

BADIN NEWS AND VIEWS  
A Monthly Newsletter for the  
Parents of Badin High School Students

**September 2010**



**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.

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Dear Parents and Students,

The year is off to a great start. The freshmen seem to be fitting in nicely and are in the swing of things already.

I have a couple of reminders for you early in the school year. First of all, when you drop off or pick up your student, please pull all the way over to the curb to do so. Releasing them in the middle of the driveway is dangerous and should be avoided. Secondly, in the interest of safety, we close the driveway to all cars between the hours of 2:20 p.m. and 2:35 p.m. The only moving vehicles that enter the driveway at that time are the school buses. They will, in fact, block the driveway to remind us all that no one else should enter. We have over 150 elementary students who transfer buses at that time and so we want to be sure that they are safe. I recommend that if you are picking up students after school that you arrive at 2:35 p.m. or after. If you must get here earlier, I suggest that you park out on New London Rd. in the small lot on the northwest corner of our property. That is our pick-up area in the afternoon for early leavers.

Thirdly, Father Robert Muhlenkamp is offering Mass every day in St. Basil Chapel at 7:00 a.m. All students, parents, and grandparents are welcome to attend. Father will also be hearing confessions every Tuesday during our lunch periods. All students, parents, and grandparents are welcome to come and make their confession. The actual time is 11:40 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Please join us in receiving this sacrament.

Be careful when attending a soccer game this fall. Because of the construction at Hamilton High School and an unusual schedule, we have had to move some of our games to either Fairfield H.S. soccer stadium or Colerain H.S. stadium. See the schedule or call school to check before you come to the games. I am sorry for the inconvenience this has caused. We hope to fix it for next year.

Because our enrollment of ninth graders is up to 118, (we had about 108 last year), and we have taken in almost as many sophomores, juniors, and seniors than we have lost, our enrollment has basically remained the same from last year to this. This is a very good thing, since we had shrunk every year for the last several years. We all hope that this is a trend and that we can remain the same size or even grow for the years to come. Our current numbers are 449 registered students. We are expecting three more international students within the next week bringing our total hopefully to 452.

The Draw-Down Raffle was a big success this year as always. It was especially nice for me since I was able to get into the final five. First time I've ever won anything like that in my life. What a surprise! I offer my thanks to the Catham Club for all their hard work on the project.

Sincerely,

*Frank Margello*

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# From the Guidance Department

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Welcome to the beginning of a new school year. Look for information from the counselors each month. Many activities are planned for the year from this department and we hope to keep you well informed of our efforts to help your son/daughter as the year progresses. Always feel free to call, e-mail, or stop in for a chat. You are always welcome. Additionally, Mrs. Bucheit and Mr. Kenkel take great pride in returning your phone calls and e-mails on the same day that we receive your messages. We also make every effort to see your child on the same day that their request is made to see us.

**SENIOR PARENTS:** Mr. Kenkel will be visiting the senior classrooms in September describing the college application process. A senior packet will be distributed during those presentations. Be sure to familiarize yourself with this tool and monitor your child's progress in the completion of specific steps in the process. Now is the time to complete the **"REQUEST FOR RELEASE OR TRANSFER OF SCHOOL RECORDS"** form. The form can be obtained from Mrs. Ungerbuehler in the main office. This form, when signed by the parent, gives Badin High School permission to send transcripts to any college/university identified by the student. Please be sure to complete this form and return it to Mrs. Ungerbuehler during the month of September. Without it, transcripts cannot be sent to any institution.

Many colleges have been reserving dates and times to visit Badin. All seniors should try to attend one or more of these presentations to get a feel for the kind of information and deadlines imposed by various institutions. Those dates will be published as well as dates/times for various college fairs. The senior packet will contain many types of this kind of information.

**JUNIOR PARENTS:** Your child has a new counselor this year. Mr. Kenkel will be working with your son/daughter regarding many issues ranging from academic, social and personal issues just as Mrs. Bucheit did last year. Greater emphasis will be placed upon personality, possible careers and gathering college information that would match a student's goals. Immediate emphasis will be placed upon the **PSAT** test that will be given in the middle of October. This practice test is a great tool for use in determining national test taking skills (**SAT**), college readiness, personality identification, careers, college and scholarship searches.

