

SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

CHECK FAMILY ACCESS & MOODLE REGULARLY



Family Access

This year, we will be giving updates regarding grades and assignments at least weekly through Family Access and Moodle. We ask that you check often to monitor the academic progress of your student(s). If you have the Internet and have not accessed your Family Access account, please do so. We send deficiencies 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.)

Assignment information and handouts for many classes are now available on Moodle. All classes allow "guest" access. Some classes may require an "enrollment key". If a key is required to view this information on Moodle, it

is provided in the Message Center on Family Access.



A link to both Family Access and Moodle are provided on the top navigation bar on Borgia's home page.

We will have available for all parents hard copies of the First Quarter Report Card. These will be given to parents at the Parent-Teacher Conference on October 23. 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 teacher if you have any questions, problems, or concerns. **Please notify the office if you do not have internet access and need to have failure and deficiency notices mailed to you.**

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Thursday, October 23 in conjunction with the Parent/Teacher Conferences, First Quarter Report cards will be given to parents in the foyer from 2 PM until 3 PM and again from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Also during these time slots teachers will be in designated classrooms to meet with you. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your children's teachers. Out of courtesy to fellow parents, please keep all conferences to five minutes or less. If more time is needed, please make an appointment. If you cannot make it on October 23, report cards can be obtained online through Family Access.



HOMECOMING 2008 SCHEDULE

The schedule for Borgia's Homecoming Events are as follows:

Friday, October 3

- 9:40 AM School Mass
- 11:00 AM Pep Rally
- Noon All School Barbecue
- 1:00 PM Parade
- 4:00-7:00 PM Athletic Assn Barbecue
- 4:30 PM Softball vs. St. Dominic
- 7:00 PM Football vs. Hermann

Saturday, October 4

- 9:00 AM Cross Country at Parkway West
- 8:00 PM Homecoming Dance
- 9:00 PM Coronation of King & Queen

Sunday, October 5

- 2:00 PM Powder Puff Football Game

Mark Your Calendars Now

Homecoming	10/03 - 10/05
Music Assn. Meeting	10/06 7 PM
Faculty Mtg.	10/08 12:30 PM
Dismissal	
Athletic Assn. Mtg.	10/08 7:30 PM
Test Day & Senior Serious Talk Day	10/15
Advisory Board Mtg.	10/15 7 PM
Blue Ribbon Parent Pledge Mtg.	10/21 7 PM
Parent Teacher Conferences	10/23
Sophomore Prayer Day	10/24
Bonfire	10/24
Open House	10/26
Mass with Bishop Hermann	10/28 10 AM

Special points of interest:

- First Quarter ends October 17.
- Sales of the Student Picture Calendar with Borgia Bucks will begin in November.
- Thanks to all who supported the Book Fair! It was a huge success.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed, Oct. 15	Test Day at SFBRHS
Sun, Oct. 19	National College Fair, St. Louis University, 12- 3 PM
Sat, Oct. 25	ACT
Thurs, Oct. 30	East Central College Fair, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Fri, Nov. 7	Regular registration deadline for December ACT test

SENIORS: Seniors need to be working on college applications, visiting colleges, and searching for scholarships. Several colleges may waive the application fee if the student applies online. Always check this before applying by paper. Students still need to let his/her counselor know so transcripts can be sent.

SENIOR PARENTS: IN ORDER TO FILE THE FAFSA (the Free Application for Federal Student Aid) ONLINE, YOU WILL NEED TO GET A PIN NUMBER. You should do this now. The website is: www.pin.ed.gov. The PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal information. Because you can use your PIN to sign your financial aid form, you should keep it in a safe place. You can use your PIN number each year that you complete the FAFSA form. This is the first step in getting ready to complete the actual form, which cannot be submitted until after January 1, 2009.

JUNIORS: Juniors should be considering college/career school opportunities. They may sign up to listen to any representative visiting Borgia. We encourage them to do this, but to limit the number of schools to three per semester so they won't miss too much class time. They can also begin to explore colleges at College Fairs. Talk with them about their career plans.

SOPHOMORES: Sophomores are encouraged to continue career exploration and to keep current with grades. The PLAN test is a good measure of their academic strengths and weaknesses. Attending the National College Fair is a good first step to begin thinking about college. In order to take a college credit class (1818) through Saint Louis University a student must have a 3.0 GPA at the end of the sophomore year. A student enrolling in a dual enrollment class through East Central College must have a 2.5 GPA by the end of the sophomore year.

