

May Newsletter

Santa Fe Trail High School

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



by Kyle Ellis





Message from the Principal

Dear Charger Families,

It is hard to believe that we have already turned the calendar to May. There is a specific kind of energy that fills our halls this time of year; a focused mix of reflection, excitement, and the undeniable hustle to the finish line. They often say that time flies when you are having fun, and looking back at the 2025-2026 school year, it is clear why the months have seemed to move at warp speed.

This year has been defined by the remarkable resilience and talent of our students. From the classroom to the field and the stage, our Chargers have truly excelled in every arena. We have watched our students push their academic potential, achieve record-breaking success in extracurricular activities, and demonstrate a profound commitment to community service. Each of these accomplishments serves as a testament to the hard work of our students and the unwavering support of our dedicated staff and families.

As we navigate this final stretch, our focus naturally turns toward our most significant milestone: Graduation. This celebration represents the culmination of years of dedication, growth, and perseverance for the Class of 2026. It is a bittersweet moment as we prepare to say goodbye to our seniors, but we do so with immense pride, knowing they are prepared to leave a lasting legacy and make their mark on the world beyond our halls.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parents and guardians for your partnership throughout this journey. Your involvement is the backbone of our school's success, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us every day. To our students, I encourage you to finish this year with the same strength and integrity you have shown since August. Let's make these final weeks memorable and celebrate the incredible journey we have shared together.

Go Chargers!

Warm regards,

Kyle Ellis

Principal, Santa Fe Trail High School



Message From the Athletics/Activities Director

Spring activities are in full swing, and preparations for the postseason are already underway. Graduation and the end of the school year will be here before we know it. Our students and staff continue to work extremely hard, and we are very proud of their efforts and accomplishments.

Our Choir and Band students performed well at the KSHSAA State Competition held at Prairie View High School. In addition, seven students have qualified for the State Honor Band and Choir, which will take place at DeSoto High School on Saturday, April 25.

The League Art Show will be held at Burlington High School on Wednesday, April 29. Our students look forward to showcasing their work and competing against other league schools. We are excited to see their creativity on display and anticipate a strong showing from our art program.

Our Forensics team continues to impress, qualifying five students in nine events for the State Forensics Competition at Washburn Rural High School on May 2. Good Luck to our students as they prepare for the State Competition.

Track and Field will be busy in the coming weeks as Santa Fe Trail hosts the Pioneer League Meet on Thursday, May 14, beginning at 3:30 PM. Regional Track and Field will be held at Eudora High School on Thursday, May 21.

Boys Golf will compete in the League Tournament on Thursday, May 7, starting at 1:00 PM. The meet will be hosted by Osawatomie and held at the Osawatomie Golf Course. SFT will host regionals at Emporia Municipal Golf Course on Monday, May 18. The boys have been competing well and getting better with each tournament as they look for a strong showing at League and Regionals.

Baseball and Softball are both competing for league championships and positioning themselves for strong seeds heading into the 4A postseason.

We are very proud of all our student-athletes as they compete and represent Santa Fe Trail in a positive manner.

Let's finish April strong and prepare for an outstanding month of May!

Go Chargers!

Kris Henry

Athletics & Activities Director/Assistant Principal, 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](#)



Anatomy & Physiology

Submitted by Michele Herren

Students in Anatomy & Physiology have been studying the Digestive System. Through a hands-on lab experience, they were able to explore the different digestive organs and the impact those organs have on the food they ingest. In this activity, they used cornflakes to simulate the journey of food through the digestive tract. By guiding the cornflakes through a series of steps that mirrored the actions of each digestive organ—from the mouth all the way to elimination—students gained a deeper understanding of how the body processes and absorbs nutrients.



Band

Submitted by Eduardo Villanueva

The SFT Band had a busy month, with both the Regional Solo/Small Ensemble Festival and State Large Group Festival. We had nine students perform a solo or with a small group and receive the following ratings.

Outstanding Rating (1)- Morgan Starr - Saxophone, Bella Torneden - Saxophone, Brynna Perry - Clarinet, and Vanessa Roberts - Clarinet.

Excellent Rating (2)- SFT Woodwind Trio, Jill Mohler - Bass Clarinet, Alexia Garcia - Clarinet, Dana Mohler - Horn, and Lucy Hatfield - Trombone.

The Band Traveled to Prairie View High School for State Large Group Festival. Here we performed two pieces for three judges to receive feedback and a rating. The SFT Band received an **Excellent Rating (2)** for our performance. The band played very difficult pieces for this and worked very hard all semester for this performance.

Our last performance on the docket is our combined grades 5-12 Concert on Friday, May 8th. At this performance, you will enjoy hearing all the grades perform in one night! Come out for a fun evening and support SFT band!



Biology

Submitted by Michele Herren

The Biology classes are currently studying genetics and heredity. The students are analyzing how traits are passed to offspring, why offspring of the same two parents look different from each other, and how diversity in traits arises over generations. Students used pipe cleaners to model the steps of meiosis and the possibilities of genetic variation. Students also used Punnett squares to calculate the likelihood of certain traits from two parents. Towards the end of the unit, they will be investigating genetic disorders.

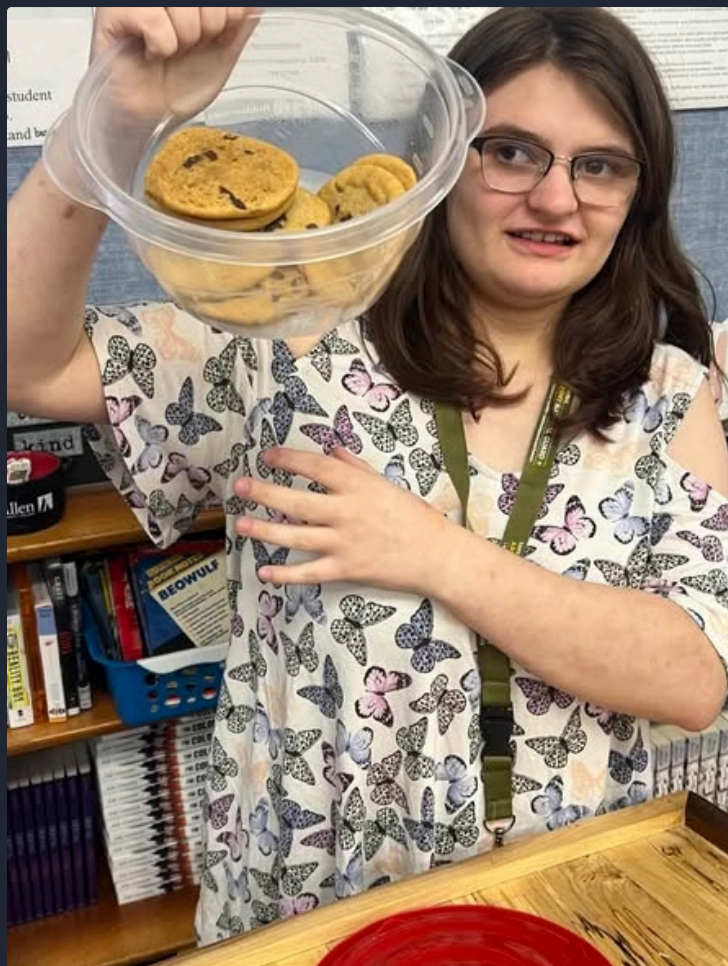
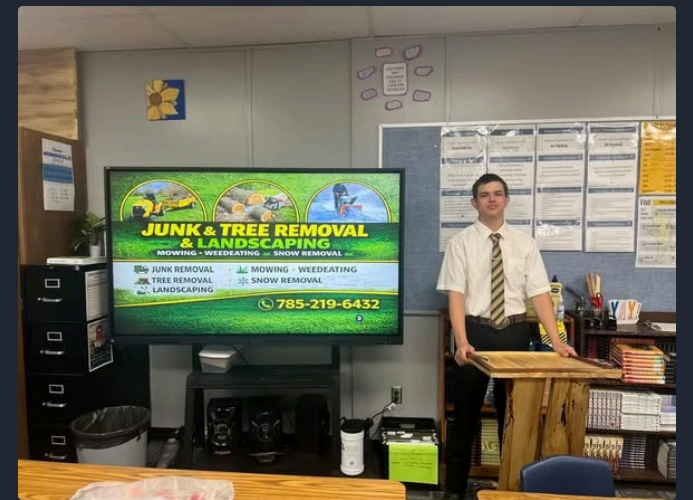
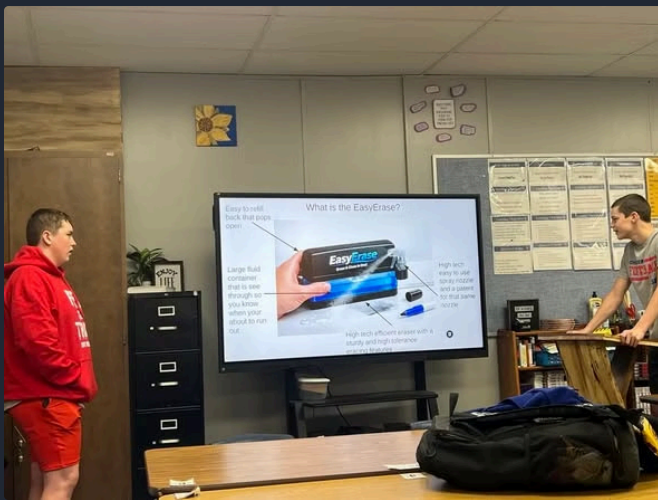
Looking ahead, the Biology students will end the school year by doing a frog dissection.

