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## New Faces at "The Rock"

Rock Creek is hosting a new group of student teachers for the spring semester. The first, Shawn Dice, is student teaching in junior high science with Mr. Rottinghaus. Mr. Dice has been married for nearly 16 years with 3 children, ages 14, 12, and 10. He is currently in the college of education at Kansas State University. Prior experience includes serving in the Navy, being a truck driver in the 48 contiguous states and southern Canada, running construction sites, and demolition. His hobbies are fishing, hunting, skeet or target shooting, and he is a survivalist. Some advice he got from his supervising teacher was "don't panic."



Brittany Kramer is student teaching in FACS for Mrs. Siderewicz. Ms. Kramer grew up on a farm near Corning, Kansas, and graduated from Centralia High School. Her experience has been working on the family farm, waitress, soccer referee, associate at Bed, Bath and Beyond, and as an officer manager at Bramlage Concessions at K-State. Her hobbies include watching movies, reading books, riding bikes, and cake decorating. Some advice from her supervising teacher was "be flexible because no two days are the same."



Abby Kuckelman is student teaching with Mrs. Rottinghaus in junior high social studies. She is attending Kansas State University. She has worked as a mental health specialist in Topeka, as child care provider at Fort Riley and as sorting intern at Kansas State University. Some of her hobbies include KU basketball, playing basketball, volleyball, slow-pitch softball, traveling, hiking, swimming, sky diving, and snowboarding. Some advice from her supervising teacher was "get some sleep - you look tired."



Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Zabel are hosting Chris Schiebel in high school social studies. Mr. Schiebel is originally from Flint, Michigan. He will receive his BA from Kansas State University. He served as a U.S. Army Medic stationed in the states. He was deployed in Iraq August 2005 - December 2006. His hobbies include watching sports, playing baseball, basketball, and golf, and reading James Patterson. Mr. Schmitz advised him to "relax, use what you know, and just teach."



Gared Shaffer is student teaching for Mr. Holliday in the agriculture program. He is from Independence, Kansas, and will graduate from Kansas State University. He has been employed at several farms in Kansas and South Dakota, the KSU meat lab, beef research unit, and dairy unit. Some of his hobbies include hunting, fishing, and horseback riding. Mr. Holliday gave him some advice by saying "the more kids the better, in more ways than one."



# Calendar

Date	Event	Time
3/30	HS Cheer Clinic	6:00 p.m.
3/31	HS Varsity/JV Track @ Silver Lake HS Softball @ Wamego HS JV Baseball Marysville JH Cheer Tryouts	3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
4/1	HS Baseball @ Marysville HS Cheer Tryouts JH Dance	4:30 p.m. 5-6 p.m. 7-9:30 p.m.
4/2	District Solo / Ensemble Baseball / Softball Youth Camps	TBD 9:00 a.m.
4/5	HS JV Track @ Wamego JH Track Rock Creek Invitational HS Softball @ Abilene HS JV Baseball Silver Lake	3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/7	JH Track @ Silver Lake HS JV Baseball @ Herington HS JV Softball @ Abilene	3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/8	Washburn Jazz Festival HS Track @ Wabaunsee HS Softball Southeast of Saline HS Baseball Wamego	TBD 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/9	ACT Test HS Prom	8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
4/11	HS JV Softball @ Clay Center HS JV Baseball @ Wamego	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/12	HS Track @ Wamego HS JV Track @ Abilene HS Softball Clay Center HS Baseball Chapman	3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/13	Large Group Music Board of Education Meeting	TBD 7:00 p.m.
4/14	JH Track @ St Marys HS JV Baseball Riley County	2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/15	HS Track Rock Creek	3:00 p.m.
4/16	Regional Forensics HS JV Softball Rock Creek Tournament	TBD 10:00 a.m.
4/18	HS Softball @ St Marys HS Baseball @ St. Marys	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/19	JH Track @ Frankfort HS Track @ Jeff West HS JV Softball St. Marys HS JV Baseball St. Marys	1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/21	HS JV Softball Council Grove	4:30 p.m.
4/22	No School PK-12 Inservice/Plan	
4/25	HS JV Softball @ Riley County HS JV Baseball @ Riley County Jazz Concert @ Manhattan Town Center	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
4/26	HS Softball Riley County HS Baseball Riley County	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/28	JH Track @ Rossville HS JV Track @ Manhattan HS JV Baseball @ Wamego Tournament	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/29	HS Track @ St. Marys HS JV Softball Chapman HS Baseball Clay Center	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/30	State Solos/Ensembles HS JV Baseball @ Wamego	TBD TBD

## FCCLA Members Say "Thanks"

The senior high FCCLA members would like to thank all of the individuals who donated pillowcases and sheets to our "Dress a Girl Around the World" chapter project. We have exceeded our goal of one dress per member and are approaching 50 dresses with the possibility of exceeding that number. We also wish to thank those who ate at the soup meal at the February 15, Rock Creek vs. Chapman basketball game. The money raised will be used to help with the shipping cost to children in Africa.

