

### October Parent Newsletter

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#### **Fall Parent Teacher Conferences**

We would like to extend a special invitation to all parents to come visit with classroom teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences on October 25 and October 26. Conferences will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 on those days.

#### **SFTHS FBLA/KAY Participates in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sunset Stroll**

SFT-FBLA/KAY helped with the Kansas State Bank's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sunset Stroll on Wednesday, September 28, at the Overbrook Fairgrounds. The Sunset Stroll helps to raise funds for Breast Cancer research and to help increase awareness for this devastating disease. SFT groups were in charge of the "Kids Korner" where they provided activities for younger children, such as: bean bag toss, tattoos, cookie walk, and an obstacle course. This is the second year that SFT-FBLA has partnered with the KSB in helping with the Sunset Stroll for Breast Cancer Awareness. The link to a newspaper article about Sunset Stroll is: <http://cjonline.com/life/connected/2011-09-17/sunset-stroll-raises-mammogram-money>

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**Parents: Please note the following calendar information:**

**"No School" days for October are October 10, October 21, October 28, and October 31. School will not be in session for students on those days.**

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#### **Jostens Graduation Information**

On October 3, 2011, SFTHS Seniors met with Jeff Heline from Jostens. Jeff is an annual visitor to the high school and the sales representative for us. Seniors received information from Jeff regarding the purchase options for items for their 2012 Graduation. While May 12, 2012 may seem a long way down the road, SFTHS Seniors are already thinking about graduation plans.

Graduation is about more than just one day. It's a time for parents, friends, family, and of course our graduates to celebrate everything they have done to reach this point in their lives. They have worked hard to get to this point and our hope is that Graduation Day is unforgettable and memorable for them.

Parents wanting further information regarding options for graduation items may visit the Jostens website at: [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)



## October Dates To Remember

**October 13**  
 9<sup>th</sup> FB @ SFT 4:30  
**October 14**  
 V FB @ Eudora  
**October 15**  
 V VB @ C. Heights  
**October 17**  
 State Girls Golf  
**October 18**  
 VB @ SFT Sr. Night  
**October 20**  
 9<sup>th</sup> FB @ Burlington  
**October 21**  
 No School  
 FB @ SFT  
**October 22**  
 ACT @ SFT 8:00  
 CC/VB Regionals  
**October 24**  
 9/10 FB @ Baldwin  
**October 25**  
 HS Parent Teacher  
 Conferences – 4:00 to  
 7:00 p.m.  
**October 26**  
 HS Parent Teacher  
 Conferences – 4:00 to  
 7:00 p.m.  
**October 27**  
 FB @ SFT Sr. Night  
**October 28**  
No School  
**October 31**  
No School  
**November 1**  
 KU Honors Banquet  
 Wabaunsee HS  
**November 7-11**  
 HS Buffer Week  
 No Activities  
**November 10-12**  
 HS Fall Play

Parents – Are you aware of all the capabilities that our PowerSchool system can do to keep you informed of the progress of your student? Our web-based information system can provide you with grades and attendance information for your child. For you, it allows more involvement in your child's education.

This month, we would like to inform parents of the capabilities of receiving reports on student progress on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Both assignments and attendance can be tracked and sent to you by email to ensure that your student is in school and performing to the best of their abilities. The statistics listed below show the number of times our system has been accessed since school began on August 26.

Total logins by parents: 1182  
 Total logins by students: 2494  
 Total logins by parents and students combined: 3676

Number of students whose records were accessed: 304 / 373 (81.5%)

Avg. length of parent visit (minutes): 9.3

Avg. length of student visit (minutes): 13.2

Avg. number of parent logins per day: 32.8

Avg. number of student logins per day: 69.0

Avg. number of parent and student logins per day combined: 101.8

Number of parents signed up to receive progress reports via email: 222 (59.5%)

Parents may sign up for email notification by simply logging in to the system using the parent login. We can also provide parents who may not be familiar with the system information to help them access the system as well. Please feel free to contact our Student Services department for further information.

# PowerSchool

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### Fall, 2010 Regional and Sub-State Information

KSHSAA has released the assignments for post-season play for volleyball, girl's golf, and cross country. Listed below are the assignments, locations, and times as available. All sub-state information can be viewed at [kshsaa.org](http://kshsaa.org).

Girls Golf – October 10 @  
Garnett Country Club 8:30

Cross Country – October 22 @  
Wyandotte County Park

Girls 3:00, Boys 3:30

Volleyball – October 22 @  
Ottawa Time TBA

### SFTHS Participates in Reagan Celebration

SFTHS joined the Ronald Reagan Foundation in celebrating not only the centennial of the birth of our 40th president in Tampico, Illinois, but also Reagan's favorite sport of football. On Homecoming week, the Reagan Centennial Coin Toss occurred across America. To help commemorate the event, 15,000 coins were sent out to encourage schools across the country to participate. More than 14,000 high schools as well as every college and NFL team was part of the celebration. Pictured below is the coin that was used at SFTHS to begin the Chargers and Perry LeCompton football game on September 23. The coin will be displayed in the high school display case at the entrance to the building throughout the school year



### HS Incentive Program

Students looking to excel in school have had an incentive to do so with the SFTHS rewards system that offers students rewards for maintaining good behavior throughout the school year. The annual student giveaway provides students a chance to earn their way into the drawing by having no discipline issues throughout the school year.

Parents and school supporters may have noticed that the barbeque grill has been a part of our football games concessions offerings. The proceeds and profits from this activity are placed in the incentive program and given back to the students.

