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Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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Rock Creek Renaissance Presents Assembly

The high school academic assembly sponsored by Rock Creek Renaissance was held January 19, 2011. Rock Creek was honored to have several Renaissance sponsors in attendance on a snowy day. LaRae Kramer and Angie Reed represented K-State Federal Credit Union. Bill Hoffman represented Hoffman's Pharmacy. Thank you to all businesses and individuals who sponsor the Renaissance program.

The crowd was pumped as they played the featured games from "A Minute To Win It." Students and faculty had great fun playing games such as "Junk in the Trunk" and "Chocolate Unicorn." Points were awarded to the classes for black, silver, and white cards delivered prior to the assembly. As teams won the games, points were added to their total. The sophomore class emerged victorious.

Jostens, Inc. sponsored the award of a class ring. This ring was awarded to the student who had raised his GPA the most during the fall semester. *Patrick Arrow* was the winner of the ring donated by Jostens. Congratulations, *Patrick!*

Many other students were honored for individual accomplishments:

- Perfect attendance – *Tyler Ahring, Brianna Biscardi, Chance Maginness, Charlie Pyle, Chelsea Renner, Sheridan Reves, Zachary Saueressig, and Macy Umscheid*
- 4.0 GPA – *Larissa Eshelman, Macy Hawkins, Chance Maginness, Sarah Marek, Brooke Minihan, Kelsey Parker, Kelsey Plummer, Dani Rakowitz, Kerri Briggs, Crystal Chitwood, Cheyenne Deyo, Lauren Leupold, Dylan Meyer, Jacob Miller, Shannon Oakley, Josh Roberts, Hanna Ruder, Samuel Wilcox, Kiley Brown, Katie Hodges, Aaron Kuecker, Apichaya Leesakul, Thomas McAnerney, Logan Miner, Michael Parker, Ben Peterson, Jessi Snapp, Karl Thompson, Travis Briggs, Lucas Commerford, Katie Harrison, Sheridan Reves, and Macy Umscheid*
- High 5's (raised GPA .5 or more) – *Alex Bennett, Kennedy Brown, Marcus Guerra, Sam King, Kyle Lake, Ashtin Lee, Kyle Nelson, Jessica Niemeyer, Ryan Peckham, Mason Swenson, Patrick Arrow, Alisha Banta, Tyler Buss, Angel Camacho, Emily Forge, Abby Glendening, Ryan Harshbarger, Garrett Hudson, Nicole Koonce, Caitlyn Larson, Caitlin Leiker, Seth Lightfoot, Trever Sotelo, Josh Srna, Tevon Tebbutt, Stephanie Vanderlinde, Eric Willard, Aleksey Brunko, Joey Calmes, Marie Chasser, Anthony Dultmeier, Jackie Gonzalez, Skylar Myers, Justin Redding, Josh Rieck, and Josh Unruh.*
- Parking Passes – *Katie Hodges and Michael Parker*

Exit Project Raises \$ for Autistic Students

Chelsea Renner's exit project was twofold. She wanted to learn photography and she wanted to raise money to help the autistic students at Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School. *Chelsea* met with her mentor, Ali Mocabee, owner of Ali Mocabee Designs, and learned the basics of a Canon digital camera and photo editing using PhotoShop. With this knowledge, she went on to take several hundred pictures over the course of several months. *Chelsea* submitted pictures to the Riley County and Pottawatomie County fairs and received feedback on the quality of her picture taking and editing.

Next, *Chelsea* chose 12 pictures to edit and display in the Poppyfield Gallery owned by Britt Nichols and located in the Vin Vivante Winery in Wamego, Kansas. The pictures were viewed by the public and offered for sale to raise money for autistic students in the Rock Creek school district. *Chelsea* sold several of her photographs and earned \$125. On December 7, *Chelsea* presented the money to Mrs. Morgan Milham and Mrs. Tori Sieben, of the Rock Creek Special Education Department. Mrs. Milham said, "The money will be put to good use; we will buy games that will help our autistic students with their social skills."

