

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2024**

BOARD GOAL #4—COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

4.1—Hold a Town Hall Meeting for the HS. This has been accomplished this school year. The meeting was held in the HS library.

4.2—Planning for online enrollment for the 2024-25 is in motion.

4.3—Partner with City Parks and Recs—This has been an ongoing process. Meetings have occurred. Overbrook Parks and Rec is now on its third director in three years.

SFT BAND

The Santa Fe Trail band played at the league band festival in February and had the opportunity to work with a clinician in order to improve themselves. The performance went excellent, and we are very excited to put the advice into action. The students also had the opportunity to travel to Los Angeles over spring break to see many west coast sites, work with the University of Southern California director of bands, and make some amazing memories! Some upcoming events for the rest of the school year will include Regional Solo and Small Ensemble on April 13th, State Large Group Competition on April 17th, State Solo and Small Ensemble April 27th, and our Spring concert on May 3rd.

CHOIR

SFTHS Choirs have been hard at work this semester already learning their music for their March Concert and Contest later this spring. The Junior High/High School Combined Choir Concert is on **Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 PM** in the **SFTHS Auditorium**. Join us for a music-filled evening featuring all of the SFT District Choirs! Students have been working hard in their ensembles, learning their music in new and exciting ways. We hope you can make it out. Admission is FREE! SFTHS Choirs will also travel to Atchison in April to sing at the Regional Solo & Ensemble Contest, to sing their music they have been preparing for a judge. More info to come soon!

PLAY

The Spring Play, "**Check Please**" is now in full swing! We have a cast of amazing actors from every grade level that are excited to put on a fun show for you! More about the show... Dating can be hard. Especially when your date happens to be a raging kleptomaniac, or your grandmother's bridge partner, or a mime. "Check Please" follows a series of blind dinner dates that couldn't get any worse -- until they do. Could there possibly be a light at the end of the tunnel? You'll be laughing your way through to find out! Shows are March 22nd @ 7pm, March 23rd @ 7pm, & March 24th @ 2pm. We hope you can make it out for an evening or afternoon of laughs!!

SCIENCE

Last week the Biology students used Play-doh to model the stages of mitosis. This week the Anatomy and Physiology students got to dissect pig hearts at the conclusion of the Cardiovascular System unit.



ART CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 23-24

- Senior Showcases will start on SFTHS's Art Dept. Facebook Page after Spring Break (1. Andrew Henning, 2. Landrie Rolla, 3. Halia Garman, 4. Abby Dinger, 5. Trinity Barr)
- **Kansas Youth Art Month Exhibit Feb 27th-March 23rd @ Topeka Shawnee County Public Library.**
- 8:00 am: Pioneer League Art Show @ Anderson County
- **May 8th the end of semester Fine Arts & Practical Arts Show 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the SFTHS Commons and Art Studio 120.**
- Graduation is May 11th, 10:00 am @ SFTHS gym

KAY News spring 2024

SFT HS KAY Club was selected by KSHSAA to host a KAY Unit Conference on January 25, 2024 for 21 area high school and middle school KAY Clubs. The 2024 Theme for KAY Clubs all across the state is "Leadership Roundup". SFT HS KAY set up two photo booths for our guests and made decorations with the Roundup theme for the auditorium, the dome gym, and small meeting areas that were used for the Conference. SFT HS KAY Members served as greeters, recorded registrations, supplied food hospitality, were leaders for breakout sessions, and led a service project for everyone to participate in. KAY highlighted the SFT Band and Chargerette Dance Team by asking them to kick off the day with pep-rally performance energy in the Opening General Session. Leadership skills and tips were discussed, new friends were found, project ideas were shared, and problem solving conversations were all a part of this KAY Leadership Roundup. SFT KAY Club did an awesome job as a KSHSAA Unit Conference Host.

