

## Santa Fe Trail High School

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### Principal's Building Report

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#### KU Honors Banquet

On November 6, 2013, 9 SFTHS seniors were honored at the annual KU Honors Program ceremony at Mission Valley 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 Jessica Abendroth, Erin Brady, Destiny Bruno, Shelby Dahl, Chase Logan, Chelsea Morris, Colleen Preston, Trevor Rosine, and Megan Zaldivar.



#### Trevor Rosine Honored

Congratulations are in order for SFTHS Senior Trevor Rosine. On October 25, Trevor traveled to Central Christian College of Kansas in McPherson to take the Deans/Presidents Scholarship test. Trevor was informed that he had won the 1st place award of a \$15,000 scholarship. Trevor liked his experience at Central Christian and will probably attend there after graduation. He also has the opportunity to have more of his college bills covered through awards in music and drama. Trevor wants to major in pastoral and youth ministry in college. Congratulations Trevor!

## **Quarter One Parent PowerSchool Statistics**

Each Quarter, the high school will be tracking the amount of usage that we receive with the PowerSchool system. Listed below is the data for the 1st quarter of the current school year. 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.

### **Parent/Student Mobile App Stats**

Total sign ins by parents:	139
Total sign ins by students:	368
Total sign ins by parents and students combined:	507

### **Parent/Student Web Portal Stats**

Total sign ins by parents:	1684
Total sign ins by students:	5426
Total sign ins by parents and students combined	7110
Number of students whose records were accessed:	302 of 361 (83.6%)
Avg. number of parent and student sign ins per day combined:	81.8

## **Preview of SFTHS Website Projects    Coming Soon to the High School Website**

Look soon at the SFTHS website for information regarding classroom activities occurring at SFTHS. Our goal is to provide our parents and patrons as much information about the great work going on at the high school every day. Below is a short sample of things to come.

### **The Sights of Geography**

Santa Fe Trail High School students are finding that geography is more than just lines on a map. SFTHS social studies instructor Bob Hug informs students that geography is not just the measuring and drawing of land on paper, but the way human beings use space, distance, maps and the cultural practices of the people of the world.

A great way to start out the year in Geography is to have students do research of countries of the world and develop presentations. In Mr. Hug's Geography classes, students have been actively researching and learning about the different countries of Europe. Their research has been followed up by oral presentations to their classmates.

Throughout the semester, students taking the SFT Geography class will be examining current issues that impact our world today. They will also acquire an understanding of the development of human systems, human understanding of the world, and human social organization. The more traditional method of teaching students to develop geographic skills, such as learning to interpret maps, analyze data, and compare theories will help students' understanding of the development of modern civilization.



Research Begins



Choosing a Country



A Final Project

### [Santa Fe Trail High School Offers Tests Prep Courses to Assist Students with College Entrance Tests](#)

**ACT** This course provides students with the opportunity to prepare to successfully complete the ACT college entrance exam. On-screen teachers present the exam with an overview of the test and its content as well as proven test-taking strategies. Practice tests modeled after the ACT exams are used to diagnose and target areas of opportunity. Students are prescribed individualized paths of study and provided instructional content for review including video-based instruction by high-qualified teachers, interactive assignments, and regular assessment opportunities to track progress. Recommended for students attending a four year college or university.

**Compass** This course reviews the concepts and skills essential for college readiness as measured by the Compass post-secondary placement exam. SFTHS students enrolling in ACC courses must have a qualifying Compass score if they do not qualify with the written Asset test. In this course students will complete a diagnostic pre-test that assesses specific areas of strength and weakness. Based on the assessment results the students receive a personalized learning plan providing the most efficient and effective preparation possible. Recommended for students attending a two year college.

Parents or students interested in more information about the ACT Prep test or the Compass test should contact Student Services or the main office.

### [FBLA Proclamation](#)

The SFT-FBLA chapter traveled to the State Capitol on Friday, October 25, to witness a Proclamation Signing by Governor Sam Brownback. The proclamation was created by the SFT-FBLA chapter to 'Proclaim November 15 as American Free Enterprise Day' in Kansas. American Enterprise Day is recognized by FBLA each year as a way to salute and publicize the

American free enterprise system and to teach others about it. Chapters celebrate American Enterprise Day through a wide range of activities, projects, and short financial awareness lessons.



### **SFTHS Activities Report**

As the fall activities at Santa Fe Trail have ended, we are now looking forward to the winter events. Basketball, Wrestling, Scholar's Bowl and Debate will headline much of the extra-curricular happenings at SFT over the next few months. Don't forget, winter sports practices will begin on Monday, November 18th. The winter sports parent meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at the high school.

### **Football**

The Chargers ended the year with 3 losses in Districts. Although, this year did not go the way Coach Duncan, his assistants, and the players had planned; many great strides were made during the season. Look for the young Chargers to continue to improve over the next couple of years. The junior varsity finished 5-3 on the season and the freshmen were 3-4.

### **Volleyball – SFT CLASS 4A DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONS!!**

On October 26th the Chargers won the Sub-State Volleyball Tournament held at Prairie View High School. Santa Fe Trail beat Osawatomie and Eudora to advance to the Class 4A Division II Volleyball Tournament in Salina. At the state tournament on Friday, November 1st, SFT beat Jefferson West and Clay Center, but a loss to Wichita Trinity gave the Chargers a 2nd place finish in pool play. On Saturday, the Chargers beat Frontenac in the semi-finals to advance to the finals against the team they lost to on Friday, Wichita Trinity, who had beaten Burlington the #1 overall seed in the tournament. It took 3 sets, but SFT won the match to become the inaugural Class 4A Division II Kansas State Volleyball Champions!!

## **Girls Golf**

Bri Beckman competed at the State Girls Golf Tournament on October 21st at Crestview Country Club in Pittsburg. Bri competed well and represented SFT with pride.

## **Cross Country**

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country teams competed at a tough Regional at Ottawa on Saturday, October 26th. When the dust had settled SFT had one state qualifier, Derrick Zaldivar!! On Saturday, November 2nd Derrick ran at the Class 4A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego and finished 59th out of 105 runners.

## **Scholars Bowl**

The Scholars Bowl Team medaled in the first two tournaments of the season.

## **KAY**

On Tuesday, November 12th Santa Fe Trail will host the Area 1 Regional KAY Conference. The theme for the 2013-14 KAY Regional Conferences is "Leadership Round-Up".