

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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SCHOOL REDESIGN

Where are we now? SFTHS is in the middle of our investigation teams. We have teachers traveling to see what other schools are doing. For example, the last week of February a group of staff members went to Halstead HS and Clay Center HS. Both schools are currently using a flex mod schedule in their building. We still don't know 100% where we are going with the redesign effort but the picture is starting to look a little clearer. Only time will tell. The goal is to have all HS certified staff members see first-hand what other schools are doing by the middle of April.

DENTAL CLINIC

The Douglas County Dental Clinic was in the district the last week of February. It serves students Pre-K through 12th grade in our district. They provided cleanings, fillings, sealants and other treatments to students that completed the forms and qualified in our district. This is a service that many students are grateful to have that may otherwise not have their dental health addressed.

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Greetings and Salutations from the SFTHS Art Dept.

It has been an amazing semester already.

First and for most congratulations are in order to Aurora Zwillinger who has been chosen to attend the prestigious SCAD Rising Star program at The University for Creative Careers in Savannah Georgia summer session. This is an amazing opportunity for this brilliant young artist. WAY TO GO AURORA!

The Art Dept. was awarded a \$1000.00 grant (AWESOME!) from the Lawrence Art Guild. Many thanks to this wonderful organization for supporting the Art program at SFTHS.

Check out the new display in the showcases.

We are excited to announce that the Fine Arts and Practical Arts Show will have a little bit of a twist this semester on the annual show. It will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and there will be student lead demonstration in both the Art Studio room 120 and Mr. Stanton's room and the shop, which are located in the basement. Come check out all of the wonderful projects these amazing talent students have created and see some of the skills it takes to pull it off. Family and friends welcome the more the merry. Hope to see you there.

Baldwin University, Ottawa University, McPherson colleges are coming to share about their school a do demos for the students. We are still confirming these dates.

The Art League competition is on April 29th.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS

Crimes and criminals class worked in conjunction with the city of Carbondale police department to stage a mock up "crime scene" to collect evidence, interview suspects, use critical thinking skills to find out "who done it?" I'd like to personally thank Shannon Seals for all of her hard work on this community engagement project.

The planning of stations for our renaissance festival for the students of OAC is in full force. Students are having to peer review other classmates stations to give both positive and negative feedback, along with research, emailing and phoning contacts, to plan for their big day. We are excited to see what the day has in store.

FORENSICS AT SFT

We have had a couple awesome things transpire in the last couple days. First, SFT Forensics traveled to Osage City this past weekend. We broke 12 events into finals and took 3rd Place at the tournament (although we should've placed 1st, but I misunderstood how sweeps would be scored). Farzana Baloch took 4th in Extemp, Adrienne DInger took 5th in Extemp and 4th in Inform, Ella Huizenga took 6th in OO, Caleb took 4th in OO, Oscar Costlow took 4th in IDA and 6th in Impromptu, Stephen Greenfield took 3rd in Impromptu, *Bri Long took 1st in Impromptu; State Qualifier*, Austin Michaelis took 4th in IDA, *Kelsey Llamas took 1st in Prose; State Qualifier*, *Tori Kerschenske took 2nd in Prose; State Qualifier and 1st in Prose; State Qualifier*. Tori Kerschenske has now qualified 3 events for State. We had a great day!



TUBULAR TUESDAY FROM MR. TERRY

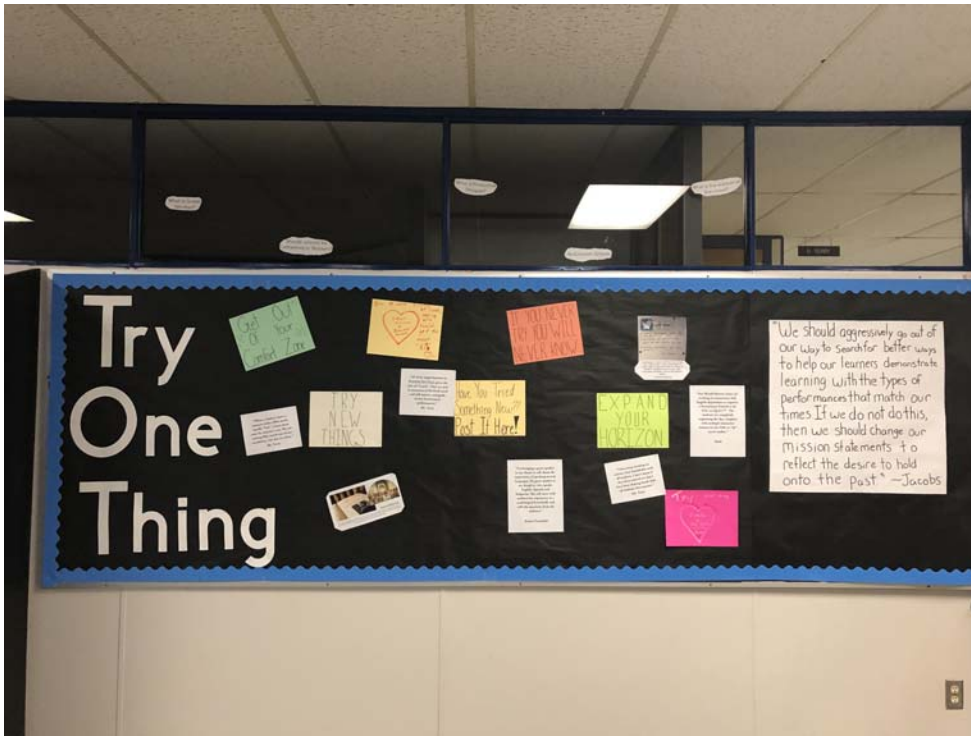
Today marked the first Tubular Tuesday! This is a happiness and empathy initiative created by my leadership committee; Students Matter. We will be posted outside the front doors every Tuesday, with our shirts, greeting students and spreading positivity throughout the day. I already see the difference in students walking up to the school possibly frowning or tired,

