



# Mustang Express 2.0

Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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## Season for Giving is National Honor Society's Holiday Mission

During this holiday season, NHS members have launched a drive to collect scarves, gloves, hats, and mittens. Many of these cold-weather clothing items already decorate the large Christmas tree in the high school lobby. The final night to donate was December 16. These donations will be given to the Wamego Health Ministry.

Giving holiday spirit comes in the form of caroling to the residents at the Westmoreland Care Home. Members from BPA joined the NHS, making the vocal group about 20 in number. After singing, the students greet the residents and hand out cards. Small holiday trees, courtesy of Renaissance, were given to residents who lack visitors and family members.



*Nick Haverkamp, Kaeleen Laird, and JoJo Harshbarger are working on their scarves.*

## Knitting for Kindness

In conjunction with the National Honor Society's hat, scarf and mitten collection, Mrs. Wege's advisor class elected to help out. So with some extra time on their hands, several students in her advisor have been knitting scarves on rectangular looms. Knitting on a loom mimics the knit stitch produced with two needles but with the ease of just making loops on pegs. The class is making five scarves and they are each a different color. The students are very excited to get to donate items. One girl mentioned that "we're making scarves for those that don't have one." After they get done making one to donate, the students will probably be making one for themselves. They are enjoying the new skill they've mastered.

## FCCLA Donations

The Rock Creek FCCLA Chapter is sponsoring a shoe drive from January 3 through January 13, 2012. The chapter members will distribute them to local agencies and hopefully have enough left over to give to the Soles 4 Souls program.

Soles 4 Souls is a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes from the footwear companies and the closets of people like you. The charity distributes these shoes to people in need regardless of race, religion, class or any other criteria. Since 2005, Soles 4 Souls has delivered over 16 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes. The shoes have been distributed to people in over 127 countries.

All types of shoes are accepted including athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, and even flip flops. Soles 4 Souls will even take one of a kind in hopes they can match it up with another donation.

So check your closets and any new or gently worn shoes that you don't wear, please bring to Rock Creek High School during the first two weeks of January and the FCCLA will find a good home for them. If possible please **put pairs in separate plastic bags** to keep them together.

## Calendar of Events

12/16-17	Regional Debate	TBD
12/20	HS Band/Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
12/22-1/2	No School – Winter Break	
1/3/12	HS Basketball vs Riley County	4:45 p.m.
1/6/12	HS Basketball @ Silver Lake	4:45 p.m.
1/7/12	State Band Live Auditions HS Wrestling @ Burlington HS Wrestling, JV @ Marysville	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
1/10/12	HS Basketball @ Rossville	4:45 p.m.
1/13/12	State Debate HS Wrestling @ Wabaunsee HS Wrestling, JV @ Abilene HS Basketball vs Wabaunsee	TBD 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
1/14/12	District Middle Level Honors Band & Choir State Debate HS Wrestling @ Wabaunsee HS Basketball-Freshman RC Tournament	TBD TBD 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
1/16/12	No School K-12	
1/17/12	JH Boys Basketball vs Rossville	5:30 p.m.
1/17-1/20	HS Boys Basketball @ Canton-Galva	6:00 p.m.
1/19/12	JH Basketball/JH Cheer Pictures JH Basketball vs Mill Creek Valley	2:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
1/20/12	HS Wrestling @ St Marys HS Girls Basketball vs St Marys	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
1/23/12	MEL Scholars' Bowl @ Wabaunsee JH Boys Basketball @ St Marys	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
1/24-1/28	HS Girls Basketball @ Hiawatha	5:00 p.m.
1/26/12	JH Boys Basketball @ Riley County	5:30 p.m.
1/27/12	Hutch Jazz Festival HS Wrestling, JV @ Manhattan HS Boys Basketball vs St Marys, Homecoming	TBD 4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
1/28/12	JH Boys Basketball, 8 <sup>th</sup> at Royal Valley, Mayetta 7 <sup>th</sup> at Jeff West, Meriden RC Forensics Tournament	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
1/30/12	JH Boys Basketball vs Silver Lake	5:30 p.m.

## Pumpkins Going Wild

Pumpkins were flying high on November 30 as the physics class at Rock Creek High School launched their full-sized pumpkin catapults. The class divided into six groups, each making a catapult that modeled either a trebuchet (counterweight) or a ballista (pull back and launch). One group ventured out to make a magonel which is similar to holding a spoon with one hand and pulling it back and launching it with the other. The goal of the exercise was to launch a pumpkin at least 10 meters. Two of the groups sailed a pumpkin to 57 meters which is about 123 feet.

