



St. Francis Borgia Regional High School

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SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

ACCREDITATION VISIT

As part of its ongoing AdvancED (formerly North Central Association) accreditation cycle, Borgia will welcome a visiting team of distinguished educators in early March. The team, headed by Dr. David Shelton, is composed of eight administrators, principals and teachers representing the AdvancED organization.

AdvancED is an international organization dedicated to promoting professional best practices in its member institutions. All efforts are aimed at improved opportunities for increased student achievement. Saint Francis has been a member school since the early 1980's, receiving the highest accreditation possible every year of membership.

At the last accreditation visit, the faculty and staff set specific technology and in-

structional goals. As a result, Borgia has continued to document steady student progress in these areas. The March visit is part of the process that verifies the results of these past efforts, and will help guide our direction for the next few years.

The visiting team will spend two full days here on Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, observing, interviewing, examining evidence, and writing. They will visit classrooms and interview staff, students, and parents. Ultimately they will prepare a comprehensive document known as the "Quality Assurance Review" (or "QAR") based on seven areas, or standards, known to be of the utmost importance to a school's success. Thank you to the visiting team, and to all who have worked so hard on behalf of our Borgia family!

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2013!!!

Members of the Class of 2013 will be receiving this month's newsletter. In subsequent months, their parents will receive email notification when the newsletter is available online as do our existing parents. We welcome them to the Borgia family and look forward to their presence on campus.

Freshman Registration: On Thursday, March 5, freshman registration will be held in the cafeteria beginning at 6:30 PM. Parents of incoming freshmen should have received an information packet in the mail during the month of February.

Luke 18: Preparations are beginning; thank you to all who have served in the past as sleep houses. If you know any incoming freshman parents, please encourage them to host a sleep house, too. We can't do this retreat without assistance from the freshman class parents. Your help in spreading the word is greatly appreciated. The freshman retreat will be August 14-16, 2009 at SFBRHS.



TUSCANY KNIGHTS—GRATZIE!



Over \$161,000 Raised! Splendido! Thank you to all of our generous and faithful donors, our creative and hard working volunteers, and our wonderful and generous guests!

Thank you from all of us to each and every one of you for making "Tuscany Knights" such a huge success! 100% of all profits will be available for Financial Aid for the 2009-2010 school year. We thank you on behalf of all the students who will benefit from this great event.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Music Assn. Meeting	03/02 7 PM
Athletic Assn. Meeting	03/04 7:30 PM
Freshmen Registration	03/05 6:30 PM
Senior Parent Meeting	03/05 7 PM
Faculty Prayer Day: No School	03/09
Faculty Meeting: 12:30 PM Dismissal	03/11
Academic Assn. Meeting	03/11 7 PM
Mass	03/18 9:40 AM
Advisory Board Meeting	03/18 7 PM
Dr. Bergamini Presentation	03/19 7 PM
Sophomore Fish Fry	03/20
Super Saturday ACT Prep Class	03/21 8 AM— 3:30 PM
Pro-Life Week	03/23— 03/27
Reconciliation	03/24
KC Fish Fry	03/27

Please Note

The Guardian Angels will meet on March 5 at 6:45 PM, and will begin with the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel. All parents, students, grandparents and friends of SFBRHS are invited to attend.

NEW LAPTOPS FOR STUDENT USE



As of January 2009, MPC/Gateway has announced that they are liquidating. Since the warranties are no longer available, Borgia and the families that have purchased MPC/Gateway computers find themselves in a real bind. As a school, we are trying to keep as many computers as possible operating, but it is a gigantic challenge as parts are very expensive. In order to provide our students with the technology they have learned to depend upon, we have found an alternate solution that we think will provide a great benefit to our students at a reasonable cost.

We have ordered sixty Dell Inspiron Mini 9" Netbooks for student use in our school. These will replace the Gateway lap-

tops the students are currently checking out. The Dell laptops are rugged solid state computers that will give students high speed internet access, with Windows XP. They have three USB ports, 15 pin VGA video connector, audio jacks, and 3-in-1 Media Card Reader. It runs on an Intel Atom processor, 1.6 GHz, 533 MHz 512K L2 Cache with 1GB DDR2, 533 MHz, 1 DIMM. These netbooks have a four year warranty and sell for only \$285. These will be enable us to meet the needs of many more students in our school. If you would like to own one personally, they are available at Sam's Club. The URL is: http://www.samsclub.com/shopping/navigate.do?dest=5&item_nbr=702612&iid=02-21-09_Homepage|POV|BuyersPick. If you do not have a Sam's Club membership, contact George Wingbermuehle at ext. 115.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE UPDATE

Advancement Fund '09 Phon-a-thon

Formerly known as Annual Giving

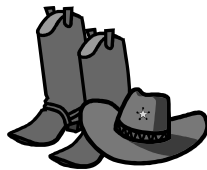
Beginning March 16 for three nights, members of NHS and a parent committee will begin making calls to Borgia supporters for monetary donations.

