



SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

AN EXCITING MOMENT IN BORGIA'S HISTORY



Please plan to join us on Friday, September 3, for the dedication of the newly refurbished Borgia Athletic Complex at our first home football game against the Clayton Greyhounds. At 6:30 PM,

prior to the start of the game, there will be a short program to recognize the contributions of so many who made this Athletic Complex a reality. Also at this time, Fr. Kevin will bless the field and dedicate the Duane Haddox Memorial. At half time we will honor the many dedicated volunteers who have given so generously of their time to this project. It will be an exciting event for our Borgia family and certainly an evening that you won't want to miss.

Time to Take your Place in Borgia's History: For those of you who missed the opportunity to purchase a brick in the Recognition Walkway, we are launching Phase II beginning immediately with plans for a Spring installation. The deadline for Phase II orders is January 15, 2011.

Personalized bricks may be purchased for \$250 (4" X 8", 3 lines) or \$500 (8" X 8", 6 lines). Each line may have your personalized message (18 characters per line). To order, go to borgia.com and click on Brick by Brick or stop by the Advancement Office and we will gladly take your order. You won't want to miss out!



STANDARDIZED USER NAMES

With the beginning of this school year came several technology related changes at Borgia.

Most notably, students now use their **Family Access user names** for both Family Access and Moodle, as well as logging on to use computers in the Media Center and in Room 220.

In addition, Borgia has a new email system named Zimbra. Email addresses have also been standardized such that faculty and staff email addresses are now firstname.lastname@borgia.com and students are firstname.lastname@students.borgia.com. We ask that students use their school email accounts for all school related emails.

As a part of the standardization of user names, the fingerprints used to check out computers and to pay for lunch in the cafeteria are now associated with the Family Access user names. This means that, once logged

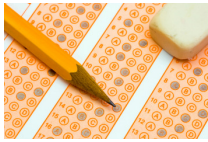
into myschoolaccount.com, parents/guardians will need to search for their students by searching for student Family Access user names.

We originally planned to have parents begin to log into Moodle using their Family Access user names and passwords at the beginning of this school year as well. However, this change has not yet been implemented. We continue to work on the changes necessary to enable parent/guardian login access to Moodle. When these changes are in place, we will notify parents/guardians to begin using Family Access user names to log into Moodle. But for now, parents/guardians should continue to access Moodle as a Guest.

Any student who can't remember his/her Family Access user name and/or password should see Mrs. Price in the Media Center or Mrs. Feldmann in the main office.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Picture Days	8/31—9/1
Athletic Assn. Mtg.	9/01 7:30 PM
First Friday Adoration	9/03
Athletic Field Dedication	9/03 6:30 PM
Newspaper Blacklight Dance	9/03 9 PM
No School—Labor Day	9/06
College/Post Secondary Orientation—Sr. Parents	9/07 3:30 PM OR 7 PM
Faculty Mtg.	9/08 12:30 PM
Dismissal	
Back to School Night	9/08 7 PM
All School Mass	9/15 9:40 AM
Advisory Board Mtg.	9/15 7 PM
Healthy Lifestyles	9/16—9/17
Senior Class Dinner	9/17 4—7 PM
Rotary Break-fast	9/18 6:30 AM— 11 AM
College/Post Secondary Orientation—Jr. Parents	9/21 3:30 PM OR 7 PM
United Way Door to Door Drive	09/22



SUPER ACT RESULTS!

The Class of 2010 left with a bang on their ACT scores! True to both five-year and ten-year trend results, Borgia students once again substantially outperformed state and national norms in Composite Score as well as in every subtest area (English, Reading, Math and Science).

The national and state scores in each ACT test area have remained essentially unchanged over the past 5 years. In English, Borgia students' 2010 average score was 25.1 compared to 20.5 nationally and 21.5 statewide, and in reading was 24.1 compared to 21.3 nationally and 22.0 statewide. Borgia students' average score in science was 22.8 compared to 20.9 nationally and 21.6 statewide, and in math was 22.4 compared to 21.0 both nationally and statewide. The Borgia students' composite score of 23.7 also surpassed the national and statewide composites of 21.0 and 21.6, respectively.

