



SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

BORGIA'S IPAD INITIATIVE

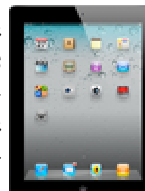
The Chicago Public School ITS says it well: *The iPad is poised to transform learning as we know it. The iPad is an ideal product for education because it can support students in problem solving by facilitating easy access to the world of information, provide easy to use ways to collaborate with people near and far, and it provides easy to use tools for personal expression, Using iBooks, iTunes, and hundreds of thousands of resources available for the iPad, provides innovative and up-to-date resources for all of our students. The potential for success is unlimited.*

We will no longer be thinking in terms of textbooks and will instead, be using the iPad's dynamic content, with animation, movies, video, and other multimedia built in. We will go from trying to feed PDF textbooks into portable devices to building interactive, dynamic applications that students carry with them.

St. Francis Borgia Regional High School has determined that beginning with the 2012-2013 school year we will require all of our students to have an iPad.

This is an ambitious undertaking for us as a Borgia family. We recognize, however, that this is our future. The teachers have had iPad2s since mid-September; they have been exploring the digital content available in their respective disciplines and are generating potential uses within their classrooms. Although

there are many uses for the iPad, the driving force for this transition is to eventually replace the textbooks that are currently in the student's backpacks, with an iPad.



It would be very costly and ineffective for Borgia to own and distribute iPads to our students; we will, therefore, require that all of our students have their own iPad by the start of school next year. We realize this is an additional cost. We also realize that for some families it would be difficult to come up with the additional money.

The Bank of Washington has contacted us and presented us with a very generous plan to help make the iPad more affordable for our families. Please check out the brochure created by the Bank of Washington. This is an excellent idea for all of our students to generate credit, obtain \$100, and get an iPad at the same time.

We are recommending the iPad2, 16GB with Wi-Fi and iOS5. The cost is \$499 through the Apple Store. It is also available at numerous local stores. (Any generation of the iPad will be acceptable.)

If after checking out the offer from the Bank of Washington you determine there is still a financial hardship, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Wingbermuehle. There are other arrangements that can be made.

Mark Your Calendars Now

No School— Christmas Break	01/02
No School— Calendar Quota Met	01/03
Second Semester Begins with Gold Day!	01/04
Athletic Assn. Mtg.	01/04 7:30 PM
Strategic Planning Meeting	1/05 7 PM
First Friday Adoration	01/06
Late Start	01/09 8:20 AM
Music Assn. Meeting	01/09 7 PM
Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Dismissal	01/11
Martin Luther King Day - No School	01/16
Advisory Board Meeting	01/18 7 PM
Pro-Life Trip	01/20 - 01/24
Late Start	01/23 8:20 AM
Winter Play	01/26- 01/28

REGIONAL MASS



The Mass for Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2 (instead of Monday, January 30 as originally scheduled). The celebrant at this Mass will be Archbishop Robert Carlson. It will be a Regional School Mass.... All students from the local Catholic elementary schools will be invited to join the students of Borgia High School for this Mass. The Mass will begin at 10 AM in the gym.

Special points of interest:

- The Calendar drive quota was met. There will be NO school on Tuesday, January 3. Semester 2 begins with a Gold Day on Wednesday, January 4.
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 30.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

Annual Giving Update: Thank you to all who have participated in this year's Borgia Annual Fund Drive. To date we have collected \$78,000 in gifts. This represents 52% of our goal of \$150,000. We have been thrilled by the response of current parents, alums and friends of Borgia. It is a true testament to what we refer to as the Borgia family.

Blue & Gold Boosters: Please save the date - the Blue & Gold Boosters annual event to support clubs and special projects here at St. Francis Borgia Regional High School will be held **Sunday, March 4, 2012** at the KC Hall. Information about the event will be out in February.

Pro-Life Trip: Students will be journeying to Washington, D.C. January 20—24 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.

Yeah Team: The freshman boys basketball team is off to a good start with a 5-2 record and a third place finish in the DeSmet Tournament going into the Christmas break. Their next game will be a home game versus Holt of Wentzville on January 4, 2012.

Attention Juniors: Joston's and Altemueller's will be in Borgia's lobby from 9 AM—Noon on Saturday, January 28 to meet with those interested in purchasing a class ring.

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 (2012—13) First Prize; we will be offering a second prize of 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.

The drawing will take place at the annual dinner auction on February 11, 2012. 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!

Financial Aid 2012-2013: 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 Archdiocesan Grants and May 1 for the PTO grants. You will need your 2011 income tax return in order to submit the FACTS form.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Applications for 2012-2013 KC Scholarship are available in the main office.

MARDI GRAS... ON ST. FRANCIS STREET FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Plans for our annual dinner auction are in full swing. We are just a month away and our volunteers are hard at work soliciting items, planning the dinner, creating the Auction book and scrambling around fine tuning details and plans for another successful auction.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED.

Our parents are asked to donate an item for the silent auction or get a group of parents together to purchase a larger item or sponsor a fun event or dinner for the oral auction. Perhaps you know someone who owns a vacation home or a condo that could be auctioned off. Maybe your employer has wonderful tickets to sporting events or theatre productions. Maybe you have an "in" with someone who might want to donate a nice cash donation. Do you have a special talent that you could share or travel with work and accumulate hotel points or airline miles? Please do your part to make this evening a success.



