

THE GREEN & GOLD GAZETTE

Principal's Message

February 2018

Lockdown, Thomas Fire, flood in the gym and mudslides have made for a rather challenging school year for yours truly. I am blessed and thankful for all of the moral support, prayers, offers of financial help and a wonderful team spirit that is getting us through some challenging times. We can sit around and complain or we can "dig in and get to work". The Seraph Family is alive and well at St. Bonaventure High School and I am proud to continue to be part of its ongoing story and history.

Season of Lent: February 14th (also Valentine's Day) is Ash Wednesday in the Catholic/Christian world and the beginning of "Lent". We begin Lent with a school liturgy and our Campus Ministry Team will offer a number of services during the forty day journey until Easter Sunday. The schools' cafeteria will not serve meat on Fridays' during Lent.

Flu Season: The school has been lucky to this point with only a mild flu outbreak (possibly due to the time students were away from each other in December) to this point. Doctors are advising that children (students) stay home if they have the flu symptoms versus the usual colds and cough that winter bring. One disadvantage to our small physical plant is that when a handful of people get sick, usually, a lot of people get sick.

Einstein, Wine and Brew: Thanks to all who attended, donated items or volunteered to work the event. It is always an entertaining evening for everyone involved. A special thanks to our Fundraising Director, Dawn Norkewicz for a job well done.

The Texas Hold 'Em Tournament (date to be announced) and the Fiesta (May 6th) are the last two major fundraising events of the school year.

Gym Update: As of January 25th, the new gym floor has begun to be installed. Floor leveling, an underlayment and a "wood acclimatization" process are the first steps in the actual installment process. The new floor will be laid down, and then sanded, painted and finish coats applied. Floor edge molding will be applied and touch up paint applied. Since there was water damage in the restrooms, there will be some renovation work completed in the restrooms before the gym is available for use. Since big projects like this often have unintended delays, we're not broadcasting a completion date, yet.

Many thanks to the teachers, administrators, parents, students, alumni and supporters of St. Bonaventure for their loyalty and dedication.

God Bless,

Marc J. Groff

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Message from the Dean of Curriculum

Spring will be a busy time as we begin to look at choosing classes for the 2018-19 school year. Counselors will be visiting classrooms to distribute registration materials for returning students. Soon we will be releasing some great information about some new programs we will be having in the fall. The Leadership Academy continues to grow, and will be a part of student's 6 period day if they choose. We are also proud to announce a new course, AP Capstone. AP Capstone™ is a College Board program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. It cultivates curious, independent, and collaborative scholars and prepares them to make logical, evidence-based decisions. The first course will be available to sophomore students in the fall. Please speak with your counselor to see if you are eligible for this program. In planning for the next school year, it is helpful to review grades and transcripts as well as college requirements. It is always recommended to make an appointment with your student's counselor to review their 4-year plan and to see what needs to be done to meet their college goals. Think about taking a trip to visit the colleges that are on your student's list. Many colleges have student-ran tours, and opportunities for students to stay overnight and shadow another student. This is an exciting time for our underclassmen for college planning! It is exciting for our seniors as well to see what colleges they have been accepted! We are proud of our students and thank you for giving SBHS an opportunity to teach, mentor, lift up and be a part of their life!

Mrs. Christina Castro
Vice Principal, Curriculum

Outreach

Saint Bonaventure High School is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents can submit an application in the school office or online at www.saintbonaventure.com. Questions regarding freshman admissions can be directed to Mr. Palomares at dpalomares@saintbonaventure.com and admissions to all other grades can be directed to Mrs. Castro at tcastro@saintbonaventure.com.

Important Admissions Dates

- ◆ March 2, 2018 Admissions Notices mailed for incoming 9th Graders



Counseling Center News

Juniors should begin taking the SAT & ACT in the spring.

SAT/ACT REGISTRATION DATES

SAT

March 10 – Register by February 9
May 5 - Register by April 6
June 2 – Register by May 3

ACT

April 14 – Register by March 9
June 9 - Register by May 4
July 14 – Register by June 15

SAT PREP COURSE AT SBHS!

St. Bonaventure High School, in conjunction with local SAT/ACT Prep Experts Tried & True Tutoring, is hosting a comprehensive SAT class to help our students maximize their SAT score on test day. The course consists of 8 2-hour classes, 3 scheduled online mock exams, and online adaptive homework. This class is perfect for students planning on taking the Mayor June SAT exam. The class is taught by credentialed SAT teachers and will be taking place every Wednesday, from 2:30 – 4:30pm, beginning March 7.

The class dates are the following:

March 7 -- 2:30 – 4:30pm
March 14 -- 2:30 – 4:30pm
March 21 -- 2:30 – 4:30pm

April 11 -- 2:30 – 4:30pm
April 18 – 2:30 – 4:30pm
April 25 -- 2:30 – 4:30pm

Students will take online mock exams on March and April 29th.

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All 8 individual classes will be held on our campus. The cost of the class is \$499 per student. There are a limited number of scholarships available for those who cannot afford the cost of the class but want to attend. Seating is limited, so it is best to sign up early to reserve your spot.

You can enroll directly online at: <http://www.triedandtruetutoring.com/#!satact-class-sign-up/cjwy>

You can call 747-444-9907 or 805-358-0397 to enroll over the phone.

You can request scholarship information by e-mailing info@triedandtruetutoring.com.

If you have any questions, e-mail info@triedandtruetutoring.com or call Tried & True Tutoring at 747-444-9907. We hope to see your student in class. Here's to a successful SAT!

Ventura College Dates and Information

Wednesday, February 7, 11:00am-12:30pm – Ventura College Application Workshop – All students who plan on attending VC will need to attend this workshop. It will be held at SBHS in room 607-608. Mrs. Lajoie will be taking sign-ups.

Please see the *Prepping for College Newsletter* for more information on Juniors February College Checklist, Senior to do list, Scholarship Opportunities and FAFSA reminders.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Math Contest
4	5 Faculty Meeting	6	7 Curriculum Committee Mtg	8	9	10 ACT
11	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Admin. Council Meeting Mock Trial Yearbook Order	27	28	1	2 FAFSA Deadline	3
4	5 Faculty Meeting	6	7 Curriculum Mtg Knowledge Bowl Stations of Cross	8	9 End of Quarter 3	10 SAT

