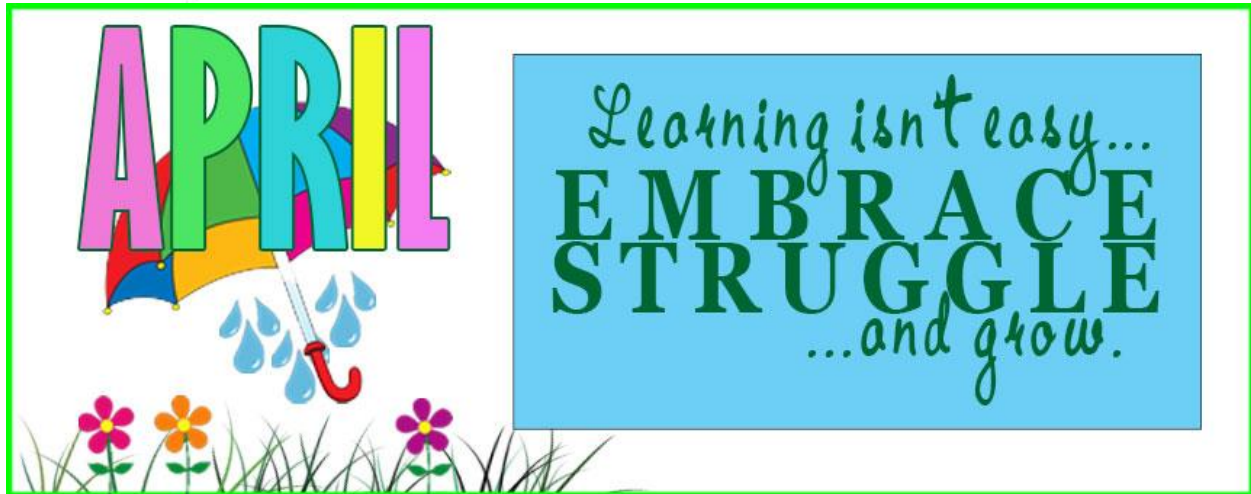




South Fremont High School

April 2017



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We have some great news to share! We just completed our five year accreditation review by AdvancED. They are the global leader in providing continuous improvement and accreditation services to over 32,000 institutions serving 20 million students worldwide. This a diagnostic process to stimulate and guide continuous improvement with a focus on three major areas.

- Impact of teaching and learning
- Capacity of leadership
- Use of resources

Professional judgement by the External Review Team results in:

- Powerful practices
- Opportunities for improvement
- Improvement priorities
- Index of education quality
- Accreditation recommendation

The External Review Team Examined:

- Student performance results
- Instructional quality

Learner and family engagement

Support Services for student learning

Curriculum quality and efficacy

College and career readiness data

We were given accolades in four areas for Powerful Practices in our educational process.

School leaders monitor and support the improvement of instructional practices of teachers to ensure student success.

1. The school engages families in meaningful ways in their children's education and keeps them informed of their children's learning process.
2. The school's leadership and staff commit to a culture that is based on shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning and supports challenging, equitable educational programs and learning experiences for all students that include achievement of learning, thinking, and life skills.

- The governing body ensures that the school leadership has the autonomy to meet goals for achievement and instruction and to manage the day-to-day operations effectively.

SFHS Index of Educational Quality

| | SFHS External Review Score | AE Network Average | State |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Average | | | |
| Overall Score | 292.31 | 278.94 | 278.03 |
| Teaching and Learning | 276.91 | 268.48 | 267.91 |
| Leadership Capacity | 327.27 | 293.71 | 301.05 |
| Resource Utilization | 285.71 | 286.27 | 284.48 |

The External Review Team recommends to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission that South Fremont High School earn the distinction of accreditation by AdvancED.

In other news, **April** is very important for our students because it is the month for standardized testing. The sophomores and freshmen will be taking the ISAT which is a state test to measure student proficiency and growth in math, reading, writing and science. The juniors will be taking the SAT which is a national test to measure proficiency in all academic areas. This test is very important to students because college admissions and scholarships are awarded based on the results of this test. **April 11th** is the SAT testing day and freshmen and sophomores do not need to come to school that day. Juniors need to be here and testing starts at **7:30 am**. The seniors who are not on track to graduate will also be here that day working towards graduation. Please encourage your student to do their very best on these tests.

