

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2024**

**BOARD GOAL #6**

The high school has been very proactive on school safety. We have completed the yearly safety drills and had the Osage County Sheriff’s Office provide ALICE training to our staff at the beginning of the school.

We also had adjusted nicely to the alarm system. There were a few growing pains at the beginning but all is well now.

<b>6.0 School Safety and Security</b>	<b>Responsible Parties</b>	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
6.1 Provide a safe and secure learning environment in all district facilities.	Board of Education, Administration, and all district staff.	<p>Schedule and perform all emergency drills in buildings with staff and students</p> <p>Provide ALICE training for all staff w/ yearly reviews</p> <p>Review Safe Defend with staff every year</p>	<p>Do yearly research and implement updated emergency procedures to keep schools safe.</p> <p>Conduct building evaluations for safety improvements</p>	100% of staff and students feel prepared about emergency procedures
6.2 Use Effective crisis plans to provide proactive readiness in case of an emergency	All Administration, and Staff Committees	<p>Review all district crisis plans yearly</p> <p>Develop a detailed and universal crisis plan for use by the crisis team</p>	Develop aligned and easily understood crisis plans across the district to maintain consistency	100% of staff feel very prepared and knowledgeable in case of an emergency

		Develop a simple and usable crisis response plan for use by the majority of staff		
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**Art Department News**



**WHERE DID THE YEAR GO!**

As another school year comes to an end. I would like to give a shout-out to my seniors. It has been an incredible 4 years with all of you and I am excited to see what adventures you take on next.



What an AMAZING TIME we had at the Pioneer Art League Competition! The theme this year was SPACE @ Anderson County. SFTHS placed 3rd in 3D on-

site and 3rd in 2D on-site. CONGRATULATIONS to the Art League Team: Trinity Barr, Abby Dinger, Halia Garman, Landrie Rolla, Reese Phipps, Eva Branstetter, Kim Espinosa, and Tyler Sherve! I couldn't be prouder of their creativity, sportsmanship, and sheer determination.

**The STUDENTS Who Won at the Pioneer Art League Competition**  
**Abby Dinger was the big individual winner with Gold, Silver, and Bronze**  
**place metals.**

**Trinity Barr received a Silver medal.**

**Halia Garman received a Silver medal.**

**Landrie Rolla received a Bronze medal.**

**Lauren Kraft received a Bronze medal.**

**Kim Espinosa received a Bronze medal.**

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## ARTSONIA



You can always order from Artsonia year-round. **Go to the Artsonia GIFT SHOP** and put in your artist name and number (example: John34678) check out all of the amazing things you can order. At <https://www.artsonia.com/> Support your student and the Art Dept. in one-stop shopping for unique gifts with student artwork. Artsonia donates 20% of purchases to our school arts program for new art supplies!

## **Shout Outs**

- THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING OUR AMAZING STUDENTS WHETHER IT BE IN PERSON, ONLINE, OR BOTH!
- **HUGE THANK YOU! to everyone who helps the Art Department throughout the year. I could not have done it without you!**

**Have a wonderful summer.  
Mrs. Kitten**

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

The 2023-2024 School year is winding down quickly. We have many activities and athletic events in the next few weeks. Graduation will be here before we know it. Sports teams are gearing up to make the postseason push. Band and Choir are making final preparations for their end of the year programs. I am proud of all of our coaches, sponsors, teachers and students as they strive for excellence.

Good Luck and Go Chargers!!

### **Baseball**

"The Chargers are looking to finish out the season strong as they wrap up the regular season May 2nd and 3rd. SFT is getting the opportunity to host regional postseason baseball this year. SFT baseball team will play their first game of regionals May 10th, with day two coming on May 13th. Come on out and cheer on the Chargers!"

Submitted by Coach Gloss

### **Softball**

Submitted by Coach Dahl:

Coach Dahl on the Varsity Softball Team:

The Lady Chargers are closing in on the end of another great season. We are 14-4 with one week left in the regular season. We are 5-1 in league play, sitting at the top of the league for now. We are hoping for a strong finish heading into our stacked Regional. We are excited for the opportunity to return to State for the third season in a row. Kaelee Washington continues her dominance on the mound, with a record of 9-0, 6 shutouts, 2 perfect games, and 111 strikeouts so far. She also leads the way offensively with a .600 average, but on her heels are Brooke Neidhardt .524, Gretchen Huizenga .492, and Peyton Ganger .468.

