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## Winter 2023



## Raytown Quality Schools

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## High School Arts & Activities



### Raytown South High School

- RSHS football went to the district semi finals for the first time since 2016, and faced RHS in the playoffs for the first time in history.
- RSHS boys soccer went to the district semi finals for the first time since 2018.
- RSHS band earned the following awards: Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Auxiliary, Outstanding Drum Major, Fan Favorite, 1st Indoor Drumline, 1st Indoor Color Guard, and 1st Field Show.
- The RSHS electronic journalism program has increased by 25 students this school year.
- RSHS Cardettes partnered with RHS for a kids clinic.
- RSHS volleyball hosted their annual middle school night.



*Photo by RSHS student Carys S.*



*Photo by RSHS student Lauren J.*



### Raytown High School



*RHS Boys Cross Country Conference Meet*

- RHS football finished the year with a 7-5 overall record and played in the district finals.
- RHS boys swim team finished 10th out of 66 teams at the Missouri State Championships.
- RHS boys soccer enjoyed its best season since 2019 and won the Northmen Classic tournament.
- RHS boys cross country finished in third place overall in their conference meet, their highest team finish in several years.
- Two RHS girls cross country athletes, Lanee C. and Micaiah W., medaled in the JV division.
- RHS girls tennis hosted their first ever tournament, the Lady Jay Invitational, and placed third place.
- RHS theatre department presented two shows: the play, "Women," and the musical comedy, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels."
- Twelve RHS choir students participated in the KC Metro All-Districts Choirs.



## A Message From SUPERINTENDENT DR. PENELOPE MARTIN-KNOX

We are at the halfway point of the 2022-23 school year and I could not be more proud of the learning and leadership I've seen firsthand in our schools. There is much to be excited about for the 2023 year.

The theme for this school year is "Ray of Hope: Happiness, Opportunity, Purpose, Excellence." There are Rays of Hope all around us. As your new superintendent, it has been my pleasure to visit and talk to students and staff about what excites them, their plans for the future, and challenges they may encounter along the way.

Accomplishments this year so far include the 2022 Burns & McDonnell challenge championship team using the awarded grant money to support student activities, including the purchase of STEM items for classrooms; the district was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Kauffman Foundation to participate in the 2022-23 Equity in Schools Cohort; Raytown South High School Science Teacher, Aidan Link, was awarded the Knowles Teaching Fellowship, a nationally competitive fellowship; both high school football teams made it to the playoffs; several Raytown High School boys swim team members made it to the state championship; and both high schools delighted the Raytown community with their fall performances.

Looking to the future, I hope you will take some time to learn more about the 2023 no tax increase bond issue that the district will have on the April ballot. The no tax increase bond would allow the district to address the immediate needs at Raytown South High School and Raytown High School for updated and new arts and activities spaces for district students. Details about the bond can be found at [www.raytownschools.org/2023bond](http://www.raytownschools.org/2023bond).

We are lucky to live in a community that supports us at every turn, with partnerships that include the City of Raytown, Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Rotary Club, Retired School Personnel, Raytown Educational Foundation, Caring for Kids, and many more, all who have been instrumental in the successful start to the school year. I am grateful for our community that is always ready to pitch in and do what is best for students, and I look forward to what we will continue to do as one.

For the Children,

Penelope Martin-Knox  
Superintendent

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# 2023 No Tax Increase Bond



Raytown Quality Schools is asking voters to consider a \$35 million no tax increase bond in the April 2023 ballot.

Approval of the \$35 million no tax increase bond would allow the district to address the immediate needs at Raytown South High School and Raytown High School.

## The Why

Updated arts and activities spaces for district high school students is fundamental to their academic success and educational journey.

## The What

If passed, bond funds would allow the district to move forward with providing up-to-date, state of the art facilities for high school students that would set the district programs on par with school districts in the metropolitan area.

At RSHS, bond funds would support the district in moving forward with a two-part plan to raze the existing performing arts center and turn it into an auxiliary gym. Bond funding would also allow for the construction of a new, modern performing arts center at RSHS.

Additionally, bond funds would allow the district to build a much-needed auxiliary gym at RHS. Auxiliary gyms at both high schools would provide spaces to host sports tournaments, and room for various school groups and activities to meet and host practices.





## No Tax Increase Bond



Address **immediate needs** at both high schools for **new arts** and **activities** spaces



Enhance high school arts and activities programs to be on **par** with **school districts** in the metropolitan area



Pursue every opportunity to provide students with **state of the art facilities**

### Our Children, Our Investment

#### Community Forum Dates:

Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
Monday, March 20, 2023

#### Location:

Raytown Schools Wellness Center  
10301 E State Rte 350, Raytown, MO 64138

**For more information about the 2023 bond projects, visit:**

[www.raytownschools.org/2023bond](http://www.raytownschools.org/2023bond)

## Zero Tax Increase Levy

The April 2023 ballot will also include a levy issue. While bond funds must be dedicated to the construction and renovation of buildings, levies are dedicated for learning.

The proposed zero tax increase levy transfer would authorize the transfer

of 18 cents in excess levy from the districts debt service fund into the districts school operating fund. This would allow the district to address some important needs and continue to pay debts on time with zero increase to the total tax rate.