## From Mrs. Bucheit - Sophomore Parents:

I am excited to be working with your students again this school year. In the next few weeks I will be visiting sophomore classes to discuss the importance of the sophomore year and what the students should be focusing on throughout this year. We will review the importance of a strong GPA, class rank, and schedule. I will also be talking to them about the college application process and giving them tips for things they should be doing to prepare. The students are always welcome to visit me if they have any questions about the college process or if they are looking for more information on a particular college. Throughout the year we will be working on career education so the students have time to investigate careers and begin to think about what they might want to do in the future. Students are welcome to see me any time during the year to access career information. Please feel free to call me throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns.

## Freshmen Parents:

Welcome to the Badin family. I am excited to work with your children this school year. I briefly talked to all of the freshmen at orientation but they will be seeing me again in their classrooms. I will meet with each of them individually throughout the school year to discuss how the transition is going as well as any academic or social concerns.

This first year I really emphasize the importance of the first year in high school. I begin talking to them about their class rank, GPA, strength of schedule, and getting involved. I also start the process of career exploration so they can begin to start thinking about their interests and what it is that they might want to do after graduation. High school can be a huge adjustment for both the student and parent. Please feel free to contact me anytime this school year. Our primary goal is to promote and enhance learning so that all students succeed. Please make me aware if you see your child struggling academically, socially, or emotionally, so that we can work together to make this a great first year.



◆ **SPIRIT SHOP/BOOKSTORE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the Spirit Shop/Bookstore will be open from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m. and from 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Closed Thursdays. You may also make purchases during all home basketball and volleyball games.

◆ **OFFICE DEPOT 5% BACK TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

When you shop at Office Depot, give this number 70078628 to the cashier. Badin gets 5% back!

◆ **SAVE THOSE LABELS for MORE REWARDS!**

Please save Tyson A+ labels and Sunshine Bakery School Spirit UPC codes. Turn them in to the school office to benefit the Science Department.

◆ **SUPPORT OUR TROUPS!**

The Badin Rams vs the Ross Rams football game on September 10 at Ross is about more than football. The Badin and Ross students will be collecting personal care items for our troops as a competition between schools. Last year our Badin Rams won the competition, but it was our troops who really won. Please consider donating personal care items for this great cause. Donated items will be collected at the game or may be brought in to the school office.

The game is also the Skyline Chili Game of the Week complete with the obstacle course and at halftime 10 Badin students (5 boys and 5 girls) will compete against Ross in a spirited tug of war contest.

***EDLINE WILL SOON BE ARRIVING IN YOUR HOME!***

In an effort to improve communication and provide parents and students with more information, Badin High School has once again enrolled in *Edline*, a secure website that allows students and their parents to access grades, assignments and activities online. Parents of students new to Badin will soon receive a letter that explains the procedures and provides the necessary access codes to activate their accounts in *Edline*. Please be assured that all codes are individualized and access to each student's account is provided only with his or her code. Students will also be given a code that will enable them to view their grades and check assignments. *Edline* may be accessed from any computer, allowing users to log on from either home or work. For a detailed description and tour, you can log on to [edline.com](http://edline.com) and browse through their site. Parents and students who already have a code and password from last year should log on to Edline the same as in the past. Any questions or problems may be addressed to Michael Memory at [mmemory@mail.badinhs.org](mailto:mmemory@mail.badinhs.org).

**Watch the mail for your codes to arrive soon!**

## MILITARY REQUEST FOR STUDENTS LISTS

Every year we are asked by the military to supply a list of student names and addresses. We are bound by law to supply this list. However, if you, as a parent, would like your son or daughter's name removed from the list, you must notify the school to do so. If this is your wish, please fill out the form and have it returned to the main office of school. We will supply the military with this list on October 1, 2008. Please get the form in prior to this date.

**I DO NOT WISH FOR MY CHILD'S NAME TO BE SUPPLIED TO ANY MILITARY SERVICE RECRUITER.**

NAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### **Help our school get free equipment and you could win free groceries!**

The more you shop at Marsh, the more chances you get to win free groceries\*. Register by October 31, 2010 and receive an additional chance to win each time you scan your Fresh IDEA card.

Log on to [www.marsh.net](http://www.marsh.net) to register your Marsh Fresh IDEA card for our school code 40359. This will automatically earn credit for the school, and earn you an additional entry every time you use your Fresh IDEA card.

If you signed up for our school last year, you do not need to re-register and you will automatically be entered to win free groceries.

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