



# SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

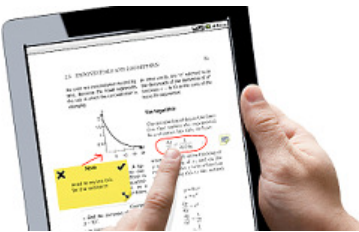
## WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Borgia is exploring various technologies that would provide a platform that supports electronic textbooks. This could be a device that is primarily an electronic reader such as the Kindle. It might also be a tablet device that provides internet access in addition to electronic reader functionality such as the Apple iPad or Motorola Xoom.



A committee has been formed to identify specific functionalities that are desired, to evaluate available products in this market segment, and to develop an implementation plan.

The initial meeting was held on April 5. Members of this committee discussed various features that are desired, as well as potential limitations of digital textbooks and their availability. The primary goal is to replace the traditional textbooks currently filling our students'



backpacks with digital course content. The availability of electronic

course content, whether that be digital textbooks, online textbooks, primary sources, and/or other online teacher resources, is critical

to the success of this effort. The electronic reader is meant to replace textbooks, not computers. Students will still need to use computers for the majority of the functions for which they are currently using a computer.

Committee members were encouraged to investigate subject matter content and the formats that might be available electronically. Several specific products are being investigated further with regard to functionality, features, cost, usability, and durability.

It is anticipated that the initial step will be to acquire devices for faculty members prior to the 2011–2012 school year and phasing them in for students in subsequent academic years.

It's not too late. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact George Wingbermuehle at 636-239-7871, ext. 115.



## SENIOR EXAMS

Seniors will take exams May 3 through May 6. Gold Period 3 and 4 exams will be given during normal class meeting times on Tuesday, May 3 and Blue Period 3 and 4 exams on Wednesday, May 4. On Thursday, May 5, Gold Period 1 and 2 exams will be given followed by graduation practice. The seniors will be dismissed about Noon this day. On Friday, May 6, Blue Period 1 and 2 exams will be given and the seniors will be dismissed at the end of Period 2 (about 11:15 AM).

## EXAMS FOR UNDERCLASSMEN

May 16 through May 18 are exam days for the underclassmen. The first two days will run from 8 AM to Noon while the last day will end at 10:50 AM.

### May 16:

- Blue Day Per 1
- Blue Day Per 2
- Blue Day Per 3

### May 17:

- Blue Day Per 4
- Gold Day Per 1
- Gold Day Per 2

### May 18:

- Gold Day Per 3
- Gold Day Per 4

### Mark Your Calendars Now

Senior Farewell Mass	05/02 9:40 AM
Senior Exams	05/03 - 05/06
First Friday Adoration	05/06
Baccalaureate	05/10 7 PM
Graduation	05/12 7 PM
Underclassmen Exams	05/16- 05/18
Advisory Board Mtg.	05/18 7 PM

### Special points of interest:

- For both Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation, the Seniors need to be at Borgia by 6:30 PM.
- Project Graduation immediately follows Graduation.
- Check out the camps available during the summer months.

## TUITION FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

*Be it known to all who attend St. Francis Borgia Regional High School that Christ is the reason for our existence. He is the unseen ever-present teacher in all our classes. He is the model of our faculty and staff and the inspiration for our students.*



After careful consideration, and a review of our budget for the 2011-2012 academic year, we were able to limit our tuition increase to \$200.

Those of you who have more than one child enrolled are again eligible for a tuition reduction of \$1000. This will be in addition to the more than \$275,000 that we will be able to award in tuition assistance and scholarships.

This combination, of a limited tuition increase and having financial aid available, goes far in holding true to our mission of providing a Catholic education for all families who desire one. We know that our tuition is still a financial struggle for many of you. You need to know that we will work with you to make this Catholic high school education feasible.

Please be mindful that the \$6,350 does not reflect the actual cost of educating your child. The actual cost is well over \$8,000. We are very fortunate to be able to undercut the cost

of education because of the generosity of our greater Catholic community and our numerous on-going fund raising efforts here in the high school. Our Endowment Fund, the Dinner Auction, grants from the diocese, the success of the annual Borgia Fund Drive, our dedicated support organizations, and the generosity of our numerous Borgia benefactors help us subsidize tuition. Please, be generous with your gifts of time, talent, and treasure; this will help us ensure that Catholic education in the Washington Deanery will continue to be available to all.

This financial support enables us to continue to offer our quality Catholic education, thus achieving the academic excellence for which we are known. We are pleased with the success of all of our Borgia students, and we hope that you will recognize our commitment to keeping our quality Catholic education as manageable as possible. Our tuition remains one of the lowest among the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and with your help we will keep it that way.

If you have any questions, problems, or concerns, please call George Wingermuehle at 636-239-7871, ext. 115.

