



The Badin Connection

Linking the Badin Family with our parish families

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What's Happening at Badin...

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- Congratulations to **Mrs. Beth Enderle**, junior Religion teacher who was named the winner of the first "Christ the Teacher Award" during Catholic Schools Week. The award will be given annually to someone who is seen as a living example of Christ by both staff and students — making the Badin community stronger, whose faith in God is evident, and who sacrifices their time and talent for the good of others. Mrs. Enderle is in her 8th year of teaching at BHS. Badin faculty and staff nominated four people and the students voted for the winner. Other nominees were **Mrs. Becky Long**, **Ms. Jackie Noelker** and **Dr. Ben Paulus**.
- More than 185 students will join the Badin Family in the Class of 2028, putting the Badin enrollment at some 730 students for the 2024-25 school year — the largest BHS enrollment in the 21st century. For information about Badin, contact **Ms. Natalie Carley '14**, the admissions director, at (513) 869-4498 or NCarley@BadinHS.org.
- Five Badin artists were honored in the annual Tomorrow's Artists Today competition at the Middletown Arts Center. Senior **Emmy Demmel** (St. Joseph) earned a first place award in the painting category. Junior **Elizabeth Carruthers** (Bethany) had second place finishes in both art and drawing. Senior **Paige Harris** (Sacred Heart) received honorable mention recognition in both painting and drawing. Honorable mentions also went to senior **Julia Cogan** (St. Maximilian Kolbe) and junior **Karina Teodoro** (St. John West Chester) in painting. A total of 12 Badin art students had pieces juried into the competition, which includes 132 artists from 19 area high schools. The exhibition will run through Feb. 29.
- Badin's third annual **Girls Retreat** at Higher Ground Retreat and Conference Center in West Harrison, Ind., was attended by 31 students and 13 adults, including two Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur — **Sister Rita Sturwold** and **Sister Kristin Matthes**. Three Badin students — seniors **Kaitlyn Fait** (Sacred Heart), **Kaitlyn Perkins** (Garfield Middle) and **Caitlin Taylor** (St. Peter in Chains) — have been to all three retreats. This year's guest speaker was **Ms. Julia Kiep '22**, who talked about taking a "gap year" and her ongoing service efforts in Guatemala.
- Badin's Magnified Giving Club has pledged grants to two agencies — \$1,000 to The Fringe Industries and \$500 to Friends of the Castle. Magnified Giving, a Christian Service student organization that works to make a difference in the community, researched issues of mental health, incarceration and addiction this year in order to make its grant recommendations, that were then voted on by the student body. Student leaders included seniors **Anna Bucheit** (St. Peter in Chains) and **Gracie Lees** (Sacred Heart) and juniors **Bella Balster** (St. Maximilian Kolbe), **Kade Bowling** (St. Peter in Chains), **Macbeth Flores-Ramirez** (St. Ann) and **Claire Rumpke** (Queen of Peace).
- Congratulations to 10 members of the incoming Class of 2028, who have accepted academic scholarships to Badin as members of the Scholar-Leader Academy. Two of them — **Nathan Abner** (Queen of Peace) and **Marcos Lemos** (St. John Dry Ridge) — earned 100 percent scholarships based on their performance on the High School Placement Test given in November 2023. Other incoming members of the SLA will include **Jonah Black** (St. Peter in Chains), **Tyler Boesken** (Home School), **Francis Casio** (St. John Dry Ridge), **Will Franchini** (Mother Teresa), **Charlie Hall** (Queen of Peace), **Zach Jensen** (St. John Dry Ridge), **Lucas Lemos** (St. John Dry Ridge) and **Jordan Smith** (Sacred Heart).
- Two Division I athletes led the way as 10 Badin student-athletes, seniors in the Class of 2024, signed to play college sports next season during a recognition ceremony in the Pfirman Family Activity Center on Wednesday, Feb. 7. **Matty Helms** (Sacred Heart) will play baseball at Northern Kentucky University and **Carson Cheek** (St. Peter in Chains) will play lacrosse at Cleveland State University. Five football players also signed to play on — **Aidan Brown** (Sacred Heart) and **Alex Ritzie** (Fairfield Crossroads Middle) to Thomas More (Ky.) University, **Nate Ostendorf** (Sacred Heart) to Gannon (Pa.) University, **Gavin Schlichter** (Talawanda Middle) to Notre Dame College, and **Drew Vocke** (Queen of Peace) to Centre (Ky.) College. Other commitments included two women's soccer players — **Mia Harding** (St. Joseph) to the University of Saint Joseph (Conn.) and **Emma Rhodis** (St. Julie Billiart) to Wittenberg University; while **Tyler Verdin** (St. Joseph) will play baseball at Heidelberg University.
- Junior **Gracie Cosgrove** (Sacred Heart) moved into the Top 10 in all-time scoring in the Badin girls basketball program following her 31-point performance against Seton in the regular season finale. Badin's 59-56 Senior Night verdict — they went 15-7 — was also the 300th in the career of head coach **Tom Sunderman**. Cosgrove is now 9th in all-time scoring and will continue to move up. Sunderman has won 259 games in 16 years at Badin after winning 41 in three seasons at his prep alma mater, Roger Bacon. This is Sunderman's 22nd year in the BHS program.
- Save the date for Saturday, April 27, when the **Badin Athletic Hall of Fame** induction dinner will take place in the Pfirman Family Activity Center. Those outstanding athletes scheduled for induction include **Joe Vitale '59**, **Charlie Crain '75**, **Joe Schlager '81**, **Matt Marcum '96**, **Heather Rains Smith '06** and **Brett McKinney '09**. In addition, the family of **Rose and the late Ken Rieman Sr. '56**, will be honored as the Legacy Family. Reservations for \$50 each are available online through the Badin website, BadinHS.org.
- **Students of the Month** for January included senior **Anne Whalen** (Bethany), junior **Caroline Boyle** (Queen of Peace), sophomore **John Loeffler** (Sacred Heart) and freshman **Auggy Newberry** (Sacred Heart). Students of the Month are difference-makers at Badin High School!