



## SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

### IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!

Borgia Fest will be bigger and better this year. There will be exciting rides, good food, numerous game booths, great music and much more. This extravaganza will be held on the Borgia campus beginning on Friday, April 29 from 2 to 11 PM and continuing on Saturday, April 30 from 11 AM to 11 PM. It is sure to be fun for everyone.

Throughout the event there will be 15 carnival rides for kids of all ages. Ride tickets are available in advance 25 for \$20 in the main office. During Borgia Fest, ride tickets will be sold at a ticket booth for \$1 each. Each ride takes 1, 2, or 3 tickets, depending on the ride.

Also on both days, a wide variety of food items will be available, such as BBQ dinners with brats, hot dogs, hamburgers and pork burgers, as well as funnel cakes, kettle korn, those famous Borgia cookie and ice cream sandwiches, Ted Drews, and much more. Soda, beer, and wine will also be available.

Game booths will include games of chance that will appeal to adults, teens, and younger children.

**On Friday, April 29, Borgia Fest will run from 2 PM to 11 PM.**

The German Klub will have the annual German Dinner from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Friday. The menu will be Williams Brothers' German sausage, spaetzle, baked apples, green beans, German dinner rolls and our German students' homemade German desserts.

The Mr. Borgia Contest will be held in the theatre on Friday evening at 7 PM. Cost of admission is \$3.

Under the Main Tent, the band, Recoil, will play from 3 to 7 PM and the band, Dick and Jane, will play from 7 to 11 PM.



**On Saturday, April 30, Borgia Fest will run from 11 AM to 11 PM.**

Even before the rides and game/food booths open for the day, the Melanoma Miles for Mike Walk/Run will start at 9 AM from the Main Tent. This walk/run is 3.2 miles and will also end at Borgia Fest.

On the Athletic Field, the first Duane Haddox Memorial Soccer Three on Three Soccer Tournament will be held.

A three on three basketball tournament for elementary students will be held in the gym. Information regarding this has been sent to all the elementary schools.

Back by popular demand, the High School Jazz Band will perform under the Main Tent.

Main Tent Music will include:  
 2-4 PM Borgia Jazz Band  
 4-7 PM Schmitts & Grinns  
 7-11 PM Smash Band

Teen bands will perform at the Teen Tent from 8 PM to 11 PM.

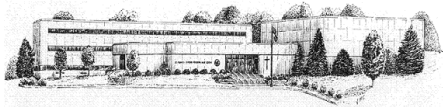
A Borgia Town Quilt was created by Cecilia Dierker. Quilt raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. They are available in the main office.

The Jeep Raffle and Quilt Raffle winners will be announced at 10 PM.

Come back to Borgia during the festival! Enjoy the day with family and friends.

### Mark Your Calendars Now

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| First Friday Adoration              | 04/01                     |
| Prom                                | 04/02                     |
| Music Assn. Meeting                 | 04/04<br>7 PM             |
| Mass                                | 04/05<br>9:40 AM          |
| Athletic Assn. Meeting              | 04/06<br>7:30 PM          |
| Spring Musical                      | 04/07-<br>04/10           |
| Sophomore Class Dinner              | 04/08<br>4-7 PM           |
| Reconciliation Week                 | 04/11-<br>04/15           |
| No Faculty Mtg.: Full Day of School | 04/13                     |
| Academic Assn. Meeting              | 04/13<br>7 PM             |
| Band Concert                        | 04/18<br>7 PM             |
| Choral Concert                      | 04/19<br>7 PM             |
| Advisory Board Meeting              | 04/20<br>7 PM             |
| Good Friday No School               | 04/22                     |
| Easter Monday No School             | 04/25                     |
| Academic Awards Banquet             | 04/27<br>6:30 PM          |
| German Klub Dinner                  | 04/29<br>4:30-<br>6:30 PM |
| Borgia Fest                         | 04/29-<br>04/30           |



## AdvancED: NCA-CASI



Saint Francis Borgia has long held the highest accreditation possible from its accrediting agency, the international organization known as the Advanced Education Accreditation Commission ("AdvancED," to be read as "Advance [the verb] Ed[ucation]"). The U.S. Midwest Regional arm of AdvancED is "The North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement" (NCA-CASI). You will notice the seal of this organization at the top of the monthly Newsletters.

