

SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

CHECK FAMILY ACCESS & MOODLE REGULARLY



Family Access

This year, we will be giving updates regarding grades and assignments at least weekly through Family Access and Moodle. We ask that you check often to monitor the academic progress of your student(s). If you have the Internet and have not accessed your Family Access account, please do so. We send deficiencies 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.)

Assignment information and handouts for classes are now available on Moodle. All classes allow "guest" access. Some classes may require an "enrollment key". If a key is required to view this information on Moodle, it

is provided in the Message Center for that class on Family Access.



A link to both Family Access and Moodle are provided on the top navigation bar on Borgia's home page.

We will have available for all parents hard copies of the First Quarter Report Card. These will be given to parents at the Parent-Teacher Conference on October 22. 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 teacher if you have any questions, problems, or concerns. **Please notify the office if you do not have internet access and need to have failure and deficiency notices mailed to you.**

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Thursday, October 22 in conjunction with the Parent/Teacher Conferences, First Quarter Report cards will be given to parents in the foyer from 2 PM until 3 PM and again from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Also during these time slots teachers will be in designated classrooms to meet with you. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your children's teachers. Out of courtesy to fellow parents, please keep all conferences to five minutes or less. If more time is needed, please make an appointment. If you cannot make it on October 22, report cards can be obtained online through Family Access.



HOMECOMING 2009 SCHEDULE

The schedule for Borgia's Homecoming Events are as follows:

Friday, October 9

- 9:40 AM School Mass
- 11:00 AM Pep Rally
- Noon All School Barbecue
- 1:00 PM Parade
- 4:00-7:00 PM Athletic Assn Barbecue
- 7:00 PM Football vs. Trinity

Saturday, October 10

- 11:00 AM Boys Soccer vs Washington
- TBA Volleyball @ Lebanon Tournament
- 7:30 PM Homecoming Dance
- 9:00 PM Coronation of King & Queen

Sunday, October 11

- 1:30 PM Powder Puff Football Game

Mark Your Calendars Now

Dr. Bergamini Presentation	10/01 7 PM
First Friday Adoration	10/02
Music Assn. Meeting	10/05 7 PM
Athletic Assn. Mtg.	10/07 7:30 PM
Homecoming	10/09 - 10/11
Test Day & Senior Serious Talk Day	10/14
Junior Class Dinner	10/16 4-7 PM
Faculty Mtg.	10/21 12:30 PM
Dismissal	
Advisory Board Mtg.	10/21 7 PM
Parent Teacher Conferences	10/22
No School: Faculty Prayer Day	10/23
Open House	10/25
Sophomore Prayer Day	10/30

Special points of interest:

- First Quarter ends October 16.
- Sales of the Student Picture Calendar will begin in November.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed, Oct. 14	Test Day at SFBRHS
Sun, Oct. 18	National College Fair, St. Louis University, 12- 3 PM
Sat, Oct. 24	ACT
Thurs, Nov. 5	Four Rivers College Night at East Central College, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Fri, Nov. 6	Regular registration deadline for December ACT test

SENIORS: Seniors need to be working on college applications, visiting colleges, and searching for scholarships. Students need to let their counselor know when applying to colleges so transcripts can be sent.

SENIOR PARENTS: IN ORDER TO FILE THE FAFSA (the Free Application for Federal Student Aid) ONLINE, YOU WILL NEED TO GET A PIN NUMBER. You should do this now. The website is: www.pin.ed.gov. The PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal information. Because you can use your PIN to sign your financial aid form, you should keep it in a safe place. You can use your PIN number each year that you complete the FAFSA form. This is the first step in getting ready to complete the actual form, which cannot be submitted until after January 1, 2010.

JUNIORS: Juniors should be considering college/career

school opportunities. They may sign up to listen to any representative visiting Borgia. We encourage them to do this, but to limit the number of schools to three per semester so they won't miss too much class time. They can also begin to explore colleges at College Fairs. Talk with them about their career plans.

SOPHOMORES: Sophomores are encouraged to continue career exploration and to keep current with grades. The PLAN test is a good measure of their academic strengths and weaknesses. Attending the National College Fair is a good first step to begin thinking about college. In order to take a college credit class (1818) through Saint Louis University a student must have a 3.0 GPA at the end of the sophomore year. A student enrolling in a dual enrollment class through East Central College must have a 2.5 GPA by the end of the sophomore year.

FRESHMEN: Freshmen can be thinking about future plans. If a student wants to attend Four Rivers Career Center during his/her junior and senior year, he/she must have completed a full credit of fine arts by the end of sophomore year. Monitoring grades on Family Access is important. The EXPLORE test will help students identify interest areas they have, and they will see areas of strengths and weaknesses in their academic subject areas.

