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December Newsletter Santa Fe Trail High School

Welcome to the December 2025 issue of the Santa Fe Trail High School Newsletter.



by Kyle Ellis



Message from the Principal

Dear Charger Families,

As we enter the final month of the semester, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for the continued partnership and support of our Santa Fe Trail High School community. December is always a unique time; busy, meaningful, and full of opportunities to celebrate the growth and accomplishments of our students.

Over the past few months, our students have demonstrated impressive resilience, hard work, and commitment both in and out of the classroom. Whether through academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, or acts of leadership and kindness, they continue to make us proud. I am equally grateful for the dedication of our staff, who work each day to provide strong instruction, build positive relationships, and create a school environment where every student feels valued and capable.

As we prepare for the close of the semester and the upcoming winter break, I encourage students to stay focused, finish strong, and take advantage of the resources available to support their learning. At the same time, I hope everyone finds moments this season to slow down, reflect, and enjoy time with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued trust in and commitment to Santa Fe Trail High School. I am grateful to serve this community, and I look forward to a successful end to 2025 and a positive start to the new year.

Warmest wishes for a safe, restful, and joyful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Kyle Ellis

Principal, Santa Fe Trail High School



Message From the Athletics/Activities Director

Submitted by Kris Henry

November has been an action-packed and exciting month at Santa Fe Trail High School, filled with achievements, memorable performances, and growing anticipation as we transition into the winter season. Our students, coaches, and sponsors continue to demonstrate excellence in all areas, and we couldn't be more proud of their hard work.

Our Charger football team led the way with an incredible postseason run. The team captured both the Regional and Sectional Championships and finished as the Sub-State Runner-up with an impressive 11-1 record. Their dedication on and off the field was remarkable, and the support from our students, staff, families, and community was outstanding.

Our cheer and dance teams were also hard at work as they prepared for their state competitions. Their commitment and spirit energize our school, and we are excited to see all they will accomplish in the weeks ahead.

The Scholars Bowl team is in full swing as well, having already begun competition season. They continue to represent SFT with pride as they sharpen their skills and work toward a strong academic season.

November also featured the conclusion of our fall musical, The Little Mermaid. After months of preparation, the cast and crew wrapped up their three-show run with outstanding performances. Their talent, creativity, and teamwork made the production truly amazing and memorable for all who attended.

Students in the Santa Fe Trail Choirs recently completed auditions for the KMEA Honor Choirs, and we are proud to announce that three SFT students earned a spot in the ECKMEA District Honor Choirs. Their dedication, preparation, and musical talent truly stand out, and we congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

Our SFT Band students also auditioned for the KMEA Honor Band, and we are thrilled to share that seven students were selected for the ECKMEA District Honor Bands. This accomplishment reflects their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to musical excellence.

With winter sports now beginning competition, our gymnasiums and halls are once again buzzing with energy and anticipation. We have so much to be thankful for this time of year, including the dedication of our students and the continued support of our community.

Congratulations and good luck to all our Chargers as we move into the winter season!

Go Chargers!

A photograph of a wooden sign for Santa Fe Trail High School. The sign is made of two horizontal wooden planks with white, serif capital letters. The top plank reads "SANTA FE TRAIL" and the bottom plank reads "HIGH SCHOOL". The sign is mounted on a wall with vertical wooden slats.

SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

Activities Highlights

Social Media

Follow Santa Fe Trail High School's Facebook page for up-to-date postings of athletics and activities using the link below:

[Santa Fe Trail High School](#)



ACC Personal Finance

Submitted by Ashley Michaelis

ACC Personal Finance students have been learning about consumer credit and ways to protect themselves from identity theft and incorrect information impacting their credit reports. They were tasked with creating an interactive review activity to share with the class. Shown below is Kenna Washington demonstrating her Review Game.



Art

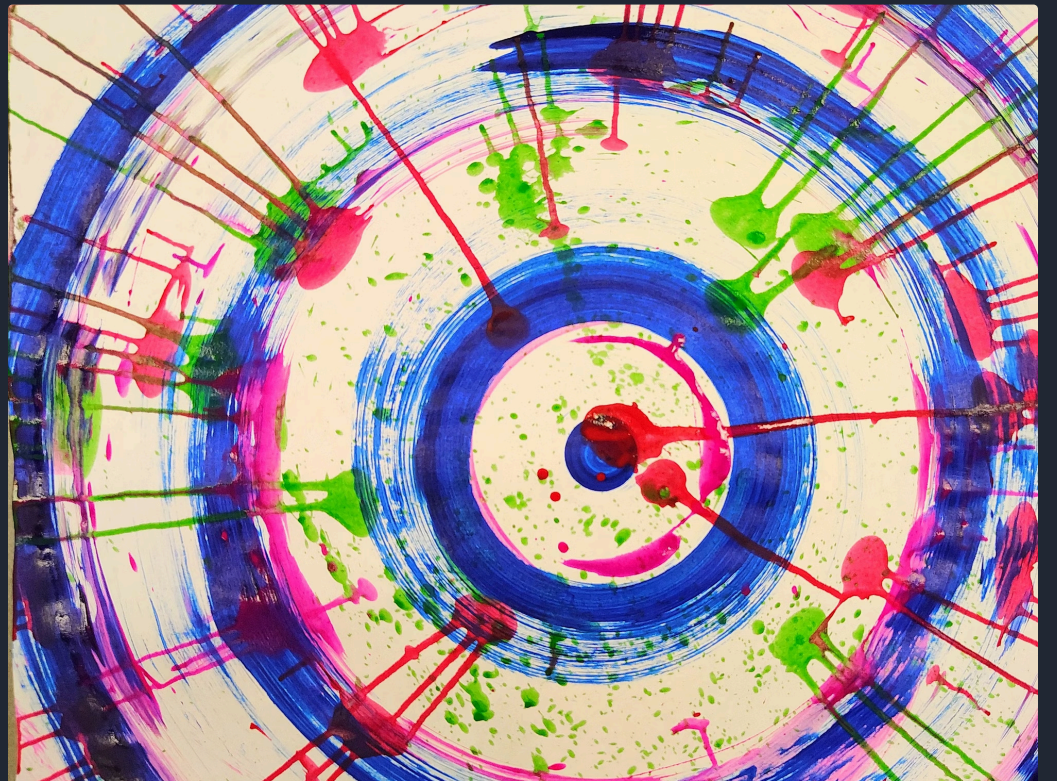
Submitted by Sydney Grindal

We've been making some fun things in the art room recently.