This is a prestigious membership, and another indication of the extraordinary experience offered at Borgia. "Advance" as a verb indicates that continual improvement is expected and required for accreditation. Member institutions not only study and follow best education practices, but also

contribute research to assist other member schools. We are currently in the second year of the typical five-year cycle. The highly complimentary report that accompanied our accreditation renewal two years ago is available in hard copy at the SFBRHS front office. During the five years preceding the accreditation renewal visit, we are continually examining and refining our efforts in the seven areas in which it has been shown effective schools excel. All the standards applied are aimed at making learning experiences for students more effective and valuable. The accreditation reports themselves are built upon two-day, intensive examination visits in which a professional team of educators studies school documents and artifacts, observes school practices and procedures, and interviews school community members and stakeholders. Their report must in turn be approved by two separate local officials, and then a regional examiner, before going to the international organization for final approval. All this to ensure the best possible learning experiences for all SFBRHS students!

## ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS



Borgia is exploring various technologies that would provide a platform that supports electronic textbooks. This could be a device that is primarily an electronic reader such as the Kindle. It might also be a tablet device that provides internet access in addition to electronic reader functionality such as the Apple iPad or Motorola Xoom.

A committee is being formed to identify specific functionalities that are desired, evaluate available products in this market segment, and develop an implementation plan. It is antici-

pated that the initial step would be to acquire devices for faculty members prior to the 2011–2012 school year and phasing them in for students in subsequent academic years.

The first meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 PM. We would like to have several parent/guardian representatives and several student representatives on this committee. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact George Wingbermuehle at 636-239-7871, ext. 115.



## TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

**Project Graduation:** Permission slips and the \$20 student fee are due by Tuesday, April 12 for Project Graduation. Permission slips were distributed to parents via email and were available at the March 3 parent meeting. Additional hard copies are available in the Advancement Office. Checks may be made payable to "SFBRHS Project Graduation" and given to Mrs. Chalk in the Advancement Office.

**2011-2012 Calendar:** The calendar for next year is set. The 2011-2012 school year will begin with practice for fall sports on Monday, August 8. Freshman Orientation will be held on Friday, August 12. The Luke 18 Retreat for the incoming freshman will be held from Friday, August 12 through Saturday, August 13. Monday, August 15 will be the first full day of classes for all students. The school year will end on Wednesday, May 16.



**Music Concerts:** On Monday, April 18, there will be a band concert in the theatre at 7 PM. The Choral Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 PM in the theatre. Come enjoy the musical talents of our students of music.

**Sophomore Class Dinner:** The sophomore class will host a Fish Fry on Friday, April 8 from 4–7 PM in the cafeteria. The menu includes fish, meatless spaghetti, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, applesauce, coleslaw, rolls, desserts, and beverage. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 6–11 years. Children 5 and under are free.

**Attention Sophomore Parents:** Your help is needed at this dinner. Shifts are 2:00–4:30 PM, 4:30–7:00 PM and 7:00 PM until finished. If you can work any of these shifts, please email Mrs. Steffens at [barb.steffens@borgia.com](mailto:barb.steffens@borgia.com).

# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sat., April 9 ACT Test Day
- Sun., April 10 All-Metro College Day, Maryville University 1-3 PM
- Fri., May 6 ACT regular registration deadline for June 11. Last ACT test until September.

## SENIOR NEWS:

- Seniors should be receiving housing and financial aid letters from colleges and making final decisions about their college choice. Sometimes, a follow-up visit will help parents and students make that final decision.

