

SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!!!



Again this year, we are using Family Access to provide weekly updates regarding grades, attendance and assignments. In order to ensure that your student is performing up to his/her potential it is imperative that you be involved. In fact, communication between the teacher and the parent/guardian is critical. As such, we have made available each teacher's email address within Family Access. In order to contact one of your student's teachers, simply click on the teacher's name and their email address is displayed. Email is an effective method of communicating with faculty members since every teacher checks his/her email at least once daily.

However, there are times when members of the faculty or administration would like to initiate communication via email. This is only possible if you have provided your email address in Family Access. This method of communicating with those parents/guardians who have email addresses is efficient and effective since the teacher/administrator can type a note at a time that is convenient to him/her and you can read the note when it is convenient for you. **If you haven't already done so, please log into Family Access and click on the Account Info tab on the top right of the screen to provide your email address.**

In addition to Family Access, we are using Moodle to make assignments and handouts avail-

able to students and their parents/guardians. Links for both Family Access and Moodle are available on Borgia's home page.

We ask that you check Family Access often to monitor the academic progress of your student. If you have the Internet and have not accessed your Family Access account, please do so. We send report cards, as well as deficiency and failure notices, through the mail only to those who do not have access to the Internet. At each three-week interval, eligibility for extra-curricular activities is determined. (More than one failure will forfeit eligibility for a three-week period.)

We realize that there are some who do not have access to the internet and thus do not have an email address. **Please notify the office if this applies to you.** In these cases, we will continue to contact you via phone and mail progress reports/report cards.

We are trying very hard to keep you well informed, so any potential academic problems can be handled in a timely fashion. Please feel free to call or email any of us if you have any questions, problems, or concerns.

If you have any questions about Family Access, please contact Elaine Wingbermuehle via email at ewing@borgia.com or via phone at 636-239-7871, ext. 140; or Chris Feldmann at cfeldmann@borgia.com or ext. 111.

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY



SFBRHS will hold its Annual Veteran's Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 11. The guest speakers will be World War II veteran Floyd Lahay and Korean War veteran Les Eckelkamp.

All veterans and military personnel are welcome to participate. If you plan to do so, please RSVP to Steve Lahay at 636-239-7871, ext. 163.

All participants need to arrive by 1:30 PM. The assembly will begin at 1:45 PM. Dress is casual or you may wear your military uniform. Bring a veteran friend with you. Refreshments will follow in the cafeteria.

Mark Your Calendars Now

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| Music Assn. Meeting | 11/02 7 PM |
| Coffee with the Principal | 11/03 8-9 AM |
| Athletic Assn. Meeting | 11/04 7:30 PM |
| First Friday Adoration | 11/06 |
| Trivia Night | 11/07 7 PM |
| Veteran's Day Assembly | 11/11 |
| Fall Play | 11/12- 11/14 |
| STUCO Blood Drive | 11/13 |
| Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Dismissal | 11/18 |
| Advisory Board Meeting | 11/18 7 PM |
| Academic Assn. Meeting | 11/19 7 PM |
| Student Council Food Drive | 11/23- 11/25 |
| Grandparents Mass | 11/25 9:40 AM |
| 12:30 PM Early Dismissal | 11/25 |
| Thanksgiving: No School | 11/26- 11/27 |

Special points of interest:

- Students must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission) and weigh at least 110 lbs. to give blood.

2010 STUDENT PICTURE RAFFLE CALENDAR DRIVE

Raffle Calendar Sales Begin November 10. Again in 2010, we are thrilled to provide a prize package of more than \$20,000 and Borgia Bucks, which are coupons that local merchants have donated to our calendar. This year we have a goal of \$137,000.

Student Goals: Each student is being highly encouraged to sell 10 raffle calendars (7 if more than one student in school) to help meet our goal.

Free Day Incentive: An extra free day, Monday, January 4, 2010, will be added to our Christmas vacation schedule if the student body sells 4,376 raffle calendars by Tuesday, December 15, 2009. This represents 8 raffle calendars per student.

Listed below is our **ALL NEW INCENTIVE PROGRAM** for this year's calendar drive.

Spin Prizes: Every time the student brings in 5 calendar stubs, he/she will get a chance to spin the wheel during lunch. Prizes for the spin wheel will include free Taco Bell tacos, hoodie passes, Borgia tee shirts, \$5 Spirit Shop gift certificates, free Borgia cookies and jumbo candy bars, Sonic combo meals, and STL Bread Company gift certificates.

Raffle Calendar Turn in Dates

Tuesday, Nov 17

Thursday, Nov 19

Tuesday, Nov 24

Tuesday, Dec 1

Thursday, Dec 3

Thursday, Dec 10

Tuesday, Dec 15

Tuesday, Jan 5

Thursday, Jan 7

WOW! ADDITIONAL NEW INCENTIVE AWARDS!

20-29 Calendars: Student's choice of \$50 gas card, \$50 iTunes gift card, or \$50 tuition credit.

30-49 Calendars: Student's choice of \$100 gas card, \$100 Westfield Mall gift card, or \$100 tuition credit.

