

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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TARGET DISTRIBUTION CENTER

On Monday, April 27 SFT had two representatives from the Target Distribution Center in Topeka speak to our seniors. The main goal for the visit was to educate our students on the hiring process.



WHAT NEW IN THE ART DEPARTMENT

IFAW

IFAW, The International Fund for Animal Welfare, has an Annual Animal Action Art and Writing Contest. **Kayla Bryant** is one of 18 winners, and **Jessica Feliciano** is one of 30 honorable mentions. Their artwork will be featured on the IFAW website, and possibly on their Animal Action education materials. Theirs were chosen from over 700 pieces from all over the country.

LEAGUE ART CONTEST

This year we had 25 pieces to go to the League Art Contest at Prairie View High School on **April 29th**. It is an honor for all the students who had their artwork selected.

In addition, three students received awards. They are:

Elora Else – Artistic Excellence (a first place ribbon and medal)

Shaylee Meier – Artistic Merit (a second place ribbon)

Kiara Padilla – Artistic Merit (a second place ribbon)

Congratulations to all our talented artists!

SFT FACS

SFT Family & Consumer Science classes have been studying how to grow their own produce from seeds to harvest. The students have built an indoor growing station with controlled heating and lighting. They have several varieties of tomatoes and peppers plants now ready for outdoor gardens.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation provide **Healthy Habits for Life** grants to foster positive habits aimed at improving the health of thousands of children. The BCBSKS Foundation distributed 163 grants to fund school programs designed to help students reduce their cardiovascular risk, increase their physical activity and learn healthy eating habits. "We received a tremendous number of high quality grant applications this year, including one from Mary Burgett; it is rewarding to see the commitment that school personnel such as Mary Burgett have to helping young Kansans improve their current health and adopt habits for life-long wellness," said Marlou Wegener, chief operating officer of the BCBSKS Foundation. "The Foundation is proud to share that commitment by providing funds to help Mary Burgett bring more Family & Consumer Science opportunities to students at Santa Fe Trail High School." The Lowes Home Improvement store in Topeka gave discounts on supplies needed to build growing stations and some seeds and starter trays to help support this class project.

Students are now preparing the seedlings to be transplanted into garden plots or container-gardens at their home. During the 2015-16 school year students will plant other greens and herbs to be grown on the class indoor growing station. These greens will be used during the school year in the FCS Culinary Labs. Hopefully the tomato and pepper plants, students started from seeds this spring, will thrive and will produce abundant harvests for families to enjoy as well as provide cooking and preservation learning opportunities in the Culinary Arts classes at SFT.



STUDENT INCENTIVE DRAWING FOR SPRING OF 2015

Continuing the semi-annual tradition of our student incentive program, students at SFT on Wednesday, May 6 who had not earned any discipline points were in a drawing to win a prize. This year we gave away a red SFT shirt and three large items—a Samsung Tablet and two sets of headphones.



(Here is the table of goodies that were given away to the students of SFT for the incentive program.)

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Baseball

The varsity team has an overall record of 12-2 this season. The junior varsity is 10-4 on the season. Santa Fe Trail will travel to Kansas City-Bishop Ward on Tuesday, May 19th for Regional Baseball. The Regional will be played at Community America Ballpark (T-Bones Stadium), 1800 Village W Pkwy, Kansas City. The other two teams involved in the Regional are Perry-Lecompton and Jefferson West. Game times are yet to be determined. The 4A Division II State Baseball Tournament will be held on May 28th and 29th at Hummer Sports Complex in Topeka.

Softball

The varsity softball team has an overall record of 8-6 so far this year and the junior varsity has 1 win and 13 losses. Santa Fe Trail will travel to Rock Creek, along with Holton and Royal Valley for their regional on Tuesday, May 19th. Game times are yet to be determined. The 4A Division II State Softball Tournament will be held on May 28th and 29th at Hummer Sports Complex in Topeka.

Boys Golf

SFT has been met with very nice weather conditions so far this year, unlike the past few years. 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 Osawatomie at the Osawatomie Golf Course on Monday, May 18th. The tee-off has yet to be determined. The 4A State Tournament will be held at Turkey Creek Golf Course, 1000 Fox Run Road, McPherson, 67460 on Tuesday, May 26th.

Track

The Santa Fe Trail track team has also enjoyed very nice weather so far this season. SFT continues to improve at each meet, as the athletes continue to set personal bests in times and distance. The Pioneer League Track Meet will be at Iola on May 14th beginning at 3:30 pm. The Track and Field Regional will be held at Kansas City-Piper High School on Friday, May 22nd beginning at 1:00 pm. Look for many of our athletes to be competing at the state track meet, which will be held at Cessna Stadium in Wichita on May 29th and 30th.

Summer Weights and Conditioning

Weights and conditioning begins on Monday, June 1st. 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.

As the summer months begin, please be aware of the following KSHSAA rules as they relate to Outside Competition, Amateur Status and Awards:

Rule 20: Awards

Art. 3: Outside Agencies—Non-School Participation

a. Students who participate in athletic activities, outside of interscholastic competition, shall not accept awards of cash or merchandise. Medals, trophies and T-shirts shall not be considered merchandise.

Rule 21: Amateur

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student who uses his or her athletic skill or knowledge for gain, or who plays with a professional team, or who competes for a cash prize, shall be ineligible for that sport.

Rule 22: Outside Competition

Art. 3: A student becomes a member of a school's athletic squad, scholars' bowl or debate team when he or she first participates in a practice session.

A student ceases to be a squad member after his or her last contest for the school's athletic squad, scholars' bowl or debate team or when the membership on a squad is terminated.

These are only a few of the policies and rules set forth KSHSAA 2014-2015 Handbook. To read more, please go to <http://www.kshsaa.org/Publications/Handbook.pdf>.