

Santa Fe Trail High School
December 2023
Newsletter

NOVEMBER EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

1. Classified—Taleisha Christensen, HS Office Manager
2. Certified—Allison Folger, HS English Teacher



FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Chargers!

Where did the semester go? It has been an amazing year thus far!

Please check out all of the FANTASTIC artwork classes created this semester during **The Fine and Practical Arts Show** on **Dec. 14th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** at the **SFTHS** in the **Commons and Art Studio 120**.

You can also check us out online at **SFTHS ART DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK** Page



ARTSONIA



The HOLIDAYS are coming!

I have uploaded over 700 pieces of art. Support your student and the Art Dept. in one-stop shopping for unique gifts with students' artwork on them. Artsonia donates 20% of your purchases to the SFTHS Art Department. December 11th-Last Minute Stocking Stuffers, 2023 Holiday Shipping Deadlines (December 16th-Last Day Standard Delivery Services, December 19th- Last Day Express Delivery Service). Check it out at <https://www.artsonia.com/>

Washburn High School Art Day

What a great day we had to create and explore what Washburn has to offer art students.



ART CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 22-23

- The deadline for entering the Youth Art Month (YAM) Flag Design Contest is December 8th, 2023! This year's theme is, "Dream in Art" Students are encouraged to create a flag that combines Kansas and visual art themes. Prizes for both students and teachers will be awarded in three grade categories: K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Entries will be part of a digital exhibit for Youth Art Month in March and students who placed in the competition will be recognized at the Youth Art Month Celebration. The grand prize-winning design will be made into a flag and will be recognized at the Minneapolis 2024 NAEA Convention!
- Dec. 14th end of semester Fine Arts & Practical Arts Show 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the SFTHS

Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

The 2023-24 School Year is moving ahead very quickly. We are fast approaching Winter break and Winter Sports and Activities have started. We are excited for all of our students and the opportunities they have for this winter season. Please support the Chargers and enjoy the competitions.

Girls Basketball

The SFT Girls Basketball team has 14 girls out for the team this year. We have 6 seniors, 1 junior, 2 sophomores, and 5 freshmen. Last night we participated in a jamboree at Mission Valley and gained some valuable scrimmage time against Mission Valley and Lebo. We kick off our season with the Central Heights Tournament, which begins with us playing West Franklin next Monday night in Osage City. It has been a fast two weeks of practice and we are ready to see our team in live action.

We are very excited for the upcoming season!

<https://kshsaacovered.com/news/2023/11/27/womens-basketball-15-class-3a-girls-basketball-players-to-watch-in-2023-24.aspx>

Submitted by Coach Kramer

Boys Basketball

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Submitted by Coach Decker

Wrestling

Wrestling has started the season with 48 wrestlers, 17 girls and 32 boys. We have a home tournament 12/8 for JV Boys and Girls - come out and support!

On 11/30 in a home dual competition with Eudora, SFT Varsity Girls won 42 - 36; and the SFT Varsity Boys won 72 - 9.

On 12/1 in a dual tournament at Spring Hill, the SFT Varsity Boys Team Finished 2nd. Going 4-2 on the day in duals. Brings their season record to 5-2 on the year.

Rd. 1: Santa Fe Trail HS defeated Paola 51-27

Rd. 2: Santa Fe Trail HS defeated Chanute 54-14

Rd. 3: Olathe South defeated Santa Fe Trail HS 36-33

Rd. 4: Santa Fe Trail HS defeated Spring Hill 2 60-24

Rd. 5: Santa Fe Trail HS defeated Blue Valley 55-13

*There was a 3-way tie in our pool for 1st place, we won the tie breaker on Total Wins Criteria. So we "won" the pool and competed in the Finals vs host, Spring Hill.

In the Finals: Spring Hill defeated Santa Fe Trail HS 48-27.

