

Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



October 2019

Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- National Merit Letter of Commendation--Congratulations to Jakob Peterson (12) for being selected to receive a National Merit letter of commendation. This places Jakob in the top 0.3% of students taking the PSAT. Approximately 1.5 million students take the PSAT each year.
- The Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri (STAM) has awarded RHS Competitive Drama teacher Sydney Crank the 2019 New Teacher of the Year Award. This award is given to a teacher in the state who shows strong promise and is in their first 5 years of teaching.
- The RHS orchestras are combining with the RSHS orchestras for workshops and a concert performance with professional artists Kyle Dillingham and Horseshoe Road on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7 pm at Raytown High School. This was made possible through grants from the Raytown Education Foundation and the Mid-America Arts Alliance.
- Argumentative writing: The first round of argumentative writing has been completed and teachers have collaboratively scored the student work. Through the DRT process teachers are looking at grade span skill gaps to identify areas for needed instruction.
- Core instructional practice: This year we have continued our focus on core instructional practices. In this phase we have rolled out a graphic for teachers to post in their classrooms that clearly explains the 5 aspects of core instructional practices. Additionally, we have developed writing stems to use on our walk-through forms to help guide and focus administrative feedback. In association with with effort every RHS teacher has had 2 classroom visits during the first trimester and most have had 3 or more.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Girls' Golf won the conference championship! All-Conference Medalists include: Sirneh Asangwe (11)- 2nd place, Awah Asangwe(10)- 6th place, Angel Hernandez (10)- 8th place.
- RHS Boys' Swim is currently undefeated (8-0) in dual meets. This extends the three year winning streak to 17-0.
- RHS Football is currently 4-1. The team defeated Raytown South in the crosstown rivalry game 63-16.

Upcoming School Events

- RHS Football Game/Cancer Awareness Night--Chittwood Stadium, Oct. 4 @ 7pm
- RHS/RSHS Orchestra Concert with Kyle Dillingham--RHS Auditorium, Oct. 8 @ 7pm
- RHS Fall Choir Concert--RHS Auditorium, October 15 @ 7pm
- RHS Football/Military Appreciation Night--Chittwood Stadium, Oct. 25 @ 7pm
- 9th Grade Signs of Suicide Training--RHS, October 30
- Student Council Blood Drive--RHS Small Gym, October 31

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Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Our CPL Professional Learning Mission includes:
 - Ensure student success through evidence based instructional practices.
 - Provide a strong instructional foundation for beginning teachers.
 - Provide a mentoring program that promotes new teachers and supports staff retention.
 - Promote techniques and strategies to ensure teachers meet the challenges and changes of the current academic community.
 - Support district initiatives and curriculum through ongoing professional learning aligned to professional growth plans.
- Below are some goals that teachers wrote for themselves & posted on the Principal's Door:
 - Focus on more focused/purposeful assessment.
 - This year I will try new things.
 - This year I will become more organized.
 - This year I will have and execute amazing lessons that change lives.
 - This year I will grow as a teacher. I will become a better teacher.
 - Build relationships with my SPED team.
 - Support students, staff and faculty!
 - Assist my students in increasing their reading skills.
 - This year I will...spend 90% of my time at school
 - This year I will be positive.
 - This year I will ... collaborate with my co-workers
 - This year I will do a better job of following through
 - Let go of the reigns
 - Write objectives on the board
 - Work very hard to keep athletes and activities headed forward
 - This year I will improve DRT data collection
 - This year I will do my best to use STUCO to help build our school spirit and pride.
 - This year I will get through my student teaching
 - Act with intention
 - This year I will focus on maintaining positive relationships
 - This year I will work on planning ahead for events & being proactive
 - This year I will enjoy teaching something different
 - Shine
 - This year I will keep pushing students to be the best they can be
 - Meet my deadlines
 - This year I will improve my questioning and the quality of my assignments
 - Be positive
 - Build relationships with all my students
 - This year I will encourage students to get outside their comfort zone
 - Be a leader and take on more tasks
 - Continue to grow and improve my instruction
 - Have a positive impact
 - This year I will focus on phones and differing my activities