Art 1 is working on Pop Art Sculptures. They started by building their base out of cardboard or paper. They then paper matched over it. They finished it by painting all over.

Drawing and Painting are working on Acrylic paintings. They started with a monochromatic underpainting and are now working on adding color and value.

Success Strategies has been experimenting with spin paintings. They taped paper to a ceramics wheel and applied paint as it spun.



Band

Submitted by Eduardo Villanueva

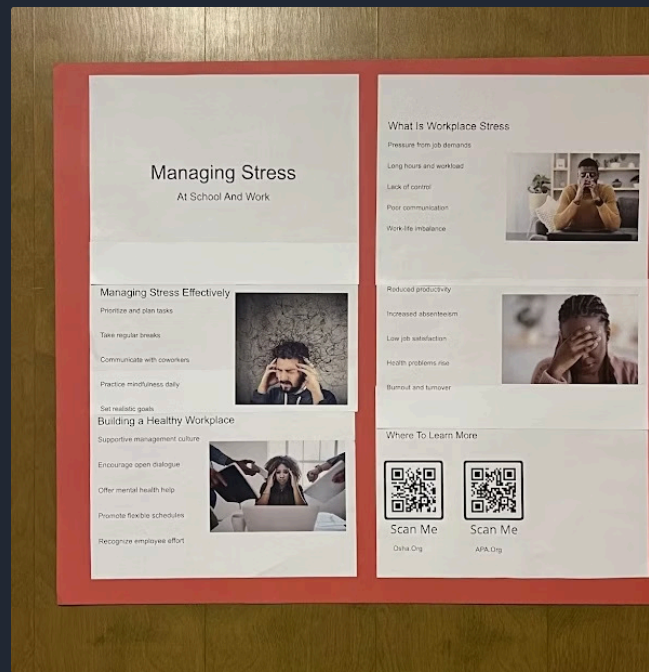
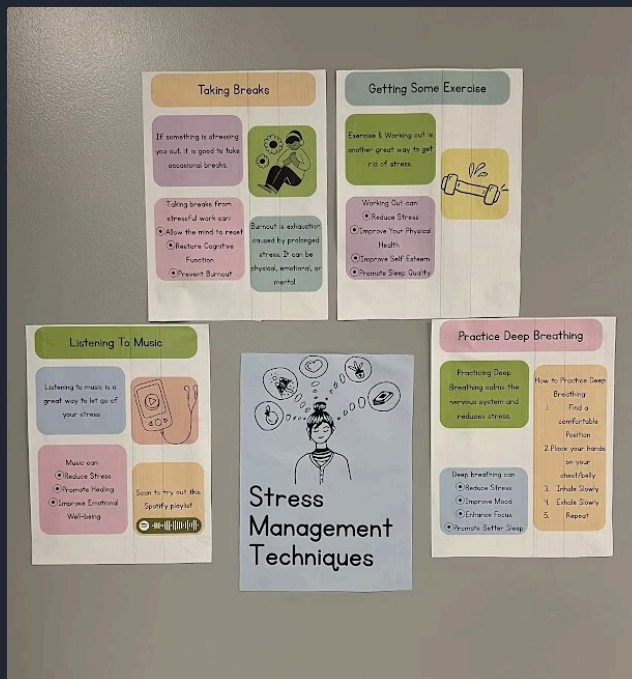
The SFT Band has officially wrapped up its marching band season with an exciting finish of three post season games! The Band has started working on Pep Band music for basketball. We also have been working on our music for our **December 15th** Christmas Concert. Come check out the Band and Jazz Band that night at **7pm**. We had 7 students make it into ECKMEA District Honor Bands this year. Congratulations to the following students: Bailey Anderson, Eva Branstetter, Isaiah McFreen, Dana Mohler, Jill Mohler, Brynna Perry, and Vanessa Roberts.



Business Management

Submitted by Ashley Michaelis

Business Management students have been learning about the key roles managers play in maintaining a healthy and productive work environment, as well as how to develop essential personal management skills such as time management, delegation, stress management, and preventing burnout. Students created interactive educational displays with tips for combating stress, which are now posted throughout the building for staff and classmates to use.

