

A photograph of the Santa Fe Trail High School building at dusk. The building is a long, single-story structure with a corrugated metal roof and a mix of light and dark grey panels. A sign above the glass entrance doors reads "HOME OF THE Chargers" in white text on a blue background, with a lightning bolt icon on either side. The sky is a deep twilight blue with a faint orange glow on the horizon. In the foreground, there is a concrete courtyard with a wooden bench and a trash can to the right of the entrance.

HOME OF THE
Chargers

January Newsletter

Santa Fe Trail High School

Welcome to the January 2026 issue of the Santa Fe Trail High School Newsletter.

 by Kyle Ellis



Message from the Principal

Dear Charger Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you and your families rested, reconnected, and ready for a wonderful 2026.

There is always a special kind of energy in the building when we return from winter break. The hallways are buzzing again, and there is a collective sense of a "fresh start." While the fall semester is about laying the foundation, the spring semester is where we truly see our students build upon it. This is the time for continued momentum, for growth, for resilience, and for finishing what we started.

As we step into this new semester, our focus remains steadfast on the vision that drives everything we do here: **Inspiring and Empowering, Every Charger Every Day.**

This vision is more than just words; it is our daily commitment to your children.

- **Inspiring** means providing engaging lessons and opportunities that spark curiosity in the classroom, on the field, and on the stage.
- **Empowering** means giving our students the tools to own their learning, advocate for their future, and support one another.
- And ensuring this happens for **Every Charger, Every Day** is a promise that every student belongs and every student is capable of excellence.

We have an exciting few months ahead of us. Whether you have a senior preparing for graduation or a freshman finding their stride, I encourage you to stay engaged and partner with us. Together, we can ensure that every student feels supported and challenged to be their best.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Go Chargers!

Sincerely,

Kyle Ellis

Principal, Santa Fe Trail High School



Message From the Athletics/Activities Director

Submitted by Kris Henry

Santa Fe Trail High School continues to see exciting and positive momentum across both activities and athletics. Our programs are on the rise, and the first semester has been filled with outstanding performances, growth, and accomplishments. Our staff and students continue to raise the bar each day, creating an environment where opportunities to succeed are everywhere.

Activity programs remain very active and engaging. Play auditions will be starting soon, and this is always an exciting time for students to get involved, showcase their talents, and be part of something special. Whether on stage or behind the scenes, our students continue to represent Santa Fe Trail with pride and enthusiasm.

Winter athletics are off to a strong start. Both boys and girls wrestling teams have already traveled west for two-day tournaments, in addition to competing in local events. Our wrestling programs continue to improve with each practice, and the dedication shown by our athletes and coaches is evident.

Basketball has also been busy since returning from Thanksgiving break. Our boys and girls basketball teams will have played seven games in the month of December alone, including a non-league matchup against St. Mary's, three games in the Central Heights Tournament, and three league contests. Once we return from Winter Break, the schedule will pick up quickly as games begin to stack up.

We wish all of our activities and athletic programs continued success as we move through the winter season.

Go Chargers!

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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

Picture Books to Pocket Change: Seniors Turn Fairy Tales into Finance Lessons

What do you get when you mix *The Three Little Pigs* with a crash course on saving and spending? The ACC Personal Finance Capstone Project—where storytelling meets financial savvy!

This semester, Allen Community College concurrent enrollment students rose to the challenge of turning classic children's stories into lively, imaginative lessons on money management. To make complex financial ideas simple and fun, they first had to master the concepts themselves—proving that the best way to learn is to teach.

A big thank-you to the OAC staff and students for being such enthusiastic partners in learning. Judging by the smiles all around, we may have a few future bankers, CPAs, and entrepreneurs on the rise!



