



SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

CHECK FAMILY ACCESS & MOODLE REGULARLY



All faculty provide 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. Simply use the Skyport link provided on the top navigation bar on Borgia's home page to log in and view information within Family Access.

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 available on Moodle. Parents are

to access Moodle via the link provided within Family Access. Only when using this Moodle link is the option to log into Moodle as a "Guest" available.



Be sure to check the Message Center within Family Access. Faculty, head coaches, club moderators, advisors, and administrators all have the ability to share information with students and parents in this area. If you have provided an email address within Family Access, you will also be able to receive information from school personnel via email.

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 Tuesday, October 25 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 Tuesday, October 25, report cards can be obtained online through Family Access.

HOMECOMING 2011 SCHEDULE

Friday, October 21

9:40 AM School Mass
11:00 AM Pep Rally
Noon All School
Barbecue

1:00 PM Parade
4:00-7:00 PM Freshman Class Dinner
7:00 PM Football vs. Warrenton

Saturday, October 22

TBA Softball Championships
1:30 PM Soccer vs. Helias
7:30 PM Homecoming Dance
9:00 PM Coronation of King & Queen

Sunday, October 23

5 PM Powder Puff Football Game



Mark Your Calendars Now

Music Assn. Meeting	10/03 7 PM
Athletic Assn. Mtg.	10/05 7:30 PM
First Friday Adoration	10/07
Test Day & Senior Serious Talk Day	10/12
Faculty Mtg.	10/12
Academic Assn. Meeting	10/13 7 PM
Strategic Planning Meeting	10/18 7 PM
Advisory Board Mtg.	10/19 7 PM
Freshman Class Dinner	10/21 4-7 PM
Homecoming	10/21 - 10/22
Sophomore Prayer Day	10/24
Parent Teacher Conferences	10/25
No School: Faculty Prayer Day	10/26
Open House	10/30

Special points of interest:

- First Quarter ends October 14.
- Picture Retakes on Tuesday, October 4.
- Thanks to all the parents who helped at the September dinners.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed, Oct. 12	Test Day at SFBRHS
Sun, Oct. 16	National College Fair, St. Louis University, 12—3 PM
Sat, Oct. 22	ACT
Thurs, Oct. 27	East Central College Fair, 6:00—7:30 PM
Fri, Nov. 4	Regular registration deadline for December ACT test

GUIDANCE WEBPAGE: Check the Borgia web page under Resources, then click on the Guidance link to find out the newest information about college representatives visiting Borgia, ACT testing information, a junior and senior planning guide, and scholarship deadlines.

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 informa-

tion. 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, 2012.

JUNIORS: Juniors should be considering college/career school opportunities. A great way to begin the college search is by attending the college fairs mentioned above. Parents should continue to encourage discussions relating to college and 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.

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, practical arts and P.E. 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Student Directory in Family Access: Family Access has undergone some recent changes. You may have noticed an addition to your tabs on the left side of your Family Access screen. The new tab labeled "Student Directory" takes the place of the former Buzz Book. With this application each family has the opportunity to "opt into" the directory or "decline" will be listed in the directory.

In order to be listed in the directory, you will need to go into Family Access and select "School Directory" on the left-hand side of the screen. On the School Directory page, select the tab for "Display Options" on the top. To add your family, check the "Add My Family" box. You may then select which fields you wish to be displayed in the directory. Possible fields for inclusion in the directory are address, primary phone number, guardian email addresses and student's grade level.

If you do not want to be listed, you do not have to do anything. Please consider adding your family to the Student Directory. This type of directory can be very helpful for parents who want to contact other parents.

Borgia's QR Code: If you have a smart phone or a tablet device with a QR code reading app installed, you can use our QR Code to access our home page. We will be including this QR code on future publica-



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.

The Blue Ribbon Pledge is now posted within Message Center on Family Access. The list of parents who have currently made this pledge is also available there. Please contact Dr. Brad Heger at 636-239-7871, ext. 116 if you would like to become a Blue Ribbon Parent.

Parent Email Addresses: Each parent is encouraged to provide a personal email address within Family Access. Office personnel occasionally send reminders via email regarding upcoming events and the availability of the monthly newsletter online. Perhaps most importantly, these email addresses are used to provide a quick method of distributing information to parents when necessary. However, in order for these emails to be effective, it is critical that you verify that mail from SFBRHS.Administration@nauru.iscorp.com is not going to SPAM.

TEST DAY - OCTOBER 12 - SENIOR SERIOUS TALK DAY

On Wednesday, October 12, 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 test 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 was held on September 26 & 27. There is a \$15 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. ALL STUDENTS ARE TO BE HERE FOR TEST DAY. 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 they will hear 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 Monday, October 24. They will report to their Homeroom for attendance, board the busses in front of school after *The Knightly 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 12. All sophomores are required to attend this day.

Borgia Book Fair: Our book fair will be held off campus again this year at the Barnes and Noble store at the West County Mall, on Wednesday, October 26 from 10 AM—10 PM. To make our book fair special our music students will give performances between 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM. In order for our school to receive credit for purchases, customers will have to give the sales clerk our **voucher # which is 10552156.** Vouchers are available on our web page through the Book Fair link. They will also be distributed to the students and available in the main office. A percentage of the net sales will be donated to our school. We get credit for book, CD and DVD purchases. The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks and magazine subscriptions are not included. You may also make a purchase online at Barnes & Noble's website at www.bn.com/bookfair anytime Oct. 26-30. During checkout enter our Book Fair Event ID Number **10552156.**

Homecoming Help Needed: This year Homecoming is October 21—22. We need the following help with our Homecoming activities: a trailer to use for each class float, places to decorate the floats, trucks in which class/club/team members can ride, and convertibles for the administration and for the king and queen candidates. If you can help with any of these things, please contact Rosanne Snider at 636-239-7871, ext. 180 or via email at Rosanne.Snider@borgia.com.