Coach Ann Fawl on the JV squad:

The JV softball team is currently at 6-5-1. They have exceeded my expectations so far this season. They have constantly demonstrated determination, teamwork and skill on the field. Their hard work during practices and their dedication to improve as a team and

individually is paying off. They have all shown some kind of growth this season and are always wanting to get better. They are a great group of girls.

### **Track and Field**

Submitted by Coach Herren

### **Choir**

Congratulations to the SFTHS Choir Members who competed at Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival in April. We are so proud of all your hard work, you did a fantastic job! Coming up this month, the SFTHS Choirs have their final concert of the school year, their Spring Pops Concert! Join us for an evening filled with fun pop music to celebrate our success over the school year on **Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.** We hope to see you there!

Thanks for supporting music in our schools and community! Go Chargers!!!!

Submitted by Mrs. Holbert

### **Boys Golf**

Senior Spotlight

Ryan Cook

Favorite thing about Golf: Traveling to tournaments as a Team and competing

Favorite Course: Buffalo Dunes

Best Tournament Score: 82 @ Lamont Hill

What's Next: I will be joining an Electrical Apprenticeship

Coach Duncan: Ryan has had a tremendous career, he's been part of two state teams and received multiple individual medals. He has a fantastic golf swing, and always seems to start the season slow and then finishes strong. Ryan is an easy kid to like, he has an easy going personality.

Brock Neidhardt

Favorite thing about Golf: It's been fun having a great coach and one of the best players in 3a to help me

Favorite Course: Firekeeper

Best Tournament Score: 105 @ Emporia Muni

What's Next: I will be attending Wichita State Tech for Professional Pilots Program

Coach Duncan: Brock is an easy kid to like. You can tell he has a military background, by Yes, sir- Yes, man. Brock always does the little things, like pick up trash that isn't his, help hold the door, or clean the van. Brock's golf game has steadily improved, and he is a fantastic putter.

Luke Edwards:

Favorite thing about Golf: Golf is a sport where you make the most memories with your buddies. It is a lifelong sport

Favorite Course: Eagle Bend

Best Tournament Score: 83 @ Lake Shawnee

What's Next: I will be attending Ottawa University on a Football Scholarship. Majoring in Business Management

Coach Duncan: A naturally gifted athlete, Luke is good at whatever he does. Luke has made tremendous strides in his golf game, he hits the ball a country mile, and has great hands around the green. His score will be instrumental in our postseason run. I have loved coaching Luke in Football and Golf, a true gritty competitor.

Lane Workman:

Favorite thing about Golf: Golf is both a team and Individual Sport. Yes you are playing for the team, but if mess up you can't blame the team, it's on yourself. Golf makes you mentally tough, and makes you a better person

Favorite Course: Mariah Hills

Best Tournament Score: 69 @ Burlington

What's Next: I will be going to Washburn University on a golf scholarship. Majoring in Business Management

Coach Duncan: Lane has set the standard for SFT Golf. He is one of the best players to walk down the halls. But what sets Lane aside is his drive. When the best player asks the most questions, takes coaching well, helps and cheers for others, and is incredibly humble, your team is going to be great. And we have been. Lane and I will spend many hours on the golf course and also chasing ducks around over the next several years.



Submitted by Coach Duncan

### **Band**

The Santa Fe Trail High School Band has had a wonderful school year! We are beyond proud of their final performance on May 3rd and all of the hard work they have put in this year! Seniors, we will greatly miss you and have enjoyed having you all of these years. As excited as we are for summer break, we also have been planning for next fall so, go ahead and mark your calendars our Annual Band Camp will be August 5th-10th. More details will be coming soon! Have a great summer!

Submitted by Mrs. Rice

## **FBLA**

Submitted by Mrs. Smith

Santa Fe Trail FBLA had 30 competitors attend the FBLA State competition on April 4-5 in Topeka at the Stormont Vail Events Center. We've experienced a big increase in the number of students competing in presentation events and design events over the past two years. The creativity and collaboration necessary to compete has challenged and grown our students.

Results from the FBLA State Conference competitive events:

Santa Fe Trail FBLA-4th in Outstanding Chapter Award  
(This is awarded by a points system in which the 112 Kansas chapters can earn points for activities as a chapter throughout the entire year plus points for their performance in the top 10 for competitive events at State.)

