

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2016**

**ENROLLMENT CONFERENCES**

SFT is currently in the middle of wrapping up enrollment conferences for 2016-17 school year at the high school. If all goes well, the high school will have these completed by Spring Break.

**STATE ASSESSMENTS**

The juniors and sophomores completed the first part of the Kansas State Assessments on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The second and final session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6.

**WRITING**

One of the focuses to finish out the 2015-16 school year for the students at SFT is to work to improve “Conventions.” After a lengthy discussion at the February In-Service Day, the consensus of the staff was to focus on this area of the 6 Traits Writing Model the remaining of the 2015-16 school year.

**FINALS FOR SFT STUDENTS STARTING IN 2016-17**

At the February In-Service Day, there was also a discussion regarding implementing a finals week at the end of each semester. Details still need to be finalized but starting in the 2016-17 school year, there will be some type of final given by each class that SFT offers to end each semester.

**NHS AND DR. SEUSS**

The Santa Fe Trail chapter of the National Honor Society has read Dr. Seuss books to the kindergarten, first and second grade students for several years. Within the approximate hour that the students are with the kids they read a Dr. Seuss book that was selected beforehand. After the student reads the book he or she has an activity for the children. This activity usually consists of a game, coloring sheet or another type of artistic activity.

Cody Hastings, National Honor Society Vice President



### **GREEN TEAM**

The Green Team at SFT purchased a new rock for landscaping at SFT.



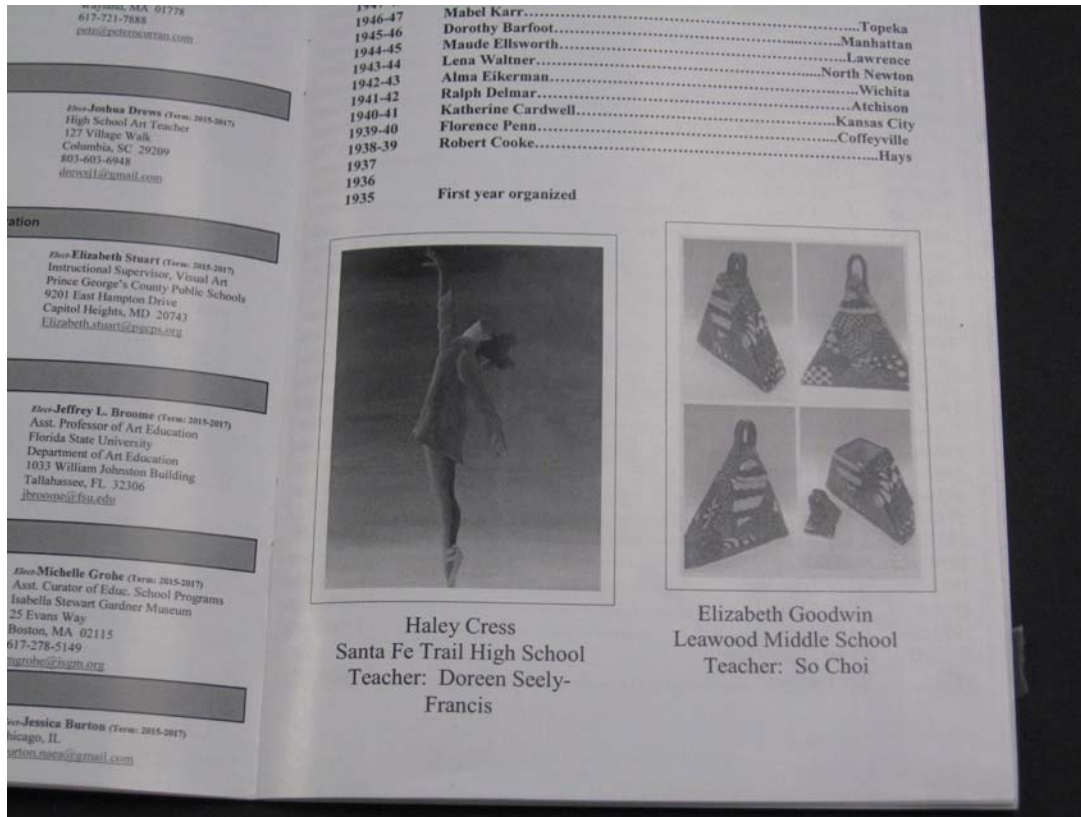
### **THUNDERTAKER**

A wooden Thundertaker is now at SFT complements of Larry and Paula Dyer.



**FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT**

Haley Cress, senior, won the honor of having a piece of her artwork published in this year’s Kansas Art Education Association (KAEA) Membership Directory. Haley was one of 18 students chosen from throughout Kansas. Her acrylic painting is entitled “Dancin’ in the Gray”. Congratulations, Haley!



