

# THE GREEN & GOLD GAZETTE

## A Message from Mr. Groff

The school year has transitioned from the start of the new semester to the season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection, rebirth, rejuvenation and discovery. Lent invites introspection. We take a look at ourselves and determine areas of life where we need to improve. Look at yourself today and pick one aspect of your life that you would like to improve upon and take the first step to accomplishing this goal.

**February Recap:** I am extremely proud of the SBHS community for raising \$4554 in our "Hats for Haiti" collection for Haitian relief. The idea for the collection came from several students who came forward in the days immediately after the quake. Keep up the good work!

The seventh/eighth grade annual Math Contest was a huge success with 140 participants from twelve Ventura County schools. Thanks to our entire math department and many math students for their help.

Thanks to the P.T.G. for providing breakfast for the faculty during Catholic Schools Week. If you haven't had an opportunity to thank a favorite teacher for a job well done, now is the time.

Sixty seven students, eight staff and five adults kicked off our "Live to Give" spring service program at Camino Park in Ventura. We raked leaves, pulled weeds, swept, scraped and painted curbs in the park. Parents are always welcome to attend these service events. Contact Deacon Wilson for more information to help with future events.

**Looking Ahead:** The month of March is the time for current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are planning to re-enroll to register for classes for next year. Counselors will visit classes beginning the second week of March to distribute materials. As this process unfolds, it is important for parents to help their children make wise choices about their classes for next year. Counselors will be available (as always) to make appointments to see families.

With the re-registration comes the inevitable "registration fee" of three hundred seventy five dollars (375.) and is due by April 1st. This year the fee will be invoiced by our bookkeeping department and mailed home. We ask that the payment be delivered directly to St. Bonaventure (not SMART). This is a required fee for all returning students.

The tuition and fee schedule for next year is still in the revision stage and will be mailed home the first week of March. The school calendar for next year is still being discussed/negotiated and should be approved (by the Diocese) towards the end of March. Thanks to those who responded to my request for input--we do listen. A tentative start date of August 20<sup>th</sup> should help with vacation planning.

Our next school service project is Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Sebastian School in Santa Paula. We have many students signed up, but we are in need of parent drivers and workers. Please contact the school for more information.

The Robotics and Mock Trial teams will be competing towards the end of March. Good luck!

March 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day of school (for students) before the Easter Break (back on April 12<sup>th</sup>). The early April break will mean the distribution and beginning of the Fiesta Raffle Ticket sales drive. More information (and tickets) to come.

I am truly blessed to be around so many dedicated parents, students and staff. Thank you for your support and prayers.

God Bless,  
Mr. Groff, Principal

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*A Catholic education is  
an advantage for life!*

Mr. Marc Groff  
Principal

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Vice-Principal



**ST. BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL**  
ANNOUNCES SPRING PLAY AUDITIONS  
Spring Play 2010



## *Project Fame*

*An original script by Russell Stoll*  
(2005 SBHS alumni & UCLA grad)

*Music by Queen, U2, Eagles, and other artists*

What is the price tag of fame? What would you do to achieve your deepest desires? In the framework of *America's Got Talent*, *American Idol* and *Project Runway*, the story follows contestants and the people who love them as they are tempted by the promise of instant fame, talent and riches.

Roles include: 6-8 contestants, *Paula, Randy, Simon and Brian Seacrest* characters, stage manager, dance troupe for the show and families and friends of contestants.

Rehearsals:

M/T/W: 3-5:30 until April 12, then 3-6

Pre tech: April 26-30

Tech: May 3,4

Performances: May 5,6, 8 & May 13, 14, 15



## Fundraising / Parent Volunteer Hours

**Einstein & Wine Success:** Results are in and this year's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Einstein & Wine event was a definite success. Even with the current economic reality those who attended the event and our sponsors were very generous. This year's profit amounts to \$17,242.66. Again, thanks to all who supported this event, especially to the planning committee.

**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fiesta:** The fiesta planning committee has been meeting each month since September and is planning many exciting additions and improvements to this important annual community celebration and fundraiser. Anyone interested in being part of the planning committee can contact Sheri Salazar at [ninaIsas@netzero.com](mailto:ninaIsas@netzero.com), or Yvonne Rockwell at [yvonne@royalstaffing.com](mailto:yvonne@royalstaffing.com). Families who have previously indicated an interest in being involved with the fiesta on their volunteer check list (submitted at registration) will be contacted soon by chairpersons of sub-committees. Look for information regarding this year's fiesta raffle, coming soon. **Interested in volunteering? Contact Maria Castells: [lmcastells@verizon.net](mailto:lmcastells@verizon.net)**

**The Fiesta Used Book, Video and DVD Sale is back!** Due to popular demand we will again have this popular booth at fiesta. To support this effort we are asking families and friends to donate used books, videos and DVDs. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. Please call the school in advance so arrangements can be made to accommodate and large volume donations.

