



SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Please welcome to the Borgia Family the following pair of new faculty members for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Mr. Andrew Eggert, a 2006 alumnus, rejoins us this year as a member of the English Department. He has experience teaching in the Sweet Springs R-VII School District in Sweet Springs, Missouri, where he also coached V/JV baseball. He graduated from Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, serving as president of his chapter in 2010. He was a member of the Central Methodist baseball squad all four years, and was team captain in his junior and senior years.

Mr. John Wunderlich, a 2003 SFBRHS alumnus, rejoins us this year as a member of the Counseling Department. His students will be sophomores, juniors and seniors whose last names begin K through Z. He holds a Master's degree in Educational Counseling from Lindenwood University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Chicago's DePaul University. With the help of Borgia advanced credits, he graduated in just over three years, and with a minor in sociology. He was a member of Psy Chi Honors Society for Psychology Majors and Chi Sigma Iota, Counseling Academic and Professional Honors Society International, as well as the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

We are fortunate and blessed to continue to attract such outstanding faculty members!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CALENDAR

New this year, a calendar listing various opportunities for Christian service is being provided for use by students and their parents to identify opportunities that might be of interest to them. A link to this calendar is available in Family Access, just under the links for Borgia Moodle and My School Account. Events will be added once school is back in session.



WELCOME CLASS OF 2015



It is always exciting to welcome the newest members of our school community. Watching them grow and mature is one of the real perks of teaching!

On Friday, August 12, the freshmen will have class orientation, beginning at 8 AM. They will have the opportunity to go over their schedules and meet with all their first semester classes. During the day they will be introduced to their faculty advisor and meet their senior big brother or big sister, who will take them to lunch. Lunch will be free and they will not be required to wear the uniform this day. Suitable casual attire may be worn.

The Luke 18 Retreat for freshmen will begin

about 1 PM on Friday, August 12. This retreat will continue through Saturday. It is strongly recommended that all freshmen attend the retreat.

We look forward to the next four years together. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

- Special points of interest:**
- Immunizations are to be up to date for all students.
 - All freshmen must have a current physical by the first day of school.
 - The deadline to register for the September 10 ACT is August 12. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Parent/Athlete Meeting	8/1 7 PM
Fall Sports Practice Begins	8/8
Learning Strategies Boot Camp	8/8 5-9:30 PM
Band Rehearsal	8/8-8/11
Senior Parking Permits	8/9 7 AM
Schedules Available for Pickup	8/9-8/10
Grade 9 Parents Coalition Meeting	8/9 7:30 PM
Underclassmen Parking Permits	8/10 7 AM
Freshmen Orientation	8/12 8 AM
Luke 18 Retreat	8/12-8/13
First Full Day of School	8/15
Advisory Board Meeting	8/17 7 PM
No Homeroom—Late Start	8/22 8:20 AM
Music Association Meeting	8/22 7 PM
Welcome Mass	8/24 9:40 AM
Freshman Parent Welcome Dinner	8/24 5:30 PM
All School Parent Meeting/Fair	8/24 7 PM
Music Association Dinner	8/26 4-7 PM
Athletic Assn Mixer	8/27 6 PM
No Homeroom Late Start	8/29 8:20 AM

DID YOU KNOW?



School Begins: Freshman year begins with Freshman orientation and the Luke 18 retreat. Orientation is a half day, followed by lunch with their assigned Big Sisters and Brothers. Luke 18 begins after lunch.

School Day: The typical school day begins at 8 AM with homeroom. When students arrive in the morning, they may go to homeroom, meet with friends in the cafeteria, work in the media center or gather in the halls to visit. The day ends with seminar from 2:30-3:00 PM. During seminar students may visit teachers for missed assignments or extra help, attend club meetings, or visit with friends. Seminar is considered part of the school day. At any time, a student may be requested to spend seminar in a classroom.

SSR: Each morning during homeroom, there will be 10 minutes of Silent Sustained Reading. Students need to bring a book with them each day to read during this time.