Advanced English 2

Submitted by Jessica Nicholson

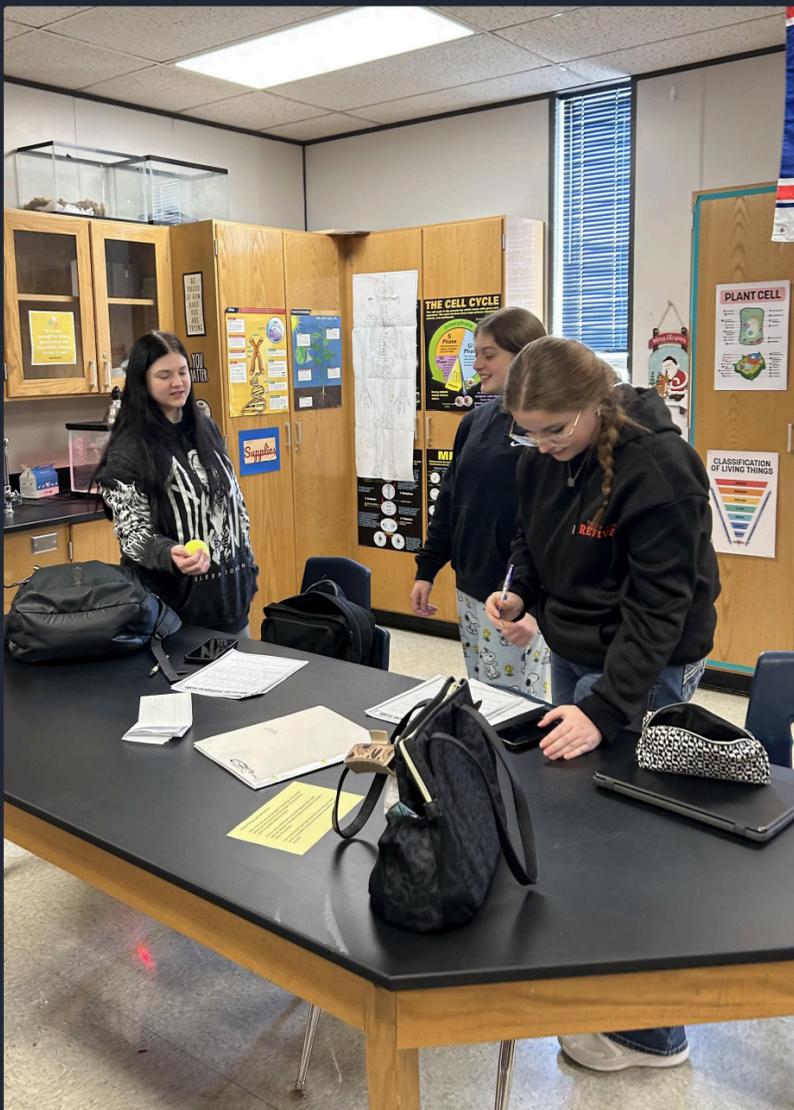
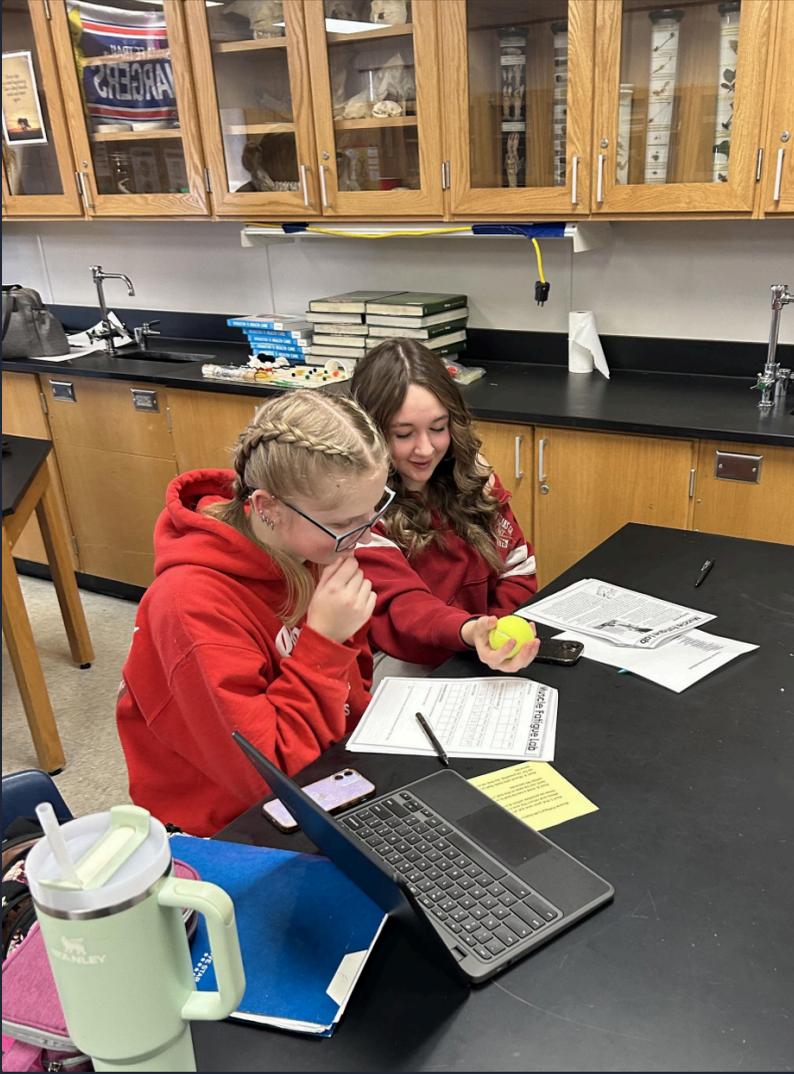
As a wrap-up to our poetry unit, students participated in a symbolic reflection activity centered on release and renewal. Students wrote negative emotions and personal struggles on paper and then safely burned them as a metaphor for letting go of what holds us back and allows us to create space for transformation. We connected this moment to winter as a season often associated with stillness, survival, and rest. A time to allow the old to wither away while intentionally cultivating growth and new beginnings. The experience encouraged students to think poetically, figuratively, and introspectively about how language and symbolism can help us process emotion and imagine change.



