

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
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CHARGER DAYS

The latest Charger Day (December 5th) featured a presentation from two Vietnam veterans—Harry Bryant and John Musgrave. The day also focused on creating cards of joy. These cards have been sent to veterans, Brookside, students at OAC, and staff at the high school. Students also had a chance to continue working on their Project Based Learning (PBL). When time was up on the PBL, students decorated the school in their leadership committees. Again, it was a pretty neat day on the Trail.

ALLEN COUNTY COLLEGE AND THE ACCUPLACER

Allen County College representatives traveled to SFT on Wednesday, December 5 to test our students wishing to enroll in ACC College Algebra, ACC Biology, or ACC Comp I. This was ACC second trip to SFT this school year. We were limited to the number of testers the first time due to some compatibility issues with the Chromebook and the Accuplacer on ACC's end.

FINALS AT SFT

This year marks the second annual semester finals at SFTHS. The finals days will be Wednesday, December 19 and Thursday, December 20.

KANSAS CORN AND RENEW FIELD TRIP

On Monday, November the 19th, the Santa Fe Trail high school biology and energy science classes had the good fortune of touring the East Kansas Agri-Energy ethanol plant in Garnett. This trip was made possible by a generous donation from Kansas Corn and Renew Kansas.

Prior to the trip biology students spent a good portion of the year learning about the corn industry and its impact on the economy, visiting with local farmers, getting up close and personal with a combine as corn was harvested and learning about the process of ethanol production through hands on activities provided by the Kansas Corn Seed to Stem program. The energy science students who visited the plant are enrolled in an Energy Industry Fundamentals class that is taught as a concurrent course through Flint Hills Technical College and will be pursuing careers in the energy industry after graduation, so this opportunity for them to visit a working facility within the energy industry was invaluable. I would like to thank Kansas Corn and Renew Kansas for this opportunity to provide real world application of knowledge and for their investment in future generations of Kansans. It is through organizations such as yours that teachers can make learning more meaningful and provide students with the motivation to enter career paths such as agriculture and energy production.



FBLA



FBLA members helped with the Christmas in Carbondale on Sunday, December 2nd at the City Hall in Carbondale, KS. The little kids came to the “elves” for assistance with writing their letters to Santa Claus. The FBLA members present were Cole Graham, Addison Hinterweger, Abby Rowe, Ashlynn Rowe, Paiden Roisen, McClain Weekley, Jordis VanCamp, and Lilly Graham.

THE SPRING PLAY

SFT Drama Department is proud to announce the 2019 Spring Play; Clue.





NHS

National Honor Society is spending their day at Washburn University Tech giving back in the spirit of the holiday season by donating their time to paint wooden projects and toys that will be donated to Toys for Tots.



Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Basketball and Wrestling are in full swing to kick off the winter season!! There are many upcoming events on the road and at home. Get out and watch the Chargers as they face challenging competition on the hardwood and mat.

Fall Awards - Football

Will Herren – 1st Team All Pioneer League Offense and Defense and Topeka Capital Journal Class 3A 1st Team Defense. Top 100 Seniors Sports in Kansas Honorable Mention Class 3A.

Otis Costlow – 1st Team All Pioneer League Offense and Topeka Capital Journal Honorable Mention Class 3A Offense. Top 100 Seniors Sports in Kansas Honorable Mention Class 3A.

Carter Greenfield – 1st Team All Pioneer League Defense and 2nd Team Defense and Topeka Capital Journal Honorable Mention Class 3A Defense. Top 100 Seniors Sports in Kansas Honorable Mention Class 3A.

Evan Dean – 1st Team All Pioneer League Defense and Topeka Capital Journal Honorable Mention Class 3A Defense. Top 100 Non-Seniors Sports in Kansas Honorable Mention Class 3A.

Blake Buessing – 1st Team All Pioneer League Kicker.

Andrew Berckefeldt – All Pioneer League 2nd Team Offense.

Reice Randels – All Pioneer League 2nd Team Offense.

Fall Awards - Volleyball

Marrit Mead – 1st Team All Pioneer League.

Addison Hinterweger – 2nd Team All Pioneer League.

Alyssa Barrington – 2nd Team All Pioneer League.

Fall Awards – Cross Country

Parker Roberts - 1st Team All Pioneer League.

Caden Watson – 2nd Team All Pioneer League.

Wrestling

The Chargers began their season on Thursday, November 29th with a win over Eudora. The team didn't get much rest as they traveled to Spring Hill for a very tough dual tournament on Friday, November 30th. The Spring Hill dual tournament is a big school vs. small school format. SFT went 2-2-1 for the tournament. There are 29 wrestlers and 4 managers on the team this year. Santa Fe Trail will host a Junior Varsity Tournament on Friday, December 7th and then head to Anderson County for a Varsity Tournament on Saturday, December 8th. SFT hosts Burlington and Council Grove Tuesday, December 18th starting at 5:00 pm in the dome gym.

Basketball

The SFT boys' team has 31 members out this season, plus 7 managers and the girls' team consists of 18 players and 4 managers. On Monday, December 3rd the Chargers opened up the season with the varsity teams in action. Both teams beat West Franklin in the Ike Cearfoss – Central Heights Tournament, an early season tournament. On Tuesday, December 5th, the "C" boys and JV boys beat West Franklin, while the JV girls lost to Iola.

These 3 games were played at home. Each team will open the regular season on the road at Prairie View on Tuesday, December 11th, then host Osawatomie on Friday December 14th to close out all games prior to the break. The boys and the girls will both have freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams this year. Games are normally played on Tuesdays and Fridays. When the teams are at home, games are played at Santa Fe Trail High School main and auxiliary gyms.

Dance Team

The Santa Fe Trail Dance Team will perform at each home basketball event this year. Their performance will be at the halftime of the boy's game.

Cheer Team

Our cheerleaders will be providing entertainment and promoting school spirit at each of our home basketball games this year.

Scholars Bowl

Our home Scholars Bowl tournament was on Tuesday, December 4th. SFT did not participate, as it is typical for the host school to utilize team members to assist in running the tournament.

Debate

The Debate Team has already qualified 4 students for state. Those students are: Otis Costlow, Stephen Greenfield, Camilla Brown, and Aidan Thompson. Mr. Terry hopes to qualify 2 more this coming weekend as the team travels to Tonganoxie.