

SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

NEW FACULTY

Please welcome to the Borgia Family a number of new (and three "almost new") faculty members this year. We are fortunate to be able to bring all these talented folks to St. Francis!

Mr. Mike Kroeker comes to us as Campus Minister, theology and social studies teacher, and assistant basketball coach. Mike has most recently worked at St. Louis University High School as an assistant in the social studies and theology departments. He coached basketball and baseball, and helped moderate the SLUH Student Council. As a member of the Alumni Service Corps, he coordinated bi-weekly Big Brothers meetings and led a Mission Trip to Mexico. He is a graduate of St. Louis University and of DeSmet High School.

Mr. George McKee joins the Borgia family after an illustrious career in the Union R-XI Schools as an English teacher and Homebound Instructor. He holds a Masters' degree in English literature and served as the Advanced Placement coordinator, as well as the dual enrollment instructor in conjunction with East Central College. George will teach 1-8-1-8 Honors Composition and Research, in addition to English IV. He will also sponsor the Scholar Bowl team.

Mr. Greg Miller arrives from St. John the Baptist College Preparatory High School where he was Assistant Principal and Director of Campus Ministry. At SFBRHS he will serve as Counselor for the freshman class and as Freshman Class Coordinator, and will teach Theology I. Greg has completed his M.A.P.S. in Theology from Aquinas Institute and his B.A. in psychology from St. Louis University.

Ms. Dana Volkman earned her journalism degree and teaching certification through Southeast Missouri State University. Dana has worked as a reporter and photographer at *The Missourian* for the past two years and has been active in local volunteer efforts. She will teach in our journalism and English departments.

Rejoining us in expanded roles from last year are the "almost new" **Mr. Spencer Unnerstall** and **Mr. Chet Jankowski**, as well as **Mrs. Manuela Schmitt**. Spencer will teach full time this year with classes in Survey of Science, Biology I, and Global Studies. Chet will be here on Gold Days to teach semester classes in Astronomy and Human Ecology, and full-year Physics sections. Manuela will add English classes to her Honors German classes to join us full time.



WELCOME CLASS OF 2012



It is always exciting to welcome the newest members of our school community. Watching you grow and mature is one of the real perks of teaching!

On Thursday, August 14, the freshmen will have class orientation, beginning at 8 AM. They will have the opportunity to go over their schedules and meet with all their first semester classes. During the day they will be introduced to their faculty advisor and meet their senior big brother or big sister, who will take them to lunch. Lunch will be free on this day.

Freshmen will be dismissed about 1 PM. They are to be in uniform for this day.

Over the weekend of August 15, freshmen will participate in a Luke 18 retreat. Freshmen parents have received information about the retreat. It is strongly recommended that all freshmen attend the retreat.

We look forward to the next four years together. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the high school office.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Parent/Athlete Meeting	8/05 7 PM
Fall Sports Practice Begins	8/11
Spirit Shop Opens	8/12
Schedules Available for Pickup	8/12- 8/13
Senior Parking Permits	8/12 7 AM
Underclassmen Parking Permits	8/13 7 AM
Freshmen Orientation	8/14
Freshmen Parent Meeting	8/15 7 PM
Luke 18 Retreat for Freshmen	8/15- 8/17
Mass for Freshmen Parents	8/17 3 PM
First Full Day of School	8/18
All School Parent Meeting/Fair	8/19 7 PM
School Pictures	8/20
Music Assn Meeting	8/25 7 PM
Back to School Night	8/27 7 PM

Special points of interest:

- Immunizations are to be up to date for all students.
- All freshmen must have a current physical by the first day of school.
- The magazine drive starts August 27. Save renewals for the drive.
- The School Office will be closed on August 15.

BORGIA TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We are excited about Borgia's new web site, which is currently under development. It is scheduled to be launched just prior to the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. Watch for the new Borgia.com mid August. We hope you will find it to be user friendly. A prototype of the new home page is shown below.



Continuing the effort to ensure that students have access to computers when needed for use in the classroom, 20 new laptop

computers were added to the pool of computers available for check out by students. As in previous years, students with personal laptops may bring them to school. They simply need to bring their computers to Mr. Graham in Room 204 to set up access to Borgia's printers and networked drives.

As in the past, students and their guardians will be able to check grades on Family Access. Family Access logon information for new students and their guardians will be distributed at the start of school. When you log into Family Access, please verify that the general information for your student is correct. Notify Chris Feldmann in the main office if any corrections are needed. Also, please provide the email address for at least one guardian. This will enable teachers, counselors, and administrators to contact you via email.

Borgia Moodle will be used to make handouts and additional assignment information available to students. Links for both Family Access and Moodle are available on Borgia's home page.

Biometrics will continue to be used to manage checking out computers from Room 204 as needed for classes. In addition, Borgia will again be offering biometrics in the cafeteria as a method of payment for lunches. To check out a computer or to pay for lunch from a prepaid account, a student will need to have their fingerprint in Borgia's system.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

First Day of Practice for Fall Sports 2008 All practices begin on Monday, August 11. Practice schedules will be distributed either at the Mandatory Meeting or at the first practice.

