



# Mustang Express

Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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## Leadership

*"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way"* **John C. Maxwell**

Leadership is a hard characteristic to define. Leaders listen and observe; leaders discuss issues with others; leaders express their opinions. Leaders work on projects and enlist others to help. Leaders encourage teamwork and can work independently. Leaders identify problems and find solutions. Leaders bring out the best in others and strive to fulfill their own capacity. Leaders set examples and goals. Rock Creek High School has many leaders. They can be found in the classroom, participating in an athletic event, or working in an organization. Some students have been chosen by their peers to be officers in the classes and organizations in school.

**Student Council:** President *Josh Camacho*; Vice-President *T. J. Andrade*; Secretary *Amanda Oakley*; Treasurer *Jacob Miller*; Sponsor *Dick Dugan*

**Junior High Student Council:** President *Morgan Schwinn*; Vice-President *Jacy Johnston*; Secretary *Travis Blenn*; Treasurer *Spencer Bowers*; Sponsors *Desirae Reitz, Bridgette Rankin*

**Senior Class:** President *Torrey Peterson*; Vice-President *Josh Camacho*; Secretary *Sara Liming*; Treasurer *Nolan Fike*; Student Council Representatives *Taylor Ebert, Harrison Newman*; Sponsors *Ashley Wege, Kellie Milner*

**Junior Class:** President *Ashley Altenhofen*; Vice-President *Mandi Blenn*; Secretary *T. J. Minihan*; Treasurer *Colten Smith*; Student Council Representatives *Chelsea Ebert, Luke Goodenow*; Sponsors *Sara Miller, Kevin Sullivan*

**Sophomore Class:** President *Kyron Case*; Vice-President *Elke Thompson*; Secretary *Katie Zimmerman*; Treasurer *Sam Wilson*; Student Council Representatives *Emily Forge, K. J. Dobbins*; Sponsors *Cherrie Lindsey, Morgan Milham*

**Freshman Class:** President *Trey Basa*; Vice-President *Sara Nider*; Secretary *Shannon Oakley*; Treasurer *Anna Jilka*; Student Council Representatives *J. T. Weers, Josh Roberts*; Sponsors *Tori Sieben, Desirae Reitz*

**Business Professionals of America:** President *Lane Frazier*; Vice-President *Trevor Clark*; Secretary *Haley Lenauer*; Treasurer *Caitlin Leiker*; Student Council Representative *Jeran Fry*; Sponsor *Pat Booth*

**Family, Career and Community Leaders of America:** President *Jackie Gonzales*; Vice-President *Rachel Lewman*; Secretary *Amy Eshelman*; Treasurer *Lane Frazier*; Student Council Representative *Rachel Lewman*; Vice-President of Public Relations *Chelsea Ebert*; District Treasurer *Anna Jilka*; Sponsors *Mary Siderewicz, Joyce Berg*

**Junior High Family, Career and Community Leaders of America:** President *Jory Harshbarger*; Vice-President *Courtney Hoover*; Secretary *Sami Johnson*; Treasurer *Travis Blenn*; Sponsors *Mary Siderewicz, Joyce Berg*

**FFA:** President *Pake Ebert*; Vice-President *George Dille*; Secretary *William Trieb*; Treasurer *Chase Minihan*; Student Council Representative *Trevor Sutton*; Sentinel *T. J. Minihan*; Reporter *Chelsea Ebert*; Student Advisor *Shane Schaake*; Sponsor *David Holliday*

**National Honor Society:** President *Torrey Peterson*; Vice-President *Nolan Fike*; Secretary *Amanda Oakley*; Treasurer *Chelsea Ebert*; Student Council Representative *George Dille*; Sponsor *Donna Hawkins*

**RC Club:** President *Josh Camacho*; Vice-President *Brad Duncan*; Secretary *Ashley Srna*; Treasurer *Lucas Swoyer*; Student Council Representative *Nolan Fike*; Sponsors *Jeri Brummett, Mike Beam*

