

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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UPDATE ON THE CHARGER DAYS

Charger Days moving forward—Accepting reality due to the time needed to be focused on the School Redesign efforts, I have come to the conclusion that we are going to scale back the Charger Days for the 2019-20 school year. In fact, I plan to cancel the Charger Days for December, January, and February. The freshmen and sophomores will still have their field trip but it will be in April. We also still plan to participate in the Reality Math Day for the juniors and seniors but will move this to January. We'll still be able to have it, but it will be on a normal school day.

FROM THE COUNSELORS

Individual Plans of Study

As students navigate through high school and transition to career and college it is important to remember that not all students have the same plans. An **Individual Plan of Study** (IPS) is both a product and a process that students may use with support from families, teachers, and school counselors to help them define their career goals and postsecondary plans and make informed decisions about their courses and activities throughout high school.

Students at SFT are working during activity period every other Monday on various phases of their IPS. These phases include: self-exploration, career exploration, and career planning.

- Self-exploration activities develop a student's ability to identify skills, work values, and career interests.
- Career exploration activities develop a student's ability to connect their interests, skills, and values to a range of career options, identify the school courses and employability skills needed to enter careers of interest, and identify corresponding post-secondary pathways.
- Career planning activities are designed to help students in relation to acquiring job search skills needed to secure employment: developing career readiness skills; and developing the traits, work habits and behaviors needed to navigate career changes and pursue growth opportunities throughout a lifetime.

Students' post-secondary goals will be the forefront of the spring enrollment conferences for students in 9th-11th grades. Talking with your students about their career interests and goals is an important way to contribute to their personal, career, and academic development.

SPANISH @ SFT

On October 11th, the Spanish classes had a special visit from Tom Riggs. Tom came to our school from KU to share his experience studying in the city of Salamanca, Spain for 6 months. Students had researched this city ahead of time, and were very intrigued about his experience. They had tons of questions and truly enjoyed having him over. Tom was very impressed with our students' response and had a great time.



ACT RESULTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2019

Fifty students were tested from SFT. The percentage of participants in each grade level continues to grow since the state offers it free. This has been a great opportunity for our students.

English (SFT): 19.4

English (State): 20.5

Mathematics (SFT): 19.6

Mathematics (State): 20.7

Reading (SFT): 20.5

Reading (State): 21.8

Science (SFT): 21.2

Science (State): 21.1

Composite (SFT): 20.3

Composite (State): 21.2

WELLNESS PROGRAM

We had 21 staff members complete level 1 of the wellness program. They earned themselves a wellness shirt and a water bottle!

VACCINE @ SFT

Walgreens hosted a flu vaccine clinic for our staff and patrons of the school district on October 14th. We had a great turn out!

HS ART

Art Department has been busy creating "Combines", Landscapes, Artist Choice pieces, and ceramics. The "Open Studio" Tuesday after school has had a nice turnout. We made over 400 clay Charger bolts for the OAC. Local photographer Carrie Sunday was here last month presenting to students on color and composition. We will have Kansas City Art Institute visiting students on November 19 for portfolio review and information about their art programs.

Special thank you to everyone who as donated, helped and encourage students to create and grow.

DISTRICT HONOR BAND

Below is the list of 21 students who will be auditioning for the 1-4A East Central Kansas Honor Band. This is the largest group that I have ever taken to auditions and a huge opportunity for these students who have worked extremely hard to try and get in this band. Over 1000 1-6A students plan to audition in our district for only a select number of spots. They will perform at Blue Valley HS on December 7th and will have the opportunity to audition for the All -State Band in February if they make district. The students auditioning are listed below:

Oboe

Ariana Fechter

Flute

Kelsey Llamas
Olivia Truelson

Clarinet

William Cason
Jordis VanCamp
Sterling Pittman-Bass Clarinet

Alto Sax

Blythe Long

Trumpet

Adrienne Dinger
Max Black
Chris Long
Andrew Shepard
Riley Shreve

French Horn

Joseph Hefley
Raden Ard
Roman Patchen

Trombone

Ella Huizenga

Tuba

Dakota Garrison
Erica Myrick

Percussion

Cole Graham
Addison Hinteweger
Matthew Coltrane



Digital Design & Production (Yearbook)

On September 26th, students attended the Kansas Scholastic Publication Association Fall Conference at KU. Students went to various workshops to help elevate their knowledge of publications as well help with the production of the yearbook as well. The students that attended really enjoyed the conference and left with many ideas and new information.

