

CAC/SFTJH CHARGER NEWS

March 2019

March brings us to the end of the third quarter! We hope your student has had an academically productive year so far. In addition to spring break, March includes a book fair, conferences, and much more. Please be sure to look over the calendar items at the end of the newsletter and refer to the online District calendar which is continually updated as activities are added to the agenda.

The Leader In Me - Family Mission Statements

Mission statements have long been a part of organizations; they provide a clear path for what the organization wants to accomplish and how they plan to go about doing it. Yet, seldom does a family take the time to write a mission statement, and what organization is more important than the family? By establishing who you are as a family, how you want to be known, and how you plan to do it, you are practicing Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind®. The process is a great way to practice all of the 7 Habits.

Step 1. Ask yourself these seven questions: How do we want our family to be known? How do we want to treat each other? What is most important to us as a family? What are some of our talents, gifts, and abilities? What makes us the happiest? What makes us unhappy? What kind of home do we want to invite friends to?

Step 2. Write your Family Mission Statement. Consider all four areas: • Body (health and physical welfare) • Brain (learning) • Heart (relationships) • Soul (inspiration)

Keep it simple, one to two lines, so the youngest family members can memorize it and find it meaningful. Examples: "We are builders," "No empty chairs," "To serve others," "All for one and one for all," etc.

Step 3. Stay on course. As parents, you are the role models. Keep smiling and getting back on track.

The promise: By writing a Family Mission Statement, the message to your children is that your family is important—you know what you stand for and how you are going to work together to accomplish it.

Scholars Bowl - This year there will be four Scholars Bowl opportunities for the junior high students. The first meet was at Wellsville on February 26th. The 7th-grade team finished in second place and the 8th-grade team in 3rd place. Three additional meets will take place throughout the month. March 5th at Prairie View, March 19th is the make-up meet at Burlington, and March 28th is the meet hosted by CAC.

Kansas Strong Energy Truck - Monday, March 4th the Mobile Energy Education Truck sponsored by the Kansas Oil and Gas Resources Fund will be at CAC. Executive Director, Warren Martin, will visit with 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade students. The purpose of KOGRF is to educate Kansans in the vital role the industry plays in advancing our state and sustaining the nation's energy supply.

STARBASE - The 5th-grade classes will begin their visits to Forbes Field for STARBASE on March 21st. They will have a total of five sessions with the STARBASE staff.

Music Department - The JH choir will participate for the first time in the Prairie View Invitational Music Festival on Saturday, March 2nd.

On March 30th, students in the JH Musical Theater class have the opportunity to participate in a theater workshop at Johnson County Community College. This is an optional event but we hope to see many kids choose to participate.

This year Santa Fe Trail is hosting the Junior High League Band on Monday, March 4th at SFTHS. Students will work with guest director, Mr. Holloman, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The mass concert will start at 6:00 p.m.

PTO - The PTO Ice Cream Social and Student Artwork Auction to be held at Santa Fe Trail High School on March 23rd. The ice cream social as well as the gift basket and artwork browsing will begin at noon. The student artwork auction will start at 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your donations to the baskets and we hope you will be able to come and view the creative work of the district elementary and middle school students. You can always get up-to-date PTO information by checking out their Facebook page, "Santa Fe Trail Attendance Centers' PTO".

Lunch Balances and Enrollment Fees - Thank you for taking care of the lunch balances and enrollment fees. If you have any questions or to make payment arrangements please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Mercer or Mrs. Courtwright at the CAC office. These ladies are more than happy to help.

Thank you for continuing to support the CAC recycling efforts.

Wattpad - We have had several instances of students reading sexually explicit materials on a website called *Wattpad*. The site is a social storytelling platform where anyone can write stories for interested readers to enjoy. Some of the materials are very appropriate for youth readers but some stories are not. This site is being blocked at CAC but we wanted you to be aware of it so you can monitor what your student is accessing at home.

21 Day Ready Aloud Challenge - The Kansas Masonic Literacy Center at ESU and the Lyon County Mobilizing Literacy Advisory Committee is sponsoring a 21 Day Read Aloud Challenge for parents in Lyon, Osage, and Coffey Counties. A flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter with additional information. To participate register at <https://wobbyg.wixsite.com/21-day/event-info/21-day-read-aloud-challenge/form>.

Overdue Library Books - Mrs. Herren has given notice to students who have overdue library books. If library resources are not returned by the end of the school year, students are responsible for the replacement cost of the item(s). If you have questions or need replacement cost information please contact Mrs. Herren at mherren@usd434.us.

NHS Thank You - The high school National Honor Society wanted to thank Carbondale Attendance Center parents, once again, for your support of the Donkey Basketball event. \$119.55 was collected in the buckets they had placed at CAC.