The consistency over the years of the high Borgia scores is all the more impressive when one realizes that a much larger percentage of Borgia students take the test as compared to other schools. Of 139 members of SFBRHS's 2010 graduating class, 126 (91%) took the test. Nationwide, according to an ACT official, a much smaller percentage of graduating seniors, about

40-50%, take the test. In essence, this means that when average scores are reported, virtually all of Borgia's students are included, while other schools leave out half or more of their students.

To put that fact into perspective, Borgia students in the second quartile (top half) on average scored 29.5 in English, 26.6 in math, 28.5 in reading, and 26.1 in science. The top quartile of Borgia's Class of 2010 on average scored 32.6 in English, 29.0 in mathematics, 31.3 in reading, and 28.3 in science. A perfect score on any ACT test, including the composite score, is 36. This continuous improvement has been a trend for over ten years at St. Francis Borgia.

ACT recommends students take at least four high school credits (years) of English AND three or more years each of math, social studies, and natural science. While St. Francis is an open enrollment school, it is committed to its college preparatory curriculum, where all students take a rigorous set of core classes surpassing the ACT core recommendations. With 30 credits required for graduation from Borgia (most Missouri schools adopt the state requirement of 24), every Borgia student meets the "Core or More" recommendation from ACT.

ADVANCEMENT IN ACTION!

SFBRHS ADVANCEMENT OFFICE: Harriet Sallaberry serves as our Director of Advancement. Eileen Chalk continues as our Director of Giving. Serving as Director of Marketing & Admissions, is Moira Vossbrink. Sue Michels is the Advancement Assistant. These personnel are charged with advancing and marketing the school's mission. The Advancement Office is located just off the lobby, opposite the main office. Please drop by anytime or call us at 636-239-7871, ext. 122 if you have any questions.

All fundraising efforts go to Tuition Assistance and Operating Expenses.

JOIN THE BORGIA FAMILY: Your help is necessary to make SFBRHS events special and successful. Our events would not happen without our dedicated parent volunteers. If you didn't get a chance to sign up at the recent parent meeting, contact the Advancement Office and we'll make sure you are included. **We ask that each family volunteer for one auction activity and one school service opportunity. There are many slots that need to be filled for the night of the auction.**

The support of parents, community and local businesses is a key part of the growing success of SFBRHS. We thank you in advance for your support of our fundraising efforts and look forward to another successful year.

MAGAZINE DRIVE: On August 24, we kicked off our annual Magazine Drive. Students are being asked to contact individuals and/or businesses about purchasing or renewing subscriptions. Please encourage your students to sell or renew at least 10 magazines. If there is more than one student attending Borgia, the second child need only sell 7. We continue to receive 48% of all orders placed. The average profit is approximately \$11 per magazine sold so you can see that this drive has great potential for us. Please do all you can to help us! Look for the magazine packet which contains the catalog and additional information which was given to your student on August 24. The drive runs through October 1. Turn in days are on Tuesdays. As incentives to sell magazines, students can win casual day passes and \$10 Borgia Spirit Shop Gift Certificates.

In addition, orders may be placed on the internet. Just go to www.qsp.com and click on Just Shopping. When prompted for an account number, simply type in Borgia's number which is **425005499**, or click on the school finder and type in St. Francis Borgia and double click on our account. Enter the student's name who should receive the credit in the Participant Name category. A student identification number is not required. It's that easy! Purchases made online save time and tend to be more accurate with regard to correct addresses and magazine code clarity. And, magazines ordered online deliver to you in less time. Try online sales. We think that you will like it!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Tues., Sep. 7 Jesuit College Tour 8:30–9:30 AM cafeteria
- Tues., Sep. 7 Senior Parent Orientation for Post Secondary Schools/Colleges 3:30 PM in Room 122 or 7 PM in the cafeteria
- Sat., Sep. 11 ACT Test
- Fri., Sep. 17 Regular Registration Deadline for the October ACT
- Tues., Sep. 21 Junior Parent Orientation for Post Secondary Schools/Colleges 3:30 PM in Room 122 or 7 PM in the cafeteria
- Mon.–Tues., Sep. 27–28 PSAT Registration for Juniors during lunch periods