We have many families with great financial need and every dollar raised will provide much needed tuition assistance.

Items donated may be related to gardening, sports, home décor, kitchen, jewelry, toys & games, electronics, tickets, passes, vacation homes, and parties just to name a few. Please have **all items into the Advancement Office prior to January 17** to ensure that all donations will be included in our auction book. Thank you for your support!

Homeroom Baskets: Each **student** is asked to participate in their homeroom themed basket for the auction. They can participate with a donation of \$10 or an item related to the theme. Each homeroom teacher collects the donations and a parent who is assigned to that homeroom completes the basket by purchasing related items. Each year we are amazed with the creativity of the students and parents with each themed basket. Make every effort to encourage your student to participate.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan. 1 FAFSA forms may be submitted online
- Jan. 13 Registration deadline for the February 11 ACT test
- Jan. 19 Registration for East Central College credits in College Algebra, College Psychology, College Speech, and College Sociology during lunch periods

SENIOR NEWS:

- ◆ In order to receive financial aid from a post-secondary school, parents must complete a FAFSA form. These forms may not be 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, ECC will be offering FAFSA Completion Workshops every Tuesday from February 21–March 27 from 5:30–7:00 PM. Please bring the parent and student PIN numbers, last year's tax return (in order to estimate), and the last pay check stub from 2011 or your W2 forms. If you have additional questions, please contact Karen Koenig-Griffin, ECC Director of Financial Aid, at 636-584-6575.
- ◆ Most seniors have mailed their applications to 4-year institutions. If a senior intends to attend a 4-year uni-

versity 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. A representative from ECC will be here on Thursday, February 9 at 9:50 AM to assist with the admission steps.
- ◆ The scholarship deadline for ECC is March 1.

JUNIOR NEWS:

- ◆ Most juniors will be taking the April 14 ACT test. The deadline to register for this test is Friday, March 9. Students should register online at www.actstudent.org.
- ◆ There is an ACT prep class (SuperSaturday) on Saturday, March 31 here at Borgia. We will register students for this day in early March. The cost is \$15.

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 have received the PLAN or EXPLORE test results. You can use the career interest results to help your child determine courses that might be appropriate for next year's schedule.

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 Friday, January 6. 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. These are available by clicking on "Report Cards" on the left side of the screen. Select "Term 1 11-12" 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 as Semester 1 11-12. If you haven't already done so, please notify Chris Feldmann at 636-239-7871, ext. 111 if you need to receive paper report cards via USPS.

BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Next time you're on Family Access, look over the "Blue Ribbon" information provided in the Message Center. There you will find the Blue Ribbon Pledge for the current academic year. The Blue Ribbon Parent Roster file is a list of parents who have committed to the pledge, along with their contact information.

If you would like to take the Blue Ribbon Pledge and have your contact information included, please complete the Blue Ribbon Parent Agreement form and forward it to Dr. Heger.

If you have any questions, please call Dr. Heger at 636-239-7871, ext. 116, or email him at brad.heger@borgia.com.



THANK YOU!

We are reaching the end of our annual Calendar Drive. The last day to turn in calendars is **Friday, January 6, 2012**. PLEASE help us help you keep tuition lower by either encouraging your students to sell their calendars or by selling them yourself to friends, co-workers, and family members. **This drive is so important for us financially. Remember you are asked to do your part.** When we broke for Christmas vacation we had sold 3925 calendars. Our stretch goal is 4400. This goal is not out of reach.

One lucky Borgia student will win a **CAR!** There are flat screen TV's, Gift Cards from shopping centers and other gift cards to be given away as incentives in addition to the best incentive of all which is tuition credit. Thanks to all of the families who did their part to help our students earn their free day off on January 3, 2012. If everyone will do their part, we can hit our goal and we would all be winners!!

The car will be awarded on Knightly News Live on Monday, January 9. Thanks to every family who has participated and a very special thank you to those who have worked so hard to make their goal.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations! Heather Mallinckrodt, Tyler Howell and Jacob Long are Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) essay winners of scholarships in the amount of \$750, \$500, and \$250 respectively. Congrats to all three!

REGISTRATION FOR COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES



1-8-1-8 Saint Louis University Registration: Registration deadline for spring SLU 1818 classes is **January 13, 2012**. Students taking the following classes for SLU dual credit need to

register at this time: Honors Biology II, Calculus, Spanish III, Spanish IV, German III, German IV, Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research, and Introduction to Drama. Students who did not pick up their registration materials before Christmas break, need to see Mrs. Russell as soon as possible.

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 19, 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 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 PM 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. On Saturday night from 7–11 PM the Ralph Butler Band will play. They will be preceded by Ken Schmitt and Friends. Borgia's Jazz Band will play on Saturday afternoon from 2–3:30 PM.

If you would like to be a part of the planning committee for this event, there is a meeting on Tuesday, January 17 in the cafeteria at 7 PM.

BLUE & GOLD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Two Blue & Gold Scholarships will be awarded for the 2012-2013 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 Wingbermuehle. All applications are due by January 27. The top eight applicants will be submitted to the Blue & Gold Scholarship Committee for final selection of the recipients.