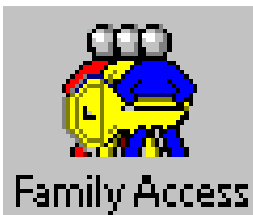


SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

With the start of a new year a new semester gets underway at Borgia. All of the first semester exams have been corrected and the grades are being recorded; report cards for semester one will be posted on Family Access on Thursday, January 8. Paper report cards for those who have notified the office that they still require them will be mailed that same day.

Term 1 Report Cards are already available on Family Access. Parents and students are able



Family Access

to access report cards by clicking on "Report Cards" on the left side of the screen. Select "Term 1 08-09" to open this Report Card as a Word Document which can be viewed and printed. Once the Semester Report Cards are posted to Family Access, this option will appear under the "Report Cards" link.

If you haven't already done so, please notify Chris Feldmann at 636-239-7871, ext. 111 if you need to have paper report cards mailed to you.

GERMAN STYLE DINNER

German Klub Dinner: The German Klub will have the annual German Dinner on January 23, 2009 from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. The menu will be Williams Brothers' German sausage, spaetzle, baked apples, green beans, Schultes' German dinner rolls and our Ger-

Cost	
Adults:	\$7.00
Senior Citizens:	\$6.50
Children (6-12):	\$5.00
Children (5 & under):	Free

man students' homemade German desserts. Dinner is followed by an exciting boys basketball game versus Pacific. All proceeds benefit the student exchange between Washington and our Sister City, Marbach am Neckar, Germany.

CALENDAR UPDATES

Because of the snow days in mid-December, we need to make up two days of school. The snow days also resulted in the students having fewer opportunities to sell calendars and to turn in their sales. So, the school goal for the calendar drive quota has not been met and **there will be school on Monday, January 5.** This day will count as a make up day for one of the snow days. The other will be made up during Easter Break by having school on Wednesday, April 15. Easter Break is now scheduled for Thursday, April 9 through Tuesday, April 14.

The deadline to meet the school goal of 3766 calendars has been extended to Thursday, January 8. This is the final turn in day

for calendar sales. If the school goal is met by this day, there will be **two** free days on Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 - 16.

The money that is raised helps pay the difference between the tuition and the cost to educate our students. We will update you with all of the financial results at the end of the drive. All unsold calendars must be returned to school by Friday, January 16.

Winners of the daily calendar raffles are posted on Borgia's website. To view the list, just mouse over Advancement, then Fundraisers, and then select Calendar Winners.

Thanks to all the parents and students who work so hard to make our calendar drive a success.

Mark Your Calendars Now

No School—	01/01 -
Christmas Break	01/02
Second Semester Begins	01/05
Music Assn. Meeting	01/05 7 PM
Athletic Assn. Mtg.	01/07 7:30 PM
Faculty Mtg.	01/14 12:30 PM
Dismissal	
Ski Trip	01/16 - 01/19
Martin Luther King Day - No School	01/19
Pro-Life Trip	01/19 - 01/23
Advisory Board Meeting	01/21 7 PM
German Klub Dinner	01/23 4 - 7 PM
Catholic Schools Week	01/26 - 01/30
Winter Play	01/29 - 01/31

Special points of interest:

- The Calendar drive quota was **not** met yet!!! There will be school on Monday, January 5.
- There will be an all-school Mass at 9:40 AM on Monday, January 26.
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 26.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS....

Catholic Schools Week: During the week of January 26, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We will have an all-school Mass at 9:40 AM on Monday, January 26.

Retreats for Senior Class of 2010: During Advisement on Wednesday, January 7, the Juniors will receive information regarding retreat options for the Class of 2010. If you are a Junior parent, please review this information carefully with your student and help them select the retreat option that best suits them. The completed form is due back to their Advisor on Wednesday, January 14.



Pro-Life Trip: Forty-three students (the most ever) will be journeying to Washington, D.C. January 20-24 to protest the legalization of abortion on January 22, 1973. These students had to be active in the community to be eligible to go on this trip. We would like to ask parents and students to support us by participating in the Candlelight Vigil held on Thursday, January 22 at the corner of 5th & Jefferson in Washington from 5-6 PM. Please bring a candle or flashlight and stand in silence for one hour to support legislation that would overturn Roe vs. Wade and make abortion illegal in our country.