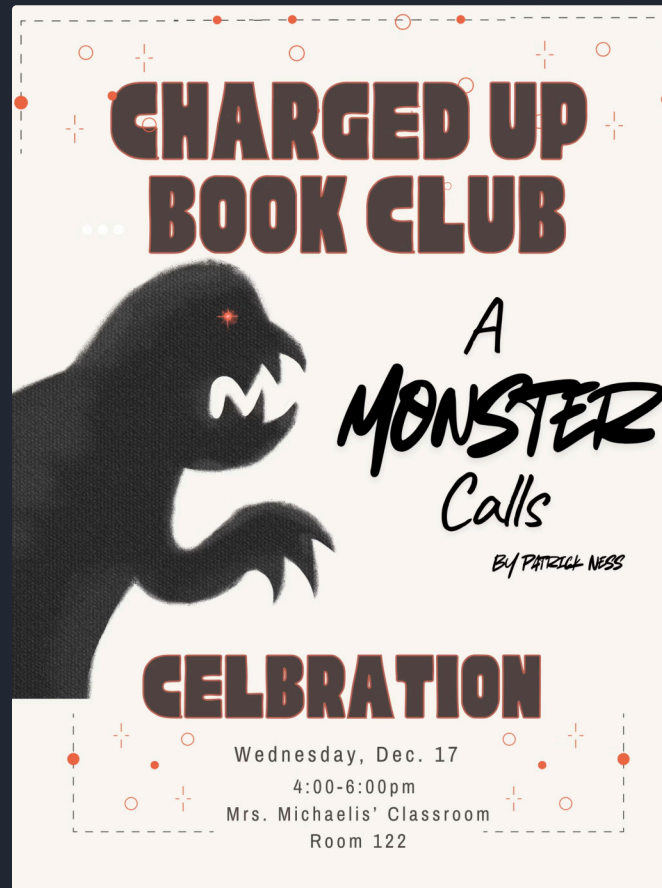


Charged Up Book Club

Submitted by Ashley Michaelis

Charged Up Book Club will be meeting to celebrate and discuss their first book: *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness on Wednesday, Dec. 17th from 4-6pm in Mrs. Michaelis' room. The next Book Club Selection will also be revealed and available for pick up.

Participants should RSVP to amichaelis@usd434.us.



Choir

Submitted by Kara Holbert

SFTHS Choirs have been working very hard on preparing their music for their upcoming Holiday Concert. We are so proud of our students' hard work! Come see the SFTHS Choirs perform their **Holiday Concert** on **Wednesday, December 17th @ 7 PM in the SFTHS Auditorium** for an evening full of Holiday Cheer!

We would also like to extend a huge congratulations to **Lilly Barnes, Izzy Hernandez, and Bella Torneden** for being selected for the **ECKMEA District Honor Choirs**! Their hard work and talent have earned them a spot among the best vocalists in the region. They'll perform at the ECKMEA Honor Ensembles Festival on Saturday, December 6th. We are so proud!



Culinary Arts

Submitted by Mary Burgett

Students in Culinary Arts I are getting familiar with working in lab groups, practicing proper measuring techniques, gaining technical reading skills, handling a variety of mixtures making quick breads and enjoying evaluating their work.



Culinary Arts II & III & IV

Recently the Advanced Culinary Arts students studied and practiced techniques for preparing different classifications of pies. They made individual mini pie shells and single crust pies. In groups they learned how to cook pudding from scratch, made meringue, mastered lump-free white sauce for chicken pot pie, and enjoyed the apples they preserved earlier this semester inside double crust pies. Finishing first semester, students will be preparing foods for SFT Hospitality Rooms, understanding working with sauces, and making pasta from scratch.

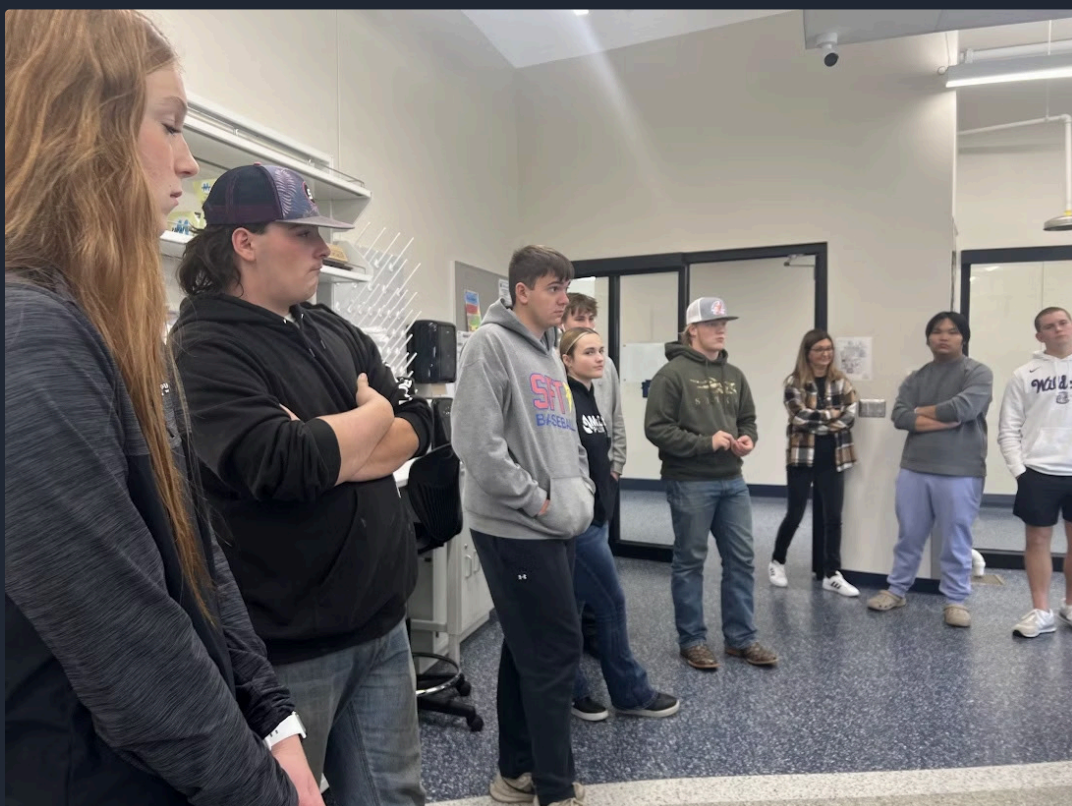


Entrepreneurship

Submitted by Ashley Michaelis

Entrepreneurship students took a field trip to Washburn Rural High School to tour their student-run businesses, Career and Technical Education (CTE) department, and the newly remodeled addition that houses all of their CTE classes. In addition to their student run bank, coffee shop and apparel shop, our group visited their state of the art Biomedical Science Lab, indoor Greenhouse, Welding and Construction, Computer Science and Gaming Lab, Digital Media, Apparel Design and workspace, and their industrial kitchen.

