

SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

HIGHEST ACCREDITATION

On March 5 and 6 a visiting team from AdvancED, the prestigious institutional accreditation group to which Borgia maintains membership, visited the Borgia campus. The team, headed by Dr. David Shelton, recently released its written report, recommending that Borgia again receive the highest accreditation possible. The team attached three of the highest distinction ratings ("Highly Functional") in the

process, and was highly complimentary in addressing every standard in the report, known as the "Quality Assurance Review" (QAR). The areas of "Vision and Purpose," "Resource and Support Systems" and "Stakeholder Communications and Relationships" were earmarked for special recognition, along with the strong ratings received in every other area.

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION

One important group at SFBRHS is the "Academic Association." Composed of volunteer parents and faculty, these are the folks who monitor academics and all the activities related directly to studies at Borgia. They work with the principal to offer suggestions and assistance in helping to keep educational best practices in place. Membership is open to any interested person in the Borgia family. The

next meeting will include details in planning for the Academic Awards Banquet to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on April 29, 6:30 PM, including balloting for the Teacher of the Year. The Academic Association invites all who are interested in becoming members to attend the meeting on Wednesday, April 8 and/or Wednesday, April 22 in Room 122 at 7 PM.

ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS!!!

Junior Prayer Day will be Friday, April 17. We will leave after homeroom. Dress is casual and the students are asked to bring a lunch. School will provide cold beverages. We will return around 2 PM and have practice for the Unity Day Mass.

The annual Unity Day Ceremony and Mass will be held at Noon on Sunday, April 19. This is a very important junior class activity, celebrating their passage to senior year and becoming the leaders of the school. All juniors are encouraged to attend, whether they are receiving a ring or not. The Mass is open to all family and friends.

We will serve a brunch for the immediate family members following Mass. Please let us know how many in your family will be attending by completing the form that was mailed out. The forms need to be returned to school by Friday,

April 3. The cost is \$3 per person. THE JUNIORS ARE FREE. Due to space limitations, we ask that the brunch be shared with immediate family only --- parents, siblings, and grandparents.

Reminder: Rings purchased from Josten's and Altemueller's Jewelry need to be paid in full. Rings from other jewelers need to be given to Mrs. Addison by Thursday, April 16. Those who did not order a new ring, may turn in another ring/gift that they would like blessed and given to the student during the ceremony.

Thanks for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at this special occasion.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Addison at addisonn@borgia.com or 636-239-7871, ext. 160.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Athletic Assn. Meeting	04/01 7:30 PM
Spring Musical	04/02- 04/05
Music Assn. Meeting	04/06 7 PM
Academic Assn. Meeting	04/08 7 PM
Easter Break: No School	04/09 - 04/15
Classes Resume	04/16
Advisory Board Meeting	04/16 7 PM
Junior Prayer Day	04/17
Unity Day	04/19
Faculty Meeting: 12:30 PM Dismissal	04/22
Academic Assn. Meeting	04/22 7 PM
Prom	04/25 8 PM
Band Concert	04/27 7 PM
Choral Concert	04/28 7 PM
Academic Awards Banquet	04/29 6:30 PM

Special points of interest:

- Thanks to all the sophomores and sophomore parents who worked the class fish fry and for all the wonderful desserts that were donated. Your help is much appreciated.

2009 BORGIA GOLF TOURNAMENTS

19th Annual Borgia Ladies Golf Day

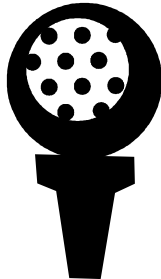
When: Monday June 8, 2009

Where: Franklin County Country Club

Price: \$85 per person before June 8
\$100 per person on June 8

Includes: Continental Breakfast, Box Lunch,
Cocktails, Steak Dinner, and
18 Holes of Golf

Contact: Tracy Alfermann at 636-390-4818



22nd Annual "Ray DeGreeff" Memorial Golf Tournament

When: Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Where: Wolf Hollow Golf Course

Price: \$100 per person

Includes: Lunch, Drinks, Steak Dinner, 18 Holes of Golf, and
\$1,600 in Prizes

Contacts: Tim Wunderlich at 636-239-8441 or Glenn Schelich
at 636-239-5805

Proceeds from both events benefit the Athletic Association.

ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Annual Giving 2008-2009: As we reach the spring of the year we are finalizing our Annual Giving campaign. We are very close to reaching our goal of \$150,000 having completed almost all phases of the campaign. We have reached \$137,000 with pledges and commitments which should bring us to our goal. If you have not returned your annual giving request, we hope that you will do so in the next few weeks. This important piece of our Advancement effort contributes those extra dollars that we need to offset the cost of providing the top notch education that your students enjoy.

