



# St. Francis Borgia Regional High School



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## SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

### FIRST TRACK MEET



The Borgia Track and Field teams will be hosting their first track meet in the new sports complex on Friday, **April 1**. The Knights will be hosting two other schools with the hope of adding one more team to the event. The teams currently involved are St. Dominic High School, Washington High School and Borgia. In hosting this first meet at the new sports complex, the Knights are intentionally starting small in order to gain experience with hosting a meet. The coaching staff and volunteers need this experience in preparation for the Class 3 District meet which Borgia will host on **Saturday, May 14**.

Although the track meet on April 1 will be the first at the new complex, it will not be the first track meet ever at Borgia. In 1993, the Knights hosted New Haven using the old track. The event was not a tremen-



dous success due to the track conditions and the fact that the meet could not handle all of the events. This year, the meets will not experience the same limitations. All running events, relays, throwing events and jumping events will be held. This will also be the first year that pole vaulting will be an option for Borgia athletes.

Both boys and girls teams will be returning many experienced athletes from last year's team. The new track has created great enthusiasm. As many as 70 athletes attended an informational meeting about this year's team and season. To say the very least, it will be an interesting season for the Borgia track team.

There will be no admission charge for the **April 1** meet, but the district meet will cost \$4.



## WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2015!!!



Members of the Class of 2015 will be receiving this month's newsletter. In subsequent months, their parents will receive email notification when the newsletter is available online as do our other parents. We welcome them to the Borgia family and look forward to their presence on campus.

**Freshman Registration:** On Thursday, March 3, freshman registration will be held in the cafeteria beginning at 6:30 PM. Parents of incoming freshmen should have re-

ceived an information packet in the mail during the month of February. If you have not received a packet, please call Chris Feldmann at 636-239-7871, ext. 111.

**Luke 18:** Preparations are beginning; thank you to all who have served in the past as sleep houses. If you know any incoming freshman parents, please encourage them to host a sleep house, too. We can't do this retreat without assistance from the freshman class parents. Your help in spreading the word is greatly appreciated. The freshman retreat will be August 12-13, 2011 at SFBRHS.

### Mark Your Calendars Now

Athletic Assn. Meeting	03/02 7:30 PM
Freshmen Registration	03/03 6:30 PM
Senior Parent Meeting	03/03 7 PM
Make Up Snow Day—Gold Day	03/04
First Friday Adoration	03/04
Music Assn. Meeting	03/07 7 PM
Mass	03/09 9:40 AM
Faculty Meeting: 12:30 PM Dismissal	03/16
Advisory Board Meeting	03/16 7 PM
Make Up Snow Day—Gold Day	03/17
No School	03/18
Make Up Snow Day—Blue Day	03/21
Reconciliation	03/22 9:40 AM
Junior Prayer Day	03/23
Academic Assn. Meeting	03/23 7 PM
Super Saturday ACT Prep Class	03/26 8 AM—3:30 PM
Junior Unity Day	03/27
First Track Meet	04/01
Prom	04/02

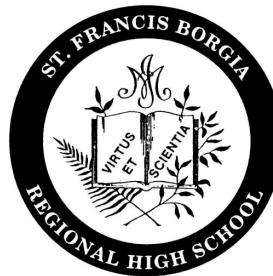
## WHAT IS SEMINAR?

One of Borgia students' best advantages is the availability of "seminar" on a regular basis. In seminar teachers are available for small group and individual assistance. Seminar is the "fourth 'R'" at Borgia: Responsibility!

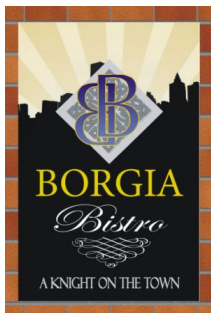
Students are trusted with the responsibility to determine where they most need help, and to approach their teachers with questions, special interests and make-ups from absences. Teachers make this additional help available nearly every day of the academic year (special schedule days are the exceptions) from 2:30 - 3:00 PM. It is important to note that the school day is not concluded until the end of seminar at 3 PM. Students who use this "Responsibility Period" will find themselves with improved grades and are well on their way to becoming independent learners, prepared for learning in college and in life. One of the most important questions Borgia parents can ask their students is, "How did you use your seminar time today?"

## BLUE & GOLD BOOSTERS

The Blue & Gold Boosters will host "Celebrating Borgia Tradition" on April 3 from 3 PM to 7 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall. During the last twenty years, Blue & Gold has donated over \$200,000 toward the quest for educational excellence and support for student activities and interests. You can be a Blue & Gold Booster today for \$100 per couple or \$50 per individual. Your donation is your invitation to the 2011 Blue & Gold celebration, including all food and beverages. Contact Sue Michels at 636-239-7871, ext. 122 for additional information and/or sign-up forms.



