

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Compass Test

On Friday, September 19, 2014 the sophomore class traveled to Allen County Community College in Burlingame to take the ACT Compass Test. They traveled to Burlingame in two different waves. The ACT Compass Test is need to qualify students to enroll in ACCC classes or WU Tech classes.

Random Drug Testing at SFT

We have continued to participate in the random drug test at SFT for our students who qualify.

BYOC

Teachers at SFT are in the middle of continuing the process of Building Your Own Curriculum (BYOC). Teachers are preparing to send their materials to the BYOC Users Group. This group will approve that the material is ready to go public using a rubric sheet for the month of December. This is a process that will continue throughout the rest of the school year.

ACT Aspire Test

Right now, we are waiting to see how things go for the Junior High regarding the ACT Aspire Test. We had a date set, October 6, to test all of our freshmen and sophomores but have decided to postpone the High School's involvement due to potential problems from the ACT Aspire. If all goes well for the Junior High, the High School will put the ACT Aspire Test back on the calendar—hopefully, for the end of October.

Dewslly

On Friday, September 26, the High School due to the Homecoming Parade Schedule had our students sign-up for Dewslly. We had some setbacks with our spam filter but overall had a pretty good day in the English classes.

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

The Activities at Santa Fe Trail have gotten off to an AWESOME start in 2014!! The GREAT turnout and participation at this year's Homecoming Parade in Scranton on Friday, September 26th was an indication of continued community support of SFT events!! Thanks for your support of SFT Students and Activities!

Football

The Chargers did not have to search far for that first Pioneer League victory on the varsity level this year!! On September 5th, the Chargers downed the Iola Mustangs. Since then, the team has beaten Central Heights, Royal Valley, and Anderson County by large margins, to get off to a 4-0 start!! Two back-to-back games with Wellsville (10/3) and Ottawa (10/10) will provide formidable tests for the Chargers. Perseverance and workman like attitudes have paved the way for this fine start and a #5 ranking in Class 4A II. The junior varsity is also 4-

0 on the season while the freshmen have competed well, but have yet to come out with a victory. For his 6 touchdown night against Anderson County, Cody Vandevord was named the Topeka Capital Journal's Area Athlete of the Week for the week of September 29th. Chaz Wright was a recent candidate for the Topeka Capital Journal's Area Athlete of the Week also.

Volleyball

As of September 29th, the Santa Fe Trail Charger volleyball team is 2-2 in league, and 5-13 overall. There are two tough tournaments still lurking ahead on the schedule; Wellsville on October 4th and Council Grove on October 11th. Santa Fe Trail has 1 home game remaining; Tuesday, October 7th against Iola and Central Heights (Aces for Addie Night & Senior Night). On Saturday, October 26th, the Chargers will play in the 4A Sub-State. The host site has yet to be determined.

Girls Golf

The girls' golf team continues to improve on their individual scores and places as the season rolls on. In a recent golf tournament at North Topeka Golf Club, SFT placed 2nd in the tournament and had the top individual medalists; with Madeline Logsdon the tournament winner. Santa Fe Trail hosted our tournament on September 30th at Hidden Springs Golf Course. We will attend regionals on Monday, October 13th hosted by Topeka-Hayden at Village Greens Golf Course, 5615 K Hwy K92, Meriden. State girl's golf will be Monday, October 20th at Kansas City-Dub's Dread Golf Club, 12601 Hollingsworth Rd, Kansas City, 66109.

Cross Country

The Santa Fe Trail cross country team continues to work hard and gather momentum as the season progresses. Both the boys and girls teams have 2 to 3 runners in the top 20 in about each race they participate in. In recent weeks, the boys have been led by Ian Trego and Trevor Hall. On the girl's side, Hannah Honeyman has three 1st place finishes and one 2nd place finish. On September 18th at Northern Heights, Hannah Honeyman broke the school record by 8 seconds with a time of 16:02. For her efforts, Hannah Honeyman was a recent candidate for the Topeka Capital Journal's Area Athlete of the Week. On October 16th, the cross country team will travel to Anderson County to compete in the Pioneer League meet and on Saturday, October 25th, they will compete in regionals. The host site has yet to be determined.

Scholars Bowl

The Scholar's Bowl team will see their first action on October 21st at Bonner Springs. Coach Eric Lynch is ready to get started and is very excited for the upcoming season.

KAY

The KAY volleyball tournament during homecoming week was a big success once again this year!! This year those attending were asked to bring crayons or anything related to coloring to support the state KAY theme of "Color My World". These materials will be distributed to children in need. KAY will be hosting a blood drive at the high school on Wednesday, November 12th from noon to 6:00 pm.

Student Council

What a week our Student Council planned and orchestrated for us this year for homecoming!! Each day was filled with some type of theme for dressing up. Beautiful weather greeted those who participated in and attended the homecoming parade and pep rally in Scranton. The day ended when the last dance was over at the Student Council sponsored dance Friday night.

Debate

On Saturday, September 20th the SFT Debate team began their season with a tournament at Washburn Rural. The tournament was the first in many for the young team this year.

Musical

Yes, Santa Fe Trail, there will be a musical. The SFTHS Drama department is putting on their creative construction gear to present Roger and Hammerstien's "Okalhoma!" this year. Auditions were early in the month of September, and it looks to be a strong cast—a good mix of experienced students, with some talented new comers. Rehearsals are underway, and we are on target to present an awesome show in November.

Vocal Music

The choirs are off to a great start this year. Our Mixed Choir boasts 24 students, with a balanced mix of boys and girls, while our Choraliers is past capacity at 31 singers, a 2 to 1 ratio of boy to girl. Having more guy singers than ladies is unheard of the high school choirs, so we need to be proud!

Choraliers did their maiden performance with the National Anthem at Homecoming, and will sing it again to open the Legislative Forum on Oct. 1st. Both choirs are working hard on popular music for their FUNdraising talent show in October (SUPER-Charged!). The choirs have a goal of raising enough money to purchase new uniforms for all singers this year, as our current style is over a decade old, and is showing its wear.

Finally, six of the Choraliers top leaders will be traveling to Emporia State on October 7th to participate in their Choral Leadership Clinic. They are bound to make great music and bring home lots of good skills to share with the rest of us.

Homecoming

Here are some pictures from the last week's Homecoming Week.





Constitution Day

The Santa Fe Trail High School Library Media Center celebrated the United States Constitution with a week-long knowledge contest. Each day different students representing each activity period class learned about the constitution and competed for a chance to win a Constitution Cake and Patriot Pop. Over a hundred students participated throughout the week.

