

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Compass Test

On Friday, September 25, 2015 the sophomore class traveled to Allen Community College in Burlingame to take the ACT Compass Test. They traveled to Burlingame in two different waves. The ACT Compass Test is needed to qualify students to enroll in ACC classes or WU Tech classes. All in all, the test went really well and were pleased with the results.

Random Drug Testing at SFT

We have continued to participate in the random drug test at SFT for our students who qualify. Year two has had a much better start than the first year. All in all, things are going well here.

BYOC

Teachers at SFT are continuing the process of Building Your Own Curriculum (BYOC). Last school year, we subbed teachers for half a day to get the BYOC process going. This year since we've made such positive headway, we're going to primarily use staff development time to continue on BYOC.

ACT Aspire Test

The freshmen and sophomores will be taking the ACT Aspire Test on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. The test is supposed to be a predictor of how well students will do on the ACT test. Our freshmen and sophomores took this test last year so we will be able to compare results. Last year, our students overall did really, really well on the test. Hopefully, that trend will continue.

From the Art Department



Tyler Hobbs was named a winner in “Yo soy... Je suis ... I am - In the Future”, a contest for student artists with disabilities. This contest is sponsored through the art website Artsonia and the Kennedy Center. Tyler’s artwork will be on display with the other winners in Washington, D.C. in November. It is also found on the Artsonia website.

From Ms. Lindell

Community member, Brad Shaffer, shared his photography expertise with Ms. Lindell’s **Photo Imaging and Yearbook classes** during the last week of September. Mr. Shaffer explained the best techniques for taking pictures at sporting events, for large groups of people, and inside events. Students also picked up tips for purchasing cameras with the best features that would work for their picture taking requirements.

Santa Fe Trail FBLA participated in the Kansas State Bank Sunset Stroll by helping sell raffle tickets during the event on September 23 at the Overbrook Fairgrounds. SFT-FBLA is currently finalizing their plans for the 3rd Annual Dodgeball Tournament on Wednesday, November 4 at the high school. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected and given to food pantries in the county. Other upcoming events for SFT-FBLA include: a fall social, highway trash pickup with the Overbrook Rotary, American Enterprise Day events, March of Dimes awareness activities, ESU Business Career Day, and National FBLA Fall Leadership Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

American Government

Mr. Staab worked on getting the senior class registered to vote for the 2016 election.

Vocal Music

We are still “living out of boxes” but both choirs are happily rehearsing in their new room in the Fine Arts dome. Recently, the first of our new sets of risers was assembled, complete with safety railing on the back. The singers are excited to have space and equipment to be able to rehearse and perform like a choir should. Our talent show, “SuperCharged” is unfortunately looking to be rescheduled from Oct. 21, due to anticipated delays with the stage lighting. We will make it work, and a couple extra weeks rehearsal is never a bad thing.

Musical

Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” has been cast, and rehearsals happening in the Fine Arts Dome for about two weeks now. The cast stands at nearly 40

students at the moment. Taylin Berckefeldt is playing Ariel, Carson Stumpff is Prince Eric, Roslind Finlay as Ursula, and Brent Newton as Sebastian the Crab. Karen Hoffsommer is busy looking at costume options, and Derek Terry is leading the charge to get sets built. Meanwhile, Lari Jarrett is getting the kids singing, dancing, and even acting nearly every evening after school.

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

The Activities at Santa Fe Trail have gotten off to a GREAT start in 2015!! The AMAZING turnout and participation at this year's Homecoming Parade in Overbrook on Friday, October 2nd was an indication of continued community support of SFT events!! Thanks for your support of SFT Students and Activities!

Football

Currently, the varsity Chargers are 2-3 on the season. On September 4th, the Chargers downed the Iola Mustangs. Since then, the team has beaten Central Heights, and have losses to Royal Valley, Anderson County, and Wellsville. The Chargers have Kansas City-Bishop Ward, Prairie View, and Osawatomie in their district again this year. The top 2 in districts will advance to the playoffs. The junior varsity is 4-0 on the season while the freshmen have competed well, and are 4-1.

Volleyball

As of October 5th, the Santa Fe Trail Charger varsity volleyball team is 4-2 in league, and 15-10 overall. SFT has performed well in their 3 tournaments. They took 2nd at Jefferson West, 5th at Wamego, and 3rd at Wellsville. Suzie Forbes was named to the all-tournament team at Wellsville. The team will travel to Council Grove this weekend for their final regular season tournament. Santa Fe Trail has 1 home game remaining on Tuesday, October 13th against Iola and Anderson County. On Saturday, October 24th, the Chargers will host a 4A Sub-State, beginning at 2:00 pm. The other teams involved will be Baldwin, Burlington, and Osawatomie. State volleyball will be played in Salina, October 30th and 31st at the Bicentennial Center.

Girls Golf

The girls' golf team continues to improve on their individual scores and places as the season rolls on. Santa Fe Trail hosted our tournament on September 29th at Hidden Springs Golf Course. We will attend regionals on Tuesday, October 13th hosted by Jefferson West at Village Greens Golf Course, 5615 K

Hwy K92, Meriden. State girl's golf will be Monday, October 19th at Hays-Smoky Hill Country Club, 3303 Hall St., Hays, 67601.

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 recent weeks, the boys have been led by Ian Trego. On the girl's side, Hannah Honeyman has four 1st place finishes this season. On October 15th, the cross country team will travel to Iola to compete in the Pioneer League meet and on Saturday, October 24th, they will compete in regionals at Baldwin. State Cross Country will be at the Wamego Country Club on Saturday, October 31st.

Scholars Bowl

The Scholar's Bowl team will see their first action on October 20th 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 canned goods or non-perishable food items. KAY plans to host a blood drive at the high school on Thursday, November 12th. The time has yet to be determined.

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 Overbrook. The day ended when the last dance was over at the Student Council sponsored dance Friday night.

Debate

On Saturday, September 19th 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.