

**Santa Fe Trail High School**  
**December 2022**  
**Newsletter**

**MATH AT SFT**

Algebra class conducting their height vs. wingspan project. Students collected their heights and wingspans and graphed the results. The class was able to graph a line of best fit and write an equation for the line to make predictions.

**HEALTH CLASS**

Students in the Health class have been talking about the significant influence digital media has on their health and wellness. Students were checking their time on specific apps so far during the week. They then kept a log for 24 hours documenting the amount of time spent on specific apps, movies, or games. We will then evaluate our data and develop skills to reduce the amount of time spent on digital media platforms.

**THEATER MASKS**

The students in Technical Theatre are learning about different cultures from all periods in time and how they use/used theatrical masks. Students have chosen their culture and theatre mask and are now in the beginning process of mask creation. Students are using clay and recycled materials to build masks. Students will put together a presentation about the culture of their choosing and deliver the presentation at the same time they present their masks.

**Sports Literature Wraps Up**

Sports Literature classes began preparations this week for their final. Students will be participating in a debate following the model of the ESPN show *Around the Horn*. Students watched an episode of the show to understand the format of the final, then selected topics for the “segment” of the debate they wanted to participate in, and are now forming their opinions and conducting their research to prepare for their topic. The day of the debate, questions will be posed by student moderators. The project is the culmination of practice forming opinions, finding and citing evidence to support opinions, and learning how to form rebuttals to counter arguments throughout the semester.

**POTENTIAL CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS FOR 2023-2024**

1. Update and add security cameras for the interior and exterior.
2. Add exterior lights to the west side of the building

3. Add exterior lights by the southeast corner of the main gym—This would add lighting for the dumpsters.
4. Remodel the boy's and girls' locker rooms.
5. Update classroom carpet. There is a strategic 3-year cycle for the building that will replace all of it.
6. 9 Circle Lunchroom Tables
7. Interior paint.
8. Paint the hallway lockers.
9. New wrestling mat: The red mat is 15 years old. Old blue is older than that. New blue is 7 years old.
10. Sprinkler system for the practice football field.
11. A larger US flag at the football stadium.
12. Asphalt—Update the main parking lot, seal the north parking lot, and update the circle drive.
13. Asphalt—Finish the back parking lot.

### **NEW CLASSES FOR 2023-2024**

We are currently in the process of adapting the class offerings of the high school to meet the current needs of our students for post-secondary success. There will be more information on this in the upcoming months with specific details.

### **ENROLLMENT CONFERENCES FOR 2023-2024**

We plan to start the personalized individual enrollment conferences for the high school students who are in grades 9, 10, and 11 by the end of January. In these meetings, the SFT students will select their classes for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **HS ART**

#### **Happy Holidays Chargers**

Where did the semester go? **WOW!**

Please make sure to check out all of the **AMAZING** artwork classes have created this semester on **Dec. 12th Fine Arts & Practical Arts Show 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the SFTHS in the Commons and Art Studio 120.**

You can also check us out online <https://www.facebook.com/434-SFTHS-Art-10707080099307> or ARTSONIA <https://www.artsonia.com/>



As our semester wraps up thanks to all the students who have participated in Art.

#### ART CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 22-23

- **SFTHS ART DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK** page (If you haven't already please like and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/434-SFTHS-Art-10707080099307>)
- **Artsonia pages.** (*Artsonia is the world's largest collection of student art, published by teachers and students from around the world. Parents and family can view the art online, leave comments, and order keepsakes featuring the artwork.*) **The holidays are coming! You may wish to order special items from Artsonia as gifts. A portion of the purchases goes to the Art Department.**  
<https://www.artsonia.com/>
- Amazing High School Art Competition Opportunity for your students! **"As Talented As You Think"** is a 2-D high school art competition, sponsored by Washburn University where selected works will be awarded based on their talent and artistic ability. Cash prizes. Deadline for entries--December 12th
- **Dec. 12th end of semester Fine Arts & Practical Arts Show 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the SFTHS**

*“Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep”.*

*Scott Adams*

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions.

**Have a fantastic winter break! See you in the New Year!**

## **FBLA**

FBLA is about more than business competitions! This fall our members have participated in monthly service projects, including painting a mural at OAC, passing out candy at the community trunk or treats, hosting a Dodgeball tournament to raise money for March of Dimes, and helping young ones write letters at the Christmas in Carbondale event. We had a crew of 5 FBLA members attend the National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, CO in November. The students were able to take part in two full days of sessions meant to broaden their business and leadership skills and perspectives about the business world. The Kansas FBLA District VII Conference will be hosted at Emporia State University by our District VII Vice President, and SFT's own, Max Black. He has been traveling to District VII chapters to help them prepare for the upcoming competitions.