Business Essentials

Submitted by Ashley Michaelis

Students in Business Essentials recently put their skills to the test in a Shark Tank Pitch Project—applying what they’ve learned about successful entrepreneurial characteristics to develop and present original business ideas. From lawn care and landscaping services to baking ventures and problem-solving product concepts, students were challenged to think critically about real-world business components: customer needs, costs, competition, and value creation.

Each group pitched their idea to a panel of “Sharks,” defending their decisions and demonstrating not just creativity, but practical business thinking and communication skills. This project moves beyond theory—giving students the opportunity to analyze, build, and present like real entrepreneurs.



Entrepreneurship

Submitted by Ashley Michaelis

Entrepreneurship students turned PD Day into real business in action. On April 7, students volunteered their time to test-run operations for the upcoming SFT Charging Station Coffee Shop

- Made and served hot & cold drinks
- Tested recipes and ratios
- Calculated real production costs
- Collected customer feedback

They served roughly 80 drinks in one day while analyzing what works—and what needs improvement. This isn't a simulation. This is real-world business experience.

Coming soon: The Charging Station will operate as a student-run coffee shop AND the capstone course in the Business CTE pathway—where students apply everything they've learned in a live business setting.

- Enrollment will be limited and selective
- Students must complete prerequisite courses, demonstrate skill mastery, and earn instructor approval



Forensics

Submitted by Mr. Terry

SFT Forensics had a successful outing on April 11th! We traveled to Osage City prepared, determined and ready to perform. As a coach, it was amazing to see my students return to form and reach for success.

SFT Forensics brought eight students to Osage City, who competed in 15 events. We broke 10 of those 15 events into finals. Out of those events, SFT qualified four (4) events for State Championship. Below is a list of the students who broke into finals and their final placement. If the student/event qualified for State, the event will be identified with SQ.

- Eshan Baloch: Informative Speaking: 7th
- Lilyana Peterson: Original Oration: 6th (one place away from SQ), Prose: 6th (SQ), Impromptu Speaking: 3rd (SQ)
- Chelcie Lake: Program of Oral Interpretation: 5th (one place away from SQ)
- Brody Johnson: HSA: 4th (one place away from SQ)
- Michael Guffy: SSA (one place away from SQ)
- Ethan Sigwing: Improvised Duet Acting: 5th, Impromptu: 4th (SQ), Duet Acting: 3rd (SQ)
- Jordan Wood: Improvised Duet Acting: 5th, Duet Acting: 3rd (SQ)



Prom

SFTHS Prom was held on Saturday, April 18th and was a great success. Thanks to all of the members of the Prom Committee for their hard work preparing.



Photo taken by Tom Manwarren (taken from Facebook)

Science of Spring

Submitted by Arlene Mayes

Students in Ms. Mayes class celebrated the arrival of spring with several activities. The created bird feeders from recycled plastic bottles and then planted both flower and bean seeds to observe the growing process. What a fun way to cel end of the winter!

