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### **SFTHS Students Honored by KU**

On November 1, 2011, 8 SFTHS seniors were honored at the annual KU Honors Program ceremony at Wabaunsee High School. The Kansas Honors Program recognizes and awards high-school seniors for their academic achievements. Each year KU alumni sponsor banquets across the state for an awards ceremony and honorary dinner or reception. All high-school seniors who rank academically in the top 10 percent of their class are asked to attend as guests of the Association with their parents, principals and superintendents. Honored students from SFTHS this year are Barbara Sue Branson, Chloe Cowen, Kelsey Girardin, Mikayla Henderson, Baylie Stous, Preston West, Whitney Wilson, and Allison Zaldivar.

#### **SFTHS KU Honorees**



### **SFTHS State Golf Qualifier**

SFTHS Sophomore Kayli Tucker was the 9th place medalist at the 4A regional golf meet held on Monday, October 10, 2011 at Garnett Country Club. As a top ten medalist, Kayli qualified to compete at the 4A State golf meet that was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at Topeka Country Club. At the state meet, Kayli shot a 111, played and managed the course well. She was the 33rd placer out of 91 individual competitors. Her placing improved from her first state appearance last year, in which she finished in the top half of all competitors. In 2011, even though carding a higher score (106 in 2010 at Cheney), this year with her 111, Kayli finished in the top 1/3 of all competitors at TCC 2011.meet. We wish Kayli continued success with her golfing and look forward to a very bright future at SFTHS for her.



Red Ribbon Week 2011-2012

### November Dates To Remember

*November 18*  
FBLA Fall Leadership  
Conference L.R. Ark.

*November 23-28*  
Thanksgiving Break

*November 28*  
After Prom Meeting

*November 29*  
Wrestling vs. Eudora at SFT

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On November 22, the high school will hold the annual fall Renaissance rally. The Renaissance program is sponsored by Jostens and is designed to honor those students who have excelled academically. All students and teachers are encouraged to participate in Renaissance to help improve academic performance. Students benefit from the program because it stresses academics and promotes classroom excellence. The fall rally will honor many aspects of academics including those students who scored Exemplary on state assessments during the 2010-2011 school year.

## Free Enterprise Day Governor's Proclamation for November 15...American Free Enterprise Day in Kansas

American Free Enterprise Day has been celebrated by FBLA since 1976 and recognizes the achievements of America's free market economy. The SFT FBLA Chapter will be having Scott Averill, owner of Brookside and Wellsville Retirement Communities speak at their local meeting on November 15. A school wide game of Monopoly is also planned for that week.



SFTHS students with Governor Brownback

The SFT Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) group worked hard during Red Ribbon Week, October 24-27, to encourage students to make constructive decisions in regards to drugs & alcohol, seat belt usage, and texting & driving. On Monday during the lunch hour, students were encouraged to put their thumbprint on a poster that boasted the theme "Thumbs Up to X the Text" (texting and driving kills). SADD members also held a red ribbon rampage during activity period on Monday, tying red ribbons to the antennas of cars in the parking lot as a visual reminder to students to make smart decisions on the road. On Thursday SADD sponsored a spirit day. SFT students were allowed to wear camouflage clothes and to "Join the Fight Against Drugs and Alcohol." As a daily reminder, students were given a candy "treat" along with a message to help promote positive decision making. Treat slogans included such things as, "Drugs are no laughing matter" (Laffy Taffy) and "Texting and driving is nothing to snicker about" (Snickers bar). While this was a concentrated week to help students focus on positive decision making, the members of SADD work hard all year long to encourage their peers to be smart in their choices.

*Red Ribbon Week 2011-2012 Students Against Destructive  
Decisions*

## Did You Know?

The 2011 Communities That Care survey data indicates that over 27% of Osage County youth have consumed beer, wine or hard liquor in the last 30 days. Additionally, over 14% of Osage County youth have had 5 or more alcoholic drinks in a row within the last two weeks.

Research shows alcohol affects a teenager's brain differently than an adult's. Memory, learning and impulse control can be impaired seriously. The risk of addiction goes up dramatically. Drug Free Osage County, Inc., encourages you to talk to your kids about the dangers of underage drinking and to set clear rules about no alcohol use.

