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Santa Fe Trail High School Hosts Regional KAY Conference

The Kansas Association for Youth recently held their Area 1 Regional Conference at Grace Community Church hosted by Santa Fe Trail High School. Schools from Area 1 which encompasses Northeast Kansas were in attendance.

According to the KAY website portion of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, "KAY Regional Conferences, held in the fall, are an exciting power-packed day that 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 offered as well as opportunities to share resources. A highlight of each conference is a speech presented by a motivating and inspiring individual. In addition, the Regional Conferences provide an opportunity to recognize clubs for their previous year's accomplishments and elect new area leaders, in addition to enjoying fun and fellowship and motivating and inspiring delegates to return to their clubs to challenge their local members."

Many positive comments were heard about the conference and the wonderful job that the SFTHS KAY Club did with organizing and providing interesting and entertaining sessions for the day.



SFTHS Students Learn About World War I at Museum Visit

The American History classes of Mrs. Faith Flory recently toured the World War One Museum in Kansas City as part of their study of this period of time. In preparation for their visit, Mrs. Flory exposed her classes to many aspects of World War I. Included were things that they would be seeing at the museum.

According to the WWI website, “soon after World War I ended, Kansas City leaders formed the Liberty Memorial Association (LMA) to create a lasting monument to the men and women who had served in the war. In 1919, the LMA and citizens of Kansas City raised more than \$2.5 million in just 10 days. The equivalent of roughly \$34 million today, this staggering accomplishment reflected the passion of public sentiment for the Great War that had dramatically changed the world.

In 1921, more than 100,000 people gathered to see the supreme Allied commanders dedicate the site of the Liberty Memorial. This was the first time in history these five leaders were together in one place.

Construction on the classical Egyptian Revival-style monument was completed in 1926 and the Liberty Memorial was dedicated by President Calvin Coolidge in front of more than 150,000 people.” The visitation of SFTHS students to the WWI museum has become an annual event.

To follow up the WWI Unit students toured the liberty memorial WWI museum in KC. Our students got to see the war come alive as they viewed and interacted with exhibits/artifacts from the era. All exhibits in the museum are from WWI except for the replica planes. Interviews with our students upon their return indicated that the most popular site seen was the World War I tank.



NHS assists in the Heartland Share Food Distribution Program

Twenty-eight National Honor Society members and their sponsor, Mrs. McIver, made a trip to Osage City on November 21st to assist in the Heartland Share Food Distribution program sponsored by Harvesters, International, and ECKAN of Osage City. The students unpacked the food items when they arrived off of the Harvesters truck and began sorting them into boxes to be distributed to needy families in the area. After the assembly line of food organizing and box packing was well underway, the students also helped load full boxes of food items into cars for people. Kenna Burns, Osage County Human Services Coordinator-ECKAN, said that the program normally serves about 300 families each month. Kenna stated: I have heard so many great comments with the kids helping. It is great seeing youth get involved in the community and getting a better idea of the needs many families have. Anytime you would like to come back

or have any other groups needing some community service time, please let me know! We truly appreciated it!

Kenna Burns
Osage County Human Services Coordinator-ECKAN



"Kansas Don't Spoil It!" Calendar Contest

Out of thousands of entries submitted from across Kansas, Santa Fe Trail High School has one of the winners of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's annual Kansas—Don't Spoil It! Calendar Contest. We are proud to announce Mandy Watson, winner of the 11th Grade division, will have her oil pastel printed in the 2014 calendar, and have the opportunity to attend the awards event on Wednesday, December 11th in the Governor's Office. This contest is designed to demonstrate the importance of good environmental practices as well as things everyone can do to preserve the beauty and natural resources of Kansas. Congratulations Mandy!



Mrs. Hoffsommer and Mrs. McIver's English I Class Project

After two weeks of studying about Veterans Day and other war-related topics, students in Mrs. Hoffsommer and Mrs. McIver's English I class took time out to write Christmas cards for soldiers who are currently serving in the military or are in the hospital recovering from injuries suffered through active duty. The Red Cross program, "Holiday Mail for Heroes," provides messages of hope, sent by tens of thousands of Americans, which help provide a welcome "touch of home" for our troops during the holiday season. Santa Fe Trail High School students can share the Christmas spirit with members of the U.S. Armed Forces through the seventh annual Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign of the American Red Cross.