This is the second of three engineering tasks that the students will complete this year. The tasks are designed for the students to employ the principles of designing, building, testing, and then redesigning. Given a month to complete the catapults, the hope is that they were built, tested, and then adjusted to perform better prior to the launch date. The task definitely got the students thinking and working outside of their normal high school curriculum.



Left: *Thomas McAnerney* launches his group's ballista.

## Rock Creek Senior Exit Projects

On Thursday, December 22, twenty-seven seniors will be presenting their exit projects at Rock Creek High School. Students who have their projects completed early have the option of presenting in December, rather than waiting until March. This year an unprecedented number of students chose this option.

## 2012 ACT Tests

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
February 11	January 13	January 14-20
April 14	March 9	March 10-23
June 9	May 4	May 5-18



Right: *Anna Jilka* launches her group's trebuchet.

## Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Seniors interested in studying mathematics at KSU, may wish to apply for the <b>2012 KSU Freshman Mathematics Scholarships</b> . See Mr. Sullivan for application information.
	Seniors with a minimum 3.50 GPA or 23 ACT score who reside in Pottawatomie County, demonstrate financial need, and are planning to pursue a four-year degree are eligible to apply for the inaugural <b>2011 Hagan Scholarships</b> . Awards range in value from \$8,000-\$40,000. Apply at <a href="http://www.hsfmt.org">www.hsfmt.org</a> .
1/5/12-7/15/12	Seniors may apply for the <b>2012 American Legion Scholarships</b> . See Mr. Sullivan for program details, qualifications, and information sheets. The award amounts and deadlines vary.
1/6/12	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and 22 ACT score are eligible to apply for the <b>2012 ESA Outstanding Senior High Youth Awards</b> . Scholarships range in value from \$250-\$1,000. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and applications.
1/6/12	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to apply for the <b>2012 Outstanding Junior High Youth Awards</b> . Scholarships are \$250. See Mr. Sullivan for details and applications.
1/10/12	Seniors with a minimum 2.5 GPA may apply for the <b>2012 Burger King Scholarships</b> . Apply at <a href="http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html">www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html</a> . Awards range in value from \$1,000-\$50,000.
1/13/12	Seniors diagnosed with multiple sclerosis or whose parent has MS are eligible to apply for the <b>2012 National MS Society Scholarships</b> . Awards range in value from \$1,000-\$3,000. Visit <a href="http://www.nationalMSSociety.org/scholarship">www.nationalMSSociety.org/scholarship</a> to apply.
1/25/12	Senior boys planning to attend KSU may be interested for the <b>2012 Man of Faith Scholarships</b> . There will be one \$1,000 award and two \$500 awards presented to deserving applicants. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit <a href="http://www.ksu.edu/phikap/manoffaith.htm">www.ksu.edu/phikap/manoffaith.htm</a>
1/25/12	Grade 9-12 students with an entrepreneurial spirit may compete in the <b>Jump Start Kansas Venture Idea</b> competition. Awards are \$5,000. Contest winners will be selected based on their creativity and imagination in designing a new product, service or social venture. Apply at <a href="http://blogs.mcpherson.edu/entrepreneurship/jump-start-kansas">http://blogs.mcpherson.edu/entrepreneurship/jump-start-kansas</a> .
1/28/12	Junior and seniors are eligible to participate in the <b>2012 ACT High School Poster Concept Contest</b> . Scholarships range in value from \$1,000-\$5,000. Entry forms, program details available at <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/postercontest">www.actstudent.org/postercontest</a> .
2/1/12	Seniors may apply for the <b>ESA Foundation Scholarships</b> . Program information, scholarship qualifications, and award details are available at <a href="http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf">www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf</a> .
2/1/12	Seniors may apply for the <b>2012 AXA Achievement Community Scholarship</b> . Awards range in value from \$2,000-\$25,000. Apply at <a href="http://www.aca-achievement.com">www.aca-achievement.com</a> .
2/08/12	Seniors with a minimum 2.75 GPA who are planning to pursue bachelor's degrees may apply for the <b>2012 KFC Colonel's Scholarships</b> . Awards are \$5,000-\$20,000. Apply at <a href="http://www.kfcscholars.org">www.kfcscholars.org</a> .
2/10/12	Seniors currently employed at Hy-Vee or whose parents are Hy-Vee employees are eligible to apply for the <b>2012 Hy-Vee Scholarships</b> . Forty/\$1,000 awards will be presented to deserving applicants. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit <a href="http://www.hy-vee.com">www.hy-vee.com</a> .
2/17/12	Seniors may apply for the <b>2012 Ge-Reagan Foundation Scholarships</b> . Apply at <a href="http://www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships">www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships</a> or <a href="http://facebook.com/GEReaganScholarships">http://facebook.com/GEReaganScholarships</a> . The awards are renewable and worth \$10,000.
2/23/12	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the 10 <sup>th</sup> annual <b>Images of Aging Photography Contest</b> , sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center. Awards range from \$50-\$350. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration details or visit <a href="http://www2.kumc.edu/coa">www2.kumc.edu/coa</a> .
3/1/12	Senior boys with a minimum 3.0 GPA planning to attend KSU, may be interested in applying for the <b>2012 Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship</b> for \$250. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
3/1/12	Grade 10-12 students with a minimum 2.0 GPA and involved in athletics, may apply for the <b>2012 Sports Quest – Playing with a Purpose</b> scholarships. Apply at <a href="http://www.playingwithpurpose.org">www.playingwithpurpose.org</a> . The amounts vary.
3/23/12	Seniors whose families utilize Wamego Telecommunications as service provider are eligible to apply for the <b>2012 WTC Primo Scholarships</b> . Preference afforded those students choosing marketing, public relations, or telecommunications related fields. Five \$500 awards will be presented to deserving applicants. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit <a href="http://www.primomkt.com">www.primomkt.com</a> .
4/1/12	The <b>2011-12 Virtual Business Scholarship</b> application is available online to juniors/seniors enrolled in business, marketing, or personal finance. Applications will be judged nationally and the winner will receive \$2,000. The application is accessible at <a href="http://www.KnowledgeMatters.com/scholarships">www.KnowledgeMatters.com/scholarships</a> .
6/3/12	Juniors boys interested in attending the annual <b>Boys State Leadership Academy</b> at Kansas State University should see Mr. Sullivan for program details and registration information.

