

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
NOVEMBER 2023  
NEWSLETTER**

**OCTOBER STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Erica French and Tosha Smith. They are both the high school's "Staff Members of the Month." Thank you for all that you do for our students and staff of SFTHS.

**BOE GOAL #1: COMMUNICATION**

Communication with parents, students, and the patrons of the community is super important. We recognize this at the high school. It is an ongoing effort each school as we get a new group of freshmen each school year.

There is a directed effort to use the school website, Facebook, Twitter, and School Reach to pass along information as needed.

I am sure that communication is the first goal because it is so important but the challenge is that it has to be renewed each school year. Information about the HS Prom may not change each year but the students involved do. Therefore, you have to renew the message each and every school year. These efforts are being made at the high school.

**GOBBLE, GOBBLE CHARGERS!**

We are in the second quarter time is flying.

Holidays are right around the corner.

Make sure to check out all of the wonderful artwork classes are creating this year.

Either online or at the High School display cases.



**“Sunset Surprise” Oil Pastel by Trinity Barr**

## Shout Out

The Art Department had four young ladies help with the Fall Festival at CAC. Awesome, job Amelya, Shelby, Eva, and Morgan.

## ART CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 23-24

- Washburn High School Art Day Nov. 3 all-day event
- **End of Semester Fine & Practical Arts Show**  
**Dec. 14th from 6-7:00 pm in Art room 120**

ONLINE

**SFTHS ART DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK** page (If you haven't already please like and follow us at)



## ARTSONIA

The holidays are coming!

I have uploaded over 400 pieces of art with more to come. Support your student and the Art Dept. in one-stop shopping for unique gifts with students' artwork on it. Artsonia donates 20% of your purchases to the SFTHS Art Department. <https://www.artsonia.com/>

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

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a safe journey for everyone traveling.

Artfully,

Mrs. Kitten

## HS CHOIR

SFTHS Choirs did an incredible job on their first concert of the year in October. The choirs are in the swing of preparing for their Holiday Concert, which is on **Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 PM in the SFTHS Auditorium**. Join us for a festive evening filled with holiday music! Students have been working hard in their ensembles, learning their music in new and exciting ways. We hope you can make it out for a fun evening of Holiday music! Admission is FREE!

## THE HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL:

The SFTHS Fall Musical, "**Shrek The Musical**" opens THIS WEEKEND! We absolutely cannot wait for the performances of this production. "Shrek The Musical " is a one-of-a-kind, hilarious fairy tale in which curses are reversed, monsters get the girls, donkeys and dragons find love, and princesses are beautiful in all shapes and sizes. Grumpy, gruff, green ogre Shrek lives alone in his swamp. The world is fearful and mocking of him, and he is more than happy to leave the world to

itself, in turn. Suddenly, his hermit existence is thrown open, when a group of homeless fairy tale characters — Pinocchio, the Gingerbread Man, the Three Little Pigs, and more — burst upon his swamp, seeking refuge from the persecution of the cruel, vertically-challenged Lord Farquaad. Shrek seeks out Farquaad, who offers him a deal: if Shrek rescues Princess Fiona (whom Farquaad wishes to marry for her crown), then Farquaad will ensure the return of Shrek's swamp by returning the fairy tale creatures to their homes. In a desperate attempt to regain his swamp's hermetic piece, Shrek enters the world for the first time in his life. He travels to Princess Fiona's prison, rescues her from a fire-breathing Dragon, and then – scariest of all – is forced to get to know the princess as he tries to bring her back to evil Farquaad. To the determinedly unsocial ogre's dismay, Fiona is very different from what he expected a princess to be. She may even provoke Shrek's most novel experience yet: Love. With a larger-than-life cast, high energy dance numbers, and laughs by the minute, "Shrek The Musical" transforms the popular animated feature film into a stage musical that is sure to entertain and make audiences believers in happy endings for all. COME SEE THE SHOW THIS WEEKEND! November 10th @ 7:00 PM, November 11th @ 7:00 PM, and November 12th @ 2:00 PM. We would be "ogrejoyed" to see you there!

The Cadet Spanish class travelled to OAC on Thursday, October 26th to teach first graders and kindergartners a lesson on the colors in Spanish. Great career exploration opportunity for our high school students. The class is looking forward to its next visit.

### **CADET SPANISH**

The ACC Spanish class travels to Washburn University on Thursday, November 1st. Together with five other schools in the area, the students will participate in a "Día de los Muertos" (Day of the Dead) all day immersion program sponsored by the Washburn World Language Department. A faculty member (professor Georgina Tenny) and a former SFT alumni currently attending Washburn University (Paige Hoff) will be our school's guides. So exciting!