Anatomy & Physiology

Submitted by Michele Herren

Anatomy and Physiology students have been exploring the Muscular System through hands-on learning. As part of a recent lab, students tested muscle fatigue by repeatedly squeezing a dent into a tennis ball for 90 seconds. They quickly discovered that the task was much more challenging than it sounded and experienced firsthand how muscles fatigue with repeated use. The activity helped students connect classroom concepts to real-life muscle function.



Band

Submitted by Eduardo Villanueva

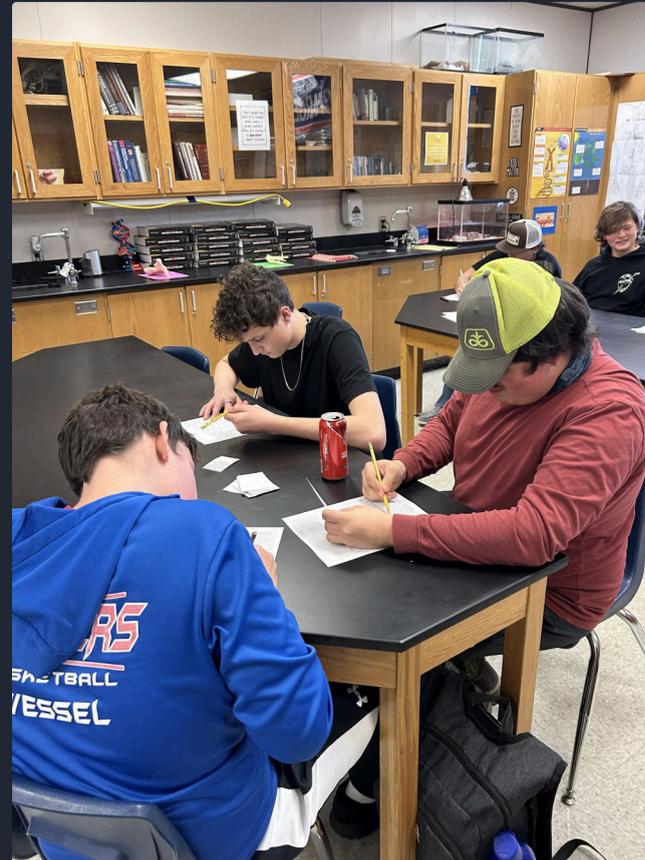
The SFT Band finished its semester with a Christmas Concert on the 15th. The concert started with Jazz Band, followed by a trumpet section feature, and ended with our full concert band! The last piece featured six senior soloists that played concerto versions of popular Christmas tunes. We also had six students participate in the ECKMEA Honor Bands this year: Bailey Anderson, Eva Branstetter, Isaiah McFreen, Dana Mohler, Jill Mohler, and Brynna Perry. They put in the hard work for auditions and in preparation for their rehearsals. Lastly, all the tuba and euphonium players got to travel to Kansas City to participate in Tuba Christmas. They spent their day playing Christmas songs with over 400 tuba and euphonium players!



Biology

Submitted by Michele Herren

Biology students have been studying stability and change within ecosystems through interactive learning. To deepen their understanding, students participated in a card game that modeled how factors such as food availability, predators, and weather conditions impact population sizes. Through the activity, students observed how positive and negative environmental changes can increase or decrease ecosystem stability, helping them better understand the dynamic balance of natural systems.



Choir

Submitted by Kara Holbert

We are incredibly proud to celebrate three of our talented students, **Lilly Barnes, Bella Torneden, and Izzy Hernandez**, for their outstanding achievement! In December, they participated in the prestigious **ECKMEA District Honor Choirs**. We are so proud of them for earning this well-deserved recognition!

The members of SFTHS Choir had a wonderful performance at the end of the first semester celebrating the holiday season. Congratulations on a fantastic concert!



As we move forward with the semester, SFTHS Choirs are hard at work preparing for the highly anticipated **contest season**. Mark your calendars! Our next concert of the school year will be our annual combined performance with the Junior High Choir on **Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:00 PM** in the **SFTHS Auditorium**.

We look forward to seeing you there to support our amazing students!



FBLA

Submitted by Julie Smith

In our December chapter meeting Alissa Menke, Founder and Owner of cohort.digital, shared with members about her entrepreneurial path, beginning with an art degree and working as a painter to where she is today owning a digital and multimedia ad agency.

FBLA officers hosted our first Parents Afternoon Out, providing four hours of quality care for preschool through 6th grade students. Our leaders had a fun afternoon crafting, playing gym games, and watching Home Alone while eating snacks.

District VII Conference is being hosted January 28 at Washburn University by SFT's own Gabe Smith, Kansas FBLA District VII Vice President. If you are interested in volunteering to be a judge, or timekeeper, we are still in need for a few events. Email jsmith@usd434.us.



