

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2019**

CHARGER DAYS

We are down to three remaining Charger Days for the school year. Here is what is remaining: a career fair, a half day spent with financial planning, a field trip day, and field day to tie into our end of the year rally. Once school is out, we will begin planning out our Charger Days for the 2109-20 school year.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

I would like to recommend the following changes for next year:

1. Starting with the Class of 2022, I would like to recommend that these students be required to enroll in and earn a semester credit for Economics of Personal Finance. This class will be required the second semester of their senior year. This class will be offered as a social studies credit.
2. Starting with the Class of 2022, the graduation requirement will be reduced to 24 overall credits. Students will still have to meet the state minimum requirement on courses. (We currently require 25 credits to graduate.)
3. I would like to change USD 434's policy regarding students going to the virtual school with Greenbush and attending one class at SFTHS, being granted KSHSAA eligibility. My recommendation would be to pass a new policy to not let this happen anymore. Any student who is currently participating in the agreement would be allowed to finish but we would not accept anyone new to join it.

ENGLISH CLASSES WILL LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT NEXT YEAR

For the 2019-2020 school year, the Santa Fe Trail High School will be revamping the course offerings in the English Department for juniors and seniors. Students will be able to have more choice in their course selection, while still fulfilling the necessary reading, writing, and speaking and listening standards and meeting the requirements for graduation. These electives will take the place of the traditional English III and English IV courses for juniors and seniors. The new courses available to juniors and seniors will be Mythology and Folklore, Sports Literature, Modern Literature, American Literature, College English Prep, and Film as Literature. Additionally, juniors who have completed Honors English II will have the ability to take Honors English III as well as Allen Community College (ACC) Composition I with a qualifying score. ACC Composition I and II and Introduction to Literature will remain as offerings to seniors with qualifying scores as well.

A NEW BENCH AT SFT—BURCHETT AND BRYANT

A message from Jennifer Mason, Craig Burchett's and Donnie Bryant's sister.

Thank you for the opportunity to memorialize my brothers at Santa Fe Trail. As you know, Donnie died in a car accident in November of 2017 and Craig was killed in a workplace accident at Westar Energy in June of 2018. This loss has been overwhelming for our family and it is our desire to remember them as the great guys they were.

Both Donnie and Craig were football players while in high school and then avid supporters after graduation. Many Friday nights, you could find them standing down by the concession

stand watching the team in action, Craig watching his stepson, Gabe Dunnaway and Donnie watching his son, Riley Bryant play football or his daughter, Kayla Bryant, dance. They loved this time together as proud SFT alumni.

Upon their deaths, the alumni from classes 1990-1992, collected money to contribute to a memorial on their behalf. Most of this money went toward a bench that can be seen on Main Street in Overbrook and our desire is to place another at the high school to honor them there. I am attaching a picture of the bench in Overbrook that we are hoping to replicate at SFT. We have people in place to construct the bench and secure it at the designated spot by the concession stand. Donnie and Craig were the types of guys that SFT should hold proud as alumni. Both of them hardworking and committed to making a lasting effect on the SFT community. Thank you again for the opportunity to honor them.



(This is what it would look like.)

ART DEPARTMENT

If you get a chance check out the display case in the Junior hall and vote for your 5 favorites. Turn ballots in at the Art Room 120. Art will have a guest artist, Professor Linda Ganstrom from Fort Hays State University in April.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Santa Fe Trail High School will be hosting its **5th International Night** next **Monday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the library.** This cross-curricular event, sponsored by Mary Burgett (Family and Consumer Sciences), Emma Fernandez (Spanish) and Kali Hinman (Science) is intended to bring diversity and inclusion to our community, and give students an opportunity to explore the world by tasting food from countries around the world! In order to participate, students need to bring an international dish to share. Families, staff, and community members are invited to attend. Join us for a night of food and fun!



INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

Industrial Education classes are gearing up to finish another busy school year of making personal student projects, wooden turned pens and pencils, and portable sheds. As this cold winter hopefully comes to an end, we will build another shed. If you don't already know, our classes make many things and it is our diversity of student choices which encourages the kids to dream up their own projects. We make turned pencils and pens from exotic woods, which teaches the students how to turn larger things like bowls and mugs. In our spare time, we construct portable sheds at material costs as time allows.