Noah Burgoon- 4th in Agribusiness

Tyler Bolt and Gabe Smith-3rd in Business Ethics

Jeremy Shreve-4th in Cyber Security, 3rd in Management Information Systems,  
2nd in Network Design, 5th in Networking Infrastructures

Ethan Ellis and Gabe Smith-5th in Public Service Announcement

Competitors earning 4th or higher are automatically qualified for Nationals in Orlando this summer.

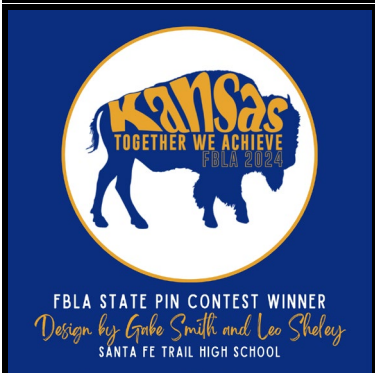
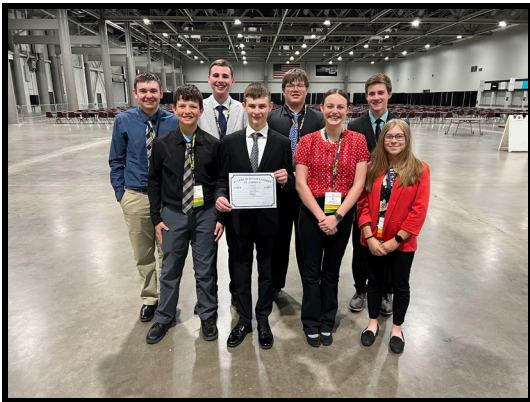
Junior Tyler Bolt was also inducted as a state officer in the position of District VII Vice President for the 24-25 year.

Drake Graham was awarded the Lindell-Ferrell FBLA Emerging Leader Inaugural scholarship for Kansas FBLA in the amount of \$1,000. The Lindell-Ferrell FBLA Emerging Leader Scholarship recognizes servant-leader outlook, experience and leadership in FBLA, and need for financial support.

In December, freshmen Gabe Smith and Leo Sheley submitted a design for the Kansas FBLA state pin. Chapters across the state voted, choosing from the top 3 designs selected by state officers. At the Kansas FBLA State Conference business meeting they announced Gabe and Leo's submission as the winning design. This pin will go to Nationals to represent the state of Kansas and be traded amongst competitors.







## NHS

Submitted by: Mrs. Folger

On Wednesday, April 24, National Honor Society held its induction and recognition ceremony. During the ceremony, the following new members were inducted: Eva Branstetter, Madison Cook, Bryson Crotinger, Hunter French, Lauren Fund, Kinsey Garcia, Gretchen Huizenga, Owen Lattimer, Taylor Long, Isaiah McFreen, Bryce Roberts, Addalyn Sleichter, Alex Strother, and Gabrielle Suchi. Juniors Lexsey Heberling and Tyler Bolt were installed as president and vice president, respectively, and seniors Noah Burgoon, Abby Clark, Hailee Crosland, Drake Graham, Luke Greenfield, Whitney Herren, Chayse Jeanneret, Chad Robert, Trenton Sleichter, Toni Virgo and Kaelee Washington were recognized for their time as members of National Honor Society.



## Yearbook:

Submitted by Mrs. Smith



Our Jostens rep presented this year's class with the banner for the Gold Level Winner of the National Yearbook Program of Excellence for our 2023 publication of *The Charger*. This honor was earned by our 2022-2023 staff. Three key areas are measured for success...coverage of students (the minimum is coverage of at least half of your student body 3 times...we reached 90% of our student body at least 3 times!), increased sales, and meeting deadlines. Our 2024 publication crew is working hard to keep it going. We've already hit our increased sales goal, and our coverage goal, now we just need to meet the rest of our deadlines.

Books are on sale now for \$55 plus tax. There are only 7 copies left for purchase! Do not delay in ordering, or risk missing out. Get a form from Mrs. Smith at school, or [click here to order and pay online directly from Jostens](#).

**Green Team:**

Submitted by Mr. Staab:

Green Team sponsored our yearly tree giveaway this past week. 250 new trees were planted around the area. Special thank you to Auburn Pharmacy for sponsoring their medicine bottle cap fundraiser to help us purchase those trees.

**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!!!**