

SFBRHS NEWSLETTER

BORGIA TRANSPORTATION



As a regional high school, there is a need to provide a bus that runs from St. Anthony's Parish in Sullivan, stops at St. Clare in St. Clair, Immaculate Conception in Union, and St. Gertrude's in Krakow. At St. Anthony's, students from a large geographical area west of Sullivan also ride this bus. Borgia was recently advised to take ownership of the bus. Until this date, it had been owned and operated by St. Anthony's Parish. St. Anthony's parish has had this responsibility for over 25 years. We are very appreciative of the support of the parish and the service given by the volunteers from St. Anthony Parish through the years.

Our goal is to continue to provide this bus service now and in the future. This bus is used by many students, some who, without this service, would not be able to attend Borgia. It is a necessity that we make our school easily accessible to as many students as possible.

This bus is also used by the music department and numerous other organizations for school related trips.

The present bus is a 1995 model. It was bought used a few years ago by St. Anthony

Parish. It has been well maintained over the years but its longevity is yet to be determined. With this in mind, we do need to start putting money aside for an eventual replacement. This will be a costly endeavor, so now is the time to start preparing.

We continue to have the football pool to help with the daily costs of maintaining the bus. We are doing well with this pool, but we still have chances available. As beneficial as this pool is, it does not generate enough money to be able to put money aside for the future. Because of this, we have started a candy sale. We have \$1 candy bars from World's Finest Chocolate for sale. They are available singly or in cases of fifty. The cases could be displayed in a store or office. If you are interested in helping, let us know. We receive .50 for each bar sold. We have 5,000 bars to sell.

Starting this year, we are running a one-way shuttle that starts at Sacred Heart in Eureka and makes a stop at St. Bridget's in Pacific. For now it brings students only to school. Our goal is to expand this service as well. Right now, it is not economically feasible to provide round trip service. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

As a result of a suggestion that came from the Academic Association, SFBRHS will this year sponsor a new series of informal informational meetings. These are intended to afford Borgia newcomers and veterans alike opportunities to share ideas, ask questions, and make suggestions. There will be no set agenda for any of these gatherings, but discussion will flow from recent and upcoming events, and from the interests and wishes of

the attendees. Principal Brad Heger will host the first of these meetings on Tuesday, September 22 from 8 AM to 9 AM in the cafeteria. Extra parking will be made available that day on the upper lot at the front entrance of the school. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. Dates for similar gatherings later in the school year are set for November 3 and February 8.



Mark Your Calendars Now

Athletic Assn. Mtg.	9/02 7:30 PM
First Friday Adoration	9/04
No School— Labor Day	9/07
College/Post Secondary Orientation— Sr. Parents	9/08 3:30 PM AND 7 PM
Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Dismissal	9/09
Back to School Night	9/09 7 PM
All School Mass	9/10 9:40 AM
Senior Class Dinner	9/11 4—7 PM
Picture Days	9/15—9/16
Healthy Life-styles	9/17—9/18
Freshman Class Dinner	9/18 4—7 PM
Rotary Breakfast	9/19 6:30 AM—11 AM
Coffee with the Principal	9/22 8—9 AM
College/Post Secondary Orientation— Jr. Parents	9/22 3:30 PM AND 7 PM
United Way Door to Door Drive	09/23
NHS Dinner	9/25 4—7 PM
Dr. Bergamini Presentation	10/01 7 PM



SUPER ACT RESULTS!

The ACT results are in for Borgia's Class of 2009. Not only did Borgia's most recently graduated class again continue Borgia's impressive five-year-trends in every test at every level, but again also outperformed state and national norms in each test area.

ACT emphasizes multi-year comparisons of data to monitor academic programs. The national and state scores in each ACT test area have remained essentially unchanged over the past five years, while Borgia students have improved their scores over the base point +1.1 in English, +0.9 in reading, +0.5 in math, and +0.4 in science. The Borgia composite score rose +0.8 over the five year period covered in the reported scores.

In English, Borgia students' 2009 average score was 25.0 (standard deviation of 5.7) compared to 20.6 nationally and 21.5 statewide, and in math 22.6 (s.d. 4.8) compared to 21.0 nationally and 20.9 statewide.

Borgia students' average score in reading was 24.3 (s.d. 5.3) compared to 21.4 nationally and 22.1 statewide, and in science 22.6 (s.d. 4.2) compared to 20.6 nationally and 21.5 statewide, for a composite score of 23.8 (s.d. 4.3). The national composite was 21.1, and the Missouri statewide composite was 21.6. While last year's composite for Borgia was +0.2 higher at 24, ACT is

quick to point out that such fluctuations are normal and are to be expected year to year. A perfect score on any ACT test, including the composite score, is 36.

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. With 30 credits required for graduation from Borgia (most Missouri schools adopt the state requirement of 24), every Borgia student more than meets that "Core or More" suggestion from ACT.

This class' accomplishments are all the more impressive when one realizes that 92% of the class took the test. In virtually all schools nationwide, a much smaller percentage of graduating seniors, about 40-50%, take the ACTs. In the Midwest, where the ACT is the preferred college entrance exam, the percentage is usually around 50-60%. In essence, this means that when average scores are compared, Borgia's entire class is being compared to only the top groups of students at other schools.

The top quartile of Borgia's Class of 2009 on average scored 31.8 in English, 28.9 in mathematics, 30.5 in reading, and 27.8 in science. Borgia students in the second quartile on average scored 26.8 in English, 24.5 in math, 26.6 in reading, and 24.1 in science.

ADVANCEMENT IN ACTION!