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
4/22	JV Baseball @ Wamego Tournament JV Softball @ Council Grove	TBD 4:30 p.m.
4/23	Softball and Baseball Osage City	4:30 p.m.
4/24	State Solo/Small Ensembles JV Baseball @ Wamego Tournament JV Softball Rock Creek Tournament	TBD 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
4/26	JV Softball and Baseball Riley County FFA District Banquet	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
4/27	Softball and Baseball @ Riley County	4:30 p.m.
4/29	JH Track @ Rossville HS JV Track @ Manhattan JV Softball Abilene	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/30	State Forensics HS Track @ St Marys Baseball @ Clay Center JV Softball @ Chapman	TBD 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
5/1	JH Band Festival State Forensics Junior Mustang Softball and Baseball Camp	TBD TBD 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5/2- 5/4	FFA State CDE	TBD
5/3	Activity/Athletic Banquet	5:30 p.m.
5/4	HS Track @ Nemaha Valley Softball and Baseball @ Wabaunsee	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
5/6	JH Track Rock Creek JV Softball Wabaunsee	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
5/7	Softball and Baseball Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.
5/8	HS Choir Music in the Parks	All Day
5/10	Pop Concert	7:00 p.m.
5/11	JH Track Mid-East League Softball and Baseball @ Rossville	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
5/12	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
5/13	HS Track Mid-East League	3:30 p.m.
5/14	Band Concert 5-12	7:00 p.m.
5/17-5/20	Softball and Baseball Regionals	TBD
5/20	FFA Barnyard	TBD
5/21	HS Track Regionals	TBD
5/22	HS Graduation	3:00 p.m.
5/25	Last Day of School – Dismiss at Regular Time	
5/26-5/27	Teacher Workdays	8:00 a.m.
5/28-5/29	Softball and Baseball State HS Track State	TBD TBD
5/31	Memorial Day Holiday	

## Forensics Results

The Rock Creek Forensics team has had another successful year. The last month has been busy with the following results:

### CFL Qualifying Tournament

*Torrey Peterson, 1<sup>st</sup>, Oratory*  
*Nolan Fike, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dramatic Solo Acting*  
*Mandi Blenn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Extemporaneous*  
*Adara Leonard, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oral Interpretation of Literature*  
*Torrey Peterson, Sam Cott, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Duet Acting*  
*T. J. Roberts, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oral Interpretation of Literature*  
*Dylan Meyer, 5<sup>th</sup>, Oratory and 7<sup>th</sup>, Extemporaneous*  
*Sara Nider, Paige Miller, 8<sup>th</sup>, Duet Acting*

### Mid-East League Tournament

*Nolan Fike, League Champion, Dramatic Solo Acting*  
*Torrey Peterson, Sam Cott, League Champions, Duet Acting*  
*T. J. Roberts, League Champion, Poetry and Prose*  
*Eric Willard, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Poetry*  
*Sara Nider, Paige Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Duet Acting*  
*Dylan Meyer, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Extemporaneous and Oration*  
*Ben Peterson, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Informative*  
*Hanna Ruder, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Humorous Solo Acting*  
*Mandi Blenn, 4<sup>th</sup>, Extemporaneous and Informative*  
*Torrey Peterson, 4<sup>th</sup>, Oration*  
*Ben Peterson, Skylar Myers, 4<sup>th</sup>, Improvised Duet Acting*  
*Jacob Miller, 6<sup>th</sup>, Humorous Solo Acting*  
*Adara Leonard, 6<sup>th</sup>, Prose*

### Valley Heights Forensics

*Mandi Blenn, 1<sup>st</sup>, Extemporaneous; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Informative*  
*Trey Basa, 1<sup>st</sup>, Informative*  
*Trey Basa, Shannon Oakley, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Duet Acting*  
*Hanna Ruder, 4<sup>th</sup>, Humorous Solo Acting*  
*Sam Cott, Nolan Fike, 5<sup>th</sup>, Duet Acting; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Improvised Duet*  
*Brenda Stevenson, 5<sup>th</sup>, Dramatic Solo Acting*  
*Paige Nickell, 6<sup>th</sup>, Informative*  
*Lauren Leupold, 6<sup>th</sup>, Extemporaneous*

