

SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!!!



Again this year, we are using Family Access to provide weekly updates regarding grades, attendance and assignments. In order to ensure that your student is performing up to his/her potential it is imperative that you be involved. In fact, communication between the teacher and the parent/guardian is critical. As such, we have made available each teacher's email address within Family Access. In order to contact one of your student's teachers, simply click on the teacher's name and their email address is displayed. Email is an effective method of communicating with faculty members since every teacher checks his/her email at least once daily.

However, there are times when members of the faculty or administration would like to initiate communication via email. This is only possible if you have provided your email address in Family Access. This method of communicating with those parents/guardians who have email addresses is efficient and effective since the teacher/administrator can type a note at a time that is convenient to him/her and you can read the note when it is convenient to you. **If you haven't already done so, please log into Family Access and click on the Account Info tab on the top right of the screen to provide your email address.**

In addition to Family Access, we are using Moodle to make assignments and handouts avail-

able to students and their parents/guardians. Links for both Family Access and Moodle are available on Borgia's home page.

We ask that you check often to monitor the academic progress of your student. If you have the Internet and have not accessed your Family Access account, please do so. We send report cards, as well as deficiency and failure notices, through the mail only to those who do not have access to the Internet. At each three-week interval, eligibility for extra-curricular activities is determined. (More than one failure will forfeit eligibility for a three-week period.)

We realize that there are some who do not have access to the internet and thus do not have an email address. **Please notify the office if this applies to you.** In these cases, we will continue to contact you via phone and mail progress reports/report cards.

We are trying very hard to keep you well informed, so any potential academic problems can be handled in a timely fashion. Please feel free to call or email any of us if you have any questions, problems, or concerns.

If you have any questions about Family Access, please contact Elaine Wingbermuehle via email at ewing@borgia.com or via phone at 636-239-7871, ext. 140; or Chris Feldmann at cfeldmann@borgia.com or ext. 111.

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

SFBRHS will hold its Annual Veteran's Day Celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 11. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Terry Heisler. All veterans and military personnel are welcome to participate. If you plan to do so, please RSVP to Steve Lahay, at 636-239-7871, ext. 163. All participants need to arrive by 1:30 PM. The assembly will begin at 1:45 PM. Dress is casual or you may wear your military uniform. Bring a veteran

friend with you. Refreshments will follow in the cafeteria.

Again this year there will be an exhibit in the cafeteria honoring all who have served our country. Families are encouraged to send pictures and memorabilia with their students for display November 3-11. Please label these items on the front with names and location. On the back, provide student name and homeroom number so items can be easily returned. Please contact Steve Lahay if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Trivia Night	11/01 7 PM
Music Assn. Meeting	11/03 7 PM
Dr. Bergamini Presentation	11/05 7 PM
Athletic Assn. Meeting	11/05 7:30 PM
Veteran's Day Assembly	11/11
Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Dismissal	11/12
Academic Assn. Meeting	11/12
Fall Play	11/13- 11/15
Blue Ribbon Parents Pledge Meeting	11/18 7 PM
Advisory Board Meeting	11/19 7 PM
Student Council Food Drive	11/24- 11/26
12:30 PM Early Dismissal	11/26
Thanksgiving: No School	11/27- 11/28



2009 STUDENT PICTURE RAFFLE CALENDAR DRIVE

Sale Begins November 14: Again in 2009, we are thrilled to provide a prize package of over \$20,000 and Borgia Bucks, which are coupons that local merchants have donated to our calendar. This year we have a goal of \$100,000.

Student Goals: Each student is being highly encouraged to sell 10 raffle calendars (7 if more than one student in school) to help meet our goal.

Free Day Incentive: An extra free day, Monday, January 5, 2009, will be added to our Christmas vacation schedule if the student body sells 3766 raffle calendars by Tuesday, December 16, 2008. This represents 7 raffle calendars per student. Listed below is the student incentive prize program for this year's raffle calendar drive.

Spin Prizes: Every time the student brings in 3 calendar stubs, he/she will get a chance to spin the wheel. Prizes for the spin wheel will include: cookie passes, bowling and skating passes, hoodie passes, cash, gas cards & more!

Individual Prize Program: For every 7 calendars sold, the student's name will be entered into a drawing for an iPod Touch (\$230 value).

Additional Incentive: If a student sells:

- 20—29 calendars: Student receives \$50 in tuition credit.
- 30—39 calendars: Student receives 25% of the total sold in tuition credit.

Raffle Calendar

Turn in Dates

Tuesday, Nov 18

Thursday, Nov 20

Tuesday, Nov 25

Tuesday, Dec 2

Thursday, Dec 4

Tuesday, Dec 9

Thursday, Dec 11

Tuesday, Dec 16

Thursday, Dec 18

Tuesday, Jan 6

Thursday, Jan 8

- 40—49 calendars: Student receives 30% of total sold in tuition credit.
- 50 calendars or more: Student receives 40% of the total sold in tuition credit.
- For every calendar over 50: Student receives \$2.50 per calendar in tuition credit.