**Mr. Stanton’s Industrial Engineering/Education classes compete at KU Expo: Engineering around the World: Trebuchet**

On February 26, 2016, Mr. Stanton’s Industrial Engineering/Education took two teams from Santa Fe Trail to participate in the Engineering Expo competition at Kansas University. The first team, The Thundertakers Attack Squad, which consisted of Candace Roberts, Ian Trego, and Seth Coltrane. The second team, The Lightning Bolt Strikes consisted of Herschel Cress, Jordan Massy, and Calvin Young. Both teams had designed different trebuchets.

First order of business was to sign in and listen to the key note speaker Albert Dirkzwager. He is the director/CEO of Aircraft Systems Engineering for Textron Aviation in Wichita, Kansas. He is responsible system integration of new aircraft models and support systems aspects of fielded and production aircraft. It is clear to see that Wichita is a major aerospace engineering hub for the United States. He also indicated that there is an engineering shortage in this country and many jobs are filled with candidates outside of the United States.



The trebuchet competition took place in Learned Engineering hall in room 3151. The entire building was filled with engineering events and challenges going on throughout the day. Thunder takers Attack Squad took three shots at the target and received 65/100 point for hitting the bullseye and for having an outstanding design. Then Lightning Bolt Strikes received 85/100 points for hitting the bullseye twice and having the theme incorporated. We watched everyone else finish and felt very confident with our trebuchets. The event turned out to be an outstanding event with the one team getting third place medals and the other team coming in 4<sup>th</sup> out of 25 competitors. **Way to go Charger Engineers!**

After the competition, we watched other events like the Free Floating Gliders, Robotic Soccer, Formula Race Car construction, Chemical and gravity cars and many more events. Overall, it was an amazing experience and look forward to seeing another team there next year.

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

Fairly good weather has greeted our spring sports athletes this season!! Hopefully, the sun and warm temperatures will not hide from us and allow for outdoor practices this spring season.

#### **Wrestling**

Santa Fe Trail traveled to DeSoto for Regional Wrestling on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Coming out of Regionals the Chargers were crowned Regional Champions, Head Coach Regan Erickson was named the Regional Coach of the Year, and SFT qualified 8 wrestlers for 4A State competition in Salina on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Those wrestlers were Christian Davis, Carter Greenfield, Bryce Erickson, Derrick Martinek, Cal Lyle, Ethan Dean, Gabe Forrestt,

and Jake Hastings. It was again one of the overall toughest state tournaments in many years according to Coach Erickson. Santa Fe Trail had 4 medalists when all was settled on Saturday: senior Ethan Dean placed 4<sup>th</sup> at 195 pounds, junior Jake Hastings placed 6<sup>th</sup> at 285 pounds, Christian Davis place 4<sup>th</sup> at 106 pounds, and junior Bryce Erickson placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at 132 pounds. SFT also placed 6<sup>th</sup> as a team. The picture below is of the team and their championship plaque from Regionals. Congratulations to these young men, the coaches, and to all who wrestled this year!



### **Boys Basketball**

The boys' varsity team finished the season 5-7 in the Pioneer League and 5-15 overall. Their season continues with sub-state play at Burlington on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Girls Basketball**

The varsity team finished the year 6-6 in the Pioneer League and 7-13 overall. The season continues with sub-state play at Burlington on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Dance Team**

The practices and try-outs for the 2016-2017 Dance Team are scheduled for the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> and the actual try-out is scheduled for Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

### **Cheerleading**

The practices and try-outs for the 2016-2017 Cheer Team are scheduled for the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> and the actual try-out is scheduled for Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

### **High School Play**

The play, "The Foreigner", will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> it will be held in the afternoon and begin at 2:00 pm.

### **Baseball**

The Charger baseball team welcomed 30 athletes to their first practice. The varsity team will see their first action as they travel to Osage City on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The junior varsity will kick off their season on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> when they travel to Prairie View. All varsity and junior varsity home games are played at Jones Park in Overbrook.

### **Softball**

The Lady Chargers began practice on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. They have 22 team members. The varsity team will see their first action as they travel to Osage City on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The junior varsity will kick off their season on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> when they host Prairie View, along with the varsity. All varsity and junior varsity home games are played at Jones Park in Carbondale.

### **Boys Golf**

This season there are 9 boys out for the team. Their first competition will be at Burlington on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Track**

The Santa Fe Trail track team will see their first action on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> when they travel north to Silver Lake.

### **Physicals 2016-2017 Activity Year**

Please be aware that for the 2016-2017 activities year, beginning May 1, 2016 schools will only accept the most recent KSHSAA physical exam form dated January 2015 in the lower right corner. We have copies of that form in the high school office.