switching to happiness when they see us greeting them. I have had a couple students who are not in our group join in and asking to join our committee. I think this will be a great positivity booster for our students here at SFT.



TRY ONE THING FROM MR. TERRY

Last week the, Try One Thing board was created. We are asking staff and students to "Try One Thing". We want our building to radiate with new and improved skills, techniques and educational practices. This board is a way to recognize and highlight changes we are seeing in the building. The board is beginning to fill up as we get out of our comfort zones and try new and innovative educational practices in our building.



HS BAND

The Santa Fe Trail High School Band has been working relentlessly to prepare for fast approaching performances. On Tuesday March 3rd, Santa Fe Trail will be hosting the League Music Festival. Each high school band and choir will have the opportunity to perform for a clinician, and receive helpful advice for other upcoming competitions. The Santa Fe Trail Band has also been preparing for their band trip to Orlando, Florida. During this trip, the band is fortunate enough to qualify, based on an audition video, to perform at Universal Studios!

Below is the link to our audition video:

<https://1drv.ms/x/s!Ak9KJVtyOVeigma8RQ7Q7NL2pOt>

The Santa Fe Trail Band would once again like to congratulate William Cason on making the All-State Band and representing our school at the Kansas Music Educators Association Conference in Wichita, KS on February 27th-29th.

FROM THE SPANISH DEPARTMENT

The Spanish department filled the month of February with several activities to celebrate diversity.

On Wednesday, February 5th, and with the help of Mrs. Burgett and Ms. Hinman, the 6th International Night was hosted at the high school library. This was highly attended by parents and students, with impressive displays of food samples from around the world. There was also a presentation about a recent SFT students' missionary trip to Belize.

On Friday, February 21st, in commemoration of International Mother Language Day, the Spanish classes had a special guest speaker. Elena Ivanov came to our school to share what it is like to grow up in a multilingual family speaking three different languages. Students learned some information about the many benefits of speaking several languages, and they were able to ask questions to the guest speaker.





FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Wrestling

Santa Fe Trail traveled to Louisburg High School for the 4A Regional Wrestling Tournament this past weekend. Trail had four individuals qualify for the 4A state tournament in Salina, on February 28-29, by finishing in the top 4 of their weight class. Christian Rowe finished 2nd, Dakota Garrison and Stephen Roberts finished 3rd, and Evan Dean was the champion of his weight class. Evan has a current record of 41-0 with 39 of those wins by pin.

Basketball

The basketball teams are gearing up for Sub-State action next week. The boys are currently 10-9, and the girls are 8-11. Both teams have one regular season games left this week at home. The sub state tournament is at Royal Valley High School. The boys will play the first round Monday March 2nd at a sight to be determined. The girls will play Tuesday March 3rd, also at a sight not yet determined.

Dance/Cheer

The practices and try-outs for the 2020-2021 Dance Team are scheduled for Saturday February 28th. Practice will begin at 8:00 am with the actual tryouts at 4:00 pm.

High School Play

This year's play, "Rumors", by Neil Simon, will be at 7:00 pm, Friday and Saturday night, March 20-21, and at 2:00 pm Sunday March 22nd.

Forensics

SFT Forensics is gearing up for League competition, Saturday, March 7th. So far they have placed 3rd at three tournaments this year. They have also qualified 6 events for State. Tori Kerschenske has qualified in 3 events; POI, Poetry and Prose; Adrienne Dinger has qualified in Informative; Kelsey Llamas qualified in Prose, and Bri Long has qualified in Impromptu.

Spring Sports

Spring Sports are starting Monday, March 2nd. Several options are available for students to get outside and enjoy the spring weather, including boys and girls track, baseball, softball, and boys golf.