Turn In Day Bonus Awards: These prizes are in addition to the Turn in Day incentive prizes, which include drawings for Ram's Tickets (4 club seats on November 23 vs. Chicago Bears), free lunch for a week, and cash, as well as an Exam Days Casual Pass.

Senior Incentive: If the seniors reach a goal of 7 calendars per student, they will receive \$500 toward prom.

Bonus: Believe it or not, if the school reaches our goal of \$100,000, every student in the top selling homeroom (figured on a percentage basis) will receive an iPod Touch, provided they have sold a minimum of 5 raffle calendars.



Every year we have names of individuals who purchased a calendar from the previous year's senior class members. If they do not have a sibling in the school these names are available to contact about purchasing a calendar. These may be obtained in the Advancement Office.

We appreciate all of your support. Please call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122 if you have questions.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Dates to Remember:

Fri., Nov. 7 ACT regular registration deadline for December 13 test

Wed., Dec. 10 Financial Aid Night for junior/senior parents, 7 PM in the cafeteria

College Applications and Scholarships: Seniors should be visiting schools and working on completing applications in November. Many colleges have early deadlines for scholarship consideration. Saint Louis University, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Missouri University of Science and Technology all have December 1 priority deadlines. CHECK DEADLINE DATES CAREFULLY.

*Many seniors are applying online. Colleges will not accept a student without an official high school transcript. Seniors must see their counselor to have the transcript sent to the college. The cost is \$2 for each school.

*If a senior needs a letter of recommendation from a counselor and/or a teacher, he/she must give them at least a one week notice to complete the letter.

Financial Aid Night: Hal Deuser, former director of financial aid at St. Louis University will present this program for parents on December 10 at 7 PM in the cafeteria. Parents will get information that will help them with post high school college/technical school expenses.

*Senior Parents: If you plan to apply for financial aid online by using the FAFSA form, you can get a pin number now. This will speed up the application process. The website where you can get your pin number is : www.PIN.ed.gov.

Parents of Students Enrolled in 1818 SLU and/or ECC Dual Enrollment Classes: St. Francis Borgia does not have access to official college transcripts of students who have been enrolled in college credit courses. Please keep all correspondence and receipts that you receive from the colleges. If there is ever a question if a student has taken a course for college credit, these documents can verify any enrollments.

Schedule Changes: Schedule changes for second semester must be completed during the week of December 1. Changes should be kept to a minimum and any change must be approved by a parent and the principal. There is a \$10 fee for a change.

BORGIA FINE ARTS

Borgia Theatre to Present *Noises Off*

Have you ever wondered about the problems that go into staging a play? Or the turmoil that goes on back stage during a show's run? Michael Frayn takes us on this bumpy and hysterical ride in his tour-de-farce *Noises Off*. Borgia Theatre will be presenting this uproarious comedy November 13 - 15 at 7:30 PM in the Borgia Theatre. Come enjoy the antics as this troupe of misfits tries to stage a play. You'll see the hopeless final rehearsal. You'll see backstage during the tumultuous performance. And you'll see the disaster that is the final show. You'll laugh so hard that you'll, you know!



Call 636-239-7871 for ticket information.

We'll see you at the theatre!

Music Department Highlights

Congratulations to **Adam Baylard** chosen to participate in the All-District Choir. The concert will be at Rickman Auditorium in Arnold on November 15 at 5 PM. The concert will be under the direction of Dr. Jeffery Carter from Webster University. Come out and support the choir department.



The Music Association will be hosting a **Trivia Night** on November 1 at SFBRHS. Make your reservations with Gwen Borgmann at 636-239-2132. The price is \$15. It's a great night of fun. Doors will open at 6:15 PM, and the games will begin at 7:00 PM in the high school gym.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

2009 Ski Trip: This year's ski trip will leave at 1:30 PM on Friday, January 16 and return the evening of Martin Luther King Jr Day, Monday, January 19. The skiers will stay at Day's Inn in Wausau, Wisconsin. On Saturday and Sunday, they will be skiing at Granite Peak Ski Area in Wausau. The cost is \$320 with ski or snowboard rental; \$275 if you have your own equipment. All meals are included in the cost, except for those in transit. A \$100 deposit is required to hold a spot and the balance must be paid prior to Friday, December 19. Transportation and motel space limit the number of participants. The 48 openings will be filled on a first come, first serve basis, four students to a room. To hold your spot, bring your deposit to Mr. Wingbermuehle as soon as possible. Make checks payable to George Wingbermuehle. Check out Granite Peak at www.skigranitepeak.com.



Report Cards: Term 1 Report Cards are available on Family Access. Parents and students are able to access report cards by clicking on "Report Cards" on the left side of the screen. Select "Term 1 08-09" to open it as a Word Document which can be viewed and printed. 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.

Academic Association Meeting: The first meeting of the Academic Association will be Wednesday evening, November 12 at 7 PM in Room 122. All are invited to participate. The Academic Association advises the principal on curricular and other academic matters throughout the year, including selection of the Teacher of the Year and planning for the National Honor Society banquet. This year's banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29.

