

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2019**

**1. CHARGER DAYS LOOKING AHEAD**

We will begin meeting on Tuesday, May 21 for our first Charger Day planning session for the 2019-20 school year. My first two agenda items will be: What went well this year? What went poorly or needs to be rethought?

The summer planning should set the tone for the 2019-20 school year. Previous experience should make future Charger Days even better.

If all goes well, we will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to noon for the rest of the months of May and June. All teachers have been invited and will be encouraged to attend.

**2. THE ACT AT SFT**

- a. We tested a total of 60 students on the ACT this Spring. Our scores range from a 13 to a 31. The average composite was 19.93.
- b. We had 25 students score a 21 or better.
- c. We had 5 students score 27 or better.
- d. All in all, the experience was very positive. Most of the students were first-time testers of the ACT.

**3. ATTENDANCE RACE OF 2018-19 (As of 5/2/2019)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Sophomores 96.1%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Freshmen 96.0%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Juniors 95.9%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place—Seniors 95.5%

**4. VAPE/JUUL DETECTORS**

During a conversation with the league principals, I found out they make a vape/juul detector designed to be installed in bathrooms. The device then sends a signal to your cell phone to notify you that a vape/juul is in use.

I'm still in the exploring stages but Officer Feliciano has reached out to Drug Free Schools and the Osage County Attorney, Jack Hobbs, to see if they would be willing to assist financially with the installation of the devices.

I'll keep you posted but this would be a big step forward in the battle vs. vape/juul use with students.

We have suspended 14 students this year regarding vape/juuls. Ten of those students were freshmen.

## 5. BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

### Accounting

Accounting students have been working on a practice set that assess them on everything we have learned about accounting. They have source documents and have to analyze them and record the transactions. Then sometimes they have to fill out a deposit slip and write checks. Doing this activity has been challenging the students to think about what is going on in each document and how it affects the business and accounting equation.

### Graphic Design

Students in Graphic Design have been working hard mastering the skills of graphic design by creating various projects using Photoshop as well helping with athletic graphics to help promote the activities happening.

They have started their final where they create a fictitious business and then create all the necessary graphics for the business (logo, letterhead, business card, newspaper advertisement, etc.)



Student using what he has learned with layer masks to make a superhero graphic

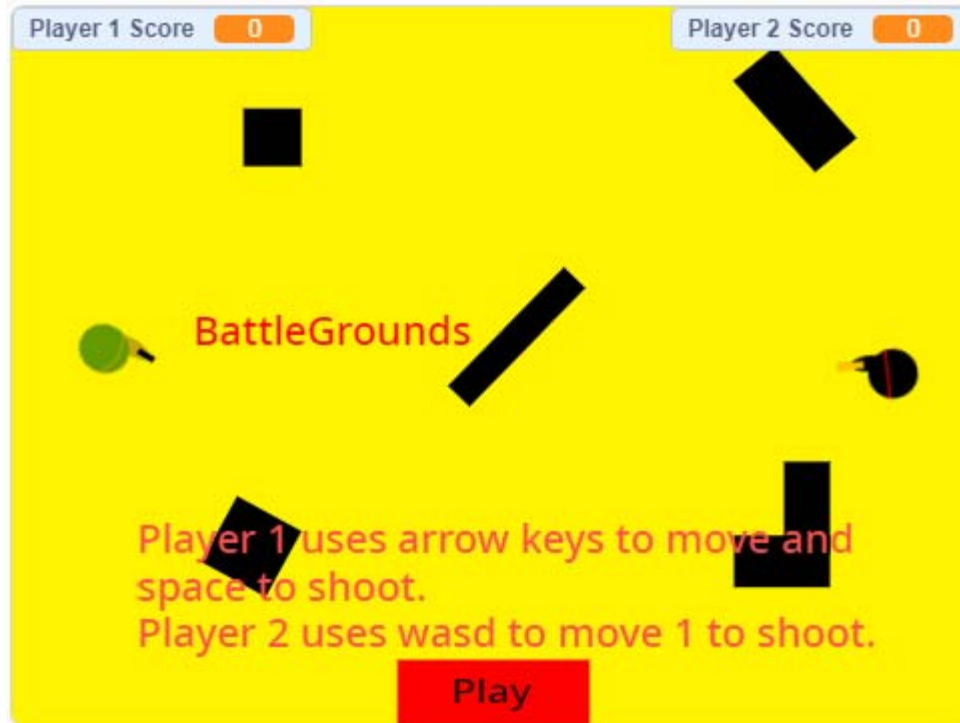


Examples of the graphics students have been helping create to promote the after school sports. Keith Johnson has been posting them on Facebook and Twitter.