## ADVANCEMENT OFFICE UPDATE



*Oh What a "Knight!"* Our Advancement Office is still flying high with the results of our Borgia Bistro. It was a beautiful evening and very successful. Our preliminary numbers project a profit of approximately **\$140,000** which will be awarded in tuition assistance to our Borgia families in need. From those of us on the Borgia staff, this meaningful effort reflects our highest priority which is to give every student the opportunity to study and learn here at Borgia.

Congratulations to our energetic and dedicated Auction committee led by our wonderful Auction Chairs, Kim and Kurt Voss. We can't talk about the Bistro without also congratulating our creative designers and parents, Jeff & Angel Kuchem and Tim Glastetter. They completely transformed the gym! It was an unforgettable sight.

We are already thinking about next year and hope that you will too. There will be lots of opportunities to become involved!

### Congratulations To The Lucky Winners!!

#### Tuition Raffle

Tuition: Keith & Trissie Dyson,  
parents of freshman, Emily

Book Fees: Ed Conway,  
father of freshman, Sam

#### \$10,000 Raffle

\$10,000: Kurt & Michelle Unnerstall

\$1,000: Red Noelker

\$500: Diana Holdinghausen

*Ongoing Thanks:* Our Advancement efforts have been wonderfully successful this year. We would like to thank all of you who worked so hard to help us meet our goals this year. Special thanks to Harriet Sallaberry, Sue Michels, Eileen Chalk, Moira Vossbrink, and all the parent volunteers for all the help with collating, counting, tabulating, and selling, not to mention nudging their students to meet their personal goals. We do realize we ask a lot but hopefully by the end of the year we will have raised somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400,000 which helps bring down that tuition. One of our parents spoke with an Auction guest who was a parent of a student attending a St. Louis school. They were shocked that we could possibly offer this fine education at the tuition level that we charge. Theirs was \$3000 more than ours per student.

Lastly, thanks to our staff and faculty for their ongoing support. They are on the front line and do a lot of the leg work. We are lucky to have such a great team.

*Senior Quilt:* Raffle tickets have been mailed to all senior parents. Every senior has a chance to win this senior keepsake. Every senior's name has been stitched on the quilt. Parents can buy as many tickets as they want. Chances are \$10 each and additional tickets are available in the Advancement Office.

The drawing will take place at graduation practice. A special thanks to Borgia alum Linda Sellmeyer and Borgia senior Whitney Vehige's Grandmother, Mary Ann Vehige, for coordinating this effort this year.



## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Fri., March 4 Registration deadline for April 9 ACT  
Sat., March 26 Super Saturday ACT Prep Class  
8:00 AM—3:30 PM  
Sat., April 9 ACT Test

### SENIOR NEWS:

- Seniors should continue to search for scholarships.

### JUNIOR NEWS:

- There will be an ACT prep class (Super Saturday) on Saturday, March 26 from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. This is a class to help our juniors (and any senior who has not had a prep class) to prepare for the upcoming ACT tests in April and June. A "trial test" will be given from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. The test will be given under standard ACT conditions, but the score will not count. The afternoon session will consist of "breakout" sessions where students will go into groups of approximately 20-25. Instructors will give tips on how students can do their best in each of the subtest areas and answer questions about particular items students missed on the trial test. Students must have pre-registered and paid the \$15 fee.

- If a student plans to go on to college, we highly recommend that he/she take the ACT test in the junior year. The remaining two test dates are April 9 and June 11. The next test available to students will be in September of their senior year. If you have questions about the best test date for your child, please call the Guidance Office.
- Many colleges have scheduled spring visits to speak with our students. Students may sign up to listen to three of the college representatives. It is a good time for juniors to begin thinking about which schools they'd like to visit during the summer. Seniors will have the opportunity to ask any unanswered questions they may have. Students must sign up for the visits at least one day in advance. They can check our web page or the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office to see what schools will be visiting.

### ALL STUDENTS:

- As we receive job opportunities for the summer, the openings are posted on a bulletin board outside the Guidance Office.
- There are several enrichment programs available to students in the summer. Students can inquire about these in Guidance.

## BORGIA ANNUAL FUND DRIVE 2010—2011

**Invest** in our students through the Borgia Fund!

The week of **March 14**, a parent committee led by Fred & Judy Searcy (Alec '11) will be contacting parents for a commitment to the Annual Fund Drive.

The current economic downturn has heightened financial challenges at Borgia. We have an increased number of families requesting financial assistance when investment income is down and all other costs continue to rise.

The question is the same one many families face: "How do we make ends meet?"

The **purpose** of the Borgia Fund is to develop a coordinated plan to raise funds to support the **mission** of providing an affordable, spiritual, academically excellent education.

Raising tuition dramatically is not a viable option in our view. We'd lose too many terrific young men and women. And, we would not be true to the spirit of the Borgia tradition.

**And so, we believe our best option is to refocus our fund-raising efforts. The Borgia Fund is at the heart of this effort.**

The Borgia Fund has important goals:

- Offsetting costs in an effort to help us retain our many **talented** students.
- Continue to be a school that is a vibrant community of

**faith**, that is academically excellent and that reaches out to serve our community.

- Continue to provide the high standards of our **academic, spiritual and co-curricular programs**.
- Continue to attract and keep our **dedicated and committed** faculty and staff.
- Maintain and enhance** our superb facilities so that our Knights learn in a safe, inviting and stimulating environment.
- Anticipate **our future** and address immediately our most compelling needs.

