



SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

SFBRHS will hold its Annual Veteran's Day Celebration on Friday, November 11. The guest speaker will be David L. Anderson, USMC, the commander of the American Legion in Washington, Mo.

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.



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.

Refreshments will follow in the cafeteria.

GRANDPARENT GATHERING

Grandparents of students at Borgia are invited to join us for a celebration of Catholic education on Friday, November 18. The event will include Mass and a reception following with their grandchild. Mass will be held at 1:30 PM in Borgia's Gym. Grandparents are asked to arrive after 1:00 PM.

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.

All Grandparents Are Welcome! Invitations will

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

2011 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 23, 2011. You can access the survey from any Internet computer.

- Go to <http://www.speakup4schools.org/Speakup2011/>
- 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" from those listed.
- Take the survey. If needed, our Secret Word is "borgia2011". (The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.)

Borgia students have participated in this survey for the past seven 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 elaine.wingbermuehle@borgia.com or 636-239-7871, ext. 140.

Mark Your Calendars Now

No School	11/01
Winter Warm Up	11/01—11/14
Athletic Assn. Meeting	11/02 7:30 PM
Auction Solicitation Pickup	11/03 3—6 PM
First Friday Adoration	11/04
Trivia Night	11/05 7 PM
Late Start	11/07 8:20 AM
Music Assn. Meeting	11/07 7 PM
STUCO Blood Drive	11/08
Faculty Mtg.	11/09 12:30 PM Dism.
Academic Assn. Meeting	11/10 7 PM
Fall Play	11/10—11/12
Veteran's Day Assembly	11/11 1:45 PM
Late Start	11/14 8:20 AM
Advisory Board Meeting	11/16 7 PM
Grandparent's Mass	11/18 1:30 PM
Student Council Food Drive	11/21—11/23
12:30 PM Dismissal	11/23
Thanksgiving: No School	11/24—11/25

NOVEMBER ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Magazine Drive: Thank you to all of our Borgia families for your outstanding participation in our annual QSP Magazine Drive. Our students sold a record number of subscriptions. Of special note, Mrs. Hertlein's Freshmen homeroom not only had 100% participation, but every student sold their quota! Ms. Volkman's homeroom had all students sell at least one magazine. Top homeroom sale honors by grade level were Mr. McKee (Senior), Mrs. Riegel (Junior), Mr. Westhoff (Sophomore) and Mrs. Hertlein (Freshmen). Our preliminary numbers have us reaching our goal, which reflects an increase of \$3,000 over last year. Reaching our goal by the end of the drive means we will likely exceed our goal, as parents and friends continue to purchase magazines throughout the year. Magazine subscriptions make a great Christmas gift for those hard to buy for on your Christmas list! Thanks to you and your students for all your hard work!

New to QSP! At the end of the drive we were notified of a new venture for QSP, partnering with restaurants.com. QSP is now offering an incentive to schools for gift certificate purchases. Simply go to QSP.com, click on "Just Shopping", and enter our school code of 1073829. On the left hand margin you will see a tab labeled "Restaurant.com e-certificates". Click on this tab and then follow the steps provided. We make 40% for every gift certificate that is purchased. Certificates are valid at participating businesses, which can be identified on the QSP website by entering your zip code when prompted.

Calendar Drive: The Calendar Drive kicks off on *Tuesday, November 8*, and we are very excited about this year's edition. We have returned to the traditional format and have reintroduced

our popular *Borgia Bucks*. There will be the usual appealing incentives including tuition credit and a free day off in January for strong sales. Again this year, students will have an opportunity to win a CAR! For each calendar the students sell, their name will be placed into a drawing. We can GUARANTEE that one lucky Borgia student will win the vehicle, a previously owned, sporty 1999 *Toyota Celica GTS*. The drawing will air Monday, January 9 on *Knightly News Live*.

Dinner Auction: Our highly spirited Auction committee is already hard at work on this year's Dinner Auction. The date is Saturday, February 11, 2012. The theme is *Mardi Gras on St. Francis Street*. We invite you to participate and we hope that every family will become involved in some way. Please remember that **100% of the proceeds from this event are used for tuition assistance**, so you can understand how important this Auction is for our students. We think this evening will be spectacular. Please plan to join us!

BIG THANK YOU to all of the Freshmen Parents who said "YES" when the Auction Solicitation Committee called last month. We had over 70 parents agree to follow up with all of our potential auction donors. Remember to mark your calendar for *Thursday, November 3* (between 3 PM & 6 PM) to stop by and pick up your follow up packet.

Scholarship Opportunity: First State Community Bank is again offering four \$500 scholarships (one per class), to reward those students who are active and involved in the community. These are non-need based. The deadline for the application, which includes an essay, is November 15. Please have your students stop by to pick up an application in the main office.

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 11-12" 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 Academic Association will meet on Thursday, November 10 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 May 2.

Trivia Night: The Music Association will be hosting a Trivia Night on November 5. It's a great night of fun. Doors will open at 6:30 PM and the games will begin at 7:00 PM in the gym. Make your reservations with Danielle Welsh at 636-390-9930.

2011 Softball: The softball team finished the season 15-10. It won 3rd place in the Howell Central Tournament and the Montgomery County Tournament. It also won 2nd place in the District Playoffs. Two girls made the all-district team: Hannah Clemons, pitcher, and Taylor Nadler, catcher. Clemons also was elected to the all-regional team and will play in the Senior Showcase All-Star game November 5 in Moberly, MO. Kelli Arens and Elizabeth Westhoff were also in the top 5 in the entire St. Louis region in sacrifices for the season.

