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State Art Competition Winners

Rock Creek Art Department is proud of their State Scholastic Art Competition winners. A massive amount of artwork is submitted from all over the state for this competition. Rock Creek students took four silver medals and six honorable mentions. The students' artwork will hang in the gallery at the Wichita Center for the Arts, January 31 through March 11. The Gold Key Ceremony will be held February 26, 2012. The Scholastic Award Ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. This ceremony is for all award recipients. Certificates are given for American Vision, Gold Key, Silver Key, and Certificate of Merit.

Congratulations to silver medalists *Rachel Askew*, *Anastasia Bell*, *Larissa Eshelman*, and *Brook Lohse*. The honorable mention winners were *Kitrina Miller*, *Layne Turnbull*, *Heather Goodenow*, *Haley Lenauer* and *Larissa Eshelman* (two pieces).

Exit Project Early Presenters

On Thursday, December 22, 2011, 27 Rock Creek seniors successfully presented their exit projects before a panel of three judges, including their community mentor, their senior faculty advisor, and another member of the Rock Creek faculty. This presentation is the final step in the exit project process, which includes writing a research paper their junior year and completing a project of at least 15 hours. Part of the "early bird" group, these seniors elected to finish their project by the end of first semester. Therefore, they are dismissed from advisor for the spring semester. This was a largest group ever to present early in the year. The remaining 31 seniors will present Friday, March 16, 2012, before spring break. For more information on the exit project process, see the exit project link located on the district website, under the Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School menu.

Early presenters and their projects: *Kiley Brown* photographed the ABCs, *Kyron Case* and *Katie Hodges* ran a half marathon, *Caitline Christenson* created socials for the disabled, *K. J. Dobbins* participated in crossfit training, *Bailey Elliott* held a softball camp, *Emily Forge* trained a horse, *Lane Frazier* taught merit badges, *Josh Gee* constructed a coffee table, *Ryan Harbarger* restored a monument, *Lizz Herrs* remodeled a bathroom, *Dillon Johnston* learned about



recreation departments and held camps and a tournament, *Aaron Kuecker* learned to scuba dive, *Caitlyn Larson* coached a youth softball team, *Haley Lenauer* painted a mural, *Thomas McAnerney* built a wind turbine, *Ashley McDaris* built a vanity, *Tim Merry* repaired a car body, *Logan Miner* tanned a bear hide, *Devin Muir* invested money, *Michael Parker* attempted to break a Guinness Hide-n-Seek Game Record, *Ben Peterson* (shown above right with his mentor) restored a LT3 1973 motorcycle, *Cody Roche* organized an Airsoft war, *Adam Schmitz* built a deck, *Jessi Snapp* arranged flowers for prom and a wedding, *Josh Srna* built a cattle facility, and *Katie Zimmerman* made a picnic table.

Calendar of Events

1/20/12	HS Wrestling @ St. Marys HS Girls Basketball vs St. Marys HS Boys Basketball @ Canton-Galva	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 6:00 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	Hutchinson 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, MEL/Big 7 Classic 8 th at Royal Valley, Mayetta 7 th 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.
2/2/12	Regional Scholars Bowl JH Boys Basketball @ Rossville HS Wrestling w/Holton and Wamego	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
2/3/12	HS Wrestling @ Onaga HS Basketball vs Riley County	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/6/12	JH Boys Basketball @ Mill Creek Valley	4:30 p.m.
2/6-2/11	HS Basketball, Freshman @ Wamego Tournament	6:00 p.m.
2/7/12	HS Basketball vs Marysville	4:45 p.m.
2/8/12	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
2/9/12	JH Boys Basketball vs St Marys	5:30 p.m.
2/10/12	HS Wrestling MEL @ Rossville HS Basketball @ St Marys	3:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/11/12	State Scholars Bowl FR Girls Basketball @ Abilene HS Basketball, JV @ Royal Valley HS Wrestling, JV @ Chapman	TBD 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
2/13/12	JH Boys Basketball vs Riley County	5:30 p.m.
2/14/12	ESU Jazz Festival HS Basketball @ Chapman	TBD 4:45 p.m.
2/16/12	JH Boys Basketball @ Silver Lake	5:30 p.m.
2/17/12	HS Wrestling Regionals HS Basketball vs Silver Lake	3:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/18/12	JH Boys Basketball MEL Tournament HS Wrestling Regionals	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
2/21/12	JH Boys Basketball MEL Tournament	5:00 p.m.
2/22/12	HS MEL Music @ Silver Lake	8:00 a.m.
2/23/12	State Wrestling HS Basketball vs Rossville	TBD 4:45 p.m.
2/24/12	No School PK-12, Inservice 7-12 State Wrestling	TBD
2/27/12	HS Spring Practices Begin HS Boys Basketball Sub-State	TBD 7:00 p.m.
2/28/12	HS Girls Basketball Sub-State	TBD