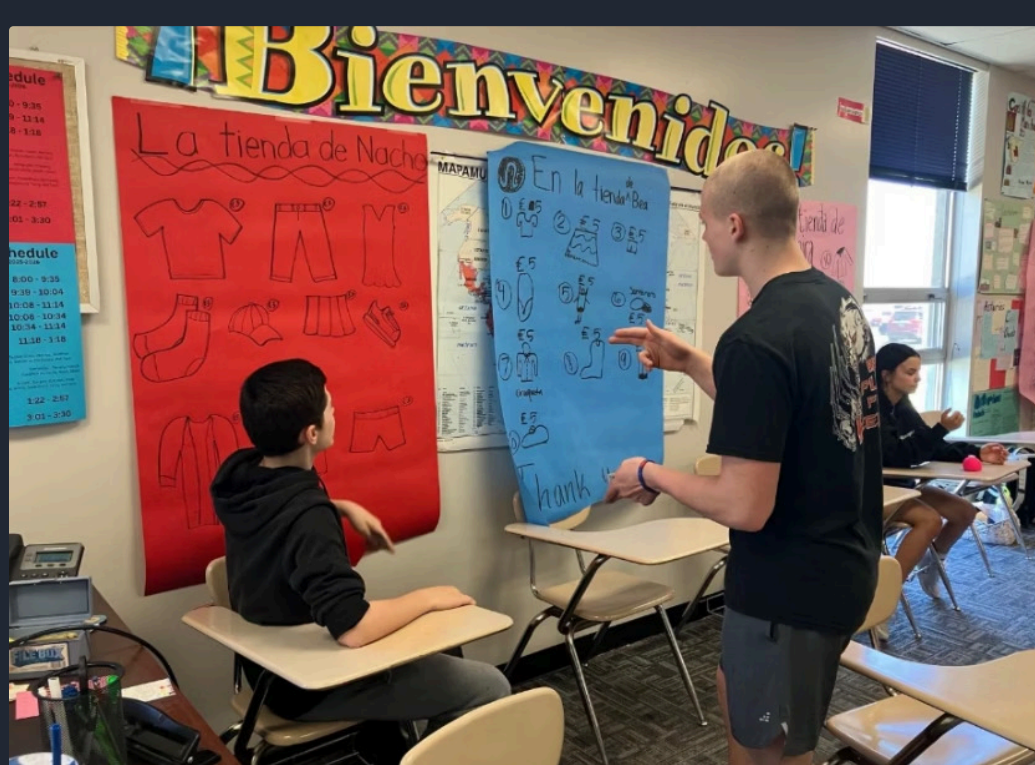
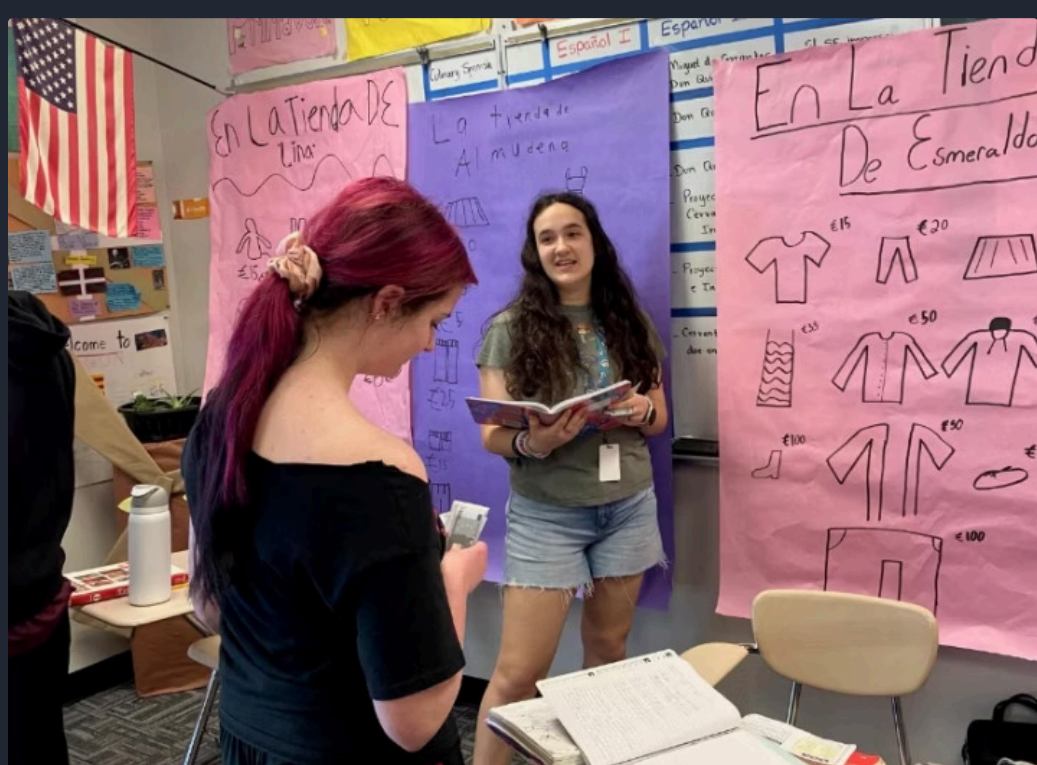
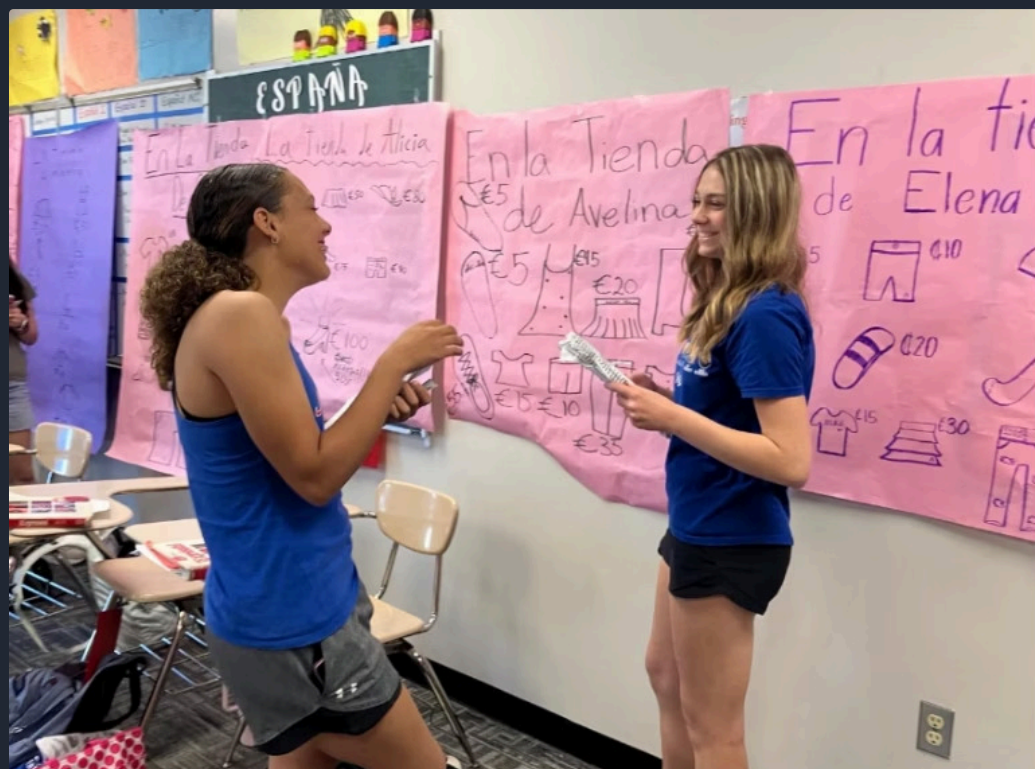
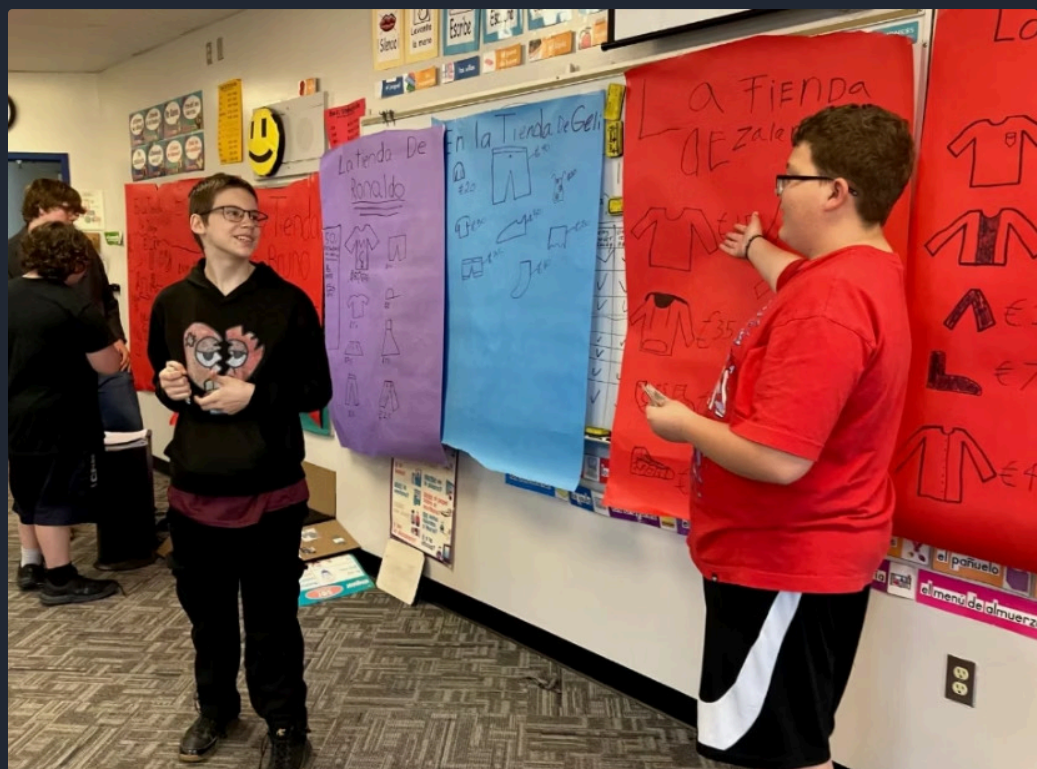