The Advancement Fund is an annual campaign (that runs throughout the fiscal year of July 1 - June 30) which assists in keeping the cost of tuition as reasonable as possible. To date we have brought in \$120,000 toward our goal of \$150,000. The phon-a-thon is an essential part of the campaign each year.

We ask that you consider a gift if you haven't already participated. All gifts are tax deductible and are one way to ensure that ours remains one of the lowest tuitions in the Archdiocese. No gift is too small.

A special thanks to those who have been acting in the roles of chairpersons of this campaign, *General Chairpersons*, Jamie '72 & Mike King, *Leadership Chairpersons*, Debbie & Paul Schroeder, and *Parent Chairpersons*, Judy & Fred Searcy, all of whom are current parents.

Blue & Gold Boosters: The Blue & Gold Boosters will have a "Hoe Down" party on March 22 from 4 PM to 8 PM at the Washington Elks Lodge. During the last twenty years, Blue & Gold has donated over \$200,000 toward the quest for educational excellence and support for student activities and interests. You can be a Blue & Gold Booster today for \$100 per couple or \$50 per individual. Your donation is your invitation to the 2009 Blue & Gold celebration, including all food and beverages. Contact us at 636-239-7871 for additional information and/or sign-up forms.



Tuition Raffle: Congratulations To The Lucky Winners!!

Tuition: Leo & Mary Pezold,
parents of incoming freshman, Clayton

Book Fees: Darrell & Shari Piontek,
parents of sophomore, Shannon and incoming freshman, Aaron

\$10,000 Raffle-The Lucky Winners:

\$10,000: Red Noelker

\$1,000: Mel Mueller

\$500: Michele Strutmann



Senior Quilt Raffle - One of a Kind Heirloom:

Every senior has a chance to win this beautiful keepsake, and every senior's name has been lovingly cross-stitched on the quilt. Raffle tickets have been mailed to all senior parents. You can buy as many tickets as you want. Chances are \$10 each. If you need additional tickets, just call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122. The drawing will take place at graduation practice. A special thanks to Ruthie Sullentrup, Chris Alfermann, Mary Ann Vehige and Mary Jo Hanneken for coordinating this huge effort this year.

Megan Piontek Memorial Scholarship Fund: "I want to be successful like everyone does, but through my idea of success, I don't just mean that I will make a lot of money and be known for what I do, but that I make a difference in someone's life." Help make Megan's dream come true. In support of a scholarship in her name, there will be a dance on Saturday, March 21 at St. Gertrude's Parish Center from 8 PM to Midnight. Cost is \$20 each. For additional information, contact Lynnett Voss at 636-390-3164, Luanne Hellebusch at 636-932-4621, or Karen Piontek at 636-239-5764. Donations can be sent to Megan E Piontek Scholarship Fund, c/o Bank of Washington, P.O. Box 377, Washington, MO 63090.



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mon.-Tues, Registration for ACT SuperSaturday
March 2 - 3 during lunch
Sat., March 15 ACT Super Saturday, 8:00 AM—3:30 PM
Sat., April 4 ACT Test

SENIOR NEWS:

- It's still not too late to file the FAFSA. Filing the information online, www.fafsa.ed.gov, results in quicker turn around. If you file online, you need to get a pin number in advance. This is your electronic signature for submitting the FAFSA. April 1 is the cutoff date for many colleges to consider students for state and federal aid.
- Seniors should continue to search for scholarships.
- Counselors have completed the second session of scheduled interviews with each senior. Parents with any questions can call his/her child's counselor at 636-239-7871.

JUNIOR NEWS:

- There will be an ACT prep class (Super Saturday) on Saturday, March 21 from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. This is a class to help our juniors (and any senior who has not had a prep class) to prepare for the upcoming ACT tests in April and June. A "trial test" will be given from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. The test will be given under standard ACT conditions, but the score will not count. The afternoon session will consist of "breakout" sessions where students will go into groups of approximately 20-25. Instructors will give tips on how students can do their best in each of the subtest areas and answer questions about particular items students missed on the trial test. Students must have pre-registered and paid the \$15 fee.

- If a student plans to go on to college, we highly recommend that he/she take the ACT test in the junior year. The remaining two test dates are April 4 and June 13. The next test available to students will be in September of their senior year. If you have questions about the best test date for your child, please call the Guidance Office.
- Many colleges have scheduled spring visits to speak with our students. Students may sign up to listen to three of the college representatives. It is a good time for juniors to begin thinking about which schools they'd like to visit during the summer. Seniors will have the opportunity to ask any unanswered questions they may have. Students must sign up for the visits at least one day in advance. They can check our web page or the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office to see what schools will be visiting.

