

THE GREEN & GOLD GAZETTE

Principal's Message

September 2017

“Where are you going?”

The theme for school year 2017-2018 is “Where are you going?”, originally born out of the idea of where are the students going to go to college, after all, we are a College Prep school...

How about the bigger picture? Where are any of us going? Be it a theme, a goal, a concept, or a focal point of our eleven month school year. How about each and every one of us ask the question, explore the possibilities and try to see where it takes us--faculty, staff, parents and students.

Where are you going in your spiritual life? Besides your local churches and parishes, St. Bonaventure will be hosting two evenings of prayer this fall and will be open to all families. Please join us.

Where are you going in your service life? Are you volunteering your time at churches, public organizations or SBHS? There are plenty of opportunities here at school and it is a good way to be a role model to your children. You can contact Ms. Florez here at school for more details.

How about your academic life? Yes, I'm asking the question of all of us. We should all be “life-long learners”, no matter our age. You may have forgotten Algebra One or Biology or where in the world is Kazakhstan, but you can sit with your children while they do their homework and learn something new. How about turning off the digital device for an hour or half hour and read a book... go on family field trip some weekend to great outdoors and explore nature, visit a museum together or ?

Where are the teachers going? One is the standard practice of participation in a subject area Workshops or Seminars. Two, St. Bonaventure is participating in an Archdiocesan sponsored in-service program called “High School Core Instructional Practices” with the goal of focusing on student learning and improvement. The entire teaching and administrative will participate in four day long in-services throughout the year in order to help the students' become better learners.

I know where I'm going...It's lunchtime at SBHS and I'm out to visit the students and see what's good for lunch!! Amen!

God Bless

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Message from the Dean of Curriculum

Classes are set, schedules are complete, college applications are being prepared and prep for SAT and ACT is underway. In the Curriculum Office we want to give families information to better assist them in making curriculum and college decisions. In future issues of the Gazette we will share with you current college and academic information and explain how it pertains to SBHS students. This month's article and focus outlines how we can keep students on track and focused from home.

School is now very different from when you were a high school student! It is imperative that you keep track of what your children are doing in class and keep them focused! Mr. Dr. Science Teacher (Paul Strode from Fairview High School, CO.) gives the following advice for student success. I have taken these helpful tips and adapted them for our students.

Student Success & Keeping Track of Your Child's Work

There are several things that we recommend parents do on a daily basis:

- Check faculty websites, syllabi. Where you can, create a Schoology account with parent access. Faculty web sites help you know what is happening in your child's class. These pages are for you as much as it is for them. Have your child show you how to access it from your computer.
- Check grades on a regular basis, by logging on to our student information system, Teacher Ease. www.teacherease.com
- Make sure your student's homework is done before any leisure activities are allowed. "Done" means it is ready to turn in: all questions are answered; work was submitted electronically, there is a solid understanding of the work. You do not need to know how to do the work yourself in order to know that the homework is complete! If your child says they have no homework, they're wrong! There is always something for them to be doing. They can review notes, lectures, stories, practice math problems, review new Spanish words.
- Keep track of what your child is doing while using their computer. Game sites, Instagram, Facebook and Music Swapping sites are not part of their homework.
- Provide a dedicated homework zone that has good lighting, is quiet, has space enough, and is free from interruptions.
- Keep televisions, radios, cell phones, and game consoles away from the work area.
- Your child cannot do homework with the radio or TV on.
- Your child cannot do homework with headphones on.
- Make sure they have the supplies they need for studying: paper, pens, pencils, and ink for the printer.
- Your child also needs a good night's sleep, so make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time. They will not understand how to do their homework if they are so tired during the day that they sleep through their classes.
- Short breaks of less than five minutes about every hour to get a drink of water or just to stretch the legs help to clear the mind and make studying more effective.

I hope you have found this information useful, and if you are already exercising these practices, we thank you! There are new articles written and posted to our school website for each class, freshmen through senior year. You will find these grade appropriate tips under the "Parent Resources" tab. Happy New School Year! It's going to be a great year!

Mrs. Christina Castro

Vice Principal, Dean of Curriculum

Important Dates:

No school, Sept 4(Holiday) and 11th (Faculty In-service)

Homecoming week begins Oct 2-6th

End of the first quarter is Oct. 13th

No school Oct 16th (Faculty In-Service)

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Oct 25th, 4-7pm

Outreach



SBHS would like to welcome all our new 9th grade, transfer and international students.

Our newest Seraphs took part in an orientation day on Tuesday, August 15th so they could meet our SBHS student leaders and faculty and get comfortable with the campus. We are looking forward to a great year!

The application period for the 2018-2019 school year will open September 15, 2017. Parents will be able to submit an application online beginning 9/15/17 at www.saintbonaventure.com or inside the school office. If you know anyone interested in SBHS please have them contact the school. Questions regarding 9th grade admissions can be directed to Mr. Palomares at dpalomares@saintbonaventure.com, and those with transfer admissions questions can contact Mrs. Castro at tcastro@saintbonaventure.com.