Final thoughts: We are thrilled with the results of our onsite accreditation. The External Review Team was extremely complementary in regards to our school as well as our STEAM program. They were very impressed with the mission of this program. This is their final statement: South Fremont High School's motto of "I can do hard things" and their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) program significantly improves student writing and also helps create a positive culture that values writing, reading, and critical thinking.

Counseling News

IDLA

IDLA Registration for Summer 2017 opens April 3. Registration for Fall 2017 opens May 1. See the bulletin board by the library for available classes. Any questions contact Mrs. Stoddard

Many of the scholarship deadlines will happen in the next few weeks. Please check the scholarship link on the school website for more detailed information.

The State of Idaho requires that all students complete a college preparatory test as a graduation requirement. Members of the Junior class will be testing April 11, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If students are interested in strengthening their skills before the test date, there is a link, khanacademy.com/sat, where students can set up an account to practice real SAT format material. If your student finished the PSAT, those scores can be loaded into khanacademy.com/sat and it will customize the questions to fit your skill set. The CIS has SAT and ACT Prep courses available.

Our afternoon on April 11 will focus on an 8th grade orientation from 1:30-3:00. Students will receive information about curriculum, programs and clubs that are available to participate in. They will meet the teachers and take a tour of the school. Parents are welcome.

Also, we need to remember that the share scholarship can be initiated in the 9th grade and parents can contact the counseling office and/or look at our website for under [SFEF](#).

There will be a work day for **Seniors** who are behind in STEAM on **April 11**. Teachers will be available to help. There will be a list of those that need to attend posted on the office window.

April 13: STEAM Re-submission Day 1. All STEAM entries may be re-submitted, and all STEAM entries with a 100% must be submitted to Turnitin. The site is open for 24 hours. Those who miss this deadline must wait until the next re-submission day.

BUZZ is open for STEAM submissions for previous years' reflections all the time. It is also open for Turnitin submissions. Visit the STEAM page on the school website for more information. There is help available for students who need it at homework club.

Classroom News

Business Education

Students in the computer application courses continue to prepare for and earn their Microsoft Office Certifications. This week, Conner Bergmans attained a perfect score on his Microsoft Excel Certification. These skills are essential in today's workplace.

Web design students have just finished designing and creating a multi-page website from scratch. They will be learning JavaScript next. They are working hard, learning some valuable skills, and becoming very proficient coders.

We have also been working on some essential workplace readiness skills. These activities have promoted some good classroom discussions. It is fun to hear what students think and understand.

Technology Education

What? Another month has flown by??? Inconceivable!!! Let's get started.

Our Technology students have been hard at work designing CO2 cars. This project is one of the highlights of the year. First, everyone does internet research to find awesome design ideas for their cars. Next, they draw a top and side view of the design they imagine from the research. Finally, we learn to safely use the bandsaw and some of the other tools in the shop to cut out and shape their designs in a balsa-wood block. Then, the work starts. Students learn to sand, fill and prime their designs until it feels like smooth plastic. Paint is then applied and the races begin. The task is to have the fastest, coolest looking car possible. We have some great ideas and I'm excited to see the final cars!

CAD students are working with different programs. This class has 3 different levels going at once. Some are using Solid Works to create 3 dimensional parts for a mountain board assembly. Others are learning Autodesk Inventor, which is also a 3 dimensional program, used in industry for design. A few just finished the 2D portion of AutoCAD. All of these programs are used for mechanical drafting and design. The advanced students designed/modeled wheels for their CO2 cars and we printed their final designs on our 3d printer. They will be using these printed wheels during the races in the Technology class.

Basic Cabinetry students are working on the drawers and doors for their night stand project. They must measure their own projects to get exact measurements for each piece. Next, they cut out, dado, and assemble. If they've done everything right, the drawer slides perfectly into it's desired location. If not, well, they get a lot of good practice doing it over again :-). Those working on the door are learning to set up and use a combination router bit to create a frame for the door. Again, measuring is very important for success. No wonder we spent so much time learning to measure during the beginning of the year. Sure helps when you're building things.

The Advanced Cabinetry class is still working on their larger projects. Many are closing in on finishing the building and getting ready to sand, stain and apply finish. They are all very impressive projects!