In these times, a **traditional** Catholic education is more important than ever. By attaining the goals of the Borgia Fund, we can continue the mission of Borgia and secure our commitment to provide a quality Catholic education to young adults today, tomorrow and well into the future.

We need the investment of *all* members of our family to keep Borgia **strong** for current students and those generations to come. Please consider a gift if you haven't already done so. We thank you for your generosity. No gift is too small.

*For more information on the Borgia Fund, please contact Eileen Chalk, Director of Annual Giving, at 636-239-7871, ext. 131 or [eileen.chalk@borgia.com](mailto:eileen.chalk@borgia.com).*

## MAKING UP MISSED DAYS

Since we missed more than the "extra" snow days that were built into the calendar, we have, as of March 1, three additional days that have to be made up to meet our accreditation requirements. (One snow day was made up on Monday, February 21.)

During the month of March, the remaining missed days will be made up as follows:

- Gold Day on Friday, March 4
- Gold Day on Thursday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)
- Blue Day on Monday, March 21

At this time, the Faculty Prayer Day originally scheduled Friday, March 4 has been cancelled. There currently is No School scheduled on Friday, March 18. In the event there are additional snow days, we'll have to identify additional make up days. Safety is always the first consideration in inclement weather!

## BORGIA FEST 2011

Mark your calendar now for the Borgia Fest which will be held at Borgia on Friday, April 29 from 4 to 11 PM and again on Saturday, April 30 from 11 AM to 11 PM.

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

The German Klub Dinner will be held on Friday evening.

Music will include bands for both teens and adults. Dick and Jane will play Friday night from 7–11 PM and Smash Band will play on Saturday night from 7–11 PM, preceded by Ken Schmitt and Friends.



## TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...



**Senior Parents:** A very important meeting for senior parents will be held on March 3 at 7 PM in the theatre. You will learn everything you need to know about prom, baccalaureate, graduation, post prom, and post graduation.

It is important that each senior be represented by at least one parent at this meeting.

Please note that seniors need to submit all of their Christian Service hours by March 16 in order to be able to attend prom and graduation. This is earlier than the date originally published in the agenda.

Parent Building will take place from Monday, March 28 to Friday, April 1 in the evenings from 6 to 9 PM. Additional details will be made available at the Senior meeting on March 3. If you are unable to attend this meeting and would still like to help, please contact Mrs. Addison by email: [nicole.addison@borgia.com](mailto:nicole.addison@borgia.com) or by phone at 636-239-7871, ext. 160.



**Junior Parents:** The Junior Unity Mass will be at Noon on Sunday, March 27. All juniors are encouraged to attend Mass whether they purchase a ring or not. Information about the brunch will be sent home with your son/daughter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Volkman by email at [dana.volkman@borgia.com](mailto:dana.volkman@borgia.com) or by phone at 636-239-7871, ext 151.

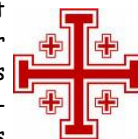
**Blood Drive:** Student Council will once again be sponsoring a Blood Drive with St. John's Mercy Hospital on Thursday, March 24 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. All students age 17 or older and weighing 110+ pounds are eligible to donate blood. A sixteen year old may donate with a signed parent consent form. Please take some time to speak with your child about this lifesaving process and encourage them to sign up.

**Band Parents:** The summer band camp will be July 25–27. It is the beginning of preparations for the marching season. Please mark your calendars now so all marching band members can be there.



**Upcoming Musical Performances:** The Jazz Band will perform at St. John's, St. Ignatius and St. Gertrude's on March 3. They will also participate in the Jazz Band Festival at St. Mary's High School on March 10. Music students will be performing for the District Contests as follows: piano solos on March 24; large ensembles (band and choir) and percussion ensembles and solos on March 25; and small ensembles and solos (instrumental and vocal) on March 26.

**New Kairos Dates:** Due to the inclement weather in early February, Kairos #36 for Seniors had to be postponed. This retreat has been rescheduled to March 28–30 at Rockyvine Retreat Center. Kairos #37 for Juniors will be held March 17–19 at LaSalle Retreat Center.



**Ladies Golf Day:** Mark your calendars now for the annual Ladies Golf Day on Monday, June 13. Additional information will be coming soon.

**Fish Fry:** Next month on Friday, April 8, the Sophomore Class Dinner will be held from 4 PM to 7 PM in the cafeteria. The menu will include fish, meatless spaghetti, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, rolls, home-made desserts, and beverage.

**Sophomore Parents:** Watch for information regarding how you can sign up to help at this dinner. Please encourage your student to volunteer as well. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Steffens (sophomore class moderator) at [barb.steffens@borgia.com](mailto:barb.steffens@borgia.com) or at 636-239-7871, ext 181.