# ★ Champs of the Rock ★



## Mid-East All-League Football

### First Team

*Jordan Ebert, Logan Miner, Eric Willard,  
Kyron Case, Josh Roberts*

### Honorable Mention

*Josh Gee, K. J. Dobbins,  
Jacob Miller, J. T. Weers*

## All Flint Hills

### First Team

*Josh Gee, Logan Miner*

### Second Team

*Jordan Ebert, Eric Willard,  
K. J. Dobbins*

### Honorable Mentions

*Jacob Miller, Sheldon Rogge*

## 3A State Football

### First Team (KFBCA)

*Logan Miner, Eric Willard*

### First Team All-State

*Jordan Ebert*

### Honorable Mention All-State

*Eric Willard, Logan Miner*

## Mid-East All-league Volleyball

First Team: *Bailey Elliott*

Honorable Mention: *Megan Srna*



## BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

*Ryan Harshbarger*

Longview Community  
College

Lee's Summit, MO



## DEBATE

### Salina South JV

*Rock Creek, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Chance Maginness, 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Jackson Meyer, 5<sup>th</sup> place*

### Riley County

*Crystal Chitwood & Jacob Miller  
1<sup>st</sup> place  
Dylan Meyer & Josh Roberts  
2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Jacy Johnston & Rachel Forrester  
6<sup>th</sup> place*

### Hayden High School Novice Debate

*Rock Creek, 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Amanda Del Toro, Christine  
Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place*

### Tonganoxie

*Jackson Meyer & Clayton Frakes  
6<sup>th</sup> place  
Kelsey Cook & Charlie Pyle  
8<sup>th</sup> place*

## FFA Northeast District Public Speaking

*Clayton Frakes*

9<sup>th</sup>, Senior Prepared; 9<sup>th</sup>, Extemporaneous

*Dani Rakowitz*

1<sup>st</sup>, Sophomore Prepared

*Wyatt Fouts*

3<sup>rd</sup>, FFA Creed

*Cassandra Ebert*

6<sup>th</sup>, FFA Creed

## BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

### Dickenson County Classic

*Rock Creek Girls, 1<sup>st</sup> place*

*Elizabeth Herrs, Megan Srna*

**All-Tournament Team**

*Rock Creek Boys, 3<sup>rd</sup> place*

*Aaron Kuecker*

**All-Tournament Team**