DIRECTIONS

A document providing directions to schools, arenas, and/or fields at which Borgia participates in sporting events is now available on Borgia's web site. To access this document, move your mouse over "RESOURCES" (located just under the photo on the home page). In the drop down menu that appears, click on "Documents". Then select "Sports" from the list provided. Sport related documents will be listed on the page that opens. "Sporting Event Directions" is a pdf document that contains addresses, phone numbers, and directions needed for various sporting events throughout the year. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee the accuracy of all of the directions. Some directions have been taken from MapQuest.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Pro-Life Club members will be participating in the following activities. Contact Bill Gegg at 636-239-5883 for additional information.

Life Chain on Sun., Oct. 4 from 2:30—3:30 PM at the highway 47 and 100 intersection. Meet at McDonald's by 2:15 PM. This is open to students and adults.

Peaceful vigil at an abortion clinic on Forest Park Blvd on Sat., Oct. 17. The bus will leave at 6:45 PM and return at 11:30 AM. There is no cost. Adults are welcome.

Pro-Life trip to DC on Jan. 19-23, 2010. Applications along with \$100 deposits are due on Oct. 23.

BLUE RIBBON PARENTS

One of the most important of all parent jobs is modeling and supporting proper behavior. Not the least among these behaviors, even among non-users, is the proper regard for responsible use of alcoholic beverages. Blue Ribbon Parents is an organization of SFBRHS parents committed to this concept, and to keeping all our families and the entire community safe.

To access Blue Ribbon information online, you will first need the Borgia enrollment key, available from Chris Feldmann at 636-239-7871 ext. 111. Go to www.borgia.com and click on

Moodle, which is located at the top of the page. Next, click on the Borgia Directories link. This will take you to an area with a link entitled SFBRHS Directories. Click on that link and you will be taken to a login page. Go to the Login as a guest box and click there. In the box marked Enrollment key enter the code and click Enroll me in this course. The Blue Ribbon History, Pledge and Blue Ribbon Parents contact information are listed in this area. This is a secure way to provide this information to the Borgia Community.

TEST DAY - OCTOBER 14 - SENIOR SERIOUS TALK DAY

On Wednesday, October 14, our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taking different tests to help them in the areas of interests, achievement, and scholarship consideration. Each grade level will be taking different tests.



FRESHMEN: All freshmen students will be given the ACT EXPLORE test. This is the sixth year our freshmen will be taking this test. The EXPLORE will help students plan for coursework for the next three years. The results will help students and parents understand the student's academic skills, interests, plans and goals. Students can use the information to explore career possibilities and to find where they need to improve on skills in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. There is no fee for this test.

SOPHOMORES: The ACT PLAN test will be given to all sophomores. This is an achievement test which will help students see their progress in academic areas of English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. It is another step in preparing for the ACT college entrance test which is taken during the junior/senior year. Students will also complete a career interest test which counselors can compare to the EXPLORE test that they took during their freshman year. There is no fee for this test.

JUNIORS: Juniors will have the option of taking one of two tests:

PSAT: Juniors with a 3.5 GPA or higher or those who scored in the 85 percentile or higher on the PLAN test in Math and English are encouraged to sign up for this test. However, any junior may take the test. Registration will be held on September 28–29. There is a \$14 fee. This is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Trial ACT: This test will be given to any student who chooses not to take the PSAT. This is great preparation for students who will take the ACT in April or June of their junior year. There is no cost for this test. Students who take the PSAT will have the opportunity to take a trial ACT during our Super Saturday in March.

THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE-UP THESE TESTS. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO BE HERE FOR TEST DAY. ALL TESTING IS USUALLY COMPLETED BY NOON.

SENIORS: The senior class will hear a Serious Talk on this day. After Homeroom, the seniors and their advisors will go to the theatre where Dr. David Guss will give a presentation on "Sexuality, Responsibility, and Consequences." The day's activities will conclude by Noon. All Seniors are required to attend.

TIDBITS, TIDBITS, TIDBITS...

SOPHOMORE PRAYER DAY: Sophomores will have their Prayer Day on Friday, October 30. They will report to their Homeroom for attendance, board the busses in front of school after *The Nightly News*, and return by 2:30 PM. They have received their Prayer Day Permission Forms during Advisory and must return their completed forms to their advisors by absolutely no later than Wednesday, October 14. All sophomores are required to attend this day.

ROSARY ON TUESDAYS: The rosary will be prayed on Tuesdays of October in the chapel during seminar from 2:30–3:00 PM. Adults are welcome.

HEALTH CARE PROCEDURES: In order to give students prescription or over the counter medications, we must have on file both a parent permission slip AND A PHYSICIAN'S WRITTEN ORDER. This includes acetaminophen and ibuprofen. Without both these written orders on file, we will have to require a parent to come in to give even over the counter meds. A Physician's Consent Form for over the counter medications is available on Borgia's web site under Resources, Documents, Administration.



