

Santa Fe Trail High School
May 14, 2014
BOE Report

Art

ABOVE AND BEYOND ART EXHIBIT

On April 22nd, Santa Fe Trail Junior High and High School held “Above & Beyond”, an end-of-year collaborative art exhibit. Both 2 and 3-dimensional artwork were displayed, as well as a podcast. One of the highlights featured a collaborative mural of Vincent Van Gogh’s “Starry Night” created by both Junior High and High School artists!

KANSAS FEDERAL JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST

Winners of the Kansas Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest received their awards in Wichita on Saturday, April 26th. Carli Erickson, winner of 3rd place in Division IV (10th thru 12th grade), was unable to attend, so received her award at the Renaissance Rally at SFTHS on May 1st. You will be able to view copies of Carli’s and all the winner’s pictures throughout Kansas this summer as they tour the state. Look for the Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit at West Ridge Mall in Topeka and Prairie Park Nature Center in Lawrence June 9 – July 7. They will also be at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson Sept. 5-14.

CELEBRATING ART PUBLICATION

Five students from Santa Fe Trail High School have been chosen to be published in “Celebrating Art”, a book that showcases the best of today’s student artists. Students chosen are: Breann Davis, Carli Erickson, Haley Ferris, Ryan Hess, and Mandy Watson. Congratulations to all!

LEAGUE ART CONTEST

We have many talented artists with entries going to the League Art Contest. It will be held in Holton on May 15th, so you will hear all about these winners in the fall!

IFAW

IFAW, The International Fund for Animal Welfare, has an Annual Animal Action Art and Writing Contest. This year, I am pleased to announce Brenna Burlew is one of 18 winners. And Shelby Hastings, is one of 30 honorable mentions. Their artwork will be featured on the IFAW website, and possibly on their Animal Action education materials.

Vocal Music

SFTHS Vocal Department Ends Another Eventful Year

The Choraliers have just the graduation performance left on their calendar, and the other ensembles are passing in music, as May signals the end to a busy year in the Vocal Music Programs.

Aside from the regularly scheduled concerts, the Choraliers also performed the national anthem for Senior Night basketball and at the Shrine Circus in the Topeka Expo Centre this past February.

Both choirs put on a successful talent show (FUNdraiser) to a nice sized crowd. In March, the Choraliers also traveled to the junior high to spend the morning singing with the younger choirs, ending in a combined concert that night.

The choirs did travel to League vocal clinic in Sabetha, the Choraliers, Seraphim (girls), and Balladiers (men) performed and received pointers from choral experts. KSHSAA has done some reorganizing in the music festival locations this past season. This reorganization has moved our ensembles from being a big fish in a small pond, to being the smallest fish swimming alongside bigs like Sumner Academy and Bonner Springs—we are still getting the hang of it. The choirs performed in DeSoto for Regional Festival Contest, the first time at that location. Our ensembles earned “Outstanding” ratings, and several students performed soloists with above average results. The choirs also combined and performed in Eudora for State Large Ensemble festival. They received an average rating.

Vocal Music recognized a small graduating class this year, five seniors: Desinty Bruno, Camryn Stallbaumer, Chelsea Morris, Ryan Hess, and Apryl Corley. They have been great voices for the group, and will be missed.

Green Team



SFT Green Team Partners With Local Pharmacy on Recycling Program

We are excited about sharing with you a new donation program offered by AuBurn Pharmacy! The Santa Fe Trail High School Green Team recently became participants in the AuBurn Pharmacy Caps To Cash *KIDS* program to aid in our fundraising efforts. It's an easy way for teachers, students, parents, family and friends to get involved in helping us raise funds. By collecting specially marked Caps from AuBurn Pharmacy prescription bottles, it will enable us to turn them into CASH! Each Cap collected and submitted is worth 25¢. The SFT Green Team has the ability to earn up to \$10,000 a year! So start collecting TODAY and watch for more details on how to submit the CAPS you collect for the SFT Green Team who will use the funds to further recycling efforts throughout the district.

If you have any questions about the AuBurn Pharmacy Caps To Cash *KIDS* program, visit their website at www.auburnpharmacies.com, or contact our Caps Coordinator, Shelly Robinson at srobinson@usd434.us.

AuBurn Pharmacy cares about the environment by recycling ALL Caps submitted to the Caps To Cash KIDS program.

SFT Green Team Hosting Technology Recycling Event

Bring in your old technology products to Santa Fe Trail High School on Saturday, May 24th from 10 am until noon and we will responsibly and securely recycle them at no cost to you. Often these items end up in the landfill and can be very harmful to the environment or you have to pay to have them disposed of properly. In conjunction with Best Buy of Topeka, the SFT Green Team will be happy to take your items and make sure they are recycled in a responsible manner.