## **DIGITAL DESIGN AND PRODUCTION (YEARBOOK)**

Digital Design and Production is celebrating over \$6,000 in ad sales this fall and working on building their page spreads. If you see a student photographer on the sidelines at a school event, thank them for working hard to build a better yearbook! Yearbooks can be purchased any time, but prices do increase after December 30. Pick up a form at school from Mrs. Smith, or log on to [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) to purchase. Congratulations to Aidan Torneden for winning the \$25 Casey's gift card early bird purchase yearbook drawing. Seniors can send in their photos to Mrs. Smith, [jsmith@usd434.us](mailto:jsmith@usd434.us) for the senior portrait pages. Senior parents and loved ones can still purchase senior tributes too. Contact [jsmith@usd434.us](mailto:jsmith@usd434.us) for more information.

## **NOVEMBER SITE COUNCIL MEETING**

The high school had their first site council meeting on November 30 at 5:30 pm.

Members that were present: Dana Workman, Alice Smith, Laurie Costlow, Erica French, Jaimie Long, Amy Crotinger, and Jimmy Sleichter

It was a great meeting. The site council appreciated the new opportunities for our students.

**SFT Chargerettes Dance Team Little Charger Dance Clinic**

Come join the SFT Chargerettes Dance Team for the opportunity to dance at the January 13th Basketball Game!

2 Hour Clinic with SFT Chargerettes Dance Team  
Perform during Halftime of Boys Varsity Basketball Game  
SFT Little Dancer T-Shirt  
\$20 Registration Fee  
Grades Pre-K - 6th

Clinic: Saturday, January 7 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - SFTHS Main Gym  
Performance: Friday, January 13 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - SFTHS Main Gym

To sign up, go to [bit.ly/SFTDanceLittleChargers](http://bit.ly/SFTDanceLittleChargers) or to:



## Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

Basketball and Wrestling are in full swing to kick off the winter season!! There are many upcoming events on the road and at home. Get out and watch the Chargers as they face the challenge of competition on the hardwood and mat.

### FALL PIONEER LEAGUE AWARDS

#### Football

**Luke Greenfield** – 1<sup>st</sup> team All Pioneer League, Defense.

**Theron Berckefeldt** – 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Pioneer League Offense.

**Kyle Strother** – 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Pioneer League Offense.

**Austin Weekley** - 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Pioneer League Offense.

**Kyle Strother** – 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Pioneer League Defense.

**Matt Coltrane** - 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Pioneer League Defense.

**Clason Rosine** - 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Pioneer League Defense.

#### Volleyball

**Braegan Buessing** – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Pioneer League, Volleyball

**Lauren Fund**—1<sup>st</sup> Team All Pioneer League, Volleyball

**Sydney Whitaker**—1<sup>st</sup> Team All Pioneer League, Volleyball

**Abby Clark**—2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Pioneer League, Volleyball

#### Cross Country

##### Girls

1<sup>st</sup> team--**Ajah Banks, Maria Ham, Whitney Herren**

2<sup>nd</sup> team--**Audry Johnson, Eva Branstetter**

##### Boys

1<sup>st</sup> team--**Bryce Roberts, Rylan Roberts**

2<sup>nd</sup> team--**Cody Black**

#### Wrestling

The Chargers began their season on Thursday, December 1st at Eudora, and are the host of Holton on 12/6. Both the boys and girls defeated Eudora, and also lost 36-37 to Holton. There are 34 boy and 12 girl wrestlers out this year. Santa Fe Trail will host a Junior Varsity Tournament on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and then head to Anderson County for a Varsity Tournament on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Basketball

The SFT boys' team has 24 members out this season and the girls' team consists of 16. Each team will open the season at home on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> as they compete in the Ike Cearfoss Invitational. Both teams lost tough games to Osage City.

They both will play Thursday at home also against Kansas City Christian, and then depending on results, will play at Central Heights High School on Friday, December 9th. Most games are played on Tuesdays and Fridays. The first home games will be 12/16 vs. Osawatomie.

### **Dance Team**

The Santa Fe Trail Dance Team will perform at each home basketball event this year. Their performance will be at the halftime of the boy's game.

### **Musical**

A group of hard working SFT students performed the musical "Mamma Mia" successfully Nov 11th-13th. Their hard work paid off with great performances. Congrats Ms. Mason and her staff!