The boys team currently has two representatives in the KWCA 4A Rankings = #1 @ 106 lbs Tanner Sleichter and #5 @ 165 lbs Luke Greenfield. The girls team currently has two representatives in the KWCA 4-1A Rankings = #4 @ 100 lbs Audry Johnson and #2 @ 145 lbs Hailee Crosland and is currently ranked #9 as a team in 4-1A classification.

Current Varsity Dual Records:

Girls = 1-0

Boys = 5-2

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<https://kshsaacovered.com/news/2023/11/16/boys-wrestling-20-class-4a-boys-wrestlers-to-watch-in-2023-24.aspx>

Submitted by Coach Gonzales

Dance Team

Little Charger Dance Clinic

Come join the SFT Chargerettes Dance Team for the opportunity to dance at the January 26th Basketball Game!

2 Hour Clinic with SFT Chargerettes Dance Team

Perform during Halftime of Boys Varsity Basketball Game

SFT Dancer T-Shirt

\$25 Registration Fee

Grades Pre-K - 6th

Clinic: Saturday, January 20th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - SFTHS Main Gym

Performance: Friday, January 26th 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - SFTHS Main Gym

Registration will begin after Winter Break.

Submitted by Coach Switts

Cheerleading

The SFT Cheerleaders finished 9th out of 23 at State on November 18th. Currently the cheerleaders are learning basketball cheers - and excited to support our SFT Basketball teams as they kick off their season!

Submitted by Coach Ashley Miles

Band

We would like to congratulate Brynna Perry, Alora Barr, Isaiah McFreen, Ellie Bryant, Rylan Roberts, and Bryce Roberts on their participation in the District Honor Band. They performed wonderfully on December 2nd and now will have the opportunity to audition for the All-State band. These last couple weeks of the semester the high school band has the following events:

December 12th Pep Band at the Basketball Games

December 18th Winter Concert 7:00 pm in the Auditorium

December 20th 11th/12th 4 Corners Chicken Fried Steak and Bake Sale Fundraiser 5:00pm-9:00pm

Thank you again for all of the support!

Submitted by Mrs. Rice

EMR

Emergency Medical Responder Students are putting all the elements together they've learned this semester as they practice patient assessment. Students will have a practical final in which they must identify the problem and provide appropriate care up to their skill level.

