

SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

St. Francis Borgia conducted a feasibility study during the early summer of 2008 to determine if we had the support necessary to begin a capital campaign to build a multi-purpose building and to replace our present track. The response was overwhelmingly positive and we were prepared to move forward with the proposed project.

However, soon after our study, there were unforeseen variables that made us wary of moving forward at the time, most notably the economic climate and numerous conflicting campaigns. Thus we decided to delay the start of the campaign. In the summer of 2009, meetings were held to discuss the possibility of proceeding with the capital campaign. As a result of discussions at those meetings and subsequent to them, we made the decision to break the project into two phases. Phase one is to address the immediate need for a new track. Phase two is to build the much needed multi-purpose building.

Our current six lane asphalt track is unusable. It does not meet even the minimal standards for track and field events; therefore Borgia cannot accommodate nor host any track meets. It is also unfit for practice, as it is the wrong length, width, and texture.

The track was created years ago when Borgia did not have track and field as a sport. A regulation eight-lane track can be built on the present site with some alterations to the present track and football field. Although costly, this would put our track and field facilities on par with other high schools.

To build the track we need to make major adjustments to the present football field; therefore we have determined that it would be advantageous at this time to replace the grass surface on the football field with artificial turf. At present, this field can only be used for twelve or thirteen football games a year. A synthetic surface would create a field useable not only for football games, but also for boy's and girl's soccer, band, physical education classes, community events, and much more. This new field would require minimal maintenance and virtually eliminate rain cancellations.

Because there is an immediate need to move forward with this athletic complex, we have decided to try to complete this project by August 2010. Fundraising efforts will begin soon.



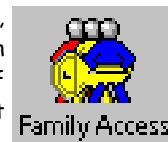
SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

With the start of a new year a new semester gets underway at Borgia. The first semester exams are being corrected and the grades are being recorded; report cards for semester one will be posted on Family Access by Thursday, January 7. Paper report cards for those who have notified the office that they still require them will be mailed the same day.

Term 1 Report Cards are already available on Family Access. Parents and students are able to access report cards by clicking on

"Report Cards" on the left side of the screen. Select "Term 1 09-10" to open this Report Card as a Word Document which can be viewed and printed. Once the Semester Report Cards are posted to Family Access, this report will also appear under the "Report Cards" link.

If you haven't already done so, please notify Chris Feldmann at 636-239-7871, ext. 111 if you need to have paper report cards mailed to you.



Mark Your Calendars Now

No School—	01/01
New Years Day	
Second Semester Begins	01/04
Music Assn. Meeting	01/04 7 PM
Athletic Assn. Mtg.	01/06 7:30 PM
Faculty Mtg.	01/13 12:30 PM
Dismissal	
Winter Play	01/14- 01/16
Pro-Life Mass	01/15 9:40 AM
Ski Trip	01/15 - 01/18
Martin Luther King Day - No School	01/18
Pro-Life Trip	01/19 - 01/23
Advisory Board Meeting	01/20 7 PM

Special points of interest:

- The Calendar drive quota was **not** met. There will be school on Monday, January 4.
- The Pro-Life Mass originally scheduled on Friday, January 22 in the agenda has been moved up a week. This Mass will be celebrated at 9:40 AM on Friday, January 15.
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of February 1.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS....

Catholic Schools Week: During the week of February 1, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We will have an all-school Mass at 9:40 AM on Monday, February 1.

Retreats for Senior Class of 2011: During Advisement on Wednesday, January 6, the Juniors will receive information regarding retreat options for the Class of 2011. If you are a Junior parent, please review this information carefully with your student and help them select the retreat option that best suits them. The completed form is due back to their Advisor on Wednesday, January 13.



Pro-Life Trip: Students will be journeying to Washington, D.C. January 19–23 to protest the legalization of abortion on January 22, 1973. These students had to be active in the community to be eligible to go on this trip. We would like to ask parents and students to support us by participating in the Candlelight Vigil held on Friday, January 22 at the corner of 5th & Jefferson in Washington from 5-6 PM. Please bring a candle or flashlight and stand in silence for one hour to support legislation that would overturn Roe vs. Wade and make abortion illegal in our country.