SFBRHS Tuition Raffle: Would you like to win a year's tuition? Well, you can... Just by entering the SFBRHS Tuition Raffle! In addition to the Tuition (2008-09) First Prize; we will be offering a second prize of Book Fees (\$455 value). Every family will have 2 chances to win. Watch for your tickets in the mail. Tickets are only \$20 each. To enter, return your tickets and send your money to the school by February 1, 2009.

BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Next time you're on MOODLE, look for the "Blue Ribbon Campaign" information under the Borgia Directories link. There you will find the Blue Ribbon Pledge as rewritten this year after a series of parent "Town Hall" meetings. A contact list of parents who have committed to the pledge is included. If you would like to take the Blue Ribbon Pledge and have your contact information included on the website, call Dr. Heger at 636-239-7871, ext. 116, or email him at bheger@borgia.com.



The drawing will take place at the annual dinner auction on February 14, 2009. You do not need to be present to win. If fewer than 150 tickets are sold, the drawing will be a 50/50. Don't miss out on this great chance to win a year's tuition!

Financial Aid 2009-2010: A financial aid information packet will be sent in February. In order to receive financial aid based on need, it is necessary to fill out the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. The application and information about the types of financial aid available will be included in these packets. The FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment is used for PTO grants, Archdiocesan Grants and any scholarships that specify need as a criterion. The deadline for submitting this application is April 1 for the Archdiocese Grants and May 1 for the PTO grants. You will need your 2008 income tax return in order to submit the FACTS form.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Applications for 2009-2010 KC Scholarship are available in the main office.

Need a Tax Deduction in 2009? Turn your old technology into a tax deduction and help out the Borgia Fine Arts Department. We are currently looking for the following items:

- 35mm Film Still Cameras
- Television Sets with screens that are 20 inches or less
- VHS Video Cameras (the kind that take the big tapes)



If you have any of these items gathering dust or if they were replaced by presents from Santa, donate them to school. Donation verification will be provided if desired. Contact Mr. Bitzer at 636-239-7871, ext. 178 for more information.

THE OUTSIDERS

S.E. Hinton's popular coming-of-age novel will hit the Borgia stage January 29 - 31. *The Outsiders* is the story of Ponyboy Curtis and his friends who struggle through the teenage years during the 1960's. A shy and unassuming Greaser, Ponyboy tries to make sense of his turmoil-filled life as he deals with the death of his parents, an overbearing brother, hoodlum friends, and his need to be accepted. When he and his friend Johnny find themselves in trouble with the law, they escape to the country, only to find that they cannot escape their troubles or their situations.

The cast of *The Outsiders* includes several Borgia stage veterans (Brett Kleekamp as Dallas Winston, Ian Sullivan as Johnny) as well as a number of newcomers to the Borgia stage (Molly Obermark as Cherry Valance, Tyler Graef as Sodapop Curtis, and Zachary Mette as Ponyboy). With several special lighting and sound effects, this show promises to be a moving and educational experience for middle-school aged children and up. For ticket information, call 636-239-7871.

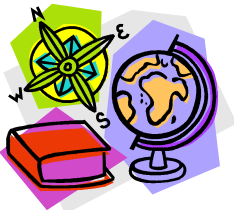
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan. 1 FAFSA forms may be mailed or submitted online
- Jan. 6 Registration deadline for the February 7 ACT test
- Jan. 15 Registration for East Central College credits in College Algebra, College Psychology, College Speech, and College Sociology during lunch periods
- Jan. 15 EXPLORE (freshman)/PLAN (sophomore) test interpretation for parents, 6:30 PM, cafeteria
- Feb. 9 FAFSA Completion Workshop, 6:30 PM, cafeteria

FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR NEWS:

- ◆ Please give your suggestions to your sons/daughters about next year's classes. We value your input toward your child's courses for next year. Do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Office if you have questions about what courses your child should be taking.
- ◆ All sophomores and freshmen will have received the PLAN or EXPLORE test results by mid-January. You can use the career interest results to help your child determine courses that might be appropriate for next year's schedule.



