



# Mustang Express

Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

October 2009

## Principal 9-12:

Dennis Post

## Assistant Principal 7-8:

Scott Harshbarger

## USD 323

### Superintendent:

Dr. Darrel Stufflebeam

## Contents:

### Page 2

Calendar

Debate

Junior High Cheerleading

Renaissance

### Page 3

Counselor's Notes

School Play

Battle of the Bands

FCCLA

### Page 4

The Rock Spotlight



## Published by

### In-House Training:

Danielle Area

Lora Blackwood

Travis Brown

Danielle Duncan

Jared Hawkins

Travis Heideman

Adam Kibodeaux

Becky Lightfoot

Torrey Peterson

Melanie Stubbs

## A Big Time for Small Town USA

Rock Creek High School Student Council held its annual coronation of Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the Rock Creek—Rossville football game on October 2, 2009. Students of Rock Creek High School selected *Taylor Ebert* as Homecoming Queen and *Josh Camacho* as Homecoming King. Assisting in this year's ceremonies were the 2008 Homecoming King and Queen *Logan Lauer* and *Dana Elliott*. St. George kindergarten students *Megan Bell* and *Grant Dugan* were this year's crown bearers.

Earlier in the day, the homecoming parade was held in Westmoreland. Class floats headlined this year's parade. The class float winner was the year of 2010. The senior class float was called, "Grill the Dawgs." The senior class enjoyed a float party (root beer floats) in their honor on Tuesday, October 6.

The Rock Creek cheerleading staff sponsored a pep rally after the parade. The cheerleaders performed a dance routine as well as class chants and handed out this year's spirit award winner. *Laurel Lauer* took home the weekly award for showing the most school spirit. The cheerleaders hosted the candidate's game themed after the CMT show "Singing Bee." *Becky Lightfoot* and *Brad Duncan* were crowd favorites and won this year's competition. The pep rally concluded with the traditional roller coaster cheer, led by *Jared Hawkins*.

Festivities concluded with the Homecoming dance with music provided by Complete Music of Manhattan. Approximately 152 students enjoyed a night of dancing and fun in the high school cafeteria. Student Council would like to thank everyone for their efforts in making this year's homecoming a success.



## National Honor Society Welcome New Members

October 5 marked the date that new members were inducted into the Rock Creek High School chapter of National Honor Society. This year nine high school students were honored at the induction ceremony.

To be selected, the students have to meet some high standards. First, every applicant is required to have a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher. Next, they completed a lengthy application documenting their participation in organizations and activities, service to their community, and their moral character. Finally, the applications were evaluated by a panel of faculty members.

This year's NHS inductees were: *Ashley Altenhofen*, *Lane Frazier*, *Jana Havens*, *Chase Minihan*, *T.J. Minihan*, *Adam Schmitz*, *Colten Smith*, and *Jessica Snapp*.

## Help Raise Money

Some of you know Kevin Larrison, Rock Creek's athletic trainer, and his recent medical problems. Doctors had to remove his right leg six inches below his knee because of an infection in his heel. He will be out of work for three to six months but is doing real well. Some area officials and coaches have put together a benefit raffle to help with some medical expenses, and if you are interested in helping, let Mike Beam know. The raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or six for \$5. The following items have been donated toward the raffle:

Rueger 10/22 rifle with synthetic stock

KU 09-10 autographed basketball

Walnut rocker cradle

Two KU men's basketball tickets

Bill Snyder autographed football

John Deere popcorn gift basket

Jordy Nelson autographed football

# Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
10/20	HSVB vs Riley County, Senior Night	5:00 p.m.
10/22	HSFB @ Wamego Freshman/Sophomore	6:00 p.m.
10/23	HSFB vs Wamego, Senior Night Junior Cheer Perform	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
10/24	HSCC Regionals HSVB Sub-State ACT Testing	TBD 2:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.
10/26	JH/HS Fall Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
10/27	JHGB vs Riley County	4:30 p.m.
10/28	Parent/Teacher Conferences 7-12	4:00 p.m.
10/29	JHGB @ Eisenhower 7 <sup>th</sup> grade JHGB vs Eisenhower 8 <sup>th</sup> grade HSFB @ Clay Center JH Renaissance Dance	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7-10 p.m.
10/30	No School 7-12 HSVB State @ Salina	TBD
10/31	HSCC State @ Wamego HSVB State @ Salina	TBD TBD
11/3	HSFB Bi-District	TBD
11/5	JHGB Rossville	4:30 p.m.
11/6	Blue Ribbon Award Ceremony JHGB Royal Valley	1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
11/7	District Band/Choir Auditions HSFB Regional JHWR Rock Creek Tournament	TBD TBD 9:00 a.m.
11/9	JH MEL Band	TBD
11/10	HS Band St. George Veterans' Day Parade JHWR @ Clay Center JHGB Mill Creek Valley	TBD 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
11/11	JH MEL Choir HS Band Veterans' Day Parade FFA Leadership School @ Sabetha Board of Education Meeting	TBD TBD 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
11/12	JHGB @ St. Marys	4:30 p.m.
11/13	HSFB Sectional	TBD
11/13-11/14	School Play	7:00 p.m.
11/14	JHWR @ Silver Lake Tournament	8:15 a.m.
11/16	RC Winter Practices begin JH Band Concert	TBD 7:30 p.m.
11/17	JHWR Rock Creek Quad JHGB @ Riley County	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
11/19	JHGB Silver Lake JHWR @ Royal Valley	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
11/20	Baker Jazz Festival HSFB Sub-State	All Day TBD
11/21	JHWR @ Rossville Tournament Battle of the Bands	8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
11/23	Fall Jazz Concert	7:30 p.m.
11/24	JHGB @ Rossville	5:30 p.m.
11/25-11/27	No School - Thanksgiving Break	
11/28	HSFB State	TBD



## JH Cheerleading

The Rock Creek Junior High cheerleaders performed a half time routine at Rossville with the Rossville Junior High cheerleaders on September 17. The squads started with a chant called "Touchdown, Let's Fight" and then finished with their dance, Fun Jam.

Both squads attended a summer camp at Rossville and so they learn the same material. During the three-day camp, the squads bond with each other and some girls make lasting friendships. To show off what we know and that the squads actually love working together, the squads perform together when we visit each other's schools for games. This was our performance at Rossville, look for the squads to perform together at Rock Creek during junior high basketball.

## Recognition by Renaissance

Last month, Renaissance sponsored a rally to recognize the academic achievements of the students. The theme of the assembly was Smile & Move. Students recognized in the high school:

**4.0 GPA:** Lynette Bellinder, Nolan Fike, Tyler Gardner, Jana Havens, Spencer Klocke, Cassie Marker, Dawn Nowakowski, Amanda Oakley, Torrey Peterson, Becca Snapp, William Trieb, Corey VanPelt, Mandi Blenn, Travis Briggs, Lucas Commerford, Chase Minihan, Sheridan Reves, Macy Umscheid, Michael Wilson, Josh Gee, Aaron Kuecker, Logan Miner, Ben Peterson, Michael Parker, Shane Schaake, Adam Schmitz, Jessi Snapp, Crystal Chitwood, Cheyenne Deyo, Codi Ebert, Rachel Frank, Kynedee Hodges, Lauren Leupold, Dylan Meyer, Jacob Miller, Shannon Oakley, and Hanna Ruder.

**High 5:** Trevor Andersen, Danielle Area, Travis Brown, Megan Feldkamp, Travis Heideman, Harrison Newman, Melanie Stubbs, Jessica Jack, Adam Kibodeaux, Laurel Lauer, Becky Lightfoot, Anthony Reid, Chasity Ridder, Alyssa Donoho, Cody Roche, K.J. Dobbins, Devin Stamm, Jason Rogers, Ashtin Lee, Josh Jones, and Amber Sutczak.

**Perfect Attendance:** Megan Nider, Rachel Nider, D.J. Denzien, Chelsea Renner, Macy Umscheid, Levi Anderson, Josh Gee, Jade Marsh, Tyler Roark, and Brandon Meece.

These students were recognized in the junior high:

**4.0 GPA:** Katherine Culbertson, Courtney Hoover, Chance Maginness, Larissa Eshelman, Heather Gardner, Sarah Marek, Brooke Minihan, and Kelsey Parker.

**High 5:** Spencer Bowers and Cameron Meece.

**Perfect Attendance:** Larissa Eshelman, Morgan Schwinn, and Ryan Zimmerman.

## Rock Creek Debate

The Rock Creek Debate Team has been busy. Six novice pairs traveled to Salina Central High School on October 6. *Ashtin Lee* and *Paige Miller* went 2-2, *Josh Roberts* and *Dylan Meyer* went 2-1, *Crystal Chitwood* and *Lauren Leupold* went 2-2, *Lauren Overkamp* and *Sara Nider* went 3-1, *Shane Adams* and *Samantha Stephens* went 3-1, and *Jacob Miller* and *Anna Jilka* went 4-0 and finished fourth out of 38 entries. *Jacob* also finished as the top individual speaker.

