

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2023**

STUDENTS EXPLORE FIRE SCIENCE

Olivia Ralston and Kyle Strother visited Hutchinson Community College on March 29, 2023 to get a taste of life as a firefighter. They explored the opportunities available at Hutch Fire Science Academy by utilizing tools of the trade. They also got to talk to professionals in the field and see demonstrations of industry specific equipment.

This exploratory day is directly related to the new CTE pathway classes that will be offered at Santa Fe Trail High School next year.



HIGH SCHOOL PROM

The Santa Fe Trail High School Prom will be Saturday, April 15th, 2023. It will be hosted at Heritage Hall in Topeka from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The After Prom will be from 11:30 pm to 2:00 am at the high school.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Information is now out on driver's education for the students of USD 434. Regan Erickson is the director of the program.

SCIENCE CLASSES

Last week students in Mrs. Herren's Anatomy and Physiology class learned how to take blood pressure. A big thank you goes out to Osage County paramedic Dillon Filkins and our own school nurse, Kimberly Kesl for teaching our students.



SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE HS

Classroom updates

Here are a couple highlights of the happenings in World History, 80's & 90's, Crime and Criminals/First Responders classes.

World History- The sophomores are working on their "legacy project." This project consists of the students finding an interesting topic to present to the youth in our district within the general theme of 'Absolute Rulers.' Younger students throughout the district admire and respect our high schoolers and are interested in learning from them. Sophomores in world history are being asked to create an 8-12 minute video complete with a background of themselves, 4 key components or their topic, and an interactive activity that our young people will be able to do at home on their own time. These videos will be shared on the school website for our youth to learn about interesting world history topics as well as being able to enjoy some activities at home on their own time.

80's-90's- Students are learning about life and history in the 80's and 90's and being asked to interact with those who lived through those transformative decades of history. Currently, students are getting ready to learn about the OKC Bombing in 1995 that shook the nation. Students will learn about the many Kansas connections to the bombing and will get the

opportunity to visit the museum in OKC. Truly being a part of history, the students will visit the museum archives to see actual artifacts used to convict Tim McVeigh, take a tour of the grounds, and see how forensic evidence would be used to piece together the events of the bombing.

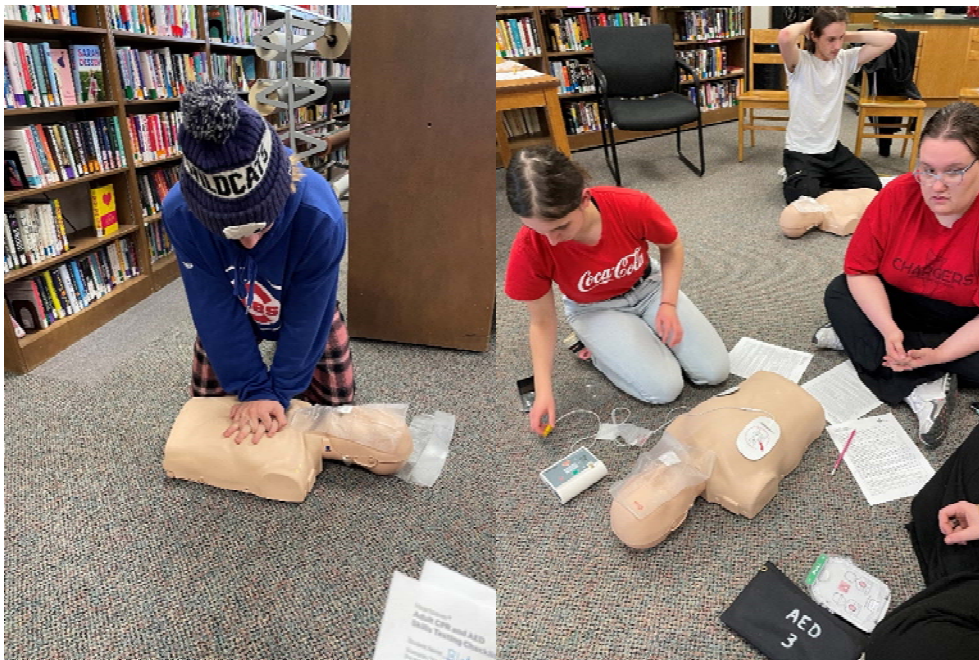
Crimes/Criminals/First Responders- Students are learning about some of the infamous crimes and criminals in modern history including, Bundy, Green River Killer, and Dahmer as well as infamous crimes that occurred in Kansas such as BTK, and Kraig Kahler. Besides learning about the crimes perpetrated, students have also heard or will hear from various professionals and career opportunities such as medical examiners, correction officers, and law enforcement officials. Students have also had the opportunity to get tested in CPR and First Aid thanks to Ms. Chiddix to allow them to be prepared to act in cases of emergency.

HS GRADUATION

The SFTHS graduation will be on Saturday, May 13th, 2023 at 10:00 am.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS WITH MR. STAAB

Students in Mr. Staab's Crimes and Criminals class got to learn real lifesaving skills the past couple of weeks. As this class becomes part of our CTE offerings in the pathway of Law, Public Safety, Security and Corrections, students will not only learn about the criminals, but also explore careers in the field. Students have been able to demonstrate Adult CPR, choking and AED use. They will finish out the week learning infant and child CPR as well as basic first aid.



WU TECH STUDENT LETTER OF INTENT DAY

On Thursday, April 20th, 2023, WU Tech will be having its annual Student Letter of Intent Day. Students from SFT who are planning to attend WU Tech next school year are encouraged to attend.

ELA DEPARTMENT NEWS



English II

After finishing state testing last week, sophomores are preparing to watch and read excerpts from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Students got out and about this week to find "Flat Shakespeares" to learn some background information about Shakespeare and Elizabethan theatre.