Government

Submitted by Eric Staab

Several senior SFT Government students recently traveled to Topeka, where they climbed to the top of the Kansas State Capitol, learned about the building's history, and toured both the House and Senate chambers. During the trip, students also visited several notable Topeka landmarks, including the Menninger grounds, the Kansas River, the Governor's Mansion, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, and Burnett's Mound. With several seniors graduating at semester, this trip served as a meaningful experience, and for some, the final field trip together as members of the Class of 2026.



Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Staab

Students in the Law and Order class had the opportunity to learn about a wide range of career paths within the criminal justice system. Students visited Judge Wine's courtroom in Lyndon, where they observed felony court proceedings and heard directly from Judge Wine, the prosecutor, defense attorney, and court staff. The experience also included hearing a powerful personal story from an inmate, providing students with a deeper understanding of the justice system from multiple perspectives.

The class also toured the Osage County Jail, where students visited the 9-1-1 dispatch center with Mr. Lewis, saw a demonstration from Sheriff Wells, and learned how officers use technology to support training and daily operations. In addition, students toured the Shawnee County Coroner's Office and met with Joni Kisslinger and staff to learn about their roles, case responsibilities, jurisdictions, career opportunities, and the process involved in handling unattended deaths within Shawnee County.

Students also met with Shawnee County CSI, where they learned about the profession, evidence and data collection, and how advances in technology, including the use of AI shaping the future of the profession. Throughout the semester, students were fortunate to hear directly from professionals across Northeast Kansas, gaining valuable insight into career opportunities within the criminal justice system. Thank you to all who generously shared their time and expertise with Santa Fe Trail students this semester and in past semesters.



Play

Submitted by Kara Holbert

The SFTHS Theatre Department is thrilled to announce that the title of our **Spring Play** will be revealed soon! Keep an eye out for more details on the show. Shows will be Friday, March 6th @ 7pm, Saturday, March 7th @ 7pm, and Sunday, March 8th @ 2pm.

If students are interested in auditioning or being a part of the crew, please plan to attend the **Audition Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, January 13th** during **Activity Period**.

Auditions themselves will be held on **Tuesday, January 20th, at 6:00 PM** in the **SFTHS Auditorium**. Rehearsals can be expected to start the following week!



Recycling Club

Submitted by Kelley Hale

Recycling Club Launching in January!

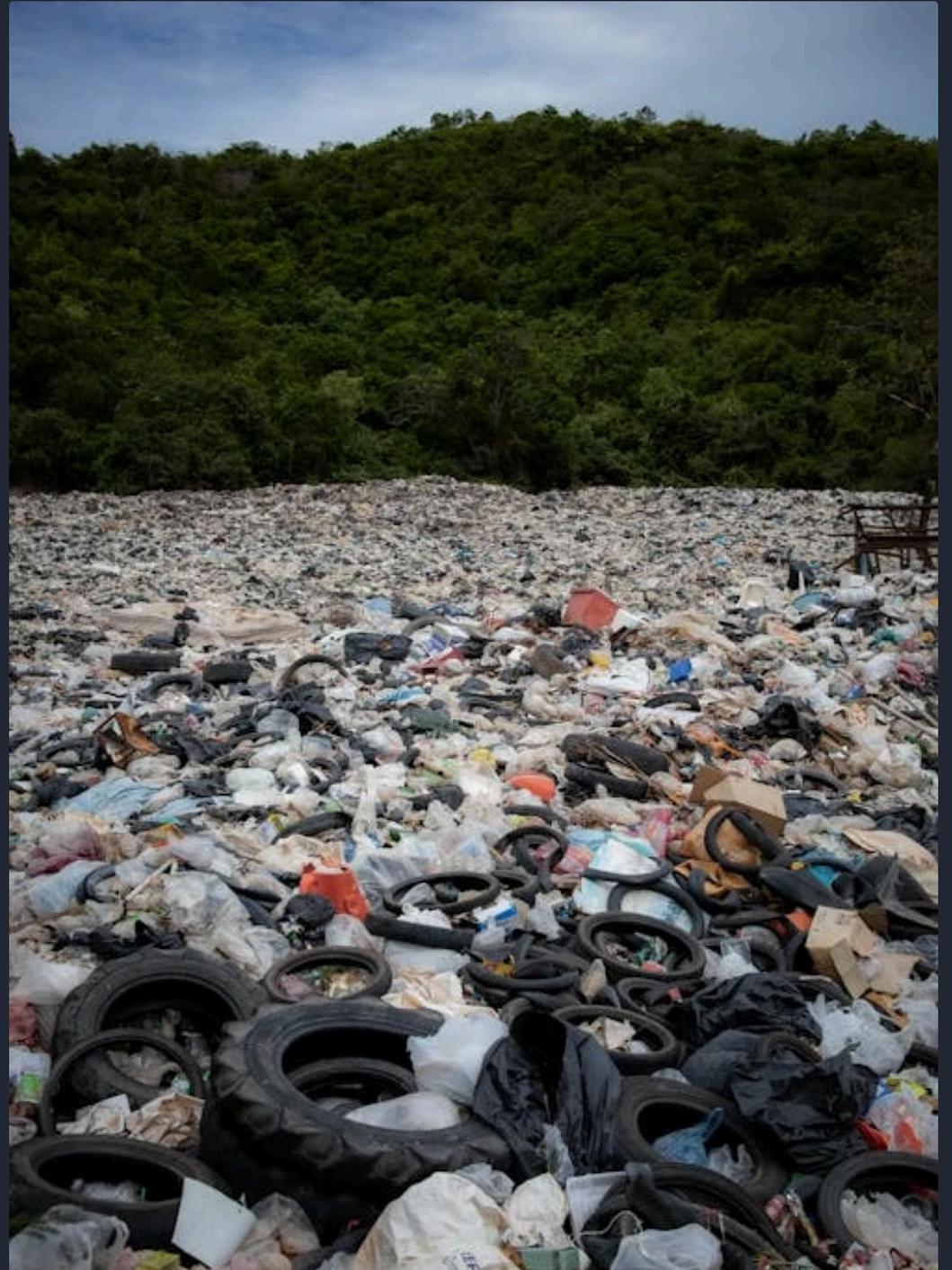
Santa Fe Trail High School is excited to announce the launch of the **Recycling Club** beginning this January! This student-led club is dedicated to **renewing interest in recycling, reducing waste, and promoting environmental responsibility** across our campus and community.