Attendance - Please be sure to contact the CAC office at 1-800-836-9525 extension 3, when your student will not be in attendance. Should the absence be due to a doctor or dentist appointment, submit an appointment card or note from the doctor so the absence can be noted as “medical” in PowerSchool. This can make a difference for students when it comes to participating in reward activities.

Box Tops & Coke Rewards - We appreciate you continuing to send the Box Tops and Coke Rewards to school with your students.

Recycling - The list of items collected for recycling can be found on the CAC page of the District website.

Activity Updates and Tracking - Carbondale Attendance Center and SFT Junior High information and updates are frequently posted to the District FaceBook page and the cac/sftjh Twitter account which can also be accessed from the District FaceBook page.

Inspirational quote bulletin board created by JH students



County Spelling Bee Participants



PTO Canvas Artwork



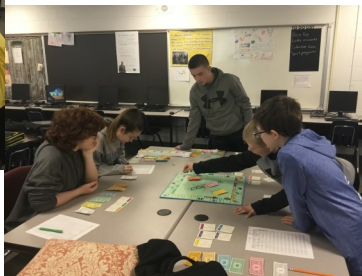
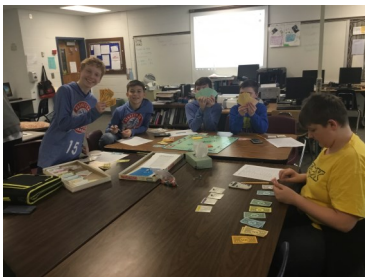
Lady Charger Workout



Progress is being made on the Leader In Me mural in the north entry at CAC.



Financial Literacy Class



Kansas people & places class made a trip to the Kansas capitol.

Advanced art students visited the Nelson Atkins Museum In KC



For Your Calendar -

- March 1 - Journalism & Multi-Media Field Trip to WIBW
March 2 - JH Music Festival @ Prairie View
March 4 - Kansas Strong Energy Truck Visit to CAC
JH League Band Clinic @ SFTHS, 1:30 p.m. - Concert @ 6:00 p.m.
PTO Meeting @ OAC, 6:00 p.m.
March 5 - 4-Arb to One Room Schoolhouse
7th-grade Track Practice Begins
Scholars Bowl @ Prairie View
March 6 - 4-Washington to One Room Schoolhouse
JH Track Practice Begins
STARBASE 2.0
JH Track Parent Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
8th-Grade BB Pizza Party, 6:00 p.m.
BOE Meeting @ DAC, 6:00 p.m.
March 7 - 4-Lattimer to One Room Schoolhouse
March 8 - End of Quarter 3
4-Gregoire to One Room Schoolhouse
March 11-15 - Spring Break
March 18 - No School - Teacher Prep Day
March 20 - STARBASE 2.0
March 21 - 5th-grades to STARBASE
Scholars Bowl @ CAC, 4:15 p.m.
March 22 - JH Quarter 3 Rewards Trip to Burlington Rec. Center
March 23 - PTO Ice Cream Social and Student Artwork Auction @ SFTHS, 12:00 p.m.
March 25-29 - CAC Spring Book Fair
March 26 - 4th-grade Spring Concert @ SFTHS, 7:00 p.m.
March 27 - CAC Spring Conferences, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
March 28 - 5th-grades to STARBASE
CAC Spring Conferences, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
March 29 - 6th-grade Grandparent/VIP Day
March 30 - JH Theater Thespian Festival @ JCCC



JH/HS Combined Choir Concert



Parents and Teachers in Lyon, Osage and Coffey Counties

This is your invitation to participate in a Read Aloud Challenge and help the literacy development of your child.

Go to

<https://wobbyg.wixsite.com/21-day/event-info/21-day-read-aloud-challenge/form> to sign up for the Read Aloud Challenge.

21 Day Read Aloud Challenge

Sponsored by the Kansas Masonic Literacy Center at Emporia State University and the Lyon County Mobilizing Literacy Advisory Committee.

Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning. Reading aloud promotes

- **Language development.** The number of words a child knows on entering kindergarten is a key predictor of his or her future success.
- **Literacy skill building.** Vocabulary, phonics, familiarity with the printed word, storytelling, comprehension. Reading aloud builds these skills.
- **Brain development.** From birth to age 3 are the critical years in the development of language skills.
- **Instill a love of reading.** Your example demonstrates that reading is important, pleasurable and valued.

1. Accept the challenge March 1-21 or any 21 consecutive days in March.
2. Keep track of your progress on a calendar.
3. Make reading aloud as a family a habit.