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament:** Planning efforts for this year's tournament are under way, with monthly meetings scheduled. Anyone interested in joining the tournament planning committee can contact Lou Torres at [tprobie@verizon.net](mailto:tprobie@verizon.net) or Patrick Piccininno at [Patick.Piccininno@uniform.aramark.com](mailto:Patick.Piccininno@uniform.aramark.com), this year's co-chairpersons.

**Scrip News:** Just a reminder, gift cards are available throughout the year. They are great for birthday gifts, thank you gifts, or a meal out. Arco, Chevron, and Shell gas cards are usually available without pre-ordering, as well as Albertsons, Vons, and Smart and Final gift cards. Come by the scrip center on campus (located at the student store across from the Library/Media Center), send in an order form with your student, or call us at 648-6836 x126. Please contact the scrip office at 648-6836 x126 with any questions. (We have an instructional sheet from Ralphs for any of you that are having problems updating with Ralph's web site. We would be glad to send it to you upon your request.)

**Parent Volunteer Hours:** To date over **48 families** have turned in completed a "Parent Service Activity Check Off Sheet" to account for required service hours. A reminder to all parents and guardians – each family is required to offer a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours of service to the school for the 2009-10 school year. Families who prefer can opt out of the requirement by paying \$250. It is the responsibility of each family to record their volunteer hours using the "2009-10 Family Volunteer Service Record Sheet" and submit the form to the school office. Copies of this form can be picked up in the main office or downloaded from the school website (click news, click parents, click Parent Volunteer Form).

It is important that families submit these forms as soon as hours have been completed so that the school's records are up to date, and are due no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Families will be billed for any unworked hours at a rate of \$10.00 per hour as per school policy.

The list of activities that count for service to school include: Service as part of any fundraising committees, Parent Teacher Guild (PTG), and Booster Club, school maintenance, transportation for field trips & sporting events, working as a team parent, selling tickets or working the snack bar at athletic events, and helping with hospitality (set-up/clean up for school events & donation of baked goods). Donated items (i.e. for fundraisers, athletics, etc.) may be exchanged for hours at a rate of one hour per \$10 value only if agreed upon by a school administrator in advance.

**School Outreach Efforts:** This year's outreach efforts to local Catholic, private and public schools have seen wonderful results. Approximately 200 applications from 42 different schools have already been submitted for the next freshmen class. Even in an economic climate that can best be described as "challenging", interest on the part of parents in securing a Catholic education for their sons and daughters continues to be strong. All this is a clear testament to the confidence people have in the good things happening here at St. Bonaventure High School and good reason for all of us to be proud!

**ALUMNI NEWS: New Alumni Web Page!** The long awaited alumni page to our school website was launched March 1<sup>st</sup>. Alumni can access this page by going to the front page of the school website and clicking on the alumni button. Initially, this new page will allow alumni to enter information into the new alumni database for the purpose of receiving the school's monthly newsletter and communications regarding regular school and special alumni events. Down the line, the intention is to enable this site to function as a networking site, whereby alumni can authorize other alumni to access their contact information. Spread the word. Our goal is to make this effort the cornerstone of building a functional alumni association.

*Please mark your calendars! Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fiesta Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament*





## Message from the Dean of Curriculum

The 2010/2011 Registration packets will be distributed to returning students March 8-10th. Enclosed in the packet is a new course selection form. Students and Parents are encouraged to discuss their 4-year plan. Special attention should be given to graduation requirements, college admission requirements and courses that need to be made up. The CSU and UC system will not accept grades of a D or lower. Academic counselors are available to discuss course selection and how to make up deficient classes.

Similar to last year, course selection will be done through home logic on our school website: [www.saintbonaventure.com](http://www.saintbonaventure.com). Families who do not have a user name and password should call Mrs. Benigno in the Administration Office. Instructions for choosing courses are in the registration packet. Please contact your student's counselor with any questions. Courses need to be submitted via school website by April 1st. The course selection form needs to be signed by students and parents and turned in to the appropriate counselor also by April 1st. If you do not have internet access at home, please have your counselor submit for you.

Students interested in taking English 10 Advanced for the 2010/2011 need to attend an informational meeting and take a placement test. English 10adv students will meet March 16th either before school or after school. The test will be March 22 or 23rd after school at 3pm in room 406. English 11 AP will meet March 17th before school after school in room 406. The test will be March 24th or 25th after school at 2:20pm in room 406.