A Service Project that SFT HS KAY led participants in at the Unit Conference was to make Valentine or Thank You Cards that each club could give to those who they needed to show appreciation to. They also had the option of coloring on a Valentine themed placemat to be given to Brookside residents. After the January 25 KAY Unit Conference, SFT KAY members decorated more placemats for this service project. On February 8, 15 SFT KAY members traveled to Brookside Retirement Community to deliver the placemats and to visit with the residents there. KAY members also made Valentine folders and pictures with the residents for their rooms. Some residents made cards for the SFT students to take back with them to SFT HS! KAY Members enjoyed visiting and crafting with the residents. Everyone, residents and SFT KAY Members, both enjoyed each other's company chatting, laughing, and crafting. Brookside asked the KAY Members to come again and KAY Members agreed that is a great idea!



Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Winter Sports had an exciting finish to their season. Each team represented their school and community in a positive light. We are appreciative of everyone and their efforts. Spring sports have begun practices and games will begin after spring break. The school play is right around the corner. Everyone has an opportunity to be involved in something exciting at Santa Fe Trail High School. Good Luck to everyone and warm weather is insight.

Winter Royalty

The coronation for Winter Royalty 2024 was held February 9th. The candidates were Luke Greenfield, Hailee Crosland, Chayse Jeanneret, Emerson Lewis, Kyle Strother Hally Smith, Lane Workman and Kailee Washington. The student body voted on these 8 candidates and ultimately Lane Workman and Kailee Washington was crowned King and Queen for 2024.

Last year's queen Olivia Truelson assisted by Steahl Hastings and Whitley Ganger crowned the new royalty. During the week the students participated in Spirit Week dressed in various ideas ranging from neon day to all American day. We would like to thank Sowers by Design (Madison Sowers) for the flowers presented to the candidates. Also, we would like to thank everyone for all their support in making Winter Royalty a huge success.

Submitted by Ms. Mayes

Special Olympics

On Saturday, February 24, three special students participated in Special Olympics in Hutchinson. They participated in skills and a basketball game. Brooklyn Bretsnyder received 2 bronze medals in the skills competition and a gold medal for team competition. Bryce Johnson received 1 gold and 1 silver in skills competition and a gold in team competition. Carrol Espinoza received 1 bronze and 1 gold in skills competition and a gold in team competition. These three young athletes represented Santa Fe Trail well. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

Submitted by Ms. Mayes

Hamburgers

On Friday, March 1st the Charger Store and Life Skills class enjoyed hamburgers/cheeseburgers and fries from 4 Corners. This was a reward for the student's hard work at Charger Store plus setting up and counting supplies for the concession stand during basketball season. The profits from Charger Store funded the reward for the students. They also treated Mr. Graham and Mr. Henry to lunch as well. A tasty lunch was had by all.

Submitted by Ms. Mayes

Wrestling

BOYS TEAM

Dual Record = 11-5

Pioneer League = **Champions**

Regional = Runner Ups

State = 16th

9 State Qualifiers: 106: Tanner Sleichter

113: Tyler Bolt

120: Bryce Combes

132: Blake Slavin

138: Atticus Guenther

150: Chayse Jeanneret

175: Kyle Strother

215: Tage Skocny

285: Alex Strother

3 State Medalist: 4th Tanner Sleichter, 6th Bryce Combes, 6th Blake Slavin

GIRLS TEAM

Dual Record = 6-4

Pioneer League = 3rd

Regional = **Champions**

State = 20th

5 State Qualifiers: 110: Sydnee Sleichter

125: Kaysha Florance

135: Morgan Pickering

145: Hailee Crosland

235: Halia Garman

1 State Medalist: 2nd Hailee Crosland

Submitted by Coach Gonzales

Baseball

"This year's baseball team consists of 38 student athletes. We have a large group and a lot of students who are excited for the season. Coming off of a 3rd place finish at State, it is a group with high expectations. Our season starts March 18th with JV @ Royal Valley. Varsity plays the 19th vs. Royal Valley. C Team plays the 19th @ Gardner and vs. Spring Hill on the 21st. Varsity ends the week on the 22nd @ Holton. There are lots of opportunities to come out and cheer on the Chargers!"

Exciting things are happening at The Palace on the Prairie! We all look forward to seeing you and supporting our students, athletes, coaches and sponsors.

Go Chargers!!!