School Supplies: Students need to bring pencils, pens, notebooks and a backpack. Teachers will inform them of any additional items needed for class. All students are encouraged to bring a computer USB drive. PE uniforms are required for freshmen and sophomores and may be purchased in the Spirit Shop. Supplies, including USB drives, may also be purchased in the Spirit Shop.

Lockers: Every student has a locker. Locker numbers and combinations are on their schedule. Students are assigned lockers in the gym locker rooms as needed.

Student Handbook: Students receive an Agenda on the first day. The Agenda contains the school handbook, calendar and room for recording assignments. Students are required to have their agenda with them at all times. If an agenda is lost, students are required to purchase another for \$5.



Uniforms: Students are required to wear uniforms. Shirts, and sweatshirts are available through Legacy. Skorts are ordered through the Spirit Shop. Order forms are available online, in the Main Office or at Legacy Embroidery (636-239-3733). The uniform pants are a true (not faded) navy or a true khaki. Male and female students may wear slacks or appropriate shorts. Refer to the Student Handbook for additional information. It is available online via the "About" link on Borgia's home page.

Morning Meetings: As part of our ongoing professional development, several dates have been set aside for teachers to meet before school in their Professional Learning Teams (PLT's). On Late Start Days, PLT's meet from 7:30–8:15 AM and school starts with first period at 8:20 AM. Only half of the teachers attend the PLT's on these days; the other half are available to students in their classrooms from 7:50 AM–8:15 AM. Students should check with their teachers to see what days they are available for extra conferences/tutoring. The first late start day is August 22.

Calculators: Although not immediately, freshman will need a TI-84 Plus calculator for math classes. It can be the silver edition.



Computers: In addition to the desktops in the Media Center, there are over 80 laptop and netbook computers available for check out by students. Biometrics are used to manage checking out computers from Room 204 as needed for classes. To check out a computer, a student needs to have his/her fingerprint in Borgia's system and a signed Technology Use Agreement on file. These forms are available online and in the office for new students.

Personal Laptops: Students with personal laptops may bring them to school. They will be able to use them for class work with the teacher's permission. Please remember that the school can not provide support for student owned computers.

Family Access and Moodle: Students and their guardians will be able to check grades on Family Access. Family Access logon information for new students and their guardians has been mailed. If you have not received it, please contact the main office. When you log into Family Access, please verify that the general information for your student is correct. Notify Chris Feldmann in the main office if any corrections are needed. Also, please provide the email address for at least one guardian. This will enable teachers, counselors, and administrators to contact you via email.

Borgia Moodle is used to make handout and assignment information available to students. Guardians will be able to access Moodle to view course related information by using the link provided within Family Access.

Medications: We will no longer be allowed to dispense over-the-counter medications to students. If your student needs to take prescription medications, a physician's order needs to accompany the prescription. Prescription medications need to be in the original bottle and are to be brought to school by a parent and picked up by a parent.

Student Accident Insurance: Coverage is available to any family in our school who may be interested. It is offered through UnitedHealthCare STUDENT Resources, a very reputable company that has been dealing with student accident insurance for many years. To find out more information about the program contact the school office or access the UnitedHealthCare's website at www.k12StudentInsurance.com. Click on "Archdiocese of St. Louis" when you go to this site. Online enrollment is also available at this site.

Cafeteria Service: The Borgia Cafeteria serves a light breakfast and full lunch. Lunch period is divided into 4 mods. Student schedules indicate the student's lunch mod. Entrées costing \$2.50-\$3.00 are offered each day. A la carte items are also available. We offer many healthy choices. Students also have the option of bringing their lunch.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS & LOW BALANCE NOTIFICATION

The cafeteria uses the Food Service System (FSS) to manage student lunch accounts. With this system each student has an account which can be accessed via his/her fingerprint to pay for lunch each day. These are **PREPAID** accounts. Students are also able to pay cash for lunch.

