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Fall Semester Student Teachers

Brad Anderson is finishing school at Kansas State University while serving as a student teacher for Mr. Zabel. He is pursuing secondary education with emphasis on social studies. He has received a coaching endorsement that will be placed on his diploma. Mr. Anderson grew up in Ulysses, Kansas, with his parents and younger brother. Outside of teaching he loves playing, watching and coaching sports and playing guitar. Additionally, Mr. Anderson has served in the Air National Guard for the last five years, held retail jobs and worked on a campus facility at KSU. He went to a small high school, similar to Rock Creek, so he says this is the environment he likes. He also works well with Mr. Zabel and has learned several classroom management strategies so far.



Michael McCauley is student teaching for Mrs. Reitz in junior high math. Mr. McCauley will be finishing his education this winter at Kansas State University with a secondary education mathematics degree. He grew up in a family with four brothers and attended Manhattan High School, so is familiar with the area. His big interests include running, music, attending KSU basketball games, and hanging with his friends. Student teaching at Rock Creek has proven to be a great experience and he says the tips and ideas he has learned from Mrs. Reitz will help him in his own classroom. Mrs. Reitz' advice was to "get crazy with them and have fun while teaching."



Whitni Turley grew up in the small town of Lane, Kansas, and attended Central Heights High School. Her parents, brother and sister comprise her family. She is student teaching with Mrs. Vandahl and Ms. Koelzer, gaining experience in Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II and advanced math classes. Ms. Turley is going to Emporia State University and will be graduating in December with a secondary mathematics education. She has had various jobs such as math lab tutor, office secretary, camp counselor, and a grader. Her other interests includes reading and listening to country music. Mrs. Vandahl and Ms. Koelzer have different teaching styles and have helped Ms. Turley develop a better idea of what a teacher should be.



Flag Corps



Eighth grader *Jacob Milham* is the mover and shaker behind starting a flag corps at Rock Creek High School. After working with the St. George Flag Corps, *Jacob* was disappointed that Rock Creek did not have one. *Jacob* spoke with Mr. Harshbarger and decided to make it happen. The organization would accomplish three objectives: honor the flag code, raise and take down the flags, and serve the Rock Creek community (including St. George and Westmoreland). *Nick Horner* is helping *Jacob* raise and lower the school flags at this time. *Nick's* help is appreciated. If other students would like to join this group, an informational meeting will be held December 9 at 2:45 in the cafeteria.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
11/19	JHGB Silver Lake JHWR @ Royal Valley	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
11/20	Baker Jazz Festival	All Day
11/21	Junior Dance Clinic JHWR @ Rossville Tournament Battle of the Bands	8-10:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
11/23	Fall Jazz Concert	7:30 p.m.
11/24	JHGB @Rossville	5:30 p.m.
11/25-11/27	No School – Thanksgiving Break	
11/30	Scrimmage/Parent Night	6:00 p.m.
12/1	JHGB @ Mill Creek Valley	4:30 p.m.
12/3	Sports Pictures JHWR @ Fort Riley JHGB St Marys	2:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
12/4	HSBB Clay Center	4:45 p.m.
12/5	District Band/Choir HSWR @ Mission Valley Tournament	TBD 9:00 a.m.
12/7	JHWR @ Holton HSBB @ Dickenson County Classic	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
12/8	HSBB @ Dickenson County Classic JHGB Jeff West	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
12/9	BOE Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12/10	JHGB @ Silver Lake HSBB @ Abilene, Freshman Girls/Boys	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
12/11	HSBB @ Dickenson County Classic	4:30 p.m.
12/12	JHGB MEL Tournament @ Silver Lake HSWR @ Clay Center Tournament HSWR @ Onaga JV Tournament HSBB @ Dickenson County Classic	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. TBD
12/14	JH Band Concert	7:30 p.m.
12/15	HSBB @ Wabaunsee	4:45 p.m.
12/17	JHGB MEL Tournament @ Silver Lake HSWR @ Council Grove	TBD 6:00 p.m.
12/18	Regional Debate HSBB Centralia Winter Homecoming Dance	TBD 4:45 p.m. 9:30 p.m. – midnight
12/19	Regional Debate	TBD
12/21	JH/HS Concert	7:30 p.m.
12/23	No School, Teacher Workday	
12/24-12/31	No School, Winter Break	



Battle of the Bands

The Rock Creek High School Band will be holding their 2nd annual Battle of the Bands on Saturday, November 21, in the high school commons. Bands performing include the *Delinquent Scholars*, *Blood of the Harlot*, *Telegram for a Cute Girl*, *The After Party*, and *Ouija*. The lyrics have been kept family-friendly. Concessions will be available throughout the event. Doors will open at 3 p.m. with music starting at 4 p.m. and will run until 9:30 p.m. or so. Admission is \$5 per person. Profits will provide funds for the Rock Creek High School Band trip to Disney World. Come on out and support the band trip. Hope to see you there.