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- Have fun & be positive
- Pep it up
- Continue to fine tune my teaching skills
- This year I will "find my way"
- Have a Great Year!
- This year I will not be afraid to try new lesson ideas
- SuperTestDay
 - Freshman Presentations and Fitness Testing
 - Sophomores PreACT
 - Juniors Practice ACT
 - Seniors ASVAB, WorkKeys, Ted Talk
- Graduation planning meeting with Principal

Parent/Community Focus

- Senior Chancellor Moore attended the United States Naval Academy Baseball Camp. Way to represent!
- Citizens Advisory Committee from SHS include: Chance Moore, Ahmea Parham, Jordan Phillips, Lia Jackson, Taylor Jakes, Donovan Cusick, Vaughn Foreman, Anna Hoffman, Hopecawin Janis, Jacquie Jones, Daniela Saenz-Quintana, Sophia Trude, Harrison Wolfe, Erin Shawhan, Simone Shields, Dominick Lytton, Beverly Mauro-Barrera, Ethan McIntyre, Derrick Porter
- Student Council Senior 19/20 President: Gracie Allen, VP #1: Brittany Reddell, VP #2: Jennifer Enyeribe, Secretary/Historian: Lia Jackson, Treasurer: Angelia Reddell
- Class 4 South Varsity Basketball Team will play Class 5 Columbia Battle at Mizzou on ESPN3 Saturday night at 10 PM December 7.

Upcoming School Events

- For current updates and news follow us on Twitter @RQSSouthHigh

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- Math 360/No Anxiety Math classroom - With the financial grant of the REF, RMS has introduced a new concept in teaching and learning math. The Practice is the opportunity for all students to experience learning together. Each student performs in a personalized "learning frame" on the wall while the teacher remains in the middle of the classroom and has a 360-degree view of student learning. Students tackle the problems in a manner that fosters discussion and collaboration. The teacher can see the misconceptions as they are happening, in real-time, and help students navigate through the learning with consistent, positive support and guided peer collaboration. Students are up out of their seats, working on problems together, attentive, asking questions while making a conscious effort to complete their work. It was easy to observe productive learning taking place, with no anxiety.

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Parent/Community Focus

- New Student Breakfast: The counseling department hosted their first grade level new student breakfast of the year for eight graders. The purpose of this breakfast is to welcome students new to RMS and the district. During the breakfast, students complete a survey provided by the counseling department which provides vital information regarding the student's transition to a new environment; Raytown Middle School. Additionally, the survey provides feedback on suggestions for making their transition smoother. Students are introduced to administrators and counselors while they enjoy donuts and juice. Counselors make it a priority to check in with the new students periodically, to ensure they are transitioning well. Students had an opportunity to ask questions and make connections to supportive adults. Surveys are reviewed to learn about our new students and any follow up needed throughout the year.
- PBS Assembly 2019: The goal of the assembly was to review PBIS goals in a fun and engaging way as well as highlight and programs and positive data at RMS. The annual fashion show is always a fun focus on the acceptable and unacceptable behaviors at RMS. New teachers are drafted to model procedures such as dress code, cell phones and hall behavior. Student volunteers participate in identifying the right and wrong behaviors. Teams, clubs and activities were announced are also introduced to students.
- Custodian Appreciation Day - With the support of the Hospitality Committee, RMS honored our custodians this month with a basket of treats and a Big Thank You for all their hard work and dedication to our school.

Upcoming School Events

- MS Parent-Teacher Conferences- October 16 and 17
- Picture retakes –October 21
- Community Outreach Pancake Breakfast- Saturday December 7, 2019

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- Our 7th grade ELA team is piloting a reading program with their ELA blocks. We had the pleasure of going to observe a Mrs. Babushka's 5th grade class and watch how she structures her classroom to work with several groups around reading comprehension. Our 7th grade team is using STAR scores to target specific skills to specific students and we think we are going to realize positive results over the next academic year.

Parent/Community Focus

- Last year, RSMS started an intramural soccer club. This year, we have over 50 excited students out for this club and we look forward to the other middle schools beginning soccer clubs so RSMS has other teams to play.