## Herndon Career Center's Student - Led Restaurant, Cinder, Successful Pop-Up Dinner Events



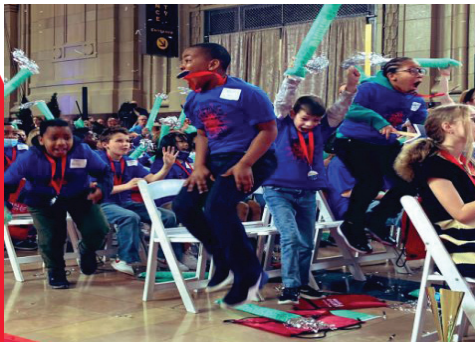
Cinder is the Herndon Career Center's Institute of Culinary Arts student operated restaurant, led by Instructor Chef Mike Chrostowski. The restaurant first opened its doors in 2020 with a soft opening to the public.

The Cinder Restaurant scheduled four pop-up dinner events this school year, hosted and created by the nation's finest upcoming culinary chefs – the Herndon culinary students.

The first two pop-up dinners, held on Friday, October 14 and Thursday, November 17, were a full house, with guests from the community and district raving about the food and service. It has been an amazing opportunity for students to run their very own restaurant where they get to provide an elevated dining experience to the Raytown community.

"From my standpoint as an instructor, it's an amazing transformation to watch students have such a passion for a beautiful industry that they'll soon be leading," said Instructor Chef Mike Chrostowski.

Two more pop-up events are scheduled for Thursday, January 26, and Friday, March 3. Tickets are \$45 per person, with limited seats available. Reserve your ticket by calling 816.268.7156.



## Challenge Team Spring 2022 Win Continues Supporting Students this School Year

A team of students in the RQS Challenge Program, housed at Westridge Elementary, won the Burns & McDonnell's Battle of the Brains competition in April 2022 for their "Riveting Robotics" design. The win earned the students a \$50,000 grant and the chance to work with Burns & McDonnell's engineers to turn their design into a real, one-million-dollar exhibit in Science City.



The win continues providing many opportunities for students throughout the 2022-23 school year, including hands-on experiences with engineers at Burns & McDonnell with visits to their offices and meeting with several members of their team responsible for building the exhibit. It provided for a second trip to the district's Raytown Schools Education & Conference Center, where students met with architects to learn about their careers. Two more trips will be held following Winter Break.



The \$50,000 awarded grant has benefited students on numerous levels, including funding a student trip to the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS at the start of the school year. The grant will continue to support more student activities, including the purchase of various STEM items for the challenge program, professional learning opportunities for challenge teachers, coordinating educational speakers for student assemblies, and so much more.



## Raytown Quality Schools Awarded 2022 Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America



Raytown Quality Schools is proud to share that the district has once again been named as one of the "Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America" by Healthiest Employers for 2022.

This award honors the organizations that are demonstrating care for employees by investing in health and well-being solutions and initiatives. The district is proud to be considered as one of the Healthiest Employers in the nation this year.

Raytown Quality Schools investment in its employees is part of a broader strategy to be a district of choice in its community. Being named among the top 100 companies in the U.S. is key to supporting the employee experience, retaining great people, and attracting top talent.

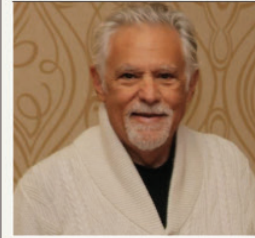
## Congratulations, 2022 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees!



Cindy Fee  
RHS Class of 1973



Barbara Koirtyohann  
RHS Class of 1964



Ralph Monaco  
RHS Class of 1974



Kirt Mosier  
RHS Class of 1981



Kelly Ristedt  
RHS Class of 1981



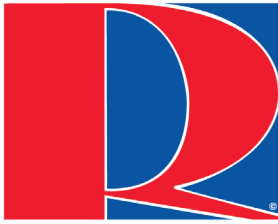
Dr. Andrew Wishy  
RSHS Class of 2000

Raytown Quality Schools is pleased to announce its Alumni Hall of Fame Class for 2022-23. The class includes six individuals who were officially inducted into the district's Hall of Fame in early November.

Inductees include Cindy Fee (Raytown High School Class of 1973), Barbara Hale Koirtyohann (Raytown High School Class of 1964), Ralph Monaco (Raytown High School

Class of 1974), Kirt Mosier (Raytown High School Class of 1981), Kelly Ristedt (Raytown High School Class of 1981), and Dr. Andrew Wishy (Raytown South High School Class of 2000).

Visit [www.raytownschools.org](http://www.raytownschools.org) to read the full biographies for each inductee, or to nominate a 2023 Hall of Fame honoree.



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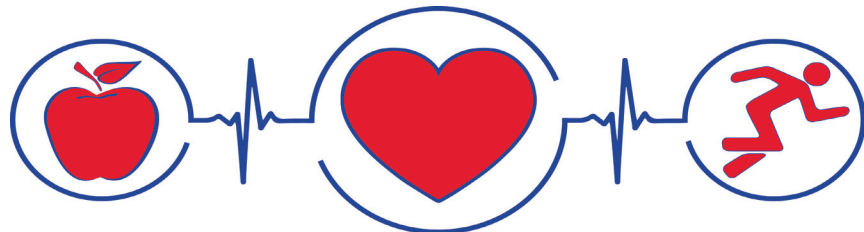
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- Group exercise classes
- Indoor pools
- Indoor walking track
- Kids Club services
- And so much more!



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### **Contact:**

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