

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2014**

**ACT ASPIRE TEST DAY**

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014, the students at Santa Fe Trail High School participated in what we called “The ACT Aspire Test Day.” The ACT Aspire Test, a test that took the place of the ACT Plan Test, was given to all freshmen and sophomores at SFT.

Here was the schedule for the day:

- The freshmen traveled to SAC and CAC to test.
- The sophomores stayed at SFT to test.
- The juniors went on a US History field trip to Lawrence.
- The seniors had guest speakers from Kansas State Bank (Derrick Dahl and Carla Hazen) and Washburn University both talking about financial information. They also worked on their senior portfolios, resumes, and local scholarships with Mrs. Schmidt.

I also want to give a special thank you to Melissa Strother and Joy Schmidt for their hard work organizing the details of the day.

**WORK KEYS TEST FOR WU TECH**

On Wednesday, October 22, 2014 students from Santa Fe Trail High School had the opportunity to take the Work Keys Test given by WU Tech at SFT. Students taking the test were trying to earn qualifying scores.

**TEST RESULTS FROM THE COMPASS TEST AND WORK KEYS TEST**

72% of the sophomores (51 out of 71) qualified to enroll in either ACCC classes or WU Tech.

**UPDATED PA SYSTEM IN THE GYM**

The PA system in the gym is now working. When the stage was removed the PA system box had to find a new home.

**FBLA @ SFT**

The SFT-FBLA chapter received the Kansas FBLA ‘Chapter of the Month’ for September. SFT-FBLA had to complete an application to show that we had participated or held activities for our members or community in the following areas: community service, fundraising, leadership, membership increase, media recognition, national FBLA program involvement, school service and social activities. The chapter president, Elizabeth Hill, had to complete a 250 word essay to further explain our September activities.

Six SFT-FBLA officers traveled to the governor’s office on Friday, October 24 to witness a proclamation signing. The proclamation (initiated by the SFT-FBLA chapter for over 20 years) was to proclaim November 15, 2014 American Free Enterprise Day in Kansas. Each

officer received a complimentary pen from the Governor's office. Officers that attended were Kayla Bryant, Historian.



### **GOVERNMENT CLASSES @ SFT**

The senior government classes have been discussing the voting process, the qualifications to become a member, how bills become laws, etc. Along with learning the process comes the civic duty to register to vote. Qualified seniors that will be 18 by November 4<sup>th</sup> have been registered to vote in the upcoming election. Students who will be 18 after election time have filled out the necessary forms and will be registered to vote in the following election.

### **SFT STUDENTS CELEBRATED THE “DAY OF THE DEAD”**

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) was the perfect opportunity to create a cross-curricular and cross-cultural lesson involving Spanish, FACS, and Art classes. This Mexican holiday is celebrated throughout the world and in other cultures as well. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember those who have died. A common symbol of the holiday is the skull which celebrants represent in masks, as created by the Art I classes. The FACS classes baked pan de muerto (bread of the dead), and the Spanish class created a variety of many traditional dishes, including cupcakes with sugar skulls, and Mexican hot chocolate. A great way to engage our students for the Halloween season!





### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES @ SFT**

On Tuesday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 29, Santa Fe Trail High School hosted its annual fall parent/teacher conferences from 4-7 pm.

### **ART AWARDS**

*Anthony Hoy Mitchell's artwork entitled *A Beautiful Day...* has been chosen as one of this year's winning artworks in VSA's *Yo Soy...Je Suis...I am...My Neighborhood Contest*. This is a contest that originated with the Kennedy Center and requested a self-portrait that includes what's special about your neighborhood. This is VSA's International Art Program Competition for Children with Disabilities. Anthony's mixed media piece will be on exhibit at the US Department of Education in Washington, D.C. during November.*



### **Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School**

As the fall activities at Santa Fe Trail are winding down, we are now gearing up for 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 17<sup>th</sup>. The winter sports parent meeting is Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

### **Football – SFT WINS DISTRICT!!**

The Chargers won their District on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> when they beat Osawatomie handily!! By beating Osawatomie, the Chargers guaranteed themselves a share of the Pioneer League Title also. SFT will be in the playoffs for the first time since 2001 when they host Jefferson West on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Come out and support your Chargers!! The junior varsity finished 6-2 on the season and the freshmen were winless, but we had to fill their schedule with some notable powerhouse football teams.



### **Volleyball**

On October 25<sup>th</sup> the Chargers participated in the Sub-State Volleyball Tournament held at Perry Lecompton High School. Santa Fe Trail lost to Perry-Lecompton in 3 sets and finished 10-27. This year the Chargers were very young, as they consistently had a minimum of 3 freshmen in every rotation. Coach Schmidt and her assistants worked very hard with this group and expect good things in the future!!

### **Cross Country**

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country teams competed at a tough Regional at Anderson County on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. When the dust had settled SFT had one state qualifier, Hannah Honeyman!! On Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah ran at the Class 4A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego and finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 105 runners. Hannah's time was 15:33.

### **Scholars Bowl**

The Scholars Bowl Team medaled in the first two tournaments of the season. SFT placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 18 teams at a very tough Bonner Springs tournament and 2<sup>nd</sup> at West Franklin.

### **KAY**

On Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> Santa Fe Trail will travel to Royal Valley High School for the Area 1 Regional KAY Conference. The KAY Blood Drive will be held at SFTHS on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 6:00 pm.

### **High School Musical**

This year the high school musical will be Oklahoma!! The musical has been moved from its original dates to Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Friday and Saturday the musical will start at 7:00 pm and Sunday it will begin at 2:00 pm. Saturday night the band will host a dinner theatre. The cast and crew have been working very hard this fall due to many workarounds from the construction process.