## JUNIOR NEWS:

- The St. Louis All-Metro College Day is at Maryville University on Sunday, April 10 from 1-3 PM at the Simon Athletic & Recreation Center. Over 250 college representatives will be there to speak to students and parents. This is a great opportunity for juniors to explore colleges and plan summer visits.
- ACT NEWS:** The ACT will be offered on September 10 in Missouri. Students can register for the test online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
- BRIGHT FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP:** Currently, a student must receive a 31 on the ACT to qualify for the Bright Flight Scholarship.
- COLLEGE VISITS:** We strongly suggest that students and parents begin to visit colleges in the summer. Studies show that the campus visit is the #1 factor in the decision making process. Try to narrow choices to 3 or 4 schools by the beginning of the senior year.

## ALL STUDENTS:

- There are many summer opportunities available to students to explore career interests or take enrichment classes. Students or parents can come to the Guidance Office to look at all of the possibilities. Many have registration deadlines in April.

- April is a good time for students to begin searching for a summer job. There is a bulletin board by the Guidance Office that has some job opportunities.

**SUMMER SCHOOL:** Students who failed a required class or a prerequisite class during this current year will need to attend summer school or take a correspondence course. If your child has failed or is in jeopardy of failing one of these courses, please keep Friday, May 20 free so arrangements for that make-up class can be made.

**Counselors will notify you by phone if your child fails a course.**

## Options available include the following:

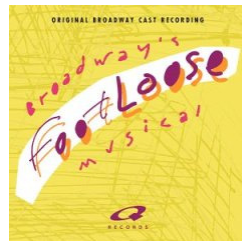
- Union High School will be having a summer school session. Many of our students use this summer school session to make-up any failed courses. If your child needs to make up a required class, he/she should see his/her counselor as soon as possible. Since this summer school is free, spaces are filled quickly.
  - Other districts in the area may be offering summer sessions. Due to the budget cutbacks in these districts, many schools are still working on summer school information.
  - Other options are correspondence courses through the Archdiocese of St. Louis or the University of Missouri - Columbia. These can be costly - \$170 or more.
- ⇒ **THEOLOGY CREDIT.** Students will have two options to make-up Theology credits.
- Our Theology department has developed an online Theology course. It will satisfy 1 semester of credit. There will be a fee for the class.
  - The other option available is a correspondence course offered by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Feel free to call the Guidance Office with any questions about your child's status for summer sessions.

## ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION

One important group at SFB RHS is the "Academic Association." Composed of volunteer parents and faculty, these are the folks who monitor academics and all the activities related directly to studies at Borgia. They work with the principal to offer suggestions and assistance in helping to keep educational best practices in place. Membership is open to any interested person in the Borgia family. The next meeting will include planning for the Academic Awards Banquet to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on April 27, 6:30 PM and balloting for the Teacher of the Year. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this association is invited to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, April 13 in Room 122 at 7 PM.

## FOOTLOOSE



Dancing is not a crime! Except in the small town of Bomont, where Ren McCormack and his mother have moved. And this law just adds to Ren's frustration. *Footloose* is a musical not just about dancing, but about finding acceptance among people who are different, and among people who are very similar. Borgia Theatre presents the 2011 spring musical *Footloose* April 7-9 at 7:30 PM and April 10 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$7 and are available in the main office.

## ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

**Annual Giving 2010-2011:** In these times, a traditional Catholic education is more important than ever. By attaining the goals of our Annual Fund Phonathon, we can continue the mission of Borgia and secure our commitment to providing a quality Catholic education to young adults today, tomorrow and well into the future.

Every spring a dedicated group of NHS students, alumni and parents get together to help raise these funds. The Annual Fund Phonathon took place in March and once again when we called, you responded generously.

