

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

WHAT'S NEW AT SFT

As most of you know, we have some really neat new things going on at SFT this year. Here is a list of a few of them:

1. Chromebooks—For the first time in school history, the students at SFT are experiencing the perks of having their own Chromebook.
2. Edivate Learn—Students in Math Apps, Algebra I & II, and Geometry are all using this new on-line math resource.
3. Google Platform—Students are learning how to use the Google platform. Prior to this school year, it was new for many of our students.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Financial Aid Night will be Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm at SFT in the library. There will be a financial aid representative from Washburn University to discuss the HUGE changes in the FAFSA process.

ACT Test for 2016-17

The ACT is the primary college entrance exam used by colleges and universities in the Midwest. Seniors who plan to go to college and have not yet taken the ACT need to do so as soon as possible. Juniors who are planning to go to college should take the test sometime during the second semester. We will offer the February 11th test date at SFT.

2016-2107 ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 10, 2016	August 7, 2016	August 8-19, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016
February 11, 2017*	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

PSAT Test

Juniors and Sophomores:

Santa Fe Trail will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 19th. Students interested in taking the test will need to sign up in Student Services and pay the \$15 fee.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from National Merit Scholarship Corporation (grade 11).

- Help prepare for the SAT. (the preferred college entrance exam on the east and west coasts)
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service. Only Junior's scores are eligible for National Merit Scholarship Qualification. Sophomores who take this test do so as a practice.

FAFSA Changes for 2017–18

Starting with the 2017-18 application cycle, (***High School Seniors, this is you!***) the following changes will be put in place:

- Students will be able to submit a FAFSA® earlier. Students will be able to file a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule. The FAFSA became available January 1 as in previous years.)
- Students will use earlier income information. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

More information is available from the following link:

[Students and Parents: What you need to know about the 2017-2018 FAFSA](#)

ACT RESULTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2016

45 students tested from SFT

English (SFT): 19.7

English (State): 21.3

Mathematics (SFT): 20.7

Mathematics (State): 21.5

Reading (SFT): 21.4

Reading (State): 22.5

Science (SFT): 21.0

Science (State): 21.8

Composite (SFT): 20.8

Composite (State): 21.9

SENIOR ENGLISH—INTERVIEW SKILLS

Graduation will be here before we know it, so Santa Fe Trail seniors are preparing for their futures now! Throughout this quarter students will also create resumes and participate in mock job interviews. Additionally, members from the community will give various presentations that will give information on specific careers and advice on the application and interview processes.

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

IFAW (the International Fund for Animal Welfare) hosts an annual calendar contest to raise awareness and advocate the protection of wildlife and habitats, prevent cruelty to animals,

and rescue individual animals. This year we had 16 entries, with one winner, and one honorable mention. Anna Vrtev's watercolor (a radial design of elephants) won one of 12 spots in their calendar and educational materials. Haley Cress's mixed media (also an elephant) won an honorable mention. Both pieces may be viewed on the IFAW website at <http://www.ifaw.org/united-states/our-work/education/art-for-animals>. Congratulations!



18/18 US Art Contest Winner 2015-16 | Anna, Grade 12

IN THE CLASSROOM OF MRS. FLORY

Mrs. Flory's classes are using google classroom every day for all digital documents, in class activities, and discussion boards. We are attempting to be as paperless as possible. Students have caught on very quickly and I foresee this tool to be very successful for our school year. All parents are welcome to join the classes as well, to monitor their student's progress on a daily basis and have direct communication with myself and their students.

OSHA TRAINING AT SFT

On August 29th and 30th the energy science students completed their OSHA training and are now OSHA certified. This is a certificate that will be a great asset when entering the workforce.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society Charger Chapter will be offering peer tutoring in the library during activity period (3:05-3:30) for SFTHS students wanting assistance with core subjects (Math, English, Science, Social Studies), as well as elective courses, like freshman rotation, Spanish, etc.

Each NHS student has undergone inquiry based training to better assist students with using and learning tools to use now and for future assignments they might find challenging to successfully complete. Our goal is to improve our learning community by serving others, as well as enhance our own leadership skills.

Marci Alstatt, NHS Advisor

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Athletic teams began practice on August 15th with August like temperatures. Santa Fe Trail is proud to encourage all of our students involved in activities in their quest to represent our school and community in a positive way. If you get the opportunity, please come out and support them.

Football

The 2016 Charger Football Team, coming off of 2 straight years with playoff appearances, consists of 47 players. SFT is able to support a schedule consisting of freshmen/C, junior varsity, and varsity teams. The annual Blue/White scrimmage was held on August 26th allowing the coaching staff to see the team in a setting other than the practice field. The varsity traveled to Osawatomie on Friday, September 2nd and won 26-20. The JV hosted Osawatomie on Monday, September 5th and came away with a 30-6 victory. The freshmen/C team will travel to Eudora on Thursday, September 8th to open their season. The varsity team will debut at home on Friday, September 9th against Burlington.