Submitted by Mrs. Chiddix



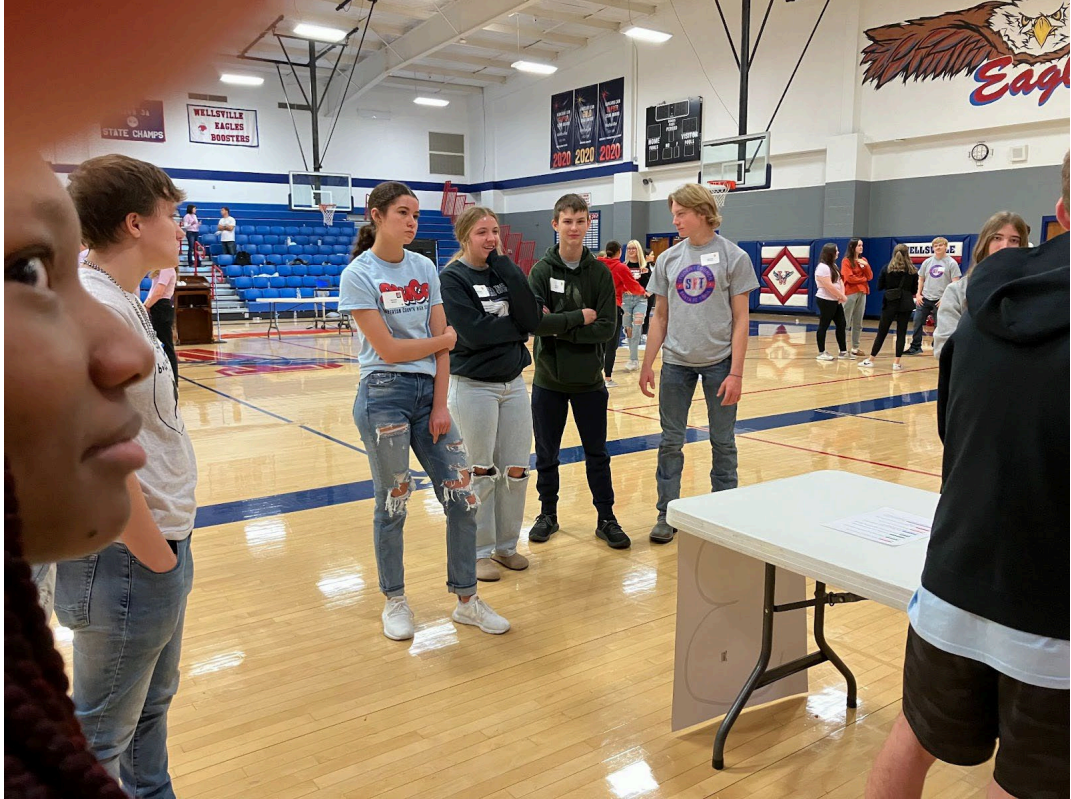


STUCO

On November 15, 2023 the Santa Fe Trail High School Student Council took a trip over to Wellsville for league STUCO. While there, we collaborated with other league schools on how to run our high schools better. We played games that involved sharing some of the things our own student council did to help make SFT a better place. We also heard from other students on what they do to help improve their school. We also had the privilege of listening to the world's only winsomeologist, Dan Snell. He shared with us how to be winners by thinking positively and creating a plan of action so we can help get our schools the "W" we all need. Overall, all the members of our student council learned a lot from members from the other schools and we are ready to take some of the ideas we learned and make our high school amazing.

Submitted by Ms. Mayes







FBLA:



A portion of our FBLA members in our new chapter tshirts.

Seven members of FBLA attended the Fall National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas in November. Thank you to the board for their support of these opportunities!



Yearbook:



Yearbook Staff L to R: Toni Virgo (12) Editor, Piper Flory (9), Macy Berkley (9), Nora Bond (10), Quincy Koger (12), Makenzie Roberts (9), Julie Smith (adviser)

Yearbook staff have exceeded their \$6,500 goal for ad sales by Christmas! Why do ad sales matter? Because they keep book prices low for students. Publishing a hardcover 152 page book isn't cheap. If you see a Yearbook staff member out and about thank them for working so hard for our school!

Books are on sale now for \$50 plus tax, the lowest price they'll be all year. Order today before the price increases in December. Get a form from Mrs. Smith at school, or [click here to order and pay online directly from Jostens](#).

We've also received word our 2023 publication of The Charger is a Gold Level Winner of the National Yearbook Program of Excellence. Our staff works hard to provide great coverage of the student body and historically accurate records in a professional format. It's great to be recognized!

Choir:

SFTHS Choirs have their Holiday Concert coming up next week! Come hear our dedicated singers sing some fun songs to really put you in the holiday spirit on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 PM in the SFTHS Auditorium.

CONGRATULATIONS to two awesome Freshman singers who made the East Central Kansas Music Educators Association District Honor Choir. Katrina Drury and Aaliyah McDowell traveled to Shawnee Mission Northwest High School on Saturday, December 2nd to participate in a multi-school/multi-district Honor Choir filled with over 200 of the most talented students from the surrounding areas. Katrina and Aaliyah auditioned back in November and their scores qualified them to be a part of these Honor Choirs. We are so proud of you, thank you for representing SFT so well!

Submitted by Mrs. Holbert



Musical:

Thank you SO MUCH to all of the parents, students, teachers, staff, and community members that came out to support all of our incredible students involved with "Shrek The Musical"! Your support means the entire world and we cannot thank you enough. We hope you enjoyed it!

Submitted by Mrs. Holbert



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!!!