

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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NEW CLASSES AT SFT FOR 2016-17

Starting with the 2016-17 school year, SFT will be providing three new educational opportunities for our students. The classes will be:

1. ACC Spanish I (This will be a 5 hour course that goes all school year like we do with ACC Biology. Mrs. Fernandez will be the teacher.)
2. ACC Music Appreciation (This will be a 3 hour semester course. Mr. Quilling will be the teacher.)
3. Financial Literacy (This will be a semester course that will be offered as a math credit. Ms. Alstatt will be the teacher.)

ENROLLMENT CONFERENCES FOR 2016-17

SFT will begin the freshmen and sophomore enrollment conferences sometime in February. Right now, we are waiting to get the results back from the ACT Aspire which is supposed to be sometime the first week of February. Once this happens, the HS will begin scheduling the individual meetings with parents/guardians.

The junior enrollment conferences will be getting scheduled soon this month.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year's spring play will be *The Foreigner*, by Larry Shue. The cast is as follows; Brent Newton, Taylin Berckefeldt, Roslind Finlay, Tristan Shepard, Hunter Maichel, Carson Stumpff, Sam Rhoades, Noah Knight, and William Pagan. The play will be held the second weekend in March; the 11th (7pm), 12th (7pm), and 13th (2pm). The Santa Fe Trail Drama Department is extremely excited for this show, and we hope to see everyone out for the performances.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

The high school ceramics class ended first semester by creating two hanging sculptures in the style of glass artist Dale Chihuly. Using alternative materials was an enrichment technique as well as a necessity due to kiln firing schedules at the end of the semester. The sculptures were made out of clear plastic cups, hand-colored by students, then melted in a kitchen oven. Come see these colorful new additions now on display outside the art room!



READING PLUS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Reading Plus, the reading intervention program that was piloted at the high school during first semester, was a great success! Students completed approximately 38 hours on the program and made great advances. The average increase in reading speed was 25 words per minute; 67% of the students on the program made significant gains in reading proficiency; and students' comprehension improved by an average of 1.3 grade levels. Because of student success, Reading Plus program will be implemented in Reading Development classes at the high school for the remainder of the school year.

STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Students in the new Energy Science class who are taking concurrent classes through Flint Hills Technical College took a national certification exam on December 22nd at the conclusion of their semester. After taking the Energy Industry Fundamentals class where they learned about the history of the energy industry, the various ways that energy is produced and the multitude of legislation surrounding the industry eleven students passed their national exam. When coupled with their OSHA certification, this certification will give them a leg up in the industry when applying for jobs within the field.

Students earning their certification are: Lane Barr, Hershel Cress, Christian Dean, Ethan Dean, Gabe Forrestt, Brogan Hoss, Kris Howard, Eric Kelley, Corey McGregor, Kelsey Silver and Ian Trego.

Congratulations!!

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Wrestling

The Chargers have had a successful season thus far!! Currently, Santa Fe Trail is the 5th ranked team in Class 4A. Individually, Christian Davis is ranked #1 in weight class 106, Bryce Erickson is ranked #4 in weight class 132, Ethan De-an is ranked #3 in weight class 195, and Jake Hasting is ranked #5 in weight class 285. SFTHS is 9-1 in duals and has placed 1st in the Anderson County Tournament and 3rd in the Abilene Tournament. SFT has been assigned to the DeSoto Regional on February 19th and 20th.

Basketball

The SFT boys' varsity team is 1-4 on the season and 1-1 in league. The junior varsity boys are 0-5 and the freshmen boys are 4-1. The SFT girls' varsity team has 1 win and 4 losses and is 1-1 in league play. The junior varsity girls are 2-3 on the season. When the teams are at home, games are played at Santa Fe Trail High School main and auxiliary gyms and begin at 4:30 pm. SFT has been assigned to the Burlington Sub-State.

Scholars Bowl

On Thursday, January 7th the SFTHS Scholars' Bowl Team hosted our annual meet. Sixteen teams from around the area participated in this event.