The club will work to:

- Increase awareness through announcements, posters, meetings, and social media
- Establish an organized recycling system, including classroom paper bins, cardboard recycling in the library, and student-accessible stations for cans and plastic bottles
- Host school-wide recycling drives and challenges
- Encourage creativity through reuse and upcycling projects
- Collect recycled materials from various locations around the building on a weekly basis

All students are welcome to join and help make a difference. By participating, students can build leadership skills while helping create a cleaner campus and a greener future.

More details about meetings and how to join will be shared soon. Let's work together to make recycling a lasting part of Santa Fe Trail High School culture!



Scholars Bowl

Submitted by Ashley Michaelis

Brains, Buzzers, and Brilliance: SFT Hosts Successful JV Scholars Bowl

On **December 10th**, Santa Fe Trail High School played host to an exciting JV Scholars Bowl tournament, welcoming **14 teams** from across the region for a night of fast-paced academic competition. It was a fantastic showcase of sportsmanship and quick thinking!

The Results

After several intense rounds of questioning, the final standings were:

- **1st Place:** Osage City
- **2nd Place:** Highland Park
- **3rd Place:** Council Grove
- **4th Place:** Topeka West

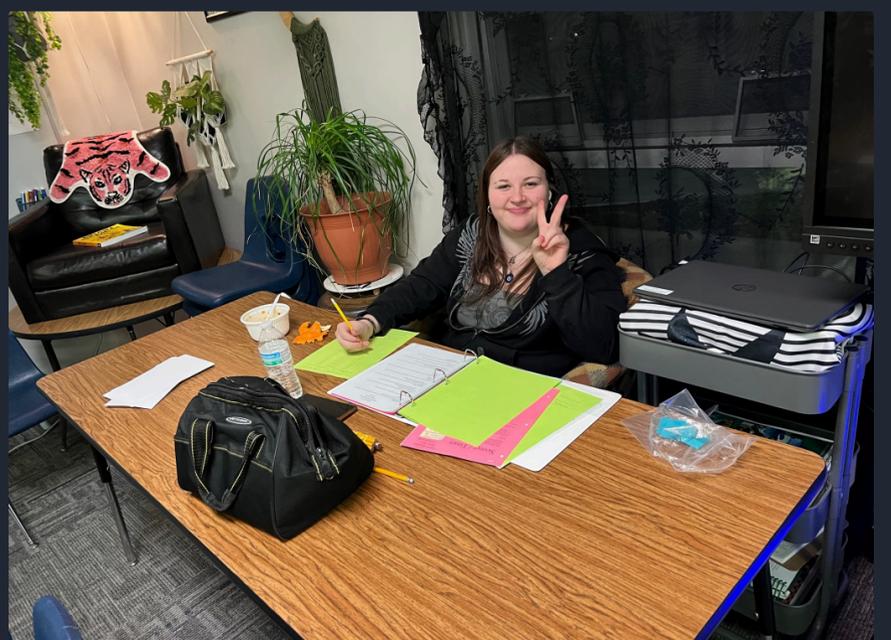
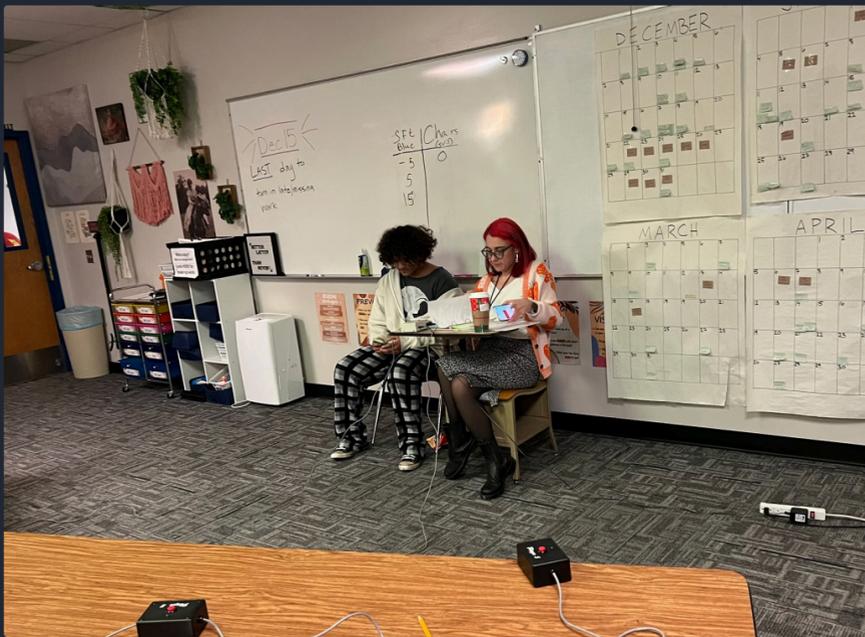
A True Team Effort