50-69 Calendars: Student's choice of 19" flat screen TV, Microsoft Xbox 360 or \$250 tuition credit.

70+ Calendars: Student's choice of 32" flat screen TV, PlayStation 3, or \$350 tuition credit.

TOP SELLER IN EACH CLASS who has sold a minimum of 40 calendars will have their choice of \$250 Westfield Mall gift card, \$250 Cabela's gift card, Mini NetBook computer or \$250 tuition credit.

As you can see, we have really "beefed up" our incentives to make them more appealing to our students. We listened to their suggestions and we are very excited!

Every year we have names of individuals who have purchased a calendar from the previous year's senior class members. If they do not have a sibling in the school these names are available to contact about purchasing a calendar. These may be obtained in the Advancement Office.

We appreciate all of your support. Please call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122 if you have questions.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Dates to Remember:

Fri., Nov. 6 ACT regular registration deadline for December 12 test

Wed., Dec. 9 Financial Aid Night for junior/senior parents, 7 PM in the cafeteria

College Applications and Scholarships: Seniors should be visiting schools and working on completing applications in November. Many colleges have early deadlines for scholarship consideration. Saint Louis University, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Missouri University of Science and Technology all have December 1 priority deadlines. CHECK DEADLINE DATES CAREFULLY.

*Most colleges now want an online application. Colleges will not accept a student without an official high school transcript. Seniors must see their counselor to have the transcript sent to the college. The cost is \$3 for each school.

*If a senior needs a letter of recommendation from a counselor and/or a teacher, he/she must give them at least a one week notice to complete the letter.

Financial Aid Night: Hal Deuser, former director of financial aid at St. Louis University will present this program for parents on December 9 at 7 PM in the cafeteria. Parents will get information that will help them with post high school college/technical school expenses.

*Senior Parents: If you plan to apply for financial aid online by using the FAFSA form, you can get a pin number now. This will speed up the application process. The website where you can get your pin number is : www.PIN.ed.gov. Both you and your child will need a pin number.

Parents of Students Enrolled in 1818 SLU and/or ECC Dual Enrollment Classes: St. Francis Borgia does not have access to official college transcripts of students who have been enrolled in college credit courses. Please keep all correspondence and receipts that you receive from the colleges. If there is ever a question if a student has taken a course for college credit, these documents can clarify any discrepancies.

Schedule Changes: Schedule changes for second semester must be completed during the week of November 30. Changes should be kept to a minimum and any change must be approved by a parent and the principal. There is a \$10 fee for a change.

BORGIA FINE ARTS



Borgia Theatre to Present *A Piece of My Heart*

This play, written by Shirley Lauro, follows six women (three nurses, a USO performer, an intelligence officer, and a Red Cross volunteer) through their experiences with the Vietnam War, from the excitement and naivete of the volunteer, through the horrors and personal losses during the war, to their struggles to reconnect when they return from the war. The ending is one of the most moving moments in modern theatre.

Borgia Theatre will be presenting this drama November 12 - 14 at 7:30 PM in the Borgia Theatre. Call 636-239-7871 for ticket information.

We'll see you at the theatre!



TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

Report Cards: Term 1 Report Cards are 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 it as a Word Document which can be viewed and printed. 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.

Academic Association Meeting: The first meeting of the Academic Association will be Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 PM in Room 122. All are invited to participate. The Academic Association advises the principal on curricular and other academic matters throughout the year, including selection of the Teacher of the Year and planning for the Academic Awards Banquet. This year's banquet is scheduled for April 28.

Technology Plan: A committee is currently being formed to review Borgia's Technology Plan. Parent and student representatives are needed. The first meeting will be held on Nov. 11 at 6:30 PM in Room 122. Please contact Becky Price at 636-239-7871, ext. 120 or via email at bprice@borgia.com if you are interested.

Help Wanted Ad: 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.

2009 Softball: The softball team ended its season 15-5, the best record it has had in the last eight years. It took second in its district and had 5 members of its team elected to the all-district team: Maggie Vossbrink, Julia Garza, Briana Rombach, Abby Rettke, and Hannah Clemons. Ten seniors graduate from this year's team. There will be a need for at least 10 freshmen girls to make the team this next year to replace the current seniors in order to replenish the talent pool.



Music Department Highlights

Congratulations to **Alex Baylard** and **Jaelyn Duff** who were chosen to participate in the All-District Choir. A rehearsal will be on Nov. 10 at Hillsboro High School. The concert will be at Centenne Center in Farmington on Nov. 14 at 5 PM. The concert will be under the direction of Dr. Jeffery Carter from Webster University. Come out and support the choir.

The Music Association will be hosting a **Trivia Night** on November 7 at SFBRHS. Make your reservations with Danielle Welsh at 636-390-9930. The price is \$15. It's a great night of fun. Doors will open at 6:15 PM and the games will begin at 7:00 PM in the gym.