Spanish Classes

Submitted by Emma Fernandez

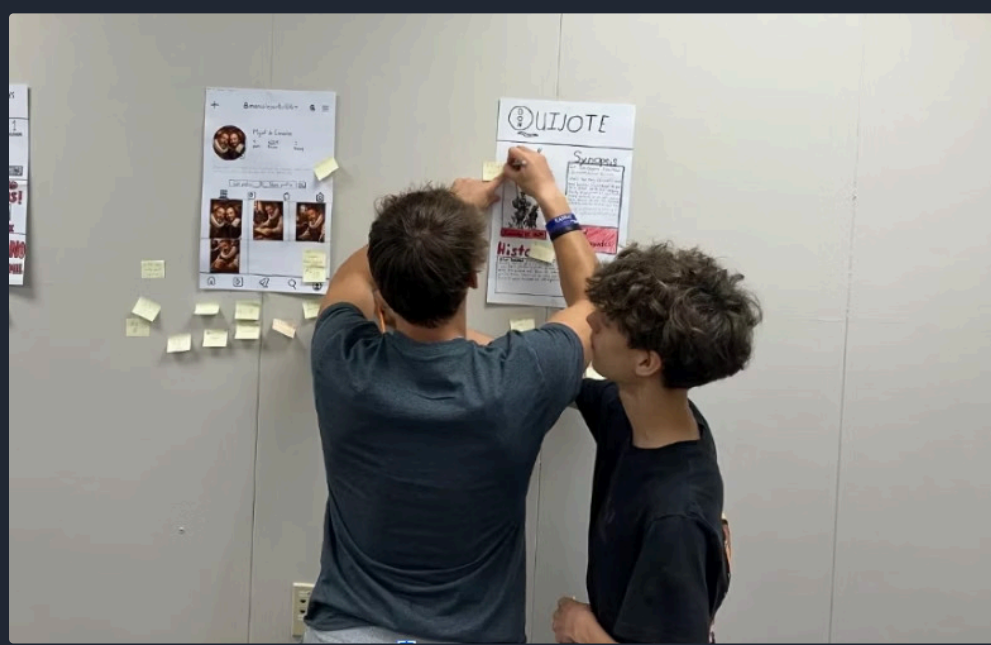
Spanish I

Spanish I students are preparing to put together a fashion show. They learned vocabulary about the clothes, how to describe what someone is wearing, and how to play the roles of both clerk and customer at a clothing store.



Spanish II

In preparation for International Book Day, Spanish II students are learning about famous author Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra and his masterpiece Don Quijote de la Mancha. Students created posters about the author and his novel, and practiced giving feedback with the help of a gallery walk activity. Next step is to memorize the lines and rehearse a passage of Don Quijote to perform in class!



Yearbook

Submitted by Julie Smith

Don't forget to get your yearbook ordered. 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.



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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Spring Sports Schedules

** Schedules are subject to change (especially due to weather). Consult USD 434 Google calendar for updated information.

SANTA FE TRAIL CHARGERS 2026 Spring Sports Schedules

BASEBALL

F 3/20 1:00 Jamboree at Paola (JV/V)
Th 3/26 4:00 at Spring Hill (JV)
Th 3/26 vs 4:00 Silver Lake (V)
F 3/27 4:30 at Perry LeCompton (V)
M 3/30 4:00 vs Prairie View (JV)
M 3/30 4:30 at Louisburg (V)
Tu 3/31 4:00 at Prairie View (V)
Th 4/2 4:30 at Olathe Heritage (V)
M 4/6 4:30 at ACCHS-Effingham (V)
Tu 4/7 4:00 vs Baldwin (JV/V)
M 4/13 4:00 vs Osawatomie (JV)
Th 4/16 4:30 at Eudora (V)
M 4/20 4:00 at Burlington (JV)
Tu 4/21 4:00 vs Burlington (V)
Th 4/23 4:00 vs Ottawa (V)
F 4/24 4:00 vs. Mission Valley (JV)
M 4/27 4:00 at Wellsville (JV)
M 4/27 4:30 vs Louisburg (V)
(Senior Night)
Tu 4/28 4:00 at Wellsville (V)
F 5/1 2:30 vs St. Mary's (V)
M 5/4 4:00 at Anderson County (JV)
Tu 5/5 4:00 vs Anderson Co (V)
Th 5/7 4:00 at Baldwin (JV/V)
F 5/8 12:00 vs lola (V)
M 5/11 4:00 at lola (JV)
M 5/11 4:00 at Osawatomie (V)
M-Th 5/18-5/21 Regionals at TBD
Th-F 5/28-5/29 State at Salina

* Bold red/blue dates
are SFT hosted events.

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information.



SOFTBALL

Th 3/12 4:30 Jamboree at Holton (JV/V)
Tu 3/24 4:30 at Holton (V)
F 3/27 4:30 at Perry LeCompton (JV/V)
Tu 3/31 4:00 at Prairie View (JV/V)
Tu 4/7 4:00 vs Rossville (JV/V)
F 4/10 4:00 at Mission Valley (JV)
Th 4/16 4:30 at Ottawa (V)
Tu 4/21 4:00 vs Burlington (V)
Th 4/23 4:00 vs Rock Creek (V)
F 4/24 4:00 at Rock Creek (JV)
M 4/27 4:00 vs Wellsville (JV)
Tu 4/28 4:00 at Wellsville (V)
Th 4/30 4:00 at Osawatomie (V)
F 5/1 4:00 vs St. Mary's (V)
M 5/4 4:00 vs Anderson County (JV)
Tu 5/5 4:30 vs Baldwin (JV/V)
Th 5/7 4:00 vs Anderson County (JV/V)
(Senior Night)
M 5/11 4:00 at lola (JV)
Tu 5/12 4:00 vs lola (V)
M-Th 5/18-5/21 Regionals at TBD
Th-F 5/28-5/29 State at TBD

TRACK

Th 4/2 3:00 at Silver Lake (JV/V)
M 4/6 3:30 at Prairie View (JV)
Tu 4/7 4:00 at Osage City (V)
F 4/10 3:30 V at Basehor-Linwood (V)
Tu 4/14 4:00 at Royal Valley (V)
F 4/17 3:30 at Tonganoxie (V)
Tu 4/21 3:30 at Jeff West (V)
F 4/24 3:00 at Rossville (V)
Th 4/30 4:00 at SFT (JV)
F 5/1 3:00 at Seaman (V)
Tu 5/5 3:00 at Burlington (V)
Th 5/7 4:00 at Royal Valley (V)
M 5/11 3:30 at lola (JV)
Th 5/14 3:30 Pioneer League Meet at SFT (V)
Th 5/21 Regionals
F-Sa 5/29-5/30 State at WSU

BOYS GOLF

M 3/30 1:00 at Fire Keeper GC (V)
Th 4/2 1:00 at Emporia Municipal GC (V)
Tu 4/7 3:00 at Village Green GC (JV)
Tu 4/7 1:00 at Wamego CC (V)
M 4/13 1:00 at Manhattan CC (V)
Th 4/16 1:30 at Osage City CC (V)
M 4/20 2:00 at Anderson Co CC (JV)
Tu 4/21 1:00 at Lamont Hill GC (JV)
W 4/22 1:00 at Lamont Hill GC (V)
M 4/27 10:00 at Lake Shawnee GC (JV/V)
M 4/27 1:00 at Topeka CC (V)
Th 4/30 9:00 at Cypress Ridge GC (V)
F 5/1 3:00 at Lamont Hill GC (JV)
M 5/4 3:00 at Rock Creek CC (JV)
W 5/6 3:00 JV at Lamont Hill GC (JV)
Th 5/7 1:00 Pioneer League at Osawatomie
M 5/18 Regionals
M-Tu 5/25-5/26 State at Hesston GC

*Last Revised 4/16/26

Upcoming Summer Activities

2026 SFTHS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Locations/details will be sent out by individual teams/coaches. Please contact the head coach with any questions.