Our National Honor Society students did a fine job with our recent Phonathon. Kudos to our students and the dedicated group of parents who "manned" the phones. If we were unable to reach you or if you were undecided we mailed reminders out. Please watch for those and return them. No gift is too small. We appreciate your partnership in this important phase of the Annual Giving campaign. This campaign ends June 30, 2009. The names of all of our contributors will appear in the fall in our Annual Report.

6th Grade Visits: Beginning this month, several freshmen students along with the Advancement Office staff will be visiting area grade schools to speak to 6th graders about the benefits of attending Borgia High School. If you know of someone wanting more information about our school, please feel free to have them call Moira Vossbrink at 636-239-7871, ext 197.

On-Line Giving: Borgia is happy to provide our donors with a secure and easy way to support our mission. Simply go to www.borgia.com, click on "Make a Gift" and select the fund to which you want your gift directed. This year we have additional Scholarship funds to which you might want to contribute. If you would like to make a gift to help provide financial aid for our students and do not have a preference of fund, please select the School Sisters of Notre Dame fund as it has been designated for that purpose. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office. We can be reached at 636-239-7871, ext 122 or 123 or you may email us at sallaberryh@borgia.com.



MSHSAA ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

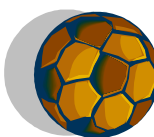
The Missouri State High School Activities Association has revised its Academic Requirements. Effective July 1, 2009, as a result of the 2007 Annual Ballot, the minimum academic standard will be increased to 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater. Eligibility for the Fall semester of 2009-10 will be based upon a student meeting these standards during the **SPRING SEMESTER** of the 2008-09 school year.

Since we are on an 8-Block Academic Schedule with 0.5 credits for each semester course, students must pass 7 of 8 classes each semester to earn at least a total of 3.5 credits.



Summer courses may count toward maintaining academic eligibility for the fall semester provided the following requirements are met.

- The counting of summer school credits must first be approved by the local school administration.
- Credit earned for the summer school course is placed on the student's school transcript and counts toward graduation.
- The courses must be classes identified by the local school board/governing body as required for graduation/promotion requirements.
- No electives may be counted toward this requirement of academic eligibility.
- Correspondence courses may not count as summer school credit.
- A MoVIP course may count toward fall eligibility if the course taken meets the requirements of this section and is completed on or before July 31.
- No more than one credit earned in summer school shall count toward maintaining academic eligibility.



Also note that if a student fails 2 classes during the first semester he/she cannot make up that class during the second semester to make him/her eligible to participate in sports during that semester.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sat., April 4 ACT Test Day
- Sun., April 26 All-Metro College Day, Maryville University 1-4 PM
- Fri., May 8 ACT regular registration deadline for June 13. Last ACT test until September.

SENIOR NEWS:

- Seniors should be receiving housing and financial aid letters from colleges and making final decisions about their college choice. Sometimes, a follow-up visit will help parents and students make that final decision.

JUNIOR NEWS:

- The St. Louis All-Metro College Day is at Maryville University on Sunday, April 26 from 1-4 PM at the Simon Athletic & Recreation Center. Over 250 college representatives will be there to speak to students and parents. This is a great opportunity for juniors to explore colleges and plan summer visits.
- ACT NEWS:** The ACT will be offered on September 12 in Missouri. Students can register for the test online at www.actstudent.org.
- BRIGHT FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP:** Currently, a student must receive a 31 on the ACT to qualify for the Bright Flight Scholarship.
- COLLEGE VISITS:** We strongly suggest that students and parents begin to visit colleges in the summer. Studies show that the campus visit is the #1 factor in the decision making process. Try to narrow choices to 3 or 4 schools by the beginning of the senior year.

ALL STUDENTS:

- There are many summer opportunities available to students to explore career interests or take enrichment classes. Students or parents can come to the Guidance Office to look at all of the possibilities. Many have registration deadlines in April.

- April is a good time for students to begin searching for a summer job. There is a bulletin board by the Guidance Office that has some job opportunities.

SUMMER SCHOOL: Students who failed a required class or a prerequisite class during this current year will need to attend summer school or take a correspondence course. If your child has failed or is in jeopardy of failing one of these courses, please keep Friday, May 22 free so arrangements for that make-up class can be made.

Counselors will notify you by phone on Friday, May 22 if your child fails a course.