## Game Design

Students in Game Design have been enjoying creating video games on their own after learning about the principles of games, the coding aspect, and walking through games together. They have made some really awesome games so far this semester. I am excited to see what they come up with for their final project.

Example of a game a student replicated. They had to analyze a game and figure out the mechanics behind it and then create the code in Scratch to create the game.



<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/304251992>

## New Classes coming to the Business & Digital Media Department

Intro to Computer Science - students will be introduced to various aspects that make up Computer Science and get hands-on experience practicing the skills by coding using Python programming language. The curriculum for the course is being supplied through a grant from Amazon Future Engineers.

Career and Life Planning - students will learn how to “adult” by learning personal finance and investigating careers. The goal is have students participate in a job shadow some time during the semester so they can get a real-life experience with a career that they are interested in. I’m excited to teach this class and help students figure out their careers and essential life skills.

## Equipment in the Business & Digital Media Department

There has been many changes and updates to the equipment in the classroom over the two years I have been teaching here at SFT. I am extremely grateful for the equipment and

students appreciate being able to use the equipment. Plus they like the TVs to see what is going on due to the layout of the classroom. It is great to see students using the new computers, poster printer, decal maker, and DSLR cameras. It makes the learning we do real and tangible to those students.

### **FBLA**

On Wednesday, April 24th FBLA and KAY held their annual Recognition Night Ceremony. It was a great night to recognize all the FBLA members for their achievements.

At the ceremony we inducted the 2019-2020 Officer Team

President - Emma Berkley

Vice President - Lilly Graham

Secretary - Cole Graham

Treasurer - Jared Amborski

Public Relations - Jaelyn Colvin

Junior Rep - Derek Stahel

Sophomore Reps - Sam Kaff and Anna Romero

Freshmen Reps - Will be announced on Friday, May 3rd after they are interviewed.



Otis Costlow was also announced as the 2019 Ms. Connie Lindell Outstanding FBLA Member Award. This is an award that I made last year to recognize a FBLA member each year for their outstanding work and dedication to the organization. The 2018 recipient was Cameron Koger.



Addison Hinterweger attended her first KS FBLA State Officer Board Meeting on Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th. She has already got the ball rolling with her Public Relations duty by updating the KS FBLA social media with content from the board meeting.



## **6. KAY @ SFT**

Sophie Hoff, a freshman at Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail High School has been selected to serve as Area 1 KAY President. Sophie was elected at the Regional KAY Conference hosted by the Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest and Southwest High School KAY Clubs. She has been serving as a leader and student contact for Northeast Kansas KAY Clubs this school year. Sophie will be a Group Leader at KAY Summer Leadership Camp in July. She will complete her term at the 2019 Fall Area KAY Conference where she will preside over the Area 1 Regional Conference.

The Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) is a character-building, leadership training, service organization directed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. This nationally

acclaimed organization provides students an opportunity to learn to assume their citizenship responsibilities and to enrich their personalities through well-organized programs. These programs emphasize four areas of service: school, community, nation and world. The KAY program is available to any KSHSAA member school students. The local organization is under the direction of the school principal who, in turn, appoints a sponsor(s) to lead and guide the club program. The Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail High School KAY sponsor is Mary Burgett.

Sophie has served her Santa Fe Trail High School KAY Club as the freshman representative. She also attended KAY Leadership Camp last summer. Selected for her dedication and years of experience with the KAY program, she will serve the KAY Clubs of Northeastern Kansas. Among her duties will be to attend a training meeting in Topeka, write up to three newsletters for the clubs she serves, attend KAY Leadership Camp, July 29 – August 2, 2019 and help conduct the 2019 Area 1 KAY Regional Conference.

“We are honored to have Sophie Hoff serve as a KAY Area President”, said Cheryl Gleason, KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director and KAY State Director. “Her strong background in the KAY program, her proven leadership and enthusiasm for serving others will serve as a valuable motivator for the KAY Clubs of Northeastern Kansas. The KSHSAA proudly offers the KAY program to Kansas students, through its member schools, as a means to “make a world of difference” for current and future generations.