	5/31	6/1-6/5	6/8-6/12	6/15-6/19	6/22-6/26	7/6-7/10	7/13-7/17*	7/20-7/24	7/27-7/31	8/3-8/7	8/10-8/14
Yearbook Workshop 5/31 Gr. 9-12 8 am-10 pm Mrs. Smith jsmith@usd434.us	Girls BB Camp 6/1 - 6/4 Gr. 7-12 8-10 am Coach Soderlund dsoderlund@usd434.us Youth BB Camp 6/2 - 6/4 Gr. 4-6 10:30-noon Grades 1-3 12:30-2 pm Coach Soderlund dsoderlund@usd434.us Boys BB Team Camp 6/1, 6/3, 6/4 Gr. 9-12 10-11:30 am Coach Decker tdecker@usd434.us FB Team Camp 6/1 - 6/5 Gr. 9-12 7-9 am Coach Slade gslade@usd434.us Open Wrestling Room 6/1 & 6/4 Gr. 7-12 8-9:15 am Coach Robb trobb@usd434.us	Girls Golf Camp 6/11 Gr. 9-12 9-10:30 am Coach Burgett mburgett@usd434.us (RSVP by 6/7) Youth BB Camp 6/10 & 6/12 Gr. 1-8 9-1:30 pm Coach Decker tdecker@usd434.us Track & Field Training Clinic 6/11 Gr. 7-12 7-8 pm Coach Herren mherren@usd434.us Baseball Hitting 6/9 Gr. 9-12 9:00 am Coach Gloss wgloss@usd434.us Open Wrestling 6/8 & 6/11 Gr. 7-12 8-9:15 am Coach Robb trobb@usd434.us	Girls Golf Clinic 6/18 Gr. 9-12 9-11:30 am Coach Burgett mburgett@usd434.us Youth BB Camp 6/17 and 6/19 Gr. 1-8 9-1:30 pm Coach Decker tdecker@usd434.us Track & Field Training Clinic 6/18 Gr. 7-12 7-8 pm Coach Herren mherren@usd434.us Baseball Hitting 6/16 Gr. 9-12 9:00 am Coach Gloss wgloss@usd434.us Boys Wrestling Team Camp 6/15-6/17 Gr. 7-12 8-10 am Coach Robb trobb@usd434.us	Girls Golf Clinic 6/25 Gr. 9-12 9-11:30 am Coach Burgett mburgett@usd434.us Track & Field Training Clinic 6/25 Gr. 7-12 7-8 pm Coach Herren mherren@usd434.us Baseball Hitting 6/23 Gr. 9-12 9:00 am Coach Gloss wgloss@usd434.us Open Wrestling 6/22 & 6/25 Gr. 7-12 8-9:15 am Coach Robb trobb@usd434.us	NO ACTIVITIES 6/29 - 7/5	Wrestling Takedown League 7/6 & 7/8 Gr. K-12 6:30-8:30 pm Coach Robb trobb@usd434.us Youth FB Camps 7/13 - 7/15 Gr. 3-6 7-8:30 pm 7/14 - 7/16 Gr. 7-8 9-10:30 am Coach Slade gslade@usd434.us Volleyball Camp 7/13 - 7/15 Gr. 9-12 7-11 am Gr. 3-6 8-9:30 am Gr. 7-8 9:30-11 am Coach Fawl afawl@usd434.us * Main Gym closed July 17 - 19 for floor refinishing	Open Wrestling 7/20 & 7/23 Gr. 7-12 8-9:15 am Coach Robb trobb@usd434.us FBLA Summer Leadership Seminar 7/23 Manhattan Gr. 9-12 Mrs. Smith jsmith@usd434.us	Open Wrestling 7/27 & 7/30 Gr. 7-12 8-9:15 am Coach Robb trobb@usd434.us KAY Leadership Camp 7/27 - 7/31 Gr. 9-12 Rock Springs Ranch mburgett@usd434.us	Band Camp *8/3 - 8/8 Gr. 9-12 Mrs. Rice mrice@usd434.us (*dates and times to be finalized after Overbrook Parade Date is released.) Dance Practices 8/5-8/7 Gr. 9-12 8-10 am Coach French efrench@usd434.us	HIT Week 8/10 - 8/13 Gr. 9-12 3:30-5 pm Coach Slade gslade@usd434.us Dance Camp 8/10-8/11 Gr. 9-12 Coach French efrench@usd434.us Dance Practices 8/10-8/11 Gr. 9-12 8-10 am Coach French efrench@usd434.us	
							FBLA Nationals 6/28 - 7/3 San Antonio, Texas Mrs. Smith jsmith@usd434.us				



SUMMER WORKOUTS

- HS Football** every Tuesday & Wednesday from 8-9 am
- HS Boys Basketball** every Monday & Thursday from 10-11:30 am
- HS Volleyball** every Tuesday & Thursday from 9-10:30 am
- HS Girls Basketball** every Monday & Wednesday from 9-10:30 am
- HS /JH Wrestling** most Mondays & Thursdays 8-9:15 am (see schedule above)
- HS Dance** Tuesdays through Thursdays 6/2-6/25 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- JH Boys Basketball** on 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23 from 9-10 am (Dome Gym)

SUMMER STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

- Monday through Thursday beginning Monday, June 8th
- Session 1:** Grades 9 -12 / 6:30 am
- Session 2:** Grades 9-12 / 7:30 am
- Session 3:** Grades 7-8 / 8:00 am

last updated 4/17/2026

2026-27 Sports Physicals

KSHSAA Pre-Participation Physicals for the 2026-27 school year are currently being accepted. Please remember that ALL 7-12th grade student-athletes (including cheer and dance) must have a completed physical on file prior to the first day of practice. Physicals must take place and be dated AFTER April 1, 2026. DON'T delay - get your physical turned in early!

The KSHSAA form can be found at: <https://www.kshsaa.org/public/pdf/form-ppe.pdf>

Please note: Forms submitted to the school without parent/student signatures on pages 4 and 5 will not be considered complete. Double check prior to turning in your physical.