Boys Soccer

All	7:30 - 9:30 AM	Borgia Practice Field
Varsity	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Borgia Practice Field
JV	Noon - 2 PM	Borgia Practice Field

Football

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors:		
	7:30 - 9:30 AM	Borgia Football Practice Field
	10:30 - 12:30 AM	Borgia Football Practice Field
Freshmen:		
	9 - 11 AM	Borgia Football Practice Field

Volleyball

Varsity	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Ray DeGreeff Gym
JV	5 - 7 PM	Ray DeGreeff Gym
Freshmen	3:30 - 5 PM	Ray DeGreeff Gym

Cross Country 7 - 9 AM Borgia Campus

Softball 9 - 11 AM Lakeview Fields

Girls Golf Noon Franklin County Country Club

Mandatory Meeting: All students participating in the sports program must attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 5 at 7 PM in the theater. A parent or guardian must accompany the student. Please bring insurance and emergency information to this meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Coach Duane Haddox, the Athletic Director, at 636-239-7871, ext. 118 to set up an individual meeting.

Back to School Mixer: The Athletic Association and the Athletic Department will host a couples' cookout on Saturday, August 23. The dinner will be at St. Gertrude's Parish Center. Social hour is from 6 PM to 7 PM. First time freshmen parents will be guests of the Athletic Association. For all others, the cost will be \$10 per person. This evening gives everyone a chance to get acquainted. The coaching staff will cook the steaks. Please RSVP to the high school at 636-239-7871, ext. 111 by August 14.

Season Sport Passes: All-season passes are available for all sporting events (excluding tournaments and post season play). The passes are \$35 for adults, \$25 for students. Senior citizens (over 65) are free. Passes are available from the Athletic Director or at the gate during any sporting event.

REMINDER
All athletes must have a current physical by the first day of practice. There are NO exceptions!

DID YOU KNOW?

School Begins: Freshman year begins with Freshman orientation and the Luke 18 retreat. Orientation is a half day, followed by lunch with their assigned Big Sisters and Brothers.

School Day: The typical school day begins at 8 AM with homeroom. When students arrive in the morning, they may go to homeroom, meet with friends in the cafeteria, work in the media center or gather in the halls to visit. The day ends with seminar from 2:30-3:00 PM. During seminar students may visit teachers for missed assignments or extra help, attend club meetings, or visit with friends. Seminar is considered part of the school day. At any time, a student may be requested to spend seminar in a classroom.

School Supplies: Students need to bring pencils, pen, notebooks and a backpack. Teachers will inform them of any additional items needed for class. All students are encouraged to bring a computer memory stick. PE uniforms are required for freshmen and sophomores and may be purchased in the Spirit Shop. The Spirit Shop is located in the cafeteria. Supplies may also be purchased in the Spirit Shop.

Lockers: Every student has a locker. Locker numbers and combinations are on their schedule. Students are assigned lockers in the gym locker rooms as needed.

Student Handbook: Students receive an Agenda on the first day of class. The Agenda contains the school handbook, calendar and room for recording assignments. Students are required to have their agenda with them at all times. If an agenda is lost, students may purchase a new one in the main office for \$5.

Uniforms: Students are required to wear uniforms. Shirts, sweatshirts and the women's skorts are provided by Legacy. Order forms and samples are in the Spirit Shop or at Legacy, 6 Pauwels Drive, Washington, MO. Telephone # 636-239-3733. The uniform pants are a true (not faded) navy or a true khaki. Male and female students may wear slacks or appropriate shorts.

Cafeteria Service: The Borgia Cafeteria serves a light breakfast and lunch. Lunch is divided into 4 sections or mods. Student schedules indicate the student's lunch mod. Parents may put money into a student account or give the student money for lunch. Parents may make an Automated Clearing House (e-check) transfer by creating a student account at www.myschoolaccount.com. There is a charge of \$1.50 for an ACH transfer. To add students to an account, the "Student ID" is the same as their Borgia user name. On the home page at www.myschoolaccount.com, there are complete instructions on how to create an account. If you prefer, you may send a check to the school cafeteria. Entrées costing \$2.50-\$3.00 are offered each day. A la carte items are also available. We offer many healthy choices. Students also have the option of bringing their lunch.

Sports: Sports practices begin 3 weeks before the start of the season and are regulated by the Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSHSAA). August 11, 2008 is the first practice day for fall sports. Sport teams generally practice 5-6 days a week. Schedules are posted on a weekly basis.