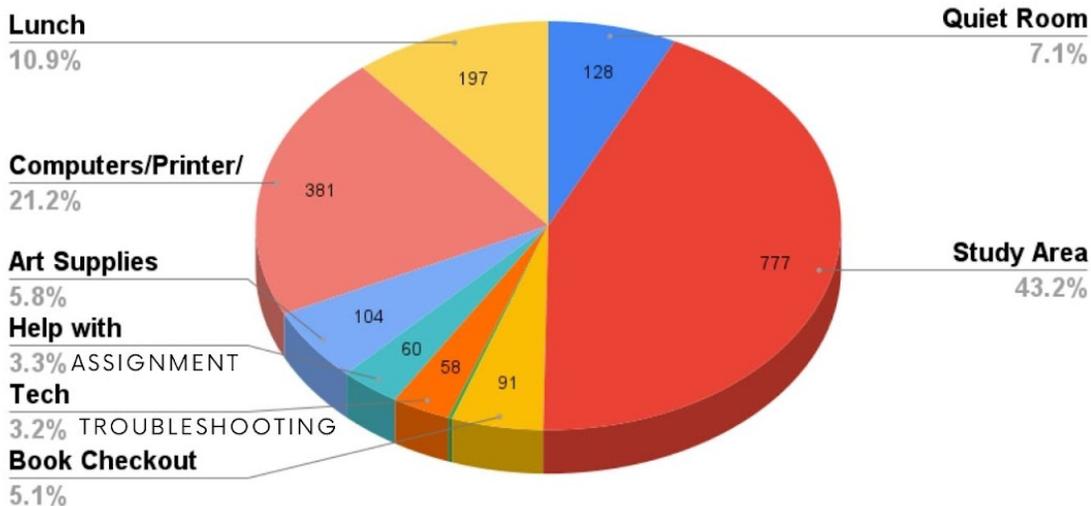
## More Than Just Shelves: The Multifaceted Role of Our High School Library

During the first quarter of the 22-23 school year, we had over 1,800 student visits to the high school library media center.

Students use the library as a central hub to collaborate and study, Over the last 9 weeks the LMC served as a location to create videos and multimedia presentations, access desktop computers and printing services, a place to check out books, teacher resources, art materials and a safe supervised space for students.

1st Hour Independent Study Students meeting in the library each day with Mrs. Michaelis were not included in the statistics listed below.

### LMC Use & Services



## Spanish I Students Have Access to Titles in Spanish.

Mrs. Michaelis welcomed Mrs. Fernandez's Spanish I students to the library and gave a tutorial on how to access Sora and how to filter available titles based on different languages. Students were able to browse books to help support their learning.

## More Ways to Access Information:

### Sora App Introduced to Staff

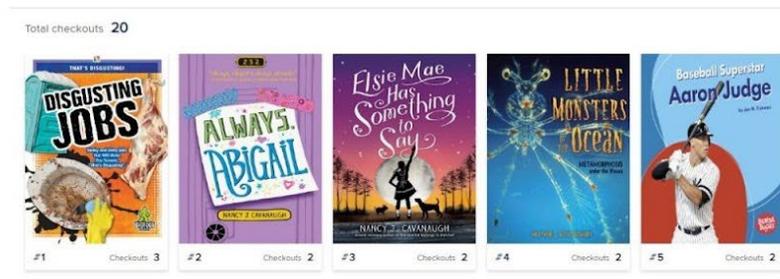
Mrs. Michaelis worked with the I.T. Department and Mrs. Mugridge over the summer to secure access to the Sora Reading App for our staff and students. Sora is a free platform that provides access to over 300 fiction and non-fiction titles, in English and in Spanish, and features titles for all school age students.

With the free version, staff and students can borrow a ebook or an audiobook title to read at their leisure. The paid subscription version has additional features that include a teacher's ability to monitor individual student usage and to assign specific titles and quizzes for individual classes or students.

Staff received an email letting them know we can use the Sora App on September 26th, and between that time and the end of the first quarter, 16 days later, 23 unique users accessed reading materials. 57 books were opened and a total of 3.21 hours were spent reading in the Sora App.

Students are able to log in with their school credentials and even add a local public library's collection with their local library card.

The Top 5 Most Checked Out Titles:



The Top 5 Titles the Most Time Was Spent Reading:



## LMC Q1 Progress & Goals

The first nine-weeks was spent organizing and tracking student and staff LMC usage and needs. The primary goal for the 2022-2023 School Year is to ensure the Library Media Center space is set up for student and staff usage with easy access to resources that are in demand.

In order to provide adequate space and relevant resources an inventory of materials was completed. Outdated reference books, unused/discontinued textbooks, nonfiction, fiction and/or damaged books were removed from circulation.

Furniture and shelving have been rearranged to provide an open concept space. This ensures the teacher has a line of vision to all areas of the library.