Parents gain access to a student's account by going to www.myschoolaccount.com and following the instructions provided. (This link is also available through Family Access.) When asked for the student's user id, use his/her Family Access user name (usually 5 letters of last name, followed by 3 letters of the first name, followed by 3 numbers). Once access to the student's account has been established, account balances for one or more students can be viewed and **email notifications can be set to indicate funds dropping below a certain amount (i.e., \$5).**



Money can be placed in a student's account online by making an ACH transfer. (There is a charge for this.) If preferred, cash or check payments can be brought to the kitchen **BEFORE** or **AFTER** school. Cafeteria personnel will not accept funds to be placed into the student's account during the lunch mods.

Students are informed when their balances fall below \$5. Please use the low balance email alerts within the My School Account web site **to notify you** when your student's balance runs low. Due to previous abuses, **NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN** to students. If a student's account falls below zero during a lunch transaction, he/she will need to pay cash beginning with that transaction and until funds have once again been placed in his/her account. Please don't let your student be put in this awkward position. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria at 636-239-7871, ext. 121.

SCHOOL PICTURES

All seniors must have a yearbook picture taken at Fricke Studio by September 15. There is no charge for this basic sitting and there is no obligation to purchase pictures. The free sitting includes 4 poses in one outfit. This picture will be used for the yearbook and the class composite, which is displayed in the school corridor.



Underclassmen school pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, for Blue Day theology students, and Thursday, September 1, for Gold Day theology students. Students will have pictures taken during class. Seniors will have ID pictures taken.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

First Day of Practice for Fall Sports 2011 All practices begin on Monday, August 8. Practice schedules will be distributed either at the Mandatory Meeting or at the first practice.

Boys Soccer

V/JV 6:00—8:00 PM Borgia Soccer Practice Field

Football

V/JV 3:00—5:00 PM Borgia Football Practice Field

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9th 3:00—5:00 PM Borgia Football Practice Field

Girls Volleyball

9th, 10th 3:30—5:30 PM Ray DeGreeff Gym

Varsity 5:30—7:30 PM Ray DeGreeff Gym

Cross Country

7 AM Borgia Cafeteria

Softball

9 - 11 AM Borgia Baseball Field

Girls Golf

6 PM Franklin County Country Club

Mandatory Meeting: All students participating in the sports program must attend a meeting on Monday, August 1 at 7 PM in the theater. A parent or guardian must accompany the student.

Please bring insurance and emergency information to this meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Coach Kurt Russell, the Activities Director, at 636-239-7871, ext. 118 to set up an individual meeting.

Back to School Mixer: The Athletic Association and the Athletic Department will host a couples' cookout on Saturday, August 27. The dinner will be at St. Gertrude's Parish Center. Social hour is from 6 PM to 7 PM. First time and freshman parents will be guests of the Athletic Association. For all others, the cost will be \$10 per person. This evening gives everyone a chance to get acquainted. The coaching staff will cook the steaks. Please RSVP to the high school at 636-239-7871, ext. 130 by August 19.

Season Sport Passes: All-season passes are available for all sporting events (excluding tournaments and post season play). The passes are \$35 for adults, \$25 for students. Senior citizens (over 65) are free. Passes are available from the Activities Director or at the gate during any sporting event.

REMINDER
All athletes must have a current physical by the first day of practice. **There are NO exceptions!**



DINNER AND A GAME?

On Friday, August 26, the Music Association will host the first dinner of the 2011-2012 academic year. It will be a chicken and beef dinner and will be held in the cafeteria from 4–7 PM. Music Association members are asked to bring desserts. Music 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.

Contact Sue Bright at ext. 128 or via email at sue.bright@borgia.com to volunteer.



Following the dinner, join us for the varsity football game against St. Clair. Students may also want to stay for the Blacklight Dance in the cafeteria after the game.

BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS!