Then on October 15th, the 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 2020 Yearbook. Students worked hard coming up with the theme as well the different design elements. In class we are working hard to master all of the elements that are included with Yearbook - photography, interviewing, writing, and basic soft skills.

Graphic Design

Students in Graphic Design have been learning about the Design Elements and practicing them creating their own versions of the Musical graphics. There were many great interpretations of what the graphics should look like to publicize the production. Then we have also been working on designing T-Shirts. On November 8th, we will go to Shirts and

Such and Kim Stahel will talk us through how the shirts are created. Then the students will get a chance to go through the process of making the shirts they designed in class.

Career & Life Planning

In Career & Life Planning we have added to the Classroom Economy where students get hands-on practical learning of doing the many things we are learning. As we learned about Banking and Checking Accounts, students were able to apply to open an account at the Charger Bank. Two of the students in class, their job is to be bank tellers. We are using a free online program called My Kids Bank. The tellers are able to deposit and withdraw money out of the student's individual accounts. Plus, students are able to log-on online to see their account balance. We are also using educational checkbooks donated by Kansas State Bank to practice writing checks in class for the various expenses we have in the classroom economy (Rent, Utilities, being tardy, hallway toll fee, etc.) Students even had to reconcile their bank statement at the end of the month to make sure their checkbook register matches the bank statement. On day students experience a "Life Happens" day where they got a different scenario and money amount. Then they had to write a check to pay for that scenario.

Game Design

For the month of October, students in Game Design have been learning about Computer Science and the principles of it. That way students have a real grasp of what is happening when we start creating games. Students had 6 CS lessons that they had to go through delivered in a hyperdoc (blended learning) assignment.

Business Essentials

As we are moving along learning the various parts of business, each student is adding to the business idea that they created at the beginning of the year. The goal is to have conceptually a solid business idea at the end of the semester. There will be a business showcase on a date TBD in December.

FBLA

On Thursday, October 24th FBLA hosted the annual Dodgeball Tournament. The tournament is open to any high school student, but this year a majority of the team member had to be FBLA members. The money raised from team admission fees will be donated to the March of Dimes. Teams also had to turn in a canned good item per team member. Those donated items will be taken to the Osage County Help House to be added to their pantry.

Addison Hinterweger is serving as the Kansas FBLA's State Public Relations Officer. There have been many compliments from Connie Lindell (State FBLA Adviser and former SFT Teacher) and other advisers from across the state on the work she has done in her officer role.

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 SFTHS over the next few months. Winter sports practices

will begin on Monday, November 18th. The winter sports parent meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at the high school starting at 7:00 pm.

Football

The Chargers went 4-5 this season and took 3rd place with a record of 3-1 in the Pioneer League. SFT was once again in a very tough district and went 2-3. In the week 9 bracket game, SFT lost to Holton 34-27.

Volleyball

On October 26th the Chargers traveled to Perry-Lecompton for the Class 3A Sub-State Volleyball Tournament. Santa Fe Trail lost to Wellsville in the first round.

Cross Country

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country teams competed at the 3A Regional hosted by Riley County on Saturday, October 26th. SFT had two state qualifiers this year, Parker Roberts and Ajah Banks!! On Saturday, November 2nd both ran at the Cross Country State Championships at Rim Rock in Lawrence. Parker finished in 40th place and Ajah finished in 55th place.

Scholars Bowl

The SFTHS Scholars Bowl teams have started the season by bringing home some hardware! On October 22nd the varsity team took 2nd place at Bonner Springs and on October 29th the junior varsity took 3rd place.



Musical

This year the high school musical will be Fiddler on the Roof. The musical is scheduled for Friday, November 15th, Saturday, November 16th, and Sunday, November 17th. Friday and Saturday the musical will start at 7:00 pm and Sunday it will begin at 2:00 pm. Come out and enjoy the show!!

KSHSAA Buffer Week

The KSHSAA Senior High Fall Athletic Buffer Week is Monday, November 11th thru Sunday, November 17th. 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.