Items being accepted are as follows:

- TV—47” of smaller
- Desktop and all-in-one computers
- Laptops, tablets, eReaders
- Desktop printers, copiers, scanners, faxes, multifunction devices
- Shredders
- UPS/battery backup devices (with or without included battery)
- Computer peripherals including mice, keyboards, modems, routers and computer speakers
- Small electronics including mobile phones, MP3 players/iPods, calculators, GPS devices, digital cameras, camcorders and cordless phones
- Digital projectors, CD/DVD/Blu-ray players, gaming devices, A/V receivers, video streaming devices
- External hard drives and small servers
- Rechargeable batteries (if 11 pounds or less)
- Monitors

High School Business/Technology Department

With the new class offerings in the Business & Technology Department this year, enrollment was above expectations. First semester, Keith Johnson taught a Game Design class with over 18 students developing a Pong and Asteroid game using FLASH Animation. This new class was so popular that there will be two sections of Game Design offered during the next school year. Other new courses offered this year were: FLASH Animation, Website Design, Computer Graphics & Publications, Graphic Design, and Multimedia. Students enrolled in these courses were able to practice and create projects in: PhotoShop, WIX, Dreamweaver, Publisher, Word, Adobe FLASH, & Movie Maker, providing a higher employability level upon graduation. Students were able to polish their digital photography skills in Multimedia and develop Electronic Career Portfolios in Website Design & Multimedia. Senior Blair Urish, taught a UNIT in Website Design to establish a

website using HTML 'code' and a UNIT in Javascript that developed a Pong game in Dreamweaver.

Baseball

The varsity team has an overall record of 9-5 this season. The junior varsity is 7-9 on the season. Santa Fe Trail will travel to Burlington, along with Iola and Anderson County for their regional on Tuesday, May 20th. Game times are yet to be determined. The 4A Division II State Baseball Tournament will be held on May 29th and 30th at Pratt Community College.

Softball

The varsity softball team has an overall record of 11-1 so far this year and the junior varsity has 6 wins and 6 losses. Santa Fe Trail will travel to Anderson County, along with Iola and Burlington for their regional on Monday, May 19th. Game times are yet to be determined. The 4A Division II State Softball Tournament will be held on May 29th and 30th at the Green Sports Complex in Pratt.

Boys Golf

SFT continues to play golf despite the wind, rain, and cold conditions dealt them at many of the tournaments that they compete in. Both the varsity and junior varsity seem to always have at least one or two golfers in the top 15 of every tournament. The Chargers will compete at the Regional hosted by Burlington at the Emporia Municipal Golf Course on Monday, May 19th. Tee-off will be at 8:30 am. The 4A State Tournament will be at Firekeeper Golf Course in Mayetta on Tuesday, May 27th.

Track

The Santa Fe Trail track team has been bounced around a bit by the inclement weather so far this season. SFT continues to improve at each meet though, as the athletes continue to set personal bests in times and distance. The Big 7 League track meet will be at Holton on May 15th beginning at 2:00 pm. The track regional will be held at Basehor-Linwood on Friday, May 23rd beginning at 3:30 pm. The state track meet will be held at Cessna Stadium in Wichita on May 30th and 31st.

Summer Weights and Conditioning

Weights and conditioning begins on Monday, June 2nd. It is offered in the mornings from 7:00 – 8:15 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, it will be open from 6:00 – 7:15 pm.

SFT Incentive Program

On Wednesday, May 7, 2014 the high school celebrated their annual May Student Incentive Program drawing during activity period. This year we gave away: 200+ t-shirts, 2 Samsung Tablets, 1 KU t-shirt, 1 mp3 player, and 4 restaurant gift cards.

KAY/FBLA/NHS Recognition Night

These SFT organizations came together to recognize their members, their club accomplishments, install new officers, and to celebrate one another's projects and awards received throughout the 2013-14 school year. This combined program affords students, parents, and staff the opportunity to appreciate what these three clubs at SFT provide for the school and community all in the same evening.

KAY Pennies for Patients

KAY club is sponsoring a collection for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Members have placed collection boxes in each classroom. The Activity Period that collects the most money will be given treats by KAY.

KAY Leadership Camp

It is sponsored by KSHSAA and held at Rock Springs Ranch July 28 – August 1. Any KAY member is eligible to attend with their sponsor's approval. The purpose of KAY Leadership Camp (KLC) is to develop leadership potential, to enrich personalities, to create an awareness of citizenship responsibilities, and to develop a desire to become involved in those programs and projects which help to build a better world. The cost is \$300 and includes all meals, lodging, leadership training, and recreational activities. Mrs. Burgett has KLC enrollment forms and information. Fees are due May 14 to SFT KAY sponsor, Mrs. Mary Burgett.