STUDENT ATHLETES
SPORTS PHYSICALS DAY
Saturday, May 2, 2026
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Cotton O'Neil Kanza Park
2660 SW 3rd St. | Topeka

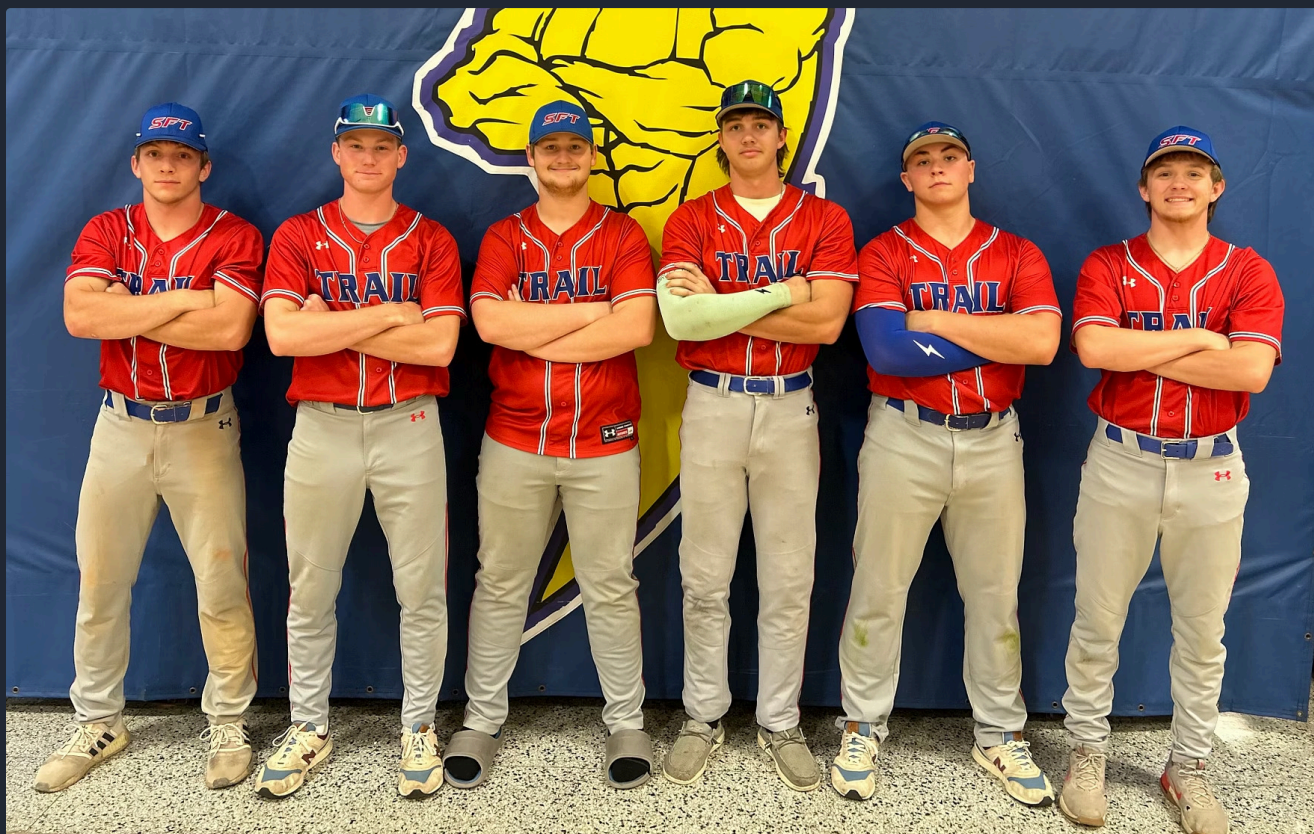
 **Stormont Vail**
ORTHOPEDICS &
SPORTS MEDICINE
calendar.stormontvail.org

The event is open to all middle and high school student athletes and will be valid for the 2026/2027 sports season. Each physical will cost \$20 by cash, check, or card. The student athletes do not have to be an active patient of Stormont Vail or Cotton O'Neil.

Baseball

Submitted by Weston Gloss

Senior Night was rescheduled due to a rainout and will be now held on Tuesday, May 5th between the home games versus Anderson County. Congratulations to all six seniors!



Pictured: Bryson Crotinger, Hunter French, Alex Strother, Coby Branson, Gavyn Smith, Atticus Guenther

The SFT baseball team looks to continue their success throughout the coming weeks. Come out and support the Chargers at their home games in Overbrook.



Upcoming Home Games:

5/1 2:30 V vs. St. Mary's

5/5 4:00 V vs. Anderson Co.

5/8 12:00 V vs. Iola

Boys Basketball

SPORTS IN KANSAS ALL-STATE

2026 4A BOYS ALL-STATE BASKETBALL

Sports in Kansas 4A All-State

First Team

Brody Haskell, Augusta, Sr.
 Evan Hutto, Winfield, Sr.
 Jett Pyle, McPherson, Sr.
 Arley Morrell, Pratt, Sr.
 Aiden McCullough, Ottawa, Sr.
 Trey'Von Gillum, Atchison, Fr.
 Cooper Carr, Baldwin, Sr. (POY)
 Leo Schoenberger, Baldwin, Sr.
 Camerson Rosas, Hugoton, Sr.
 Gavin Rosa, Rock Creek, Sr.
 Jack Horsch, Andale, Sr.
 Gavin Salazar, Hugoton, Sr.
 4A COY: Don Blanchat, Baldwin

Second Team

Eli Reasoner, McPherson, Fr.
 Brecken Albert, Augusta, Sr.
 Canon Lazier, Mulvane, Sr.
 Caleb Strong, Pratt, Jr.
 Warrick Olson, Chanute, Jr.
 Kellen Lanning, Independence, Sr.
 Rigley Sleichter, Santa Fe Trail, Soph.
 Ayden Krier, Concordia, Soph.
 Chane Parker, Concordia, Sr.
 Kolt Becker, Abilene, Soph.
 Logan Klingenberg, Rock Creek, Jr.
 Connor Hanika, Hayden, Sr.
 Cash Schneider, Eudora, Soph.
 Yogi Purdy, Atchison, Sr.



State Champion Baldwin loaded up on the 4A SIK Awards

PARENTS/ATHLETES: Order 1st team, second team, honorable mention patches asap at sportsinkansas@gmail.com



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Sports in Kansas 4A All-State Honorable Mention - order patches at sportsinkansas@gmail.com Keenan Boldra - Circle, Brody Chappell - Augusta, Jacob Miller - Buhler, Manny Myers - Mulvane, Luke Holmberg - Buhler, Le'Gend Cyrus-Riley - Winfield, Cade Strathman - McPherson, Cole Cooper - McPherson, John Carrell - Augusta, Isaiah Heredia - Buhler, Zander Ford - Rose Hill, Caden Fowler - Andale, Javen Colbert - Indy, Kaylin Austin - Coffeyville, Dredyn Marlow - Fort Scott, Kanin Brown - Fort Scott, Daniel Stanley - Chanute, Jalen Duncan - Chanute, Kegan Bates - Labette Co., Barrett Hestand - Labette Co., Dierks Kegler - Fort Scott, Kobi Kirk - Coffeyville, Jayce Mourning - Ottawa, Hoyt Hoffine - Paola, Sy Thomas - Eudora, Colton Collum - Baldwin, Lachlan McRae - Tonganoxie, Herschel Strumberger - Louisburg, Adrian Adigun - Hugoton, Jonas Mauk - Hugoton, Miguel Hernandez - Hugoton, Julian Meraz - Ulysses, Peter Martinie - Rock Creek, Porter Gill - Rock Creek, Boon Richard - Concordia, Reed McDiffett - Concordia, Abram Stratton - Clay Center, Liam Tesmer - Bishop Miege, Wesley Walsh - Miege, Keyvonte Hudson - Miege, Kennan Poulsen - Miege, Sam Harp - Andale, Aidan Haugh - Rose Hill, Easton Meyer - Rose Hill, William Lechtenberg - El Dorado, Mason Smith - Clearwater, Cole Zeka - Wellington, Regan Kueker - Wamego, Ethan Tonsor - Rock Creek, Ryan Osburn - Eudora, Ashton Malm - McPherson, Kael Williams - Atchison, Jeremiah Thompson - Atchison, Carter Compton - Hayden, Mason Becker - Hayden, Layton Lind - Santa Fe Trail

Cheer

Submitted by Coach Ball

Congratulations to the SFT Chargers 2026-27 Cheer Team!

