

April 2025

The Charger

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The Official Newsletter of SFTJH/CAC

We made it to the final quarter of the school year! This is the home stretch, and now is the time for students to buckle down, stay focused, and finish strong. We know they've worked hard all year, and we want to see even higher levels of commitment, energy and effort carry them through to the last school day of this 2024-2025 school year.

State testing is coming up, and it's important that every student takes the time to do their best. This means getting plenty of rest, staying on top of daily classroom assignments, and being diligent in their study habits. Parents, a quick daily check-in with your child can make a big difference! Ask them about their day, what they're learning, and what they need to succeed. Setting family expectations around schoolwork, testing scores, and report card grades helps keep students accountable and motivated.

As we move into these last weeks, we also encourage all students to make positive behavior choices. Let's work together to show what it means to Be Ready, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful—whether in the classroom, the hallways, or anywhere in our school community.

Let's finish this year on a high note. We're proud of our students, and we know they're capable of great things!

Charger Proud, Jodi Testa

STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

4th grade 9:15

5th grade 8:30

6/7/8 8:15

4/14 & 4/16
UPDATED

03/31/25 Monday	04/01/25 Tuesday	04/02/25 Wednesday	04/03/25 Thursday	04/04/25 Friday
	6th grade ELA 5th grade ELA	6th grade ELA 5th grade ELA	7th grade ELA 8th grade ELA	7th grade ELA 8th grade ELA
04/07/25 Monday	04/08/25 Tuesday	04/09/25 Wednesday	04/10/25 Thursday	04/11/25 Friday
	4th grade ELA 9:15	4th grade ELA 9:15	5th grade math 6th grade math	5th grade math 6th grade math
04/14/25 Monday	04/15/25 Tuesday	04/16/25 Wednesday	04/17/25 Thursday	04/18/25 Friday
4th grade math 9:15 Hayes and Adams classes only	4th grade math 9:15 all 3 classes	7th grade math 8th grade math 4th grade math Gregoire only at 10:00	7th grade math 8th grade math	NO SCHOOL
04/21/25 Monday	04/22/25 Tuesday	04/23/25 Wednesday	04/24/25 Thursday	04/25/25 Friday
NO SCHOOL	5th grade Science 8th grade Science	5th grade Science 8th grade Science	MAKE UP TESTING	MAKE UP TESTING

Nursing News

It is heating up outside!!!

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE
remind your students to
bring water bottles to
school!!!**

FYI--no one drinks enough
water during the day when
they are drinking straight out
of the water fountain!!!



Reminder:

Send your child to school with socks!! It is crocs, sandal, and flip flop season (according to children...brrr)! PE is not fun with blisters from not wearing socks with gym shoes!!

The nursing office does not supply socks!

Allergy season is hitting strong this spring!

We are seeing increased congestion, stuffy noses, runny noses, sinus pressure, headaches, and sore throats from post nasal drainage--

please consider treating your children's allergies at home to allow for a successful day at school!

April is NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated:

1 in 36 children

1 in 45 adults

in the United States today.

April 2025 | by Kara Holbert

CHOIR & MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

JH Choir just wrapped up their music from third quarter and did a great job performing with the High School Choirs in March! They have started working hard on music they'll be performing very soon in a concert combined with the 6th Graders at the beginning of May. We can't wait to see all their hard work.

6th Graders have been doing a great job and having lots of fun preparing new music of all different varieties. They are doing a fantastic job singing and reading new kinds of music, almost all of which is in two parts! They will be performing in their concert at the beginning of May combined with the JH Choir!

5th Graders did a fabulous job performing their program "Hawaiian Beach Party!" at the beginning of April. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our students in their super fun program!

Coming Up:

6th Grade/JH Choir Combined Concert - May 6th @ 7pm



JH Choir performing in their Combined Spring Concert with SFTHS Choirs in March.



Upcoming Performances

May 1st: HS Jazz Band Concert @ Washburn University
White Concert Hall 7:30pm
May 9th: 5th - 12th Band Concert @ SFT 5:30pm

Band Announcements

The 7th and 8th students had the opportunity to represent SFT at our league band day on March 25th. This is where ALL of the schools in our league combine our jh band students to create 1 giant band and perform. This year the group consisted of 290 students and they were amazing! The students have also been working extremely hard preparing for our spring concert on May 9th. Be on the lookout for a note and/or email coming your way with all of the details!