### Clay Center Forensics

*Mandi Blenn, 1<sup>st</sup>, Extemporaneous; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Informative*  
*Ben Peterson, 1<sup>st</sup>, Informative*  
*Paige Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dramatic Solo Acting*  
*Paige Miller, Sara Nider, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Duet Acting*  
*Jacob Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oration*  
*Brenda Stevenson, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dramatic Solo Acting; 6<sup>th</sup>, Prose*  
*Trey Basa, 5<sup>th</sup>, Informative*  
*Mason Swenson, 5<sup>th</sup>, Poetry*  
*Shannon Oakley, 6<sup>th</sup>, Dramatic Solo Acting*  
*Lauren Leupold, 6<sup>th</sup>, Extemporaneous*  
*Crystal Chitwood, 6<sup>th</sup>, Oration*

### Emporia Forensics

*T. J. Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup>, Prose; 4<sup>th</sup>, Poetry*  
*Nolan Fike, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Prose; 1<sup>st</sup>, Dramatic Solo Acting*

## School Records Set

The Wamego Invitational was a great place to be for a track meet. The following athletes set school records in their respective events.

*Elizabeth Herrs, Javelin*

*Harrison Newman, 400 M Run*

*Harrison Newman, Spencer Klocke, Nelson Kawano,  
D. J. Denzien, 4 x 400 Relay Team*

# The Rock Spotlight



## Regional Music

### Band

#### II Rating

*Lynette Bellinder* – Flute

Flute Trio

Woodwind Quartet

*Anna Jilka* – Bassoon

*Brenda Stevenson* – Clarinet

*D.J. Denzien* – Trombone

*J.D. Garetson* – Trumpet

#### I Rating

*Jana Havens* – Flute

*Rachel Frank* – Flute

*Sam Cott* – Alto Sax

*Colten Smith* – Alto Sax

*Nolan Fike* – Bari Sax

*Brad Duncan* – Trombone

Trombone Trio

Percussion Quartet

Saxophone Trio

### Choir

#### II Rating

Women's Ensemble

Men's Ensemble

Mixed Ensemble

*Kyron Case*

*Bailey Elliott*

*Justin Fronce*

*Chasity Ridder*

*Becca Snapp*

*Joseph Wilson*

#### I Rating

*Courtney Brown*

*William Trieb*

## FCCLA

### STAR Events

#### Silver

### Illustrated Talk

*Chelsea Ebert*

*Chelsea Renner*

*Jackie Gonzalez*

### District Officers

*Anna Jilka*

*Sara Marek*



## STATE MUSIC

### Rock Creek Band

#### I Rating

## Basketball Headlines

### *Becky Lightfoot*

Flint Hills Player of the Year

1<sup>st</sup> Team, All-Flint Hills

Riley County Optimist All-Star Game

### *Taylor Ebert*

2<sup>nd</sup> Team, All-Flint Hills

### *Lizz Herrs*

Honorable Mention, All-Flint Hills

### *Lora Blackwood*

Honorable Mention All-Flint Hills

### *Josh Camacho*

1<sup>st</sup> Team, All-Flint Hills

1<sup>st</sup> Team, All Mid-East League

3<sup>rd</sup> Team, All-State, Class 3A

Kansas Wesleyan All-Star Game

Riley County Optimist All-Star Game

### *Pake Ebert*

2<sup>nd</sup> Team, All-Flint Hills

1<sup>st</sup> Team, All Mid-East League

Honorable Mention, All-State, Class

3A

Kansas Wesleyan All-Star Game

Riley County Optimist All-Star Game

### *Travis Briggs*

Honorable Mention, All-Flint Hills

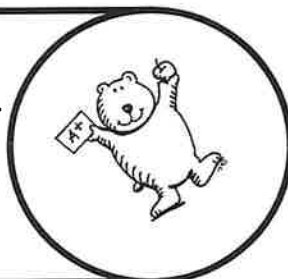
Honorable Mention. All Mid-East

Congratulations!

