

## New rankings put SM East among top 300 schools in country; SM North makes selective list as well

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Graduation rate and college acceptance were the factors most heavily weighted in the rankings that put SM East among the best 300 high schools in the country.

Another set of national high school rankings puts SM East among select company.

The Daily Beast's "Top High Schools 2014" list ranks SM East as the 279th best public high school in the nation. SM North came in at 669 in the rankings.

The Daily Beast used six factors to rank the schools: graduation rates and college acceptance rates (the two categories that are weighted most heavily); college-level courses and exams; percentage of students on free and reduced lunch; and SAT and ACT scores.

In the Kansas City area, the Summer Academy of Arts and Science in Kansas City, Kan., was named the top local school, coming in at 95 in the overall rankings. Blue Valley High School was second in the metro at 120 overall.

Blue Valley Northwest came in ahead of SM East as well at 244.

SM Northwest was ranked 565, SM South was ranked 664 and SM West was ranked 690.

The list ranks just the top 735 schools in the country. There are more than 25,000 public secondary schools in the United States.

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That's right folks, 28 showings in one day. Our team's record up until now was 15. Congratulations to the Larigan!

On that note, I would like to thank the Larigans for allowing me to share their story and for their faith in our team to deliver. Tim and Amanda are incredible clients and absolutely deserve all of the success that they are seeing in this market. I would like to share with you both sides of their home's story: seller and buyer.

The Larigans contacted me in late January to discuss a possible move. After our preview appointment, I could tell that Amanda was getting excited about the opportunity to purchase a new home. Don't get me wrong, she loves her Cape Cod. And you can tell. She even shared with me that she became a little emotional as she was drafting her first email about the possibility of selling. That being said, Amanda is a "get it done" kind of girl. So after our listing consultation, she and Tim were ready to get rolling. They appreciated the fact that inventory is low right now and that the demand for their home was high. Little did we know it was that high.

Next came the staging and the pre-inspection. The Larigans took the staging recommendations to heart as well as the needed repair items that were revealed by the pre-inspection (there were only six). Fast forward a couple of weeks and the house is being photographed for MLS. The Larigans followed all of the staging recommendations. It looked incredible!

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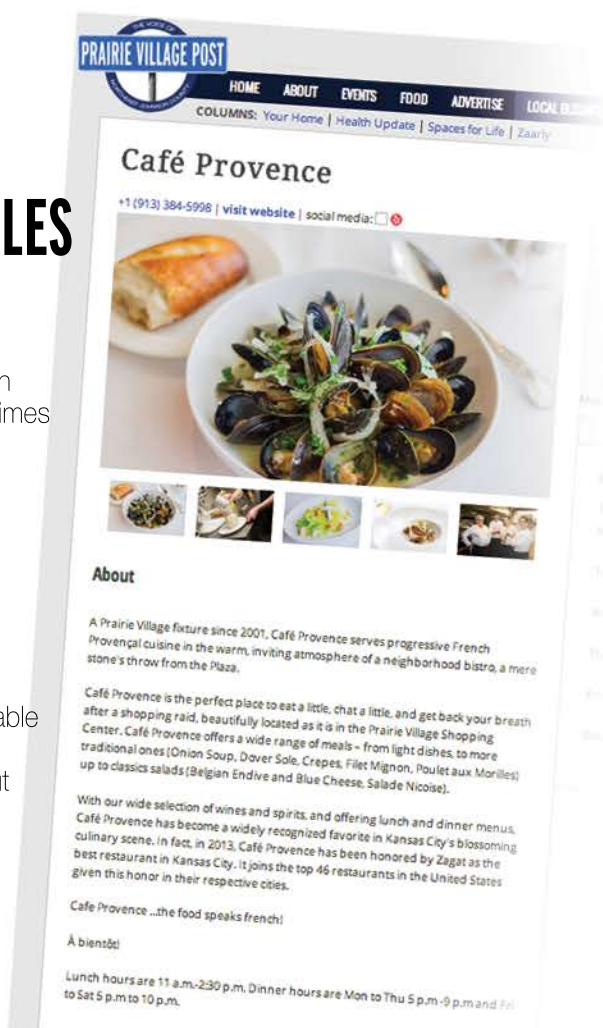
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