

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

GEMINI PROJECT

We are still working on the details of the redesign for the high school looking towards the 2018-19 school year. The SFTHS Site Council met on Wednesday, November 1 where the idea was presented. Initial thoughts were positive. Everyone still realizes a lot of details are still to be worked out but the overall concept is pretty positive toward students.

CHEERLEADING

The cheer team will be participating in the KSHAA Game Day Competition on Saturday, November 18th at the Kansas Expo Center. We are very excited about this opportunity!

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

The Lawrence Art Guild Association donated \$1000 each to seven school districts in the area specifically to assist their high school art programs. It is part of a new program the Art Guild created designed to enhance arts education in public schools. Mrs. Doreen is thrilled to have these new resources and has an abundance of ideas of how The Santa Fe Trail Art Department can utilize these funds and possibly make them grow!



USD 434 SCIENCE NIGHT

Family Science Night was held at the high school on November 1st from 6 to 8 pm. Approximately 100 students and their families attended the hands on science activities prepared and monitored by high school students. Students had the opportunity to participate in 7 age appropriate activities as well as visit with community member Shandy Volrath and Topeka Zoo docent Rich Bure who each had animals on exhibit for the students to get a close up view of. A big THANK YOU to the SFT PTO for sponsoring this event and making this a night to remember.

FALL MUSICAL

The drama department is proud to present “The Little Shop of Horrors” as the fall musical. They will have a three show run: Friday November 10, Saturday November 11, and a 2pm matinee on Sunday November 12. We have a full cast with many talented younger students led by SFT drama vets Kylee Burgoon, Hunter Maichel, Sam Rhoades and others. Come see the show, and remember “Don’t feed the plants.”

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On October 19th, the National Honor Society Charger Chapter volunteered at Harvester’s in Osage City. The National Honor Society organization volunteers twice a year as group at Harvester’s to help distribute food to the local community. The 20 members and advisor, Marci Alstatt, packaged green peppers and cucumbers then loaded cars with a variety of foods. The National Honor Society organization helped approximately 500 families.

DENTAL SCREENINGS

Great News! Our school has continued our partnership with Friendly Smiles Program to offer in-school dental care. If your child does not see a dentist regularly or you would like them to see the in-school dentist, simply fill out a consent form. New forms must be completed each school year.

Friendly Smiles accepts Medicaid, Commercial Insurance, and Uninsured. There is **NO COST** to you even if your child is uninsured or not fully covered through commercial insurance. Uninsured students must qualify for free and reduced lunch to participate in our program. Direct dental services provided to your child while in school is completely **FREE**.

Easy & Convenient

Having your child seen by the in-school dentist saves you valuable time, as well as less time taken from your child’s academics. Top quality care is provided by a licensed dentist and hygienist right in the familiar surroundings of your child’s school. Dental care includes a complete exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride, sealants, restorative care such as fillings, and when needed baby tooth extractions.

Keep Your Child Healthy

By having your child see the in-school dentist, you can help reduce the risk of:

- Dental Decay
- Early Tooth Loss caused by dental decay
- Gum Disease
- Heart Disease

Taking care of your child's teeth is an important part of keeping them healthy!

Simply fill out the attached Friendly Smiles consent form and return it to your school nurse today. You may also access the form through our online secure forms by clicking the links below. The secure forms will be sent directly to Hannah Sheridan-Duque, the Friendly Smiles Outreach Coordinator. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hannah at [785.312.7770](tel:785.312.7770), ext. 206

<https://secureform.luxsci.com/forms/16201/6487/Pd9r/form.html> ENGLISH

<https://secureform.luxsci.com/forms/16201/6491/HxJD/form.html> SPANISH

YOUR CHILD WILL ONLY BE SEEN IF YOU COMPLETE THE PAPERWORK.

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

As the fall activities at Santa Fe Trail are now completed, we are now gearing up for the winter events. Basketball, Wrestling, Scholar's Bowl and Debate will headline much of the extra-curricular happenings at SFT over the next few months. Don't forget, winter sports practices will begin on Monday, November 13th. The winter sports parent meeting is Tuesday, November 7th at the high school starting at 7:00 pm.

Football

The Chargers went 6-3 on the season this year and were Pioneer League Co-Champions. SFT was in one of the toughest districts in the state being paired with Hayden and Holton; two of the losses on the season. Both of those games were hard fought.



Volleyball

On October 21st the Chargers traveled to Hayden for the Sub-State Volleyball Tournament for Class 4A Division II. Santa Fe Trail beat KC-Bishop Ward in the semi-finals, but then lost to Hayden in the championship match.

Cross Country

The Santa Fe Trail Cross Country teams competed at a tough Regional in Kansas City on Saturday, October 21st. When it was all settled SFT had one state qualifier, Hannah Honeyman!! On Saturday, October 28th Hannah ran at the Class 4A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego and finished 7th out of 105 runners. Hannah's time was 19:57. Hannah is now a 4 time state medalist in 4A Cross Country!!



KAY

On Monday, October 30th Santa Fe Trail traveled to KC-Turner High School for the Area 1 Regional KAY Conference. KAY members participate at the State Conference and proudly insert the GOLD Award in the Plaque they received from KSHSAA for another year of Club Excellence recognition (picture below). The KAY Blood Drive will be held at SFTHS on Thursday, November 9th from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm.



Musical

This year the high school musical will be The Little Shop of Horrors!! The musical is scheduled for Friday, November 10th, Saturday, November 11th, and Sunday, November 12th. Friday and Saturday the musical will start at 7:00 pm and Sunday it will begin at 2:00 pm.

KSHSAA Buffer Week

The KSHSAA Senior High Fall Athletic Buffer Week is Monday, November 6th thru Sunday, November 12th. There shall be no athletic practice, offseason conditioning, informal basketball shooting, working out on wrestling mats, etc. in **school owned** facilities during the fall athletic buffer week. Athletic activities of this nature may not be held under the supervision of a school staff member in non-school facilities. This means a **moratorium** on all school sponsored athletic activities during this week. Gymnasiums shall not be open to students during the fall athletic buffer week for purposes of shooting baskets, working out with weights, etc. **outside of school hours**. Noon hour and physical education classes are considered part of the school day. Buffer week does not eliminate football practices for those senior high schools who qualify for football playoffs until such time their footballs season is over.

KSHSAA Concussion Video Requirement:

Santa Fe Trail High School students who are planning to participate in sports/cheer/dance anytime during the 2017-2018 school year are required to attend a free National Federation of High Schools Concussion In Sports on-line course prior to starting practices. Those students who are participating in winter sports will be required to have this process completed prior to the start of practice on Monday, November 13th. Those that have not completed this requirement by that time, will not be allowed to practice until they have it completed. This is a requirement by the Kansas State High School Activities Association Executive Board. Anyone can participate in this course and many others offered by NFHS by going to NFHSLearn.com. Once completed, you can either print off your certificate or take a photo of it for proof of completion. Again, this is a requirement for any student who plans to participate in sports/cheer/dance during the 2017-2018 school year.