



SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

ALIVE IN CHRIST!



We are joining in the Archdiocese's celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 30 through February 3, by celebrating the quality education and faith formation our students receive at SFBRHS. We are eager to share what we believe, and proud of our contributions to our communities!

Each day that week we will continue to joyfully and prayerfully celebrate our Borgia family with service and fun activities, including a Food Drive, Catholic Art Scavenger Hunt, Catholic Trivia and a Winter Dance.

On Thursday, February 2, we are privileged to host Archbishop Robert Carlson and visiting priests from our neighboring parishes at a special Regional Mass at 10 AM in the gym.

They will concelebrate for all the Catholic schoolchildren in our region.

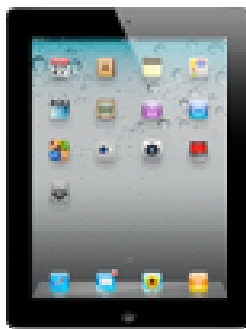
Our regularly scheduled First Friday Adoration will take place the next day.



IPAD INITIATIVE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The lever, the wheel, the gasoline engine: tools. The computer, the internet, the iPad: tools. Humankind has shaped tools from the earliest days - and our tools have in turn shaped how we work, and how we think. Students today did not have to adapt to computers or the internet - for them, it's just the way things are, and the way they think. Students take to iPads like ducks to water - easily and naturally! They are "digital natives" in today's electronic environment.

As for those of us who have had to "immigrate" into the electronic environment, there's hope! The iPad is easy to use, tough to damage, hard to misplace (with its GPS app) -- and it's an education game-changer! This is a cost-effective tool that makes what learners do now in the classroom easier, but goes far beyond into educational possibilities still being explored, and likely some not yet even imagined! It opens whole new depths and vistas of



learning. It affects how we learn, and how we learn from each other. It is far more than a cost-effective replacement of hard-copy textbooks. Classroom walls are extended in space and in time, for both past and real-time events. This is without a doubt the future of effective education. It is at once interesting, exhilarating, and challenging!

The launch of the iPad initiative at Borgia is a reflection of months of study and deliberation by a committee of parents, faculty members and administrators. To find out more about iPads and plans for use at Borgia, attend one of the informational meetings scheduled for parents. The first is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM in the SFBRHS cafeteria. The session will be repeated on Wednesday, February 22, same time, same place. Bring along your "digital native" student!

Mark Your Calendars Now

Catholic Schools Week	1/30 to 2/03
Athletic Assn. Meeting	02/01 7:30 PM
Regional Mass	02/02
First Friday Adoration	02/03
German Klub Dinner	02/03 4-7 PM
Music Assn. Meeting	02/06 7 PM
Faculty Mtg.	02/08 12:30 PM
"Mardi Gras!" Dinner	02/11
Registration for 2012-2013 Classes	02/14 to 02/23
Advisory Board Mtg.	02/15 7 PM
Ski Trip	02/17-02/20
Presidents Day -No School	02/20
iPad Initiative Q & A Meeting	02/21 6:30 PM
Mass	02/22 9:40 AM
iPad Initiative Q & A Meeting	02/22 7 PM

Special points of interest:

- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 30.
- Congratulations! Starry Knights placed first for both of their dances at St. Charles High School Competition.

“MARDI GRAS ON ST. FRANCIS STREET”

There is still time to make plans to attend this fun evening. Each year the proceeds from this event provide tuition assistance to many students and their families. Look for an email blast the week of the auction with information on where to go to view a listing of oral and fantasy auction items.

Raffle tickets abound! If you are feeling lucky, you might want to purchase a \$10,000 Raffle ticket or Tuition Raffle tickets by Friday, February 10. There are lots of ways to be a winner at the Borgia auction.

Tuition Raffle - Who will be the Lucky Winner? Remember you only have until February 10 to submit your tickets and payment for the tuition raffle. In addition to being able to win tuition for the 2012-2013 school year, we are also giving parents a second chance to win. Second prize is 2012-2013 student fees. So don't miss out! If you misplaced the tickets, contact the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871 ext. 122.

OTHER ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Calendar Wrap Up: Thank you to all who made our calendar drive a SUCCESS! Whether you sold a calendar, bought a calendar or encouraged a student to make a sale, we thank you! We sold more calendars this year than last, and finished \$2000 ahead of last year in net profit.

Congratulations to Allison Unnerstall ('14) who sold her quota and also was the lucky winner of the car raffle. In addition to Allison, we had several students who went above and beyond in the area of sales. Our top seller was Lauren Lochirco ('15) selling 60 calendars followed closely by Meg Wunderlich ('12) at 53, Ian Howell ('12) at 50 and Ted Reidy ('14) who sold 41. We also had 9 out of 24 homerooms with 100% participation. In March, the following homerooms will have a pizza party as they were the top sellers by grade level; Mrs. Herlein, Mr. Noelker, Mr. Neier and Mr. McKee. Thank you again to all who made this drive a success!

Senior Quilt Raffle - One of a Kind Heirloom: As many of you know, the Senior Quilt is a long-standing tradition at SFBRHS. This year senior parent Kathy Straatmann, along with Mary Ann Vehige, designed and created this quilt. The quilt top will be hanging on display during auction week and will then go to the quilter, Candy Grisham for completion.