SFBRHS Tuition Raffle: Would you like to win a year's tuition? Well, you can... Just by entering the SFBRHS Tuition Raffle! In addition to the Tuition (2009-10) First Prize; we will be offering a second prize of Book Fees (\$455 value). Every family will have 2 chances to win. Watch for your tickets in the mail. Tickets are only \$20 each. To enter, return your tickets and send your money to the school by February 1, 2010.

The drawing will take place at the annual dinner auction on February 13, 2010. You do not need to be present to win. If fewer than 150 tickets are sold, the drawing will be a 50/50. Don't miss out on this great chance to win a year's tuition!

BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN



Next time you're on MOODLE, look for the "Blue Ribbon" information under the Borgia Directories link. There you will find the Blue Ribbon Pledge as rewritten last year after a series of parent "Town Hall" meetings. A contact list of parents who have committed to the pledge is included. If you would like to take the Blue Ribbon Pledge and have your contact information included on the website, call Dr. Heger at 636-239-7871, ext. 116, or email him at bheger@borgia.com.

Financial Aid 2010-2011: A financial aid information packet will be sent in February. In order to receive financial aid based on need, it is necessary to fill out the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. The application and information about the types of financial aid available will be included in these packets. The FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment is used for PTO grants, Archdiocesan Grants and any scholarships that specify need as a criterion. The deadline for submitting this application is April 1 for the Archdiocese Grants and May 1 for the PTO grants. You will need your 2009 income tax return in order to submit the FACTS form.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Applications for 2010-2011 KC Scholarship are available in the main office.

Need a Tax Deduction in 2009? Turn your old technology into a tax deduction and help out the Borgia Fine Arts Department. We are currently looking for the following items:

- 35mm Film Still Cameras
- Television Sets with screens that are 20 inches or less
- VHS Video Cameras (the kind that take the big tapes)



If you have any of these items gathering dust or if they were replaced by presents from Santa, donate them to school. Donation verification will be provided if desired. Contact Mr. Bitzer at 636-239-7871, ext. 178 for more information.

German Klub Dinner: The German Klub will have the annual German Dinner on February 5 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The menu will be Williams Brothers' German sausage, spaetzle, baked apples, green beans, Schultes' German dinner rolls and our German students' homemade German desserts. Dinner is followed by an exciting boys basketball game versus Vianey. All proceeds benefit the student exchange between Washington and our Sister City, Marbach am Neckar, Germany.

BORGIA THEATER

Two one act plays will hit the Borgia stage January 14–16. *Black Comedy*, by Peter Shaffer, is a story about Brindley Miller, a sculptor who is young and attractive, but nervous and uncertain about himself. The action of the play takes place in his apartment, the ground floor of a large house now divided into flats, in South Kensington, London.

Sparks in the Park was the winner of the 1987 Young Playwrights' Award and written by an eighteen-year-old writer. It tells the story of Barry, a playwright struggling to write a play to win a contest, and cleverly weaves in both his personal life and the play scenes he writes until he realizes what really is important in writing a play.

For ticket information, call 636-239-7871.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan. 1 FAFSA forms may be mailed or submitted online
- Jan. 5 Registration deadline for the February 6 ACT test
- Jan. 12 Registration for East Central College credits in College Algebra, College Psychology, College Speech, and College Sociology during lunch periods
- Feb. 9 FAFSA Completion Workshop, 6:30 PM, cafeteria

CHANGE IN AGENDA CALENDAR: The Super Saturday ACT Prep Class has been changed to March 20. Please make this correction in the student agenda.

FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR NEWS:

- ◆ Please give your suggestions to your sons/daughters about next year's classes. We value your input toward your child's courses for next year. Do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Office if you have questions about what courses your child should be taking.
- ◆ All sophomores and freshmen will have received the PLAN or EXPLORE test results by mid-January. You can use the career interest results to help your child determine courses that might be appropriate for next year's schedule.

JUNIOR NEWS:

- ◆ Most juniors will be taking the April 10 ACT test. The regular registration deadline for this test is Friday, March 5. Packets are available in the Guidance Office or a student can register online at www.actstudent.org.
- ◆ There is an ACT prep class on Saturday, March 20 called Super Saturday here at Borgia. We will register students for this day in early March. The cost is \$15.

