

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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CHANGING IT UP AT SFT--HOMECOMING

On Friday, September 28 Santa Fe Trail High School celebrated its Homecoming while playing football versus the Perry-Lecompton Kaws. This year, SFT changed it up! During the school day on Friday SFTHS had a Charger Day. The high school broke into 10 different groups in preparation for the Homecoming Parade and activities for the day. Our students were asked to sign up for the group they wanted to participate in. Here is what their choices were:

1. Grounds crew—This group stayed at SFT and helped pick up trash, power washed the bleachers, and cleaned the jumping pits.
2. CAC—This group went to the Carbondale School and taught class cheers, completed a craft project, and created signs for the parade.
3. SAC—This group went to the Pre-School at Scranton and did a craft project with them along with decorating the front of the building with sidewalk chalk.
4. Scranton Downtown—This group decorated the parade route for the Homecoming Parade.
5. OAC—This group went to the Overbrook School to complete a craft project and taught the students the cheer “I want to be a Charger.”
6. Brookside Nursing Home—This group went and visited with the residents about their Homecoming experiences.
7. Custodial crew—This group stayed at SFT and assisted painting the baseball shed and helped prepare the school for Friday night’s activities.
8. Alumni mixer crew—There was a dance at the high school in the commons area for our Alumni which also included a tour of the school. This group of students hosted the event and gave the tour.
9. Decorate inside—This group prepared the inside of the school for the Homecoming events. They decorated every student’s locker and signs, painted windows, and hung signs up throughout the building.
10. Decorate outside—This group prepared the signage on the fence welcoming fans, painted sidewalks, painted the end zone on the game field, and put up the flags on the grand stands.

All in all, it was a pretty great day to celebrate Homecoming for Santa Fe Trail.



CHARGER DAY—OCTOBER 3

There was a short turn-around from Friday to Wednesday but we made it happen. We experienced our third Charger Day of the year and our second in just a few days. The main topic for the day was life skills. Students in the morning rotated through five sessions of presentations that teachers, office staff, and others hosted. Activities varied from cooking topics to proper dress attire. There were many, many real life skills that were presented. The focus for the afternoon was having the students work on their Project Based Learning. Overall, we've had a pretty good few days at SFT.



HEALTH NEWS

October 19th Walgreens will hold our annual Flu Shot Clinic at Santa Fe Trail High School from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

All hearing and vision screens were completed on required students. Parents or guardians were sent referrals for further evaluation if they failed either exam.

Douglas County Dental Clinic was in our district and served the dental needs of 71 students.

CHOIR NEWS

SFT Choir News: We have had our first series of informational meetings to prepare for our trip, and are getting student commitments filtering in. Lots of parents have volunteered to assist, which is awesome! The Choraliers had a debut performance at homecoming singing the national anthem, but our first big performance for both HS choirs will be Oct. 17 for our SUPER-CHARGED talent show/FUNdraiser.

Musical News: Rehearsals are underway for this season's musical: Annie. Nearly 40 students auditioned. Big names to our cast: Annie is Blythe Long, Ms. Hannigan is Kylee Burgoon, and Daddy Warbucks is Sam Rhoades.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook students have been working hard these past few months quickly learning all the different aspects of Yearbook (photography, purpose, theme, design, and lingo). We are close to picking a theme for the 2019 Charger. We have set many goals and expectations to grow and enhance the yearbook. Editor-in-Chief, Alley Spencer and Sports Editor, Jaelyn Colvin have been spending extra time figuring out the coverage and page layout. We are trying a different direction with how we are doing coverage.

FBLA

Officers have been working hard on the Super Sweeps National Program through National FBLA. They are different activities that help us promote and build our FBLA chapter. We currently have 60 members.

ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITES AT SFT

As many of you probably know, Santa Fe Trail is now classified as a 3A school except for Music and Wrestling, which we will remain in the 4A classification. The major change will be in sub-state action. In the past few years for example, when we were 4A Division II, there were 4 teams in our volleyball sub-state. This year there will be 8 teams.

This year the Homecoming Day for USD434 was much different than in past years. In the morning, high school students either traveled to an attendance center, stayed at the high school or visited Brookside Retirement Community. No matter, where students were, they made an impact on the day's festivities!! I can honestly say that there was more pride and spirit on that day, than I have ever seen in all my years at SFT!! The Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally in Scranton was a huge success!! A big THANKS goes out to everyone that made the day an awesome event for our district and patrons!!

FOOTBALL

Currently, the varsity Chargers are 2-3 on the season and are in one of the toughest 3A Districts in the state. The Chargers have Topeka-Hayden, Jefferson West, Wellsville, Perry-Lecompton and Bishop Ward in their district this year. We are currently 0-2 in district play, losing to Topeka-Hayden and Perry-Lecompton. The top 4 in districts will advance to the playoffs. If we finish 5th or 6th in your district, we will be playing the 5th or 6th place team out of another district to ensure that the varsity team gets 9 games in.

VOLLEYBALL

As of October 4th, the Santa Fe Trail Charger varsity volleyball team is 7-1 in league, and 12-13 overall. The varsity team will travel to Council Grove this weekend for their final regular season tournament. The freshmen travel to Perry-Lecompton for their final tournament. Santa Fe Trail has 1 home host night remaining; Tuesday, October 16th against Burlington and Wellsville. This night will be our Cancer Awareness Night. The volleyball team and coaches do a wonderful job of coordinating and organizing this event for the night. On Saturday, October 20th, the Chargers will travel to Wellsville for Sub-State action. The teams at this Sub-State will be Burlington HS; Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS; LaCygne-Prairie View HS; Osage City HS; Perry-Lecompton HS; Pomona-West Franklin HS; Santa Fe Trail HS; Wellsville HS. Class 3A State Volleyball will be played at Hutchinson Community College, 1300 N. Plum, Hutchinson, 67501 on October 26-27.

GIRLS GOLF

The girls' golf team continues to improve on their individual scores and places as the season rolls on. Santa Fe Trail hosted our tournament on September 25th at Hidden Springs Golf Course. We will attend regionals on Monday, October 8th hosted by Council Grove and played at Council Grove Country Club, located at 830 Hays St, Council Grove, KS 66846. State girl's golf will be Monday, October 15th at Emporia Municipal Golf Course.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Santa Fe Trail cross country team continues to gather momentum as the season winds to an end. On October 11th, the cross country team will travel to Burlington to compete in the Pioneer League meet and on Saturday, October 20th, they will compete in regionals which will also be at Burlington. State Cross Country will be at the Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence on Saturday, October 27th.

SCHOLAR'S BOWL

The Scholar's Bowl team will see their first action on October 16th at Bonner Springs.

KAY

KAY held their annual volleyball tournament on Wednesday during homecoming week. Those attending and participating were asked to bring donations to support the Huddlestun family with medical bills. KAY plans to host a blood drive at the high school on Tuesday, November 6th from 7:00 am – 1:30 pm.