For the first time, each quilt raffle ticket will automatically include a "bonus" - a chance to win a computerized metapixel representation of SFBRHS composed of familiar sights around school, portraits of staff and faculty members, and portraits of the members of the Class of 2012. It will also be on display at the auction.

The winners will be drawn at graduation practice. All seniors have an opportunity to purchase tickets for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be mailed to all senior parents in March.

A Special Thanks to Our Committee Chairpersons:



Thanks to the many dedicated parents, alumni and donors who make this event happen.

Chairpersons:	Scott & Julie Breckenkamp
Co Chairpersons:	Jennifer Hill, Teresa & Rob Halsted
Acquisitions:	Susie Blatt, Laura Arand & Holly Geisler
Auction Cataloging:	Kristen Eggert, Ginny Rudloff & Ramona Roberts
Auctioneers:	Kerry Brehe, Andy Knight & Mike Clark
MC:	Kurt Voss
Silent Auction:	Nick & Cindy Eckelkamp Marty & Sarah Struckhoff
Fantasy Auction:	Kelly Elbert, Donna Marquart, John Koch, Ann & Tim Morgan
Tuition Raffle:	Michelle & Kurt Unnerstall
Publicity:	Lisa Noelke
Dining Room Set-Up: Theme & Decor:	Mary Holtmeyer & Lisa Beckerman Jeff & Angel Kuchem, Tim Glasstetter & Anny Hurtig
Reservations:	Michelle Frederick
Invitations:	Tina Dillon
Kitchen:	Brenda & Robin Bargaen
Bar:	Don Grahl, Colleen & Rob Himmelberg
Sunday Clean-up:	Joe & Michelle Boland
Student Coat Check:	Emily Brinkmann, National Honor Society
Banking & Checkout:	Mindy & Kevin Rettke, Christie Wilmoth
\$10,000 Raffle:	Michelle & Kurt Unnerstall
Caterer:	Gloria Brinker & Borgia Chefs B&B Barbeque, Tricia & Jeff Brinker
Borgia LTD:	Connie & Mark Stelzer, Sheila Gildehaus
Leasing:	Jerri & Wes Sites
Homeroom Baskets:	Sheri Forget & Penny Rombach
Senior Quilt:	Kathy Straatmann, Mary Ann Vehige & Candy Grisham

*Thanks so very much
to all the dedicated volunteers!*

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

SENIOR NEWS:

- It is suggested that the FAFSA form be completed no later than March 1. Many schools give money on a first-come basis. If taxes are not completed yet, an estimate can be sent and changes can be made when the SAR (Student Aid Report) is returned to the parents. File electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- **FAFSA Completion Workshop:** If you need assistance completing the FAFSA form, ECC will be offering FAFSA Completion Workshops every Tuesday from February 21 to March 27 from 5:30–7:00 PM. Please bring your parent and student pin numbers and this year's tax return. If you have additional questions, please contact Karen-Griffin Koenig, ECC Director of Financial Aid at 636-584-6575.
- Students should continue looking for scholarship money from the school they plan to attend or through outside sources.

STUDENT EXCHANGE



Again this year, there will be a student exchange program between SFBRHS and Cardinal Ritter Prep in St. Louis.

Although the exact dates have not yet been set, teams of student leaders from the two schools are meeting in early February to work out the final

details. On one day 40 students from Ritter will visit us at Borgia, and on another, 40 Borgia students will visit Ritter. Our bus typically leaves at 7:45 AM and returns by 3:00 PM.

Students will have time to tour the facility, discuss issues of interest, and shadow their host/hostess students. Last year's participants from both schools reported a highly successful and meaningful experience!

Only 40 students can participate: 30 upperclassmen (senior or junior) and 10 underclassmen (sophomore or freshman) will be chosen based on their application essay. To apply, a student must write an essay no longer than one page explaining why s/he thinks s/he would be a good participant in the Exchange Program. The student's name and grade level should appear **ONLY** in the upper right hand corner of the paper. All applications are due in the front office by no later than 3 PM on Friday, February 10.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sat., Feb. 11 ACT Test
- Feb. 14-23 Registration for 2012–2013
- Thurs., Mar. 1 Suggested deadline to have the FAFSA form filed for 4 yr. colleges
- Thurs., Mar. 15 ECC Scholarship & FAFSA deadline

EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE NEWS FOR SENIORS/JUNIORS:

- If a senior has not completed an ECC application, he must do so as soon as possible and give it to his counselor.
- **To be eligible for ECC scholarships, the FAFSA form must be filed by February 15.**
- The deadline to submit the ECC scholarship application is March 15.

JUNIOR NEWS:

- Borgia's ACT Prep Class (Super Saturday) will be offered on Saturday, March 31 from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM at Borgia. A trial test will be administered and scored on that morning, students will have lunch, and then attend individual prep classes in the afternoon. The cost is \$15. Registration for this day will be on Monday, March 12 and Tuesday, March 13 during lunch.
- There are two more ACT test dates this school year: April 14 and June 9. We strongly recommend that juniors planning to attend a four-year college take the ACT TWICE before their senior year. June 9 is the last ACT test date for this school year. The ACT will not be available again in Missouri until September.
- Many colleges have visit days in the spring for junior students and their parents. Now is a good time to begin looking on college web sites and planning college visit days.