Information Provided by  
Drug Free Osage County

## ACT Prep Classes

SFTHS students now have access to an online ACT prep course through a company called e2020. E2020 is a web-based model that delivers instruction to our students through actual teacher-led video delivery supported by various online classroom activities while utilizing a "virtual tutor." Students take a diagnostic pre-assessment to determine their needs or gaps and the system customizes a path of instruction for them to better prepare them to take the tests. Since the beginning of the current school year, we have been testing the system and piloting the process for student use. We are now ready to allow further access into the system. Interested parents or students should contact the high school office for more information.

## Senior Yearbook Information

2012 Charger Senior Baby Ads may be purchased until Nov. 18, 2011. Each student is limited to three ads; they are available in two sizes: 1/4 page ads are \$40—two pictures, 120 words max OR 1/8 page ads are \$30—one picture, 60 words max.

Send to SFT HS Attn: Mrs. Scott.

Senior pictures should be submitted to Mrs. Scott @ SFT HS before Dec. 21, 2011. The pictures will be in color. The staff prefers a shoulder and head picture. It must be a wallet size, vertical, and school appropriate (dress & props must follow school policies).

The 2012 Charger is for sale from Mrs. Scott @ SFT HS or online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). A link is available on the high school website: Click to order your yearbook. Books may be ordered for \$50 through Dec. 31. As of Jan. 1, the price increases to \$55.

Businesses may purchase advertising space for the 2012 Charger by contacting Mrs. Scott @ SFT HS. Individuals may purchase booster ads (\$25, \$50, \$100).



## State Cross Country

At regional cross country in Bonner Springs, SFTHS junior Dawson Colglazier battled great competition to place 7th and qualified to run at the state meet in Wamego. The regional at Bonner Springs was arguably the most difficult of all the 4A regional meets. The eventual winner of the 4A championship came out of that regional as well as the third place overall team. At the state meet in Wamego, Dawson placed 8th out of 104 runners. Congratulations Dawson!!

## Power School Information

Each month, the high school will be tracking the amount of usage that we receive with the PowerSchool system. Listed below is the data for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of school. Our expectation for staff is that grades are updated on a weekly basis. 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.

### 1st Quarter PowerSchool Information

Total logins by parents:	2107
Total logins by students:	4759
Total logins by parents and students combined:	6866
Percent of SFTHS Students Whose Records Were Accessed	83.1%

## School Activities

- Fall Sport Final Results

HS Football (0-9) –6 of the 9 teams played are in the play-offs

HS Volleyball (22-15) - The team that beat us out of sub-state (Ottawa) placed 3rd at the 4A State Tournament.

Cross Country—1 state qualifier—Junior Dawson Colglazier placed 8th at the 4A State Cross Country meet.

Girls' Golf—1 state qualifier—Sophomore Kayli Tucker qualified to the 4A State Tournament for the second straight year.
- First day of winter sports are November 14. Buffer week is the week of November 7-11.
- The winter parent's meeting will be held November 8th. The meeting begins at 7 PM. All parents of winter athletes are encouraged to attend.
- The Fall Musical begins on Thursday, November 10 and runs through Saturday, November 12.
- FBLA will be traveling to Little Rock, Arkansas on November 18 and 19, 2011 to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference.
- Scholar's Bowl and Debate are in the middle of their seasons. Things are going well for them.
- The first wrestling dual is Tuesday, November 29, 2011 vs. Eudora at SFT.
- The first basketball game is Friday, December 2, 2011 at Baldwin.

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## College Fair Invitation

Santa Fe Trail High School has been invited to attend a College Night at Burlingame High School. The information for the Fair is listed below. Questions about the evening can be directed to SFTHS Student Services.

**College Fair at Burlingame High School, 100 Bloomquist Dr.**

**Tuesday, November 15 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

### *Visit 25 Colleges*

#### 4 year

Baker, Bethel, ESU, KSU, McPherson, Ottawa, PSU, KU, Washburn, WSU

#### 2 year Colleges technical schools and military representatives

Allen, Bellius, Cloud County, Coffeyville, Cowley College/Tech, Flint Hills Tech, Hesston College, Neosho, North Central Tech, Salina Tech, Washburn Tech

Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy

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## ACT Information

### 2011 ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 18, 2011
February 11, 2012**	January 13, 2012	January 20, 2012
April 14, 2012(at SFT)	March 9, 2012	March 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 18, 2012

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html> - web site to register for the ACT

SFT gives the ACT in October and April.

