



Certificate of Recognition



## SFTHS Recognized by the Department of Defense

Santa Fe Trail High School has been notified that the school has received recognition of exemplary support from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency for the support the school provided for Mr. Kenyon Eyman. In the spring of 2010, SFTHS social studies instructor Kenyon Eyman was informed that the military unit he serves with would be deployed to Afghanistan sometime during the summer of 2010. At that time, Mr. Eyman was called into duty and began preparations for the deployment with his unit. In June, they were deployed to LSA Sabalu-Harrison, Bagram Airfield, Parwan Province, Afghanistan. Mr. Eyman has since returned safely to the United States and resumed his duties with SFTHS in the classroom. During his deployment, the staff and students did an outstanding job of providing packages and personal items to be sent to Mr. Eyman during his deployment. We are extremely proud to have him as a part of our teaching staff and the work our school did to support him.

## Fall Play a Huge Success



On November 10, 11, and 12 Santa Fe Trail High School presented *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring. The play was about Mortimer Brewster, a drama critic in New York City. Life was good for Mortimer. In fact he had just gotten engaged. He felt like a million dollars...until he found a dead body in his childhood home where his two aunts and brother still lived. His brother Teddy believed that he was President Teddy Roosevelt while his aunts thought they are being "charitable" when they helped lonely old men get to heaven by offering them home-made wine laced with arsenic, strychnine, and just a pinch of cyanide! To make matters worse for Mortimer, his long lost nemesis brother Jonathan returned to town...with a corpse of his own! The good life took a nose dive as Mortimer tried to juggle dead bodies, his crazy family, and the local police...all the while debating if he should go through with his recent promise to marry the woman he loved. Those attending the play, it was a huge success. Our cast, directors, and support people are to be congratulated for a highly successful performance!

## DID YOU KNOW?

When asked if they thought their parents would think it would be wrong for them to drink beer, wine, or hard liquor on a regular basis (at least once or twice a month), nearly 4% of Osage County youth answered “not wrong at all.” In the same Communities That Care survey, 17% of the students report that their families do not have clear rules about alcohol and drug use.

Studies clearly indicate that the biggest deterrent to underage drinking is parental involvement. This includes parents setting clear rules and guidelines concerning alcohol use, clearly expressing their disapproval of underage drinking, being aware of their children’s activities and friends and, of course, consistent modeling. Parents are encouraged to have ongoing conversation with their children concerning alcohol and drug use. Helpful resources can be found at [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com).

Information provided by Drug Free Osage County

## Fall Renaissance Rally Honors Student Achievement

On November 22, the high school held 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 honored many aspects of academics including those students who scored Exemplary on state assessments during the 2010-2011 school year. Shown below are some photos of the “Renaissance Monster Competition” matching the classes against each other.



## Our Fall Play Cast!



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## SFT KAY Club Presented the KSHSAA GOLD Award for KAY Service & Leadership

Five members of the Santa Fe Trail High School KAY Club (Kansas Association of Youth) attended the Area 1 KAY Regional Conference on November 8 at Blue Valley Southwest in Olathe. The Club received the GOLD Award, recognizing their student leadership and service to their school, community, nation and world for the 2010-2011 school year.

KAY is a character-building, leadership training program directed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. This nationally acclaimed organization provides students an opportunity to learn to assume their citizenship responsibilities and to enrich their personalities through well-organized programs in the areas of service to school, community, nation and world.

The theme for the 2011 Regional Conference was “The Power of One”! This conference affords opportunities for student leaders and sponsors from neighboring clubs to share successes and challenges, as well as exchange ideas. Sessions in leadership training and organizational skills are also offered. SFT KAY officers Kiley Hall and Baylie Stous served as leaders for Publicity and Technology Directors during Officer Network breakout sessions. These conferences inspire delegates to return to their clubs to challenge their local members.

Santa Fe Trail HS KAY members attending the Regional Conference were: Baylie Stous, Kylie Hall, Lauren Hobart, Emily Miller, Shannon Lewis, and SFTHS KAY sponsor Mary Vawter Burgett.



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## SFT-FBLA recognized at NFLC in Little Rock

Santa Fe Trail FBLA was recognized on the JUMBO screen at the recent NFLC in Little Rock for their community service project. Included here is a picture of the screen presented at the session in Little Rock. This was a surprise to us and Kansas that we were singled out and recognized in front of 2,000 people at the Opening Session of the 2012 NFLC.