Important Admissions Dates

- ◆ October 18, 2017, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: High School Information Night
- ◆ November 19, 2017, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Open House I





Counseling Center News

COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

Students wishing to attend these sessions must sign up in the counseling center. Students who have not requested to attend will not be admitted. As information sessions are added, seniors will be notified in their English classes.

September

- 12: Notre Dame 6:30pm in room 607 (parents and students)
- 18: Seattle Pacific University 9am
- 18: UC Personal Statement/Application Workshop Lunch, Counseling Center
- 22: Linfield College 2:00
- 25: Common Application Workshop Lunch, Counseling Center
- 27: Whittier College 1:00

October

- 4: UCSB (UC Application workshop) 1:00
- 10: Financial Aid/General College Application Information Night 5:30 Room 607
- 12: CSUCI (CSU Application workshop) 11:30

PSAT TESTING

On Wednesday, October 11, the 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT. They will be receiving test preparation booklets late September. If you would like your student to have one earlier, please have them see their counselor. Exams will be completed by noon and all students will be dismissed from school at that time. There are no make-up tests, so please make every effort to be at school on that day. Seniors should use this day to visit colleges, as they are not required to be in school on that day.

SAT/ACT REGISTRATION DATES

Seniors have a few more opportunities to raise their SAT or ACT scores. Juniors should begin taking the SAT/ACT in the spring. The last test dates for seniors are:

SAT

- October 7 – Register by September 8
- November 4 - Register by October 5
- December 2 – Register by November 2

ACT

- October 28 – Register by September 22
- December 9 – Register by November 3

Please see the Prepping for College Newsletter for more information on SAT vs ACT, FAFSA & Financial Aid and a senior year college planning calendar.

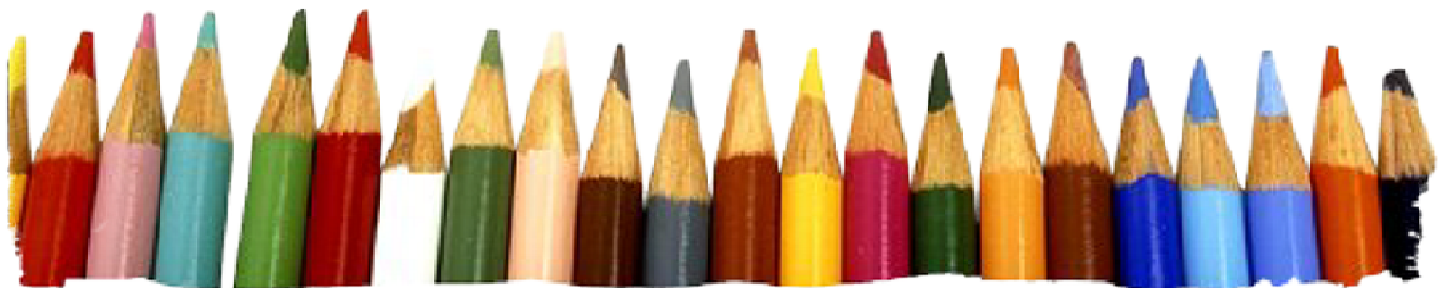
If you or your student could use additional counseling support, help is just around the corner. Please don't hesitate to ask for help! Mrs. Lajoie has some amazing therapists that she can refer you to! Some issues that may arise in high school are:

Anxiety and Depression
Succeeding with Learning Disabilities
Parental Support

Self-Esteem, Disordered Eating and Body Image
Family Dynamics
Reconciling Catholic Faith and Morals
with Modern Social Pressures

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NO SCHOOL In-Service	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9 ACT
10	11 NO SCHOOL Faculty Faith Formation Day	12	13 Curriculum Committee Mtg	14	15	16
17	18 Early Mass Schedule	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Admin. Council Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
1	2 Faculty Mtg Golf Tourn. HC Week	3	4 Curriculum Committee Mtg	5	6 Rally Schedule HC Game	7 HC Dance SAT



Saint Bonaventure High School's

SERAPH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME

Friday, September 22
12:00 p.m. - SBHS

ALUMNI BBQ

Saturday, November 4
1:00 p.m. - SBHS Campus

EINSTEIN, WINE & BREW

Saturday, January 27
5:00 p.m. - Serra Center



HOMECOMING GAME

Saturday, October 6
7:00 p.m. - Ventura College

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, November 6
6:00 p.m. - Saticoy Country Club

FIESTA

Sunday, May 6
10:00 a.m. - SBHS

ONCE A SERAPH, ALWAYS A SERAPH

alumni.saintbonaventure.com

Dear Seraph Alumni ~

For almost 35 years, I have seen students like you graduate and thrive. Now, it is time to come back.

The Alumni Association has a year filled with memorable events, where you can reconnect with old friends.

To learn more about these events, our campus today, the Alumni Association, and explore the vintage photo archive visit alumni.saintbonaventure.com.

We hope to see you soon,

Marc Groff, Principal

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