Our goal for this year is \$150,000. We were able to raise approximately \$12,000 in our phonathon. That puts our drive at \$100,000 in donations and pledges. We had many undecided alums/parents and many who were not home. Pledge forms will go out to those we were unable to reach. Watch for these pledge forms in the mail. Please consider making a donation. It is fundraisers such as this that have kept the cost of tuition more affordable. The Annual Fund Drive ends June 30, 2011.

**On-Line Giving:** Borgia is happy to provide our donors with a secure and easy way to support our mission. Simply go to [www.borgia.com](http://www.borgia.com), click on "Make a Gift" and select the fund to which you want your gift directed. There are a number of scholarship funds to which you might want to contribute. If you would like to make a gift to help provide financial aid for our students and do not have a preference of fund, please

select the School Sisters of Notre Dame Fund as it has been designated for that purpose. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office. We can be reached at 636-239-7871, ext 122 or 123 or you may email us at [advancement@borgia.com](mailto:advancement@borgia.com).

**Senior Quilt Raffle:** Senior Quilt Raffle chances are now available to purchase for your senior student for \$10 each. You or your family and friends may purchase as many as you wish in hopes that your Senior will win this year's one of a kind quilt created by Mary Ann Vehige and Linda Sellmeyer for our 2011 Senior Class. The drawing will take place at graduation practice which is just around the corner. Please mail in your chances with your check, stop by the Advancement Office, or call us at 636-239-7871, ext. 122.

**Auction Results:** Ongoing thanks to all of you who supported the *Borgia Bistro* this year. We raised \$140,000+ all of which will be used to help our families with Tuition Assistance. There were lots of parents and friends who volunteered in many ways. We were blessed with a beautiful evening, lots of lingering guests, great food, amazing decorations and generous bidders. The Borgia family always steps up to the plate to help our families and this evening was no exception. Thanks to each and everyone of you who participated in any way. **See you next year as we celebrate Mardi Gras Borgia style! Laissez les bon temps rouler!**



## JEEP RAFFLE



Borgia has acquired a 2004 Jeep Wrangler SE with low mileage. It is a stone white sport utility jeep in excellent condition. It has an automatic transmission, convertible soft top, rollover protection system, driver/passenger airbags,

four wheel drive tires, and an amazing stereo system.

Raffle tickets are available from any Borgia student or in the school office. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The winner will be announced at Borgia Fest. Winner is responsible for all taxes, tags, fees and delivery. Proceeds will go to Tuition Assistance.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Last Snow Day Makeup:** The Faculty Meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 has been cancelled. There will be a full day of school this day to makeup for half of the snow day taken on Monday, March 14.

**Reconciliation Week:** Instead of an all-school Reconciliation Service originally scheduled on Tuesday, March 29, we will have Reconciliation Week during the week of April 11. Confessors will be available Monday through Friday that week from 11 AM to 1 PM (period 3) in the chapel.

**Contact Information:** Please verify your address and phone information, as well as that of your student, in Family Access. Notify Chris Feldmann at 636-239-7871 of any necessary revisions.

## 2011 BORGIA GOLF TOURNAMENTS

### 21st Annual Borgia Ladies Golf Day

**When:** Monday June 13, 2011

**Where:** Franklin County Country Club

**Price:** \$100 per person before June 13  
\$125 per person on June 13

**Includes:** Continental Breakfast, Hot Lunch, Steak Dinner, Beverages, Cart and 18 Holes of Golf

**Contact:** Bev Hoeft at 636-239-1973 or via email at [bevhoeft@charter.net](mailto:bevhoeft@charter.net)



### 24th Annual "Ray DeGreeff" Memorial Golf Tournament

**When:** Wednesday, May 18, 2011

**Where:** Warrenton Golf Course

**Price:** \$100 per person

**Includes:** Lunch, Drinks, Steak Dinner, 18 Holes of Golf, and \$1,600 in Prizes

**Contact:** Sam Unnerstall at 636-239-6439 or via email at [sam@unnepa.com](mailto:sam@unnepa.com)

**Proceeds** from both events benefit the Athletic Association.