## Busy December for SFTHS SADD

Next week SADD will be sponsoring an anti-bullying week, as well as our normal “holiday” door drive. The theme for the week is “Spread Joy, Not Hate”. We will have dress days to signify varying themes for each day:

- ✚ Monday – Turn your back on bullying – wear clothing backwards
- ✚ Tuesday – Super Hero Day! (Always Help, Encourage, Respect, Others) – students will be allowed to wear Super Hero costumes
- ✚ Wednesday – Sock it to bullying! – crazy sock day
- ✚ Thursday – Bullying? Be smart, don’t start – Dress like a nerd day
- ✚ Friday – Don’t sweat bullies, we got your back – Sweats and ugly sweater day

We will also be sponsoring our door decorating contest. Doors must be ready for judging on Dec 19th. Treats will be awarded to the winning activity period on Dec 20th. The theme “Spread Joy, Not Hate” must somehow be portrayed in your holiday-themed decoration.

SADD members will also be collecting new, unopened toys to be sent to Toys for Tots in Topeka (which services the Osage county area) and we will be collecting items to send overseas to one or more troops of soldiers (list of items we are collecting will follow)

As always, thanks for supporting SADD and SFT students.

Tina McIver – SADD Sponsor

## High School State Testing Underway

Kansas State Assessment testing began at the high school on December 6. High schools are provided the opportunity to test students in reading and math twice. The current schedule has all 11th graders testing in reading and 11th grade students who have not been tested the first time in math. The high school staff will be examining individual results at upcoming staff development days. Students not meeting standard in reading or math will be provided remediation on selected indicators and will be tested again in the spring.

## Activities Report

- # Fall wrap up: Seniors Alex Dahl and Blade Wright were both named 4A honorable mention football athletes in the Topeka Capital-Journal.
- # Junior Dawson Colglazier was named to the first team All-Area Cross Country Team from the Lawrence Journal-World.
- # Winter sports are fully underway into the season.
- # The wrestlers defeated Eudora High School on Tuesday, November 29th to start their season. They also participated in the Spring Hill Dual Tournament on Friday, December 2nd. SFT went 3-2 on the day narrowly losing twice.
- # On Friday, December 2nd, the boy's and girls' basketball teams traveled to Baldwin High School to start their season. SFT went 3-3 overall on the night.
- # Regional Wrestling Location for 2012 @ Chapman High School: Abilene, Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail, Chapman, Clay Center Community, Colby, Concordia, Holton, Hoyt-Royal Valley, Larned, Lindsborg-Smoky Valley, McPherson, Nickerson, Topeka-Hayden, Wamego
- # Sub-State Basketball Location for 2012 @ Baldwin: Baldwin, Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail, DeSoto, Eudora, Kansas City-Sumner Academy, Lenexa-St. James Academy, Ottawa, Spring Hill
- # KSHSAA winter buffer week runs from December 23-27, 2011.
- # On Monday, December 12, there will be the winter band/choir concert at SFT starting at 7 pm.
- # We are beginning to wrap things up with the SFT debate season. State Debate is January 13 and 14, 2012.
- # We are also fully in the middle of the SFT scholar's bowl season. On Monday, January 23rd, SFT will be hosting a JV scholar's bowl meet.

## Mrs. Burgett Selected to Serve as KAY Sponsor

Mary Burgett, KAY Sponsor at Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail High School has been selected to serve a two year term as the Area 1 KAY Area Sponsor. Mary's selection took place at the November, 2011 Regional Conference hosted by the Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest High School KAY Club.

The KAY program is available to any KSHSAA member school students. The local organization is under the direction of the school principal who, in turn, appoints a sponsor(s) to lead and guide the club program.

Mary has served as a KAY sponsor for 34 years. Selected for her dedication and years of experience with the KAY program, she will serve on a state advisory committee as a representative of the Area 1 KAY Clubs, which are located in northeastern Kansas. This committee, along with the KSHSAA staff, plans and makes recommendations for the improvement of the KAY program.