Upcoming School Events

- Parent Teacher Conferences - Oct. 16th and 17th
- RSMSPTSA Unit Meeting Nov. 4th

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Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- This year we are continuing to focus on implementing the Close Reading strategy across all content areas at RCMS. Each month our Teacher Leaders incorporate this strategy in some format in our professional learning times. In September we utilized this strategy in our faculty meeting in conjunction with our staff book study of *The Energy Bus*.
- Two ELA teachers are currently piloting a flipped classroom model where the whole group instruction is recorded for students to interact with on google classroom. This allows the classroom teacher to hone in on more direct instruction with small groups or individuals as needed. It also allows the teachers to differentiate to better meet the learning needs of their students.

Parent/Community Focus

- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 16-17.

Upcoming School Events

- Our Drama club is currently preparing for the fall musical that will be presented in a dinner theatre format in the month of November.

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- This year, RSA is focusing on:
- Restorative Justice- Conflict Resolution
- Social Emotional Learning
- Differentiated Instruction across all grade levels and subjects.
- All classes at RSA this school year will participate in Conflict Resolution with the Center for Conflict Resolution on Fridays.
- Students will also be grouped by needs based on the SDQ for social emotional learning. Mr. Butler will work with high need students.
- Teachers will continue to work on strategies for helping struggling learners to increase academic performance.

Parent/Community Focus

- We held our second Family Fun Night on September 26th. We had a very large turnout. Our plan is to have a Family Fun Night Monthly.
- Boot camp for all new students at RSA.

Upcoming Events

- Family Fun Night October 24th
- Pancake Breakfast October 25th
- Bus Incentives October 14th
- Fall Festival October 31st

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Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized Education Goals
- Communication
- Self-Regulation

Parent/Community Focus

- Northwood has held several IEP meetings with outside agencies participating. This increases our student's abilities to be successful.

Upcoming School Events

- Sensory Processing Professional Learning on October 2
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Job Coaching 101 - will be held at RSECC on 10/17 from 1-3. Multiple agencies will be represented in a panel discussion. Parents from Northwood, Raytown High School and Raytown South High School functional skills programs have been invited to learn about this important resource for transition.

Herndon Career Center

Academic Focus

- Auto Collision, Construction, HVAC, and Welding students completed their 10 hour OSHA training. The 10 Hour OSHA card is a stackable credential that not only educates our students on safety but is required in most jobs making our students more employable.
- Culinary students earned their ServSafe certification. Students must demonstrate mastery of food safety knowledge and training to pass the certification test. This certification is administered by the National Restaurant Association.
- Students in cosmetology and graphic design collaborated to design consistent marketing messages and branding for salons. This project requires students to define their goals and objectives, articulate a vision, plan and design the branding, provide and receive feedback, and ultimately have branding for each group salon.

Parent/Community Focus

- Teachers reached out to parents inviting them to Parent Teacher Conferences in October. During our conferences, the focus will be on student progress of the content and knowledge, student goals for after high school, and improvement needed for advancement or recommendation for an internship or job opportunities.
- Nate Zier, counselor, presented information in regards to Herndon and Southland CAPS opportunities to parents at Multilingual Back to School Night.
- Culinary students are preparing and selling soups for the community to purchase. Orders will be taken through October 11th at: <https://forms.gle/5gkE2MCgSrK4mXTHA>.

Upcoming School Events

- October 8: CEC Tour
- October 14 & 17: Parent Teacher Conferences

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- October 22: Cosmetology students will begin accepting client appointments during the following times: Tuesday - Thursday 11:45 am - 2:30pm (last appointment time) and Friday 8:00 am - 11:00 am (last appointment time).
- October 29: Advisory Committee Meetings 11:30 am

Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Animal Health Science students presented their short documentaries on KC Zoo animals on the IMAX screen at the zoo on September 6. Zoo curators and staff viewed presentations and provided feedback.
- Technology Solutions partnered with Northland CAPS Technology Solutions and toured LightEdge's Subtropolis underground data center. Students are beginning to work on client projects as well.
- Education Exploration students have been in classrooms observing, but also have been busy visiting a couple of college campuses and participating in the regional Educators Rising conference.

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