

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2018**

**UPDATE ON THE CHARGER DAYS**

The Charger Days of the 2018-19 school year continue to do the things we wished we had time to do. The October 24<sup>th</sup> Charger Day focused on the upperclassmen participating in the Future Now Reality Math Program and the underclassmen completing their Pre-ACT test. Both were a success.

We now move our focus to the November 14<sup>th</sup> Charger Day. This day will feature our students going to our three communities in the afternoon working outdoors cleaning up leaves and many more projects. We will also have our students who plan to enroll in Allen County College (ACC) courses in 2019-20, take the Accuplacer Test. This placement test will determine if they will be able to enroll in their classes. We have a record number of students participating due to the change of policy by ACC. It used to be just sophomores testing but there are quite a few juniors this year too.

With most of our Charger Days, our students will continue to work on their Project Based Learning (PBL). This will be the same on November. We just moved the time to morning to let it warm up outside in the afternoon. All in all, we look forward to another Charger Day for SFTHS.

**ACT RESULTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2018**

51 students tested from SFT (We have 15 students with a 25 or better. There was 1 student who scored above a 30.)

English (SFT): 20.4	English (State): 21.0
Mathematics (SFT): 21.6	Mathematics (State): 21.1
Reading (SFT): 23.4	Reading (State): 22.3
Science (SFT): 21.6	Science (State): 21.5
Composite (SFT): 21.9	Composite (State): 21.6

**WELLNESS PROGRAM**

We had 26 staff members complete level 1 of the new Wellness Program. Those individuals earned themselves a LIVE WELL t-shirt and cinch bag!

**FLU CLINIC AT SFT**

We had 30 staff and family members utilize the convenience of the Walgreens Flu Vaccine Clinic held on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW SOFTBALL SHED**

The new softball shed that our students are building with the guidance of Mr. Stanton is getting close to being finished. A few more warm days and the project will be done.

### **DISTRICT HONOR BAND**

Below is the list of students who auditioned and were selected to participate in the 1-4A East Central Kansas Honor Band. This is a huge accomplishment for these students and they have worked extremely hard to get in this band. Over 1000 1-6A students auditioned in our district for only a select number of spots. They will perform at Blue Valley HS on December 1st and will have the opportunity to audition for the All -State Band in February.

Reegan Sisson- 1st Chair Flute  
William Cason-1st Chair Clarinet  
Harris Hamit- 4th Chair Clarinet  
Jordis VanCamp- 9th Chair Clarinet  
Sterling Pittman- 1st Chair Bass Clarinet  
Tristan Shepard- 1st Chair Alto Sax  
Adrienne Dinger- 6th Chair Trumpet  
Gabe Rose- 9th Chair Trumpet  
Mark Huddlestun- 1st. Alt. Trumpet  
Joseph Hefley- 5th Chair French Horn  
Roslyn Sisson- 2nd Chair Trombone  
Dakota Garrison- 2nd Chair Tuba  
Will Herren-3rd Chair Tuba

Congratulations to these Students!!!

### **FROM THE DESK OF MR. SAYLERS**

#### **Photo Imaging**

Students in Photo Imaging throughout the month of October did the “October Photo Challenge”. They picked categories on a Bingo board and had to take 3 different photos for each category. As well determine the Shutter Speed, Aperture, and Photo Composition Rules.

#### **Yearbook**

On Monday, October 29th Yearbook students went to various businesses in Carbondale, Overbrook, Scranton, as well Topeka to secure business ads to help fund the Yearbook. Then we met with a cover artist at the Topeka Jostens Plant to design the cover for the 2019 Yearbook. Students worked hard coming up with the theme as well the different design elements.

#### **Everything Google & More**

In October, students in Everything Google & More have been learning about Google Docs. Each student created a Resume` and Cover Letters showcasing their word processing skills in Google Docs.

## **Business Essentials**

Students in Business Essentials have been learning a lot about the basics of business. As we learn about the different branches of business, students are creating their very own business. We are building on our idea as progress throughout the class. At the end of the semester we will have a business showcase so everyone can see the businesses that were created.

## **SPANISH AT SFT**

It has been an exciting month in the upper level Spanish class!

First, three students from the ACC Spanish class were invited to be part of L.I.F.E., a local group that promotes education among the families in this community. Andrew Berckefeldt, Lance Haws and Jose Paredes taught elementary students about the ruins of Machu Pichu on October 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening at the Overbrook Attendance Center. They also taught them the colors in Spanish. It was a great experience for both high school students and elementary kids. Andrew, Lance and Jose had a great time seeing how much fun it was to teach younger kids Spanish. (One image attached)



Today, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the ACC class traveled to Washburn University for a day of all immersion in Spanish. The chair of the Modern Languages Department at Washburn University gave the class a tour of campus in Spanish. He also let us be part of a college Spanish class in which Santa Fe Trail students conversed with Washburn students in Spanish and our students showed how strong their abilities are. After being treated for lunch by the Spanish Department, our day ended with a tour of the Mulvane Museum of Art completely

in Spanish. As a teacher, I am extremely proud not only of the high academic standing of my upper level students, but also of how well they behaved and represented our school. (Two images attached)



### **FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT AT SFT**

Family Science Night 2018 is in the books. It is estimated that there were between 375 and 400 people in attendance. This year the event took on a bit of a new twist due to the creation of Charger Days. As a part of our Charger Day philosophy and trying to incorporate leadership activities, each student at the high school chose a leadership role by selecting a committee they wanted to be a part of. The 18 students on the Family Science Night Committee did a wonderful job of choosing age appropriate activities for the PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in. This group of students met and planned out the events and sought out the outside groups that were brought in to help make this one of the best Family Science Nights ever. The committee would like to send a big thank you to the SFT PTO and the Carbondale Masons for the financial support provided.



## FALL MUSICAL

After a fast few weeks, the SFTHS Theater Department will put "Annie" on stage for the public the weekend of November 9, 10, and 11. They are happy to also host a preview dress rehearsal for the 4-5-6th grade on November 8th. We proudly boast a cast and crew of about 40 students. It's going to be a great show!

## Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

As the fall activities at Santa Fe Trail are now completed, 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 12<sup>th</sup>. The winter sports parent meeting was Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the high school starting at 7:00 pm.

### Football

The Chargers went 5-4 on the season this year and were Pioneer League Co-Champions. SFT was once again in one of the toughest districts in the state and went 3-2. In week 9, the first week of playoffs, SFT lost to Marysville 40-17.

### Volleyball

On October 20<sup>th</sup> the Chargers traveled to Wellsville for the Sub-State Volleyball Tournament for Class 3A. Santa Fe Trail lost to Osage City in the first round.

### Cross Country

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country teams competed at a tough 3A Regional in Burlington on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. SFT had one state qualifier, Parker Roberts!! On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Parker ran at the Cross Country State Championships at Rim Rock in Lawrence and finished 60<sup>th</sup>.

### Musical

This year the high school musical will be Annie!! The musical is scheduled for Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Friday and Saturday the musical will start at 7:00 pm and Sunday it will begin at 2:00 pm.

### KSHSAA Buffer Week

The KSHSAA Senior High Fall Athletic Buffer Week is Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 footballs season is over.