

BADIN NEWS AND VIEWS

A Monthly Newsletter for the
Parents of Badin High School Students

DECEMBER 2009



Serving God, Serving Others

MISSION STATEMENT

Stephen T. Badin High School, a Catholic, co-educational, inclusive, college preparatory secondary school, is committed to developing the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth of each student. Badin High School strives to prepare each student for future challenges by nurturing faith development through responsible citizenship and service to the community, by providing academic excellence and by offering a multitude of extra-curricular activities.



December 2009

Dear Parents and Students:

Badin High School has been approved as a distribution site for the H1N1 vaccination for our students only. We had about 80% response from parents either selecting to or not to have the vaccination given to their children. We are still waiting for the Hamilton Health Department to give us the date of the vaccinations at Badin. I will let you know immediately when that date is given to us.

The Hamilton Community Foundation is providing a great opportunity for parents and students. **Do you want information on how to choose a college or technical school that will be the best fit for your career goals and personal needs? Do you want more information on how to afford the college program that might be best for you? If you are not sure what you want to do after high school, do you want to find out how to start planning for all the options available to you?**

Throughout the day on Thursday, December 10th Badin students will have the opportunity to meet with Dave Murray, with Murray and Associates of the National Center for College Costs, to discuss and begin to problem solve the aforementioned questions. All students will participate in discussions entitled, "A student's future in the world economy." Juniors and seniors will discuss college selection as well.

In the afternoon, freshmen and sophomores will participate in mock admissions committee case studies. They will be provided with mock college applications including all the letters of recommendation and required essays. They will be asked to decide which students will get into the college and which will be rejected. The purpose of this exercise is to increase the students' awareness of what is actually important to colleges and universities in the selection process. This is being done with the 9th and 10th graders with the expectation that they will still have time to build better resumes for the colleges of their choice.

Thursday evening from 6-7 p.m., which is also parent/teacher conference night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., parents will have the opportunity to hear and learn what Dave Murray has to say about these extremely important and relevant topics. Don't miss this opportunity! All Badin High School parents and students are encouraged to attend this meeting in our Little Theater. Come ask questions – get answers and gain confidence in planning for the future. The evening program is entitled, "**College Costs and College Selection.**" I highly recommend that you attend this session if your child is planning on attending college. You may request your conference times to be scheduled after 7:00 p.m.

This program is offered to parents and students free of charge, thanks to the Hamilton Community Foundation. Please, make sure you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

From all of us here at Badin, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless all of you and Badin High School.

Sincerely,

Frank Margello

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, December 10th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.** Each scheduled conference will last five minutes. After reviewing your child's interim report (on Edline, www.badinhs.org), Wednesday, December 2nd, fill in the conference sign-up sheet with the names of the teachers with whom you need to confer. **This sheet must be returned to the office by Friday, December 4th.** Appointments will be scheduled on a first-returned, first-served basis. On Wednesday, December 9th your child will be given a sheet with appointment times indicated. This sheet should be delivered to you by your child.

Please note:

1. If more than one parent is coming and you plan to meet with different teachers, please indicate which parent wishes to see which teacher.
2. If you feel you need *more* than a five minute conference with a teacher, please indicate that on the reverse side of this form and the teacher *will contact you*.
3. Appointment times will also be listed outside each teacher's room. Please knock at your scheduled time.
4. Walk-ins can be accommodated only if the teacher has open appointment times.

**I will be attending the Parent/Student Session:
"College Costs and College Selection" at Badin from 6-7 p.m.**

Please check the box if you would like to schedule your conference times after 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

HOMEROOM # _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

I plan to conference with the following teachers:

| | TEACHER'S NAME | SUBJECT | <u>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</u> | |
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SECOND STUDENT'S NAME _____

HOMEROOM # _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

I plan to conference with the following teachers:

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***THE SCHEDULED FIVE MINUTE APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT.
PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS CONTACT ME. (Conferences will not be scheduled!)***

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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Stephen T. Badin High School
Campus Ministry News
December 2009



"Joyful, Joyful, Lord We Adore Thee"

Happy Holidays! What a wonderful time of year! May you and your families all have a blessed season! Advent is upon us and Badin Campus Ministry is a very busy place!

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as Advent, a time to "prepare the way of the Lord" for His coming as our King and Savior. There are so many fun and faith-filled activities you and your family can do during this season to celebrate the coming of Jesus.

