



# SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

## TIS THE SEASON

### DECEMBER PERFORMANCES:

The concert band, jazz band, chamber choir, and mixed chorus will perform on Sunday, December 11 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 14. 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 Tuesday, December 6, the chamber choir will travel to Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL, where they will sing at 6 PM. On Saturday, December 17, they will be having a Miller's Grill Breakfast with carolers, wind players and Santa! Contact Mrs. Bright at sue.bright@borgia.com or 636-239-7871, ext. 128, or any music student, for tickets.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

<b>December 19:</b> Blue Day Per 1 Blue Day Per 2 Blue Day Per 3	<b>December 20:</b> Blue Day Per 4 Gold Day Per 1 Gold Day Per 2
<b>December 21:</b> Mass Gold Day Per 3 Gold Day Per 4	
<b>Exam Days: 8 AM until 12:05 PM</b>	

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

School will resume with second semester beginning on Tuesday, January 3 unless the calendar raffle quota is met. If so, there will be a free day on Tuesday, January 3 and school will resume on Wednesday, January 4.



### Mark Your Calendars Now

First Friday Adoration	12/02
Music Assn. Meeting	12/05 7 PM
Reconciliation	12/06
Financial Aid Night	12/07 7 PM
Athletic Assn. Meeting	12/07 7:30 PM
No School—Immaculate Conception	12/08
Band & Choir Christmas Concert	12/11 2:30 PM
Faculty Mtg. Dismissal	12/14 12:30 PM
Exams	12/19- 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



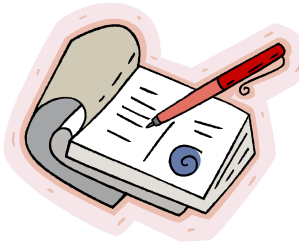
Snow schedule means that we start at 9:15 AM with a 3 PM dismissal. The late start is to enable the students to avoid traffic and to give the snow removal crews time to clear the roads. The school is open by 6 AM and any students dropped off after this time can wait in the cafeteria.



### Special points of interest:

- No School on Tuesday, January 3 if the Calendar Raffle Quota is met.
- Express your opinion—take the Speak Up Survey by 12/23/11.

## CALENDARS! CALENDARS!



We are in full swing and we ask that you continue to remind/help your students sell their calendars. Our school goal is \$110,000 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 the Advancement Office for a list of potential buyers. Turn in days are **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. The last day of sales to get the extra day added onto our Christmas break, (Tuesday, January 3, 2011), is Thursday, December 15.

## 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.

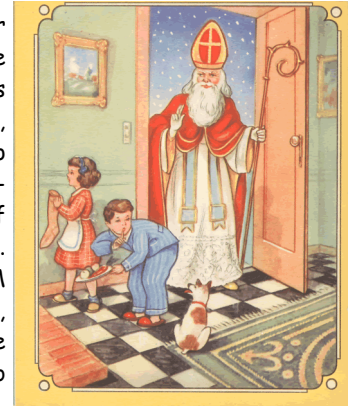
If you have any questions please contact Gloria at 636-239-7871, ext. 121.



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

## ST. NICK'S SALE

Looking for Borgia spirit wear for holiday gift giving? Take advantage of our St. Nick's Sale on Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 7:30AM. Stock up and save 10% on all your favorites and take advantage of savings on new hoodies as well. The sale will run from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. And remember, when you purchase from the Spirit Shop, all proceeds go directly to tuition assistance, another way of gift giving for the holidays!



**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.

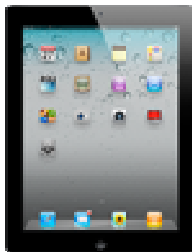


**Schnucks Cards:** With the holidays fast approaching, please remember to use your Schnucks

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!

## MOBILE DEVICES FOR STUDENTS

The teachers have had iPad2's since mid September. They have been exploring digital content available in their respective areas and potential uses within their classrooms. Although there are many potential uses of mobile devices, the driving force for this transition is to replace the textbooks currently in the student backpacks with a mobile device and digital course content.



The next step is transitioning to the use of mobile devices by students and specifying what mobile devices are recommended for use by students. On the surface, it seems reasonable to recommend that all students have mobile devices by next year. Furthermore, it appears that an iPad will be the tablet of choice. We are still formulating the implementation process.

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wed., Dec. 7 Financial Aid Night (junior & senior parents)  
7 PM in the cafeteria
- Sat., Dec. 10 ACT Test Day
- Fri., Jan. 13 Regular Registration Deadline for Feb. 11 ACT

### SENIOR NEWS:

- ◆ The FAFSA financial aid form cannot be submitted until after January 1, 2012. 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 9 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. Mr. Wunderlich 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 28 through December 2. 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.
- ◆ Mr. Wunderlich 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.

## 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.

## 2011 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 December 23, 2011. You can access the survey from any Internet computer.

- Go to <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011/>.
- 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 "borgia2011". (The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.)

Borgia students have participated in this survey for the past seven years. Juniors are 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.

# 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 16, 3 PM to 8 PM  
Saturday, December 17, 9 AM to 3 PM  
Borgia's Gym



## "MARDI GRAS ON ST. FRANCIS STREET"

### Annual Dinner Auction - February 11, 2012

We are hard at work on the dinner auction. Our 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 valued at \$25+.

Thank you again to our auction leadership!

- **Auction Chairs:** Julie & Scott Breckenkamp (Tyler, Class of 2014)
- **Co-Chairs:** Jennifer Hill (Chelsea, Class of 2015) & Teresa & Rob Halsted (Cassandra, Class of 2015)

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

### 100% of the proceeds of this auction are

used for tuition assistance for 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 hard at work gathering items for our oral, silent and fantasy auctions. Call, email 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.



**Donate Miles to the Auction!** A great way to help us enhance destination donations to our auction is to provide air fare with the auction item. If you have a surplus of miles it is easy to share those miles and get the benefit of the donation at the same time. Simply go to your frequent flyer provider and follow the steps or contact our office for details at 636-239-7871, ext. 123 or [eileen.chalk@borgia.com](mailto:eileen.chalk@borgia.com).

Our **Tuition Raffle** and our **\$10,000 Raffle tickets** will be out soon. Remember, our tuition raffle provides **one FREE TUITION** and one **student fee** to the two winners. Our \$10,000 Raffle awards generous cash prizes! Both are a great investment!