

Chess Team

The combined Santa Fe Indian School Chess Teams competed in the Northeast Regional Chess Tournament on Thursday, February 11th. In the varsity championship bracket SFIS varsity high school team tied for 2nd place with St. Michael's High School. Academy for Technology and the Classics won the tournament. In the junior varsity bracket the high school junior varsity team tied for 3rd place with West Las Vegas, 2nd was won by Mandela and 1st by ATC. In the novice bracket, SFIS High School C Team took 1st place. Undeclared were Sage Garcia (12th), Adriano Vicenti (9th) and Jarren Frenier (10th). There were 119 students representing 17 different teams. David Escalante, chess coach., states "our teams qualified for state and plan to repeat last years victory. They did extremely well!"



SFIS Chess Team-David Escalante and Beth Flannery, sponsors.

Science Fair—Spring 2016

SFIS ninth through eleventh grade students competed in a Science Fair held in the Abeyta Gym. Students were required to complete research projects in biology, environmental and physical science, engineering, microbiology, plant, animal or social sciences. The Santa Fe Alliance for Science (SFAS) members helped judge the projects. The students were asked specific scientific questions about the projects to help the judges determine how they concluded their results. As Dominik Morning Dove discovered, "I enjoyed my experiment but I needed more time to prove my theory!"



Science project: Serena Natonabah and Heaven Talachy

SFIS in SPORTS

Braves and Lady Braves Senior Recognition

The Lady Braves dominated St. Michael's with the win 46-34 along with JV winning by 49-42 and C-team winning by 55-28. It was also Senior Recognition night, where five seniors were each given a photo collage of their team from the entire season.

The Varsity Braves celebrated senior night with a win over Bosque Prep High School, 94-56. Senior Braves night was shared with their parents, and the players received letterman jackets and baseball caps. Felisa Gulibert presented the gifts to the senior players at half time. As one senior, Francis Calabaza, summed up the evening by stating, "I had fun playing with my brothers." The Braves ended a successful regular season with a three game winning streak against Bosque Prep High School, St. Michaels High School and Sandia Prep, respectively.

Congratulations to both teams!



Greetings from the Santa Fe Indian School High School Academic Program!

Santa Fe Indian School just completed a three-day accreditation visit from the AdvancED team, formerly known as North Central Agency (NCA), and I am very proud to announce that the school received an outstanding rating. This organization accredits 32,000 schools (K-12 schools and colleges) around the world, and SFIS is a member of this international group. The team had many positive things to say about our school, our committed faculty and staff, and they were also very impressed with our students' academic intentions and positive attitudes. Among the many accolades we received, the community-based approach to teaching and the Senior Honors Project (SHP) were also recognized as best educational practices by the team. Congratulations to all the SFIS stakeholders, particularly the students!

These last few weeks of school are very stressful for our students. We strive to have every high school student succeed academically, and I ask that we work together by inspiring and encouraging our children to achieve the highest grades attainable.

Seniors have eight weeks of regular classes left before they begin their final exams. Some of them will also be taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams. In the meantime, they are working hard to complete their research for their SHP symposium on April 29. Please support this cutting-edge educational practice, as well as our seniors, by joining us on this important date.

Underclassmen (grades 9-11) have nine weeks left before their final exams. In the meantime, they will be taking the following mandated assessments: PARCC and MAP tests; SBA in science for juniors only, and AP for those juniors in these advanced classes. Yes, it's a lot of testing; however, these assessments help teachers to address students' individual academic needs. Our students have proven that they are not afraid of hard work; they always persevere, and I trust they will do very well. Last year, SFIS had a 100% participation rate in PARCC testing, and this year we are aiming for the same result. Please encourage your child to continue to do his/her best during these few remaining weeks of school.

Finally, congratulations to our basketball teams for their great performances this year; we are very proud of our players. We are looking forward to supporting our baseball, softball, and track teams this spring. Good luck athletes!

Thank you so much for your support of the High School Academic Program!

Sincerely,

Felisa Gulibert

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- ◆ SBA SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (JUNIORS ONLY)—MAR. 16TH
- ◆ SPRING BREAK—MARCH 24TH—APRIL 3RD
- ◆ PARCC ASSESSMENT—APRIL 12TH - 28TH
- ◆ PAC/ACADEMIC BANQUET—APRIL 14TH
- ◆ PROGRESS REPORT GRADES DUE—APRIL 22ND
- ◆ SENIOR HONORS PROJECT SYMPOSIUM—APRIL 29TH

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Student Corner

STUDENT TALENT

Emerging Into Despair

The water moistened the dried
 By now darkness groped my way
 The night bivouacked the stars
 The actions only uttering like a miniature comet
 For a while, safe and free scared you
 Covering the flames will enough
 Breathing in the night
 Sitting there half closed
 Blinded by the air
 People have everything
 The match burned
 Light another match
 My eyes sang
 I got up
 I finally got out
 ~Keri Muniz, 11th grade~



Nicolette Bailon's, 12 the grade, prisma color pencil of her and her father embracing.

Water and Climate Futures Forum

On Wednesday, February 10, the CBE students and seniors, whose SHP pertains to the topic of environment, attended a Water and Climate Futures Forum at the State Legislature. For the past 14 years, SFIS and other students from different schools had the opportunity to ask question to a panel of water experts, including legislators, environmental professionals, public advocacy workers, and others. The experience was a dynamic opportunity to ask questions and learn a great deal about the future of water and climate in New Mexico.



SFIS Writing Center

The Writing Center is based on student mentoring in order to get thoughts onto paper. Any student can come to the writing center to receive support Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons during CCR and after school. Students must bring the prompt for their assignment, and they will work with a mentor for a half hour session. Students are allowed to do multiple sessions throughout the year.

By Kallen Blacksmith

Photo to the Right (from left to right):

Susan Miera, sponsor, Mikayla Grey, Daylon Deutsawe, Shayna Naranjo, Chyanne Quintana, Kallen Blacksmith, Autumn Johnson, (bottom row) Amber Trancosa, Tayler Trancosa, and Ladretta Valencia.



Wings of America - USA Track

Michael is a junior at SFIS and an excellent runner. He competed with other native high school students from around the United States. Michael helped the running team, Wings of America, win 1st place at the USA Track and Field XC championships in Bend, Oregon. Michael states, "I was happy about my over all 11th place standings because it was only 4 spots from making the US Team. I will continue to train to become a US Team member in the next three years!" He represented SFIS proudly! Go Michael!

Winter Wonderland

On January 21, the annual Winter Ball was hosted by the class of 2017 students and staff team members. With refreshments, food and the company of the DJ, Alexander Martinez, the night was spectacular. Throughout the evening, friends were able to take pictures with one another in the Pueblo Dining Room, enjoy finger foods, and dance. Many students attended the dance, having fun and creating new memories.

By Shianne Valdez & Serena Natonabah



The Winter Ball Court are Dymond Skeets, Raelene Woody, Leah Tenorio, and Ira Cruz.

Prisma color pencil by Feather Alcott, 12th grade.