Finally, the robotics class just completed the 'Bumper Books' project where they had to add line-following sensors, an ultrasonic range-finder and 2 bumper switches to seek out and knock over 4 boards (books) placed in the corners of a rectangle field. The robots are placed in the center of the field and must 'look' for any standing books, drive toward books that they 'saw', knock them over, and continue on until all 4 boards were knocked down. That was the easy part. The robots then have to spin, in place, for 3 more revolutions and then stop in the center of the field. It was definitely challenging, but as usual, my excellent students prevailed and succeeded! I'm so proud! (snif, snif) Our next project is to dismantle our current robots and build new-and-improved versions that include an arm and a gripper. Students will learn to program the joystick buttons and add limit switches to prevent the arm from moving too far in either direction. We're having a great year and learning lots!

South Fremont Athletics

Schedules are posted on the sports page on the school website (sfhscougars.com/sports)

Congratulations to the South Fremont Wrestling team. They finished 5th at the state tournament. Congratulations to the following state placers:

Sawyer Hobbs- State Champion
Easton Banta- 2nd Place
Joey Mockler- 3rd Place
Jace Hughes- 3rd Place
Beau Hackworth- 6th Place

Congratulations to the basketball teams:

Boys Basketball-

Blake Bartschi- 2nd Team All-State, 1st Team All-Conference, 6th District All-Star and was awarded the 6th District Sportsmanship Award and scholarship.

Jarrett Stoddard- 2nd Team All-Conference and 6th District All-Star

Ty Larson- Honorable Mention All-Conference

Kyler Yancey- Honorable Mention All-Conference

Girls Basketball-

Olivia LeCheminant- 1st Team All-Conference

Karlee Parkinson- 6th District All-Star

Paizlee Hobbs- Honorable Mention All-Conference

Brinlie Rowbury- Honorable Mention All-Conference

Other Activities

Scholastics



The Scholastic team traveled to University Place to compete for regionals on March 2, 2017. South is in the B school classification based on student population. During the competition many South students buzzed in and got questions correct. The team finished in 3rd with a 3:2 record, losing 2 close matches; one by only 5 points. South was the only school to have 2 team members named to the all region team--Connar Bergmans (a Senior and team captain) as well as Kadian Carpenter (a Junior). Connar out scored 3 teams on his own during the competitions earning 165 points out of 235 total points the team earned. Other members were Derity Eckman, Ivie Linger, Micayla Argueta, Jacob Hildebrand, Jacob Seeley-Williams, Seth Hansen, Chanamy Eckman, Porter Lagerstrom, and Reina Matsumura. The team would like to thank Mr. Bennett, the faculty/staff and the students of South Fremont for their support and words of encouragement.

Distinguished Young Women Winners--Congratulations to all who participated.

The Distinguished Young Women of South Fremont had their program on April 18th, 2017. It was a great evening with nearly \$11,000 given in scholarship money. The recipients are:

Be your Best Self \$200:

Merissa Pincock

Kaylee Ward

Kandace Parker

Kenzie Parker

Fitness \$350:

Leisl Christensen

Harlee Speth

Kandace Parker.

Self Expression \$350:

Kandace Parker

Merissa Pincock

Bryndi Rigby

Talent \$400:

Abby Lokey

Leisl Christensen

Kandace Parker

Scholastic \$450:

Kenzie Parker
Kaylee Ward
Harlee Speth

Interview \$450:

Bryndi Rigby
Kandace Parker
Leisl Christensen

Spirit \$400:

Spirit of Distinguished Young Women, an award voted on by the girls participating, was awarded to Leisl Christensen

2nd Runner up \$700:

Leisl Christensen

1st Runner up \$1000:

Kenzie Parker

2017 Distinguished Young Woman of South Fremont \$1700:

Kandace Parker

Congratulations to a wonderful group of girls and a great program!

Booster Club

Come out and keep supporting our COUGARS! We love them and are proud to be one of them!!

Stay in the Know

Please be aware that our website is continually updated with relevant information and activities. Visit us at SFHScougars.com. To stay up to date on activities and upcoming events, visit our calendar at SFHScougars.com/calendar.

We are also on Facebook. Be sure to "like" us and you will receive important updates about what is going on at our school. One last thing, if you know of anyone who would like to receive information from our school please advise them to subscribe to our email list found on our homepage at SFHScougars.com. This email list will be used to send newsletters and important information in regards to our school.

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