Equipment Needed: Are you looking for a tax deduction? Donate your old VCR/DVD player. The video production class is in need of your old working VCR/DVD players. If you have recently upgraded to new equipment, consider donating your old player to Borgia. Equipment must be in good working order. Please contact Mr. Bitzer for further details at joe.bitzer@borgia.com.

Trivia Night: The Music Association will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, November 5 at SFB RHS. It's a great night of fun. Doors will open at 6:30 PM, and the games will begin at 7 PM. For reservations or information, call Danielle Welch at 636-390-9930.

Marching Competitions: The Marching Knights will compete twice this season. Come see them perform at:

Washington	October 1
Park Hills	October 15

FRESHMAN DINNER

On Friday, October 21, Borgia will be hosting its final fall dinner in the cafeteria from 4—7 PM prior to the last home football game. For this dinner, the Freshman class will be the sponsoring organization and as such they are asked to bring desserts. Parents and students are also asked to help. The shifts are:

2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

4:15 PM to 7:00 PM

7:00 PM until clean-up is complete.

This dinner will precede the Homecoming varsity football game against Warrenton. Barbecue dinners will be served. Contact Mike Kroeker at ext. 164 or via email at mike.kroeker@borgia.com to volunteer.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

We are currently forming a committee to develop a five year strategic plan for our school. Key areas of the plan will include a mission statement and a five year vision, focusing on evangelization and our Catholic identity as well as the instructional program plan. It will also address planning for staff, the school board, facility (building and campus), finances, advancement, and enrollment projections. We would like to have several parents on this committee. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18 at 7 PM in Room 216. Please contact Elaine Wingbermuehle via email at elaine.wingbermuehle@borgia.com or at 636-239-7871, ext. 140 if you have any questions.

BRICK BY BRICK

We invite you to be part of Borgia history by purchasing your own commemorative brick. The bricks pave our Recognition Walkway enhancing the concession stand plaza area of our athletic complex.



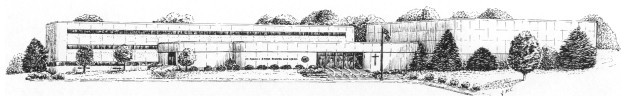
Orders placed by February 1 will be installed in April while October installation will have an order deadline of August 1.

Order your personalized commemorative brick with your tax-deductible donation and become a permanent part of Borgia history today!

Please contact Eileen Chalk at 636-239-7871, ext. 123 or eileen.chalk@borgia.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 30 from NOON to 2 PM. Meet students and faculty, tours, and refreshments. Everyone is invited.



ADVANCEMENT ACTION

Borgia Magazine Drive: Thanks to all of our Borgia parents, students, and friends for your great efforts during the magazine drive. We do not have the final numbers yet, but will keep you updated as to our progress.

Online sales have once again been a huge success! If your family and friends did not order during September, there is still time to help Borgia by ordering or renewing magazines year-round through QSP.com. With the holidays approaching you may also want to give gift subscriptions to friends, relatives, and/or business associates. This means Borgia will continue to receive **48%** of the subscription or renewal price for any orders that are credited to Borgia.

To Order: Go to QSP.com and then click on Just Shopping. Enter SFRHS acct. no. #1073829 or click on the school finder and just type in St Francis Borgia and double click on our account. Don't forget to give credit to your student! If you have any questions regarding magazine orders, call the Advancement office at 636-239-7871 ext. 122.

2012 Borgia Raffle/Calendar Drive: Looking ahead, in November we will begin our second fundraiser, the ever-popular Borgia Raffle/Calendar. The cost of the raffle calendar remains \$25. We will return to the previous format and style, and the Borgia Bucks will make a return as well. November 8, 2011 is the first day of the raffle/calendar drive which will run through January 6, 2012.

Save the Date! Mardi Gras on St. Francis Street is set for Saturday, February 11, 2012. Our annual dinner auction is our largest fundraiser given solely for the purpose of raising tuition assistance for our Borgia students. We hope you will attend. Each family is asked to donate a gift valued at \$25+ or to make an equivalent cash donation. 2012 Auction Chair persons are Scott & Julie Breckenkamp (Tyler '14); and Co-Chairs are Jennifer Hill (Chelsea '15) and Teresa & Rob Halsted (Cassandra '15).

Parent Involvement: Thanks to all of our Borgia parents who have already signed up to help our Advancement Office in some way. We are very blessed at Borgia to have many involved parents and alumni as a part of the Borgia family. It is our hope that all of our Borgia parents would become involved in some way to help out.

We ask that each family sign up for two events during the school year, one auction activity and one school activity such as class dinners, school dance chaperone or counting calendars. To volunteer just go to borgia.com, click on the "Resources" tab, then "Documents" and "Advancement" where you will find a volunteer form. You can print off the form, fill it out, and send it to the main office or to the Advancement office at school. If you have any questions, you may also call the Advancement office at 636-239-7871 ext. 122. Thanks in advance for all you do for our school.