Juniors should be taking the ACT test in April, June, or October.

Seniors – planning on attending a 4 year college need the ACT test for admission. If they have not already taken the ACT they should sign up for the test in December.

April date usually falls on the vocal contest.

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## Counselor Information

Check out the Counselor Information on the [usd434.org](http://usd434.org) web site. Listed below is the information you will find on it.



Below is one scholarship you will find listed.

Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship (\$500) 240 awarded each year

This scholarship is for students who are pursuing an education in a vocational or technical program. These technical/vocational programs are designed to give the students skills and then they are ready to go straight into the workforce. The test for this scholarship is given on March 3, 2012 in multiple sites across Kansas. Go to [www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/1543-appbrochure1213.pdf](http://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/1543-appbrochure1213.pdf) for an application. If there are questions contact Linda Oldham Burns at 785-296-3518 or [loldhambrns@ksbor.org](mailto:loldhambrns@ksbor.org)

### **PLAN Test given to Sophomores**

The content of the PLAN tests includes English, Math, Reading, and Science questions and is closely tied to that of the achievement tests in the ACT, which is broadly used for college entrance and placement decisions. Also included is:

- Needs Assessment—collects information about students' perceived needs for help
- High School Course and Grade Information—gathers lists of courses completed, currently being taken, or planned for completion before graduation
- UNIACT Interest Inventory—helps students explore personally relevant career options
- Educational Opportunity Service (EOS)—links students with relevant college and scholarship information at no cost to students based on their PLAN information

### **Upcoming State Assessment Tests at SFT:**

Week of Nov. 28th – State assessments – Juniors – Reading - all juniors

Dec. 5 - Math – Juniors who did not take it last year

Dec. 12 – World History – Sophomores enrolled in World History this semester

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**Science Department News:**

The 2011-2012 SFT science department has undergone changes in personnel, with Mr. Neil Johnson as the only returning staff member. With his leadership and expectation of excellence from himself and his students the bar has been set for the new staff. Mr. Johnson's physics students have been busy utilizing the new Pasco electronic timers to measure Newton's laws of motion and enjoying the new technology which enables them to measure time to the nearest 1/100 of a second.

First year teacher Mrs. Rhodes brings an excitement to her students in many areas of interest. Her passion and enthusiasm for insects and their role in our world has been very evident in her teaching as she has had students working with praying mantis, collecting ants for research through the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and the observations made of lion ants and their unique method of hunting.

Ms. Robinson's classes have worked on various projects this year requiring the use of research techniques online. All of her classes have enjoyed the use of the new computers in both the library and the computer lab. Having the new computers has been an asset in allowing students to research topics and create projects that demonstrate their knowledge of the topic being researched, but also of their skills in word processing and PowerPoint development. In addition, students have measured the rate of photosynthesis based on different variables, observed their own cells under the microscope and identified the effects of cell organelle malfunctions on the human body.

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**Information for Juniors and Seniors: You should be doing the following:****SENIOR NEWS:**

- Review your application, scholarship, and financial aid deadlines to be sure they are met.
- Visit your top school choices
- FAFSA4caster – This is a financial aid estimator that you can use before officially applying for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It will estimate what your expected family contribution will be.

**JUNIOR NEWS:**

- Attend college fairs
  - Begin online scholarship searches at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
  - Start planning to take the ACT or SAT
  - FAFSA4caster (see above)
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We don't just make pretty stuff – Art Education is crucial to a basic education for future success. Did you know that . . .

- We live in a visual age. Most children and youth spend 10 hours per day in front of screens composed of pictures and words, often two types of screens at once.
- The arts provide jobs. 1.25 million Americans currently work in the visual arts.
- Jobs for artists and designers are predicted to increase by 43% by 2016.
- Art education equips students to form mental images, which can be used to solve problems—an ability that chemists, engineers, and architects use to create models and that inventors use to think up new ideas.
- Art education requires students to use their eyes and hands to give form to ideas generated in the brain—a discipline that Nobel Prize winner Eric Kandel proved boosts brain power.
- Research also indicates that high school art programs engage students and keep in school those at-risk of dropping out.

[www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org)



**Students in an advanced drawing class take on the cognitive challenge of accurately drawing what they see.**

***Art Education***