MARCHING COMPETITIONS: The Marching Knights will compete three times this season. Come see them perform at:

Washington	October 3
Francis Howell Central	October 17
Ste. Genevieve	October 24

BOOK FAIR: Take advantage of a free day and shop early for Christmas at our Book Fair. This year it will be held off campus on October 23 at the Barnes and Noble Book Store on Watson Road in Crestwood. The store hours are 9AM–10PM. Some of our music and speech students will be performing throughout the day and art students will have their work displayed. If you cannot make it down to the store, you can check out the book selection on their website www.barnesandnoble.com and call in an order (314-843-9480) using our voucher number. Our voucher number as well as a schedule of student performances will be posted as soon as it is finalized on the Media Center website at www.borgia.com/media_center. We will receive a minimum of 10% on all purchases except for textbooks, gift cards, Barnes and Noble memberships and Café purchases.

SENIOR FLOAT BUILDING: Seniors will be building their float at the Unnerstall farm house on Thursday, Oct. 1 and Monday–Thursday, Oct. 5–8, from 6 to 10 PM.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Dale Obermark is the recipient of the Ralph Lause Memorial Scholarship, given by the SFBRRHS Athletic Association. Dale received a \$1500 tuition scholarship to Borgia for his senior year. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to a student who embodies the qualities of Ralph Lause, someone who is devoted to the school and gives unselfishly to the good of the school.

GERMAN KLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: The German Klub awarded two \$400 scholarships at their first meeting this school year. Brian Heger, a senior in German IV, and Collin Cook, a freshman in German I, and both members of the German Klub, had their names drawn from "German Hats". The money was raised by club members who sold pizzas last spring.

OCTOBER DINNERS

During the month of October, Borgia will be hosting two dinners. Both dinners are on Friday evening in the cafeteria from 4–7 PM prior to home football games. For each dinner, members of the sponsoring organization are asked to bring desserts. Parents and students are also asked to help.

The shifts are:

2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

7:30 PM until clean-up is complete.

The Homecoming dinner will benefit the Athletic Association. It will be held on Friday, October 9 prior to the varsity football game against Trinity. Barbecue dinners will be served. Contact any Borgia coach if you can help.

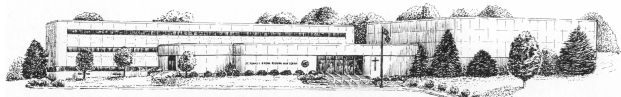
The Junior Class will host the dinner on Friday, October 16 prior to the varsity football game against Bowling Green. This dinner will be an Italian buffet including pastas, pizza and desserts. Contact Nicole Addison at ext. 160 or via email at addisonn@borgia.com to volunteer.

Why bother with cooking? Just join us for dinner!!

ADD SPEAKER

One of the foremost leaders in the field of Attention Deficit Disorder, Dr. Edward Hallowell, will be in St. Louis on Oct. 8 & 9. The session on Oct. 8 is "Superparenting for ADD: An Innovative Approach to Raising Your Distracted Child". The Oct. 9 session is "Delivered From Distraction, Finding the Buried Treasure in ADD". There is a fee for each session. You may register by calling 314-997-4343 or via email at mbrothernton@churchillstl.org.

OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, October 25 from NOON to 2 PM. Meet students and faculty, tours, and refreshments. Everyone is invited.

FUNDRAISERS

MAGAZINE DRIVE: Thanks to all the parents, students, and friends for your great efforts during the magazine drive. If your family and friends did not get a chance to order during September, you have the opportunity to order or renew magazines year-round through QSP.com, while saving money and supporting Borgia! Borgia will continue to receive 40% of the subscription or renewal price for any orders that are credited to Borgia. Go to QSP.com. Click on "Just Shopping." Enter SFBRRHS acct. no. #425005499 or click on the school finder and type in "St Francis" and double click on our account. It's that easy. Now you are ready to shop. If you have any questions regarding magazine orders, call the Advancement Office at 636-239-7871, ext. 122.

APPLEBEE'S BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER: On Saturday, October 10 from 8:00–9:45 AM, a portion of the breakfast sales will benefit Borgia's Pro-Life Club. Cost is \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door. Breakfast tickets are available from club members or in the school office.

TRIVIA NIGHT: The Music Association will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, November 7 at SFBRRHS. It's a great night of fun. Doors will open at 6:15 PM, and the games will begin at 7 PM. Admission is \$15 per person. For reservations or information, call Danielle Welch at 636-390-9930.

STARRY KNIGHTS COACH PURSE RAFFLE: Due to a generous donation 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 November 27, 2009; need not be present to win. The purse is currently on display in the Starry Knights trophy case. For more information or to purchase Coach Purse Raffle tickets, please contact a Starry Knight Dancer or call Kelly Konczal at 636-359-0987.