

Santa Fe Trail High School  
September 2021  
Newsletter

**SFT KAY HOSTING THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

Santa Fe Trail KAY Club has been selected as one of six schools in the state to host a State Level KSHSAA KAY Leadership Conference. KAY Regional Conferences, held in the fall, are an exciting power-packed day that afford opportunities for student leaders and sponsors from neighboring clubs to share successes and challenges, as well as exchange ideas. Sessions in leadership training and organizational skills are offered as well as opportunities to share resources. A highlight of each conference is a speech presented by a motivating and inspiring individual. In addition, the Regional Conferences provide an opportunity to recognize clubs for their previous years accomplishments and elect new area leaders. Student delegates will enjoy fun and fellowship and return to their clubs prepared to motivate & to challenge their local members. Regional Conferences are designed for the elected officers, board members and sponsors from a KAY club.

The theme for the 2021-2022 KAY Regional Conferences will be "THE POWER OF ONE". SFT KAY members are making plans to provide an inspiring and empowering conference for all KAY Clubs in Area 1 of northeast Kansas.

**COUNSELOR CORNER**

**ASSESSMENTS**

**ACT National Test Dates**

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. SFT will once again offer one free ACT test for all interested juniors during the school day during February.

**2021-2022 ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>(Late Fee Required)</b>
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2021
April 2, 2021	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022

**MAP Testing**

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade student will be taking the fall MAP test for Math, Writing, and Reading during the month of September. Data from these tests will be used by staff to help make instructional decisions, including the potential need for interventions.

## **SENIOR NEWS:**

### **College Applications**

Colleges, Universities, and Technical Schools are now taking applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Seniors it is time to start applying. Each school has their own application deadlines. Some (such as KU and KSU) have early decision scholarship deadlines of November 1<sup>st</sup>. That means you need to have applied and been admitted by November 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for those scholarships. If you need help getting started come by Student Services.

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**

The 2022-2023 FAFSA application cycle, (*High School Seniors, this is you!*) begins October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Students will be able to file a 2022-23 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2021.
- Some aid money is available on a first come first served basis. Get your applications completed as soon as possible for maximum return.
- Students will use income information from the 2020 tax year, filed in 2021

### **HEARING AND VISION SCREENS**

All hearing and vision screens are scheduled to be completed during the month of September. Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades are screened. As well as all students with an IEP and new students to the district. If your student fails either exam a referral will be sent home. Students that have passed both exams can be given a copy at the request of their parent or guardian by contacting the nurse at their student's building.

### **HOMECOMING**

It's just around the corner. Homecoming will be Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in Carbondale this year.

### **THE SCHOOL MUSICAL**

Oklahoma! - info for Sept. Newsletter The fall musical this year will be Oklahoma! This show was the very first musical to be written by the legendary musical theatre writing duo, Rodgers and Hammerstein. Oklahoma! is set in Native American territory at the turn of the century when cattlemen and farmers were fighting over fences and water rights. In the middle of that controversy are two more rivalries. One between a cowboy called Curly and a hired hand named Jud, both in love with Laurey. The second involves Ado Annie, Will and Ali Hakim, a trio that will provide plenty of laughs. A ranch hand encounters Aunt Eller and Laurey. Curly and Laurey have a secret passion for one another but they are too nervous to admit their feelings to one another. Curly expresses his feelings on how he would like to take Laurey to the box social that night. Meanwhile Will Parker has just returned from Kansas City. He along with other cowboys tell stories of the modern city to the onlooking ladies. Will is in fact in love with Ado Annie who herself is involved with a travelling salesman, Ali Hakim. Curly is upset to discover that Laurey has asked Jud Fry, a menacing field hand, to take her to the box social. To see what the fuss is over Jud, Curly makes a trip over to his smokehouse. Laurey is now uncertain and she wishes she had not asked Jud Fry, and asked Curly instead. Onlookers bid on hampers containing homemade food. When it comes to Laurey's hamper, Jud and Curly both fight over bids. Jud runs off with Laurey who, frustrated, fires him and breaks down. When Curly comes to her rescue they admit their love for each other. Come see the show on November 12th and 13th at 7:00 PM, and November 14th at 2:00 PM to find out how the story ends! The music and lyrics are some of the best in musical theatre with songs such as Oh What a Beautiful Morning, The Surrey with the Fringe on Top, People Will Say We're in Love, I

Can't Say No, Oklahoma! and many more, making this a musical treat for all the family. Auditions will be September 7th and 8th in the Auditorium from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Check out the musical bulletin board for more information!