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

APRIL 2025

Junior High Spring Sports practices began on March 24. Both track and golf have very solid participation numbers this year. We have 27 students out for golf this Spring, and 48 out for track. Junior High golf is coached by Kaytee Deines and Assisted by Mary Burgett. Our track squad is coached by Angie Portlock and Emily Roberts, Asissted by Lizzy Olorunfemi, Garrett Staten & Stetsyn Roberts. It will be a busy finish to the school year with multiple track and golf meets throughout April and May! SFTJH will host MS League Track this year at Santa Fe Trail HS on May 8, beginning at 10am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24 - JH Spring Sports Practices Begin

April 1 - JH Track @ Baldwin

Throwing events at BHS 1:30

All other events at Liston Stadium (Baker) 3:45

April 8 - JH Track @ Wellsville 4:00pm

April 15 - JH Track SFT Inv. @ SFTHS 2:00pm

April 17 - JH Golf Inv. @ Lamont Hill 2:30pm

April 22 - JH Track League Quad @ SFTHS 3:30pm

April 23 - JH Golf @ Garnett CC 2:30pm

April 24 - JH Varsity Track @ Wamego 12:00pm

April 24 - JH JV Track @ Royal Valley 4:00pm

April 30 - JH Golf @ Rolling Meadows GC 10:00am

May 1 - JH Varisty Track @ Rossville 12:30pm

May 6 - JH Golf @ Wamego CC 10:00am

May 8 - JH JV & V League Track @ SFTHS 10:00am

By: Austin Hershberger

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Jaycee Wiscome, 8th

Weights

Mr. Duncan

My Dad

Wrestling

SFT Wrestling

Mac & Cheese/Chik-Fil-A

We should keep pizza in last year



Favorite Class

Favorite Teacher

Role Model

Favorite Sport

Favorite Team

Favorite Food/Restraunt

Hot Take



Corey Rogers, 7th

Science

Mr. Colvin

Parents

Baseball

Chiefs

Cheeseburgers/Red Robin

Soft shells > Hard shells



SANTA FE TRAIL CHARGERS					
2025 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE					
TRACK			GOLF		
4/1	@ BALDWIN (LISTON STADIUM) THROWING EVENTS @ BHS (1:30)	3:45	4/17	SFT INV (LAMONT HILL)	2:30
4/8	@ WELLSVILLE	4:00	4/22	@ SEAMAN (VILLAGE GREENS)	1:00
4/15	SFT INV @ SFTHS	2:00	4/23	@ ANDERSON COUNTY (GARNETT CC)	2:30
4/22	HOME QUAD VS BURLINGTON, PRAIRIE VIEW & OSAWATOMIE @ SFTHS	3:30	4/30	@ JUNCTION CITY (ROLLING MEADOWS GOLF COURSE)	10:00A
4/24	V @ WAMEGO	12:00	5/6	@ WAMEGO (WAMEGO CC)	10:00A
4/24	JV @ ROYAL VALLEY	4:00			
5/1	V @ ROSSVILLE	12:30			
5/8	V & JV LEAGUE @ SFTHS	10:00			

Technology Classes

4th & 5th grade

The students in 4th and 5th grade 4th Nine weeks tech classes will continue to focus on learning proper keyboarding skills as they practice in the online program called typing.com

Students will continue to design projects that reinforce typing skills and other technical skills they have learned along with building on new ones.

The students are currently working on stop motion animation as they started with using abcy.com's animate program and will then create a stop motion using google slides.

6th Grade

The 4th Nine weeks class started a week before spring break. These students will learn about digital citizenship which includes new vocabulary and all the do's and don'ts when living in a digital world.

Students will continue to practice and work on their typing technique on Tuesday and Thursdays using typing.com. Each week, students answer What would you do scenarios questions and discuss their answers. This allows the students to stop and think before they interact in their digital world.

The students are also learning real life situations through banzai.org which is a digital citizenship simulation program.

Mrs. Dayhoff



7th/8th Grade

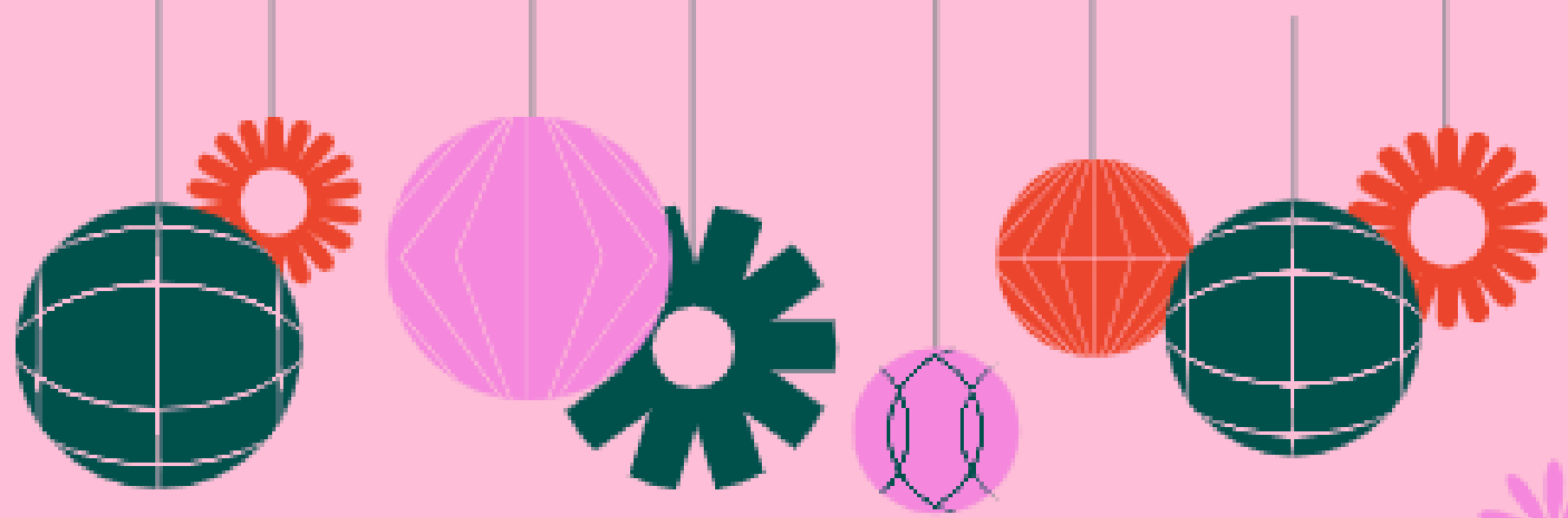
This 2nd semester's combo class of 7th and 8th graders are learning about the google sheets spreadsheet program and they will end this semester class learning the basics of financial literacy.