FRESHMAN NEWS:

- The EXPLORE test results were given to students during the week of February 9. Students have a copy of their test results, the test booklet, and a brochure explaining each section of the score report. Students were asked to share these with their parents. If there are any questions, contact Mr. Miller, the freshman counselor.

ALL STUDENTS:

- As we receive job opportunities for the summer, the openings are posted on a bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.
- There are several enrichment programs available to students in the summer. Students can inquire about these in Guidance.

SOPHOMORE FISH FRY

Parents and members of the Borgia family are invited to the Sophomore Class Dinner on March 20 from 4 PM to 7 PM in the high school cafeteria.

The menu includes the following: cod, meatless spaghetti, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, rolls, desserts, and beverage.

Sophomore Parents. Would you be willing to work the class dinner on March 20? Parent shifts are as follows:

First Shift 2:00 - 4:30 PM
Second Shift 4:30 - 7:00 PM
Third Shift 7:00 PM - finish
(usually around 8:45 PM)

Adults - \$9.00
Senior citizens - \$8.50
Children (6 - 11) - \$5.00
Children 5 & under - free

If you can help, please contact Barb Steffens (Sophomore class moderator) at steffens@borgia.com or at 636-239-7871, ext 181.

Also please encourage your son or daughter to sign up to work the dinner. Christian service hours can be earned and all proceeds go toward their prom. The students will be contacted in homeroom and their shift times are slightly different. We also ask that all sophomores donate a dessert for their class dinner. Desserts can be brought to the cafeteria from 7:15 AM through 4 PM on the day of the dinner.

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WILLY WONKA



The Borgia Theatre Department is once again heading into uncharted territory! Borgia Theatre will be the fourth theatre company in the world to present the brand new, full-length stage musical *Willy Wonka*. Based on the book by Roald Dahl, with music from the original movie with Gene Wilder, *Willy Wonka* tells the story of the poor but honest Charlie Bucket as he and four other children tour the famous Wonka Chocolate Factory. This show promises to be a spectacular of song, dance, and special effects. Don't miss this one. Performances will be April 2, 3, and 4 at 7:30 PM, and April 5 at 2 PM. Tickets for the musical *Willy Wonka* will go on sale to the general public at 7:15 AM on March 17 in the theatre lobby. Call 636-239-7871 for further information.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...



Senior Parent Meeting: A very important meeting for senior parents will be held on March 5 at 7 PM in the theatre. You will learn everything you need to know about prom, baccalaureate, graduation, post prom, and post graduation. It is important that at least one parent attend this meeting.

Junior Parents: The Junior Ring Mass will be at Noon on Sunday, April 19. All juniors are encouraged to attend Mass whether they purchase a ring or not. Information about the brunch will be sent home with your son/daughter. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Addison by email at addison@borgia.com or by phone at 636-239-7871, ext 160.



Pro-Life Activities: Several members of the Pro-Life Club will travel to Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 10 to meet with our legislators and hear a speech from Jill Stanek who used to be ProChoice and is now a strong advocate for Pro-Life. We will join others from across our state to voice our concerns for Pro-Life legislation and especially our feelings about FOCA. There is still room on the bus and it is free. We will leave at 8:15 AM from the back parking lot at SFBRHS and will return about 4 PM. Call Bill Gegg at 636-239-5883 if you want to join us. Wear red or your Pro-Life shirt.

**PRO-LIFE
CLUB**



Club members are also participating in the "40 Days for Life" program offered throughout the U.S. starting on Ash Wednesday. The purpose is threefold: **pray, fast, and get involved!** We will pray the Rosary once a week during Lent.

KC Fish Fry: On Friday, March 27, there will be a Fish Fry to benefit the high school and the Music Association. Desserts are needed from everyone and can be dropped off at the KC Hall in the afternoon.



Calling All Parents: Serious Talk and Discussions (STDs) March 19: On Thursday March 19 at 7 PM, SFBRHS parents will be joined in our theatre by Washington High parents to hear a presentation by Dr. Robert Bergamini on Sexually Transmitted Diseases. "Dr. Bob" has appeared at both schools in the past, most recently at Borgia this past December. His message transcends any rivalry, calling on parents and students to become aware of the dangers posed by STDs. Plan on joining your neighbors to attend this straight-talking, hard-hitting, fact-filled presentation.



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

Upcoming Musical Performances: Music students will be performing for the District Contests as follows: piano solos on March 26; band, choir, percussion ensembles and solos on March 27; and instrumental and vocal solos and small ensembles on March 28.

German Klub Scholarships: The German Klub will once again offer two \$600 scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year. One will be awarded to a German IV student who is in German Klub and another to an incoming freshman who is enrolled in German I and joins German Klub.