WRHS students led the facility tour, and CTE staff shared valuable insights into their program development. They also welcomed any CTE teachers, faculty, Board of Education members, or students from SFT to return at any time. The WRHS CTE staff expressed a strong willingness to collaborate and support us as we work to launch and grow our own programs.



FBLA

Submitted by Julie Smith

FBLA members and parents did a phenomenal job running concessions for our last home football game. Thank you to everyone who covered shifts and especially those who went the extra mile staying beyond their shift to make sure there was adequate coverage for the large crowds. This fundraiser will help offset costs for the State Conference registration in April.



District VII Conference is being hosted January 28 at Washburn University by SFT's own Gabe Smith, Kansas FBLA District VII Vice President. Event sign ups are now available. Members need to make their event choices and fill out the form by the end of next week: [District VII Conference Sign Ups](#). If you are interested in volunteering to be a judge, or timekeeper, we are still in need for several events. Email jsmith@usd434.us.

Government

Submitted by Eric Staab

We are incredibly proud of our outstanding SFT government students from the Scranton, Carbondale, and Overbrook communities! Nearly 50 senior SFT students rolled up their sleeves and stepped into action during a civic engagement day dedicated to giving back to the towns they call home.

From painting projects to park and city space clean-ups, senior students worked hard to brighten up community spaces, many of the same places where they grew up playing, gathering with friends, and making memories. their enthusiasm, teamwork, and pride in their hometowns truly shone.

A huge shoutout to Melissa Strother, Tosha Smith, and Kris Henry for their guidance and support that day. We are also grateful to the SFT Board of Education and to Reser's Fine Foods of Topeka for the generous monetary contribution. Finally, thank you to the cities of Scranton Carbondale, and Overbrook for championing civic engagement and supporting opportunities for our youth the better their communities.



KAY Club

Submitted by Mary Burgett

KAY members have been serving up fun and festive acts. During November, members have been coloring placemats designed by Mrs. Burgett's Wellness Class. Coloring is an activity that promotes emotional wellness as a means of stress reduction. These handmade placemats and notes of thanks were given to Brookside to brighten meal time for the residents.



KAY held the annual Coed Volleyball tournament November 24 which was after buffer week instead of during Homecoming week. Students formed teams of mixed abilities to determine the year's champion, or the best team attire, or the best model of coach. KAY members kept score and served as referees. It was an enjoyable evening getting some exercise and making memories.



KAY will be celebrating Citizenship week December 8 – 12 with all district buildings by announcing special dress up themes emphasizing areas of service to family, school, community, nation, world, and to the Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) Club.

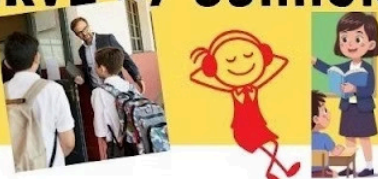
CITIZENSHIP Week

Join KAY in celebrating Citizenship week in honor of KAY Founder, Wanda May Vinson, & the spirit of Serving Others.

DATE: DEC 8-12

SERVE MY COMMUNITY & WORLD: SWAP DAY

MON



**STAFF-STUDENT DRESS SWAP
OR DRESS AS CAREER YOU ADMIRE**

TUE



SERVE MY NATION: USA DAY

DRESS IN USA RED, BLUE, & WHITE

WED

SERVE MY CLUB:

1946: founded as Kays & Kayetts
1988: option to be Coed KAY Club

DRESS LIKE YOUR IN THE 1980'S OR 1940'S

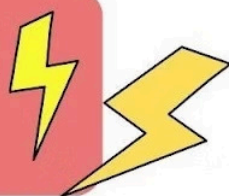


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SERVE MY SCHOOL: CHARGE GEAR

DRESS WITH CHARGER PRIDE



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SERVE MY FAMILY & HOME: COMFY DAY

