

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2020**

THE TRANSITION TO THE 2ND SEMESTER

At the time of the November BOE meeting, there will be 24 remaining student days in the first semester. The high school is right in the middle of students making changes to their schedule as needed to adapt to their post-secondary plans.

BELL SCHEDULE

Until we get some relief with COVID 19, the high school plans to stay the course with the current bell school schedule for the second semester. It minimizes student/teacher interactions.

CLOTH MASKS

The Overbrook Rotary with the help of Kim Stahel, Shirts and Such, donated to the high school 1,860 cloth masks. We handed out 2 masks to all of our students and staff members shortly after. When we return from Winter Break, we plan to hand out 2 more to each student and staff member.



Digital Design & Production (Yearbook)

The 21 Charger Yearbook staff has been working hard this semester learning about Digital Design & Production. We have 8 members on the staff. We have been very lucky with the current environment we are in to be able to cover the major events of the school year. The theme for the 21 Yearbook is "Our Adventure Book". This theme was developed by a couple of staff members. We had a virtual cover design session with Jostens and the cover of the book looks awesome!

Accounting

This year in Accounting class I am utilizing the Standards Based Grading method. I worked over the summer developing the procedures and plan to use this grading method compared to the traditional method we are used to.

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 get a different scenario and money amount. Then they had to write a check to pay for that scenario.

Business Essentials

This year we are doing a new project called "Adopt a Business". In this project we have adopted local businesses (Rustic Creations and Main Street Bargains) and as we learn about the different aspects of business we are using the businesses to see what it looks like in a fully functional business.

Broadcast & Video Production

This is a new course for the 20-21 school year being co-taught with Travisray Salyers & Derek Terry. This is an application level course within the Digital Media Pathway through Career & Technical Education. In this course we are teaching students the basics of broadcast and video production. Currently students are working on creating their first 1-2 short films.

FBLA

This year for FBLA has been pretty slow due to the nature of the environment we currently are in. Right now we have 21 paid members. FBLA is planning on hosting the annual dodgeball tournament on the 12th where the profits go to the March of Dimes. Then on the 17th we plan on participating in World Prematurity Day by wearing purple.

Officers

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For the 2020-2021 school year, SFT has the following pathways:

- Business Finance
- Digital Media*
- Family, Community, & Consumer Services*
- Teaching/Training*

The CTE department will be hosting our Fall Advisory Council meeting on a soon to be announced date. At this meeting the instructors within those pathways will talk to their advisory council about the program(s) we have available, courses, career outlook.

HIGH SCHOOL ART

SFTHS Art Department invites you to check out and Like 434 SFTHS ART on Facebook. This is where the Senior Show Cases, Mini Shows, and The BIG End of Semester Art Show are located. Check out all of their hard work and cheer them on their creative journeys.

SFT MUSIC

SFTHS MUSICAL: We are currently in the process of shooting our movie musical Elf. We have enlisted some community help in locations and would like to thank the City of Overbrook, Main Street Bargains, Four Corners, and the City of Scranton for allowing us to use their spaces for our scenes. We are running a tight schedule, but are still on track for online streaming over the weekend of Dec. 4th.

SFTHS Vocal Music: Learning how to choir during Covid has been a challenge. Both the Concert Choir and Choraliars are finishing recording sessions now, and we hope we will have music videos ready for the public in the next couple weeks.

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. Prior to the season, I hoped for 5 weeks of competition. I am pleased to report that between all of our activities, we missed 1 freshman football game, and 1 volleyball match, because of the other team needing to quarantine. Certainly, a success. Now, Basketball, Wrestling, Scholar's Bowl and Debate will headline much of the extra-curricular happenings at SFT over the next few months. The winter sports parent meeting is Tuesday, November 10th at the high school starting at 7:00 pm. We will discuss crowd limitations and restrictions, which include each team member gets 4 passes; limit to 20 pep

band members; limit to 6 cheerleaders (home and away); fans must have masks on entire time; temperature checks prior to admittance.

Football

The Chargers went 2-7 on the season this year. SFT was in a tough district facing Hayden and Perry-LeCompton in districts, then finishing our year again Holton. We had many younger classmen gain varsity experience this year. The junior varsity finished 3-4 on the season and the freshmen were 5-2!!

Volleyball

On October 22nd the Chargers traveled to Burlington for the Sub-State Volleyball Tournament for Class 3A. Santa Fe Trail beat Anderson Co. in the quarter finals, but then lost to eventual sub state winner and 3rd in state West Franklin in the semi-finals. Trail finished 13-18 and 2nd in Pioneer League. The junior varsity, consisting mostly of freshman, all gained valuable experience. The wins were sparse, but improvements were made throughout the season.

Cross Country

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country teams competed at the Anderson County 3A Regional on Saturday, October 24th. The girls team ran a great race and qualified the whole team for the state tournament. The boys had one State qualifier, and along with the girl's team ran at the Class 3A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego. The runners competed well but did not gain medals. The girls did finish 10th in 3A state.

Scholars Bowl

The season kicked off on 10/27. The team had great success finishing 4th out of 16 schools virtually at Bonner Springs, all being either 4A or 5A schools

Girls Golf

Girls Golf put together an outstanding season. The girls consistently finished in the top two at most tournaments, including regionals which qualified the entire team for the state tournament. Braegan Buessing was the regional champ, and also medaled 12th at 3A state in Cheney.

Musical

The High School Musical will be virtual this year. On December 4th, the Musical "Elf" will premier. On December 5th and 6th, the musical will be available to stream.

KSHSAA Buffer Week

The KSHSAA Senior High Fall Athletic Buffer Week is Monday, November 9th thru Sunday, November 15th. 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 football season is over.

KSHSAA Concussion Video Requirement:

Santa Fe Trail High School students who are planning to participate in sports/cheer/dance anytime during the 2020-2021 school year are required to attend a free National Federation of High Schools Concussion In Sports on-line course prior to starting practices. Those students who are participating in winter sports will be required to have this process completed prior to the start of practice on Monday, November 14th. Those that have not completed this requirement by that time, will not be allowed to practice until they have it completed. This is a requirement by the Kansas State High School Activities Association Executive Board. Anyone can participate in this course and many others offered by NFHS by going to NFHSLearn.com. Once completed, you can either print off your certificate or take a photo of it for proof of completion. Again, this is a requirement for any student who plans to participate in sports/cheer/dance during the 2020-21 school year.