FRESHMEN: Freshmen can be thinking about future plans. If a student wants to attend Four Rivers Career Center during his/her junior and senior year, he/she must have completed a full credit of fine arts by the end of sophomore year. Monitoring grades on Family Access is important. The EXPLORE test will help students identify interest areas they have, and they will see areas of strengths and weaknesses in their academic subject areas.

COMPUTER SUPPORT

For the past several years, Borgia has had a special agreement with MPC Gateway to enable our Borgia students and family to acquire current technology laptops at a good price and, equally important, with a four year warranty that includes accidental damage. Although we feel this is a great option, students may bring any brand of personal laptops to school. However, when students are using other brands of computers in the school, there are some additional issues of which you need to be aware.

In order to access the school's printers, the student must have the Business or Ultimate Editions of Windows/Vista or the Professional Edition of Windows/XP. Any computers with

Home Editions of either XP or Vista do not have the capability to access networked printers. So, students with Vista/Home or XP/Home will have to print their files at home or use one of the school's computers whenever they need to print. To do this, they can either save the file to their networked (U) drive or to a flash drive in order to transfer the file to a school computer.

Also, Josh Graham, Borgia's Computer Technician, can only provide minimal support for computers not ordered through the school. It is simply not feasible for him to provide full support for any brand of computer hardware and software technology.

BLUE RIBBON PARENTS

One of the most important of all parent jobs is modeling and supporting proper behavior. Not the least among these behaviors, even among non-users, is the proper regard for responsible use of alcoholic beverages. Blue Ribbon Parents is an organization of SFBRHS parents committed to this concept, and to keeping all our families safe. We will maintain a list of Blue Ribbon parents again this year as has been done in the past. To pledge your support of the Blue Ribbon Parents' ideals and to place your name on the Blue Ribbon Parents list, attend a

"Pledge Meeting" on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM in the chapel. Even if you signed up at the Parent Fair earlier this year to indicate your interest, you will need to attend this pledge meeting for your name to be included among the Blue Ribbon Parents. If you are unable to attend, please contact Dr. Heger (ext. 116) for an appointment to discuss taking the pledge in support of our students and our community. The Blue Ribbon Parents list will be posted on Moodle for easy reference.

TEST DAY - OCTOBER 15 - SENIOR SERIOUS TALK DAY

On Wednesday, October 15, our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taking different tests to help them in the areas of interests, achievement, and scholarship consideration. Each grade level will be taking different tests.



FRESHMEN: All freshmen students will be given the ACT EXPLORE test. This is the sixth year our freshmen will be taking this test. The EXPLORE will help students plan for coursework for the next three years. The results will help students and parents understand the student's academic skills, interests, plans and goals. Students can use the information to explore career possibilities and to find where they need to improve on skills in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. There is no fee for this test.

SOPHOMORES: The ACT PLAN test will be given to all sophomores. This is an achievement test which will help students see their progress in academic areas of English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. It is another step in preparing for the ACT college entrance test which is taken during the junior/senior year. Students will also complete a career interest test which counselors can compare to the EXPLORE test that they took during their freshman year. There is no fee for this test.

JUNIORS: Juniors will have the option of taking one of two tests:

PSAT: Juniors with a 3.5 GPA or higher or those who scored in the 85 percentile or higher on the PLAN test in Math and English are encouraged to sign up for this test. However, any junior may take the test. Registration will be held on September 29-30. There is a \$14 fee. This is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Trial ACT: This test will be given to any student who chooses not to take the PSAT. This is great preparation for students who will take the ACT in April or June of their junior year. There is no cost for this test. Students who take the PSAT will have the opportunity to take a trial ACT during our Super Saturday in March.

THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE-UP THESE TESTS. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO BE HERE FOR TEST DAY. ALL TESTING IS USUALLY COMPLETED BY NOON.

SENIORS: The senior class will hear a Serious Talk on this day. After Homeroom, the seniors and their advisors will go to the theatre where Dr. David Guss will give a presentation on "Sexuality, Responsibility, and Consequences." The day's activities will conclude by Noon. All Seniors are required to attend.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

SOPHOMORE PRAYER DAY: Sophomores will have their Prayer Day on Friday, October 24 at St. Joseph's, Neier. They will report to their Homeroom for attendance, board the buses in front of school after The Knightly News, and return by 2:30 PM. They have received their Prayer Day Permission Forms during Advisory and must return their completed forms to their advisors by absolutely no later than Wednesday, October 8. All Sophomores are required to attend this day.

MASS WITH BISHOP HERMANN: On Tuesday, October 28 at 10 AM, Bishop Hermann will be celebrating Mass in our gym. As always, all are welcome to join us.