JUNIOR NEWS:

- ◆ Most juniors will be taking the April 4 ACT test. The regular registration deadline for this test is Friday, February 27. Packets are available in the Guidance Office or a student can register online at www.actstudent.org.
- ◆ There is an ACT prep class on Saturday, March 21 called Super Saturday here at Borgia. We will register students for this day in early March. The cost is \$15.

SENIOR NEWS:

- ◆ In order to receive financial aid from a post-secondary school, parents must complete a FAFSA form. These forms may not be mailed or submitted online before January 1, but should be submitted as soon as possible after that date and preferably by March 1. If you don't think you will have your tax information completed by that time, you may estimate and then make adjustments to the Student Aid Report that you will receive after submitting the FAFSA form. Some of the grant money associated with the FAFSA is on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, it is to your advantage to submit this form as soon as possible. **The Guidance Office recommends that you file the FAFSA online.** You will get a faster return. The web site is www.fafsa.edu.gov.
- ◆ **FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP:** If you need assistance completing the FAFSA form, a workshop will be held on Monday, February 9 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Please bring the parent and student PIN numbers, last year's tax return (in order to estimate), and the last pay check stub from 2008 or your W2 forms.
- ◆ Most seniors have mailed their applications to 4-year institutions. If a senior intends to attend a 4-year university and has not applied, we highly recommend that this be done as soon as possible.
- ◆ Students should continue to search for scholarships.
- ◆ If your child plans to attend East Central College, he should plan to have the FAFSA submitted and the ECC application and scholarship forms completed by mid-February.
- ◆ The scholarship deadline for ECC is March 1.

TUSCANY KNIGHTS - FEBRUARY 14, 2009

Who? Friends and Family of St. Francis Borgia Regional High School

What? Tuscany Knights Dinner Auction

When? Saturday, February 14, 2009

Where? Borgia High School

Why? 100% proceeds from the evening are used each year to support the financial assistance program at Borgia. This is Borgia's largest annual fundraiser. Last year over \$150,000 was raised at the dinner auction.

How? Lots of volunteers and lots of help from our Borgia families

Each family is asked to donate an item valued between \$25 and \$50 or a cash donation of similar value. See the Borgia website for suggested items. Items should be turned in at the latest by the end of January.

There are a lot of ways you can participate in this great event. Invitations will be out in early January. Plan to attend and if you would like to volunteer, please call us in the Advancement office at 636-239-7871, ext. 123. There are many opportunities to help.

Watch the Borgia website for updates! Remember to save the date and plan to attend.



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BLUE & GOLD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Two Blue & Gold Scholarships will be awarded for the 2009-2010 school year:

- ◆ Bill Denson Scholarship
- ◆ Larry Slocum Scholarship

In order to be eligible for one of these scholarships, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Was enrolled at SFBRHS as a 9, 10, and 11 grade student
2. Have a minimum of 2.0 GPA
3. Not receive more than one other scholarship for the year awarded.

In order to apply for either of these Blue & Gold Scholarships, the student must submit the following:

1. A one page biographical essay that includes goals, how SFBRHS has been important to him/her, and any circumstances that may cause financial need.
2. A list of extracurricular activities and service/community activities.
3. A letter of recommendation from a teacher/clergyman.

All components of the application must be submitted in **TYPED** form.

Completed applications are to be forwarded to the main office, to the attention of George Wingbermuehle. All applications are due by January 30. The top eight applicants will be submitted to the Blue & Gold Scholarship Committee for final selection of the recipients.

REGISTRATION FOR COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES



1-8-1-8 Saint Louis University

Registration: Registration for juniors and seniors taking 1-8-1-8 college credit courses during second semester will take place during January. Forms will be distributed to

students by their 1-8-1-8 instructors at the beginning of second semester. Tuition bills will be sent in mid-February with payment due on March 1.

ECC Registration: Students taking courses from East Central College during second semester will be able to register and pay for them at Borgia. One day in mid-January, representatives from ECC will be at SFBRHS during the lunch periods to take the registration forms and payment. Instructors of the ECC college credit classes will distribute the registration forms to students at the beginning of second semester.



NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

