

What's happening at BADIN...

● Interested in attending **Badin**? Want to see what life at Badin is really like? Call Dirk Allen (863-3993 x120) to schedule a Shadow Day or a personal tour. For information about Badin High School, check out our student designed Web site at www.badinhs.org.

● **The deadline for financial aid** applications for the 2010-11 school year for all Badin High School students is a Monday, March 1, postmark.

The tuition cost for 2010-11 is \$7,500 for parish-affiliated students and \$7,700 for non-parish affiliated students. This is a tremendous value for an outstanding education!

The PSAS financial aid paperwork can be downloaded from the Badin Web site at www.badinhs.org. We encourage anyone who is the least bit interested in applying for financial assistance to do so.

● Badin's annual **Spring Musical** is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, March 25-28. This year, Theatre Badin will present "Annie!" Lisa Clear Schaffer '76 and Tina Jacoby Welsh will co-direct for the fourth year. For more information, contact the school. It should be another great show!

● Save the date for our annual **Celebration Auction**. It's set for Saturday, April 24, 2010, in the Pfirman Family Activity Center. If you would like to donate an item or become a corporate sponsor, please contact Angie Gray at Badin, 863-3993, ext. 123, or by e-mail at agray@mail.badinhs.org. Reservations are also available now. This is always a great evening!

Making a difference at BADIN ...

● **Congratulations to Badin seniors Michael Begovich** (St. Julie Billiart) and **Jake Woodward** (Sacred Heart), who were named National Merit Scholarship finalists earlier this month.

They are in rarefied air -- less than 1 percent of the more than 1.5 million students who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) as juniors reach the status as national finalists.

They are now eligible for some of the \$36 million in National Merit Scholarship dollars that will be offered in the spring.

"Jake and Michael are motivated students who have done very well at Badin," said BHS Principal Frank Margello. "They are as ready as any students in the country to do well in college and beyond."

Neither student has selected a college yet. Begovich is interested in science or engineering as an undergraduate, while Woodward plans to study political science with an eye toward law school.

Begovich is the son of Joseph and Pamela Begovich of West Chester. Woodward is the son of Robert and Brenda Woodward of Fairfield.

● **Badin Student Council** donated \$1,500 toward the local philanthropic organization Lily's Lot at the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass on Feb. 1.

The money was earmarked for Love Without Boundaries, an international organization that specializes in the needs of orphaned children in China. This donation completed the fundraising for life-saving heart surgery for a two-year-old Chinese orphan named Caroline.

"When you think about saving a young child's life, that's quite a donation," said Mrs. Kay Collins, co-moderator of Student Council. "Student Council wanted to say 'yes' to this request."

"We feel truly blessed to be associated with such a wonderful school with such loving, giving students," said Mrs. Michelle Healey, a member of Lily's Lot and a Badin parent. "Lily's Lot wants to make it perfectly clear that Badin's Student Council is making it possible to save this child's life."

"It feels good to know that you're going to help someone who really, really needs it," said **Erin Fontaine** (St. Ann), secretary of Badin's junior class. "It's going to change her life."

● **Eight Badin sophomores** have been named to the J. Kyle Braid Leadership program, which recognizes scholar athletes who have been identified as strong leaders. Four will have the opportunity to attend the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Ranch in Colorado in August. The Braid motto is "teens taking the lead."

The four students who will attend the Leadership Ranch include **Abby Fritsch** (Sacred Heart), **Kim Golden** (St. John Dry Ridge), **Heath Stricker** (St. Peter in Chains) and **Luke Wurzelbacher** (St. Joseph).

Four other new JKB selections include **Molly Ehrnschwender** (Queen of Peace), **Jonathan Kirsch** (St. Peter in Chains), **Joe Marot** (Sacred Heart) and **Mallory Stempfley** (Queen of Peace).

● **Mike Hoelle** (Queen of Peace), a member of Badin's incoming Class of 2014, has received a full scholarship to attend Badin based

on his outstanding performance on the Placement Test in November. Hoelle was honored at Badin's annual Honors Reception in January.

Other Placement Test scholarship recipients bound for Badin in the fall include **Stephanie Clark** (St. Peter in Chains), **Logan Kirsch** (St. Peter in Chains), **Matt Nye** (St. Peter in Chains), **Olivia Watson** (St. Gabriel), **Austin Wishart** (St. Peter in Chains) and **Rachel Zeinner** (Queen of Peace). Congratulations to all of them!

Among the guest speakers at the Honors Reception were seniors **Kelly Currier**, the president of National Honor Society, and **Jake Woodward** (Sacred Heart); **Meghan Connelly '06**, a senior education major at Miami University; and Marine Corps Lt. **Hugh Anderson '05**. Anderson is a 2009 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who accepted a commission in the Marine Corps. After completing his Marine Corps basic training, he has been assigned to Pensacola, Fla., where he will train to fly fighter jets or helicopters.

● **Senior Sydnee Fields** (Sacred Heart) has signed a scholarship to play Division I women's soccer at Xavier University. Fields was named Badin's Most Valuable Player and earned numerous other honors while helping the Rams win their fifth consecutive district championship for head coach Keith Haring. Sydnee is the daughter of Shawn and Kellee Fields of Fairfield.

Two other Badin athletes have signed letters of intent for college athletics. **Drew Hampton** (St. Julie Billiart) will play football at Lindsey Wilson College, an NAIA school in Columbia, Ky. Hampton, the son of Guy and Kim Hampton of Hamilton, will be a building block in the program at Lindsey Wilson -- this is their first year playing football. **Nick Burrus** (St. John Dry Ridge) has signed to play baseball at Lincoln University, a junior college in Lincoln, Ill. Nick is the son of Mary Burrus Maher of Hamilton and Robin Burrus of Cincinnati.

● Speaking of sports, congratulations to junior **Chase Brandenburg** (St. Ann), who bowled the Rams' first-ever 300 game. Brandenburg's bit of perfection came at just the right time -- it enabled Badin to defeat Roger Bacon at Colerain Bowl and win the GCL Central Division boys' bowling title.

● Badin's Science Department continues to earn important grants. **Mrs. Mollie Marot**, who teaches freshman biology, received a grant for \$953 from the Butler Rural Connection to buy software for use with the new Smartboard technology. A previous grant received by the Science Department from the Hamilton Rotary Club will be used to fund a Science Carnival for fifth graders from area Catholic elementary schools. That will take place in the Pfirman Family Activity Center in late March.

● Badin's Students of the Month for January included freshman **Michael Sanders** (St. Peter in Chains), sophomore **Perry Schindler** (St. Ann), junior **Lawrence Saey** and senior **Alex Brown** (St. Peter in Chains). The Student of the Month program was begun during the 2008-09 school year to honor students on a regular basis for making a difference at BHS. Students are recommended by faculty members and selected by a faculty committee.