Summer Reading Reminder: Students are to have completed the assigned summer reading and the required assessments prior to the first day of classes. Please use the links available on Borgia.com to obtain detailed information. Remember these reading assignments will have a direct bearing on each student's grade.

Schedules: All students may pick up their schedules on Tuesday or Wednesday, August 9–10 in the Guidance Office. After August 10, schedules may be picked up in the Main Office. Schedule changes can be made beginning on August 9, as well as during the week of August 15. If a schedule change is necessary, students should see their guidance counselor. Please review the "Class Change Policy" in the student handbook. A \$10 schedule change fee will be assessed for student-initiated changes, unless waived by the administration.

Parking Permits: Students may park on our parking lot for \$5 a year. Permits must be purchased from the Main Office before parking on the lot during the school day. Seniors may pick up their passes on Tuesday, August 9, on a first-come, first-served basis. Juniors and sophomores may pick up their passes on Wednesday, August 10, also on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking permits will be on sale from 7 AM until 1 PM. Students must bring a valid driver's license, as well as vehicle information.

Fingerprints: Fingerprints are used within Borgia to check out computers from Room 204. Most returning students already have their fingerprints on file. All freshmen and other new students need to have their fingerprints entered into the system. They may do this by stopping by Room 204 when they come to school to pick up their schedules on August 9–10. In addition to being used for checking out computers from Room 204, students may use their fingerprints to pay for lunch from a prepaid account on www.myschoolaccount.com instead of using cash. It only takes a minute. Those who are not able to stop by on these days should stop by the first week of school during seminar.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Personnel Update: Replacing Harriet Sallaberry as Director of Advancement is Eileen Chalk. This is a natural step up to the position as she has many years of experience and is certainly no stranger to Borgia. Her position as Director of Annual Giving has been filled by another Borgia friend and Mom, Donna Grahl, who joined us as of July 1. Donna has had a lot of experience in Advancement and brings hands on experience and knowledge of our existing software to our office.

Parent Meeting & Volunteer Fair: On Wednesday, August 24 at 7 PM there will be a combined parent meeting for all parents in the Theatre. After a brief general meeting, parents will be directed to different locations for more detailed information pertaining to the class year of their students. These meetings will be followed by a Fair with representatives available from the various parent organizations to answer questions about getting involved in Borgia.

Freshman Parent 101: All freshmen parents are invited to attend a WELCOME DINNER on Wednesday, August 24 beginning at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria prior to the all parent meeting. Please join us for dinner, Freshmen Parent 101 and a chance to meet one another.

Magazine Drive: On Tuesday, August 23, Borgia will launch its annual Magazine Drive which is one of our oldest, most successful fundraisers. We will provide your students with all of the pertinent materials but we ask you to support the project through your own purchases and renewals, as well as encouraging your students to do their part by meeting their quota. Online sales skyrocketed last year with the use of the user friendly website, qsp.com. Full details will follow shortly.

Shopping at Borgia: The Spirit Shop, located in the cafeteria, is gearing up for a new year. It will reopen on Tuesday, August 9 with a Back to School Sale. The Spirit Shop is your source for Borgia attire and specialty items. You can also order uniform skorts and purchase various school supplies such as pencils, pens, notebooks, rulers, gym uniforms, and USB drives.

The Spirit Shop will be open before school (7:30–7:55 AM) for students. For access during the school day, please stop by Moira Vossbrink's office. It will also be open during functions such as Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, and Open House. The Spirit Shop is always open on-line!

SLU 1818 COURSES

SLU 1818 Registration: Juniors and seniors taking classes for 1818 college credit through SLU will receive registration information during the first week of classes in August. Fall registration courses include Honors American History I, Honors American History II, Honors Introduction to Composition, Honors Introduction to Literary Studies, German IV, and Spanish IV. Other SLU college credit classes have a January registration. Students MUST register through SFBRS. Deadline is September 9. Bills will be mailed directly to the student after registration.