*Sam Cott & Tyler Gardner*

Kansas ACT Scholars

Award



**2010 US Army Reserve  
National Scholar/Athlete Award**

***Taylor Ebert***

***Josh Camacho***

## Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Students in grades 8-11 interested in science and technology may attend a summer <b>engineering camp</b> at the University of Kansas. See <a href="http://www.engr.ku.edu/seriousfun">www.engr.ku.edu/seriousfun</a> for details and registration.
	Students ages 14-21 may qualify for summer employment with <b>Heartland Works, Inc.</b> program. Employment dates are June 6 through July 30; wages are \$7.25 to \$8.00 per hour. Contact Manhattan Workforce Center at (785) 539-5691 for information. Applications available at <a href="http://www.heartlandworks.org">www.heartlandworks.org</a> .
	Grades 10-12 students may attend career day at <b>B Street Design School of Hair Styling</b> in Manhattan. See Mr. Sullivan for registration and event dates.
	Seniors, minimum age 18, seeking full-time employment following graduation may be interested in <b>mechanical insulator positions</b> with Associated Insulation, Inc. Beginning wage of \$13.40/hour, contact Mary Funk at (785) 776-0145 for more information. 2009 RCHS grad Kane Case is presently employed with AAI.
	Students maybe interested in the following employment opportunities in Manhattan K-Mart: <b>Checkout Service Associate</b> (minimum age 16) and for Sears Roebuck and Co.: <b>Service Technician</b> (minimum age 18); call 800 274-8582 for more information.
	Students planning to complete the June 12 <sup>th</sup> ACT exam may be interested in <b>ACT preparation classes</b> at Manhattan High School (June 2-4, 9-11:30 a.m.) Contact Carolyn Devane at (785) 587-2110 for more information.
	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in math/science careers may attend the summer <b>MASTER IT</b> program at Emporia State University June 7-12, 2010. See Mr. Sullivan for program details.
	Seniors may apply for various <b>2010 State American Legion Scholarships</b> . Numerous award categories and stipulations. Scholarship values are from \$250 - \$1,500.
	Seniors pursuing art, dance, music, or theatre studies at Kansas State University may apply for the <b>2010 Fine Arts Scholarships</b> . See Mr. Sullivan for details and an application.
	Grade 9-12 students planning to pursue careers as physicians may attend the <b>National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine</b> . The 10-day summer sessions, which will be conducted in cities across the U.S., are dedicated to the early recognition and preparation of the nation's most promising future physicians. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration details.
	Juniors interested in University of Kansas may participate in <b>KU Junior Day</b> . Visit <a href="http://admissions.ku.edu/junior">admissions.ku.edu/junior</a> days or see Mr. Sullivan.
	Grade 7-12 students are eligible to participate in the annual <b>Images of Aging</b> photo contest sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center. Awards range in value from \$100 - \$300. See Mr. Sullivan for contest rules/more information or visit <a href="http://www2.kumc.edu/coa">www2.kumc.edu/coa</a> .
	Grade 10-12 students may attend a <b>Summer Leadership Academy</b> at Dodge City Community College. Career academies include business, fire/rescue, nursing, teaching, law enforcement, and music. College credit is available. See Mr. Sullivan or visit <a href="http://222.dc3.edu/li">222.dc3.edu/li</a> .
	Seniors may qualify for <b>free college tuition scholarships</b> and monthly \$1,000 awards by registering at <a href="http://nextSTEPmag.com">nextSTEPmag.com</a> .
	Students in grades 9-12 may be interested in the full year or summer <b>International Student Exchange Program</b> for 2010-11 school term. See Mr. Sullivan for information/application details.
	Any junior boys interested in participating in the <b>2010 American Legion Boys State Program</b> should see Mr. Sullivan. The annual session will be conducted on the KSU campus from June 6-12, 2010. More information and applications are available.
	Students in grade 10-12 who are interested in teaching careers may attend the annual <b>Summer Kansas Future Teacher Academy</b> at either Emporia State University or Dodge City Community College. The week-long sessions allow participants to live in residence halls, attend leadership/self-improvement workshops, interact with Kansas Master Teachers, Kansas State Teachers of the Year, and National Board Certified Teachers, as well as learn more about college life, in general. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit <a href="http://www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta">www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta</a> .
4/23/10	Sophomores interested in Kansas State University may attend the annual <b>"For Sophomores Only"</b> event at the KSU Open House Weekend.
5/1/10	Junior girls are eligible to attend the <b>2010 Sunflower Girls State</b> at the University of Kansas. Visit <a href="http://www.ksgirlsstate.org">www.ksgirlsstate.org</a> for registration details.
6/24/10	Seniors involved in high school sports (one/\$500 award), Apply online at <a href="http://www.bigsunathletics.com">www.bigsunathletics.com</a> <b>for the Big Sun Scholarship</b> .