For more information and suggestions, please go to:

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/religion/re0372.html>

December is packed full of fantastic campus ministry experiences again this year.

Tuesday December 8, 2009 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will be celebrating mass together in the gym at 10am. Guests are welcome to attend.

Thursday December 10, 2009 from 6-8pm on the front lawn of Badin we'll be holding the **LIVE NATIVITY**. All participants are current students. We will have live animals, scripture readings, and music. Bring your family to witness this beautiful moment. Thanks also to Badin DECA who also helps plan this event!

Friday December 18, 2009 is our Advent Ceremony of Lights. All students will come to an assembly in the gym for an extended homeroom service.

We encourage students to share in the **Advent Reconciliation** services offered at each of our local parishes. Please call your parish office for specific dates and times. This is a wonderful experience to share in your parish communities.

On Wednesday December 16, 2009 the students in our **Service Learning Class** are going on a 1-day retreat called iSplash. The students will spend the day traveling by foot throughout Over-The-Rhine to visit a number of non-profit organizations that serve the poor and homeless.

TAG EVENTS:

Thanks to everyone who made this year's **Powderpuff Football Game**. There were so many people who worked to make this event possible. The money we raised will be used to help us to raise awareness for the many causes we support.

Monday December 14, 2009 any available TAG member is welcome to join us as we tour the **Ronald McDonald House** of Cincinnati and make a donation of the fleece blankets made by TAG members. If interested please sign up on the table outside the Campus Ministry Office.

DINE TO DONATE for TAG: both the Fairfield Village Green and the Hamilton West Applebee's will be hosting Dine To Donate nights for TAG on the following Thursday night's in December: December 3, 10, 17. Please be sure to take green flyer from the main office counter before going to Applebee's for dinner on Thursday nights. Thanks in advance for your support!

KAIROS

There will be a **KAIROS CHRISTMAS** 4th day meeting on Sunday December 13 from 7-9pm, open to all who have completed the Kairos Retreat (Alumni and current students alike!). Please meet in the Library at 7pm. You are asked to bring a snack to share and a small gift for the gift exchange. (\$5-\$10)

Finally, we are honored to have recently dedicated our office to an amazing woman who played a crucial role in Badin Campus Ministry for years. Please stop by to see the **LINDA WILLEN WIMMERS Office of Campus Ministry**. For those students touched by Mrs. Wimmers, I know you'll feel her presence when you see the office window! We are blessed to have had Linda as a part of our lives for so many years.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Badin via phone at 863-3993 ext. 118 or e-mail at: ghelms@mail.badinhs.org.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Gina Miserocchi Helms

Mrs. Gina Miserocchi Helms '90, Campus Minister

Stephen T. Badin High School

Invites you to attend

The
5th *Annual*

LIVE NATIVITY



Thursday December 10, 2009

6:00 – 8:00pm

Front yard of Badin

Brought to you by:
Badin Campus Ministry
&

Badin DECA

*Rain date: Wednesday Dec. 16, 2009

From the Guidance Department

Al Kenkel, Counselor-Grades 11 & 12
akenkel@mail.badinhs.org

Angie Bucheit, Counselor-Grades 9 & 10
abucheit@mail.badinhs.org

SENIOR PARENTS - November has been a very busy month. Senior interviews have been conducted, the college application process has been discussed and transcripts have already been sent for those seniors who wish to meet the Dec. 1 deadline for any colleges using that as their target date. Seniors should check to see that they have sent any additional applications that may be required to qualify for scholarship and other forms of financial aid. Also, it is advisable to "track" the application process at the colleges of choice. Most institutions allow you to follow the sequence (acceptance, pending, status etc.) of all applications received. Feel free to contact the institution if questions or concerns arise.

Seniors who wish to apply to institutions designating Dec. 15 deadlines are asked to submit transcript requests to Mrs. Ungerbuehler no later than Dec. 9. Please submit earlier if possible.

Mark your calendar for Dec 10th. Mr. Dave Murray, former admissions representative at DePauw University, will speak about the financial aid process and how to navigate through it. The Hamilton Community Foundation sponsors him. The meeting is scheduled from 6:00 until 7:00 in the Little Theater. Expect your son/daughter to bring additional information home. Also, check for e-mails from us about this opportunity. We hope to see you there.

Dec. 10 is also teacher conference night. If you will combine conferences with the financial aid workshop, please schedule conference times after 7:00 for that evening.