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Basketball and Wrestling are in full swing to kick off the winter season!! There are many upcoming events on the road and at home. Get out and watch the Chargers as they face the challenge of competition on the hardwood and mat.

Fall Awards

Shelby Dahl – Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division II All-Tournament Team, Big 7 All League 1st Team, Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division II All State 1st Team, selected to the Lawrence Journal World All-Area Team, chosen as the All-Area Player of the Year by the Lawrence Journal World, and named to the All Osage County 1st Team.

Jaeden Romine – Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division II All-Tournament Team, Big 7 All League 1st Team, Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division II All State 1st Team, selected to the Lawrence Journal World All-Area Team, and named to the All Osage County 1st Team.

Jessica Abendroth – Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division II All-Tournament Team, Big 7 All League Honorable Mention, Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division II All State 2nd Team, and named to the All Osage County 2nd Team. Jessica also has signed a letter of intent to play for Washburn University.

Megan Zaldivar – Kansas Volleyball Association 4A Division II All State Honorable Mention, Big 7 All League 1st Team, selected to the Lawrence Journal World All-Area Team, and named to the All Osage County 1st Team.

Amber Moore – Big 7 All League Honorable Mention, named to the All Osage County 2nd Team.

Veronica Forbes – All Osage County Honorable Mention.

Ashtyn Mentzer – All Osage County Honorable Mention.

Joy Schmidt – Class 4A Division II Coach of the Year, Lawrence Journal World Coach of the Year, and Osage County Coach of the Year.

The Santa Fe Trail State Champion Volleyball Team will be recognized, with their state banner, during the January 10, 2014 basketball game versus Nemaha Valley.

Tyler Mundy – 1st Team Big 7 All League

Jared Munoz – Big 7 All League Honorable Mention

Darric Cashier – Big 7 All League Honorable Mention

Wrestling

The Chargers begin their season on Thursday, December 5th at Eudora then they travel to Spring Hill for a dual tournament On Friday, December 6th. There are 22 wrestlers out this year, and 13 of them are freshmen. Santa Fe Trail will host a Junior Varsity Tournament on Friday,

December 13th and then a double dual with Ottawa and Tonganoxie on Thursday, December 19th.

Basketball

The SFT boys' team has 26 members out this season and the girls' team consists of 16. Each team will open the season on the road Friday, December 6th at Anderson County. The first home game will be on Tuesday, December 17th. The boys and girls have freshmen/"C", junior varsity and varsity teams. Games are played on Tuesdays and Fridays. When the teams are at home, games are played at Santa Fe Trail High School and the Overbrook Attendance Center.

Dance Team

The Santa Fe Trail Dance Team will perform at each home basketball event this year. Their performance will be at the halftime of the boy's game.

KAY

On Tuesday, November 12th Santa Fe Trail hosted the Area 1 Regional KAY Conference. The theme for this year's Regional Conference was "Leadership Round-Up". Mrs. Burgett and her executive team put on a quality event for the surrounding KAY Chapters. Also, on Wednesday, November 6th at the SFT blood drive, the Community Blood Center staff registered 36 volunteers and collected 29 units of blood. There were 12 first time donors.

FBLA

The SFT-FBLA chapter has been quite busy the past month. SFT-FBLA sponsored their first Dodgeball tournament on Wednesday, November 6, with 12 teams competing for the first place title. In order to compete, team members needed to supply 1 canned good item or \$2. Canned goods collected were presented to the Help House in Osage City, while the money collected helped to purchase more canned good items for the needy. Ten SFT-FBLA members traveled to Dallas, Texas on November 7-10 to attend their National Fall Leadership Conference. Members experienced the sites of Dallas (AT&T Stadium, Dealey Plaza, and downtown Dallas), plus attended and participated in dynamic workshops and general sessions. On November 15, American Free Enterprise Day, SFT-FBLA held their monthly meeting celebrating the day with an informational PowerPoint presentation and invited high school teacher, Terry Stanton, to speak to the group about starting his two businesses. Three SFT-FBLA officers traveled to Scranton Attendance Center on November 20, to present a unit on financial awareness to Tina Arb's 3rd grade classroom.



FBLA Members in Dallas



FBLA Officers at SAC



SFTHS Host members for the KAY Regional Conference