DRESS IN PJ'S AND SLIPPERS

- KAY

TODAY FOR TOMORROW

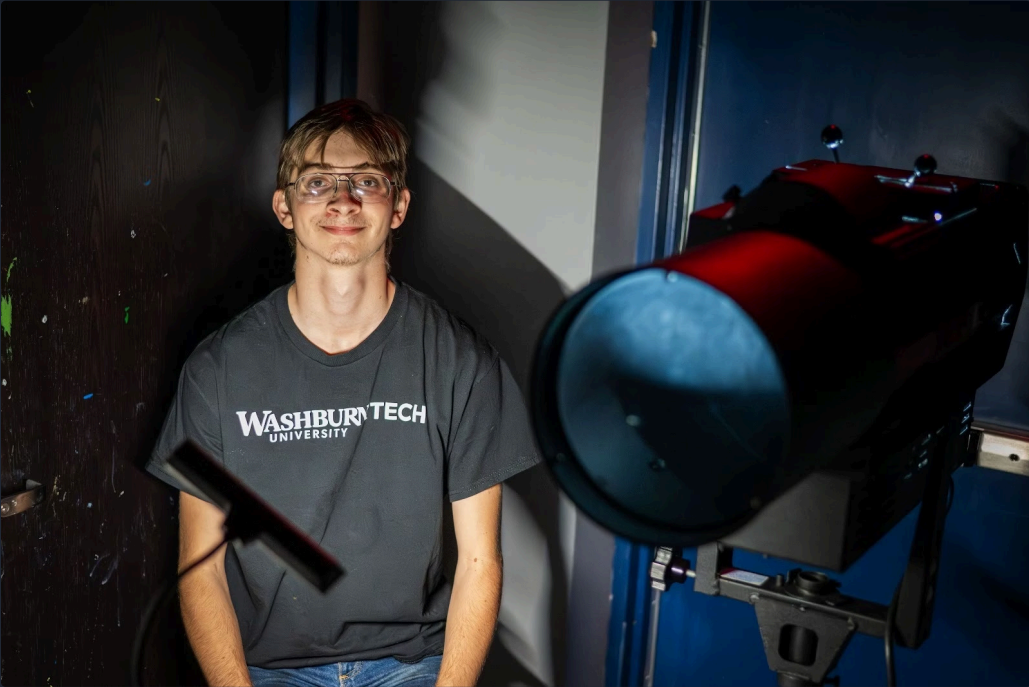
LAUGH, LOVE, LIFT

Musical - The Little Mermaid

Submitted by Kara Holbert, photos provided by Yearbook Staff Member, David Welton

A massive bravo and congratulations to the entire cast and crew of **The Little Mermaid**! Your performances this weekend were truly magical and breathtaking. The dedication, hard work, and talent displayed onstage and behind the scenes made for an unforgettable trip Under the Sea. Thank you for bringing all of the beloved characters to life. You all deserve a huge round of applause for a splashingly successful show!

We also want to extend our sincere gratitude to all of the wonderful audience members who joined us for The Little Mermaid! Your presence, enthusiasm, and energy in the theater created a truly electric atmosphere for our performers. It is your support that makes all the long rehearsals and hard work worthwhile. Thank you for sharing in the magic and making this production a resounding success!



StuCo

Submitted by Arlene Mays, photos taken by Yearbook Staff

Santa Fe Trail Stuco attended League Stuco Conference on November 19, 2025. They participated in different activities and had the opportunity to meet with other Stuco members to share and gain new ideas. They also listened to a presentation on cell phone usage which included warnings and what to be aware of. Our students represented Santa Fe Trail admirably, I was proud of them!



Student Council also adopted a family for Thanksgiving. The students brought different food items to accommodate a Thanksgiving meal. These items will be delivered in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Success Strategies Enrichment

Submitted by Mary Burgett

For a few weeks, students chose to learn a life skill in Mrs Burgett’s “Hand Sewing” enrichment class. Students were taught how to hand sew using a running stitch, ladder or blind stitch, backstitch, catch stitch, blanket stitch and the embroidery French knot. They learned how to mend small holes in garments, repair tears in hems or seams of garments, and how to sew on a secure button. Each student practiced on fabric scraps or could bring in actual garments needing repairs or hemming. Mrs. Burgett provided supplies and suggestions for students to utilize the stitches she taught them in creating a final project.



Three Lakes Educational Cooperative

Submitted by Kimberly Atchison

Special Olympians from Three Lakes Educational Cooperative took 1st place in their bracket when they competed at regionals in Manhattan on October 18th and they came home as Champions from State on November 7th as well! Congratulations!