In an effort to enhance community ties, the Spanish II classes participated in a project called “Chargers around the World,” in which they got to interview former SFT alumni and current staff members about experiences they had had in their travels through Spanish speaking countries. The featured city for this project was Salamanca, Spain. Students learned a lot of information about this charming city, and heard from Ms. Sally Riggs (SFT art teacher) and Ms. Brittany Kelly (SFT alumni) about their experiences in Salamanca. In the end, students put together a presentation in Spanish about their findings. Students thought it was fun, and they really enjoyed learning about a different place and a travel experience from multiple sources.

## **7. SPANISH AT SFT**

In celebration of World Book Day, the upper level Spanish classes put together a theatrical representation of a passage from the famous “Don Quijote de la Mancha” by Miguel de Cervantes. This was such a fun time for the students, and it was an excellent opportunity to practice and improve their vocabulary and fluency in Spanish.





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

### **Baseball**

The varsity team has an overall record of 7-7 this season. Santa Fe Trail will be participating in the Class 3A Regional Baseball Tournament held by **Kansas City-Bishop Ward**. Since SFT will be back in an 8 team regional, the higher seeded team in the first round will get to host on May 13<sup>th</sup>. After that, the remaining games will be played on May 15th @ T-Bones Stadium, 1800 Village West Parkway, Kansas City. The 3A State Baseball Tournament will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Soden's Grove Baseball Field, 1000 S. Commercial, Emporia.

### **Softball**

The varsity softball team has an overall record of 4-11 so far this year. Santa Fe Trail will be participating in the Class 3A Regional Softball Tournament held by **Osage City**. Since SFT will be back in an 8 team regional, the 2 highest seeded teams will get to host first round games on May 13<sup>th</sup>. After that, the remaining games will be played on May 15th @ Osage City. The 3A State Softball Tournament will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Trusler Sports Complex, 701 E. 18<sup>th</sup>, Emporia.

### **Boys Golf**

Both the SFT varsity and junior varsity have been competing very well in every tournament they have participated in this spring. They have been led by freshman Blake Buessing, sophomore Tyler Duncan, and senior Caden Feliciano. On Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, SFT will participate in the Pioneer League Tournament at the Osawatomie Golf Course. Santa Fe Trail will be playing in the 3A Regional Golf Tournament at the Lake Shawnee Golf Course in Topeka, on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Class 3A State Tournament will be held at Emporia Municipal Golf Course on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Track**

The Santa Fe Trail track team has had many team and individual successes so far this season. There are many individuals ranked in the top 10 currently in Class 3A, headlined by Logan Reed #1 in the Triple Jump and #5 in the Long Jump, Brett Schwartz #1 in the Discus, Marrit Mead #2 in the 100 Meter Dash, Mackenzie Guyle #2 in the Discus, Evan Dean #6 in the Shot Put, Tailor Hedrick #7 in the High Jump, Will Herren #8 in the Discus. SFT held a Junior Varsity Track Meet on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a small meet, but very successful. The Pioneer League Track Meet will be held at Osawatomie on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:30 pm. The 3A Track and Field Regional will be held at Girard High School on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 pm. Look for many of our athletes to be competing at the state track meet, which will be held at Cessna Stadium in Wichita on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Summer Weights and Conditioning**

Weights and conditioning for high school students begins on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. It is offered in the mornings from 7:00 – 8:30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, it will be open from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

### **Clay Target Shooting League**

Current interest at the high school is at 14 students. This is current grades 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. The next step would be to advertise for a sponsor(s).



**Information from KSHSAA concerning physical and concussion forms is below.**

As you are making preparations for the 2019-2020 school year, please be reminded both the Pre-Participation Physical Exam AND the updated Parent/Student Concussion Information Release forms are available for download on the KSHSAA website. Both of these annual forms are required to be on file at the school for every student-athlete, prior to participation in their first practice.

The most current PPE form has a revision date in the lower right hand corner of **1/15** and can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). **Schools should only accept this most recent KSHSAA physical form.** We encourage all schools to communicate with your local healthcare providers who administer PPEs about this version requirement.

**Please remember the required PPE is only valid for the 2019-2020 school year if it is obtained on or after May 1, 2019.**

The sample Parent/Student Concussion Information Release form for 2019-2020 can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#). Schools are not required to use this exact form, but are required by state law to have a new form on file each academic year signed by both a parent and the student acknowledging they have been made aware of signs, symptoms, and risks of concussions.

By making both of these forms available to you now, we hope you will provide your students with both items to be signed and returned to your office simultaneously.