Football Thank You!

On behalf of the Rock Creek football program, I would like to thank you, the parents and patrons, for all of the support that you have given us this football season and the past 17 years. The players and coaches appreciate the meals and the support at all of the games. Thanks again.

Coach Beam

American Education Week

The week of November 15-21 recognizes those individuals who have dedicated their lives to providing a valuable learning experience to our district's youth. In appreciation of these staff members, National Honor Society delivered baked goodies to Rock Creek High School teachers, administrators, and staff who have worked directly with students to better their education. NHS also created a poster showing the dedication of these folks as demonstrated by their combined 578 years in the business. The poster will be displayed in the lobby.

Congratulations to Judy Hinrichsen for serving the most years as an educator. This is her 43rd year!

Fall Delegate Assembly

Six members of the Rock Creek chapter of Business Professionals of America attended the Fall Delegate Assembly held in the KU Memorial Union, October 15, 2009. *Trevor Clark*, *Lane Frazier*, *Jeran Fry*, *Nicholas Horner*, *Caitlin Leiker*, and *Erica Smith* accompanied sponsor Pat Booth to the meeting.

Students attended leadership workshops, met members from across Kansas, and participated in state officer elections. The new BPA state officers are: President Tanner Redding from Maize, Vice-President Michaela Methvin from Peabody-Burns, Secretary Sarah Jane Naillon from Winfield, Treasurer Embry Hodges from Peabody-Burns, Historian Nikki Spear from Columbus Unified High School, and Parliamentarian Marie Bizal from Shawnee Mission North.

Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Students planning to complete the ACT exam next semester may register for ACT Exam Prep classes at Manhattan High School. The coordinator is Carolyn Devane at 586-2110 or e-mail CAROLYND@manhattan.k12.ks.us .
	Students in grades 9-12 who are considering broadcasting careers may be interested in the Manhattan Broadcasting Mentoring Program . See Mr. Sullivan for details.
	Seniors may apply for various 2010 State American Legion Scholarships . Numerous award categories and stipulations. Scholarship values are from \$250 - \$1,500.
	Seniors pursuing art, dance, music, or theatre studies at Kansas State University may apply for the 2010 Fine Arts Scholarships . See Mr. Sullivan for details and an application.
	Grade 9-12 students planning to pursue careers as physicians may attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine . The 10-day summer sessions, which will be conducted in cities across the US, are dedicated to the early recognition and preparation of the nation's most promising future physicians. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration details.
	Girls in grades 9-12 who are considering engineering careers may want to participate in the annual SWE Weekend of Engineering Program at the University of Kansas (March 6-7). See Mr. Sullivan for details and registration forms.
	Juniors interested in KSU may want to attend an upcoming Just for Juniors program at either the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka on 10/26 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) or the KSU Alumni Center in Manhattan on 11/09 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). See Mr. Sullivan for details/registration forms or visit www.k-state.com/justforjuniors
	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the annual Images of Aging photo contest sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center. Awards range in value from \$100 - \$300. See Mr. Sullivan for contest rules/more information or visit www2.kumc.edu/coa .
	Seniors may qualify for free college tuition scholarships and monthly \$1,000 awards by registering at nextSTEPmag.com .
12/14/09	Seniors planning to attend KSU may be interested in applying for the 2009 Civic Leadership Scholarships ; awards range in value from \$2,000 - \$4,000. See me for details/more info. or visit www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships
12/15/09	Seniors may be interested in applying for the AXA Achievement Scholarships ; awards range in value from \$10,000 - \$25,000. Learn more and download an application at www.axa-achievement.com
12/18/09	Seniors residing in the Bluestem Electric Cooperative service area may apply for the 2010 BEC Scholarships . Awards range in value from \$300 - \$500; see Mr. Sullivan for applications.
1/8/10	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA and 24 ACT score, who are planning to attend Washburn University, may apply for the 2010-11 Leadership Scholarships . See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
1/15/10	Seniors interested in applying for the Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships (\$1,000 - \$7,500 awards). See Mr. Sullivan for more information or visit gwcf.org .
1/15/10	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA interested in applying for the 2009 Outstanding Senior High Youth Awards with stipends range from \$250 - \$1,000 should see Mr. Sullivan for information.
2/17/2010	Seniors whose parents are active duty or retired service members (Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Air Force) are encouraged to apply for the for the 2010 Military Children Scholarship . See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit www.militaryscholar.org . Award amounts vary.

