee's Summit North Invitational Regional Competition in January and the State Competition in February! The team is coached by Carlie Kuhnhenh.
- RHS Boys' Soccer: All Conference Honorable Mentions: Alex Andrade (10), Sabino Calderon (12), Mazigh Hamchaoui (11), and Kion Martin (10). All District First Team: Alex Andrade (10). The team is coached by Peter Moore.
- RHS Cross Country: JT Taylor (12)--1st team All-Conference and Kassy Gonzalez (12)--second team All-Conference"
- RHS Boys' Swimming: Dylan Searls (12) took 3rd place at State in the Butterfly. Ben Gippner (11) took 5th place at State in Freestyle. 200 Individual Medley Relay (Ben Gippner (11), Luke Markley (11), Dylan Searls (12), Jake Talley (10)) took 4th place at State. 200 Freestyle Relay (Ben Gippner (11), Luke Markley (11), Dylan Searls (12), Jake Talley (10)) took 5th place at State and broke their record from conference. 400 Freestyle Relay (Ben Gippner (11), Kai Hensel (12), Luke Markley (11), Dylan Searls (12)) took 7th place at State. Overall, the Bluejays as a team finished 7th overall at State this year.
- RHS Football: 1st Team All-Conference: Nate Whitebear (11), Zahmari Gary (12), Freddy Ersery (11), Logan Reichert (11), Xavier Ragan (12), and Derrick Buycks (12). 2nd Team All-Conference: Tamarian Cashier (11). Honorable Mention All-Conference: Jordyn Robinson (10), Dylan Merriott (11), Wayne Bailey (11), Anthony Ransburg (11), Dominick Johnson (12), Je'zhon Baker (12), Meshach McKay (12), and Travon Johnson (10). 1st Team All-District: Zahmari Gary (12), Logan Reichert (11), Xavier Ragan (12), and Derrick Buycks (12). 2nd Team All-District: Dylan Merriott (11), Nate Whitebear (11), Je'zhon Baker (12), and Kevin Jackson (12). 1st Team All-State: Zahmari Gary (12) and Logan Reichert (11). 2nd Team All-State: Derrick Buycks (12)

Upcoming School Events

- January 13 & 14--Semester 1 Finals
- January 15--RHS vs. RSHS Basketball Showdown @ RHS 12:30 (Girls) & 2pm (Boys)
- Check the RHS Activities Website for additional information.

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Academic Focus

- The Practical Arts department spans across many areas of education including Business, Family and Consumer Science, Physical Education, Wellness, and Project Lead the Way.

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- Through courses such as Marketing, College and Career Prep, Personal Finance, Business Fundamentals, Accounting, Travel and Tourism, and many more, students get a taste of many aspects of the business world. Many students are active participants in student-led organizations such as DECA and FBLA. Additionally, our Real World Learning representative, Mr. Frazier and other guest speakers bring in very relevant insight.
- The Physical Education and Wellness department objectives are to increase performance through research-based, well-planned programming with the assistance of technology to enhance their experience. In wellness class students learn about health related skills and how/when to use them effectively to increase or maintain personal health. These skills range from hands-on activities of first aid and CPR to simply knowing where to find information and resources.
- In Family and Consumer Science, our Fashion students are excited to start making their Pajama Pants. It is their first time working with a PDF pattern. PDF patterns allow students to print patterns at home, so they make pattern sewing more accessible and less expensive. Our Foods students are working in various units including learning various ways to cook with eggs, learning about Grains and Legumes, and studying Mexico and South America! Many students are active members of FCCLA.
- In PLTW courses, students use the activity, project, problem (APB) model to learn science and engineering principles. Students solve real-world problems and projects that help students develop the skills and knowledge that can be applied in their future careers. Right now in Introduction to Engineering and Design, students are using CAD to design a case with a hinge that stores and protects a pair of wireless earbuds. Students then prototype their designs using 3D printing. In Principles of Engineering, students are designing and building hydrogen fuel cell powered fan boats to learn about alternative energy and mechanical system efficiency. In Digital Electronics, students are designing a fireplace pilot light detector circuit that prevents gas from flowing into an unlit fireplace and also has a service indicator light to alert system malfunctions.

