

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2017**

WHAT IS NEW AT SFT IN 2017?

1. Lunch—There are now just two lunch periods for the HS. There is one at 10:51 am and one at 11:45 am. The change has been very positive for the building.
2. The Trail Briefs—In your next trip to SFTHS, please check out the main restrooms. We have The Trail Briefs posted to keep our students/staff up-to-date.

SENIORS IN ENGLISH

The seniors in Ms. Black's class kicked off the school year by taking career and aptitude inventories on Career Cruising, a new program in our district. After completing the inventories, the students researched three careers they found interest in and gave a report to their class on one. Students considered their post-secondary goals and wrote them down for a bulletin board in class.



ACT RESULTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2017

37 students tested from SFT (There were two SFT students that scored a 30 or better.)

English (SFT): 20.2

English (State): 21.1

Mathematics (SFT): 21.1

Mathematics (State): 21.3

Reading (SFT): 22.2

Reading (State): 22.3

Science (SFT): 22.1

Science (State): 21.7

Composite (SFT): 21.5

Composite (State): 21.7

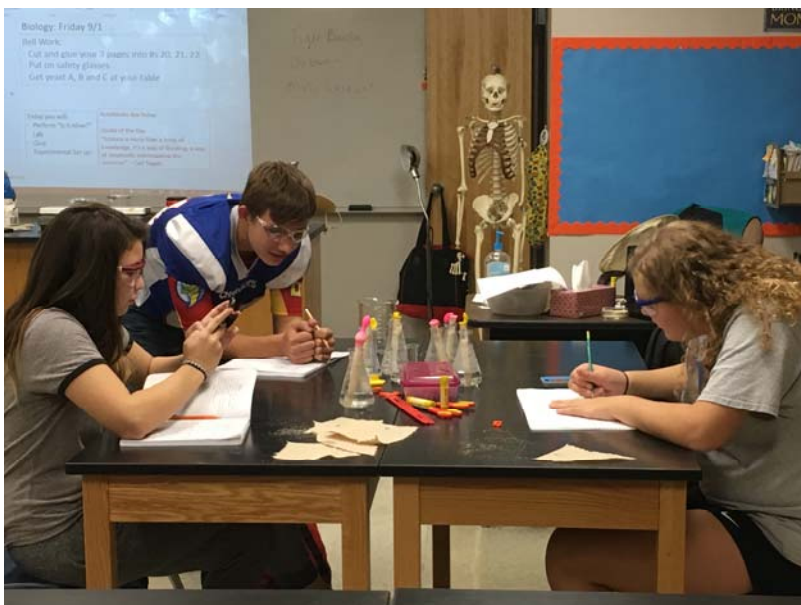
SCIENCE UPDATE

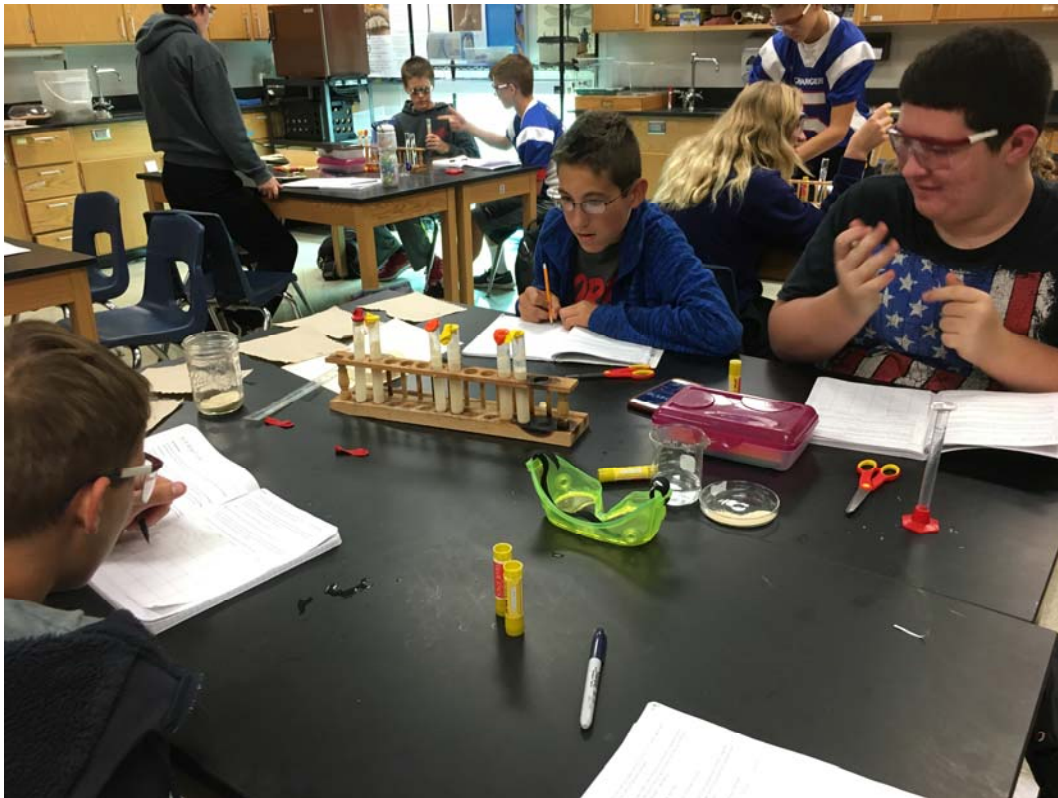
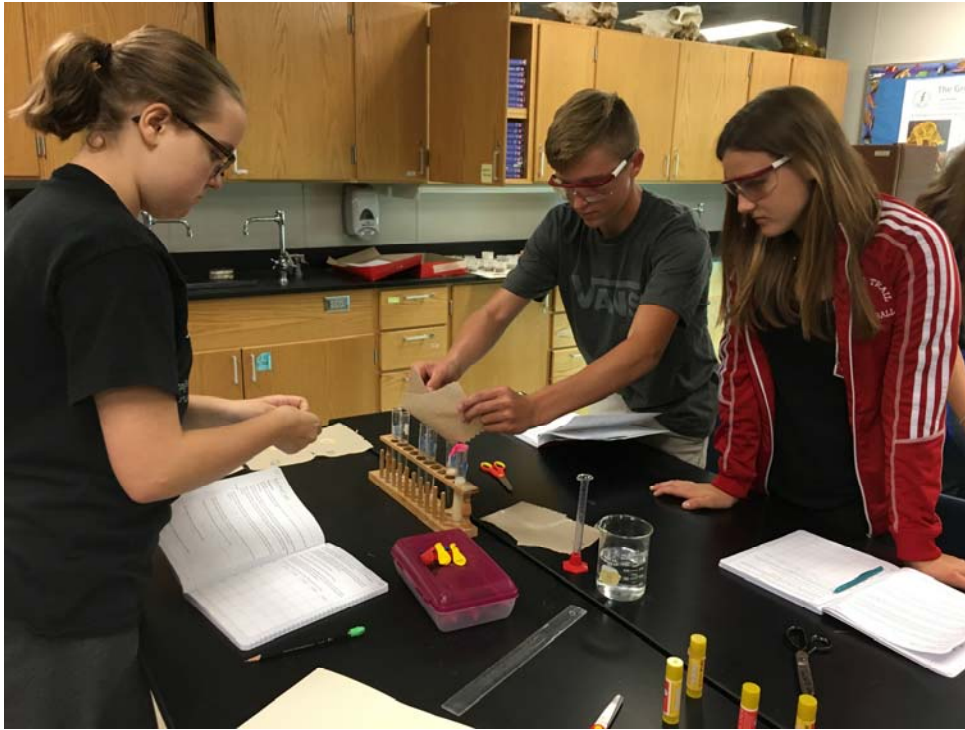
The science classes have had a great start to the school year! We have been working hard to introduce key science concepts to students, which will set the stage for a successful year of working as scientists.