Thank You! Mrs. Steffens and the Sophomore class would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Mooney for hosting the sophomore float and the fathers who framed our gingerbread house. We could never have done it without you. Also to the Lochirco and Reidy families for driving and providing transportation during the parade.

Blood Drive: Student Council will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, November 8. Students must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission) and weigh at least 110 lbs. to give blood.

the Borgia Annual FUND

In the next few weeks, you will be receiving a letter asking for your support of the 2012 Borgia Annual Fund.

As a member of the Borgia family, you are aware of the superior education that our students receive. You know that our students are spiritually, morally, academically and technologically prepared lifelong learners. You know that our graduates have what it takes to succeed in life!

We, at Borgia, rely on the generosity of all our donors to support the mission of our school each year with a gift. Your support makes a huge difference as we continue to minister to the spiritual and academic needs of our students.

Our goal for Annual Giving this year is \$150,000 which will be directed toward the school's general operating budget. We hope that you will consider a gift to the 2012 Annual Fund. Your continued investment will be greatly appreciated by all who value the educational ministry of St. Francis Borgia Regional High School.

Please feel free to contact the Advancement Office at [636-239-7871](tel:636-239-7871) ext. 131 or donna.grahl@borgia.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

George J. Wingbermuehle
President

Eileen V. Chalk
Director of Advancement

Donna Grahl
Director of Annual Giving

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Dates to Remember:

Fri., Nov. 4 ACT regular registration deadline for
December 10 test

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

Coming Soon! The Borgia college counseling department is in the process of creating a college counseling Facebook page. It will be designed to better communicate ACT, college, and financial aid information to students. STAY TUNED...

College Applications and Scholarships: Seniors should be visiting schools and working on completing applications in November. Many colleges have application deadlines of December 1 for scholarship consideration. PLEASE CAREFULLY CHECK DEADLINE DATES FOR THE SCHOOLS YOUR CHILD IS CONSIDERING.

*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 two weeks 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 7 at 7 PM in the cafeteria. Parents will get information that will help them with funding college/technical school expenses.

*Senior Parents: Now is the time to get your FAFSA pin number. This will speed up the application process. The website 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 28. Any change must be approved by a parent, involved teachers and the principal. There is a \$10 fee for a change.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WITH OTHERS



Again this year, Student Council is sponsoring a coat drive in association with Kurt & Brenda Warner's Winter Warm Up. New or gently used coats

will be collected November 1–14. Specially marked bins will be located in the main lobby. Coats collected at Borgia will be distributed to those in need in our immediate area.

Annual Food Drive: In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Student Council will be conducting its Annual Food Drive November 21–23. 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.



LUNCH ACCOUNT INFO PLEASE READ!!!



The cafeteria uses the Food Service System (FSS) to manage student lunch accounts. With this system each student has an account which can be accessed via his/her fingerprint to pay for lunch each day. These are PREPAID accounts. Students are also able to pay cash for lunch.

Parents gain access to a student's account by going to www.myschoolaccount.com and following the instructions provided. When asked for the student's user id, use his/her Family Access user id (first 5 letters of the last name followed by first 3 letters of first name followed by 3 numbers, usually 000). Once access to the student's account has been established, account balances for one or more students can be viewed and email notifications can be set to indicate funds dropping below a certain amount (i.e., \$5).

Money can be placed in a student's account online by making an ACH transfer. (There is a charge for this.) If preferred, cash or check payments can be brought to the kitchen BEFORE or AFTER school. Cafeteria personnel will not accept funds to be placed into the student's account during the lunch mods.

Students are informed when their balances fall below \$5. Please check balances in your student's account often to insure that it does not fall below zero. **We encourage all parents to set up email notification regarding low balances to enable you to add money to the student's account prior to the funds being depleted.**

Due to previous abuses, **NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN** to students. If a student's account falls below zero during a lunch transaction, he/she will need to pay cash beginning with that transaction and until funds have once again been placed in his/her account. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria at 636-239-7871, ext. 121.

HOME & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



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. Email addresses for Borgia faculty and staff are in the format, "first.last@borgia.com". 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.**



BORGIA THEATRE

The St. Francis Borgia Department of Theatre is proud to present its fall production, *Almost, Maine*. Here's what the press has to say about *Almost, Maine*!

"Funny, romantic, light, sweet, with a bit of bite and a nice after-glow. Falling in love never looked bruising in quite the way it does in *Almost, Maine*." *The Omaha World-Herald*

A smart, modern, funny and surreal look at the uncertainty, the desperation, the wonder, and the joy of love. *The Valdosta (GA) Daily Times*

"Modest in size, scope and spectacle, but simply dazzling in its comic and emotional impact. I was blown away by [how] this little romantic comedy's deceptive simplicity and surface innocence can be peeled back to reveal so many truths about human nature." *The Falmouth (ME) Forecaster*

"Catchy and creative. The perfect date show for young and old alike." *AM New York*

"Romantic, poignant, and hilariously funny. Sometimes you won't know whether to laugh or cry! Almost perfect." *The Edmonton (Alberta, Canada) Sun*

"An unapologetically romantic fable. These tales of stoical Mainers falling in and out of love has just enough bitter to cut the sweet, and enough charm to at least partially thaw any cold hearts in the audience." *The Arizona Republic*

Nine tales are told of the residents of Almost, Maine falling in and out of love under the snowy winter Northern Lights-filled skies. This is a show you don't want to miss.

The production will run Thursday through Saturday, November 10 - 12. All shows start at 7:30 PM. Tickets for *Almost, Maine* can be purchased in the main office for \$5 each.