The library has Non-Fiction and Reference Materials shelved according to the Dewey Decimal System. The majority of Fiction materials are shelved by genre. There is a large section of Fiction not yet classified by genre that will be updated throughout the year.

Signage has been added to provide easily identifiable areas for different types of materials.

Assessing book series in our collection for completeness and ensuring they are shelved together will be a project continued during the second quarter.

Our subscription to the Junior Library Guild has supplied wonderful new titles delivered to us in August and September. These materials will need processed and cataloged before being put on the shelves for student checkout. This process will be delayed temporarily until the current materials on the shelves have been reviewed and grouped by genre.

“Without data, all you have is an opinion”  
-Edward Deming

## Volunteer Extraordinaire

Betty Doss has generously donated over 40 hours over the first nine-weeks to assist in sorting and organizing the library collection.

Betty has lived in the Overbrook area for over 25 years and has three grandchildren attending SFT High School and enjoys getting to see them while she volunteers.



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## **Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School**

The 2023-24 School Year has started off with tremendous success. We are all so proud of our students and the accomplishments they have made. We are blessed to have so many of our students involved in some sort of activity here at Santa Fe Trail. We are so thankful for all the students, teachers, coaches, sponsors, parents and adult leadership and their dedication to each other. As we finish up with Fall activities and begin to start Winter activities we wish everyone continued success!!

### **Football**

Trail Football finished the regular season 7-2. The final game was a playoff victory over Royal Valley which placed the Chargers in the 16 team 3A State bracket. The Chargers travel to Hayden on 11/3. A win and the Chargers continue. The JV gained valuable experience as well, and had good success. JV Chargers finished the year with a win over Lola, and a 5-3 season record.

Submitted by Coach Erikson

### **Volleyball**

Submitted by Coach Potter

### **Girls Golf**

Girls Golf wrapped up their regular season in early October by placing 2nd as a team in the Pioneer League. Three Charger Lady Golfers earned All Pioneer League Individual Honors. They are 8th Ashley Masters, 3rd Bailey Anshutz, and 2nd Braegan Buessing as All Pioneer League Women Golf honorees.

Post season for Girls Golf began Monday October 9 where SFT competed in the 4A Regional at Wamego. Each Regional only advances 6 Individuals to State. There were 63 Individuals in this 4A Regional. Senior Braegan Buessing and Junior Bailey Anshutz both qualified as Individuals for the State Girls Golf Tournament. These two also placed on the Regional Medal Stand as Individuals. Bailey was the 7th place Individual and Braegan was the 5th place Individual. It is possible to medal and not be a State qualifier. It is also possible to not medal & be a State qualifier. These two gals achieved both honors!

As Individual Qualifiers at the 4A State Girls Golf Tournament in Salina on October 16th and 17th, Braegan and Bailey represented Trail with skill and honor. Both girls made the qualifying cut on Monday from a field of 98 competitors to advance to finals on Tuesday and play for State Medals. Both our SFT ladies ended the two day Girls State as Individual Medalist! Bailey was the 20th place 4A State Individual and Braegan was the 12th place 4A State Individual Medalist. Congratulations and thank you to Braegan and Bailey, for their success as individuals and the leadership they bring to the program. Congratulations to the entire Girls Golf Team for a 2023 season to be proud of.

Submitted by Coach Burgett

## **Cross Country**

The SFT Cross Country Team finished the year with a bang, and had many highlights during their championship season.

- The Boys team was crowned Pioneer League Champions for the second year in a row.
- The Girls team battled their way to their 3rd straight finish as the league runner up.
- The Boys brought home 4 league medals Bryce Roberts (2nd), Holden Tantaros (6th), Rylan Roberts (8th), Josh Wessel (15th).
- The Girls had one league medalist in senior Maria Ham placing in 6th place.
- The Boys team finished 3rd as a team at regionals qualifying them to the 3A State Meet at Rim Rock Farm. This is the first boys team from SFT to qualify to the state meet since the 2010 season.
- Bryce Roberts led the way at regionals finishing in 7th place and bringing home a regional medal with a time of 17:05

Submitted by Coach Ramsey

## **Dance Team**

The dance team will compete at the 2023 KSHSAA Game Day Spirit Showcase on November 17th at the Stormont Vail Events Center in Topeka. The dance team will begin performing around 8:30 a.m. and will perform 3 dances: Fight Song, Band Dance, and Halftime.