### **DISTRICT SOCIAL WORKER**

Welcome back to school! I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know I will be serving in the brand new role of District Social Worker this year. This means I will be working in some capacity in all of our district buildings.

School social workers are an integral link between school, home and community in helping students achieve academic success. They work directly with school administrators as well as students and families. They can provide mental health intervention, crisis management, and support services. They are advocates for student success. School social workers are also oftentimes the link between a family and the resources they need from the community.

My main office is located at the district office. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if there is something I can help you with! I look forward to partnering with you and your student this school year.

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### **FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT**

So excited to be back in school we have a **BIG** year ahead of us.

**GREAT** things are happening at **SFTHS** this year.

### **ART CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 21-22**

- Maintaining the **SFTHS ART DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK** page (If you haven't already please like and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/434-SFTHS-Art-107070800993078> )
- Open Art Studio will begin Sept. 14, 2021, and run every other week.
- **Dec. 13th end of semester Fine Arts & Practical Arts Show 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the SFTHS**
- There will be an online/onsite competition available for students participating in. (These will be posted on the Facebook page and in the school newsletter.)
- I am excited and nervous because we are hosting this year's **ART League competition on April 27th. GO CHARGERS!**
- **May 7th end of semester Fine Arts and Practical Arts show 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the SFTHS.**

### **ATHLETICS AND ACTIVIES FOR SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL**

Athletic teams began practice on August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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. This year again is certainly challenging in many ways. If you are able, I encourage you to come out and support our activities at home or away. Please refer to the usd 434 live calendar before heading out to an event. You can also sign up for a new program that gives you notifications on the specific sport and level you want. The link is: <https://www.pioneerleagueks.org/public/genie/1112/school/18/>

### **Football**

The 2021 Charger Football Team consists of 51 players this year. Our Jamboree was at Holton, where all three levels scrimmaged against Royal Valley and Holton. The varsity traveled to Prairie View on September 3rd for their first game of the season. The JV team will host Prairie View on Tuesday 9/7, and the Freshman will host Silver Lake High School on Thursday September 9th. On September 10th, the varsity team's home opener is vs. Burlington to face the Wildcats.

### **Volleyball**

Santa Fe Trail will Varsity and JV will start the season Thursday with 2 matches versus Osage City. The varsity will play in a tournament on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson West. The Varsity and JV squad will travel to Kansas City-Piper on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to play Louisburg and the Pirates. The C team will travel to Louisburg to play Piper and Louisburg. There are 17 volleyball players on the roster for 2020, which will allow for 2 levels of play.

### **Girls Golf**

The Girl's Golf Team has had a great start to the season. The Chargers finished 1st as a team at Jeff West's Invitational at Lake Perry, and 3rd as a team at Ottawa. The squad consists of 7 golfers. Keep up the great work!

### **Cross Country**

The Santa Fe Trail HS Cross Country roster consists of 8 girls and 7 boys this year. The team's first competition was at Anderson County on 9/2. The team will get a feel for the state meet course next week when it travels to Wamego.

### **Dance Team and Cheerleading**

The dance team has 7 members for the 2021-2022 school year. They provide entertainment at pep rallies, at the halftime of home games, and also compete in dance competitions during the school year.

SFTHS has 19 cheerleaders for the 2021-2022 school year. The cheerleaders are excited to get the season underway and promote spirit at our football games.

### **Band**

The band is sounding great and will be ready for their 1st halftime show on 9/10, when the football team hosts Burlington.

### **Musical**

The Musical process is underway and have started tryouts. Be on the lookout for Oklahoma!