HEALTH CARE PROCEDURES: In order to give students prescription or over the counter medications, we must have on file both a parent permission slip AND A PHYSICIAN'S WRITTEN ORDER. This includes acetaminophen and ibuprofen. Without both these written orders on file, we will have to require a parent to come in to give even over the counter meds. A Physician's Consent Form for over the counter medications is available on Borgia's web site under Resources, Documents, Administration.



TRIVIA NIGHT: The Music Association will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, November 1 at SFBRHS. It's a great night of fun. Doors will open at 6:30 PM, and the games will begin at 7 PM. Admission is \$15 per person. For reservations or information, call 636-390-9930 or 314-304-1094.

MARCHING COMPETITIONS: The Marching Knights will compete three times this season. Come see them perform at:

Washington	October 4
Park Hills	October 18
Rolla	October 25

BORGIA BASEBALL T-SHIRTS: T-shirts honoring Borgia baseball championship teams from 1957 to 2008 are on sale. T-shirts are \$10 each. Orders may be placed through Coach Rob Struckhoff at rstruck@borgia.com.

BOOK FAIR: Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. Your support helped the library add over \$500 in books to the library collection. We also raised \$373 for the One for Books program. For every dollar raised Scholastic Books donates books to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Stressed Situations or the National Center for Family Literacy. In addition to benefiting these organizations, the library chose to donate the value of the money raised in books to local organizations.

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ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

MAGAZINE DRIVE: Thanks to all the parents, students, and friends for your great efforts during the magazine drive. If your family and friends did not get a chance to order during September, you have the opportunity to order or renew magazines year-round through QSP.com, while saving money and supporting Borgia! Borgia will continue to receive 40% of the subscription or renewal price for any orders that are credited to Borgia. Go to QSP.com. Click on "Just Shopping." Enter SFBRHS acct. no. #425005499 or click on the school finder and type in "St Francis" and double click on our account. It's that easy. Now you are ready to shop. If you have any questions regarding magazine orders, call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122.

CAR RAFFLE: Borgia is raffling off a white 2007 Pontiac G5 2 door coupe. The vehicle is in excellent condition and comes with a bumper to bumper extended warranty. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Tickets are available for purchase in the Main Office through October 12. And each individual who sells/buys 9 tickets gets one free!! The drawing will be held at the NHS Pork Sausage Dinner on Sunday, October 12.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
www.borgia.com

OCTOBER DINNERS

During the month of October, Borgia will be hosting four dinners.

New this year, NHS will host a pork sausage dinner on Sunday, October 12 from 11 AM to 6 PM. The winner of the Car Raffle will be announced at this dinner. Contact Kathy Hertlein at ext. 156 or hertlein@borgia.com to volunteer.

The remaining dinners are on Friday evening in the cafeteria from 4–7 PM prior to home football games. For each dinner, members of the sponsoring organization are asked to bring desserts. Parents and students are also asked to help.

The shifts are:

2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

7:30 PM until clean-up is complete.

The Homecoming dinner will benefit the Athletic Association. It will be held on Friday, October 3 prior to the varsity football game against Hermann. Barbecue dinners will be served. Contact any Borgia coach if you can help.

The Junior Class will host the dinner on Friday, October 24 prior to the varsity football game against Westminster. Chicken and beef dinners will be served. Contact Nicole Addison at ext. 160 or addisonn@borgia.com to volunteer.

The Freshman Class will host the dinner on Thursday, October 30 prior to the varsity football game against Lutheran-St. Charles. Chicken and beef dinners will be served. Contact Greg Miller at ext. 135 or miller@borgia.com to volunteer.

Why bother with cooking? Just join us for dinner!!

TIDBITS, CONTINUED

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony Kuchem, the recipient of the Ralph Lause Memorial Scholarship, given by the SFBRHS Athletic Association. Anthony received a \$1500 tuition scholarship to Borgia for his senior year. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to a student who embodies the qualities of Ralph Lause, someone who is devoted to the school and gives unselfishly to the good of the school.

GUARDIAN ANGELS MEETING: The Guardian Angels will have their first meeting of the year on Thursday, October 2. They will begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM in the chapel. The meeting will be held afterwards in Room 55.

PRO-LIFE CLUB: Club members will participate in the Life Chain at Highways 47 & 100 in Washington on Oct. 5. We will meet at McDonald's parking lot at 2:15 PM. All are welcome to join us.

Look for our cross display near the cafeteria in late October to signify lives lost to abortion, war, homelessness and the death penalty.

OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, October 26 from NOON to 2 PM. Meet students and faculty, tours, and refreshments. Everyone is invited.