Ski Trip: The bus will leave at 1:30 PM on Friday, January 15 and return the evening of Martin Luther King Jr Day, Monday, January 18. The skiers will stay at Day's Inn in Wausau, Wisconsin. On Saturday and Sunday, they will be skiing at Granite Peak Ski Area in Wausau. The cost is \$300 with ski or snowboard rental; \$250 if you have your own equipment. All meals are included in the cost, except for those in transit. A \$100 deposit is required to hold a spot and the balance must be paid prior to Friday, December 18. Transportation and motel space limit the number of participants. The 48 openings will be filled on a first come, first serve basis, four students to a room. To hold your spot, bring your deposit to Mr. Wingbermuehle as soon as possible. Make checks payable to George Wingbermuehle. Check out Granite Peak at www.skigranitepeak.com.

Guardian Angels: Please be on the lookout for our boutique at the Turkey tournament this year. Items for sale will be "Rest on His Word" pillowcases; "We Pray at Our School" tee shirts, and "Keep Christ in Christmas" advent and Christmas wreaths. All proceeds benefit the religious activities within the school. As always, parents and grandparents are welcome to come join in Eucharistic adoration on Friday, November 6 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Please encourage your children to attend.

Pro-Life Club: The Weatherization Project for the needy of Franklin County starts Monday, Nov. 16.

Those participating in the Pro-Life March in January need to pay the balance by Friday, Nov. 20. Please put payments in an envelope with your name on the outside of it.

Starry Knights Coach Purse Raffle: The Starry Knights Dance Team is raffling off an authentic Coach Purse! Tickets are available now for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning raffle ticket will be pulled at the upcoming Turkey Tournament the weekend of Nov. 27; need not be present to win. The purse is currently on display in the Starry Knights trophy case. For more information, please contact a Starry Knight Dancer or call Kelly Konczal at 636-359-0987.

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A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER

The planning has already begun for the 2010 Borgia Dinner Auction. This year it will be held on February 13. Thanks to all those who have already signed up to volunteer. Those who wish to sign up and have not had a chance to do so, you may stop by the Advancement Office and pick up a form, have your student pick it up, or call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871 ext 122 and we will send a form to you.

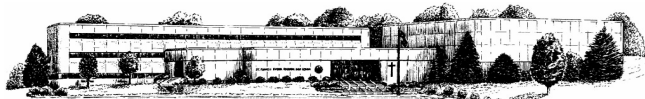
Reserve the date and don't forget while you're shopping for the holidays to pick up something fun to donate for this very good cause.

GRANDPARENT GATHERING

Grandparents of students at Borgia are invited to join us for a celebration of Catholic education on Wednesday, November 25. The event will include Mass, entertainment and light refreshments. Mass will be held in Borgia's Gym at 9:40 AM. We are honored to have Archbishop Robert Carlson as the celebrant. Grandparents are asked to arrive by 9:30 AM.

All Grandparents Are Welcome! Invitations will be going to those for whom we have addresses. However, we do not have addresses for all of the grandparents. Please be sure to let your grandparents know about this special event.

Please RSVP to the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122 or via email to michelss@borgia.com.



2009 SPEAK UP SURVEY



Speak Up, a national online research project facilitated by Project TomorrowSM, gives individuals the opportunity to share their viewpoints about key educational issues. Each year, findings are summarized and shared with national and state policy makers. Participating schools can access their data online, free-of-charge. The Speak Up survey will be open until December 18, 2009. You can access the survey from any Internet computer.

- Go to www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2009
- Select "Missouri" in the drop down box and enter "ST FRANCIS" as the School Name, then click "Find School". Be sure to select "St Francis Borgia Regional High School".
- Take the survey. If needed, our Secret Word is "borgia2009". (The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.)

Borgia students have participated in this survey for the past five years. There are also Speak Up surveys for teachers, administrators, and parents. We value your input and therefore encourage your participation in this survey. So, join parents all over North America in sharing your voices and views about your children's education. If you have any questions, contact Elaine Wingbermuehle at ewing@borgia.com or 636-239-7871, ext. 140.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Student Council will be conducting its Annual Food Drive November 23–25. There will be a basket for donations in the lobby. Please encourage your children to bring non-perishable items in on these days to benefit those less fortunate than us. It is especially important during this time of Thanksgiving that we give from the abundance we have and help those who need the bare necessities. All donations will be given to the Borgia Food Pantry. Our goal is 550 items.

READING FOR PLEASURE

One of the benefits of belonging to a prestigious professional accreditation organization like the **AdvancED/North Central Association** is the continual moving ahead with innovative and effective educational practices. We at SFBRRHS, partly as a result of the highly complimentary **Quality Assurance Report** received from the AdvancED visiting team last spring, are initiating a schoolwide Silent Sustained Reading (SSR) Program.

Beginning Tuesday November 3, ten minutes at the beginning of selected class periods will be designated SSR time. ALL students and ALL faculty will enjoy SSR four times a week, generally Tuesdays through Fridays.

Students really need to provide their own reading material of particular interest. Like baseball? Get baseball books! Like hunting? Get hunting books! Happy reading!