

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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FBLA

SFT-FBLA hosted their 3rd Annual Dodgeball Tournament on November 4 to a packed house and seven teams competing. It looked dim for last year's champs, TEAM TROPICS; however, they worked their way back through the loser's bracket to again be the Dodgeball champs. Shout out to the Coltrane's, Coach Erickson, and Gabe & Skye Dunnaway for being our referees. The real winners will be the people that will benefit and receive the canned goods that were collected for this event.

Also, six SFT-FBLA officers (Kyle Hug, Cameron Koger, Hunter Ellenburg, Kurstin Masters, Kelsey Hug, and Carson Stumpff) witnessed a Governor's Proclamation signing on Friday, October 30 to Proclaim **November 15** as American Free Enterprise Day in Kansas. SFT-FBLA has been initiating this annual proclamation for the past 20 years.



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

A Cultural Exchange based on everyone's favorite subject--FOOD!

In a cross-curricular endeavor involving Emma Fernandez (Spanish), Mary Burgett (FACS), and Doreen Seely-Francis (Art), Santa Fe Trail will host its 2nd Annual International Night. This event will be a casual evening where American students can learn about diverse cultures and International students have a chance to share their culture and learn more about ours. Students will bring their favorite international food to share, and try dishes from other countries. To try a dish, students must bring one to share. International Night will be held in the Art Room on Tuesday, November 3rd, from 6:30-7:30.



ACT ASPIRE DAY

We survived!! All of the freshmen and sophomores took the ACT Aspire Test on Wednesday, October 28 hosted at SFT. The ACT Aspire Test gives us a predicted ACT score. Teachers and staff will be conferencing with parents/guardians over the test results in the Spring when SFT does their individual enrollment conferences.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Samantha McCoy was a finalist for the "Artist of the Week" award for the 10th-12th age group on the ARTSONIA Art Website for October 25 – October 31st. Though she didn't win, Samantha was well represented with 343 votes.



K-STATE BAND DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT SFT

On Wednesday, October 28, Dr. Frank Tracz visited SFT to speak to the students and staff about “#YOLO.”



SHOP CLASS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT SFT

From Mr. Stanton, “My third hour cabinet class has just finished installing the music storage cabinet system on ‘October 23rd. The system is so large that it needed to be moved to a room of its own. I have included pictures of the students who work on this project. This was a project that required drilling into concrete and leveling every one of the cabinets so they would glide in and out with ease. This a great example of the real life opportunities and applications we are giving our students in the Industrial Education class. We also had to reinforce the wall behind the cabinets to support the weight of all the music. The system is 16 feet long and 4 feet deep.”



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 16th. The winter sports parent meeting is Tuesday, November 10th at the high school starting at 7:00 pm.

Football – SFT WINS DISTRICT!!

The Chargers won their District on Friday, October 30th when they beat Osawatomie handily 40-21!! With a 5-4 record, SFT will be in the playoffs for the 2nd straight year when they host Jefferson West on Friday, November 6th at 7:00 pm. Come out and support your Chargers!! The junior varsity finished 5-3 on the season and the freshmen were 7-1!!

Volleyball

On October 24th the Chargers hosted a Sub-State Volleyball Tournament for Class 4A Division II. Santa Fe Trail beat Osawatomie in the semi-finals and then bested Baldwin in 3 sets to qualify for the state tournament!! Entering the state tournament on Friday, October 30th, SFT was the 5th seed and had Anderson County, Clearwater, and Goodland in their pool. SFT finished pool play with a 2-1 record and qualified for bracket play on Saturday. They had to play Hayden in the first round and lost in 2 sets. This set up a 3rd place match with Clearwater, who had beaten SFT in pool play. The Chargers won the 1st set, but couldn't overcome runs from the Indians in sets 2 and 3. With the loss, SFT placed 4th in the tournament. The junior varsity went 10-19 this year and the freshmen were 17-14.

Cross Country

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country teams competed at a tough Regional at Baldwin on Saturday, October 24th. When the dust had settled SFT had one state qualifier, Hannah Honeyman!! On Saturday, October 31st Hannah ran at the Class 4A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego and finished 4th out of 105 runners. Hannah's time was 19:35.

KAY

On Tuesday, November 2nd Santa Fe Trail traveled to St. James Academy High School for the Area 1 Regional KAY Conference. The KAY Blood Drive will be held at SFTHS on Thursday, November 12th from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Musical

This year the high school musical will be The Little Mermaid!! The musical is scheduled for Friday, November 13th, Saturday, November 14th, and Sunday, November 15th. Friday and Saturday the musical will start at 7:00 pm and Sunday it will begin at 2:00 pm. The cast and crew is very excited to host the musical in the new Fine Arts Dome!!

KSHSAA Buffer Week

The KSHSAA Senior High Fall Athletic Buffer Week is Monday, November 9th thru Sunday, November 15th. There shall be no athletic practice, offseason conditioning, informal basketball shooting, working out on wrestling mats, etc. in **school owned** facilities during the fall athletic buffer week. Athletic activities of this nature may not be held under the supervision of a school staff member in non-school facilities. This means a **moratorium** on all school sponsored athletic activities during this week. Gymnasiums shall not be open to students during the fall athletic buffer week for purposes of shooting baskets, working out with weights, etc. **outside of school hours**. Noon hour and physical education classes are considered part of the school day. Buffer week does not eliminate football practices for

those senior high schools who qualify for football playoffs until such time their football season is over.

New KSHSAA Concussion Video Requirement:

Santa Fe Trail High School students who are planning to participate in sports/cheer/dance anytime during the 2015-2016 school year are required to attend a free National Federation of High Schools Concussion In Sports on-line course prior to starting practices. Those students who are participating in winter sports will be required to have this process completed prior to the start of practice on Monday, November 16th. Those that have not completed this requirement by that time, will not be allowed to practice until they have it completed. SFTHS is planning on showing this video on Wednesday, November 11th right after school for anyone who would like to attend. This is a requirement by the Kansas State High School Activities Association Executive Board. Anyone can participate in this course and many others offered by NFHS by going to NFHSLearn.com. Once completed, you can either print off your certificate or take a photo of it for proof of completion. Again, this is a requirement for any student who plans to participate in sports/cheer/dance during the 2015-2016 school year.