JUNIOR PARENTS - PSAT test results are expected to arrive during early December. If time permits, those test score reports and test booklets will be distributed. An interpretation of those results will take place in the classroom. Strategies for taking the SAT test will be discussed at that time. The SAT (and ACT) tests can be scheduled now for those listed testing dates in the spring. Use these websites:

SAT www.collegeboard.com
ACT www.act.org/student

Freshmen Parents: The first year of high school can be a difficult one and some students find it hard to fit in and make new friends. One of the biggest suggestions that I can give for those students is to get involved.

High school is like anything else the more you put into it, the more you can get out of it. Students who are involved in activities do better academically, and they enjoy high school more. Being involved in school activities provides opportunities to do the following:

- Spend time with friends and meet new people
- Enjoy school more
- Become a leader
- Provide a valuable service
- Try something new
- Relieve stress
- Have activities to include on applications (for jobs or college)
- Develop a variety of skills and talents

If your student is not sure of what activities are available or how to get involved encourage him/her to set up an appointment with Mrs. Bucheit. Also, encourage that he/she listens to the daily announcements and checks the school website for more information.

Sophomore Parents - Mrs. Bucheit will be spending a day with each Sophomore English class this month discussing career exploration and future planning. During the visit we will complete a career interest inventory and then explore some of the careers that interest your child. My goal is to have students learn about options they have for their future and know the information they need to have to achieve their goals. These are a few websites that may be helpful for your child so he/she can explore the variety of options available after high school.

Kuder Career Planning System - <http://oh.kuder.com>; Education Planner - EducationPlanner.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook by Dept. of Labor - www.bls.gov/oco

America's Career InfoNet - www.acinet.org

National Institutes of Health (NIH) - www.science.education.nih.gov/LifeWorks

From Development. . .

December 2009

Dear Friends-

Life sure goes around fast, doesn't it? It seems that school just started and now we are preparing for Christmas! We've had a very full few months of recruiting students with a wonderfully successful Open House a few weeks ago. We look for every opportunity to spread the word of Badin to more students ~ to show them what great opportunities await them, right around the corner. Let us know if there is someone we should contact about attending Badin. We appreciate your help in spreading the good word of Badin!

The **High School Placement Test** for 8th graders took place on November 21st. Students will be receiving their test scores and scholarship information in early January. **Financial Assistance information** will be available online in early January – www.badinhs.org for all prospective and current students who are interested in applying for financial assistance. **All completed financial assistance paperwork is due March 1st.** If you are interested in applying for financial assistance for the 2010-2011 school year, please download the form or contact the business office for paperwork. **The work program is only offered to those who have applied for financial assistance, so if you are interested in the work program, you must apply for the financial assistance program to be considered.

The **Rampride Raffle** will begin in February! Parents will be needed to assist counting tickets & money on turn in dates. More info to come after Christmas!

BADIN yard signs are available– promoting Badin, not a specific event. Please let us know if you are willing to share your yard with Badin for a few weeks and we'll get one to you. Highly visible yards are good! When you've had enough of it in your yard, please return it to us and we'll pass it along to another Badin supporter. We also re-use the Open House signs, so if you have one, please return to school with your student – thanks!

The **CB Learn Program** is a great fundraiser for Badin. Since July we have **earned almost \$2,400!** This is what I call 'free money' because we aren't asking anyone to buy something, but are earning dollars for services already used. If you use Cincinnati Bell for your home phone and have other services, please fill out the attached form and return to Badin, Attn: Development Office OR apply online - <http://www.cbts.cinbell.com/CBLearn/?id=4> (our school district is Archdiocese of Cincinnati). Grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbors, etc are welcome to participate! ☺

The **Badin Annual Fund** is currently in full swing. What is the Annual Fund? It's about creating a successful environment for hundreds of students – giving them a great experience now, and paving the way for them to have a great future. That's a vital mission and one that you can help make happen. If you would like to donate to the 2009-10 Annual Fund before Dec. 31st and take advantage of the 2009 tax-year benefits, please fill out the attached form and send it to us by the end of the year. As you are well aware, those dollars are critical in helping us carry out our mission.

Thank you to the many people who have helped our development efforts in 2009. Many organizations refer to this as the "advancement office", and we think that's accurate – we are advancing the interests of Badin High School, every day and every way. Thanks to the countless student ambassadors, school volunteers, school board members, parents, Catham Club officers and members, After-Prom committee, Badin Celebration auction volunteers, parents who helped at our Open House, and all of the donors to our Capital Campaign, Annual Fund and Scholarship Fund. We appreciate your help and support!