26-27 CHEER TEAM STANDINGS



FOOTBALL

** Paige Kibbee
* Reese Black
Kailyn Claypool
Kennedy Portlock
Brynna Perry
Makenzie Roberts
Elizabeth Parkhill
Holden Tantaros
Layla Lattimer
Jill Mohler
Addison Kramer
Avery Ramsdell
Damaya Kisslinger
Jadyn Hudson
Michael Guffy
Kaiden Bennett
Presly Abernathy
Sabina Hager
Karli Daprato
Stella Hernandez
Macy McCain
Alaina Richardson

TOTAL 22

BASKETBALL

** Makenzie Roberts
*Michael Guffy
Brenna Heder
Joslynn Pierpont
Addison Kramer
Avery Ramsdell
Damaya Kisslinger
Jadyn Hudson
Alaina Richardson
Kaiden Bennett
Macy McCain
Stella Hernandez
Sabina Hager
Karli Daprato
Presly Abernathy

TOTAL 15

** Captain *Co-Captain

Football - Shrine Bowl

Submitted by Coach Slade

Help support our two Shrine Bowl participants with a sponsorship or with an advertisement.

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53rd Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl

Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Welch Stadium, Emporia, Kansas

Please Support Our
Santa Fe Trail

2026 Shrine Bowl

Participants:

**Julion Daniels &
Coach Greg Slade**



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Girls Basketball

Submitted by Coach Soderlund

SANTA FE TRAIL GIRLS BASKETBALL

2ND ANNUAL Golf Tournament

All proceeds will help support the Santa Fe Trail Girls Basketball Team.

Lamont Hill Golf Course
22975 KS-368,
Vassar, KS 66543

Saturday June 6th, 2026
Registration - 8:00 AM
Shotgun Start - 9:00 AM

HOLE SPONSORS

- Sponsors Available!
- Logo/Name of your choosing
- \$100 per sponsor

Register as a player, team, or sponsor:
<https://bit.ly/sftgbbgolfourney26>
Go to the website above or scan the QR code here:

18 Holes* TOURNAMENT INFO *4 Person Team

Per Team - \$260 Per Player - \$65
Price includes Lunch and Cart
Mulligans & 50/50 Raffle Offered!

Hole Prizes for:

- Longest Drive
- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Putt



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Santa Fe Trail Girls Basketball Camp



<https://bit.ly/sft7-12camp26>

Girls JH CAMP (Grades 7th-8th)
June 2-4
8:30 AM - 10 AM

Girls HS CAMP (Grades 9th-12th)
June 1-4
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

HS Scrimmage: June 5

Boys/Girls Youth Camp

June 2nd - 4th
1st-3rd Grade
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
4th-6th Grade
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Price \$40- shirt included



<https://bit.ly/sftyouthcamp26>

Location: Santa Fe Trail High School
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Golf - Boys

Submitted by Coach Duncan

The Chargers had a great showing in Manhattan on **Monday, April 13th** with 14 teams in attendance. Brody Buessing was the sole medalist with 6th place, with teammates also performing well.

- Brody Buessing 79 (6th)
- Kaleb Portlock 86
- Cale Anshutz. 90
- Ryker French 98
- Braxton Ullery 104
- Jackson McFarland 106



At the Osage City Tournament on **Thursday, April 16th**, Bryson Crotinger led SFT with a team low of 97.

On **Monday, April 20**, Crotinger continues hot play at Anderson County Tournament and leads SFTJV to another tourney title!

- Bryson Crotinger 2nd with 44
- Waylon Piper 5th with 46
- Nate Bryant 14th with 52

On **Tuesday, April 21st**, Kirby and Bryant win the JV scramble at Lamont, Lattimer and Orwig not far behind taking 2nd!

- Dale Kirby and Nate Bryant 41
- Owen Lattimer and Grayson Orwig 43
- Jackson McFarland and Konner Heinz 49
- Jaxson Gulley and Zaden Moore 57



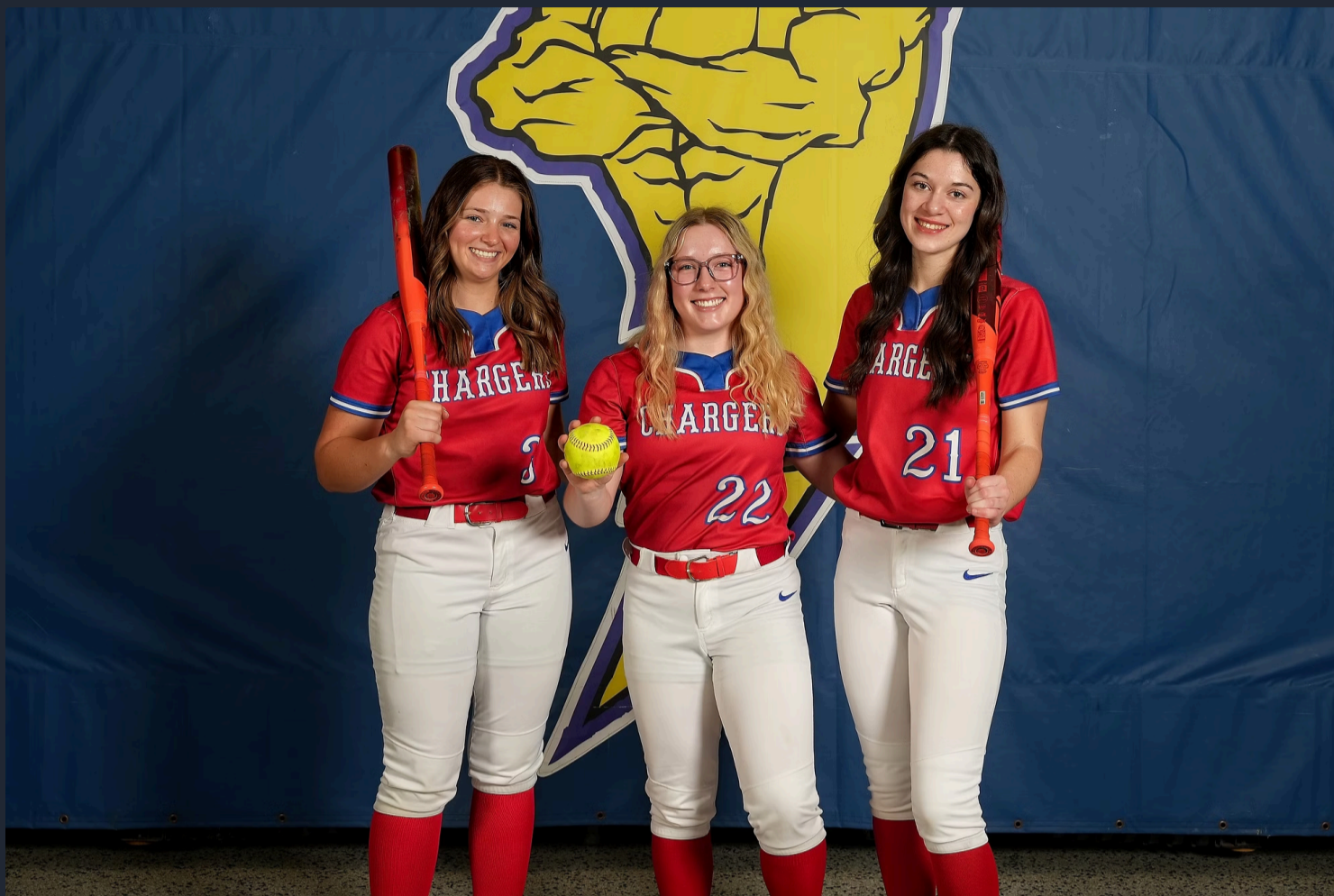
On **Wednesday, April 22nd**, Trail won their home tournament at Lamont Hill Golf Course. Led by individual champ Brody Buessing (75), and medalists Cale Anshutz (81) and Ryker French (82), the Charger golf team won their 2nd tournament title of the year. With a strong JV this season, Trail was able to enter 13 players into their home tournament. And they played well!



