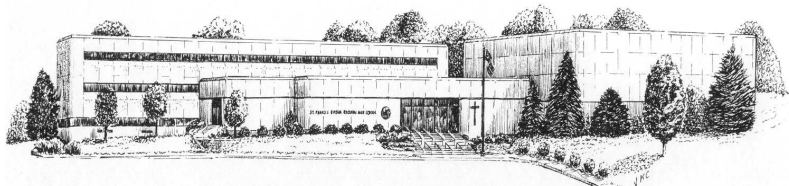


SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

STUDENT EXCHANGE



Once again this year, there will be a student exchange program between SFBRHS and Cardinal Ritter Prep in St. Louis.

Although the exact dates have not yet been set, teams of student leaders from the two schools are meeting in early February to work out the final details. On one day 40 students from Ritter will visit us at Borgia, and on another, 40 Borgia students will visit Ritter. Our bus typically leaves at 7:45 AM and returns by 3:00 PM.

Students will have time to tour the facility, discuss issues of interest, and shadow their host/hostess students. Last year's participants from both schools reported a highly successful and meaningful experience!

Only 40 students can participate: 30 upperclassmen (senior or junior) and 10 underclassmen (sophomore or freshman) will be chosen based on their application essay. To apply, a student must write an essay no longer than one page explaining why s/he thinks s/he would be a good participant in the Exchange Program. The student's name and grade level should appear **ONLY** in the upper right hand corner of the paper. All applications are due in the front office by no later than 3 PM on Friday, February 13.

Please contact Mr. Wingbermuehle, Dr. Heger, or Christine Haddox if you have any questions.



2009-2010 REGISTRATION

Students will receive Course Description Guides and registration forms from their advisors at school on Monday, February 9. Please ask students to review their choices with you. If you or your students have questions about a class, communicate with the academic dean, the advisor, the guidance counselor, or Dr. Heger, principal. All registrations are due on Monday, February 23. The student needs to obtain a parent signature and submit a \$40 registration fee by February 23. Fees for any late registrations (after February 23) will be \$45. Be sure to first consult the pages of the Course Description Guide for important information. Freshman registration is Thursday, March 5. If you know of an 8th grader interested in SFBRHS who has not yet started the registration process, please encourage the student to call the high school.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Music Assn. Meeting	02/02 7 PM
Athletic Assn. Meeting	02/04 7:30 PM
Registration for 2009-10 Classes	02/9 to 02/20
Faculty Mtg. Dismissal	02/11 12:30 PM
Borgia Financial Aid Night	02/12 7 PM
"Tuscany Knights" Dinner Auction	02/14
President's Day - Gold Day	02/16
Advisory Board Mtg.	02/18
Borgia Night at Chaifetz Arena	02/21
Archdiocesan Band Festival	02/22
Mass	02/25 9:40 AM

Special points of interest:

- Registration for the 2009-2010 school year begins on Monday, February 9.
- The Sophomore Class Dinner will be held on March 20.
- Please note that there will be school on Monday, February 16 to make up a snow day.

“TUSCANY KNIGHTS” DINNER AUCTION

The “Tuscany Knights” Dinner Auction will be held on February 14, 2009. There is still time to make plans to attend this fun evening. Every year the funds that are raised are used to provide financial assistance to many students and their families.

Tuition Raffle - Who will be the Lucky Winner? Remember you only have until February 7 to buy your tickets. In addition to being able to win tuition for 2009-2010 (\$5900 value), we are also giving parents a second chance to win. Second prize is 2009-2010 book fees (\$455 value). So don't miss out. If you can't find the tickets we sent you, just call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122.

SENIOR QUILT RAFFLE



One of a Kind Heirloom: As many of you know, the Senior Quilt is a long-standing tradition at SFBRRHS. This year senior parents, Chris Alfermann and Mary Jo Hanneken, along with grandmothers, Mary Jo Vehige and Ruthie Sullentrup, designed and created the senior quilt.

The quilt is hanging on display. The winner will be drawn at graduation practice. All seniors have an opportunity to purchase tickets for the raffle.

Raffle tickets have been mailed to all senior parents, and you can buy as many as you want. Grandparents, friends, godparents, etc. may also buy chances for your special senior. There is no limit as to the number of chances that may be purchased. Chances can be returned or mailed to the Borgia's Advancement Office and checks should be made out to SFBRRHS.

If you need additional tickets, just call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122.

BORGIA FINANCIAL AID

A significant amount of financial aid is available to Borgia students each year. In order to apply for financial aid, you must submit a FACTS form along with a copy of your 2008 income taxes to the archdiocese by April 1. Decisions regarding distribution of aid is based upon this data.