Today we are moving a new shed into place for the girls' softball program. We finished it in November, but have not been able to move it until today because of the wet fields.

We are starting a **new shed for the city of Overbrook baseball diamonds** later in March when the weather permits. We should finish it by May so it can be moved into place early in

the spring season. The shed for Overbrook will be a 12x12 shed which is constructed of



2x4's and

will be all metal

We are also making a lot of pens and pencil. The **most popular pen** is one that looks like a bullet and is shaped like a rifle with a bolt lever



action.



Pens range in cost from \$20.00 to \$35.00. Let us know if you would like one. Email me at tstanton@usd434.us.

We have some very nice PBL projects being made this



semester.

Live edge walnut table with a river of resin running down the middle of the table,



Ice chest cabinet



Potting table



8' long farm table



Desk with future drawers



Two drawer bedside cabinet



Entertainment center

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Wrestling

Santa Fe Trail traveled to Smoky Valley High School in Lindsborg for Regional Wrestling on February 15th and 16th. The Chargers qualified 6 wrestlers for 4A State competition in Salina on February 22nd and 23rd. Those wrestlers were Christian Rowe, Jason Prettyman, Caleb Jeanneret, Zach Jeanneret, Caleb Harmes, and Ryely Seals. Santa Fe Trail had 1 state medalist this year and that was a third place finish by Christian Rowe at 120 pounds. As a team, SFT finished 20th. Christian was also selected as the Smoky Valley 4A Regional Wrestler of the Year.

Boys Basketball

The boys' varsity team finished the season with a 1st place finish in the Pioneer League with a record of 9-3 and they were 17-3 overall. At this time, the Chargers are still playing. They are in the Perry-Lecompton sub state semifinal game vs. Silver Lake on Friday. If they win, they will play for the championship on Saturday. State basketball for 3A is held at HCC-Hutchinson Sports Arena, 720 E. 11th, Hutchinson, 67501.

Girls Basketball

The varsity team finished the year 4-8, in the Pioneer League, and 5-16 overall. Their season ended with Sub-State play at Wellsville High School on February 25th when the Lady Chargers lost to Wellsville, 47-21.

Dance Team

The practices and try-outs for the 2019-2020 Dance Team are scheduled for the week of March 18th and the actual try-out is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st at the high school.

Cheerleading

The practices and try-outs for the 2019-2020 Cheer Team are scheduled for the week of March 18th and the actual try-out is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st at the high school.

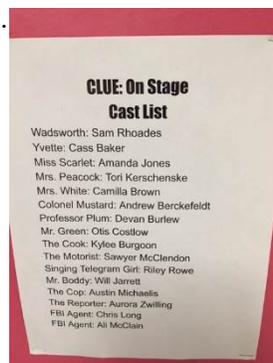
Forensics

Santa Fe Trail High School Forensics is off to a fast start this year. The team has placed 2nd at McLouth and 3rd at Rock Creek already this young season. As you can see from the picture below, SFT is bringing home some hardware, and qualifying students for state!! This year State Forensics will be held at Wichita East High School. Students use a wide range of performance skills to develop their talents in public acting, interpretation, and public speaking.



High School Play

This year's play, "Clue", will be at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd. On Sunday, March 24th it will be held in the afternoon and begin at 2:00 pm.



Baseball

The Charger baseball team has 25 athletes on their current roster. The varsity team will see their first action when they host Royal Valley on Tuesday, March 19th. The junior varsity will kick off their season on Monday, March 18th at Royal Valley. All varsity and junior varsity home games are played at Jones Park in Overbrook.

Softball

The Lady Chargers began practice on Monday, February 25th. They have 23 team members. The JV and Varsity teams will see their first action when they host Royal Valley on Tuesday, March 19th. All varsity and junior varsity home games are played at Jones Park in Carbondale.

Boys Golf

This season there are 13 boys out for the golf team. Their first varsity competition will be at Burlington on Tuesday, April 2nd and the junior varsity gets started on the same day at Village Greens Golf Course. SFT will host our home varsity tournament on Tuesday, April 16th at Hidden Springs Golf Course, starting at 1:00 pm.

Track

The Santa Fe Trail track team will see their first action on Thursday, March 28th when both the JV and Varsity travel north to Silver Lake. There are 50 athletes that are currently out for track. SFT will host a Junior Varsity Track Meet on April 25th starting at 4:00 pm.