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### Badin canned food drive ongoing thru Nov. 18

Badin High School's annual Canned Food Drive is ongoing until Wednesday, Nov. 18.

"This is always a special two weeks because, for the students, it's a chance to accomplish something very substantive," said Mrs. Teresa Heinrich, Badin's academic dean who helps oversee the effort on behalf of Student Council.

"This year the need seems greater than ever," Heinrich added. "This is a real world opportunity for Badin students to make a difference in their community."

With some 460 students at Badin for the 2009-10 school year, Student Council's goal of 10 canned goods per student would lead to some 4,600 non-perishable food items being collected. They will be donated to St. Raphael's Food Pantry in Hamilton.

"Last year our goal was 5,000 canned goods and we collected more than 6,300," Heinrich pointed out. "We hope for similar success this year. Our students are always very active, and the community is very supportive."

Badin students will be canvassing neighborhoods in Hamilton and Fairfield asking for public support. The canned food drive also counts towards Badin's annual Spirit Week competition, which takes place in early 2010. Each class earns spirit points based on the average number of canned goods donated per student in that particular class.

St. Raphael's will pick up the canned goods on Thursday, Nov. 19. Anyone wishing to donate canned goods can drop them off at Badin during school hours.

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