

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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GEMINI PROJECT

I believe we have made a big step in the right direction making some decisions for the 2018-19 school year. Here is what we anticipate right now:

- a. SFT will have Red and Blue days next school year. Red days will have Activity Period. Blue days will not. The additional class time on Blue days will help offset some of the lost time with the “Charger Day.” It should be around four minutes extra per class.
- b. We plan to recommend sixteen “Charger Days” for the 2018-19 school year. Big picture wise, we would have two per month starting in September.
- c. We plan to have a practice day this school year. The anticipated day is Monday, April 2, 2018. This day would be significant because we are giving the real ACT Test the next day to our juniors who sign up. We plan to work on ACT prep for them.

FINALS AT SFT

This year marked the second annual semester finals at SFTHS. Overall, the days went really well. Attendance was good and the students were engaged in academic learning the final two days of the semester.

ENROLLMENT GUIDE FOR 2018-19

This is in the current works for next school year. If all goes well, the guide will be finished this month with student/parent enrollment conferences starting at the end of January or the beginning of February.

STUDENT INCENTIVE DRAWING

On Wednesday, December 20, SFTHS had their December Incentive Give-Away. The proceeds from the home football game hamburger/brat feed funds the program. In order to qualify for the Incentive Give-Away, students must do the following:

- a. Be a student in good standing (You are not over on time.)
- b. Have no points on the discipline scale
- c. Must be present (No rain checks)

“CHARGER DAY” ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

The final name has not been decided 100% but this would be the “flex day” that has been referred to. We plan to do a practice day for our students. There are lots of details to be planned but here are few brainstormed ideas: ACT prep for the juniors taking the ACT test the next day, CPR training for students/staff, and a field trip to the Capital Building in Topeka for the seniors.

THE SPRING PLAY

This year’s spring play will be, William Gleason's adaptation of the widely popular and hilarious film, *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*.

Audiences will be in stitches as the world's most unusual criminologist, Chief Inspector Jacques Clouseau—a role originally created by Peter Sellers—fights for his life and for the future of all mankind in the most bizarre and dangerous caper of his brilliantly successful and utterly clumsy career. Paul Dreyfus, once his long-suffering boss, now turned into a raving lunatic, holds the world at bay with the ultimate weapon, the Doomsday Machine. Dreyfus is out to get Clouseau, the man whose undeserved success has driven him crazy, and he threatens to vaporize continents if the nations of the world don't deliver Clouseau to him—alive or, if at all possible, dead! Blissfully unaware that the army of deadly assassins is gunning for him, or that the beautiful girl who seeks him out is a Russian agent, Clouseau incredibly stumbles and slips by every attack. However, the world is running out of time because the increasingly frustrated Dreyfus, doodling with the Doomsday Machine, is running out of patience. At the critical moment, it suddenly appears that Clouseau is finally running out of luck. Then he fires from the hip and hits...our funny bone!

I think this will be a real hit with the community! Hitting multiple generations, loving the films and the television show. The Pink Panther is still an icon, and with nostalgia being a popular these days, I think this one will be a homerun.

ENERGY SCIENCE STUDENTS

Energy Science Students Earn National Certifications

The SFT energy science students have done a great job of adding credentials to their “tool belts” this year as they worked through the Energy Industry Fundamentals course. This class is designed by the Center for Energy Workforce Development to introduce individuals to the energy industry and is taken at technical colleges across the country to encourage and entice today’s young workers to enter this career path in order to avoid a shortage of workers in the industry as the baby boomers retire. During the course students took an OSHA -10 class and the students shown below completed and passed this course.



In addition to taking the OSHA-10 course, students also took a certification test that is recognized nationwide in the energy industry. This is a very difficult test that requires students to delve deep into the history of the industry as well as the current trends and organization. The students pictured below passed their EIF certification test.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Santa Fe Trail had two students place in the Annual Keep It Clean Kansas 2018 Calendar Contest, hosted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Abby Scheideman was Runner-Up in the 12th Grade Division, and Kaylah Patchen was Runner –Up in the 11th Grade Division. Their artwork was chosen from hundreds of entries from all over the state of Kansas as examples to increase the awareness of environmental issues. Congratulations to you both!



Abby Scheideman



Kaylah Patchen

KAY @ SFT

The KAY Unit Conference this Spring will be hosted at Santa Fe Trail High School on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. KAY Unit Conferences, are held during the winter months, are designed to focus on club leadership on the local level. The half-day conference gives students the opportunity to share project and program ideas, to develop leadership skills and to "put the spotlight" on youth in the community where the conference is held. SFT was selected to host a Unit Conference this year on February 6th. The theme for the 2018 Unit Conference is "Set Sail... Lead-Yer-Ship". There are 14 area schools attending with up to 25 club delegates representing each club. SFT KAY members are busy making plans to host a successful conference.

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Wrestling

The Chargers have had a successful season thus far!! SFTHS is 8-2 in duals and placed 1st in the Anderson County Tournament and 4th at the Abilene Tournament. Currently, Evan Dean is ranked #2 in the 285 weight class in Class 4A. SFT will be at the Holton Regionals on February 16th and 17th with many of the same teams as last year.

Basketball

The SFT boys' varsity team is 4-1 on the season and 2-0 in league play. They placed 2nd in the Ike Cearfoss-Central Heights Early Season Tournament. The junior varsity boys are 2-3 and the freshmen boys are 6-0. The SFT girls' varsity team has 5 wins and 0 losses and is 2-0 in league play. The girls won the Ike Cearfoss-Central Heights Early Season Tournament. The junior varsity girls are 3-0 on the season, while the freshmen girls are 2-0. 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. We host Burlington on Friday, January 5th and Wellsville on Tuesday, January 9th. SFT will be at the Topeka-Hayden Sub-State this year. On Thursday, March 1st the girls will play and on Friday, March 2nd the boys will play. The championships will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. The other teams that are in our Sub-State are: Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS, Meriden-Jefferson West HS, and Topeka-Hayden HS.

Debate

The following students will be participating in Class 4A - 2 Speaker State Debate in Coffeyville on January 12th and 13th: Otis Costlow, Calvin Young, Xavier Ard, Trevor Beavers, Carson Stumpff, and Aidan Thompson.