“We are honored to have Mary Burgett serve as a KAY Area Sponsor”, said Cheryl Gleason, KSHSAA State Director. “Her strong background in the KAY program, 1 nces and the numerous awards the Santa Fe Trail High School K  
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 has received during her years as sponsor, will be of great value to this committee and the KAY program state-wide”

## December Counselor Information for Students and Parents

### 2011 ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
February 11, 2012**	January 13, 2012	January 20, 2012

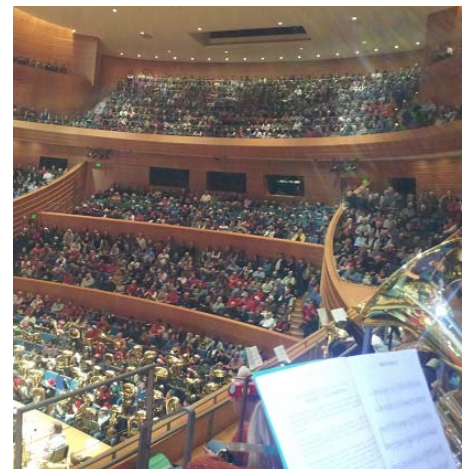
## SFT Junior and Senior High Band Members Awards and Performances

On Saturday December 3rd a total of 6 students from the district played in the NE Kansas Honor Band at Blue Valley High school. The students were first nominated by their band teachers and then a few were selected from 104 schools in northeast Kansas. Jessica Moore, Trevor Boudeman, Lauren Hobart, Haley Ferris, and Dani Crook were selected from the 7, 8, and 9 division band. Preston West was part of the 10-12 division and had to audition for one of two oboe spots in the district. Preston was selected from over 30 other players and will have the opportunity to audition for the all- state band in February. This was a great honor to have even one student selected into these groups. They played a great concert and represented our district well.

On Monday December 5th, three junior. high students and six students from the high school headed to Kansas City for the annual Tuba Christmas. The concert was held at the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Six Hundred and twelve tubas and euphoniums rehearsed Christmas carols for an hour before playing a free concert for the public at noon. The atmosphere was incredible and the hall was packed with so many people that many had to listen to the concert from the lobby. The band would like to thank the administration and staff for the musical opportunity's that the students have been given. They are great learning experiences that will remembered by the students for many years after they leave school.



Pictures From  
Recent Junior  
and Senior High  
Band  
Performances



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## Santa Fe Trail High School Language Arts

The freshmen English classes read and studied *To Kill a Mockingbird* this semester. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel teaches lessons of tolerance toward those who are different. Students gained an historical perspective of life in the United States during the 1930s. Before reading they researched many aspects of the depression and presented their findings to the class. So that students would have a better understanding of the rich vocabulary in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, they were each assigned several words to research for a vocabulary poster to present to the class. Also, we were fortunate this year to have a Washburn University student, Melissa Jeanneret, spent several hours with us for one of her education classes. She presented a lesson based on Atticus Finch stating that “You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.” Students were each given a picture of a different style of shoe and were asked to describe it and answer 15 questions based on their interpretation of who could have worn that shoe. They really enjoyed this activity. They ended the quarter with a variety of projects based on the novel.

Many short stories were read by the freshmen this quarter. They used graphic organizers to find similarities and differences in two of the stories. Then they wrote comparison/contrast paragraphs using that information. Students also wrote a sequel to one of the stories. Their story needed to be one to two pages long and take place 20 years later. When finished, they enjoyed reading their original works to the class.

English 3 and Honors English 3 students had a full first semester in their study of American literature. Both courses began their year sampling the literature of the Native American culture and its contribution to the American culture. The Puritan Age of Colonial America then became the major topic. English 3 students studied the modern drama *The Crucible* set during the infamous Salem Witch Trials of 1692 while the Honor students have been studying the world of Nathaniel Hawthorne’s famous novel *The Scarlet Letter*. The study of literature, the central focus of all junior English classes, becomes the focal point for a variety of language arts activities. More recently the English 3 classes have been studying Romanticism, especially gothic literature, found in early American writers as Washington Irving, Edgar Allan Poe, and Nathaniel Hawthorne. All juniors will end their semester by taking State Reading Assessments. The testing will span three days (Dec. 13-15), and the best way students can prepare for these tests is to stay healthy: get plenty of sleep, eat well, and stay calm. Students who do not meet state standards will be given another opportunity in the spring to do so. Questions about the junior English curriculum can be directed to Greg Burgett, who teaches junior English.

The freshman and junior English classes are ending this semester with a Season’s Greetings project aimed at our combat troops stationed overseas during the holidays. The students read short selections and poems featuring soldiers in combat themes. To end the unit, students brought items to create small friendship gifts to be sent overseas. Some of the items included toothbrushes, floss, beef jerky, deodorant, nuts, tea bags, instant coffee, etc. The students signed cards to be included with the packages wishing the soldiers love and friendship this holiday season.