SFBRHS ADVANCEMENT OFFICE: Harriet Sallaberry serves as our Advancement Director. Eileen Chalk continues as our Borgia Advancement Fund Director. Serving as Director of Marketing & Recruitment, 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 25, 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, and coupons will be accepted. 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 25. The drive runs through October 2. 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

The Guidance Department is always open to student and parent questions and concerns. We are here to serve our students and to offer a Catholic perspective. Our staff are:

Carla Poepsel (ext. 135)	Freshmen
Theresa McGowan (ext. 124)	Sophomores-Seniors A-K
Janet Freeman (ext. 129)	Sophomores-Seniors: L-Z
Krista Hellebusch (ext. 134)	Secretary

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. 24 ACT test is Sep. 18. 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. Test scores are usually higher in December because students have been exposed to more material by then. Most colleges will still accept the December test scores in processing scholarships. 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 28–29. 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 14 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 Wed., Oct. 14. Mrs. Freeman or Mrs. McGowan can assist your son/daughter in deciding which test to take. The practice ACT test is free.

SUPPORT GROUPS: Any parent interested in having their son/daughter join a support group may contact the Guidance Office by Sep. 11. Support groups are composed of 5-8 students who discuss issues that are important to them. Possible issues include divorce, death, abuse, alcohol/drugs, suicide and selected teen problems. Self-esteem will be addressed in all groups. Confidentiality will be stressed in any group setting. Also, if at any time during the year you feel there is a need for your child to join a group, contact the Guidance office.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tues., Sep. 8	Senior Parent Orientation for Post Secondary Schools/Colleges 3:30 PM in Room 122 or 7 PM in the cafeteria
Fri., Sep. 18	Regular Registration Deadline for the October ACT
Tues., Sep. 22	Junior Parent Orientation for Post Secondary Schools/Colleges 3:30 PM in Room 122 or 7 PM in the cafeteria
Mon.–Tues., Sep. 28–29	PSAT Registration for Juniors during lunch periods

HEALTH & SAFETY



H1N1 (SWINE FLU) RESPONSE: We are cooperating closely with the Franklin County School Health Consortium to respond to the possibility of a renewed outbreak of H1N1. We are following closely the guidelines provided by health authorities, including increasing the frequency of cleaning surfaces that students and staff touch often, such as door-knobs, keyboards, etc. The new recommendations emphasize the importance of the basic foundations of influenza prevention: stay home when sick, wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible, and cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available). Additional hand sanitizers have been placed in strategic places around the building. Those with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. They should stay home even if they are using antiviral drugs. Anyone who develops flu-like symptoms while at school will be kept separated from others until transportation home can be arranged.

DR. BERGAMINI HERE OCT. 1: Sometimes popular culture and media can mislead us into thinking dangerous behaviors have no consequences. Dr. Bob Bergamini volunteers his time each year to address risky behaviors and serious consequences in the area of sexuality and health. A well-known medical doctor and consultant, "Dr. Bob" has put together a factual, no-nonsense presentation that warns of very real consequences. His presentation is undeniably straightforward and powerful. On Thursday morning Oct. 1 Dr. Bob will talk with our sophomores, and that afternoon will travel across town to speak with Washington High students. That evening at 7 PM he will be in our theater for our parents and Washington High parents. (Note this change of date from the originally published date of October 15.) This program is not for children or the squeamish!

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.

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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 will be Friday September 4 and the next will be on October 2. 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, and to remember in this "Year of the Priest" our school chaplain, Fr. Kevin, in their prayers. 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: During the month of September, Borgia will be hosting three dinners.

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 11 prior to the varsity football game against Owensville. Chicken and Beef Dinners will be served. Contact Judy Kandlbinder at ext. 161 or via email to heyjude@borgia.com to volunteer.

The Freshman Class will host the dinner which will be held on Friday, September 18 prior to the varsity football game against Westminster. Chicken and Beef Dinners will be served.

The National Honor Society students will host the dinner which will be held on Friday, September 25 prior to the varsity football game against Osage. Pork Sausage Dinners will be served.

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 19. As in the past, this breakfast will benefit the SFBRHS Music Association. It will be held from 6:30 AM–11 AM at the SFB grade school cafeteria. Get your tickets from a music student or parent. Help support the arts!

PRO-LIFE CLUB: Club members will be assisting at the Pro-Life Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, September 19 at the KC Pavilion. They will also be participating in the LifeChain on Sunday, October 4 from 2:30–3:30 PM along the intersection of Highways 100 & 47. Anyone interested in participating should meet at McDonald's parking lot at 2:15 PM. If you would like an SFBRHS Pro-Life shirt, either T-shirt (\$7.50) or sweat-shirt (\$11.00), please contact Bill Gegg at 636-239-5883.

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.

PICTURE DAYS: In order to minimize the disruption while students are having their pictures taken, students will have their pictures taken during their theology classes. Blue Day theology students will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, September 15 and Gold Day theology students will do so on Wednesday, September 16. Students may dress up for their pictures on the day they have theology.

HOMECOMING: This year Homecoming is October 9–10. 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 rsnyder@borgia.com.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: It is time to update Borgia's Technology Plan and we need you! We need parents willing to serve on this committee which reviews and updates our technology plan. The committee will meet once a month in the evening for about 1 1/2 hours. If interested, please contact Becky Price via email bprice@borgia.com. Please type "Technology Committee" in the subject line.

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!

WELCOME NURSE MYRNA HARTZELL, LPN! As of August 26, Myra Hartzell is Borgia's School Nurse. She will be at Borgia for one or two days each week. Mrs. Hartzell's office is on the ground floor, Room 110. She can be reached at extension 127.