The program is designed to motivate students to develop and practice good conduct while attending school. To date, support for the program has been very successful and sales at the games have generated some good funding for the program.

## Homecoming Highlights

On September 23, 2011, SFTHS celebrated the annual Homecoming. Our parade was hosted by the City of Scranton and the SFT 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Shown below are pictures of various events that occurred during the Homecoming week. Please visit the district website and follow the link for Homecoming Pictures to view all the festivities that occurred during the week.



Mr. Reed, Our Announcer!



SFT 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders



Team Day



Color Day



Bolt Man



Twin Day

## Artsonia Artist of the Week

SFTHS art instructor Jennifer Towle has been notified that sophomore Al'Leigh Logsdon won the 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade competition with 2617 votes and is this week's Artsonia "Artist of the Week". She will receive a \$50 gift certificate for art supplies and the HS art department a \$100 certificate. In addition, this gives our art program GREAT nation-wide publicity as millions visit Artsonia each week.

Artsonia is a website that SFTHS has utilized over the past few years. The site claims to be the "world's largest kids' art museum." Student work produced in classes at SFT is submitted to the site and maintained in galleries set up for the individual student. The SFTHS art program under the direction of Mrs. Towle has participated in Artsonia since 2003. During that time, over 11,000 pieces of student artwork has been submitted to the individual galleries.



## More Art News



Students in the art department are up to their elbows in clay (literally)! Art 3 students learn how to use the potter's wheels.

## Community Flu Shot Clinics

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The Osage County Health Department (OCHD) will be hosting flu vaccine clinics at each of the four schools in the Santa Fe Trail school district. These clinics will be open to the community. The cost of the vaccine is \$25 per person. The OCHD will accept only Medicare, Medicaid and Healthwave insurance.

The dates and times of the clinics are as follows:

- October 21, 2011 from 2:30 to 4 pm at Santa Fe Trail High School
- October 24, 2011 from 4 to 7 pm at Scranton Attendance Center
- October 25, 2011 from 4 to 7 pm at Carbondale Attendance Center
- October 26, 2011 from 4 to 7 pm at Overbrook Attendance Center

- A. Fall Sports Update
  - a. High school football is 0-5
  - b. High school volleyball is 13-5. It's been a good year.
  - c. Cross country is having a good year. We have been consistently finishing in the top 3 for both the boy's and girls' teams.
  - d. Girls' golf is getting ready to close out their season. Regional golf is Monday, October 10th.
- B. Volleyball will be heading to Ottawa High School for Sub-State on October 22nd—Schools in attendance are: Baldwin, SFT, Eudora, Louisburg, Osawatomie, Ottawa, Paola, and Spring Hill. Only one team out of this group will head to State Volleyball in Salina on October 28th and 29th.
- C. Cross country will be heading to Wyandotte County Park hosted by DeSoto/Bonner Springs High School on October 22nd—Schools in attendance are: Atchison, Baldwin, Basehor-Linwood, Bonner Springs, SFT, DeSoto, Eudora, Bishop Ward, Piper, Sumner Academy, St. James Academy, Jeff West, Perry-Lecompton, Spring Hill, Tonganoxie, and Hayden. The top three teams qualify to the State Cross Country meet on October 29th at the Wamego Country Club plus the top ten runners not on a qualifying team.
- D. Girls' golf will be heading to Anderson County they'll play at the Garnett Golf Course, on Monday, October 10. Schools in attendance are: SFT, Chanute, Columbus, Fort Scott, Anderson County, Girard, St. James Academy, and Spring Hill. The top 3 teams qualify to State Golf plus the top 5 individuals not on a qualifying team.
- E. Homecoming week went really well. There were many, many activities throughout the week and closed with a dance after the Perry-Lecompton football game.
- F. The homecoming pep rally went really, really well in Scranton. The event was largely attended on a beautiful afternoon. Thank you to all who attended.
- G. We would also like to thank all parents, patrons, BOE members, and staff members for their role in making SFT athletics successful.

## **Dance Team**

The SFT Dance Team conducted their annual dance camp during the week of October 3-6 for kindergarten through sixth grade girls. The 80 participants and the dance team performed to "Spotlight" at halftime of the October 7th football game. The dance team will finish out football season with two more performances and participate in the Mill Valley Cheer and Dance Festival in November.

*Santa Fe  
Trail High  
School*

*Math  
Department  
Focus on  
Technology*

The math department at SFTHS utilizes technology on a daily basis. Of course we have been using calculators (both basic and graphing) for quite a few years. We utilize the computer with programs such as Geometer's Sketchpad, which allow students to draw sketches that meet specific conditions and then make slight changes and observe patterns. This simplifies the process of making conjectures since the computer sketches can be done quickly and more accurately than by hand. Some classes also utilize spreadsheets to aid in data collection and observations.

All math teachers have interwrite tablets and projectors that allow us to move around the room while we provide instruction and give examples. The tablets function quite a bit like smart boards. A few of us use Hover Cams that allow us to make a copy of a document and project it right from the teacher's desk. This is useful in demonstrating a student's solution to a problem that takes up a lot of room.

The newest technology this year has been the use of My Big Campus. Students can log onto MBC and see messages from teachers, write messages to teachers or other students in their class, and access resources from a class. A teacher can post assignments, worksheets, syllabi, links to helpful resources and videos. Mrs. Rawlings and Mr. Flanary have videos that help explain a lot of topics found in our texts. If a student is absent, he/she may find a video over the topic missed and get a tutorial. The tutorials present the main concept and then provide several examples. Mr. Huddleston provides notes created with the interwrite tablet in his resources.