JUNIOR/SENIOR ORIENTATION SESSIONS: The orientation sessions for parents will include a timeline to follow in the college/technical school decision process, the scholarship and financial aid process, and the application process. We encourage all senior and junior parents to attend. We will have an additional meeting in December about obtaining financial aid for college. Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Freeman will be scheduling individual appointments with seniors during the first week of September. Any parent is welcome to attend these appointments with their son/daughter. Please call the Guidance Office if you'd like to attend.

ACT: The registration deadline for the Oct. 23 ACT test is Sep. 17. If your child is considering a school or applying for a scholarship with an early deadline (i.e., Nov. 15), it would be best to take the October ACT. If he/she has not taken an ACT, the October test is recommended. Most colleges will still accept the December test scores in processing scholar-

ships. Have your child check with us if he/she is not sure which date to test.

PSAT: Registration for PSAT testing for juniors will be during lunch on September 27–28. Juniors with a 3.5 GPA or higher, or who scored in the 85 percentile or higher on their sophomore PLAN test in Math and English are encouraged to sign up for the October 13 test. However, any student that wishes to take the test may do so. The cost is \$14. If a student scores in the top 1%, there are many scholarship opportunities available. The remaining juniors will take an ACT practice test on Wednesday, October 13. Mrs. Freeman or Mrs. McGowan can assist your son/daughter in deciding which test to take. The practice ACT test is free.

COUNSELING SUPPORT : SFBRRHS has two mental health specialists available to serve our Borgia community. Michael Cundiff, L.P.C. and Neal Kluba are counselors made available through a grant administered by the Franklin County Children and Families Resource Board. Mr. Cundiff works through the Family Wellness program, a division of Catholic Family Services. He is available for individual student counseling and consultation with parents and teachers. He can also assist the school with such topics as bullying, conflict resolution, anger management and other topics. Mr. Kluba works through Preferred Family Healthcare which provides intervention services related to drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. Group counseling, family counseling, individual counseling, prevention presentations, and other interventions are available. If you would like to take advantage of Mr. Cundiff's or Mr. Kluba's services, please contact your child's counselor: Mrs. Carla Poepsel - Freshman Counselor; Mrs. Theresa McGowan - Sophomore-Senior Counselor (A-K); Mrs. Janet Freeman - Sophomore-Senior Counselor (L-Z).

SLU 1818 REGISTRATION

Students new to the 1818 Advanced College Credit program at SFBRRHS must apply through the SLU website. New 1818 students are to use the following link: https://ssbprd.slu.edu/ssbprd/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon (please note the use of the underscore between the capital letters P and D). Students should have received a handout with detailed registration instructions in one of their 1818 classes.

Students returning to the 1818 Advanced College Credit program at SFBRRHS must register through the Banner Services available through the SLU website. Returning 1818 students are to use the following link: myslu.slu.edu. Returning students need their SLU Net Id and their Banner Id from previous semesters. If students do not have this information, they should see Mrs. Russell in Room 207.

Registration deadline is **September 10**.

HEALTH & SAFETY

HEALTH CARE PROCEDURES: We can not give students prescription or over the counter medications unless we have on file both a parent permission slip AND A PHYSICIAN'S WRITTEN ORDER. This includes acetaminophen and ibuprofen. Without both written orders on file, we will have to require a parent to come in to give even over the counter meds.