Seniors should continue to research scholarship and grant opportunities online. Also check with Mr. Hahn in the College and Guidance office for further information. Seniors who have been accepted to specific colleges should also check with that school's financial aid office for any assistance that they have available in scholarships, grants, work study, etc.

Juniors should be preparing and registering for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

AP testing begins May 3rd. Students should have received an informational pamphlet regarding test times and cost. AP teachers are preparing students for success, and will continue to guide them through the process. We will begin to collect the fees in the month of April.

Congratulations to those seniors who have already heard from the colleges they have applied to: Humboldt, Thomas Aquinas, Cal Lutheran, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Sonoma State, Pomona, UCSC, UCSB, UCR, USC, CSUCI, APU, Penn State, Colorado State, Northern Arizona, SFSU, CSUN, Laverne, Westmont, UC Davis, UC Merced.

### IMPORTANT REGISTRATION REMINDER


If your student-athletes wish to participate in athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution in 2010/2011, they must be certified by the Eligibility Center.

What can you do to help? Help your student-athletes register with the Eligibility Center. Go to [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) and click on "Prospective Student-Athletes" to start the process.

Send the student-athlete's transcript to the Eligibility Center. Transcripts can be sent in two bundles: (1) once your student-athletes finish their junior year; and (2) again, after your student-athletes graduate. Did you know that transcripts must be mailed or sent overnight by you? Transcripts that are faxed cannot be used. (The SBHS Registrar's office can help you with this.)

Test scores need to come to the Eligibility Center directly from ACT or SAT. Test scores on the high school transcript cannot be used to certify student athletes. When you help your student-athletes register for the SAT or ACT, make sure they select code "9999" (the Eligibility Center code) as one of their free test-score recipients. If the student-athlete forgot to use code 9999, the student-athlete will need to contact SAT or ACT to have the scores sent officially by the testing agency.

Mrs. Christina Castro  
Vice Principal, Dean of Curriculum





# Counseling Office News

## **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Local scholarships can be applied for by viewing the SBHS "Scholarship Bulletin Board" (located between Room 305 and the bookstore on campus and on the SBHS Website) in the main hallway.

Proceed to the Internet and check out [www.fastweb](http://www.fastweb) for free scholarship searches and free college searches.

SCCT: [www.sccta.org](http://www.sccta.org) Must live in Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, or Orange Counties Deadline: March 12, 2010

Italian Catholic Federation: [www.ICF.ORG](http://www.ICF.ORG) Roman Catholic Graduating seniors of Italian descent with a 3.2 GPA Deadline: March 15, 2010 Amt: \$400

Veterans for Peace: Email [lalapapa@ix.netcom.com](mailto:lalapapa@ix.netcom.com) Write an essay or poem (max. 500 words) Deadline: December 31, 2010 Amt: \$500

B. Davis Scholarship: [www.scholarshipquesthelper.com](http://www.scholarshipquesthelper.com) Deadline: May 28, 2010 Amt: \$1,000

The Buenaventura Senior Mens Golf Club: [www.bsmgc.org](http://www.bsmgc.org) Deadline: May 7, 2010 Amt: \$1,000

Ronald Mc. Donald: Call 323 762-2500 for African American students Deadline: March 12 Amt: \$2,000

Student Community Service Scholarship Deadline: April 16, 2010 Amt: \$500

Ventura Chinese-American Association: Call 805-482-6074 Must be of Chinese descent Deadline: March 30, 2010 Amt: \$500

Rotary Club of Ojai: Call 805-646-6333 Must be resident of Ojai, in need of financial aid, be of high moral character and have good citizenship. Deadline: April 2, 2010

National Association of Women in Construction: [www.nawicventuraoxnard.org/scholarship.html](http://www.nawicventuraoxnard.org/scholarship.html) Deadline: April 4, 2010

Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars Program: Call 805-577-4148 3.0 GPA Amt: \$5,000-10,000

## **JUNIORS - JUMP-START YOUR COLLEGE PLANNING**

The last half of junior year is here and that means it's time to spring into action. Ideally, you've already been thinking about college and investigating your choices, but now is the time for action. Just ask any senior. Time goes by very quickly.

- Continue to take challenging courses. When registering for senior year, don't just sign up for easy courses, because that will hurt your chances for college admission and you'll pay when you arrive at college and can't handle the coursework.
- Begin to make a preliminary list of colleges you would like to investigate further. Surf the Internet and use college resources in the counseling office or library.
- Fill out a college comparison worksheet. You can download one at <http://www.actstudent.org/college/11.html>.
- Make plans to visit colleges this spring when classes are in session.
- Start or update an academic resume.
- If you don't have a Social Security number, get one as soon as you can. You'll need it for college applications. If you have one but don't know what it is, ask your parents.
- Register for the SAT and/or the ACT. You should be academically ready to take it by spring of this year. If not, plan to take it in the summer or fall, work hard in your courses.
- Check into applying to college online.
- Investigate scholarship opportunities.

### Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

SBHS School Code is 053650.

SAT Date – May 1, Deadline to register is March 25 SAT Date – June 5, Deadline to register is April 29  
Visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register!

ACT Date – April 10, Deadline to register is March 5 ACT Date – June 12, Deadline to register is May 7  
Visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register!





## Athletic News

The regular season portion of the winter sports season came to a successful closing as three St. Bonaventure teams advanced to the CIF-SS play-offs and a fourth was in contention until the final game of the season.

The Girls Varsity Basketball team rebounded from an 0-4 league start to win five of their final seven Tri Valley League games and capture the third seed out of the TVL. The race came down to the final game of the regular season versus Fillmore. Trailing the Flashes by one game coming into the contest, the Lady Seraphs fell behind early before coming on and running the Flashes off the court 47-29. The Seraphs were led by Senior guards Juliette Marquez and Hailey Lozano both of whom were named All Tri Valley League 1st team. The Lady Seraphs were seeded ninth in the CIF-SS Division 5AA bracket and hope to make a deep run in the post season.

The Boys Varsity Basketball team returns to the CIF-SS play-offs after a one year's absence by claiming the third seed out of the Tri Valley League. The Seraphs won five of their last seven league contests to overcome an 0-3 start. The Seraphs held off Malibu 56-49 in the season finale to keep the final spot away from the Sharks. The Seraphs were led by All TVL 1st team pick Junior Brock Taylor and 2nd team pick, Senior Stephen Andrews. Taylor and Andrews give the Seraphs post season experience having led the team to the CIF Championship game two years ago. The Boys were seeded 13th in the CIF bracket.

The Girls Varsity Soccer team under the direction of Coach Sean Roche also bounced back from a slow league start to take third place in the very tough Tri Valley League. The Lady Seraphs were unbeaten in their final five league contests. The strength of the TVL is illustrated in the final CIF poll. Three of the teams were ranked in the top seven including the Seraphs at number seven and Oak Park at number six whom the Seraphs defeated 4-0.

The Boys Varsity Soccer team was eliminated on the final day of the regular season losing to league champion Santa Clara 0-2. The Seraphs handed the Saints their only league loss of the season earlier in league play. The future looks bright as the Seraph JV team captured their second consecutive Frontier League title.

The spring season officially kicked off practice starting in six varsity sports. The spring season will feature some new faces and familiar faces on the coaching staffs. Aubrey Smallwood takes over the Boys and Girls Swimming program and Bill Therrien (Softball) and Mike Herrera (Track and Field) will take the helm on two other spring sports.

# Thanks for your support!



# MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

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|                                     | <b>1</b><br>Assembly Schedule<br><br>1:41 Dismissal<br><br>Faculty Meeting | <b>2</b>                           | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br><br>High School Acceptance Letters Mailed          | <b>6</b>                               |
| <b>7</b>                            | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>                           | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br><br>Assembly Schedule<br><br>1:41 Dismissal       | <b>13</b><br><br>SAT Test              |
| <b>14</b>                           | <b>15</b><br><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><br><b>Spring Break</b>               | <b>16</b>                          | <b>17</b><br><br>Happy St. Patrick's Day!                          | <b>18</b><br><br>1:19 Dismissal<br><br>Faculty Meeting<br><br>Youth Day | <b>19</b><br><br>Religious Ed Congress                         | <b>20</b><br><br>Religious Ed Congress |
| <b>21</b>                           | <b>22</b><br><br>Spring Fever Week   | <b>23</b><br><br>Spring Fever Week | <b>24</b><br><br>Spring Fever Week                                 | <b>25</b><br><br>Spring Fever Week<br><br>Robotics Competition          | <b>26</b><br><br>Spring Fever Week<br><br>Robotics Competition | <b>27</b><br><br>Robotics Competition  |
| <b>28</b><br><br><b>Palm Sunday</b> | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                          | <b>31</b><br><br>Cesar Chavez Day<br><br><b>End of 3rd Quarter</b> |   |  |  |



**SAVE THE DATE...**



St. Bonaventure High School  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

**Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Moorpark Country Club  
11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Affordable Individual Entry Fee  
Corporate & Tee Sign Sponsorships Available  
Information flyer coming soon!!!

For more information  
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