## 2011 BORGIA GOLF TOURNAMENTS

### 24th Annual "Ray DeGreeff" Memorial Golf Tournament

**When:** Wednesday, May 18, 2011

**Where:** Warrenton Golf Course

**Price:** \$100 per person

**Includes:** Lunch, Drinks, Steak Dinner, 18 Holes of Golf, and \$1,600 in Prizes

**Contact:** Sam Unnerstall at 636-239-6439 or via email at sam@unnepa.com



### 21st Annual Borgia Ladies Golf Day

**When:** Monday June 13, 2011

**Where:** Franklin County Country Club

**Price:** \$100 per person before June 13 (\$125 day of)

**Includes:** Continental Breakfast, Hot Lunch, Steak Dinner, Beverages, Cart and 18 Holes of Golf

**Contact:** Bev Hoeft at 239-1973 or via email at bevhoeft@charter.net

**Proceeds** from both events benefit the Athletic Association.

## BORGIA SUMMER CAMPS

During the heat of the summer, Borgia is the coolest place to be. Join us for our popular athletic and fine arts camps. Our emphasis is interactive and fun learning. Camps are led by Borgia coaches and experienced instructors, assisted by Borgia students. The camps will provide individual attention to each participant and will focus on fundamental skills.

Early registration is strongly recommended. The registration deadline is 7 days before camps are scheduled to begin. Payment is due at the time of registration.



**Athletic Camps** for Boys include Basketball, Football, and Soccer. Athletic Camps for Girls include Basketball, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball.



Returning **Fine Arts Camps** include Digital Photography, Drama, Clay Studio, Drawing Studio, Sculpture Studio, Watercolor Studio, and Painting Studio. New offerings include Decoupage, World Arts, Architectural Drafting, Scrapbook, and Google SketchUp.

Camps are available for various age groups. Some have costs associated with them. Paper brochures with complete information about each of the camps are available in the Main Office. This brochure is also available online via a link on Borgia's web site.



## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, May 6 Regular registration due for June 11  
ACT test
- Friday, May 20 Summer School registration with Guidance  
Counselors: 9:00 AM - Noon

### SENIOR NEWS:

- Seniors should have turned in their final plans form to Guidance. **No final transcripts can be released without this completed form. Please check with your son/daughter to make sure this has been completed.** This form is also used to announce any scholarships a student has received at our graduation ceremony. Call the Guidance Office if your child receives any new scholarships before the graduation ceremony.
- If your child decides to attend a different college than the one he/she listed on the Senior Final Plans form, a new transcript will have to be sent to that school. Contact the main office to make that change.
- **TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE CREDIT.** If a senior completed college credit courses for 1818 classes with St. Louis University or college credit classes with East Central College, he/she must request college transcripts to be sent to the college that he/she will attend in the fall. This is not the SFBRHS transcript. It is the student's responsibility to contact SLU and/or ECC to have the transcript sent to the college of his/her choice. Students will receive information on how to request transcripts before graduation.

### JUNIOR NEWS:

- The last day to register for the June 11 ACT is May 6. This is the last ACT offered until September. If a student has not yet taken the ACT, we strongly recommend that he/she sign up for this test date.
- Plan a "College Road Trip". Students are so busy their senior year that visits in the fall can be hectic. Summer is the opportune time to visit colleges. Sit down and go over the list of colleges your son/daughter is considering and review college information online. Schedule the visit ahead of time by email or telephone. Our Guidance Office has a list of questions to ask while on a college visit. As soon as you have visited the schools, set up a comparison list. Then try to narrow the choices down to 3 or 4 by the beginning of the fall semester.
- We encourage you to look at all college options. Students will apply during first semester of their senior year. However, students will not have to make a final decision about their college choice until May 1 of their senior year. When considering colleges, some higher priced private schools are offering special financing for parents with lower incomes. Yale, Stanford, and Duke are making an

effort to make their schools affordable. For example at Duke University, any parents whose income total is \$60,000 or less will no longer have to contribute financially. In addition, student loans have been eliminated for families whose incomes total \$40,000 or less and loans have been significantly reduced for middle-class families.

- The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid has announced the release of FAFSA4caster, a Web tool designed to assist high school juniors and their families plan for education beyond high school. Students can receive an estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) by entering their information into FAFSA4caster, a simplified version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA4caster also provides guidance on next steps for applying for admission, applying for federal student aid, and paying for education beyond high school. The website for this service is: [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov).