FIRE AND EMERGENCY DRILLS: We will be cooperating with the Washington Fire Department and other safety specialists to "practice" what to do in various emergencies. In general, we will complete one drill each month. We want to prepare for the worst, and expect the best!

CHARITY GOLF DAY

The 28th Annual SFB RHS Charity 4 Man Scramble Golf Day will be held on Monday, September 20 at Franklin County Country Club. The entry fee of \$125 includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart rental, hot lunch and cold refreshments, choice steak dinner, cocktails and appetizers, and miscellaneous golf prizes. Make up your own four person team or sign up as an individual and the Golf Committee will make up teams. Entry forms are available in the main school office. For additional information, contact Glenn Schelich at 636-239-5805.

Your participation in golf events has raised over \$585,000 over the years. Thanks Again!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be available to all students in our chapel on the first Friday of every month this year. Our first adoration this year will be Friday September 3 and the next will be on October 1. Adoration starts immediately after Mass and goes until 2:30 PM. Students may attend with the permission of their teacher. Please encourage your children to spend some time with our Lord in this most Blessed Sacrament. We encourage parents and grandparents to come, adore, and pray for our school as well. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Rogers at 636-432-1171 or Julie Ruether at 636-239-1150.



BACK TO SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

DINNERS: Borgia's first dinner of the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Friday, September 17. (Note: there will not be a dinner on Friday, September 3 due to the Field Dedication Ceremonies.) The second dinner will be on October 1.

In each case the 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 Senior Class will host the dinner which will be held on Friday, September 17 prior to the varsity football game against Westminster. Chicken and Beef Dinners will be served. Contact Nicole Addison at ext. 160 or via email to Nicole.Addison@borgia.com to volunteer.

The Freshman Class will host the dinner which will be held on Friday, October 1 prior to the varsity football game against Sullivan. Chicken and Beef Dinners will be served. Contact Mike Kroeker at ext. 164 or via email to Mike.Kroeker@borgia.com to volunteer.

Why bother with cooking? Just join us for both dinner and a game!!

ROTARY CLUB BREAKFAST: The annual Rotary Club Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 18. As in the past, this breakfast will benefit the SFB RHS Music Association. It will be held from 6:30 AM—11 AM at the SFB grade school cafeteria. If you need tickets, please call Mrs. Bright at 636-239-7871 ext. 128, e-mail her at sue.bright@borgia.com or see a Marching Knight. Please support the band as they prepare for the upcoming marching season and their most prestigious trip to the Sugar Bowl in January.



SMILE, SENIORS! All seniors must have a yearbook picture taken at Fricke Studio by September 15. There is no charge for this basic sitting and there is no obligation to purchase pictures. The free sitting includes 4 poses in one outfit. This picture will be used for the yearbook and the class composite, which is displayed in the school corridor. You may contact Fricke Studio at 636-239-1768 to make an appointment.

HOMECOMING: This year Homecoming is October 8—9. 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 633-239-7871, ext. 180 or via email at rsnider@borgia.com.

MACLAB: Over the summer the Dark Room was removed to make room for Borgia's new MacLab. This computer lab will be used for Digital Photography, Journalism, and Video Productions classes.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE SHOW: The Freshman/Sophomore Show this year is "How To Succeed in High School Without Really Trying." It's a fun one-act that gives "advice" on how to make it through high school. The show will play for the general public on September 15 and 16 at 7:30 PM in the theatre. Tickets will be available to the public for \$3 each. The show will also play for eighth grade students on September 16 during the Healthy Lifestyles Days. This showing will not be open to the general public. The show will be directed by senior thespians Joseph Eckelkamp and Ian Sullivan. Senior Maggie Buchmann will be heading up the technical aspects of the show. The entire production will be supervised by Borgia Theatre Director Tim Buchheit.

The Freshman/Sophomore Show is designed to give the younger, less experienced actors a chance to get on stage without having to compete for roles with the more experienced students. It also allows the students to get a taste of Borgia Theatre before getting involved in a full-length main stage production.