

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2019**

CHARGER DAYS

We are down to two remaining Charger Days for the school year: April 24th (Field Trip Day) and May 8th (Field Day).

April 24th Field Trip Day

1. Seniors—Fort Riley
2. Juniors—WW I Museum and Federal Reserve
3. Sophomores—Arrowhead and Kaufman Stadium
4. Freshmen—Stay at SFT—Participate in the ropes course from Greenbush

The March 27th Charger Day went well. We had a number of SFT graduates present to our students for the career day in the morning. It's always nice to see former students back in the building.

HIGH SCHOOL PROM

The Santa Fe Trail High School Prom will be next Saturday, April 13th. It will be hosted at the Kansas History Museum from 8-11 pm. The After Prom will be from 11:30 pm to 2:30 am located back at the high school.

ART

Check out the new displays in the Senior and Junior halls. Professor Linda Ganstrom, from Fort Hays State University, will be at SFT on April 18th all day demonstrating and talking about ceramics to our students. The Pioneer League Art Competition is scheduled for April 24th at Burlington. The Fine and Practical Arts Show will May 3rd at 6:00 pm in the commons area of the high school.

SPANISH

On Wednesday, April 3rd, the upper level Spanish students visited Lawrence. They met with different native speakers throughout the day and were spoken to entirely in Spanish! On the K.U. campus, they chatted with a PhD student from Spain, a librarian from the Dominican Republic, and a Spanish professor from the U.S. In the afternoon, the students went to eat at Cielito Lindo and ordered their food in Spanish to the Mexican staff at the restaurant. It was a fun and educational day, where students had the opportunity to practice the language and explore cultural and linguistic diversity.



HS ENROLLMENT CONFERENCES

The high school has just wrapped up their annual individual student enrollment conference for the 2019-20 school year. All in all, things went pretty well.

FBLA

**SFT FBLA
2019 Kansas State FBLA Leadership Conference
Top 10 Results**

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Place</u> |
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| Accounting I | Jared Amborski | 5th |
| Business Ethics | Otis Costlow & Aidan Thompson | 7th |
| Emerging Business Issues | Otis Costlow & Aidan Thompson | 1st** |
| Entrepreneurship | Otis Costlow & Aidan Thompson | 4th |
| Job Interview | Jaelyn Colvin | 8th |

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| Public Speaking | Aidan Thompson | 10th |
| Sales Presentation | Jaelyn Colvin | 8th |
| Local Chapter Annual Business Report | SFT FBLA Chapter | 6th |
| Outstanding Chapter | SFT FBLA Chapter | 6th out of 124 Chapters |
| Gold Seal Chapter of Merit | SFT FBLA Chapter | |

25 Members competed at the State Leadership Conference

Local Outstanding Chapter Members: Otis Costlow, McClain Weekley,
Lilly Graham & Abby Rowe

**Indicates qualified to compete at the National Conference in San Antonio, TX
Addison Hinterweger was elected as the Kansas FBLA Public Relations Officer!

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Baseball

The baseball season has only had one weather related postponement so far this year. The JV team split with Prairie View and is 1-1 for the young season. The varsity team has 2 victories over West Franklin and 2 losses to Prairie View. As of April 1st, we will be able to host our varsity and junior varsity home games at Jones Park in Overbrook. Santa Fe Trail will be participating in the Regional Baseball Tournament held by **Kansas City-Bishop Ward**. Since SFT will be back in an 8 team regional, the higher seeded team in the first round will get to host on May 13th. After that, the remaining games will be played on May 15th @ T-Bones Stadium, 1800 Village West Parkway, Kansas City.

Softball

On Tuesday, March 19th the Lady Chargers hosted Royal Valley and the varsity team won the first game of a doubleheader. The second game was suspended due to inclement weather and will resume on Thursday, April 18th. The junior varsity was also in action this day, but dropped both of their games to Royal Valley. On Tuesday, March 26th both teams traveled to Prairie View and each level lost both games of a double header. The varsity team traveled to West Franklin on Monday, April 1st and won both games. All varsity and junior varsity home games are played at Jones Park in Carbondale. Santa Fe Trail will be participating in the Regional Softball Tournament held by **Osage City**. Since SFT will be back in an 8 team regional, the 2 highest seeded teams will get to host first round games on May 13th. After that, the remaining games will be played on May 15th @ Osage City.