An event of this scale wouldn't be possible without our incredible community. We were thrilled to field **three SFT JV teams**, thanks to the leadership of volunteer coaches Austin and Addalyn Michaelis.

A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated staff and student workers who kept the matches running smoothly: Shellby Bevan, Melissa Strother, Daniel McKee, Owen Michaelis, Raleigh Brady, Jordan Wood, Ann Fawl, Britta McKee, Jill Mohler, Jackie McFarland, Jackson McFarland, Danielle Schnegelsiepen, Erica French, Tosha Smith, Ethan Sigwing, Jessica Nicholson, Mirabella Pierce, Trevor Moreno, Joe Michaelis, Owen Lattimer, Amanda Donley, Mary Burgett, Stephanie Mohler, and Dana Mohler.

Special thanks to **Coach Greg Slade** and **VP/AD Kris Henry** for keeping the scoreboards updated throughout the evening, and to our wonderful **parents** who donated a delicious spread of desserts and sides to feed all our participants and volunteers.

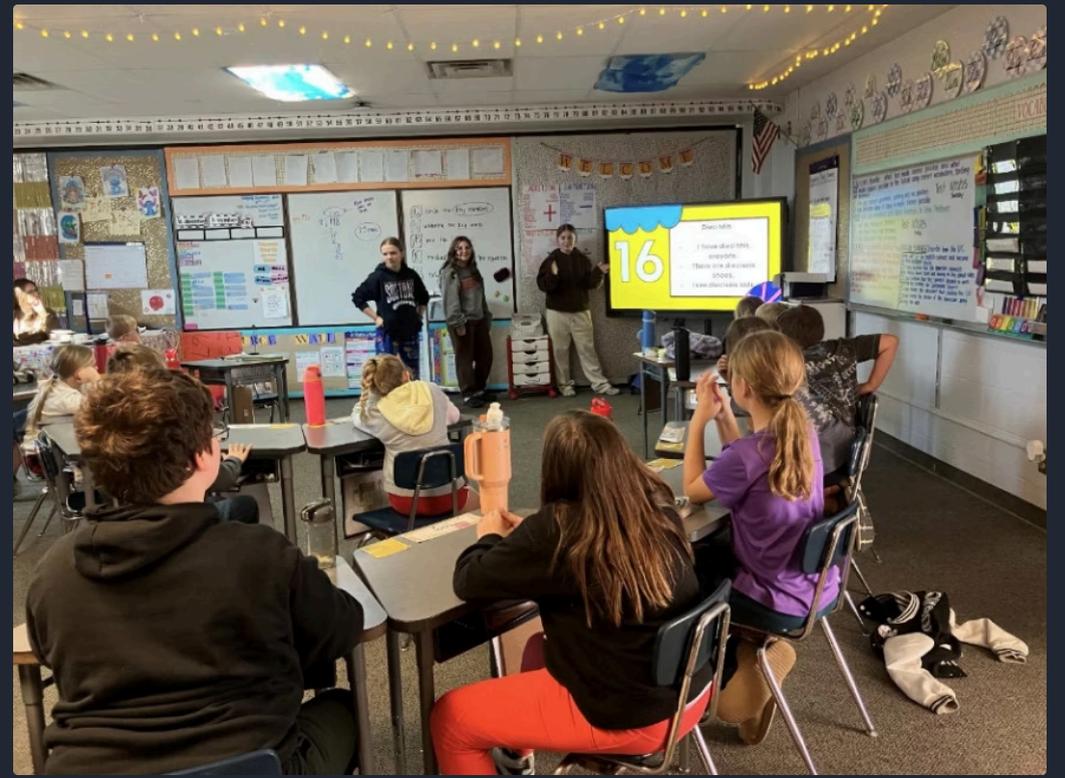
Congratulations to all the competitors and thank you to the Charger community for making this event a resounding success!



