

Santa Fe Trail High School
October 2022
Newsletter

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GOALS FOR THE HS

- The high school has set its building goals for the school year.
- We have had our students who have opted-in complete the SABERS survey.
- The high school teachers have completed the MYSABERS part for our students.
- MTSS (This is working with our students on reading help.) has begun this year with a focus on the current freshmen.
- The high school students have all completed the fall Fastbridge Assessments.
- We are organizing CTE efforts for the upcoming school year.
- We are focusing on our current seniors who do not have post-secondary plans to earn a state recognized certificate. The plan is to have these certificates earned before seniors leave for winter break.
- Xello will begin with our current juniors.
- The ACT Prep date is set on the calendar along with the real ACT. Both will be offered to all of our juniors during the school day.
- The WorkKeys date is set on the calendar for our students interested in participating in this.

CLAY TRAP

The fall season has the SFT Clay Trap Team with 14 athletes. The fall is a really short season. It will be over at the end of October. Soon, we will be gearing up for new athletes to join the team for the spring season.

CADET SPANISH

The Cadet Spanish class traveled for the first time to Overbrook Attendance Center to teach first grade students lessons in Spanish! This is the first time this class is offered at the high school, and students truly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to OAC for having us!

ART

Trick or Treat Chargers

Things are getting spooky at the HS Art Department. There are a lot of activities to get involved in. Art is sponsoring an HS door and locker decorating contest this year. Rules and Participation are posted around the HS.

ART CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 21-22

- Parent-teacher conferences this semester is Nov 1st - 2nd 4-7 pm.
- Maintaining the **SFTHS ART DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK** page (If you haven't already please like and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/434-SFTHS-Art-107070800993078>)
- **COLLEGE/Scholarship applications Dates are fast approaching SENIORS.**
- **Dec. 12th end of semester Fine Arts & Practical Arts Show 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the SFTHS**
- ART League competition on April 27th. GO CHARGERS!

- May 10th, 2023 End of semester Fine Arts and Practical Arts Show 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the SFTHS.

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions—Stephanie Kitten.

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2023-2024 School year opened on October 1st. (This is for the class of 2023 enrolling in college in August of 2023.) Many scholarships require a FAFSA to be completed before disbursing funds. Also- some financial aid is given on a first come, first serve basis. Completing a FAFSA does not mean a student has to attend a post-secondary institution. The FAFSA is the first step in determining eligibility for financial assistance.

Follow this link for a step-by-step guide to FAFSA completion.
<https://studentaid.gov/articles/steps-to-complete-fafsa-form/>

We will host Financial Aid night on October 19th at 6:30 in the High School Library. This will feature a presentation from a financial aid administrator from Washburn University.

If you need assistance, please reach out to kchiddix@usd434.us.

BAND

On October 5th the Santa Fe Trail Charger Band competed at the Capital City Marching Festival hosted by Washburn University. All the hard work paid off for the students and they received the Visual Effect Award, Music Award, and Superior Achievement Award! Congratulations band!!!!

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Football

Currently, the Varsity Chargers are 1-4, picking up their first win of the season last Friday at Osawatomie. The Chargers are 1-1 in district play, with 2 district games left. The JV record is 3-1, with one game being canceled because Prairie View could not field a team. Iola is the final home game, on 10/21.

Volleyball

As of October 6th, the volleyball team is 17-9, and currently undefeated in Pioneer League play, with 4 remaining league matches. We have sub-state in Silver Lake on 10/22. The winner of the 8-team tournament will qualify for the state tournament in Hutchinson on 10/28-29.

Girls Golf

Santa Fe Trail hosted our tournament on September 13th at Lamont Hill Golf Course. There were a total of 10 schools represented at the tournament. Girls golf was bumped to 4A this season. Since the reclassifications in 2018, in girls golf, wrestling, and tennis, the state takes the total number of schools participating in the activity from 4A through 1A. 4A is the top 40% of schools with the highest enrollment, while the lower enrollment of 60% competes in 3A-1A. We will attend regionals on Monday and Tuesday, October 10th, hosted by Hayden and played at Shawnee County Country

Club Golf Course. State girl's golf will be Monday, October 17-18th at Emporia Municipal Golf Course.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team has been enjoying a successful season. Recently the boys finished 2nd at the Council Grove Invitational, and both boys and girls have had several medalists as well as PR's. 3A Regionals will be back in Council Grove on October 22nd. State Cross Country will be at the Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence on Saturday, October 29th.

Scholars Bowl

The Scholar's Bowl team will see their first action on October 25th at Bonner Springs.

Choir

The Concert Choir and Choraliers performed their first concert of the year on October 5th. 16 total members performed, as numbers are showing a positive growth after COVID.