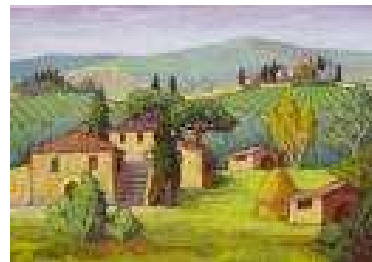
On Thursday, February 12, there will be a meeting to discuss the various types financial aid, requirements associated with applying for financial aid, and the due dates for submission of applications. Parents of all Borgia students registering for the 2009-2010 school year, including incoming freshmen are invited to attend. This meeting will be held in the cafeteria and will begin at 7 PM.

A Special Thanks to Our Committee Chairpersons:



Thanks to the many dedicated parents, alumni and donors who make this event happen.

- Chairpersons:** Lisa & Andy Beckermann
- Co Chairpersons:** Dale & Angie Siebert
- Acquisitions:** Susie Blatt, Leann Straatmann, Bev Graham & Julie Landwehr
- Auction Cataloging:** Kristen Eggert & Ginny Rudloff
- Auctioneers:** Kerry Brehe, Andy Knight & Bill Monroe
- MC:** Tim Brinker
- Silent Auction:** Chris & Gary Alfermann, Margaret & Joe Holtmeier, Nick & Cindy Eckelkamp
- Fantasy Auction:** Pam & Bill Hacker, Lisa Hogenmiller
- Tuition Raffle:** Michelle & Kurt Unnerstall
- Publicity:** Sharon Bargaen
- Dining Room Set-Up:** Mary Lou Bannion, Jamie King
- Theme & Decor:** Sheri Forget & Karen Maniaci
- Reservations:** Brenda Dempsey, Nancy Fischer
- Invitations:** Jan Weber
- Kitchen:** Kelly & Joe Kopmann
- Bar:** Bob Findeiss
- Sunday Clean-up:** Joe & Michelle Boland & Andy & Anny Hurtig
- Student Coat Check:** Kathy Hertlein, National Honor Society
- Banking & Checkout:** Mindy & Kevin Rettke & Sherri Mundwiler
- \$10,000 Raffle:** Michelle & Kurt Unnerstall
- Caterer:** Gloria Brinker & Borgia Chefs
- Borgia LTD:** Connie Stelzer, Sheila Gildehaus
- Leasing:** Doris & Tim Glastetter
- Homeroom Baskets:** Joette Reidy
- Senior Quilt:** Chris Alfermann, Mary Ann Vehige, Mary Jo Hanneken & Ruthie Sullentrup



*Thanks so very much
to all the dedicated
volunteers!*

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sat., Feb. 7	ACT Test
Mon., Feb. 9	FAFSA Completion Workshop, 6:30 PM in cafeteria
Thurs., Feb. 12	ECC applications due in Guidance Office
Fri., Feb. 13	Registration for ECC math and English as- sessment testing at 8:30 AM
Sat., Feb. 14	ECC students applying for scholarships must have FAFSA submitted
Fri., Feb. 27	ECC Scholarship deadline
Fri., Feb. 27	Deadline to register for the April 4 ACT
Sat., Feb. 28	Suggested deadline to have the FAFSA form filed for 4 yr. colleges
Mon. & Tues., Mar. 2 & 3	Registration for the SuperSaturday/ACT Prep class, during lunch, \$15.00 fee
Sat., March 21	SuperSaturday/ACT Prep Class, 8 AM-3:30 PM at Borgia

SENIOR NEWS:

- It is suggested that the FAFSA form be completed by March 1. Many schools give money on a first-come basis. If taxes are not completed yet, an estimate can be sent and changes can be made when the SAR (Student Aid Report) is returned to the parents. Filing electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov is the quickest way to get results back.
- **FAFSA Completion Workshop will be held on Monday, February 9 in Borgia's cafeteria at 6:30 PM.** This is an evening in which parents can get assistance in completing the FAFSA form. Please bring last year's tax return and the last pay check stub from 2008 or your W2 forms. Also, bring your student's W2 form if applicable.
- Students should continue looking for scholarship money from the school they plan to attend or through outside sources.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

Tuition Reminder: Just a reminder that tuition for the 2008-2009 school year should be paid in full by the end of the school year. Final transcripts will not be sent until all tuition and fees have been paid in full. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Wingbermuehle at 636-239-7871, ext. 115.

Senior Parent Meeting: There will be a Senior Parent Meeting on March 5 at 7 PM in the theater. Information regarding end of year activities for Seniors will be discussed.



Snow Make-up Days: In order to make up the two snow days in late January, there will be school on Monday, February 16 and on Thursday, April 16. These will be Gold Days.

EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE NEWS FOR SENIORS/JUNIORS:

- Any junior or senior who plans to take a summer or fall course in English or math at ECC must have their application turned in to the Guidance Office by February 12.
- An ECC representative will be at Borgia on Friday, February 13 at 8:30 AM to register students to take the English and math assessment tests. Students must take this assessment if they intend to take summer or fall classes on the ECC campus in English or math. Students will have to go to ECC for testing and registration.
- **To be eligible for ECC scholarships, the FAFSA form must be filed by Feb. 14.**
- The deadline for scholarships to ECC is Feb. 27.

JUNIOR NEWS:

- An ACT Prep Class called SuperSaturday will be offered on Saturday, March 21 from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM at Borgia. A trial test will be administered and scored on that morning, students will have lunch, and then attend individual prep classes in the afternoon. The cost is \$15. Registration for this day will be on Monday and Tuesday, March 2 & 3 during lunch.
- There are two more ACT test dates this school year: April 4 and June 13. We strongly recommend that juniors take the ACT before their senior year. Those juniors who are in the top half of their class or who have taken the ACT Prep Class should consider taking the April 4 test. June 13 is the last ACT test date for this school year. The ACT will not be available again in Missouri until September.
- Many colleges have visit days in the spring for junior students and their parents. Now is a good time to begin looking on college web sites and planning college visit days.

JUNIOR/SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN NEWS:

- Please work with your child in choosing courses for next year. We want students to challenge themselves but not overextend themselves. There are many honors and college credit courses available to students. Talk to them about the commitment they will be making in spending extra time with these classes. Sophomores and juniors will also be deciding whether to take classes at 4 Rivers Career Center in Washington. Encourage them to take classes that fit their interest areas. **Once classes are chosen, we ask that there be minimal schedule changes. If you have questions about your child's schedule, please contact his/her counselor.**

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BORGIA NIGHT AT CHAIFETZ ARENA

Saturday, February 21 has been declared Borgia Night at the St. Louis University Billikens Basketball Game at the new Chaifetz Arena. Game time is 7 PM. Borgia's award winning Dance Team will be performing.


Borgia ticket prices are only \$9 each. Tickets are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis in the main office. A bus to the game will be available. The cost to ride the bus is \$3.



Join us for an exciting night of basketball as SLU takes on Dayton. Watch Borgia alumnus, Paul Eckerle, lead the Billikens to victory. This game has been declared a "Blue Night Out" for the Billikens—the first 7,000 fans will receive a blue Billikens t-shirt. Get your tickets soon!

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

The cafeteria has been using the Food Service System (FSS) since 2007. With this system, each student has an account which can be accessed via his/her fingerprint to pay for lunch each day. These are to be **prepaid** accounts. Students are also able to continue to pay by cash.

The balances in these lunch accounts can be checked at  www.myschoolaccount.com. If you haven't already done so, please go to this website and set up an account there as soon as possible. When asked for your student's user id, use his/her Borgia user name (usually last name and first initial). In addition to checking balances for one or more students, you can set up to receive an email notification when the available funds drop below a certain amount, such as \$5.

Money can be placed into your student's account online by an ACH transaction (transfer from a checking account). If preferred, cash or a check can be brought into the main office to fund your student's lunch account. (There is a charge for the online ACH transaction.)

We continue to have problems with students carrying negative balances on these accounts. We inform the students when their balances fall below \$5 but the message doesn't always make it home. Some of the negative balances are quite high. PLEASE check the balances for your students today and insure that the balance does not go below zero.

If a student's balance ever goes below -\$5, he/she will need to pay cash for lunch until the outstanding balance is paid. Once the outstanding balance has been paid in full and additional funds have been placed in the account, he/she will again be able to use the fingerprint system. Recently, we began strictly enforcing this policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gloria at 636-239-7871, ext. 121.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES

Music Performances / Competitions:

- Feb. 11 St. Louis Archdiocesan Choir Festival
- Feb. 22 St. Louis Archdiocesan Instrumental Festival
- Feb. 26 Jazz Band, Winter Drumline & Winterguard Tour



Summer Band Camp: This camp will be held July 26-29. It is the beginning of preparations for the marching season. Please mark your calendars now so all band members can be there.

Pro-Life Club: SFBRHS sent the largest number of students ever in the school's history to Washington, DC for the Pro-Life March. Forty-three students and eleven chaperones journeyed to the nation's capital for five days to join over 300,000 other people to help fight the silent holocaust, abortion! Five grade school buses from our deanery also attended the largest pro-life protest in history.

Lobby Day will be on Tuesday, March 10 in Jefferson City. SFBRHS Pro-Life Club will provide a bus for students and adults to help protest abortion in our state's capitol on that day. Call Bill Gegg at 636-239-5883 by February 22 if you want to attend the rally in Jefferson City. There is no cost for the trip; free will donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of the bus. We will leave the back parking lot of Borgia at 8:15 AM and return at approximately 4:30 PM.