Spanish

Submitted by Emma Fernandez

Spanish Teaching Internship wrapped up a fantastic semester of hands-on experience for the cadet students. Thanks to the partnership with our elementary and middle school, students were able to teach lessons with Spanish content to first and fourth graders. There was a lot of reflection on what it means to be a teacher, and some wondering on whether this profession is the right one for the student, which is exactly what a career exploration class is supposed to do. Thank you students for your dedication! Looking forward to next year's class!



Vietnam & The 1960's

Submitted by Eric Staab

Students enrolled in Vietnam Era class were able to visit Brookside retirement community to meet with residents and learn about what life was like during the 1960's and 70's. Students learned about major events like JFK, Woodstock, Manson, music, sports, entertainment and from residents who experienced these newsworthy events first-hand. Students and residents then had a follow-up visit where each were able to be able to have conversations about some of the similarities of teenage life. Thank you to Bob Hug, and the Brookside community for sharing their wisdom and welcoming SFT students to Overbrook.



Winter Formal

Submitted by Jessica Nicholson

National Honor Society members volunteered their time to help set up for this year's Winter Formal, and their efforts made the evening a success. From decorating the space to ensuring everything was ready before students arrived, NHS members demonstrated leadership, responsibility, and school pride. Their behind-the-scenes work helped create a welcoming and memorable event for everyone!



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.

There are three important things to know about SENIORS and the yearbook.

1. Seniors get to submit their own photo for the portraits page with the rest of their classmates. These are often professional traditional senior portraits, but they don't have to be. The photos should be in portrait format (taller than they are wide). If a student does not submit a photo one will be submitted for them. Deadline to submit is February 15. Email them any time to jsmith@usd434.us.
2. Seniors need to submit a quote to be printed with their portrait. If they do not submit a quote, or their quote is inappropriate, one will be provided for them. They can submit quotes using this form: SENIOR QUOTES.
3. Parents, grandparents, loved ones can purchase a senior tribute in the book. We have three simple price points and sizes. Visit <https://yearbookordercenter.com>, enter order number 26731, and click on Start Your Ad then follow the prompts to purchase an ad. Deadline is March 1. I know what you're thinking, oh...March...I can just put this off. No, no you can't. March is insane. You should do it as soon as you can if you want to purchase a senior tribute.





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.*



Girls Wrestling

Submitted by Coach Schmale

Lady Chargers Wrestling Off to a Hot Start!

The Santa Fe Trail Lady Chargers Wrestling Team is making waves this season! So far, we've finished in the top 10 in every tournament we've competed in—an incredible start that shows the hard work and dedication of our athletes.

Looking ahead, our schedule gets even tougher, giving our team the perfect preparation for the postseason. We can't wait to showcase our skills and determination on the mat!

Mark your calendars for February 3rd—we're hosting a home dual and Senior Night, and we hope to see all of our amazing fans there to cheer us on.

A huge thank you to our community for all the support—it's what fuels our Lady Chargers to keep striving, competing, and winning!

Go Lady Chargers!



Football

Submitted by Coach Slade

The Santa Fe Trail football team ...

Many Charger football players were named to All-State Teams from KSHSAA, KFBCA (Kansas Football Coaches Association), and Sports in Kansas, as well as the Pioneer All-League Team. The honors were well deserved!

Bryson Crotinger, Senior

- Pioneer All-League 2nd Team Linebacker
- Pioneer All-League Honorable Mention Running Back

Julion Daniels, Senior

- KSHSAA 3-A All State 1st Team Defensive Lineman
- Sports in Kansas 3-A 1st Team Defensive Lineman
- Pioneer All-League Defensive Player of the Year
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Defensive Lineman
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Kicker
- Pioneer All-League 2nd Team Running Back
- KFBCA All-State Senior Team Athlete
- Wichita Eagle 3-A All-State 1st Team Defensive Lineman

Xavier Davis, Senior

- KSHSAA 3-A All State Honorable Mention
- Pioneer All-League 2nd Team Defensive Back
- Wichita Eagle 3-A All-State Honorable Mention Defensive Back

Trenten Ditty, Senior

- Pioneer All-League 2nd Team Offensive Lineman

Trevir Hinck, Senior

- KSHSAA 3-A All State Honorable Mention
- Sports in Kansas 3-A All-State 1st Team Defensive Back
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Defensive Back
- Pioneer All-League Honorable Mention Wide Receiver
- KFBCA All-State Senior Team Defensive Back
- Wichita Eagle 3-A All-State Honorable Mention Defensive Back