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
1/28	Hutch Jazz Festival HSWR JV @ Manhattan HSBB Boys @ St. Marys	TBD 4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
1/29	HSBB Girls @ Hiawatha Tournament RC Forensics Invitational	TBD 8:00 a.m.
1/31	JHBB @ Silver Lake	5:30 p.m.
2/3	Regional Scholars Bowl JHBB vs Rossville HSWR @ Holton with Wamego	TBD 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
2/4	HSWR @ Onaga Duels HSBB v Riley County	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/5	KMEA Honor Choir	8:30 a.m.
2/7	HSBB Freshman Boys @ Wamego Tournament JHBB vs Mill Creek Valley	TBD 5:30 p.m.
2/8	HSBB @ Marysville	4:45 p.m.
2/9	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
2/10	HSBB Freshman Boys @ Wamego Tournament JHBB @ St. Marys	TBD 4:30 p.m.
2/11	HSWR Mid-East League @ Onaga HSBB vs St. Marys	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/12	HSBB Freshman Boys @ Wamego Tournament State Scholars Bowl HSWR JV @ Chapman HSBB JV Boys/Girls @ Royal Valley Tournament	TBD TBD 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
2/14	JHBB @ Riley County	5:30 p.m.
2/15	HSBB vs Chapman	4:45 p.m.
2/16-2/19	BPA State Leadership Conference	TBD
2/17	HSBB @ Silver Lake JHBB vs Silver Lake	4:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
2/18	HSWR Regionals	TBD
2/19	JHBB Mid-East League @ Riley County HSWR Regionals	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
2/22	JHBB Mid-East League @ Riley County	5:00 p.m.
2/23	Mid-East League Band @ Rock Creek No School	
2/24	KMEA Conference HSBB @ Rossville	TBD 4:45 p.m.
2/25	No School - 7-12 Inservice	
2/25-2/26	HSWR State @ Hays	TBD
2/28	Spring Sports Practice Begins HSBB Substate	TBD

NHS Wants You to Shed Some Blood So Others Can Live!

Did you know that one out of every three people will need a blood transfusion in their lifetime? In the U.S., someone needs blood every two seconds! These startling facts should be a good enough reason to convince you that **you** need to donate blood!

NHS will be hosting a blood drive in the RC Commons on February 18 from 7:30-3:30. To prepare for this important event, here are a few tips:

- Drink plenty of water, juice or Gatorade the day before
- Eat well the day before
- Bring your photo ID
- Sixteen year olds may donate if they have a signed parental consent form

Your blood donation will be appreciated more than any bouquet of roses! Plus a lot cheaper!

Bittersweet Ending For a Great Year

by *Jacy Johnston*

With the number three seed heading into tournament play, the Rock Creek 8th grade girls' basketball season was drawing to a close on Saturday, December 11, 2010. To start the day off right, the Mustangs began by taking on the number six seed Riley County Falcons. Though they had beaten the Falcons twice in the regular season, RCJH knew the road ahead was going to be tough. The Mustangs jumped ahead with the lead and ended the first six minutes with a 14-2 lead. During the 2nd quarter, the Lady Stangs kept up their good defense and went into the break with a 22-5 lead. After the midgame break, RC maintained their control of the game and finished it off 42-15. Leading the effort for the Mustangs in points was *Blair Campbell* with 12 and *Alexis Wilson* with 8.

To continue pool play, the Mustangs took on Silver Lake whom the Lady Stangs had never defeated, though both games had been close. RCJH started the game off with a bang, ready to get the lead. Also, they played very tough defense allowing only 4 points in the first half compared to their 14 scored against the Eagles. Though the Mustangs went into a slight slump during the third quarter, they quickly recovered and added onto their lead, starting the final six minutes of play up 20-10. The Mustangs were ready to finally defeat the Eagles. This showed as they pulled out the win 24-14, triumphantly. The Lady Stangs would head back to the championship game for the second year in a row.

The championship game was bittersweet in many ways for the Mustangs as they took on the undefeated St. Marys Bears. Both teams were ready for the rematch of last year's championship. The game began in favor of the Mustangs as they got the tipoff and went down to play some offense. Ending with some quick points by St. Marys, the first half flew by quickly with the score at the break 15-10, Mustangs trailing. During the second half, RCJH played hard but just couldn't get over the point deficit and ended the game behind 34-27. "We came in with a plan, we executed the plan, but just didn't score enough points to win," said Coach Lehning. "I am proud of the improvement we made as a team and all of the girls made as individuals. I can't wait to see the steps they make in the next four years and, for some, maybe even more years after that." The Mustangs points came from *Alexis Wilson*, *Blair Campbell*, *Shannon Caffrey* and *Sarah Altenhofen* with 10, 10, 2 and 5 respectively. The Mustangs finished their season with a record of 9-6 and 8-5 in the Mid-East League and with their respectable 2nd place medals.



Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Grade 9-11 students interested in summer foreign exchange programs should see Mr. Sullivan regarding program options and qualifications needed. Scholarships are available.
	Juniors interested in military academies may participate in a summer seminar at U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. This is a 5-day program encompassing cadet life and academic/athletic opportunities. Visit www.academyadmissions.com/#Page/Summer_Seminar for more information.
	Juniors interested in criminal justice/law enforcement careers may attend the Cadet Law Enforcement Academy in Salina, Kansas, June 12-17, 2011. See Mr. Sullivan for program details and registration.
	Seniors planning to attend a technical/community college may complete the Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship Exam . Each award is \$500. See Mr. Sullivan or visit www.kansasregents.org .
	Female students ages 14-18 (as of 2/1/11) are eligible to participate in the 2010 Miss Kansas Teen USA Pageant . Cash prizes and scholarships available. See Mr. Sullivan for registration forms or visit www.misskansasusa.com .
	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the 2011 Art & Writing Awards competition. For more information visit www.artandwriting.org
	Senior boys attending Emporia State may apply for the Balanced Man Scholarship – \$250-\$500. Mr. Sullivan has more information and applications.
	Junior boys interested in participating in the 2011 American Legion Boys State program June 5-11, 2011 at KSU should contact Mr. Sullivan.
1/30/11	KSU Man of Faith Scholarships (\$500-\$1,000) – must be a male attending KSU and have academic achievement. See Mr. Sullivan to apply.
2/1/11	ESA Scholarships (\$500-\$2,500) – need to have a minimum 3.0 GPA or 22 ACT score. Apply at www.esaintl.com/esaf/scholarship_application.html .
2/4/11	7 th /8 th grade females interested in math/science careers may attend the Expanding your Horizons Conference at Emporia State University on Saturday, March 5, 2011. The event will include career discussions and hands-on workshops in a variety of areas. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration.
2/9/11	KFC Colonel's Scholarships (\$20,000) – must have a minimum 2.75 GPA, be pursuing bachelor's degree, and have a financial need. Apply at www.kfcscholars.org .
2/11/11	Juniors/seniors planning to pursue engineering studies at KSU may attend the annual KSU Engineering Day on February 21. Program activities will include career discussions, lab observations, and various informational sessions (lunch included). Register at www.engg.ksu.edu/engineeringday .
2/15/11	Seniors may apply for the 2011 American Legion Scholarships . See Mr. Sullivan for program qualifications and applications. Awards range in value from \$250-\$1,000.
2/15/11	AXA Achievement Community Scholarships , see Mr. Sullivan.
2/15/11	Juniors pursuing journalism may apply for Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholarip (\$1,000) and Journalism Conference in Washington, D.C., July 9-14, 2011. Apply online at www.freepirit.org .
2/16/11	Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to apply for the 2011 Best Buy Scholarships (1,200 awards of \$1,000 each). Selection is based on academic achievement, community service, and/or work experience. Apply at www.at15.com or www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com
2/22/11	Seniors whose parents are active duty, retired, or decreased military service members are eligible to apply for the 2011 Military Children Scholarships . Applications are available at www.commissaries.com or www.militaryscholar.org .
2/23/11	Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in the 2010 Images of Aging photo contest. Prizes range in value from \$100-\$300. See me for program information/entry forms or visit www2.kumc.edu/coa
3/1/11	Seniors residing in the Blue Valley Tele-Communications service area may apply for the 2011 BVTC Local (3/28/11) and/or Foundation for Rural Service
3/28/11	National Scholarships (3/1/11) . See Mr. Sullivan or visit www.bluevalley.net/node/91 . Values range from \$250-\$2,500.
3/4/11	2011 Sammy Scholarships (\$7,500) – show academic achievement. Apply at www.bodybymilk.com .
3/9/11	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA who are planning to attend KSU, KU, Emporia, Pittsburg State, Fort Hays State, Wichita State, or Washburn University may apply for the 2011 Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarship (\$1,000). Apply at www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/senatordolepublicservice .
3/11/11	Seniors with a minimum 3.25 GPA and 22 ACT score may apply for the 2011 KACRAO Scholarships . Four \$250 scholarships will be presented to deserving students. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit www.kacrao.org
3/15/11	Seniors pursuing health related degree/certificate programs may apply for the 2011 Medical Professions Scholarship (\$500), offered via the Wamego Hospital Foundation. See Mr. Sullivan for applications/more information.
3/18/11	Juniors residing in the Blue Valley Tele-Communications service area may apply to attend the 17 th annual FRS Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. The four-day/all-expenses-paid trip, allows participants to explore our nation's capital and its attractions June 4-8, 2011. See Mr. Sullivan for registration information.
3/18/11	Seniors who may pursue studies in marketing, public relations, or telecommunications may apply for the 2011 Primo Scholarships . Three awards at \$500 each will be presented. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
3/25/11	Seniors planning to attend KSU, MATC, or Manhattan Christian College may apply for the 2011 Leadership Manhattan Scholarship (\$500). See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
5/13/11	Grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in a "Do A Good Deed" Essay Competition , sponsored by Dr. Roger Stevens, Dentistry by Design PA. Winner is awarded a new laptop. See Mr. Sullivan or visit www.DentistManhattanKS.com .
5/27/11	Seniors may apply for the B. Davis Scholarships – \$1,000. Apply at www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm .

School Closing Information

In the event that it becomes necessary to cancel classes or delay the start of a school day, announcements will be made via ALERT NOW, phone calls and e-mails. Announcements will also be made on: WIBW-13 TV, KSNT-27 TV, KTKA-49 TV, KMAN 1350/B104 Radio, and WIBW 94.5 Radio. In some cases school may be in session with limited or no bus service provided. View Limited Bus Schedule at www.rockcreekschools.org under District Information section.

Rock Creek U.S.D. 323 will keep schools open during cold and inclement weather whenever possible. Parents who consider temperatures and/or weather conditions unsafe for their children can keep their children home. Student absences because of weather conditions will be excused. Parents should excuse their children by calling the school.

The Rock Spotlight



MID-EAST LEAGUE

SCHOLARS' BOWL

Rock Creek Team

2nd Place

*Mandi Blenn, Lane Frazier, Caitlin Leiker,
Kyle Nelson, Elke Thompson, Karl Thompson*



Winter Royalty

Queen Chelsea Renner

King Chase Minihan

Candidates:

*Katie Good, Linda Overkamp, Morgan Umscheid,
Lucas Commerford, Nick Cooper, Josh Unruh*

Kansas State University

College of Engineering

Travis Briggs

*Outstanding Senior in
Mathematics and Science*

STATE DEBATE

Rock Creek Team

*Mandi Blenn, Crystal Chitwood, Dylan Meyer,
Jacob Miller, Ben Peterson, Josh Roberts*

4th Place

ESA Outstanding Youth

Macy Umscheid

Outstanding Senior High Award

Shannon Caffrey

Outstanding Junior High Award

KMAN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TRAVIS BRIGGS

WRESTLING

**Marion County Duals
Rock Creek Team, 3rd Place**

**Pott County Duals
Rock Creek Team, 1st Place**

FFA Winter CDE

Speech: 5th Place Team
Chelsea Ebert, 10th, Senior
Brooke Minihan, 2nd, Sophomore
Dani Rakowitz, 6th, Freshman
Anna Jilka, 3rd, Creed
Keegan Mocabee, 8th, Creed

Poultry: 1st Place, A Team; 4th Place, B Team
Sam Wilcox, 1st, Individual
Annette Trieb, 2nd, Individual
Anna Jilka, 5th, Individual, B Team

Ag Mechanics: 5th Place, A Team; 9th Place, B Team

ALL-STATE BAND

Brenda Stevenson, Clarinet

Anna Jilka, Bassoon

Rachel Frank, Flute

D. J. Denzien, Trombone

Kansas Scholastic Press Association

Rock Creek Yearbook

All-Kansas Award