Boys Golf

SFT started the varsity season at Rock Creek Country Club in Burlington and the junior varsity season at Village Greens Golf Course in Ozawkie on Tuesday, April 2nd. SFT will be hosting a varsity tournament on Tuesday, April 16th at Hidden Springs Golf Course beginning at 1:00 pm. We will also host a JV Tournament on Tuesday, April 30th at Hidden Springs. Santa Fe Trail

will be playing in the 3A Regional Golf Tournament at the Lake Shawnee Golf Course in Topeka. Tee-Off (Shotgun start) is at 8:30 am on Tuesday, May 14th.

Track & Field

The Santa Fe Trail track team saw their first action on Monday, April 1st when they traveled to Silver Lake. At this track meet, both the varsity and junior varsity competed. Team results were: Varsity Girls 5th Place, FR/SOPH Girls 7th Place, Varsity Boys 2nd Place, and FR/SOPH Boys 1st Place. SFT will host a JV Meet on Thursday, April 25th starting at 4:00 pm. Santa Fe Trail will participate in the 3A Regional Track Meet hosted by Girard High School on Friday, May 17th.

2019-2020 Ticket Prices

In an attempt to recoup some expenses, we are looking into charging different prices for non-league varsity games in the 2019-2020 athletic season and beyond. Currently, the Pioneer League By-Laws allow us to charge a maximum of \$4 for adults and \$3 for students for varsity level athletic contests. SFT along with another league school have tried to bring about an increase in league game prices, but with no luck. Most leagues in our area charge a higher price for varsity athletic competitions. So, we would like to charge \$5 for adults, but leave the student price at \$3 when we host teams that are not league schools, such as Hayden, Jefferson West, Royal Valley, etc. If this change would be approved, we will advertise the change in price as much as possible to allow our patrons to plan for the price fluctuation beforehand. We would also encourage them to purchase an Activity Pass for the school year.

Clay Target Team at USD 434

At the last board meeting there was some conversation about a Clay Target Shooting Team for USD 434 students. I have begun some research to see how teams in our area got established, how they fundraise, what requirements are needed, etc. Basically, the first 2 items to establish are:

- Secure the use of the school name and mascot from the BOE
- Find a place to shoot
 - Meeting with Ken Corbet of Ravenwood Lodge, hopefully on Friday, April 5th. He has expressed interest in building a course.

Items to consider:

- Charging the participant (so they have a stake in the process). Valley Falls charged \$150 the first year. They wanted passionate, responsible students.
- No cost to the school. Fundraising and sponsorships will be the main source of the club.
- Would need to find a coach(s)/sponsor(s). The League requires one coach for every 10 student athletes.
- Available for 7th thru 12th graders as one team.
- Follow the schools handbooks on eligibility, policy, and regulation. May need to coordinate between JH/HS since there are some differences.
- Fall and spring HS coaches did not express any issues with the option of adding this activity.

- **Would belong to the Kansas State High School Clay Target League. Their website is <http://ksclaytarget.com/>.**
- If the participant does not have their hunter safety certificate, they have to take the leagues course.
- Registered student athletes receive accident insurance and each registered coach and volunteer receives liability insurance policy from the League. There is no additional cost for the insurance coverage.
- Have to begin the league in the spring.
- Competitions are virtual in nature. Basically, during league, you compete at your home course against another team at their home course. Then scores are submitted by the coaches to determine a winner.
- The spring league is nine weeks, starting in early April. There is a 2 day state tournament in June and a national tournament in July. The state and national tournament would require travel.
- From the Mission Valley Athletic Director: It's been a great opportunity for a lot of our kids that were not as involved.