Submitted by Coach Switts

## **Cheerleading**

The Chargers Cheerleaders have been working extremely hard in preparing for the Washburn Rural Spirit Showcase Competition on Nov. 4th. We are very excited to be performing UCA Game Day Style Routine, along with taking an advanced level stunt group, along with one individual who will be doing jumps. On Nov 5th, we will be attending the Kansas Cheer Combine in Emporia with 8 of our talented athletes. We have three seniors attending, who are hopeful to pick up a couple scholarship offers. We then compete at KSHSAA Game Day Spirit Showcase State Competition Nov 18th - 3A again this year, has the deepest bracket with 22 teams and only 6 advancing to finals to be awarded state medals. These athletes have been working extremely hard - and we hope to be apart of the top 6 this year!"

Submitted by Coach Ashely Miles

## **Band**

Submitted by Mrs. Rice

## **Scholar's Bowl**

Scholar's Bowl season has begun! Students opened the season on October 30th at West Franklin. The young team used this opportunity to learn more about teamwork and risk taking! Many times the scholar's did not hit their buzzers because they were afraid of being wrong; only to hear the answer they had in their head! The students had another outing on November 1 at Eudora for the JV team. They not only improved their number of wins, but also

improved on hitting those buzzer's and taking risks. The varsity and JV teams will be competing on November 9 at Mission Valley.

Submitted by Mrs. Chiddix



## **NHS**

National Honor Society has begun planning for the Winter Formal! The dance will be from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, December 2. Advanced tickets cost \$5 and will go on sale the week of November 13. Tickets can also be purchased the night of the dance for \$6. Outside dates must be signed up in the office. Any questions about Winter Formal can be directed to NHS sponsor, Allison Folger, at [afolger@usd434.us](mailto:afolger@usd434.us)

Submitted by Mrs. Folger

## **KAY**

Blood Drive November 8, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

## Photo Imaging:

Do you have a DSLR? Do you ever take it out of auto? Photo Imaging is a class geared for getting students out of auto and moving them beyond taking “snapshots”. Students have an understanding of how the exposure triangle (shutter speed, aperture, and ISO) effects photo composition and have been learning basic visual organization rules. They participated in a Silly Ghost Challenge (it’s a trendy social media thing) to put all that practice to work and staff voted on 3 top winners for each of the Photo Imaging classes. Please join me in congratulating the following for their work:



“Hold Please” by Presly Smith



“Let Me Tell Ya Bout My Best Friend” by Madison Harding



"Tickled Pink" by Caitlin Heronime

**Musical: (see below cast list and crew list)**

Submitted by Mrs. Holbert

# ***Crew List***

## **Backstage Crew (Hair and Makeup, Costumes, Set)**

Alora Barr  
Trinity Barr  
Courtney Galyean  
Makenzie Galyean  
Katrina Drury

## **Light and Sound Crew**

Benjamin Dinger  
Bo Greene  
Konnor Heinz

## **Student Choreographers**

Morgan Starr  
John Nievar

# SHREK

## THE MUSICAL

### *Cast List*

Shrek.....	John Nievar
Princess Fiona.....	Abby Dinger
Donkey.....	Jo Ramirez
Lord Farquaad.....	Wylie Young
Dragon/Mama Ogre/Blind Mouse/Duloc Citizen.....	Whitney Herren
Pinocchio/Knight/Dancing Rat.....	Olivia Ralston
Gingy/Sugar Plum Fairy/Dancing Rat.....	Macy Berkley
Teen Fiona/White Rabbit/Blind Mouse/Dancing Rat.....	Raven Hinck
Papa Ogre/Captain of the Guard/Knight/Dancing Rat.....	Gavyn Smith
King Harold/Papa Bear/Knight/Dancing Rat.....	Alex Strother
Queen Lillian/Mama Bear/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Gretchen Huizenga
Young Shrek/Baby Bear.....	Ryan Strother
Young Fiona/Gretel/Dwarf.....	Macy McCain
Wicked Witch/Blind Mouse/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Vanessa Roberts
Big Bad Wolf/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Justin McKnight
Pig 1/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Morgan Starr
Pig 2/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Brooklyn Brown
Pig 3/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Addy Michaelis
Elf/Blue Bird/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Addie Harmison
Ugly Duckling/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Molly Herren
Fairy Godmother/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Tyler Shreve
Peter Pan/Thelonus/Knight/Dancing Rat.....	Owen Lattimer
Mad Hatter/Guard/Knight/Dancing Rat.....	Isaiah Jones
Little Red Ridinghood/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Gabby Suchi
Goldilocks/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Olivia Adams
Alice/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Brynna Perry
Queen of Hearts/Duloc Citizen/Dancing Rat.....	Shelby Garrison
Pied Piper/Guard/Knight/Bishop.....	Aden Kitten
Guard/Knight/Dancing Rat.....	Hunter French
Guard/Knight/Dancing Rat.....	Brian Llamas

**Exciting things are happening at The Palace on the Prairie! We all look forward to seeing you and supporting our students, athletes, coaches and sponsors. Go Chargers!!!**