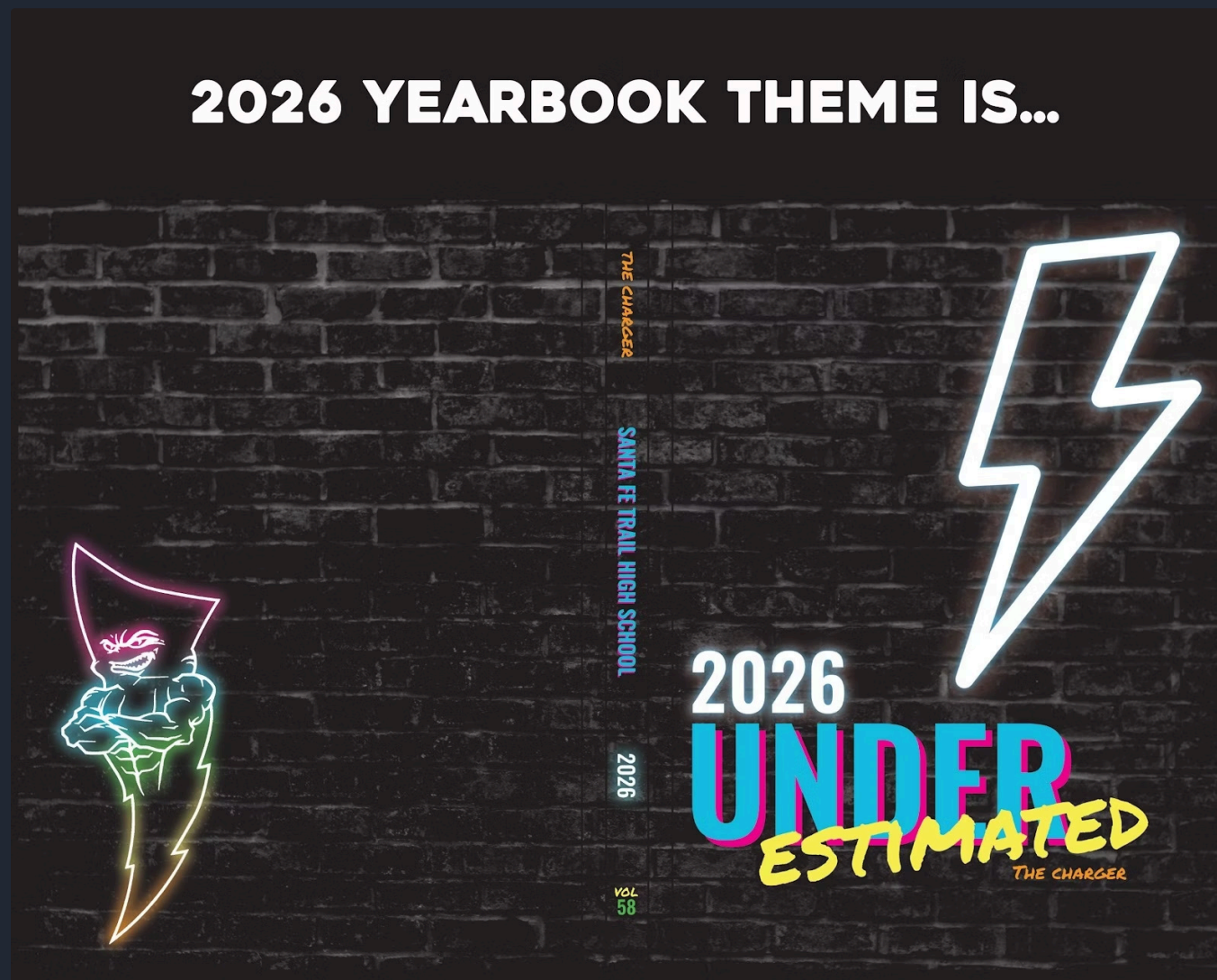


Yearbook

Submitted by Julie Smith

Visit yearbookordercenter.com and enter order number 26731. Or you can pick up a paper form from Mrs. Smith and pay with check or cash.

Our staff has their first draft spread deadline soon and they're working hard to highlight the best coverage of events and interviewing students. This year's theme was released to the student body in a special assembly where the staff played a highlight video of this year in photos so far. The staff is very excited to tell the story of our year through our theme "Underestimated". There's more than meets the eye here at SFT!





Athletics Highlights

Sports

For Charger Seasonal Sports Previews, Event Programs and Team Rosters (for both home and visitors,) scan QR code or link below:

[SFT Programs/Rosters](#)



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Winter Sports Schedule

SANTA FE TRAIL CHARGERS 2025-26 Winter Sports Schedules

Please Note: Schedules are subject to change. Consult USD 434 Google calendar for updated information.

BASKETBALL

Tu 11/25 4:30 Boys Jamboree at Mission Valley
Tu 11/25 4:30 Girls Jamboree at SFT
Tu 12/2 4:30 at St. Mary's
F 12/5 4:30 at Osawatomie
Tu 12/9 Central Hts. V Tourney
Th 12/11 Central Hts. V Tourney
F 12/12 Central Hts. V Tourney
Sa 12/13 Central Hts. V Tourney
Sa 12/13 9:00 at Wellsville (Boys C-Team)
Tu 12/16 4:30 vs Prairie View
F 12/19 4:30 vs Anderson County
M 1/5 4:30 at Valley Falls
Tu 1/6 4:30 vs Iola
F 1/9 4:30 vs Burlington
Tu 1/13 4:30 vs Wellsville
F 1/16 4:30 at Anderson County
Th 1/22 Royal Valley V Tourney
F 1/23 Royal Valley V Tourney
Sa 1/24 Royal Valley V Tourney
Tu 1/27 4:30 at Council Grove
F 1/30 4:30 vs Mission Valley
(Winter Royalty)
Tu 2/3 4:30 at Iola
F 2/6 4:30 at Prairie View
Sa 2/7 at Jeff West JV Girls Tournament
Tu 2/10 4:30 vs Baldwin
F 2/13 4:30 vs Osawatomie
(Senior Night)
Tu 2/17 4:30 at Burlington
F 2/20 4:30 at Wellsville
Sa 2/21 at Royal Valley JV Tournament
W 3/2 to Sa 3/7 Sub State at TBD
W 3/11 to Sa 3/14 State at Hutchinson

**Blue dates are SFT hosted events.*

WRESTLING

W 12/3 4:00 JV Boys/Girls & V Girls at SFT Tourney
F 12/5 4:00 V Girls at Olathe West Tourney
Sa 12/6 JV Boys at Highland Park Tourney
F 12/5 2:00 V Boys at Spring Hill Dual
W 12/10 4:00 JV Boys at Paola Mixer
F 12/12 at 11:00 V Girls at Great Bend Tourney
F 12/12 at 1:00 V Boys at Colby Tourney
Sa 12/13 9:00 V Girls at Great Bend Tourney
Sa 12/13 9:30 V Boys at Colby Tourney
Th 12/18 4:30 JV Girls at Olathe West Mixer
F 12/19 3:00 JV Boys at Council Grove Tourney
F 12/19 4:30 Boys/Girls Dual at Holton
Sa 12/20 9:00 V Boys at Abilene Tourney
Sa 12/20 9:00 V Girls at Basehor-Linwood Tourney
F 1/9 1:00 Girls at Rossville Tourney
Sa 1/10 9:00 Girls at Shawnee Heights Tourney
Sa 1/10 9:00 V Boys at Rossville Tourney
Th 1/15 1:00 V Girls/JV Boys at Wellsville Tourney
F 1/16 11:30 V Boys at Basehor-Linwood Tourney
Sa 1/17 9:00 V Boys at Basehor-Linwood Tourney
W 1/21 4:30 at JV/V Girls & JV Boys at Louisburg Mixer
Th 1/22 5:00 Boys/Girls at Baldwin Triangular
F 1/23 2:30 V Boys at Hays Tourney
Sa 1/24 9:00 V Boys at Hays Tourney
Sa 1/24 9:00 V Girls at Council Grove Tourney
Th 1/29 5:30 Boys/Girls Dual at Eudora
F 1/30 4:00 V Girls at Baldwin Tourney
Sa 1/31 9:00 V Boys at Baldwin Tourney
Tu 2/3 5:00 Boys/Girls Dual vs Louisburg
(Senior Night)
Th 2/5 3:30 Boys/Girls League at Burlington
Sa 2/7 8:30 JV Tussle on the Trail
F 2/13 & Sa 2/14 Girls Regionals at TBD
F 2/20 & Sa 2/21 Boys Regionals at TBD
F 2/27 & Sa 2/28 State at TBD

**Red dates are SFT hosted events.*



Football

Submitted by Coach Slade

The Santa Fe Trail football team had an incredible season, winning 11 games in a row, clinching the Pioneer League Title, the 3A District 3 Title, and ending as Sub-State Runner-Up. Congratulations on a phenomenal season!