*Anna Jilka* received 1<sup>st</sup> place at STAR Events in the Chapter Project Display event and will be presenting at the state STAR Events on April 4.

Some of the dresses are shown below. Can you find the dress made from your donation?



## Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> grade students interested in engineering, physics, chemistry, biology, or math may attend the 46 <sup>th</sup> annual <b>KSU Engineering &amp; Science Summer Institute</b> May 30-June 3. Visit <a href="http://www.engineering.ksu.edu">www.engineering.ksu.edu</a> or see Mr. Sullivan.
	Military dependent students planning to complete the April 9 or June 11 ACT exams are eligible to receive <b>free ACT Prep Courses</b> (\$200 value). See Mr. Sullivan for details or visit <a href="http://www.eknowledge.com/military">www.eknowledge.com/military</a>
	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in math/science careers may participate in the 11 <sup>th</sup> annual <b>MASTER IT</b> program at Emporia State University. The five-day summer residential camp (June 5-9, 2011) is intended to promote participants' knowledge of math/science related occupations. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration details.
	Seniors and senior parents are reminded about filing deadlines for the <b>2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</b> forms. Students and parents can obtain personal identification numbers (PIN) online at <a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a> . FAF forms can be filed online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> . See Mr. Sullivan with questions.
	Grade 10-11 students may participate in the <b>Kansas Future Teacher Academy</b> at Emporia State University, June 12-16, 2011. Participants will attend a variety of leadership/self improvement workshops, interact with college instructors, attend social events, and enjoy on campus residence halls. See Mr. Sullivan or visit <a href="http://www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta/application.pdf">www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta/application.pdf</a> .
	Grade 9-11 students interested in <b>summer foreign exchange programs</b> should see Mr. Sullivan regarding program options and qualifications needed. Scholarships are available.
	Juniors interested in <b>military academies</b> 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 <a href="http://www.academyadmissions.com/#Page/Summer_Seminar">www.academyadmissions.com/#Page/Summer_Seminar</a> for information.
	Juniors interested in criminal justice/law enforcement careers may attend the <b>Cadet Law Enforcement Academy</b> 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 <b>Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship Exam</b> . Each award is \$500. See Mr. Sullivan or visit <a href="http://www.kansasregents.org">www.kansasregents.org</a> .
	Female students ages 14-18 (as of 2/1/11) are eligible to participate in the <b>2010 Miss Kansas Teen USA Pageant</b> . Cash prizes and scholarships available. See Mr. Sullivan for registration forms or visit <a href="http://www.misskansasusa.com">www.misskansasusa.com</a> .
	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the <b>2011 Art &amp; Writing Awards</b> competition. For more information visit <a href="http://www.artandwriting.org">www.artandwriting.org</a>
	Senior boys attending Emporia State may apply for the <b>Balanced Man Scholarship</b> – \$250-\$500. Mr. Sullivan has more information and applications.
	Junior boys interested in participating in the <b>2011 American Legion Boys State</b> program June 5-11, 2011 at KSU should contact Mr. Sullivan.
	High school students considering broadcasting careers may want to participate in the <b>Manhattan Broadcasting Mentoring Programs</b> . Participants complete a half-day job shadowing experience at the Manhattan Broadcasting studios exploring news, sports casting, commercial production, deejay, talk show hosting , promotions and marketing careers. See Mr. Sullivan if interested.
3/31/11	Seniors with active duty/retired military parents of the greater Fort Riley Community may be interested in applying for the <b>2011 Fort Riley Combined Scholarships</b> . See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
4/1/11	10 <sup>th</sup> grade students might be interested in attending the annual <b>"For Sophomores Only"</b> event at Kansas State University on April 15 & 16. The workshop includes college transition topics such as admissions, enrollment, financial aid, and scholarships. See Mr. Sullivan for reservation information or visit <a href="http://www.k-state.com/fso">www.k-state.com/fso</a>
4/1/11	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA and whose parents are active duty or retired military are eligible for the <b>2011 Adrian &amp; Corena Swanier Scholarships</b> (\$1,000). See Mr. Sullivan for more information and applications.
4/5/11	Seniors pursuing studies in journalism, political science, or communications may apply for the <b>2011 KCC/EOA Scholarships</b> (\$500). See Mr. Sullivan.
5/13/11	Grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in a <b>"Do A Good Deed" Essay Competition</b> , sponsored by Dr. Roger Stevens, Dentistry by Design PA. Winner is awarded a new laptop. See Mr. Sullivan or visit <a href="http://www.DentistManhattanKS.com">www.DentistManhattanKS.com</a> .
5/27/11	Seniors may apply for the <b>B. Davis Scholarships</b> – \$1,000. Apply at <a href="http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm">www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm</a> .