The debate team traveled to Manhattan High School on October 9 and 10. In the open division, *Jeran Fry* and *Brenda Stevenson* went 2-3, while *Lane Frazier* and *Karl Thompson* went 3-2. *Ben Peterson* and *Mandi Blenn* finished 5-2, winning third place. *Torrey Peterson* and *Sam Cott* went 7-1 and won first place. In the novice division *Crystal Chitwood* and *Lauren Leupold* went 5-0 and finished second. *Josh Roberts* and *Dylan Meyer* went 5-0 and finished first. As a team, Rock Creek finished first.

## Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	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 US, 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.
	Girls in grades 9-12 who are considering engineering careers may want to participate in the annual <b>SWE Weekend of Engineering Program at the University of Kansas</b> (November 14-15 or March 6-7). See Mr. Sullivan for details and registration forms.
	Juniors interested in KSU may want to attend an upcoming <b>Just for Juniors</b> program at either the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka on 10/26 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) or the KSU Alumni Center in Manhattan on 11/09 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). See Mr. Sullivan for details/registration forms or visit <a href="http://www.k-state.com/justforjuniors">www.k-state.com/justforjuniors</a>
	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> .
	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> .
10/31/09	Seniors may apply for the <b>2009-10 Coca-Cola Scholarships</b> ; 250 \$10,000 and \$20,000 awards will be presented to deserving students. Apply online at <a href="http://www.coca-colascholars.org">www.coca-colascholars.org</a>
11/1/09	Juniors/Seniors may participate in the <b>2009 Masonic Lodge Scholarship Essay Contest</b> . Eight scholarships ranging in value from \$500 - \$4,000 will be awarded to deserving Kansas students. See Mr. Sullivan for registration details.
11/2/09	Seniors may apply for the <b>2010 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarships</b> ; 500 four-year awards (ranging in value from \$4,000 - \$60,000) will be presented to deserving students nationwide. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and applications or visit <a href="http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars">www.elks.org/enf/scholars</a> .
11/6/09	Seniors may be interested in participating in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual " <b>Freedom in Academia</b> " <b>Student Essay Competition</b> . Awards range in value from \$1,000 - \$5,000. See me for details/registration information or visit <a href="http://thefire.org/contests">thefire.org/contests</a> .
11/13/09	Seniors with a minimum 3.50 GPA and 24 ACT score, who are planning to pursue business studies at Wichita State University, may participate in the annual <b>Barton School of Business Scholarship</b> competition.
12/14/09	Seniors planning to attend KSU may be interested in applying for the 2009 <b>Civic Leadership Scholarships</b> ; awards range in value from \$2,000 - \$4,000. See me for details/more info. or visit <a href="http://www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships">www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships</a>
12/15/09	Seniors may be interested in applying for the <b>AXA Achievement Scholarships</b> ; awards range in value from \$10,000 - \$25,000. Learn more and download an application at <a href="http://www.axa-achievement.com">www.axa-achievement.com</a>
1/8/10	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA and 24 ACT score, who are planning to attend Washburn University, may apply for the <b>2010-11 Leadership Scholarships</b> . See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
1/15/10	Seniors interested in applying for the <b>Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships</b> (\$1,000 - \$7,500 awards). See Mr. Sullivan for more information or visit <a href="http://gwcf.org">gwcf.org</a> .
1/15/10	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA interested in applying for the <b>2009 Outstanding Senior High Youth Awards</b> with stipends range from \$250 - \$1,000 should see Mr. Sullivan for information.

## "Don't Drink the Water" by Woody Allen

James Magee (*Sam Wilson*) is in charge of a small American embassy in a communist country. Walter (*Nolan Fike*), Marion (*Sara Liming*), and Susan (*Torrey Peterson*) Hollander are visiting this country on vacation when they take photos of a military site. Communist Police Sergeant Krojack (*Jacob Miller*) comes to the embassy demanding that the Hollanders be turned over as spies. Since his dad is away, Theodore Magee (*Sam Cott*) is in charge of the embassy. He creates a plan to help the Hollanders escape back to the United States. Do you want to know how this turns out? Then come out and enjoy the play on November 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. in the Rock Creek Commons.

