



# SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

## TIS THE SEASON

### DECEMBER PERFORMANCES:

The concert band, jazz band, chamber choir, and mixed chorus will perform on Sunday, December 12 at 2:30 PM. The elementary bands will perform at 1 PM. All of the concerts are in the gymnasium. Punch and cookies will follow the concerts. All are invited.



**GIVING TREE:** There will be a Giving Tree in the lobby through Wednesday, December 15. Families are encouraged to pick up an ornament from the tree and to return the specified gift, preferably unwrapped, with the ornament attached. These gifts will be given to the Pregnancy Assistance Center for distribution prior to Christmas Eve.

**CAROLING:** On December 10, the chamber choir will travel to the Way of Lights in Belleville, IL, where they will sing at 6 PM. On December 15, they will be singing at the courthouse in Union from 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

<b>December 17:</b>	<b>December 20:</b>
Blue Day Per 1	Blue Day Per 4
Blue Day Per 2	Gold Day Per 1
Blue Day Per 3	Gold Day Per 2

**December 21:**  
Mass  
Gold Day Per 3  
Gold Day Per 4

**Exam Days: 8 AM until 12:05 PM**

There will be an all school Mass at 8:25 AM on Tuesday, December 21. Students will be dismissed at 12:05 PM on exam days.

School will resume with second semester beginning on Tuesday, January 4 unless the calendar raffle quota is met. If so, there will be a free day on Tuesday, January 4 and school will resume on Wednesday, January 5.



### Mark Your Calendars Now

Athletic Assn. Meeting	12/01 7:30 PM
First Friday Adoration	12/03
Music Assn. Meeting	12/06 7 PM
No School—Immaculate Conception	12/08
Financial Aid Night	12/09 7 PM
Band & Choir Christmas Concert	12/12 2:30 PM
Jason Evert Assembly	12/13 1:45 PM
Faculty Mtg.	12/15 12:30 PM Dismissal
Exams	12/17- 12/21
Christmas Mass	12/21 8:25 AM
Christmas Vacation Begins	12/21 12:05 PM

## SNOW DAYS



Any school closings or snow schedule information will be posted on our home page and broadcast on the following television and radio stations.

**TV:** KMOV (Channel 4), KSDK (Channel 5) & ABC (Channel 30)

**Radio:** KLPW, KSLQ, KTUI and KWRE

Snow schedule means that we start at 9:15 AM with a 3 PM dismissal. The late start is to enable the students to avoid traffic and to give the snow removal crews time to clear the roads. The school is open by 6 AM and any students dropped off after this time can wait in the cafeteria.



### Special points of interest:

- No School on Tuesday, January 4 if the Calendar Raffle Quota is met.
- Express your opinion—take the Speak Up Survey by 1/21/11.

## ADVANCEMENT ACTION

### Calendars! Calendars! Calendars!

The Raffle Calendar Drive is in full swing and we ask that you continue to remind/help your students sell their calendars. Our school goal is \$100,000 in sales, which is certainly attainable if everyone does their part. **Don't forget some lucky Borgia student is going to win a car!!**



A reminder that we have a list of calendar sales from last year's seniors, so if your student's list of customers has dried up, tell them to stop by our office for a list of potential buyers. Keep in mind that Borgia Raffle Calendars make great Christmas gifts!

Turn in days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last day of sales to get the extra day added onto our Christmas break, (Tuesday, January 4, 2011), is Friday, December 17.

**Borgia Annual Fund Drive:** The formal mailing will be sent out this month. The purpose of the Borgia Fund is to develop a coordinated plan to raise funds to support the Administration in its mission of providing an affordable, spiritual, academically excellent education. We ask that **parents** join the many alums, former parents and friends in this annual drive. For more information on the Borgia Annual Fund, please contact Eileen Chalk, Director of Annual Giving at 636-239-7871, ext. 131.

**A Forever Christmas Gift:** A personalized brick for Phase II of the Recognition Walkway may be purchased for \$250 (4" X 8", 3 lines) or \$500 (8" X 8", 6 lines). Each line may have your personalized message (18 characters per line). To be included in the Spring 2011 installation, orders must be placed by January 15, 2011. What better way to create a lasting memory? To order, click on the Brick by Brick link on Borgia's home page or stop by the Advancement Office.

## TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...



**Lunch Accounts:** Please make sure your students' accounts have a positive balance before Christmas break. Remember, any student whose account has a negative balance will have to pay cash for lunch until the outstanding balance is paid and the account once again has a positive balance.

It is easy to check the balance in your student's account at [www.myschoolaccount.com](http://www.myschoolaccount.com). Parents initially gain access to a student's account by following the instructions provided. When asked for the student's user id, use his/her Family Access user id (first 5 letters of the last name followed by first 3 letters of first name followed by 3 numbers, usually 000). 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 when funds drop below a certain amount (i.e., \$5). Please use this notification system to alert you when additional funds are needed in your student's lunch account.

If you have any questions please contact Gloria at 636-239-7871, ext. 121.

**Josten's Visits:** On Wednesday, December 1, seniors will attend a presentation by Josten's regarding graduation supplies that are available. Please review the material provided by Josten's with your student. On Tuesday, December 7, Josten's will be available during lunch to answer questions and to take orders.

**Chastity Speaker:** On Monday, December 13, Jason Evert will present his program about chastity to the student body during an assembly at 1:45 PM. This speaker is sponsored by the Guardian Angels Association.



**Team of Concern:** As a result of the Putting Kids First initiative, additional services which are funded by Franklin County Children and Families Community Resource Board are available at Borgia. One such service is the Team of Concern. This team provides school-based preventative and early intervention drug and alcohol education and counseling to Franklin County youth 19 years old and under and their families. Services are provided without cost to the family, and include assessment, case management, counseling and, when appropriate, referral to other community services. Anyone can refer a student—a friend, family member, teacher, or self-referral. If you would like additional information or if you know someone who could benefit from Team of Concern services, please contact the guidance office at 636-239-7871, ext. 128.



**Schnucks Cards:** With the holidays fast approaching, please remember to use your Schnucks cards when shopping at any area Schnucks store. There is no additional cost to you when using your cards but a percentage of each sale will be electronically deposited into Borgia's account. Just have your Schnucks cards scanned by the checker PRIOR to the totaling. If you don't have a Schnucks card and would like one, please stop by the Advancement office. All you need to do is call in (toll free) and select SFBRHS as the recipient institution. Once the card is activated it is happy shopping at Schnucks! Thank you in advance for all of your help. Every little bit helps!

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wed., Dec. 9 Financial Aid Night (junior & senior parents)  
7 PM in the cafeteria
- Sat., Dec. 11 ACT Test Day
- Tues., Jan. 7 Regular Registration Deadline for Feb. 12 ACT

### SENIOR NEWS:

- ◆ The FAFSA financial aid form cannot be submitted until after January 1, 2011. Parents and students must have a PIN number ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)) in order to complete the FAFSA.
- ◆ If a student has a college/scholarship application deadline date due before January 5, the student needs to get the information to his/her counselor by December 14 for processing.
- ◆ During the holiday break, take the time to discuss the positive and negative aspects of each of the schools to which a student has applied. Try to begin narrowing his/her choices.

### JUNIOR NEWS:

- ◆ The holidays are a good time to talk about possible career choices and college/career school choices. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. McGowan have finished speaking with all junior students about their strengths and interests, their career choices, their college/career school choices, and the courses they may choose to take during their senior year. It's not too soon to begin discussing when they will be visiting schools.
- ◆ If a student took the practice ACT on test day in October, he/she can review the results in preparation for taking the actual test second semester.
- ◆ The PSAT results will be returned to students in December.
- ◆ Remind students that post-secondary schools will be looking at semester grades from freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Second semester is the last semester for them to really "shine".

### SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR SECOND SEMESTER:

Any student who requires a schedule change for second semester should see his/her counselor the week of November 29 through December 3. Changes should be kept to a minimum. All changes have to be approved by the teacher, parent, and principal. The fee for a schedule change is \$10.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS:

- ◆ PLAN test results were returned to students in November. The scores give an estimated ACT score. Students can review strengths and weaknesses to determine what areas need to be improved. Career options are also available on the test. They received a copy of the results and the test booklet.
- ◆ Continue to encourage your student to do his/her best in school. Begin to discuss what courses he/she might want to take next year. This could include some college courses (SLU 1818 or ECC classes) or Four Rivers Career Center classes.
- ◆ Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. McGowan will begin meeting with sophomores in January to discuss career plans and courses for their junior year.
- ◆ It's never too soon to begin a discussion about career/college choices.