SENIOR NEWS:

- ◆ In order to receive financial aid from a post-secondary school, parents must complete a FAFSA form. These forms may not be mailed or submitted online before January 1, but should be submitted as soon as possible after that date and preferably by March 1. If you don't think you will have your tax information completed by that time, you may estimate and then make adjustments to the Student Aid Report that you will receive after submitting the FAFSA form. Some of the grant money associated with the FAFSA is on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, it is to your advantage to submit this form as soon as possible. The web site is www.fafsa.edu.gov.
- ◆ **FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP:** If you need assistance completing the FAFSA form, a workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Please bring the parent and student PIN numbers, last year's tax return (in order to estimate), and the last pay check stub from 2009 or your W2 forms.
- ◆ Most seniors have mailed their applications to 4-year institutions. If a senior intends to attend a 4-year university and has not applied, we highly recommend that this be done as soon as possible.
- ◆ Students should continue to search for scholarships.
- ◆ If your child plans to attend East Central College, he should plan to have the FAFSA submitted and the ECC application and scholarship forms completed by mid-February.
- ◆ The scholarship deadline for ECC is March 1.



A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER - FEBRUARY 13, 2010

Who? Friends and Family of St. Francis Borgia Regional High School

What? A Knight to Remember Dinner Auction

When? Saturday, February 13, 2010

Where? Borgia High School

Why? 100% proceeds from the evening are used each year to support the financial assistance program at Borgia. This is Borgia's largest annual fundraiser. Last year over \$150,000 was raised at the dinner auction.

How? Lots of volunteers and lots of help from our Borgia families



Each family is asked to donate an item valued between \$25 and \$50 or a cash donation of similar value. See the Borgia website for suggested items. Items should be turned in at the latest by the end of January.

There are a lot of ways you can participate in this great event. Invitations were sent out recently. Plan to attend and if you would like to volunteer, please call us in the Advancement office at 636-239-7871, ext. 123. There are many opportunities to help.

Watch the Borgia website for updates! Remember to save the date and plan to attend.

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ASSISTANT FRESHMAN COACH FOR BASEBALL

The Borgia Baseball Team is looking for an Assistant Freshman Team Coach. Applicants should have baseball coaching and/or playing experience. Practices and games are generally right after school, so afternoon time availability is a must. This is a volunteer position. Email Rob Struckhoff at rstruck@borgia.com for more information if interested.

REGISTRATION FOR COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES



1-8-1-8 Saint Louis University

Registration: Registration for juniors and seniors taking 1-8-1-8 college credit courses during second semester will take place during January. Forms will be distributed to

students by their 1-8-1-8 instructors at the beginning of second semester. Tuition bills will be sent in mid-February with payment due on March 1.

ECC Registration: Students taking courses from East Central College during second semester will be able to register and pay for them at Borgia. On January 12, representatives from ECC will be at SFBRHS during the lunch periods to take the registration forms and payment. Instructors of the ECC college credit classes will distribute the registration forms to students at the beginning of second semester.



BORGIA FEST 2010

Mark your calendar now for the Borgia Fest which will be held on the Borgia campus on Friday, April 30 from 4 to 11 PM and again on Saturday, May 1 from 11 AM to 11 PM.



There will be 15 carnival rides, food, game booths, music, and fun for everyone!

Music will include bands for both teens and adults. A newly formed band will play Friday night from 7-11 PM and Butch Wax and the Hollywoods will play on Saturday night from 7-11 PM.

BLUE & GOLD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Two Blue & Gold Scholarships will be awarded for the 2010-2011 school year:

- ◆ Bill Denson Scholarship
- ◆ Larry Slocum Scholarship

In order to be eligible for one of these scholarships, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Was enrolled at SFBRHS as a 9, 10, and 11 grade student
2. Have a minimum of 2.0 GPA
3. Not receive more than one other scholarship for the year awarded.

In order to apply for either of these Blue & Gold Scholarships, the student must submit the following:

1. A one page biographical essay that includes goals, how SFBRHS has been important to him/her, and any circumstances that may cause financial need.
2. A list of extracurricular activities and service/community activities.
3. A letter of recommendation from a teacher/clergyman.

All components of the application must be submitted in **TYPED** form.

Completed applications are to be forwarded to the main office, to the attention of George Wingermuehle. All applications are due by January 29. The top eight applicants will be submitted to the Blue & Gold Scholarship Committee for final selection of the recipients.