### ALL STUDENTS:

- Registration times for students who need to make up a class is Friday, May 20 from 9 AM to Noon. If your child failed a first semester course, his/her counselor can assist him/her now with course signups.
  - Some public schools (Union and Washington) offer a limited number of make-up courses. There is no charge to attend. Class size may be limited.
  - Students who need to make-up a course and cannot attend summer school may be required to take correspondence courses. There is a fee for each course that may range from \$170—\$275.
  - A make-up course for one semester of credit of Theology will be available online to our students. There is a fee for the course. If preferred, students may makeup Theology credits through the Archdiocese of St. Louis.
  - **CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S COUNSELOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**

## PLANNING FOR 2011-2012

Mark your calendars now. We will start school next year on Friday, August 12 for the freshmen and Monday, August 15 for everyone else. We will again have exams before Christmas break. The school year will end on May 16. Students will be able to pick up their schedules on or after Tuesday, August 9. Seniors will be able to pick up their parking passes on Tuesday, August 9. Underclassmen may pick up parking passes on Wednesday, August 10. Fall sports practices will begin on Monday, August 8, weather permitting.

## FAREWELL TO JANET, HARRIET AND DERRICK

Three valued SFBRHS faculty and staff members will be leaving us at the end of this academic year.

Mrs. Janet Freeman, Chairperson of the Guidance Department, first brought her counseling skills and experience to St. Francis Borgia in 1998. She has served as a personal and college admissions counselor, and in 2003 accepted the additional duties of chairperson of the department. She has headed the department since that time, helping guide students and their families through the intricacies of high school courses, college admissions, personal relationships, and resources for life in general. She finds great satisfaction and pride in the many return visits from graduates to their Borgia Family. She hopes retirement will help her to find more time to visit her grandchildren, and to finish the seemingly endless chore of remodeling her new home.

Mrs. Harriet Sallaberry will also retire at the end of this year from her position of Director of Advancement. She first came to Borgia in 2004 for a quick year of service in

which she effectively restructured the Annual Giving campaign. She then took a hiatus from SFBRHS to work at East Central College as the Executive Director of the ECC Foundation. In 2008 she returned to us as Director of Advancement. Among her proudest moments was the completion of the new athletic complex, the crown jewel of achievement in a whirlwind capital campaign. Fittingly, the complex was dedicated on her birthday! She sees lots and lots of grandchildren and family time in her future.

Mr. Derrick Flannigan will be leaving us at the end of this year to marry and relocate nearer his wife's job and family in St. Louis. He served here at St. Francis Borgia for the past two years as an assistant band instructor and Theology teacher. He also headed up the Pro-Life Club and was part of the Campus Ministry team. Best wishes to the happy couple!

Thanks to each of you for all you have done on behalf of the students, and for the entire Borgia Family! May God bless!

## TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

**Christian Service Hours:** The deadline for handing in Christian Service hours for the 2010-2011 school year is May 6. Any hours earned during May or the summer of 2011 can be handed in during the 2011-2012 school year. Underclassmen must have 25 hours per year by this date. Seniors must have completed their Christian Service requirement and have the hours documented in order to attend the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation. Please encourage your student to document and submit any hours earned thus far as soon as possible. The number of service hours currently documented and submitted for each student is available on Family Access by selecting "Report Directory" and then "Service Hours".



**Music News:** The 2011 marching season will begin with a Band Camp July 24-27. Chaperones are needed. Please contact Mrs. Bright at 636-239-7871, ext. 128 or at sue.bright@borgia.com to confirm your intention to help.

**A Note of Thanks:** Thanks to everyone who contributed, donated, collated, volunteered and helped in any way. We could not have accomplished all that has been accomplished this year without our Borgia families. We are grateful for all that you have done for our school.

**Reminders:** Mother's Day and Father's Day are just around the corner. Magazines make great gifts! Remember that you can go to QSP.com to purchase a magazine to get a jump on next year's sales. Our account number is 425005499. You may fill in your student's name and they will receive credit for the purchase.

Remember to use your Schnuck's and Target cards when shopping summer sales. Every little bit helps!

## BORGIA'S UTOPIA PROJECT

**Vision Statement:** *The future technology experience at Borgia High School will consist of unified authentication for all services allowing access to a web-based dashboard containing centralized web-based file storage and other modern web-based services; as well as access to web-based educational software and electronic resources. Users should be able to input data from anywhere and output data to any device; the ability to use any computer to do anything from anywhere. Inherent to this, comes greater reliability and less dependence on the user's operating system and computing platform.*

Borgia made significant progress toward this vision during the current academic year. Steps toward this vision which have been implemented include:

- Standardization of email addresses for students and staff which clearly differentiates between students and staff.
- Standardization of student and parent user names. Student and parent user names for most web-based services used at Borgia are the user names assigned within Skyward for Family Access.
- Acquisition of new server hardware and software to provide greater reliability and increased file storage.
- Acquisition of a new email system with increased functionality.
- Moodle access was secured by only allowing "guest" access through Family Access.

Efforts to identify an appropriate web-based file storage solution, as well as a web-based dashboard solution continue.