Connor Hudson, Senior

- Pioneer All-League 2nd Team Offensive Lineman

Gavyn Smith, Senior

- KSHSAA 3-A All State Honorable Mention
- Sports in Kansas 3-A All-State Honorable Mention
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Offensive Lineman
- Pioneer All-League Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman
- Wichita Eagle 3-A All-State Honorable Mention Offensive Lineman

Alex Strother, Senior

- KSHSAA 3-A All State Honorable Mention
- Sports in Kansas 3-A All-State 1st Team Offensive Lineman
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Offensive Lineman
- Pioneer All-League 2nd Team Defensive Lineman
- KFBCA All-State Senior Team Offensive Lineman
- Wichita Eagle 3-A All-State 2nd Team Offensive Lineman

Kain Tantaros, Senior

- KSHSAA 3-A All State Honorable Mention
- Sports in Kansas 3-A All-State Honorable Mention
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Wide Receiver
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Defensive Back
- Wichita Eagle 3-A All-State 2nd Team Defensive Back

Trevon Brooks, Junior

- Pioneer All-League Honorable Mention Wide Receiver

Jack Gragg, Junior

- KSHSAA 3-A All State Honorable Mention
- Sports in Kansas 3-A All-State Honorable Mention
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Linebacker
- Wichita Eagle 3-A All-State Honorable Mention Linebacker

Dalan Brownlee, Sophomore

- Pioneer All-League 2nd Team Linebacker

Rigley Sleichter, Sophomore

- KSHSAA 3-A All State 1st Team Flex Player
- Sports in Kansas 3-A All-State Honorable Mention
- Pioneer All-League 1st Team Quarterback
- Wichita Eagle 3-A All-State 1st Team Quarterback

ALL HAIL THE TRAIL 

Student Services

Health

Submitted by Kim Kesl, RN, Director of Nursing

Please read the following important letter from SFT nursing department.



SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

From the desk of Kimberly Kesl, 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 Kesl, 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

Senior Announcements

Submitted by Tosha Smith

Order cap & gown set at
the following link.

Jostens Cap & Gown

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

3-4 childhood/baby
pictures and one
senior picture for
the slideshow

- tsmith@usd434.us

Due to Mrs. Julie Smith

Senior Tribute page -
March 1st

Yearbook Photo - Feb 15th

- jsmith@usd434.us

*Pay class dues & school
fees or set up a payment
plan with Taleisha
Christensen

*Local scholarships
will be released
towards the end of
January



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.

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.



January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <u>No School: Teacher Prep</u> <u>4:30pm:HS V/JV BB at Valley Falls</u>	6 <u>No School: Professional Development Day</u> <u>4:30pm:HS BB at SFT vs Iola</u>	7 <u>School in Session: Students Return</u>	8	9 <u>1:00pm:HS Girls WR Tournament at Rossville</u> <u>4:30pm:HS BB at SFT vs Burlington</u>	10 <u>9:00am:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Rossville</u> <u>9:00am:HS Girls WR Tournament at Shawnee Heights</u>
12	13 <u>4:30pm:HS BB at SFT vs Wellsville</u>	14 <u>4:00pm:HS League Scholars Bowl at Anderson Co.</u> <u>4:00pm:PDC Meeting</u> <u>6:00pm:Board of Education Meeting</u>	15 <u>1:00pm:HS Boys JV WR Tournament at Wellsville</u> <u>1:00pm:HS Girls V WR Tournament at Wellsville</u>	16 <u>11:30am:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Basehor-Linwood</u> <u>4:30pm:HS BB at Anderson Co</u>	17 <u>9:00am:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Basehor-Linwood</u>
19 <u>No School</u>	20	21 <u>4:30pm:HS JV Boys & JV/V Girls WR Mixer at Louisburg</u>	22 <u>HS V BB at Royal Valley Tourney</u> <u>5:00pm:HS Boys/Girls JV/V WR Tri at Baldwin with Labette Co.</u>	23 <u>HS V BB at Royal Valley Tourney</u> <u>HS KSU Honor Band Clinic</u> <u>2:30pm:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Hays</u>	24 <u>HS KSU Honor Band Clinic</u> <u>HS V BB at Royal Valley Tourney</u> <u>9:00am:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Hays</u> <u>9:00am:HS Girls V WR Tournament at Council Grove</u>
26	27 <u>4:30pm:HS BB at Council Grove</u>	28 <u>FBLA District 7 Conference at Washburn University</u>	29 <u>8:30am:ACT PowerPrep Class</u> <u>6:00pm:HS Boys/Girls WR Dual at Eudora</u>	30 <u>Winter Royalty</u> <u>4:00pm:HS Girls V WR Tournament at Baldwin</u> <u>4:30pm:HS BB at SFT vs Mission Valley</u>	31 <u>9:00am:HS Boys V WR Tournament at Baldwin</u>