## Battle of the Bands

Rock Creek is hosting the annual Battle of the Bands on November 21. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place cash prizes. The contest is a fundraiser for the Rock Creek High School Band Trip 2010. To enter your band, contact Scott Bradley at 785-494-8591 or [bradleys@rockcreekschools.org](mailto:bradleys@rockcreekschools.org). The entry deadline is November 4 with a \$25 entry fee. Band personnel must be currently enrolled in high school or college with one exception per band.

## FCCLA Collecting Coupons

The Rock Creek FCCLA Junior High Chapter members are collecting coupons and reading material/books for their project "Support Our Troops." The November newsletter will give details about what types of coupons to collect and how to package them. For questions, contact Mary Siderewicz at 785.494.8591 or e-mail to [siderewm@rockcreekschools.org](mailto:siderewm@rockcreekschools.org). Start collecting now and you will be ready to support FCCLA as they "Support Our Troops."

# The Rock Spotlight



**2010 HOBY  
Summer  
Leadership  
Seminar  
Adam Schmitz**



**Hillsboro  
Volleyball  
Tournament**

**Rock Creek  
1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**KMAN  
Player of the  
Week  
T.J. Roberts**

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

### **WABAUNSEE INVITATIONAL**

#### **BOYS' TEAM**

**OVERALL PLACE: 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
*HARRISON NEWMAN, 3<sup>RD</sup>*  
*SETH RUDER, 5<sup>TH</sup>*  
*MICHAEL PARKER, 9<sup>TH</sup>*  
*CLAYTON FRAKES, 12<sup>TH</sup>*  
*BEN COMMERFORD, 13<sup>TH</sup>*  
*SAM COTT, 14<sup>TH</sup>*  
*JOSH ROBERTS, 15<sup>TH</sup>*

#### **GIRLS' TEAM**

**OVERALL PLACE: 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
*ASHLEY ALTENHOFEN, 5<sup>TH</sup>*  
*CHELSEA EBERT, 7<sup>TH</sup>*  
*SHIANN BRUCE, 8<sup>TH</sup>*  
*LIZZ HERRS, 9<sup>TH</sup>*  
*KATIE ZIMMERMAN, 11<sup>TH</sup>*  
*MELANIE STUBBS, 12<sup>TH</sup>*  
*JESSICA JACK, 13<sup>TH</sup>*  
*SARA LIMING, 14<sup>TH</sup>*  
*RACHEL NIDER, 15<sup>TH</sup>*

#### **JUNIOR HIGH TEAM**

**OVERALL PLACE: 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
*RYAN SCHNEIDER, 1<sup>ST</sup>*  
*PAUL GLOVER, 3<sup>RD</sup>*  
*MORGAN SCHWINN, 1<sup>ST</sup>*  
*KATHERINE CULBERTSON, 2<sup>ND</sup>*  
*BAILEE LARSON, 3<sup>RD</sup>*

#### **MID-EAST LEAGUE**

**ROCK CREEK BOYS AND GIRLS'  
TEAMS: 3<sup>RD</sup>**

*SETH RUDER*  
**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE, ALL-LEAGUE**  
*RYAN SCHNEIDER*  
**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE, JUNIOR HIGH BOYS**  
*SHILO SCHAAKE*  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE, JUNIOR HIGH BOYS**  
*KATHERINE CULBERTSON*  
**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE, JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS**

## **MID-EAST LEAGUE HONOR BAND**

### **FLUTE**

*KATHERINE CULBERTSON*

### **CLARINET**

*MACY HAWKINS,  
HEATHER GOODENOW*

*KELSIE HUDSON*

*KAYCEE GABLE*

*ARIEL PETTY*

*KIM WOODWORTH*

### **BASS CLARINET**

*RYAN KUECKER*

### **ALTO SAX**

*DERICK DUNAWAY*

*CAMERON MEECE*

*JUSTIN WARD*

### **TENOR SAX**

*CONNOR WOOD-ROSS*

*LANE FORGE*

### **BARI SAX**

*SPENCER BOWERS*

### **TRUMPET**

*JACKSON MEYER*

*WILLIAM HENRY*

### **TROMBONE**

*HEATHER GARDNER*

*JACKSON GOODMILLER*

### **BARITONE**

*ERIC STADEL*

*MEGAN SMITH*

### **TUBA**

*JACOB MILHAM*

*SHANE BRIGGS*