JUNIOR/SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN NEWS:

- Registration for the 2012-13 school year begins on February 14 and forms must be completed by February 23.
- Please work with your child in choosing courses for next year. Counselors will also use grades and PLAN/EXPLORE results to help students choose appropriate courses. We want students to challenge themselves but not overextend themselves. There are many advanced and college credit courses available to students. Talk to them about the commitment they will be making in spending extra time with these classes.
- Sophomores and juniors will also be deciding whether to take classes at Four Rivers Career Center in Washington. A representative from Four Rivers Career Center will be here on February 7 & 9 during seminar to explain course options available.
- **Once classes are chosen, we ask that there be minimal schedule changes. If you have questions about your child's schedule, please contact his/her counselor.**

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Senior Parent Meeting: There will be an informational meeting regarding end of year activities for Seniors, including prom, graduation and Project Graduation on Thursday, March 1 at 7 PM in the theater. Senior parents are encouraged to attend this meeting if possible. Please contact Mrs. Addison (nicole.addison@borgia.com) for a copy of the notes and important dates if you are unable to attend.

Late Start Days for Seniors: During the weeks of February 13 and February 20, freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be meeting with their advisors Tuesday through Thursday to register for 2012-2013 classes. Seniors only need to meet with their advisors on Wednesdays these two weeks. Thus, Tuesday, February 14, Thursday, February 16, Tuesday, February 21, and Thursday, February 23 will be Late Start Days (8:20 AM) for Seniors Only.

BORGIA FEST 2012

Mark your calendar now for the third annual Borgia Fest which will be held on the Borgia campus on Friday, April 27 from 4 to 11 PM and again on Saturday, April 28 from 11 AM to 11 PM.



Once again, there will be carnival rides, food, game booths, music, and fun for everyone!

Music will include bands for both teens and adults. Jeremiah Johnson will play Friday night from 7–11 PM and Ralph Butler Band will play on Saturday night from 7–11 PM, preceded by Ken Schmitt and Friends. Borgia's Jazz Band will play on Saturday afternoon from 2:00–3:30 PM.

2012 ANNUAL GIVING

As you know, we at Borgia rely on the generosity of all our donors to support the mission of our school each year. The support of the Borgia family makes a huge difference as we continue to minister to the spiritual and academic needs of our students. Our goal for Annual Giving this year is \$150,000 which will be directed toward the school's general operating budget. As of the end of January, the campaign has raised \$111,931.50. Although we are on target to reach our goal by June 30, 2012, we still have \$38,068.50 to go.

If you haven't already done so, please submit your donation today! Your continued investment is greatly appreciated by all who value the educational ministry of St. Francis Borgia Regional High School. Please feel free to contact the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 131 or donna.grahl@borgia.com if you have any questions.

German Klub Dinner: The German Klub will have the annual German Dinner on February 3 from 4:00–7:00 PM. The menu will be homemade German sausage, spaetzle, baked apples, green beans, Schulte's hard rolls and our German students' homemade German desserts. Dinner is followed by a boys basketball game versus Vianney. All proceeds benefit the student exchange between Washington and our Sister City, Marbach am Neckar, Germany.



Tuition Reminder: Just a reminder that tuition for the 2011–2012 school year should be paid in full by the end of the school year. Final transcripts will not be sent until all tuition and fees have been paid in full. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Wingbermuehle at 636-239-7871, ext. 115.

Music Performances / Competitions:

Feb. 9 St. Louis Archdiocesan Choral Festival
Feb. 19 St. Louis Archdiocesan Band Festival
Feb. 24 Jazz Band, Winter Drumline & Winter Guard Tour



Important Reminder: Please call the office or fill out a new Emergency Procedure Form if your address, phone number and/or any other information that is kept on file at school has changed. Emergency Procedure Forms are available on our Home Page under Resources, Documents, Administration. Just print the form, fill it out and send it to the main office.

Video Production Classes Want to Give You a Tax Deduction: Currently the Video Production classes are looking for video cameras that use mini-dv tapes. If you have one of these cameras lying around and it is in working order send it over to Borgia. You can get yourself a cleaner closet and a tax deduction. Please contact Mr. Bitzer with any questions at joe.bitzer@borgia.com.



2012-2013 REGISTRATION

Students will receive Course Description Guides and registration forms from their advisors at school on Tuesday, February 14. Please ask students to review their choices with you. If you or your students have questions about a class, communicate with the academic dean, the advisor, the guidance counselor, or Dr. Heger, principal. All registrations are due on Thursday, February 23. The student needs to obtain a parent signature and submit a \$40 registration fee by February 23. Fees for any late registrations (after February 23) will be \$45. Be sure to first consult the pages of the Course Description Guide for important information. Freshman registration is Thursday, March 1. If you know of an 8th grader interested in SFB RHS who has not yet started the registration process, please encourage the student to call the high school.