

Santa Fe Trail High School Board Report January 2, 2014

Special Recognition

On January 10th, SFTHS will be hosting Nemaha Valley for basketball. On this night, we will be honoring our State Volleyball Champions. The sign recognizing the accomplishment for our coaches and girls was placed in the gym with signs from our past state champions. We hope to have a huge crowd come out that night as we share a very special moment with our team.

PowerSchool Statistics First Semester

Listed below is the data for the first semester access for PowerSchool. The first set of numbers represents the number of times the system was accessed via a mobile device. The second set of numbers represents the number of times the system was accessed via a computer. An encouraging statistic from the data is the percentage of students whose records were accessed: 313 / 347 90.2 percent.

Mobile Statistics

Total sign ins by parents: 299

Total sign ins by students: 1,040 Total sign ins by parents and students combined: 1,339

Number of students whose records were accessed: 45 / 341

Computer Statistics

Total sign ins by parents: 2723

Total sign ins by students: 10489

Total sign ins by parents and students combined: 13212

Number of students whose records were accessed: 313 / 347

Student Discipline

For several years, SFTHS has been rewarding our students for displaying appropriate school behavior as outlined in the school handbook. Overall, we had a pretty good semester as a majority of our students made good decisions and chose to follow the guidelines. Totals for the semester were: detentions - 172, in school suspensions 17, out of school suspensions 26, and expulsions 2. At the end of the semester, our assembly was held to provide our students without discipline incidents a reward for their good conduct. SFTHS t-shirts remain a very popular item with our students. I will be posting an article and pictures of our assembly in the January Parent Newsletter.

Website Update

At our next in service in January, Kyle Lewis will be working with the high school staff on posting classroom items and information on the website. I have had several of the high school staff members express interest in having the option of posting their class information. Throughout the first semester, I have had the pleasure to observe special projects occurring in the classrooms. I too will be learning the posting process and will have several articles on our classroom happenings posted soon.

ACT Opportunity

In January, SFTHS students in grades 10-12 will have the opportunity to travel to Anderson County to take part in an assembly with an expert who will present test taking strategies for the ACT. To date, we have had some students express interest. While they cannot guarantee improved results, the presenter does state that student success may increase by applying the strategies presented. The administration at Anderson County has offered us this opportunity as a new league member. We are grateful and look forward to the new relationships we are establishing with our new league schools.

Winter Royalty

It is approaching that time of year again when the high school will hold our annual Winter Royalty celebration. Our King and Queen will be crowned during the SFTHS - Osage City game on January 31. During that week, Mrs. Mayes and our Student Council will plan special dress up days to generate school spirit.