War in Literature

Students spent the first quarter reading fictional war stories and have now moved into reading, analyzing, and discussing sections of the nonfiction book *Black Hawk Down*. They have been listening to parts of the audiobook as a whole, as well as reading sections with partners, and reading independently. To finish out the semester, guest speakers will be speaking to the class about their own military experiences.

English I

In preparation for reading *The Adventures of Ulysses*, students are learning about Greek gods and goddesses and constructing posters of their information to share with others.

HS ENROLLMENT CONFERENCES

The high school has just wrapped up their annual individual student enrollment conference for the 2023-2024 school year. All in all, things went pretty well.

3A STATE POWERCLUB

Santa Fe Trail Girls 3A State Champions

Santa Fe Trail Boys 3A State Runner-ups

FBLA

FBLA: 20 members of our FBLA organization competed at the Kansas State FBLA Leadership Conference. Four students, Logan Amborski, Cody Black, Max Black, and Chayse Jeanneret qualified for nationals. Members placing in the top 10 at State:

Banking and Financial Systems

Drake Graham, 6th Place

Business Calculations

Max Black, 4th Place

Economics

Cody Black, 1st Place

Help Desk

Caroline Chiddix, 7th Place

Insurance and Risk Management

Max Black, 2nd Place

Cody Black, 5th Place

International Business

Cody Black, 4th Place

Organizational Leadership

Caroline Chiddix, 8th Place

Personal Finance

Max Black, 4th Place

Sports and Entertainment Management

Logan Amborski, Cody Black, Chayse Jeanneret, 2nd Place

Yearbook: It's not too late to order a yearbook! Grab an order form at school from Mrs. Smith's room, or go online to pay with a card at jostens.com. Our Yearbook staff is working hard to cover events, teams, clubs, and students in general in this year's expanded volume. Give your student the gift of having these memories in a book for a lifetime!

THE HS PLAY

Students at SFT performed "Noises Off" over the weekend of March 24th-26, 2023. The live performance was directed by Derek Terry and Kara Mason.

THE HS ART DEPARTMENT



Spring has Sprung Chargers!

I love this time of year! All of the wonderful colors and fantastic activities going on. The Art Department just spent the Day at Washburn University HS day and had a blast. Students had to opportunity to take different workshops and create art in a college setting. It was a great experience and we are looking forward to attending next year as well.

ART CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 22-23

- Please check out our Senior ONLINE Show Cases and class displays
<https://www.facebook.com/434-SFTHS-Art-107070800993078>



- International Night at the HS in the LMC Glow in the Dark Art Show with the CAC from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
- ART League competition on April 27th in Wellsville, KS. GO CHARGERS!
- 2023 Congressional Art Competition all artwork must be submitted to Rep. LaTurner's Topeka or Pittsburg office by Friday, April 28 at 5:00 pm.
- May 10th, 2023--End of semester Fine Arts and Practical Arts Show 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the SFTHS in the Art studio 120.
- Annual Kansas State Department of Education Art Contest Theme: "Great Ideas in Education: Empowered Together!" Entries must be postmarked by May 26, 2023.

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

Thanks for your support.

Have a great rest of your day.

Mrs. Kitten

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Baseball

The baseball team has gotten off to a perfect start sitting at 4-0. The JV is also sporting a 4-0 record. The JV typically plays on Monday nights, and the Varsity on Tuesday nights. The team has 26 players. Regionals this year will be hosted by West Franklin, however the number 1 and 2 seed will host the first two rounds of the 8-team bracket on 5/15, with West Franklin hosting the final game on 5/17. Garnett-Anderson County HS, LaCygne-Prairie View HS, Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy, Osage City HS, Osawatomie HS, Pomona-

West Franklin HS, Santa Fe Trail HS, and Wellsville HS are the teams in the regional. The state tournament will be held at Kansas State University, on May 25-26.

Softball

The softball team has 21 players participating. The varsity is currently 3-2, while the JV is 1-5. Both JV and Varsity teams typically play double headers on Tuesday nights. The 8-team regional host is Prairie View. Prairie View will host the quarter finals on Monday, May 15, followed by the semi and finals on Tuesday, May 16. Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS, LaCygne-Prairie View HS, Osawatomie HS, Perry-Lecompton HS, Pomona-West Franklin HS, Santa Fe Trail HS, and Wellsville HS are the teams in the Region. The state tournament will be held in Manhattan at the Twin Oakes Complex on May 25-26.

Boys Golf

The boys golf team couldn't have started much better as the varsity took second at the West Lyon County Invitational at Emporia, and for the third year in a row won the Burlington Invitational at Rock Creek CC. There are 17 boys out for golf this year. Osage City will host the regional on May 15th, with Garnett-Anderson County HS; LaCygne-Prairie View HS; Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy; Osage City HS; Osawatomie HS; Perry-Lecompton HS; Pomona-West Franklin HS; and Wellsville HS all competing for a trip to Dodge City for the 3A state championship, on May 22-23rd.

Track & Field

The Santa Fe Trail track team broke a school record at their very first meet of the season on April 1st, in Silver Lake. Both the varsity and JV competed. Whitney Herren broke the shot putt record. The track team has 26 boys and 27 girls participating. Regionals will be at West Franklin, with the following teams competing: Atchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy, Effingham-Atchison Co Community HS, Hiawatha HS, Hoyt-Royal Valley HS, Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS, Marysville HS, Meriden-Jefferson West HS, Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy, Perry-Lecompton HS, Pomona-West Franklin HS, Rossville HS, Sabetha HS, Seneca-Nemaha Central HS, Silver Lake HS, and Wellsville HS. The top four in each event will qualify for the 3A state championship in Wichita, on May 26-27th.