# The Rock Spotlight



## FORENSICS

### Marysville Tournament

*Rock Creek Team: 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Kennedy Brown: 5<sup>th</sup> in Poetry*

*Ben Peterson: 5<sup>th</sup> in Informative, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Extemporaneous*

*Sarah Marek: 5<sup>th</sup> in Extemporaneous*

*Crystal Chitwood: 4<sup>th</sup> in Oration*

*Devin Muir: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Humorous Solo Acting*

*Sara Nider: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Dramatic Solo Acting*

*Hanna Ruder and Jacob Miller: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Duet*

*Jackson Meyer and Sara Nider: 1<sup>st</sup> in Duet*

*Jacob Miller: 1<sup>st</sup> in Humorous Solo Acting*

*Hanna Ruder: 1<sup>st</sup> in Poetry*

### Wamego Tournament

*Rock Creek Team: 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Ashtin Lee: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Prose*

*Jim Goodmiller: 5<sup>th</sup> in Prose*

*Kynedee Hodges: 5<sup>th</sup> in Informative*

*William Henry: 4<sup>th</sup> in Humorous Solo Acting*

*Devin Muir: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Humorous Solo Acting*

*Paige Miller: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dramatic Solo Acting*

*Felicia Smith: 5<sup>th</sup> in Dramatic Solo Acting*

*Shaunee Hulbert and Paige Nickell: 6<sup>th</sup> in Improvised Duet Acting*

### Concordia Tournament

*Rock Creek Team: 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Sara Nider: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dramatic Solo Acting*

*Brooke Minihan: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Dramatic Solo Acting*

*Molly Pyle: 5<sup>th</sup> in Dramatic Solo Acting*

*Felicia Smith: 6<sup>th</sup> in Dramatic Solo Acting*

*Dylan Meyer: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Oration, 1<sup>st</sup> in Extemporaneous*

*Ben Peterson: 5<sup>th</sup> in Informative*

### Jackson Heights Tournament

*Rock Creek Team: 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Sara Nider: 1<sup>st</sup> in Poetry*

*Morgan Schwinn: 4<sup>th</sup> in Poetry*

*Dani Rakowitz: 4<sup>th</sup> in Informative, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Extemporaneous*

*Larissa Eshelman: 5<sup>th</sup> in Oration*

*Sara Nider and Jackson Meyer: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Duet*

*Jackson Meyer: 5<sup>th</sup> in Dramatic Solo Acting*

### Regional Journalism

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

*Anthony Dultmeier, Editorial Cartooning*

*Cody Liming, Yearbook Sports Writing*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

*Amanda Gross, Editorial Cartooning*

*Michael Parker, Newspaper Sports Writing*

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

*Katie Hodges, Yearbook Copy Writing*

*Brandon Hyde, Feature Writing*

*Thomas McAnerney, Editorial Writing*

*Michael Parker, Yearbook Sports Writing*

#### Honorable Mention

*Thomas McAnerney, News Writing*

*Jacob Milham, Newspaper Sports Writing*

### Mid-East All League Basketball

*Ashley Altenhofen*

*Travis Briggs*

*Lizz Herrs*

*Dillon Johnston*

#### Honorable Mention

*Skyler Beam*

### Flint Hills Basketball, First Team

*Travis Briggs*

*Lizz Herrs*

### Flint Hills Basketball, Second Team

*Ashley Altenhofen*

### US Army Reserve National

### Scholar/Athlete Award

*Ashley Altenhofen*

*Skyler Beam*