Health History: If you have not already returned a completed health history form for your child, a blank form will be sent home with your child in the next week or so. The nurse's office needs this information so that we may properly care for your child during the school day, and be prepared for any health emergency. Please ask your child if he/she has received a form, promptly complete it, and turn it into the main office.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bob Bergamini will speak to parents on the growing epidemic of STDs on November 5 at 7 PM. This presentation will be held in the theatre.

35 mm Cameras Needed: The photography class is in need of old 35mm manual cameras. If you have one that you no longer use and would like to donate it to Borgia, please drop it by the office. If desired, we will provide a receipt for your taxes.

Guardian Angels Meeting: This meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13. It will begin at 6:45 PM in the chapel with a 15 minute prayer service and will then continue in Room 109.

Congratulations to Borgia's Varsity Cheerleaders! They competed in the NCA (National Cheerleaders Association) Spirit Competition held at Francis Howell High School on Saturday, October 25. They won first place in the Large Varsity Division and second place in the Varsity Game Day



Division. They scored high enough to receive a bid to the National cheer competition and were awarded the Innovative Choreography award for the entire competition.

Tapes for Educators: For the past 2 years Borgia has participated in the Tapes for Educators program. We collect cash register receipts from participating stores and then redeem the value of those register tapes for free educational equipment from the Tapes for Educators catalog. We will collect receipts dated September 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. The participating stores are: Droege's Supermarket in Washington, Alps Discount Foods in Cuba, Mace Supermarket in Cuba, and Seitter's Value Foods in New Haven.

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TUSCANY KNIGHTS

2009 Borgia Dinner Auction

The planning has already begun for the 2009 Borgia Dinner Auction. This year it will be held on February 14. Thanks to all those who have already signed up to volunteer. Those who wish to sign up and have not had a chance to do so, you may stop by the Advancement Office and pick up a form, have your student pick it up, or call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871 ext 122 and we will send a form to you.

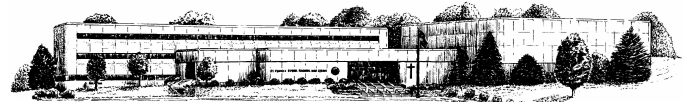
Reserve the date and don't forget while you're shopping for the holidays to pick up something fun to donate for this very good cause.

GRANDPARENT GATHERING

If you have a grandchild who is a student at Borgia, please join us for a celebration of Catholic education with your grandchildren at St. Francis Borgia Regional High School. The event will include Mass, entertainment and light refreshments. It will be held in Borgia's Gym on Wednesday, November 26 at 10 AM. Please plan to arrive at 9:30 AM.

All Grandparents Are Welcome! Invitations will be going to those for whom we have addresses. However, we do not have addresses for all of the grandparents. Please be sure to let your grandparents know about this special event.

Please RSVP to the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122 or via email to michelss@borgia.com.



NETDAY SPEAK UP SURVEY

Speak Up, a national online research project facilitated by Project TomorrowSM, gives individuals the opportunity to share their viewpoints about key educational issues. Each year, findings are summarized and shared with national and state policy makers. Participating schools can access their data online, free-of-charge. The Speak Up survey will be open until December 19, 2008. You can access the survey from any Internet computer.

- Go to www.netdayspeakup.org/speakup2008.
- Enter "ST FRANCIS" as the School Name and select "MO" in the drop down box for State, then click "Find School". Be sure to select "St Francis Borgia Regional High School".
- Take the survey. If needed, our Secret Word is "borgia2008". (The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.)



Borgia students have participated in this survey for the past four years. Over the past few years, NetDay added surveys for teachers, administrators, and parents. We value your input and therefore encourage your participation in this survey. So, join parents all over North America in sharing your voices and views about your children's education. If you have any questions, contact Elaine Wingbermuehle at gwing@borgia.com or 636-239-7871, ext. 140.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Student Council will be conducting its Annual Food Drive November 24—26. There will be a basket for donations in the lobby. Please encourage your children to bring non-perishable items in on these days to benefit those less fortunate than us. It is especially important during this time of Thanksgiving that we give from the abundance we have and help those who need the bare necessities. All donations will be given to the Borgia Food Pantry. Our goal is 550 items.

BLUE RIBBON PARENTS

On October 21 in our chapel, 35 parents representing 21 families took a pledge to support the ideals of the Blue Ribbon Parents. The meeting took the form of a "town hall meeting" and participants brainstormed the points they wanted included in an updated pledge. The pledge and the names of those who have taken it will be posted in Moodle later this month. In the meantime, a second pledge meeting has been scheduled for those who were unable to attend the October meeting. That pledge meeting will begin at 7 PM in our chapel on Tuesday, November 18. If you have not already taken the Blue Ribbon Parents' Pledge and would like to have your name included, you may attend the November 18 meeting. If you are unable to attend, contact Dr. Heger to make other individual arrangements.