Ms. Robinson's classes have been testing scientific validity. Earth Space and Biology designed investigations to answer the question "Do double stuffed Oreos really have double the stuffing?". In ACC Biology, students investigated what clinically proven means on products such as Mucinex.

In Physical Science, Ms. Hinman was been teaching metric system units, significant figures, and students tested their knowledge with Measurement Olympics!

Mrs. Rhodes' Biology class has been practicing setting up controlled scientific experiments while testing how to tell if a mysterious powder (dry yeast) is alive. In these pictures, students in Biology are performing a lab to see metabolism in yeast. (Cell phones in the photos are being used as a timer, and also to document their experiments!)





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Financial Aid Night will be **Monday, September 18th at 7:00 pm** at SFT in the auditorium. There will be a financial aid representative from Washburn University to discuss the FAFSA process.

ACT Test for 2017-2018

The ACT is the primary college entrance exam used by colleges and universities in the Midwest. Seniors who plan to go to college and have not yet taken the ACT need to do so as soon as possible. Juniors who are planning to go to college should take the test sometime during the second semester. We will offer the February 10th test date at SFT.

2016-2107 ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept 23-Oct 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018*	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 20118	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018

PSAT Test

Juniors and Sophomores:

Santa Fe Trail will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 11th. Students interested in taking the test will need to sign up in Student Services and pay the \$15 fee.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from National Merit Scholarship Corporation (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT. (the preferred college entrance exam on the east and west coasts)
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

Only Junior's scores are eligible for National Merit Scholarship Qualification. Sophomores who take this test do so as a practice.

FAFSA Information

Starting with the 2017-18 application cycle, the following changes were put in place:

- Students will be able to submit a FAFSA® earlier. Students will be able to file a 2018–19 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2017, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2018. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.

□ Students will use earlier income information. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2018–19 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2016 income information, rather than their 2017 income information.

More information is available from the following link:

[Students and Parents: What you need to know about the 2017-2018 FAFSA](#)

CONSTITUTION WEEK

Constitution Week in the LMC. Next week we will be celebrating the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Each morning in the announcements we will have a constitution trivia question. During activity there will be a short constitution knowledge competition. On Friday everyone who participated will enjoy Constitution Cake and Bill of Rights Bagels.

This goes along with the district strategic plan "Schools will address special national days throughout the school year to expose students to significant calendar events."

FBLA

FBLA hosted a booth during both days of enrollment to start recruiting members for the upcoming school year.

On Friday, August 25th FBLA hosted the Welcome Back to School Dance after the Blue/White Scrimmage. FBLA had close to 100 students attend the dance.

Officers are working on completing the Super Sweeps Chapter Challenge through National FBLA. Activities include recruitment, promotion, and community service.

Upcoming: Homecoming Parade and doing a service project by helping clean up after the football game on Friday, September 29th.

Officers are working

Yearbook

Yearbook staff members have been hard at work selling and planning the yearbook. Each staff member went into each class at the high school with a prepared sells speech to promote the yearbook to their peers.

Yearbook has a full schedule this upcoming month, but the students are ready and excited to get to work.

On Wednesday, September 6th, the Yearbook staff members attended the Josten's Workshop in Topeka, KS. They learned about theme, coverage, photography, and errors to avoid. Plus, we designed a rough draft of the cover.

Upcoming: Staff members will be going around businesses in the three communities to sell ads in the yearbook.





