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Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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Rock Creek Welcomes Student Teacher

The new school year brought a new face to the Rock Creek building. There is only one student teacher in the building this fall. He is Charlie Todd and his supervisor is Desirae Reitz in junior high math.

Charlie Todd is currently attending Kansas State University. He plans to graduate in December with a degree in secondary education with an emphasis in mathematics. Originally from Salina, Mr. Todd lives with his two brothers in Manhattan. Mr. Todd hopes to substitute teach in this area in the spring and find a full-time teaching position next fall. At this time he is the head security supervisor for events at Bramlage and Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Mr. Todd finds Rock Creek's size a great fit for him. He enjoys seeing every junior high student in his math classes. The best advice he received was from a professor. She said that the most important thing to the students is not the content he will be teaching, but everything else, so don't freak out if students are not always engaged.



Rock Creek Celebrates Homecoming

The Rock Creek Student Council sponsored this year's homecoming activities. Homecoming started with a week filled with different dress-up days picked by the RCHS cheerleaders. The week reached its peak on Friday as the students went to Westmoreland for the annual parade and pep rally. This year's senior class won the float contest with the float theme "Viva La Post." They were rewarded with an ice cream float party.



Homecoming Royalty: (first row) *Jessi Snapp, Bailey Elliott, Emily Forge, Katie Hodges*; (top row) *Logan Miner, Ryan Harshbarger, Kyron Case, and K. J. Dobbins.*

That evening the RCHS football team faced off against Silver Lake. At halftime Student Council crowned the homecoming king and queen. This year's king was *Logan Miner* and the queen was *Katie Hodges*. After the hard-fought game, the students concluded the week of fun with a dance in the cafeteria. They danced the night away with Complete Music of Manhattan providing the music.

Junior Parent Meeting

The Rock Creek Exit Committee will hold an informational meeting for junior parents on November 28, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. All junior parents are invited to a presentation of requirements for the senior exit project. The senior advisors will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the process. This is an opportunity for you to be informed about the exit project your students will complete for graduation. Plan to attend the meeting in the cafeteria at Rock Creek High School.

Calendar of Events

10/20	JH/HS Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
10/21	HSFB vs. Nemaha Valley, Senior Night Jr. Cheer Performance	7:00 p.m. Half-time
10/22	Debate @ Riley County ACT Exam HSVB Sub-State @ Marysville HSCC Regionals @ Riley County	TBD 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
10/24	Scholars Bowl @ Sabetha HSFB JV @ Nemaha Valley	TBD 6:00 p.m.
10/25	Scholars Bowl @ Silver Lake JHGB vs. Riley County	TBD 4:30 p.m.
10/26	BPA Fall Delegate Assembly @ KSU Rock Creek Parent-Teacher Conferences	8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
10/27	JHGB & JHWR Pictures HSFB @ Riley County	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
10/28	No School 7-12 HSVB State	TBD
10/29	HSVB State HSCC State @ Rimrock, Lawrence Debate @ Junction City	TBD TBD TBD
11/1	HSFB Bi-District	7:00 p.m.
11/3	JHGB vs. Rossville	4:30 p.m.
11/5	District Band & Choir Auditions JHWR Rock Creek Tournament HSFB Regionals	TBD 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
11/7	JH MEL Band @ St. Marys KU Honors Banquet	1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
11/8	JHWR @ Clay Center JHGB vs. Mill Creek Valley	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
11/9	HS Band @ St. George JH MEL Vocal @ Mill Creek Valley Board of Education Meeting	TBD 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
11/10	JHGB @ St. Marys	4:30 p.m.
11/11	HS Band @ Manhattan Veteran's Day Parade HSFB Sectional	TBD 7:00 p.m.
11/12	JHWR @ Silver Lake	8:15 a.m.
11/14	HS Winter Practices Begin	3:30 p.m.
11/15	JHWR @ St. Marys JHGB @ Riley County	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
11/17	JHWR @ Mill Creek Valley JHGB vs. Silver Lake	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
11/18	Jazz Band @ Baker University HSFB SubState	TBD TBD
11/19	JHWR @ Rossville	8:30 a.m.
11/21	JH & 6 th Grade St. George Band Concert	7:30 p.m.
11/22	JHGB @ Rossville	4:30 p.m.
11/23-11/25	No School – Thanksgiving	
11/26	HSFB State	TBD
11/28	Winter Scrimmages Senior Exit Meeting for Junior Parents	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
11/29	JHGB @ Mill Creek Valley	4:30 p.m.

Fall Choir Concert

The Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School Vocal Music Department will present their first Fall Concert with their new director, Mr. J. Todd Walters. The concert will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rock Creek Auditorium. Mr. Walters received his Music Education Degree at the University of Kansas and has taught vocal and instrumental music for 25 years in both Colorado and Kansas. Mr. Walters also assists Mr. Bradley with the Rock Creek Instrumental Program and the bands at St. George Elementary.

The Fall Concert will feature numbers by the Junior High Choir, the High School Choir, the High School Select Women's Ensemble and Mixed Ensemble as well as one number with the combined groups.