Parent/Community Focus

- Charles Wolfe made the All State Band.
- Caleb Pennington, has scored high enough on the sight-singing portion of the all-district audition to warrant an invitation to participate. State Sight-Singing Bee sponsored by the Missouri Choral Directors Association.
- Citizenship Students of the month include Conner Parker, Cidney Woods, Akira, and Adrian Thompson. Staff of the month include Kady Kiem, Math teacher, and Shelia Watts, Interventionist.
- Activity students of the month include Shawndale Ross-Boys Basketball, Amrri Thompson-Girls Basketball, Kyndal Jackson-Cheer, Emily Morales-Cardettes, Jayla Clark-Girls Swim, Daisy Rocha-Gonzalez-Girls Wrestling, Kyan Guerra-Boys Wrestling.
- Norman Schneider, Zayla Vann, Sandra Mancera-Campos, and Paul Romero recently all won 1st place at a Wrestling meet.

Upcoming School Events

- For current updates and news follow us on Twitter @RQSSouthHigh.
- Check out Sonic Locker Room for sports, clubs, theatre, and music interviews of students, teachers, and coaches.

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Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- Science
 - Sixth grade science students completed part 1 of Unit 3, where they explored the inheritance of genetics and dominant/recessive traits. Students had a project where they drew an elf, a snowman, or a monster based on dominant and recessive traits. Projects will be posted on the walls this week! They turned out so well!
 - Seventh grade science has been exploring the world of Kinetic and Potential Energy. Students were challenged with the task of designing a marble roller coaster out of 1.8 m of pipe insulation (they could use two of them if they were really daring). As you can see many of them took to the task beautifully and designed some amazing roller coasters that any marble would love to travel down.
 - Eighth grade science students developed a model of the rock cycle to understand the cycling of matter. Students were engaged in the lesson and gained a better understanding of the rock cycle. At the end of the lesson, several students expressed their gratitude for the fun and interactive lab.

Parent/Community Focus

Mid-season Sports highlight

- Girl's Basketball - The RMS Lady Jay's Basketball Season is wrapping up the first half of the season. We have worked hard during the first half, posting a 3-5 record for the A team and a 2-6 record for the B team. Our team enjoyed a notable buzzer beater win at home against Ray-Pec South for the A team and a decidedly strong win (28-12) for the B team against Raytown South Middle during the Lewis and Clark Invitational Tournament. Even though the records do not show it early in the season, we are improving not only our skills, but our basketball IQ's every day. We are thankful for our supportive families and fans".
- Boys Basketball - The mantra this year is, "Work." We have a team full of athletes displaying great potential. Both A and B squads currently hold a 3-5 record with a fourth place finish in the mid-season tournament. Although we are not where we want to be, we are working hard to enhance our strengths and compete at a high level. We are a team of fighters and our determination to be great will carry us through the end of the season. Stay tuned! Our record will not reflect our hearts. Go Raytown!
- Wrestling - The RMS Wrestling team started the season with over 30 wrestlers bringing us up to our pre-COVID numbers again. Our wrestlers grew and improved throughout the year, our record was 12 wins, 3 losses and 4 ties. We finished the season defeating Ray-South and Ray Central in our annual tournament, with RMS receiving 24 points, Ray Central 6 points and Ray South 3 points, extending our undefeated streak against these opponents for the entirety of Raytown Middle School wrestling existence.
- MO Science Bowl - The RMS Physical Science class participated in the Missouri Science Bowl Scavenger Hunt. The class was divided into two teams that scored second and third place: Second Place: Toasts and Waffles – RMS, Third Place: Overachievers - RMS!

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- Concert Season - December is the season for holiday music and is always a joy to experience. It has been two years since RMS has had an in-person concert, so it was a delight to experience our student musicians' play. The season began with the orchestra concert conducted by Amy Sadler, highlighting several holiday favorites. Tyler Rick and Jenna Bartz impressed the audience with the beginning classes playing in harmony as well as the seventh and eighth grade classes performing well also. The season concluded with choral magic from the vocal music students under the direction of Tyler Balk. During a joint middle school concert, all three middle schools performed holiday tunes at RHS. What a great send off for the holiday break!