**National Honor Society
Blood Drive
March 1, 2012
Rock Creek High School**

Debate Results

On Saturday, December 17 the Rock Creek Debate team won first place at the 4-speaker debate regional tournament held at Topeka High School. Students *Dylan Meyer, Josh Roberts, Crystal Chitwood* and *Jacob Miller* edged out Silver Lake for the first place plaque. Bishop Seabury Academy, a private religious school in Lawrence, finished third.

"I am really, really happy for the students. I'm not sure people understand how much effort it takes to debate. The students did a great job," said Coach Keith Miller. "Two of the students, *Josh Roberts* and *Jacob Miller*, were battling illness all day. *Josh* was really sick. Those two displayed great mental toughness. Throw in the fact that they had beaten a tough Centralia boy's varsity basketball team the night before, and you can't help but admire their efforts.

The four-speaker regional and state tournaments are run a bit differently from the typical regular season tournaments. In the regular season tournaments, each pair debates on both the affirmative and the negative side. At four-speaker each school has a pair that debates only on the affirmative all day, while the other pair debates only on the negative side all day. Each school's affirmative team goes against every school's negative pair, and vice-versa. This allows for better debate since the students can concentrate on only the affirmative or only the negative. For Rock Creek, *Crystal* and *Jacob* debated on the affirmative while *Josh* and *Dylan* debated on the negative.

The debate team next moved on to the state competition on January 13 and 14, which was held at Silver Lake. Also competing at the state two-speaker tournament, which was organized like a regular season tournament, were pairs *Jacy Johnston* and *Rachel Forrester*, *Molly Pyle* and *Larissa Eshelman*, and *Chance Maginness* and *Dani Rakowitz*. The Rock Creek team placed fifth.

Class of 2013 Starts Exit Projects

This semester marks the beginning of an important project for graduation. Members of the junior class had to have their exit project proposals turned in by January 19, 2012, and now start on their research papers.

Students have spent some time brainstorming ideas and narrowing down topics. As they begin research on their papers, they will start building their knowledge base for the actual exit project. Students are encouraged to begin working on their projects through the summer months. Senior year will be much more enjoyable with that graduation requirement under way.

Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Seniors interested in studying mathematics at KSU, may wish to apply for the 2012 KSU Freshman Mathematics Scholarships . See Mr. Sullivan for application information.
	Juniors and seniors interested in pursuing elementary or secondary education degrees at Kansas State University may want to participate in the annual Education Experience Day activities on March 2 or April 19. Participants will be paired with College of Education ambassadors to experience classes, campus life, and KSU, in general. See Mr. Sullivan for applications which must apply three weeks prior to preferred event.
7/15/12	Seniors may apply for the 2012 American Legion Scholarships . See Mr. Sullivan for program details, qualifications, and information sheets. The award amounts and deadlines vary.
2/1/12	Seniors planning to pursue criminal justice or social/behavioral science studies may apply for the 2012 KCA Scholarships , \$500-\$1,000. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
2/1/12	Seniors may apply for the ESA Foundation Scholarships . Program information, scholarship qualifications, and award details are available at www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf .
2/1/12	Seniors may apply for the 2012 AXA Achievement Community Scholarship . Awards range in value from \$2,000-\$25,000. Apply at www.aca-achievement.com .
2/08/12	Seniors with a minimum 2.75 GPA who are planning to pursue bachelor's degrees may apply for the 2012 KFC Colonel's Scholarships . Awards are \$5,000-\$20,000. Apply at www.kfcscholars.org .
2/10/12	Seniors currently employed at Hy-Vee or whose parents are Hy-Vee employees are eligible to apply for the 2012 Hy-Vee Scholarships . Forty/\$1,000 awards will be presented to deserving applicants. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit www.hy-vee.com .
2/15/12	Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to apply for the 2012 Best Buy Scholarships . Twelve hundred \$1,000 awards will be presented to deserving applicants. Apply on-line at www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com or www.at15.com .
2/15/12	Juniors planning to pursue journalism careers participate in the annual Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholarship and Journalism Conference in Washington, D.C. from July 14-19, 2012. The all-expenses paid event provides participants with college scholarships, along with an opportunity to meet and learn from the nation's leading media professionals. Apply at www.freespirit.org .
2/17/12	Seniors may apply for the 2012 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarships . Apply at www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships or http://facebook.com/GEReaganScholarships . The awards are renewable and worth \$10,000.
2/23/12	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the 10 th annual Images of Aging Photography Contest , sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center. Awards range from \$50-\$350. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration details or visit www2.kumc.edu/coa .
2/29/12	Seniors planning to pursue post-secondary engineering, technology, business, or design studies may apply for the 2012 Buick Achievers Scholarships . See www.buickachievers.com for more information and applications.
3/1/12	Seniors whose families subscribe to Blue Valley Telecommunications service are eligible to apply for the FRS National Scholarships . Awards range in value from \$500-\$5,000. Apply at 222.frs.org .
3/1/12	Senior boys with a minimum 3.0 GPA planning to attend KSU, may be interested in applying for the 2012 Delta Chi Memorial Scholarship 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 2012 Sports Quest – Playing with a Purpose scholarships. Apply at www.playingwithpurpose.org . The amounts vary.
3/9/12	Seniors with a minimum 3.25 GPA and 22 ACT score may wish to apply for the 2012 KACRAO Scholarships , \$250. Apply at www.kacrao.org .
3/16/12	Juniors whose parents are Blue Valley Telecommunications subscribers participate in the 2012 FRS Youth Tour from June 2-6, 2012, in Washington, D.C. The all-expenses paid trip provides participants an opportunity to explore our nation's capital and its many attractions. Apply at www.bluevalley.net/scholarships .
3/16/12	Seniors whose families subscribe to Blue Valley Telecommunications services may apply for the 2012 BVTC Scholarships . Apply at www.bluevalley.net/scholarships . Awards range in value from \$500-\$5,000.
3/23/12	Seniors whose families utilize Wamego Telecommunications as service provider are eligible to apply for the 2012 WTC Primo Scholarships . 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 www.primomkt.com .
3/31/12	Sophomore interested in pursuing law degrees may attend the Journey to J.D. summer program at the University of Kansas from June 3-9, 2012. More information and the applications are available at www.law.ku.edu/journeytojd .
4/1/12	The 2011-12 Virtual Business Scholarship 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 www.KnowledgeMatters.com/scholarships .
5/9/12	10 th and 11 th grade students planning to pursue nursing careers may attend the annual The Nightingale Summer Experience at Fort Hays State University on June 19-20, 2012. The all-expenses paid event provides participants an opportunity to learn more about a career in nursing, visit the FHSU Nursing Department, stay at a residence hall overnight, and observe clinical units at Hays Medical Center. See Mr. Sullivan for registration information.
6/3/12	Juniors boys interested in attending the annual Boys State Leadership Academy at Kansas State University should see Mr. Sullivan for program details and registration information.

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Rock Creek Physical Fitness Record

Dakota McAdams
Sit and Reach Record with 48"



All State Band

Anna Jilka
Bassoon



Rachel Frank
Flute



Regional Debate

1st Place

Dylan Meyer
Josh Roberts
Crystal Chitwood
Jacob Miller

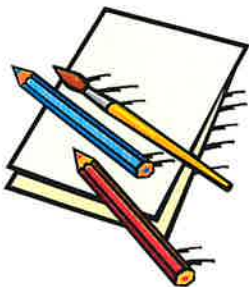


SHRINE BOWL

EAST SQUAD
LOGAN MINER
MIKE BEAM, COACH

Martin Luther King, Jr. 2012 Art Contest

Heather Goodenow,
1st Place



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