### FRESHMAN NEWS:

- ◆ EXPLORE test results were returned to students in November. They received a copy of their scores and the test booklet.
- ◆ Continue to monitor your child's progress. Begin to discuss possible courses for next year with the student.
- ◆ The holidays are a good time to talk about what their plans are for after high school.
- ◆ Mrs. Poepsel will be meeting with students during January and February to discuss sophomore course selection.

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS...

**Pink Out:** If you don't already own a pink shirt, get one before Friday, December 17. The boys basketball games against CBC that evening will be a "pink out" for cancer research. A collection for cancer research will be taken during the evening. Please plan to attend to support not only our boys basketball teams, but also to support all those dear to us who are battling or have battled cancer.

**Youth Baseball Coaches Clinic:** The baseball coaches are having a clinic on Saturday, February 5 from 9 AM to Noon. It will be in the cafeteria. The cost of admission is a \$5 donation to the Athletic Association.



**Coaches Hall of Fame:** Recently, Coach Dave Neier was inducted into Missouri's "Coaches Hall of Fame" in recognition of his leadership and excellence as a high school basketball coach in the state of Missouri. At the boys basketball game against Helias on Friday, December 10, we will honor Coach Neier with the official dedication of the "Coaches Hall of Fame" board in the gym. Plan to be there to honor Coach Neier and to help cheer the boys on to another victory!

## TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

Today in the town of David,  
a Savior has been born to you:  
He is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:11



May the Christmas Season  
be filled with love and joy for you and  
your family.

## “BORGIA BISTRO... A KNIGHT ON THE TOWN”

### Annual Dinner Auction - February 12, 2011

The auction committee is already hard at work. Invitations will be in the mail just after Christmas. A reminder—each family is asked to contribute in some way either by donating an item or by making a cash donation of at least \$25.



100% of the proceeds from the annual SFBRHS Dinner Auction will be used for financial assistance for many of our Borgia students, so you can see how very important this effort is for us. PLEASE do all you can to help us. We always need workers the evening of the event and we are already gathering items for our oral,

silent and fantasy auctions.

Our **Tuition Raffle** and our **\$10,000 Raffle tickets** will be out soon. Remember, in addition to some very generous cash rewards for the \$10,000 Raffle, there are two winners in the Tuition Raffle: **one FREE TUITION and one book fee.** A raffle ticket is a great investment!

**Chairpersons:** Kurt & Kim Voss (Connor, Class of 2012)

**Co-Chairs:** Scott & Julie Breckenkamp (Tyler, Class of 2014)

We also have a **great Auction committee** who are all working hard! Thanks to all who help out!

Call us at 636-239-7871, ext. 122, email us at [advancement@borgia.com](mailto:advancement@borgia.com) or stop by our office to help or donate. It's a fun evening, so do plan to attend. You won't want to miss it.

# Last Minute Christmas Shopping!

## NIKE SALE AT BORGIA!!!

Current styles at greatly reduced prices  
Rams, Cardinals, Blues, local college merchandise  
and other Nike apparel

Friday, December 17, 3 PM to 8 PM

Saturday, December 18, 8 AM to 3 PM

Borgia's Cafeteria



## 2010 SPEAK UP SURVEY



Speak Up, a national online research project facilitated by Project Tomorrow<sup>SM</sup>, 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 January 21, 2011. You can access the survey from any Internet computer.

- Go to <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2010/>.
- Select "Missouri" in the drop down box and enter "ST FRANCIS" as the School Name, then click "Find School". Be sure to select "St Francis Borgia Regional High School".
- Take the survey. If needed, our Secret Word is "borgia2010". (The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.)

Borgia students have participated in this survey for the past six years. Sophomores will be taking the survey this year. There are also Speak Up surveys for teachers, administrators, and parents.

We will be using data gathered through these surveys as we revise our Technology Plan. We value your input and therefore encourage your participation in this survey.

Join parents all over North America in sharing your voices and views about your children's education. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Wingbermuehle via email at [elaine.wingbermuehle@borgia.com](mailto:elaine.wingbermuehle@borgia.com) or via phone at 636-239-7871, ext. 140.