On behalf of the Development Office, we wish you a Christmas season filled with family, friends, hope and love.

Merry Christmas~

Angie Gray

Angie Gray
Development Director

Seniors & Sophomores –
Save the Date!
Grandparent's Day
March 24, 2010



YES! I'd like to donate to the Badin High School Annual Fund!

\$ _____ Donation Amount

Name _____ Grad Year (or 'parent') _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Payment Method

- Check (made payable to Badin High School)
 Charge my credit card (donation must be \$50 or more)

Card type: Mastercard Visa

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date _____ 3-digit security code _____

Print name _____

Signature _____

I would like to be a member of the Principal's Circle:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Founders Club | \$5,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Club | \$3,500 - \$4,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anniversary Club | \$1,500 - \$2,499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merit Club | \$500 - \$1,499 |

Other Giving levels:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green & White Club | \$250 - \$499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club | \$100 - \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Club | up to \$99 |

- Pledge \$ _____ (partial payment of \$ _____ enclosed)

Please bill me: monthly other _____

(Final payment must be made by June 30, 2010)

- I am employed by _____,
A matching gift company, and will initiate the matching gift procedure.

Please return to Badin High School, Attn: Development Office – Thanks!



Dear Parents – Students who participated in Civics Day 2009 are holding a friendly competition between Badin and Hamilton High boys' basketball teams this **Sat., Nov. 28th** at Badin's Mulcahey Gym. **Civic's Day students are asking that new or gently used toys be brought to the scrimmage.** The competition is to see which school can collect the most toys. The toys will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton. If you are unable to attend the game, please send toys to school with your child to go to Chelsea Schindler. We don't have much time so we can really use your help. Thank You!

❖ **UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

Badin parent Jennifer Money is offering to create a "uniform exchange" program at Badin High School, similar to one she has in an elementary program. She will bring a bin to Badin where people can drop off gently used clothing -- skirts, pants, polos, shirts etc. -- that can be re-used and available for those in need. If you would like to donate any items, you can contact her through e-mail at jenjen1028@fuse.net or send a note home with her daughter through the school office.

❖ **AFTER PROM NEEDS PARENT HELP**

The next After Prom meeting is Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in room 223. We desperately need junior and senior parents to attend. Thank You!

❖ **A REMINDER TO SENIORS**

The deadline for senior photos for the yearbook has been moved back to January 15. All photos for the yearbook must be taken at Baker Photography by Jan. 15.

❖ **ART CLUB STOCKING STUFFER SALE**

Art Club will be holding its annual Stocking Stuffer Sale at lunchtime during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas break. Most items are under \$5.00 and proceeds go to Art Club and a Charity yet to be determined.

❖ **BADIN PRO-LIFE CLUB TO WASHINGTON D.C.**

Badin Pro-Life Club is attending the "March for Life" in Washington D.C. on January 22, 2010, which is the 36th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision that legalized abortion in our great Nation. Last year there were more than 300,000 in attendance - the largest crowd in history. I am in need of two parents to go as chaperones. Due to several Badin parents who are laid-off we are also in need of financial assistance to help send Pro-Life members to the "March for Life". Total cost is \$160.00. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Jim Finnigan

Pro-Life Club Moderator/Religion Teacher

Financial Aid Time Line

January – Application for Financial Aid for next school year will be available online in January at www.badinhs.org

March – All financial aid applications due by March 1.

May – Blue worksheets distributed in homeroom for the following school year's tuition payments. Financial aid award letters mailed, including optional Work Program applications.

June – Blue worksheets due for tuition payments for following school year.

Do you know a prospective Badin student?

Do you know a prospective Badin High School student? We are always on the lookout for potential students. Most of the time we know where to look for them, but there are no doubt some who are not on our radar screen. Perhaps you know of someone of whom you think, "He/she would have a great experience at Badin High School."

Please take a moment to write down his or her name and pass it along to us. He/she could be a current 7th or 8th grader, or perhaps a younger student you would like to give us a heads-up about. Let us know if we can use your name as a "recommender" when we contact this student.

You can send this note back with your student, or drop it in the mail to the attention of the Development Office. We appreciate your time and effort on behalf of Badin High School.

This student would be an asset to Badin High School:

Name _____

Address _____

Current grade/school _____

Phone number _____

Your name _____

Relationship to prospective student _____

May we use your name when we contact him/her? _____

Thank You!