FCCLA Collecting Coupons

The Rock Creek FCCLA Junior High Chapter members are collecting coupons and reading material/books for their project "Support Our Troops." The chapter is calling on community members to help supply the items needed to send. Please send any coupons or reading material you collect to Rock Creek High School for mailing overseas to the troops.

Some Common Questions:

Where can I find coupons to send? Coupons can be found in just about any local newspaper and many magazines. They are on grocery store shelves, product packaging, the Internet or may come in your mailbox.

What kinds of coupons can they use overseas? Most manufacturer's coupons can be used. Exceptions include local geographical products such as your own local grocery store products. Coupons that are in high demand include baby products and skin care items. Coupons up to 6 months past their due date can be used by the military.

How should the coupons be packaged? All coupons should be cut neatly. Sort the coupons by category: food products, health and beauty items, baby items, pet items, non-food items. Zippered plastic sandwich bags are a great way to separate the coupons.

What coupons should I not include? Coupons nearing the 6-month expiration point, ripped coupons, and those with the expiration date cut off should not be sent. Do not send coupons that belong to a specific manufacturer only known in the U.S. or regional producers that do not distribute overseas.

The Rock Spotlight



Mid-East All-League Volleyball Team

Taylor Ebert and Becky Lightfoot

Honorable Mention All-League

Lora Blackwood and Chasity Ridder

MONSTER VOLLEYBALL

WINNER: "GET GRUMPY"

*(JOSH CAMACHO, JARED HAWKINS, KYRON CASE,
LOGAN MINER, WILLIAM TRIEB,
HARRISON NEWMAN)*

SECOND: "DEATH AT THE NET"

THIRD: "SCREECHING PTERODACTYLS"

Kansas Honor Scholars:

Nolan Fike

Tyler Gardner

Dawn Nowakowski

Amanda Oakley

Torrey Peterson

Rebecca Snapp

William Trieb

Mole King: Karl Thompson

Mole Queen: Elizabeth Herrs

NC KMEA High School

District Honor Choir

Justin Fronce, Tenor

NC KMEA Middle School

District Honor Choir

Jacy Johnston, Soprano

McKenzy Umscheid, Soprano Alternate

Alexis Engelken, Alto

Sami Johnson, Alto Alternate

Chance Maginness, Tenor

Blue Valley Telecommunications

Cell Phone Division Name Contest

Travis Heideman, Winner

Caught Ya Cards

Kaycee Baker-Gable

Heather Gardner

Ashley McDaris

Nigel Neel

Thomas Sheffield

MATC Open House
Scholarship Drawing

Brenda Stevenson
\$300 Winner

Junction City Debate

Shane Adams, Samantha Stevens: 3rd Place

Jacob Miller, Anna Jilka: 2nd Place

Marysville Debate Tournament

Rock Creek, 2nd Place

Ben Peterson, Mandi Blenn: 6th in Open

Dylan Meyer, Josh Roberts: 4th in JV

Jacob Miller, Crystal Chitwood: 1st in Novice

Kansas Music Educators

North Central District

Middle Level Honor Band

Katherine Culbertson, Flute

*Macy Hawkins, Kelsie Hudson, Heather Goodenow,
Clarinet*

Derek Dunaway, Alto Sax

Spencer Bowers, Bari Sax

Heather Gardner, Trombone

Jacob Milham, Tuba

Austin Umscheid, 1st Alternate Percussion

Kansas Music Educators

North Central District

District Honor Band

Jana Havens, Rachel Frank, Flute

Brenda Stevenson, Clarinet

Nolan Fike, Bari Sax

Brad Duncan, DJ Denzien, Trombone

Jazz Band

Sam Cott, Tenor Sax