Softball

Submitted by Coach Dahl

Three softball seniors will be recognized at their home game on Thursday, May 7th. Come cheer on Seniors Addalyn Sleichter, Gretchen Huizenga, and Camee Whitaker as they take on Anderson County.



Trail split with Rock Creek on April 24th. The Chargers lost their first game 9-0 but won the second in a slugfest 16-11. Gretchen Huizenga got her 200th career strikeout in the first game, and came back in to close out the second game. Loved the energy and how the team came back strong after being shut out in the opener.



The Charger softball team also plays at home on the following dates:

5/1 4:00 vs. St. Mary's

5/4 4:00 JV vs. Anderson Co.

5/7 4:00 JV/V vs. Anderson Co. (Senior Night)

5/12 4:00 V vs. Iola



Come out to Carbondale and support the Chargers as they continue their amazing season!

Track & Field

Submitted by Coach Herren

We have had an incredible start to our Track & Field season. Both our boys and girls took 3rd place at a very competitive Silver Lake meet to start our season. There were 19 PRs (personal records) set at that meet with 44 of our 60 athletes scoring team points (placing top 6).

Our JV team continued their improvement at the Osage City meet on 4/7 with another 12 PRs reached by 9 of our athletes.

On 4/10 our varsity team competed at Basehor-Linwood. **Trevir Hinck broke the school record in the pole vault with a vault of 14'6", previously set in 1997 at 14'1". Congratulations to Trevir!** Our team had 14 PRs set and 25 of our athletes scored team points.

On 4/14 our varsity team traveled to Hoyt to compete at the Royal Valley April Inv. **We had another great meet with 2 school records being set at this meet. Kain Tantaros tied a 33-year school record with a jump of 22'0". Then our boys 4x100 team broke the school record previously set in 2019 with a time of 43.25. Congratulations to Kain and to our relay team of Stephen Johnson, Trevir Hinck, Kain Tantaros, and Julion Daniels.** Our boys went on to win the RV meet, with 12 boys scoring team points and 12 PRs reached. Our girls also contributed with 12 PRs and 13 scoring team points.



At the Tonganoxie meet on 4/20, **Kain Tantaros took the long jump school record for himself with a jump of 22'4".** We set 23 PRs and our boys won their second meet of the season!



Our JV and several of our Varsity athletes competed at a varsity meet at Jeff West on 4/21. We had 18 PRs set at that meet and 20 of our athletes scored varsity points.

Our latest meet was on 4/24 at Rossville HS. It was a beautiful evening for a meet with 28 PRs set by 20 of our athletes and 22 of our athletes scoring points. Our boys won their third meet of the season.

We have 6 more scheduled JV and Varsity meets as well as our post-season.

Our post-season will begin with Regionals on Thursday, May 21 at Eudora, followed by KSHSAA State meet at Wichita State University on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30. Qualifications for the State meet will be slightly different this year. Athletes winning the first three places in each regional will qualify for the State Meet. The next six best performances from all the regionals in each event, class and gender will also qualify, with no more than 7 competitors from one regional.

The Chargers have **two home meets** scheduled including a JV meet on Thursday, April 30th at 4:00 pm and the Pioneer League Meet on Thursday, May 14th starting at 3:30 pm. Come out and cheer on the Chargers!

I am excited for our postseason possibilities, with many athletes competing at a very high level at this point in the season.

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STUDENT SECTION

Student Services

Senior Announcements

Submitted by Tosha Smith



**This is your friendly
reminder...**

**Pictures needed for
the Slideshow
1 Senior picture
3-4 Baby/Toddler
pictures**

~Please send them to Tosha tsmith@usd434.us

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.

Washburn Tech

Submitted by Melissa Strother

SFT students participated in National Technical Letter of Intent Signing Day at Washburn Tech on April 16th. Technical Letter of Intent Signing Day is designed to honor students who are entering a technical field and to celebrate the dignity of work.





May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>3:00pm:HS Boys JV Golf at Rock Creek</p> <p>4:00pm:HS Girls JV SB vs Horton at Carbondale</p> <p>4:00pm:HS Boys JV BB at Anderson Co</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:30pm:HS Girls Varsity SB at Baldwin</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:00pm:HS Boys JV Golf Scramble at Lamont Hill</p> <p>7:00pm:Celebration of Success in the HS Auditorium</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00pm:HS Boys League Golf at Osawatomie</p> <p>4:00pm:HS Girls SB vs Anderson Co</p> <p>4:00pm:HS V Track Meet at Royal Valley</p> <p>4:30pm:HS Boys JV BB at Baldwin</p> <p>6:00pm:HS Boys V BSB at Baldwin</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00pm:HS Boys V BSB vs Iola</p> <p>5:30pm:5th-12th Band Concert - HS Main Gym</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>11</p> <p>3:30pm:HS JV Track at Iola</p> <p>4:00pm:HS Boys V BSB at Osawatomie</p> <p>4:00pm:HS Girls JV SB at Iola</p> <p>4:00pm:HS Boys JV BB at Iola</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00pm:HS Girls V SB vs Iola</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00pm:Board of Education Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm:HS Pops Choir Concert</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3:30pm:Track League at SFT</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am:HS Graduation</p>
<p>18</p> <p>HS Girls SB Regionals</p> <p>HS Boys Regional Golf</p> <p>HS Boys BSB Regionals</p>	<p>19</p> <p>End of 4th Quarter</p> <p>HS Girls SB Regionals</p> <p>HS Boys BSB Regionals</p> <p>Last Day of School: All Grades</p>	<p>20</p> <p>No School: Teacher Prep Day</p> <p>HS Girls SB Regionals</p> <p>HS Boys BSB Regionals</p>	<p>21</p> <p>HS Girls SB Regionals</p> <p>HS Boys BSB Regionals</p> <p>1:00pm:HS Regional Track Meet at Eudora</p> <p>Field Events 1 pm Prelims 3 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>HS Boys Golf State at Hesston</p> <p>HS Girls SB State 1/4 Finals</p> <p>State FFA Convention- KSU</p> <p>HS Boys BSB State 1/4 Finals</p>	<p>27</p> <p>HS Girls SB State Semi Finals at KU</p> <p>HS Boys Golf State at Hesston</p> <p>HS Boys BSB State Semis and Finals at KU</p> <p>State FFA Convention- KSU</p>	<p>28</p> <p>State FFA Convention- KSU</p>	<p>29</p> <p>HS Girls SB State Championships at KU</p> <p>State FFA Convention- KSU</p> <p>HS State Track Meet</p>	<p>30</p> <p>HS State Track Meet</p>