Season Recap:

9/5 vs. Burlington - W 42-7

9/12 @ Prairie View - W 35-20

9/19 vs. Iola - W 49-6

9/26 @ Osawatomie - W 61-7

10/3 vs. Wellsville - W 13-6

10/10 vs. Baldwin - W 42-21

10/17 @ Anderson County - W 44-7

10/24 @ Bishop Ward - W 54-13

10/31 vs. Perry Lecompton - 20-14

11/7 vs. Girard - W 20-0

11/14 vs. Holton - W 28-26

11/21 vs. Hayden - L 46-0



Pioneer League Honors were announced recently. Santa Fe Trail had numerous players acknowledged.

Selections included:

Rigley Sleichter - First Team Quarterback

Kain Tantaros - First Team Wide Receiver & First Team Defensive Back

Alex Strother - First Team Offensive Lineman & Second Team Defensive Lineman

Gavyn Smith - First Team Offensive Lineman

Julion Daniels - First Team Defensive Lineman, First Team Special Team Kicker & Second Team Offensive Back

Jack Gragg - First team Linebacker

Trevir Hinck - First Team Defensive Back

Connor Hudson - Second Team Offensive Lineman

Trenten Ditty - Second Team Offensive Lineman

Bryson Crotinger - Second Team Linebacker

Dalan Brownlee - Second Team Linebacker

Xavier Davis - Second Team Defensive Back

2025 PIONEER LEAGUE FOOTBALL ALL-LEAGUE			
FOOTBALL - 1ST TEAM			
POSITION	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
OFFENSE			
QB	Rigley Sleichter	SFT	10
Back	Parker Schwarz	PV	12
Back	Armond Graves	WV	12
Flex	Josh Goodwin	PV	12
WR	Kain Tantaros	SFT	12
WR	Jay Muse	PV	12
OL	Johnny Colin	PV	12
OL	Alex Strother	SFT	12
OL	Ozzie Bauer	WV	12
OL	Gavyn Smith	SFT	12
OL	Brody Kitt	BT	12
DEFENSE			
DL	Julion Daniels	SFT	12
DL	Wyatt Brungardt	WV	12
DL	Josh Goodwin	PV	12
DL	Johnny Colin	PV	12
LB	Parker Schwarz	PV	12
LB	Payton Otwell	WV	12
LB	Jack Gragg	SFT	12
LB	Zach Schaffer	AC	12
LB	Kale Pratt	Iola	11
DB	Jay Muse	PV	12
DB	Trevir Hinck	SFT	12
DB	Kain Tantaros	SFT	12
FLEX	Alex Mautz	BT	12
SPECIAL TEAMS			
K	Julion Daniels	SFT	12
P	Kale Pratt	Iola	11
FOOTBALL - 2ND TEAM			
POSITION	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
OFFENSE			
QB	Pete Dorsey	WV	11
Back	Julion Daniels	SFT	12
Back	Payton Otwell	WV	12
Flex	Wyatt Attebery	PV	12
WR	Austin Crooks	Iola	11
WR	Josh Toman	WV	11
OL	Wyatt Brungardt	WV	12
OL	Nolan Boyd	PV	11
OL	Connor Hudson	SFT	12
OL	Alston Nelson	Iola	11
OL	Miles Poe	AC	11
OL	Trenton Ditty	SFT	12
DEFENSE			
DL	Kyzer Lehman	BT	12
DL	Alex Strother	SFT	12
DL	Nolan Boyd	PV	11
DL	Alston Nelson	Iola	11
LB	Aidan Steele	AC	12
LB	Ethan Gray	PV	12
LB	Bryson Crotinger	SFT	12
LB	Dalan Brownlee	SFT	10
DB	Wyatt Attebery	PV	12
DB	Dylan Strenth	WV	12
DB	Xavier Davis	SFT	12
FLEX	Cole Douglas	WV	12
SPECIAL TEAMS			
K	Tate Sowder	BT	11
P	Zarek O'Neil	WV	11

Cheer

Submitted by Kaitlyn Ball

On November 21st and 22nd, the Charger Cheer team traveled to Topeka for the KSHSAA State Competition where they performed their best while having a great time.



Chargerettes

Submitted by Coach Bevan

The Chargerettes Dance Team took the stage at the KSHSAA Game Day Spirit Showcase in November. The team worked hard to prepare for their performance and although they did not make it to finals; we are so proud of the way they gave their performance their all and had fun doing it.




ALL HAIL THE TRAIL 

Student Services

Health

Submitted by Kim Kesi,, RN, Director of Nursing

Please read the following important letter from SFT nursing department.



SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

From the desk of Kimberly Kesi, RN, SFT Director of Nursing

Subject: Important Notice: Flu Season and Prevention

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into flu season, we want to take a moment to share some important information to help keep our students, staff, and families healthy.

Every year, influenza ("the flu") circulates in our community, and schools can be places where illnesses spread quickly. To reduce the risk of flu outbreaks and keep our classrooms running smoothly, we ask for your partnership in following a few simple health practices:

- 1. Keep sick children home.**
If your child has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, sore throat, or other flu-like symptoms, please keep them home until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours *without* the use of fever-reducing medication.
- 2. Encourage good hygiene.**
We are reminding all students to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, cover their coughs and sneezes, and avoid sharing personal items. You can help reinforce these habits at home.
- 3. Consider flu vaccination.**
Health experts recommend an annual flu shot as the best protection against influenza. If you have questions about vaccination, please consult your child's healthcare provider.
- 4. Notify the school if your child is diagnosed with the flu.**
This helps us track illness trends and take appropriate steps to protect other students.


