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### Pink breast cancer awareness ribbons meaningful for Badin's Kelly Currier



If you want a pink ribbon on your thumb, wrist or anywhere else to show you're a part of the breast cancer awareness fight, Badin High School senior Kelly Currier is the person to see.

"I've drawn it on my wrist with a Sharpie every day since February 19," Currier said. "When I went on Kairos (Badin's senior religion retreat), I drew one on each member of my group. Now, everybody asks me for one."

With good reason. That day in February was the day Currier's mother, Angela, underwent breast cancer surgery. She's recovering well, but Kelly's awareness effort is not flagging.

“Even though I’ve never thought of my mother being gone or anything, I just feel so passionate to this cause,” said Currier, who has a pink ribbon pinned to her blouse, one pinned to her skirt, and another drawn on her wrist. “I don’t know where it came from.”

When Badin hosted Fenwick in a Volley for the Cure girls’ volleyball match on Thursday, Sept. 24, Currier – drawing ribbons all day -- was a prime part of the fundraising effort which netted more than \$1,000 for the Maureen Fritsch Cancer Assistance Fund and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund.

Her mother was on hand for the match – she had recently finished all of her chemotherapy and radiation treatments – and the reserve volleyball team, with junior Sarah Currier, Kelly’s younger sister, in the starting lineup, all played in honor of Mrs. Currier.

“My mother feels so happy that she can get out again,” Kelly Currier beamed. “When I see people wearing the bracelets, random people with the ribbons, it makes me so happy. When I tell my mother about all of it, she just lights up. It makes me feel so good that people actually care.”

Angela Currier and Badin faculty member Linda Weathers, another breast cancer survivor, spoke to BHS classes on Sept. 24, which was Breast Cancer Awareness Day at Badin.

“They did a great job,” said Kay Collins, chair of Badin’s science department. “We had an overflow crowd in the classes when they spoke.

“Ever since Mrs. Currier was diagnosed with breast cancer, Kelly has had a pink ribbon on somewhere,” Collins added. “She has really taken great initiative to make this an ongoing effort and not just a temporary concern.”

Kelly – the oldest of three children of Patrick and Angela Currier -- transferred to Badin after her freshman year at Edgewood High School, and said, “Once I got to Badin, school was so different. I love it so much. It has changed my life so much. I love coming to school. I know that sounds dumb, but it’s true.”

A well-rounded member of Badin’s National Honor Society and a member of Badin’s 2009 Homecoming court, Currier enjoys science and art and is thinking about something to do with the medical profession when she goes to college.

“I’m going to look at Ohio University and some others,” she said, “but my dream school is the University of North Carolina. I would love to go there.”

First, though, there is more work to be done with breast cancer awareness. Even though Currier knows she will be out late at Badin's Homecoming dance on Saturday, Oct. 10, she'll be getting up early on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

"A number of us are going down to the Strides for Breast Cancer event in Cincinnati on Sunday," Currier said. "It's a big event and I'm really excited about it."

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