

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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PIONEER LEAGUE SCHOLAR'S BOWL RESULTS

The SFT scholar's bowl team placed 2nd at the Pioneer League Scholar's Bowl Tournament.

K-STATE HONOR BAND

The following six students were selected to the K-State Honor Band in January almost 1,400 students in the state were nominated and they took 600 from those. Here were the students that attended from SFT:

Morgan Makowski- Top chair in her band and was one of the recipients of a 500 outstanding musician scholarship. To attend K-state.

Sammi Abendroth- Made the top honor band for the second straight year

Takoda McClendon

William Pagan

Audrey Ward

These students had a chance to work with some of the best college directors in the country and they did a great job of representing SFT!

NHS

Each year NHS helps distribute food to those in need through Harvesters. Despite the cold, investing our time always leaves our members with the warm feeling of bringing good to our community. Taking the food from the bins and moving it to the people's cars doesn't seem like much, but it speeds up the process and enables even more individuals in our community to receive the help they need in a timely manner. Harvesters is a wonderful project that gives back to the community while also teaching our members the importance of helping others.

Brooke Preston, NHS Historian

Given the annual task of decorating and putting on the Winter Formal Dance, the *National Honor Society* team wanted to go all out, and really put on a good and interesting event for those who attended. To say the least, I feel we succeeded. Our theme this year, decided by the team, was a "New York Christmas." A candle-lit walkway illuminated our guests' way to the entrance, and once inside surrounding the wall was our custom-made New York City Skyline and Photoshoot. With a total of 159 guests attending, I know our team is very proud of what we produced.

Caleb Simpson, NHS President

ENROLLMENT CONFERENCES FOR 2016-17

SFT will begin the freshmen and sophomore enrollment conferences sometime in February. Right now, we are waiting to get the results back from the ACT Aspire which is supposed to be sometime the first week of February. Once this happens, the HS will begin scheduling the individual meetings with parents/guardians.

The junior enrollment conferences will be getting scheduled soon this month.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year's spring play will be *The Foreigner*, by Larry Shue. The cast is as follows Calvin Young, Taylin Berckefeldt, Roslind Finlay, Tristan Shepard, Hunter Maichel, Carson Stumpff, Sam Rhoades, Noah Knight, and William Pagan. The play will be held the second weekend in March; the 11th (7pm), 12th (7pm), and 13th (2pm). The Santa Fe Trail Drama Department is extremely excited for this show, and we hope to see everyone out for the performances.

Thank you for your support!
Mr. Terry

The Industrial Education Department to compete at 2016 Ku Engineering Expo

Have you ever heard of a Trebuchet? "The trebuchet is a compound machine—a combination of simple machines. The trebuchet makes use of the mechanical advantage of a lever. Most trebuchets are powered exclusively by the force of gravity. Potential energy is stored by means of an extremely heavy weight box attached (by a hinged connection) to the counterweight portion of the throwing arm." (Wikipedia) Mr. Stanton's classes are designing two of these machines and taking them to the KU expo to see how well his students' have



designed and crafted their machines.

The two teams will compete on Friday, February 26 against other entries in hopes of making a good showing. Both teams consist of three members and one member on each team is currently in Computer Aided Drafting class and designed the machines blue prints and construction plans. We will keep you posted on how the completion goes for the teams. It should be a fun day competing with other students from around the state who are engineer minded and like hands-on activities.

SFT-FBLA

Two SFT-FBLA local members have taken the challenge of running for a state officer position in Kansas FBLA. Sophomore Carson Stumpff will be the new District VII Vice President, taking over the reins from current District VII Vice President, Kyle Hug. Carson's campaign slogan was: Don't be Stumped, Vote Carson for District VII Vice President. Elections were held during the Opening Session of the District VII conference on February 3 and Carson won, unanimously. Sophomore, Kelsey Hug, is running for the office of Kansas FBLA State Secretary. Kelsey will campaign and caucus at the Kansas FBLA State Leadership Conference in Topeka on April 4-5. Congratulations and best wishes to these fine and upcoming leaders of FBLA!

SFT-FBLA recently returned from a successful District VII Leadership Conference at Emporia State University on February 3. SFT-FBLA had 42 members (out of 76) that participated in various events, alongside 17 other high schools and 3 middle schools. Around 525 FBLA members and advisers were in attendance, led by local SFT-FBLA President and District VII VP, Senior Kyle Hug.

SFT-FBLA will be celebrating National FBLA week from February 7-13. Some of the local activities the chapter will be promoting are: DRESS FOR SUCCESS DAY, March of Dimes competition to support this worthwhile organization, and GUESS the Secret FBLA member of the Day.



Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Basketball, Wrestling, Scholars Bowl, and Forensics continue to be in full swing for this winter season. With that said, the spring sports season is just around the corner with practices starting on Monday, February 29th. Be sure your student athlete has their physical, district activity form and concussion form completed and turned in. There will be a High School Spring Sports Parent Meeting on Monday, February 29th at 7:00 pm in the high school gym.

Basketball

The Santa Fe Trail boys and girls basketball teams have had a tough slate of action this season. During the week of January 18th both teams participated in the Royal Valley Tournament. Senior night will be held on Thursday, February 25th when we host Iola. SFTHS will participate in the sub-state hosted by Burlington on March 3– 5. The winners will then advance to state to be held at Lee Arena in Emporia the next week.

Wrestling

The Pioneer League wrestling tournament will be held at Wellsville High School on Thursday, February 11th starting at 4:00 pm. Santa Fe Trail will travel to DeSoto for Regionals on February 19th and 20th. Those wrestlers who place 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th at Regionals will then go on to state competition at the Bicentennial Center in Salina on February 26th and 27th.

Dual Sport Participation

There has been some interest from students who would like to participate in 2 sports during the spring season. Below is the Board policy on this issue:

Students may participate in two sports during one season, with approval from the coaches of both sports. In addition, a parent meeting with the coaches and athlete will occur prior to the season beginning. Next, two sport athletes are expected to begin their dual sports on the same day. If they do not, the days missed will be considered to be unexcused. After two unexcused absences from one sport, they will no longer be able to participate in both sports.