Options available include the following:

- Union High School will be having a summer school session. Many of our students use this summer school session to make-up any failed courses. If your child needs to make up a required class, he/she should see his/her counselor as soon as possible. Since this summer school is free, spaces are filled quickly.
- Other districts in the area may be offering summer sessions. Due to the budget cutbacks in these districts, many schools are still working on summer school information.
- Other options are correspondence courses through the Archdiocese of St. Louis or the University of Missouri - Columbia. These can be costly - \$170 or more.
- ⇒ **THEOLOGY CREDIT.** Students will have two options to make-up Theology credits.
- Our Theology department has developed an online Theology course. It will satisfy 1 semester of credit. There will be a fee for the class.
- The other option available is a correspondence course offered by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Feel free to call the Guidance Office with any questions about your child's status for summer sessions.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration at SFBRHS began on the first Friday of Lent! Fr. Kevin exposed the Blessed Sacrament right after Mass in the morning at 8:30 AM, and our Lord remained on the altar in His beautiful "new" monstrance until 2:30 PM. During that time, 140 visits were made by the students, parents, and grandparents. Our hope and joy will be that all students who attend SFBRHS will seek this devotion with their Lord and



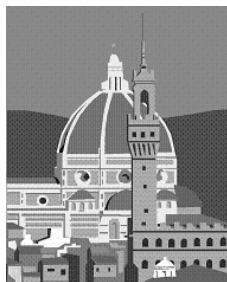
Savior at their school to find peace, strength, and guidance that only He can give in their lives now and in the future. This is considered a Spiritual Act of Mercy, and has been approved by the deanery for Christian service hours. The next all day Adoration will be on April 3 from 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM. Please encourage your children to attend and feel free to come and join them in adoration of Our Lord.

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Thanks to your generosity,
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great success.

Through your support, we were able to raise
\$161,000

which will enable SFRHS to continue
to provide a Catholic secondary education
to many deserving students.

With Grateful Hearts,
The Advancement Office and the
SFRHS 2009 Dinner Auction Committee

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2009-2010 Calendar: The calendar for next year is set. The 2009-2010 school year will begin with practice for fall sports on Monday, August 10. The Luke 18 Retreat for the incoming freshman will be held from Friday, August 14 through Sunday, August 16.

Freshman Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 12. The first full day of classes for all students will be Thursday, August 13. The school year will end on Wednesday, May 19.

ACA Grant: Our thanks to the St. Louis Archdiocese for a grant of \$125,000 for the 2009-2010 school year. The grant is made possible by your generous response to the Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal.

Senior Quilt Raffle-It's Not Too Late: Chances are still available to purchase for your special senior and are \$10 each. The drawing for the quilt is during graduation practice. Call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122 for a chance of a lifetime.

Pro-Life Club Update: Club members will attend Mass at the St. Louis Cathedral on Saturday, April 18 and then picket at the abortion clinic while praying the rosary. Students will be trained on proper techniques for sidewalk counseling at abortion clinics.

Music Concerts: On Monday, April 27, there will be a band concert in the theater at 7 PM. The Choral Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 7 PM in the theater. Come enjoy the musical talents of our students of music.

Summer Band Camp: The date for the summer band camp is July 26-29. This camp is a good beginning to the marching season. It builds camaraderie, discipline, and friendships between old and new members. The camp will have a few changes but will run much like it did last year.

Senior Prom: This year's prom will be held on April 25. All seniors who are attending the prom must be at the school by 7:15 PM. Parents are welcome from 8-9 PM. Doors open for parents at 7 PM.

Parental Help for Senior Prom: As mentioned at the Senior Parent Meeting on March 5, parent involvement is critical. Please remember any volunteer sign ups made at this meeting. On Monday through Thursday, April 20-23, parents are needed to help decorate from 6-10 PM. Finally, it is very important that parents show up for clean up on Sunday, April 26 at 1 PM in the gym. Please bring TOOLS!!!



Christian Service Hours: Seniors must have completed a minimum of 100 hours of Christian Service, and have those hours properly documented on a Christian Service Hours Form by absolutely **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 3**. Forms are available in Room 108. Any student who fails to comply with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in Prom or to graduate with the class of 2009.

United Way PB&J Day: On April 17, StuCo is sponsoring the United Way PB&J Day. On this day, we ask students to bring in jars of peanut butter and/or jelly to be donated to local food pantries and Loving Hearts. These items are in high demand in the summer months when students are not in school. Please put this on your calendar now so you don't forget and thanks in advance for your donation.

Technology Use Agreement: The Technology Use Agreement has been revised. It is available on our web page at <http://www.borgia.com/documents/TechUseAgreement.pdf>. This document describes the conditions under which internet access and other technologies are made available to students. Please read this document and submit a signed copy of the last page to the office.