FUNDRAISING



Car Raffle: Borgia has acquired a like-new 2007 Pontiac G5. It is a 2 door coupe, 4 cylinder, automatic that gets an estimated 35 miles to the gallon. It has an extended bumper to bumper warranty and lots of options including air conditioning, power steering,

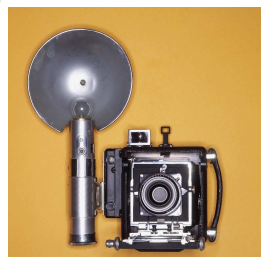
power windows and door locks, front air bags, sun roof, rear spoiler, tilt steering wheel, AM/FM stereo, CD player, MP3 connection, cruise control, and tinted windows. Raffle tickets are available in the main office. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The winner will be announced on Saturday, October 11.

Magazine Drive: On August 27, we will begin our annual magazine drive. Many of you may be receiving renewal notices already for magazines that you ordered last year. Please renew through the school as 40% of each magazine subscription returns to the school.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

Student Accident Insurance: This is available to any family in our school who may be interested. This coverage is offered through UnitedHealthCare STUDENT Resources, a very reputable company that has been dealing with student accident insurance for many years. To find out more information about the program contact the school office or access the UnitedHealthCare's website at www.k12StudentInsurance.com. Click on "Archdiocese of St. Louis" when you go to this site. Online enrollment is also available at this site.

Senior Pictures: All seniors must have a yearbook picture taken at Fricke Studio by September 15. There is no charge for this basic sitting and there is no obligation to purchase pictures. The free sitting includes 4 poses in one outfit. This picture will be used for the yearbook and the class composite, which is displayed in the school corridor.



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SLU 1-8-1-8 COURSES



Registration for fall semester St. Louis University 1-8-1-8 college credit courses will take place August 25 - September 5. Students will receive registration information in their 1-8-1-8 English, history, or foreign language courses. Students must complete the registration process by September 5 and submit applicable paperwork to Mrs. Patty Russell (Room 207) by the September 5 deadline. No tuition payment is due at registration. Tuition is \$60 per credit hour, paid to SLU. SLU will bill students on October 15. Payments are due November 1. Late registration will result in a late fee of \$50 which SLU will add to students' bills. Late payment may result in being dropped from SLU's roster. All students enrolling in 1-8-1-8 classes will receive informational handouts the first week of classes. Information will also be available for parents at Back to School Night, August 27. Please note: Registration for spring 1-8-1-8 classes will take place in January with payment due March 1.

**WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.BORGIA.COM**



BORGIA SPIRIT SHOP

The Spirit Shop, located in the cafeteria, is gearing up for a new year. It will reopen on Tuesday, August 12 with a Back to School Sale. The Spirit Shop is your source for Borgia attire and specialty items. You can also purchase various school supplies such as pencils, pens, notebooks, rulers, and gym uniforms as well as flash drives and headphones.

The Spirit Shop will be open before school (7:30—8 AM), during lunch, and during seminar. It will also be open during functions such as Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, and Open House. And soon, the Spirit Shop will always be open on-line.

2008-2009 SCHEDULES

All students may pick up their schedules on Tuesday or Wednesday, August 12-13 in the Guidance Office. After August 13, schedules may be picked up in the Main Office. Schedule changes can be made beginning on August 13, as well as during the week of August 18. If a schedule change is necessary, students should see their guidance counselor. Please review the "Class Change Policy" in the student handbook. A \$10 schedule change fee will be assessed for student-initiated changes, unless there is a valid reason for the change.

BORGIA LEATHER JACKETS

Unisex letter jackets are available to be ordered for your student. The bodies of these jackets are 100% wool and the sleeves are genuine leather. "Borgia" will appear on the back and year of graduation on the sleeve. Display your academic, athletic and extracurricular letters proudly. These jackets are acceptable as part of the school uniform and may be worn in school. The cost is \$185 and they come in sizes S through 3XL. Order forms and samples are available in the Spirit Shop. Orders need to be in by October 1.



FINGERPRINTING

Fingerprints are used within Borgia to check out computers from Room 204. Most returning students already have their fingerprints on file. All freshmen and other new students need to have their fingerprints entered into the system. They may do this by stopping by Room 204 when they come to school to pick up their schedules on August 12 or 13. In addition to being used for checking out computers from Room 204, students may use their fingerprints to pay for lunch from a prepaid account on www.myschoolaccount.com instead of using cash. It only takes a minute. Those who are not able to stop by on these days should stop by the first week of school during seminar.

PARKING PERMITS

Students may park on our parking lot for \$5 a year. Permits must be purchased from the Dean's Office before parking on the lot during the school day. Seniors may pick up their passes on Tuesday, August 12, on a first-come, first-served basis. Juniors and sophomores may pick up their passes on Wednesday, August 13, also on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking permits will be on sale from 7 AM until 1 PM. Students must bring a valid driver's license, as well as vehicle information.

VOLUNTEER FAIR & PARENT MEETING

There will be a combined parent meeting on Tuesday, August 19 at 7 PM. After a general meeting in the theater, parents will be directed to different locations according to the class year of their children. At the class meetings, information will be shared that is specific to that class. After the meetings there will be a fair with representatives available to answer questions about the various parent organizations of the school. Refreshments will be served.