



STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK

STEPHEN T BADIN HIGH SCHOOL 2026-2027



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

For over fifty years, Stephen T. Badin High School has been proud to serve thousands of students and their families from throughout southwest Ohio. Badin is honored to carry on the legacy of our founding schools – Hamilton Catholic and Notre Dame High Schools. Since opening our doors in the fall of 1966, Badin High School has provided an exemplary educational and community experience guided by the Catholic faith. We have continually worked to live out our mission to inspire all young men and women to achieve their personal best, live their faith and lead the future.

Catholic by its very definition means universal, accepting, all embracing. We believe in meeting students where they are and serving all students from all backgrounds. We strive to walk alongside each of these students throughout their faith and academic journeys. We believe and strive for these things because of our Catholic faith. Badin High School exists because of our faith and faith formation is on display at all times within our halls. Whether it is our incredible retreat program, our intentional Christian Service program or the ways in which faith is interwoven throughout the curriculum, Badin High School students grow as servant leaders and live out our motto – Serving God, Serving Others.

These beliefs have continually guided Badin throughout our storied history even as the educational experience of students has changed. The education of today is vastly different than it was in 1966 and the administration and staff at Badin have worked tirelessly to expand course offerings and supports for students and their families. We have seen tremendous growth in our Engineering program through Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Our Business and Marketing program has also grown as students seek to learn about and gain experience in the work force. Teachers in all of our



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academic departments have developed curriculum reflective of standards set forth by the state of Ohio and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

All of these initiatives ensure that our students have numerous opportunities after high school – whether that is college, the work force, trade school, the military or other pursuits. Over 95% of Badin High School graduates continue their educational pursuits in college. The curriculum and guided course of study ensures that all students have the opportunity to attend a four year college or university if they choose to do so.

At Badin High School, we believe that we are a family. The small school environment, the belief that there is a place for every student at Badin and our dedicated staff all lead to growth in our students through relationships and supports. Students have the opportunity to join numerous clubs and organizations and organizations, strengthen their leadership skills and interact with a variety of students in their classes and our intentionally designed homeroom system.

As you begin your time at Badin High School, know that we are here to help you every step of the way. Feel free to reach out at any time if you would like to discuss Badin further or have any questions. We look forward to working with your child and to welcome them into the Badin Family.

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VISION, MISSION, HALLMARKS & CORE VALUES

Vision

Rooted in our Catholic beliefs and practices, in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Badin High School will profoundly shape the way students think, achieve, serve and lead.

Mission

In an enriching and nurturing environment that fosters growth, rooted in Catholic tradition, Stephen T. Badin High School empowers young men and women to achieve their personal best, live their faith and lead the future.

The Hallmarks of a Notre Dame de Namur Learning Community

As a Notre Dame Learning Community, we have incorporated the following hallmarks to work in union with our mission and vision:

1. We proclaim by our lives even more than by our words that God is good.
2. We honor the dignity and sacredness of each person.
3. We educate for and act on behalf of justice, peace and care for all creation.
4. We commit ourselves to community service.
5. We embrace the gift of diversity.
6. We create community among those with whom we work and with those we serve.
7. We develop holistic learning communities which educate for life.

Root Beliefs

Stephen T. Badin High School believes...

1. We are children of God
2. We are better together as a Badin family.
3. We are called to constantly grow.
4. Excellence happens on purpose.
5. With faith, we can do hard things.
6. Every moment matters.

Philosophy Statement

ADD TEXT

HISTORY OF FATHER STEPHEN T. BADIN

Badin High School is named in honor of Father Stephen T. Badin, the first priest ordained in the United States, a pioneer missionary in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, and a former pastor of St. Mary Church in Hamilton. In the period between the Revolution and the Civil War, Father Stephen Theodore Badin was one of the great Catholic missionaries on the American frontier. He is justly nicknamed the "Johnny Appleseed" of Catholicism in the Ohio Valley. The biography of his life, in his early years at least, is a history of the Catholic Church in the Old Northwest. Founding churches, establishing schools and preaching the Gospel, Badin, with rare courage, forged the Catholic Church on the frontier of the United States. This illustrious figure is also identified with the history of the city of Hamilton. He came to Hamilton on two occasions: once on one of his missionary journeys, and once in 1850 to take up duties as the pastor of a local parish, St. Mary Church on Front Street. Father Badin's contributions to American Catholic education merit acknowledgment. He was deeply committed to the parochial school system, and his contribution to the University of Notre Dame deserves high praise.

Stephen Badin was born in France in 1768, and he died in Cincinnati on April 19, 1853. As a young priest he went to Kentucky in 1793 and labored there until 1819. He was often the only priest in the wilderness of Kentucky. Later he traveled to Europe and for ten years begged for the missions in France, Italy, and England. It was during this time that he was of great financial help to Bishop Fenwick, the first Bishop of Cincinnati. Bishop Fenwick directed him to take charge of the Potawatomi Indians of northern Ohio and southern Michigan. There Father Badin labored with great success. Later he wrote articles for the Catholic Telegraph in Cincinnati. Around this time he donated a farm in northern Indiana to the Diocese of Vincennes, which became the site of the present University of Notre Dame. Father Badin spent the last years of his life with Archbishop Purcell of Cincinnati at the old Episcopal residence on Plum Street. His body was laid to rest in the cathedral crypt in Cincinnati where it remained for over fifty years. In 1904, Archbishop Elder permitted the body of Father Badin to be transferred and buried at the University of Notre Dame in a small log cabin chapel, reconstructed as a replica of the chapel that Father Badin erected on that property almost eighty years before.

In 1966, Badin High School opened its doors to students from Hamilton Catholic and Notre Dame High Schools and became the first and only school named after Father Badin.