Upcoming School Events

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For current updates and highlights, follow us on RMS Facebook.

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Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- One of the greatest things about the staff at South Middle is the collective efficacy we share around the belief that we are first and foremost caregivers of kids. This is certainly an expanded definition of what it means to be a classroom teacher and the staff has embraced the work of creating community, fostering positive relationships, taking care of basic needs, and constantly sending signals of belonging. Students came back to us this year unpracticed and in many instances, unregulated. Being first and foremost caregivers of kids and taking care of students' needs has been a challenge and has stretched us as a learning community and this has come at a price to our staff. Despite being exhausted and at times overwhelmed, I continue to see daily examples of how our teachers go above and beyond to serve their students in whatever ways our students need. As the principal, I talk about creating an ethic of care in everything we do and I could not be more proud of our staff for doing just that. All educators, especially the ones at South Middle, deserve our gratitude and adoration for the work they are doing. A big thank you to the district for supporting South Middle with a social worker, a full-time school therapist, an additional interventionist, and an admin. intern. These have been invaluable resources as we continue the work of being caregivers of kids. Thank you for your continued support of the students and staff at South Middle!!

Parent/Community Focus

- We've had a full line-up of winter musicals and concerts this past month. Our teachers and sponsors have spent countless hours preparing students for these performances and the pride shows in both our teachers and their students. Ms. Gartland, Ms. Romero, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Ford, and Ms. Schol are dedicated professionals and that dedication was on full display this past month here at South Middle! Bravo Everyone!

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Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Our teachers have continued a focus on the “why” of the lesson by articulating and framing the start of each lesson with the identified learning target.
- Teachers worked with the admin team and TLT to go “back to the basics” with direct instruction, tight structures and transitions.
- We also focused on individual PGP goals and constructive feedback on instructional practices.

Parent/Community Focus

- Our music department had excellent performances after a season of hard work on the part of the instructors and students. The performances began with the CMS Band, followed by CMS Orchestra and CMS Choir. Thank you and Congratulations to Ms. Schol, Ms. Ingram, Ms. Smith, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Balk for a job well done!
- Our Social Worker, Ms. Amy Guinn, has been hard at work organizing and collecting helpful items for families. Thanks to the CMS Family and Ms. Guinn, 21 Clothing/Toiletry Bags were nicely put together and provided to 21 Students this past month! Holiday Bags were also provided for 10 additional students!
- December Students of the Month: Iris Gonzales Cardenas 6, Jesus Valadez DeAquino 7, and Madeline Collins 8 were nominated and recognized by staff for demonstrating empathy and compassion for others.

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Working on a strong finish of the semester before break. Planning 8 day push from January 5th-January 14th.

Parent/Community Focus

- Strong Communication focus. Grades, students emotional and behavioral growth
- Supporting RQS school by partnering with moving students to RSA for support and growth, both behaviorally and academically.

Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized Educational Goals
- Social/Emotional Learning
- Bootcamp - Procedures and Routines

Parent/Community Focus

- Community Based Instruction - Library, QuickTrip

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Herndon Career Center & Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Students in several programs have now completed their OSHA 10 training and have earned their OSHA 10 card.
- Construction students took their Technical Skill Attainment test and had a 98% pass rate.
- Temp-Con Incorporated, one of our industry partners, has interviewed, and intends to hire 15 paid interns later this year.
- All Southland CAPS students eligible for internship next semester have been placed. Students must apply, interview, and be selected for the internship positions by our business partners. Teachers and students seek out internship opportunities through outreach efforts.
- We have had 21 MO Option students meet the criteria for graduation so far this school year.

Parent/Community Focus

- Temp-Con Incorporated was nominated by Herndon Career Center for the Missouri Association for Career Services Employer of the Year, and received the award.
- We have hosted many tours for prospective students over the last few months to help bring awareness to the opportunities students have.

Upcoming School Events

- January 27: Open House for Prospective Students 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- February 15: Open House for Prospective Students 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- February 17-18: ProStart Competition, Springfield, MO