They have typing lessons twice a week using typing.com website and they will then continue to practice their typing skills through all their daily lessons.

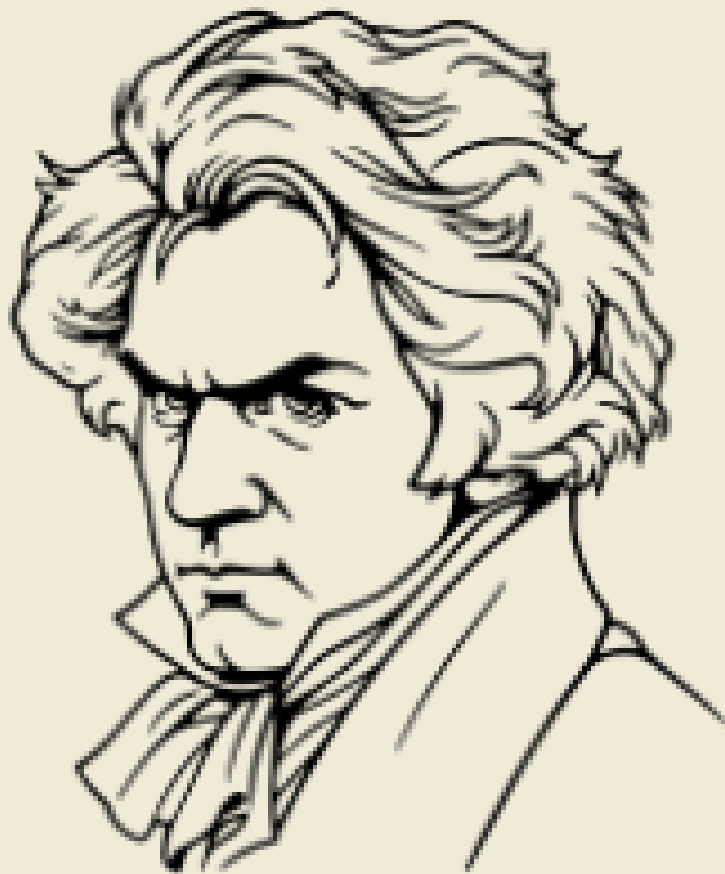
Students are also working on independent projects that provide them a very wide variety of technology and innovative programs, skills and interests.

Students are learning 3D design, using the 3D pens, coding, use of the Cricut and how to use google sheets for pixel art or a wordsearch creator. I encourage the students to think outside the box and if they can tie their project to a technology skill or many skills then I allow their project idea. The students work on these projects when they are done with their regular assigned work and most Fridays are set aside for project work time too.

4th Grade Music



Students are finishing up their instrument unit through various interactive activities. Once completing our instrument unit, we will dive back into a little bit of music history! Be on the lookout for a fun music history project coming up in your student's future! This will allow them to select and research about a famous composer and learn a little more about how music has evolved over the years! Happy March!



Questions? Please contact Mrs. Nelson - anelson@usd434.us



FBLA NEWS!!

ON MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025, 24 CAC STUDENTS REPRESENTED THE SFT JUNIOR HIGH CHAPTER AT THE FBLA STATE CONFERENCE AT THE STORMANT VAIL EVENT CENTER IN TOPEKA, KS. THEY COMPETED AGAINST JUNIOR HIGH CHAPTERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE, AND WE'RE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESULTS AND HOPE TO SEE SOME STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, FROM JUNE 29 TO JULY 2, 2025. WE'LL BE SURE TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON THE RESULTS! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AND THE FBLA PROGRAM. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISH NEXT!

**SINCERELY,
MR. COLVIN & MRS. COLVIN**