Our school will continue regular cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms and common areas, and we are encouraging healthy habits throughout the day.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community healthy this season. If you have any questions, please contact the nurse for your students' building.

Sincerely,
Santa Fe Trail Nursing Staff
Phone: 1-800-836-9525
Kimberly Kesi, RN, Director of Nursing, High School, ex 11742
Stephanie Lang, RN at Carbondale, ex 3122
KaeLynn Guyle, RN at Overbrook, ex 2181
Kaitlyn Ball, acting nurse at Scranton, ex 4101

Junior Announcements

Submitted by Erica French




**Parents of high school juniors —
consider ACT test prep materials
this holiday season!**

**With the ACT just around the
corner on February 24th, a little
preparation now can boost
confidence, strengthen skills, and
open doors to more college and
scholarship opportunities.**

**Whether it's a study guide,
practice test book, online prep
subscription, or even a set of
flashcards, investing in your
student's future is a gift that lasts
far beyond the holidays.**

**Help them start the new year
ready to shine!**



The graphic is a vertical rectangular card with a white background. It is framed by a decorative border of green pine branches and blue snowflakes. In the top-left and bottom-right corners, there is a yellow lightning bolt mascot with a face and arms. The text is centered and written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The card promotes ACT test prep materials for high school juniors during the holiday season, highlighting the upcoming ACT date of February 24th and the benefits of preparation, such as boosting confidence and opening doors to college and scholarship opportunities. It suggests various prep materials like study guides, practice test books, online subscriptions, and flashcards as gifts that last beyond the holidays.

Senior Announcements

Submitted by Tosha Smith

Order cap & gown set,
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3-4 childhood/baby
pictures and one senior
picture for the slideshow

- tsmith@usd434.us

Yearbook Photo
Due Feb 15th

jsmith@usd434.us

Complete legal name
form. It can be found
in the enrollment
forms, log into
powerschool Parent
portal

Pay class dues & school
fees or set up a payment
plan with Taleisha
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Complete FAFSA
Fill out college
applications



Mascot Shop

Submitted by Ashley Michaelis

Show Your Charger Pride with Our Jostens Mascot Shop!

Looking to gear up in Charger apparel? We're excited to partner with Jostens to bring you an easy way to shop for official SFT merchandise! From hoodies and t-shirts to hats and accessories, you'll find everything you need to show your school spirit.

Special Black Friday Offer: Get **25% OFF** qualifying products & **FREE SHIPPING** when you use code **CYBER25** at checkout!
Valid 11/30/2025 - 12/07/2025

Visit themascotshop.jostens.com/1071076 to browse the collection and place your order today. Whether you're shopping for yourself, your student, or looking for holiday gifts, now is the perfect time to stock up on Charger gear!



Santa Fe Trail High School

Make every occasion count with looks built by you! Show your team spirit all year long with custom looks for game days, special events and every day in between. The Mascot Shop has everything you need to stand out any day.



December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Preschool Picture Retake Day 4:30pm:HS BB at St. Mary's 5:30pm:JH Girls Wrestling Parent Meeting - HS 5:30pm:JH Boys Basketball Parent Meeting	4:00pm:JV Boys/JV/V Girls WR Tourney at SFT 7:00pm:7th/8th Band & Choir Concert - CAC	4:00pm:HS V Scholars Bowl at Lyndon 7:00pm:6th Grade Band & Choir Concert - CAC	No Preschool Classes: Screening at SAC 2:00pm:HS Boys V WR Dual at Spring Hill 3:30pm:HS Girls V Wr Tournament at Olathe West 4:30pm:HS BB at Osawatomie	HS ECKMEA District Honor Ensembles Boys JV WR Tournament at Highland Park 8:00pm:HS Winter Formal
8	9	10	11	12	13
4:00pm:JH Girls Wrestling vs Prairie View, Wellsville @ CAC 6:00pm:Kindergarten (6pm) and 1st Grade Music Program (7pm)	3:00pm:SFT Host 1st Round of the Central Heights BB Tournament 6:00pm:HS JV/V BB at SFT for Central Heights Tourney	4:00pm:HS Boys JV WR Mixer at Paola 4:30pm:HS JV Scholars Bowl at SFT 6:00pm:Board of Education Meeting	3:00pm:SFT Host 2nd Round of the Central Heights BB Tournament 4:00pm:JH Girls Wrestling @ Burlington 6:00pm:HS JV/V BB at SFT for Central Heights Tourney 7:00pm:4th Grade Holiday Music Program	HS V BB at Central Heights Tourney 11:00am:HS Girls V WR Tournament at Great Bend 1:00pm:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Colby	HS V BB at Central Heights Tourney HS Boys C BB Tourney at Wellsville vs Eudora, Oz 9:00am:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Colby 9:00am:HS Girls V WR Tournament at Great Bend
15	16	17	18	19	20
4:00pm:JH Girls Wrestling @ Anderson County 7:00pm:HS Band Concert	4:30pm:HS BB at SFT vs Prairie View	OAC Christmas Meal 2nd/3rd 7:00pm:HS Choir Concert	4:00pm:JH Girls League Wrestling @ Osawatomie 4:00pm:HS JV/V Scholars Bowl at Holton 4:30pm:HS JV Girls WR at Olathe West 6:00pm:2nd (6pm) and 3rd Grade (7pm) Music Program	End of 2nd Quarter 3:00pm:HS Boys JV WR Tournament at Council Grove 4:30pm:HS BB at SFT vs Anderson Co 4:30pm:HS Boys/Girls WR Dual at Holton	9:00am:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Abilene 9:00am:HS Girls V WR Tournament at Basehor-Linwood
22	23	24	25	26	27
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