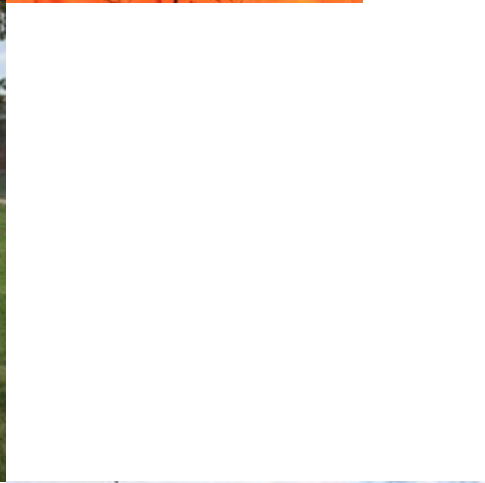
NHS

On Monday, August 21st, the National Honor Society Charger Chapter held a solar eclipse event at three different sites: Carbondale football field, Overbrook baseball fields, and just west of the Scranton Attendance Center. The 20 NHS members, their adviser, and a few SFT staff members hosted activities at each site for community enjoyment and participation.

Although it was a partly cloudy day the glimpses of the eclipse were spectacular! Through social media, NHS used #eclipseonthetrail for everyone to post and view pictures taken at each of the event sites, as you can see below. National Honor Society would like to thank the three communities and all who attended the event, as well as Kim Stahel of Shirts & Such and Travisray Salyers, photos, for helping make the event a memorable success.















2017-18 NHS Members and Adviser
(2 members are missing in the photo)



Solar Eclipse Event - NHS Members & Staff Volunteers
(missing 2 NHS members & 4 staff volunteers)

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Athletic teams began practice on August 14th with unseasonably cooler temperatures. Santa Fe Trail is proud to encourage all of our students involved in activities in their quest to represent our school and community in a positive way. If you get the opportunity, please come out and support them.

Football

The 2017 Charger Football Team consists of 55 players this year. SFT is able to support a schedule consisting of freshmen/C, junior varsity, and varsity teams. The annual Blue/White scrimmage was held on August 25th allowing the coaching staff to see the team in a setting other than the practice field. The varsity hosted Osawatomie on Friday, September 1st and won 52-28. The JV traveled to Osawatomie on Monday, September 4th and came away with a 45-0 victory. The same day, the freshmen hosted Lyndon's JV and came away with a 28-14 victory to open their season. The varsity team will travel to Burlington on Friday, September 8th.

Volleyball

Santa Fe Trail started the season with a varsity tournament on Saturday, September 2nd at Jefferson West and finished in 2nd place going 4-1 on the day. All levels; freshmen, junior

varsity and varsity traveled to Louisburg on September 5th to play Louisburg and Kansas City-Piper. Each level; Freshmen, Junior Varsity, and Varsity split on the night, beating KC-Piper and losing to Louisburg. There are 23 volleyball players on the roster for 2017. We look forward to an exciting season on the court!!

Girls Golf

The girl's golf team was the first athletic team to represent Santa Fe Trail High School this fall season. They participated in a tournament hosted by Jefferson West on August 31st. There are 5 members on the girl's golf team this year. Santa Fe Trail will be hosting our tournament on September 26th at Hidden Springs Golf Course just outside of Overbrook, beginning at 3:00 p.m..

Cross Country

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country roster has grown again this year and is comprised of 15 girls and 17 boys. The team competed at Anderson County on September 1st. Hannah Honeyman took 1st in the varsity girls race, Brock Robert ran to a 1st place finish in the JV boys competition, closely followed by Derek Stahel who finished 3rd. On Saturday, September 9th SFTHS will compete at Wamego, the host site of the Class 4A State Meet.

Dance Team

The dance team has 10 members for the 2017-2018 school year. They provide entertainment at pep rallies, at the half time of home games, and also compete in dance competitions during the school year.

Cheerleading

Our cheerleaders have been working hard all summer to increase the amount of spirit at our athletic events. They also coordinate and are in charge of all pep rallies' providing a positive atmosphere for all students and fans. This year we have a total of 12 cheerleaders.

Band

The band participated in the "Battle of the Bands" at the Overbrook Fair Parade on August 12th and provided great enthusiasm and entertainment along the parade route! This year the band placed 2nd!! The band will perform at halftime of the home football games. There are ninety-four members in this year's band.