Volleyball

Santa Fe Trail started the season with a varsity tournament on Saturday, September 3rd at Jefferson West and finished in 2nd place. All levels; freshmen, junior varsity and varsity hosted Louisburg and Burlington on Tuesday, September 6th. The freshmen split, beating Burlington and losing to Louisburg, the JV lost both, and the varsity split losing to Louisburg and beating Burlington. There are 28 volleyball players on the roster for 2016. We look forward to an exciting season on the court!!

Girls Golf

The girl's golf team was the first athletic team to represent Santa Fe Trail High School this fall season. They participated in a tournament hosted by Jefferson West on September 1st. Madeline Logsdon finished in 18th place. There are 3 members on the girl's golf team this year. Santa Fe Trail will be hosting our tournament on September 27th at Hidden Springs Golf Course just outside of Overbrook, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Cross Country

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country roster is comprised of 8 girls and 13 boys. The team competed at Anderson County on September 1st. Haley Henderson got 4th in the JV girls race, Hannah Honeyman got 2nd in the varsity girls race, Matt Mock ran to a 13th place finish in the JV boys competition, and Ian Trego got 18th in the varsity boys race. On Saturday, September 10th SFTHS will compete at Wamego.

Dance Team

The dance team has 10 members for the 2016-2017 school year. They provide entertainment at pep rallies, at the half time of home games, and also compete in dance competitions during the school year.

Cheerleading

Our cheerleaders have been working hard all summer to increase the amount of spirit at our athletic events. They also coordinate and are in charge of all pep rallies' providing a positive atmosphere for all students and fans. This year we have a total of 15 cheerleaders.

Band

The band participated in the "Battle of the Bands" at the Overbrook Fair Parade on August 13th and provided great enthusiasm and entertainment along the parade route! This year the band placed 2nd!! The band will perform at halftime of the home football games. There are seventy-eight members in this year's band.

KAY

The theme for this year for KAY is: Lights, Camera, Action.

SFT currently has 59 students in KAY; expecting more after these couple weeks of Membership Drive.

FBLA



Three members of the SFT-FBLA chapter attended the 2016 National FBLA Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 28-July 3. Those members included: Kyle Hug (participated in Future Business Leader & Local Annual Report events); Carson Stumpff, KS FBLA District VII VP (participated on the Entrepreneurship team event); and Kelsey Hug, KS FBLA Secretary (participated in the Word Processing event); plus, local and state adviser, Connie Lindell. SFT-FBLA received many accolades at NLC and received certificates and ribbons to wear on their name badges. Some of those honors included: Gold Seal Chapter, Top 10 Outstanding chapter, Super Sweeps, Non-Stop November, Chapter Challenge, and Action Awareness.

SFT-FBLA members attending NLC 2016:
Kelsey Hug, Kyle Hug, Carson Stumpff.



Six members of the SFT-FBLA officer team attended their KS FBLA Summer Leadership Seminar in Manhattan, Kansas, July 25-26. Members that attended were: TJ Masters, Editor; Carson Stumpff, Stu-Co rep & KS FBLA District VII VP; Ellie Coltrane, Sophomore Rep; Kelsey Hug, Vice President and KS FBLA State Secretary;



Savannah Hinck, Secretary; Dakota Garrison, Freshman Rep.

The annual Welcome Back Dance was sponsored by SFT-FBLA and was held on Friday, August 26 in the SFT Commons area. Community member, Dusty Workman, was the DJ and played the tunes while the students danced. This dance is one of the major fundraisers for our chapter, with over 130 students attending.

SFT-FBLA president, Cameron Koger, dancing with his mom, who also served as a dance sponsor.



Yearbook Staff—The 2017 Charger Yearbook staff has eight members. They are: Dakota Thompson (Senior) Editor; Bailey Springer (Senior) Editor; Cheyenne Gassman (Senior) Business Manager; Jaden Bone (Senior); TJ Masters (Senior), Hailey Hall (Junior); Sawyer McClendon (Sophomore); and Morgan Hermann (Sophomore). Seven staff members attended a workshop presented by the yearbook company Josten's in

Topeka on September 7. Staff members also sold business ads to companies in Topeka that same day.

2017 Charger Yearbook staff: Jaden Bone, Hailey Hall, T.J. Masters, Morgan Hermann, Dakota Thompson, Bailey Springer, Sawyer McClendon (not pictured, Cheyenne Gassman)