The program will include a variety of genre from traditional to modern and from American to African in origins. The program itself is listed on Mr. Walters' blog site at: rockcreekvocal@blogspot.com. Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mole Day

Get ready to party! National Mole Day is celebrated each year on October 23. The "mole" in chemistry is a term used to count atoms and molecules. 60200000000000000000000000000000 (usually written as 6.02×10^{23}) of anything, is a "mole." October 23 is sometimes written as 10/23. Thus, National Mole Day is celebrated from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m. on October 23.

Each year chemistry students compete for the title of Mole King and Mole Queen. The title goes to the boy and girl with the top grades of all the chemistry students. Since Mole Day falls on a Sunday this year, it will be celebrated and crowning royalty will occur on October 24 and 25.

2011-2012 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5-18, 2011
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 14-20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	High School students considering law careers may be interested in attending Washburn University's Pre-Law Day on Nov 4. Law scholars and professionals will be available to answer questions and share information regarding legal studies and careers. Register at www.washburn.edu/main/pre-law-day/
	Seniors interested in studying mathematics at KSU, may wish to apply for the 2012 KSU Freshman Mathematics Scholarships . 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 2011 Hagan Scholarships . Awards range in value from \$8,000-\$40,000. Apply at www.hsfmo.org .
	Students who are military dependents are eligible to receive free ACT Exam Prep courses. Visit www.eknowledge.com/military for more information and registration details.
10/28/11	Students interested in Hutchinson Community College programs may attend Senior Recruitment Day . Register at www.hutchcc.edu/recruit .
10/30/11	Seniors with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA who demonstrate financial need may apply for the 2012 Horatio Alger Association Scholarships The awards range in value from \$2,500-\$20,000. Apply at www.horatioalger.com/scholarships .
11/01/11	Junior and seniors are eligible to participate in the 2011 Masonic Lodge Scholarship Essay Contest . Awards range in value from \$100-\$4,000. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration details.
11/05/11	Seniors may compete in the 2012 Foundation for Individual Rights in Education essay contest. Scholarships range in value from \$1,000-\$5,000. Visit thefire.org/contests to register.
11/11/11	High school students are eligible to participate in the inaugural Constitution Bee Youth Education Scholarship competition. Scholarships are \$3,500. To apply, visit www.flinthillsteaparty.com .
12/01/11	Seniors may apply for the 2012 AXA Achievement Scholarship . Awards range in value from \$2,000-\$25,000. Learn more at www.axa-achievement.com .
12/02/11	Seniors may be interested in applying for the 2012 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarships . Awards range in value from \$600-\$40,000. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and applications or visit www.elks.org .
12/12/11	Seniors planning to attend KSU may be interested in applying for the 2012 KSU Civic Leadership Scholarships . Renewable awards range in value from \$2,000-\$4,000. Apply at www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships .
1/13/12	Seniors diagnosed with multiple sclerosis or whose parent has MS are eligible to apply for the 2012 National MS Society Scholarships . Awards range in value from \$1,000-\$3,000. Visit www.nationalMSSociety.org/scholarship to apply.
1/06/12	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and 22 ACT score are eligible to apply for the 2012 ESA Outstanding Senior High Youth Awards . Scholarships range in value from \$250-\$1,000. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and applications.
1/06/12	7 th /8 th grade students are eligible to apply for the 2012 Outstanding Junior High Youth Awards . Scholarships are \$250. See Mr. Sullivan for details and applications.
2/01/12	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 .
2/10/12	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 .
4/1/12	The 2011-12 Virtual Business Scholarship application is now available online to juniors and seniors enrolled in business, marketing, or personal finance. The application is accessible at www.KnowledgeMatters.com/scholarships . Applications will be judged nationally and the winner will receive \$2,000.

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DEBATE

Seaman Tournament

Josh Roberts and Dylan Meyer – 3rd

Jacob Miller and Crystal Chitwood – 5th

Rossville Novice Tournament

Spencer Bowers and Heather Gardner – 3rd

Christine Thompson and Amanda Del Toro – 6th

McKenzy Umscheid and Wyatt Fouts – 8th

Rock Creek Team – 1st Place

Silver Lake Varsity Tournament

Dani Rakowitz and Jackson Meyer – 8th

Rock Creek Team – 3rd Place



Cross Country

Mid-East League

Rock Creek Boys' Team – 2nd Place

Ryan Schneider, Nate Berard, and Clayton Frakes – All League

Rock Creek Girls' Team – 2nd Place

Jacy Johnson and Sarah Altenhofen – All League

Shannon Oakley

nominated to represent Rock Creek at

U.S. Senate Youth Program

KANSAS HONOR SCHOLARS

Aaron Kuecker

Thomas McAnerney

Logan Miner

Ben Peterson

Adam Schmitz

Jessica Snapp



Anna Jilka

Shilo Schaake

National FFA Convention

*KMAN Student/Athlete
of the Week*

K. J. Dobbins

Larissa Eshelman

Representative at the Annual HOBY Summer Leadership Seminar

Brooke Minihan

Program Alternate