

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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DECEMBER AT SFT

It has been an interesting December at SFT this year. Right now, we are in a unique spot. COVID 19 has made its presence known. As we transition back, we are hopeful for minimal disruptions in our school and activities. We have two busy weeks ahead of us and then it comes to sudden halt. The new KSHSAA buffer week now extends no practice time from December 23 to January 3. This will certainly change the building over winter break.

We have learned we have to take things day by day and be flexible to what comes tomorrow. With that said, there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel but we have a few tough months still ahead of us.

The close of the first semester comes at a good time. It's been a long hard first semester with so many unknowns. The break for our students and staff will be welcomed.

FROM THE COUNSELORS

- Before Thanksgiving break, students had the opportunity to request schedule changes, and now our counselors are entering said changes into PowerSchool.
- Senior transcript audits are being conducted to ensure each and every one of our seniors are meeting the graduation requirements; additionally, any senior failing a required class has been or will be contacted individually and offered help in making a plan for success.
- A Remote Learner's schedule has been created which assigns specific teachers to classes for remote students. With all remote students in one class at a time, it will alleviate stress for all staff and better help students to be successful in their learning endeavors.

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Basketball and Wrestling got in a full week of practice before COVID put us into remote. The Chargers are geared up to get back to practice 12/7 and kick off the winter season!! Many changes to the schedule have happened. Please remember to use the live calendar on the district website for the most up to date events. KSHSAA has determined that no spectators will be allowed at any KSHSAA sponsored event until 1/28. The tech department is preparing to assist the athletic department in making streaming available for all home events. Growing pains are likely.

Fall Awards – Football

McClain Weekley – 1st Team All Pioneer League Defense, 1st Team All Pioneer League Offense.

Tyler Duncan - 1st Team All Pioneer League Offense.

Blake Buessing – 1st Team All Pioneer League Kicker.

Fall Awards – Volleyball

Addie Hinterweger– 1st Team All Pioneer League.

Emma Berkely – 2nd Team All Pioneer League.

Fall Awards – Cross Country

Parker Roberts - 1st Team All Pioneer League and a state qualifier.

Brock Robert – 2nd Team All Pioneer League.

Noah McCoy - 2nd Team All Pioneer League.

Ashlynn Rowe – 1st Team All Pioneer League and a state qualifier.

Lilly Graham - 2nd Team All Pioneer League and a state qualifier.

Kaelee Washington - 2nd Team All Pioneer League and a state qualifier.

Whitney Herren - 2nd Team All Pioneer League and a state qualifier.

Wrestling

The Chargers have 31 wrestlers (25 boys and 6 girls) and 3 managers that took to the mats on 11/16 for the first day of practice (10 were on quarantine, so practiced via zoom). This is a very young team, with 3 seniors, and 17 freshman participants. SFT will host a JV/Girls mixer event (each wrestler gets 2 matches) on 12/11. On 12/15, SFT will host Holton and Jeff West High schools, then close the season with travel to Council Grove on 12/18.

Basketball

The SFT boys' team has 36 players out this season and 7 managers, and the girls' team consists of 21 players and 4 managers. On Thursday, December 10th the Chargers will open up the season with the varsity teams in action, along with the JV and C boys, against KC Metro Academy. Then Friday the 11th we travel to Osage City for both Varsity and JV games for the boys and girls. On Saturday the 12th, the C boys were invited to the Wellsville Invitational where they will pick up 2 games. Each team will open the Pioneer League season when we travel to Prairie View on Tuesday, December 15th. This night will close out all games prior to the break, unless we find another team to play on 12/18. 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 dome 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. They also may travel to some away events, depending on the host school.

Scholars Bowl

Our home Scholars Bowl tournament will be held on Tuesday, December 8th. As with most SB events, we are running ours virtually. Mr. Lynch has a great plan, and we are looking forward to seeing how it turns out. SFT has competed in two events, finishing in 2nd at both events.