

Dear Parents and Students,

The first quarter of the school year has moved quickly but it has been a successful start to the school year. The students have had many opportunities to bond as a class and as a school. We have had school Masses, class retreats and small group prayer service. Students have been completing service hours and hosting prospective students who are shadowing at Badin. We renewed our affiliation with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. We are very excited to begin to reestablish this connection with our heritage. The seven Hallmarks of the Sisters align with our mission and core values. They will help us to continue to put the mission of Badin High School in action – inspiring young men and women to achieve their personal best, live their faith and lead the future.

November is a month full of activity. Many of our students will be raising awareness for homelessness by participating in Shantytown. We will celebrate Mass on November 1st and November 21st. Please come and join us. Our annual St. Mildred mission trip will take place on November 21st and 22nd. DECA will be taking students to Chicago in the middle of November. We will take November 22, 23, and 24th off for Thanksgiving break. November is also a time our students work as a class to help those in need. The Canned Food Drive will take place this month. All the food collected will go to the local food banks. We will be collecting money for the Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. We have many things to be thankful for at Badin High School and it is good that our students recognize their blessings and take the time to help out others in need.

Report cards were distributed on Friday, October 27th. It is hard to believe the first quarter is finished. Hopefully, your child did well and will continue to do well this quarter.

We had our Open House on Sunday, October 29th. The building looked tremendous. Thank you to our maintenance staff for all their hard work in prepping the building for the event. Our faculty, staff and students did a terrific job of showcasing the school. Thank you to the students and parent volunteers who helped out. We appreciate your continued support in promoting Badin. If you know of a family that was not able to attend but is interested in learning more about Badin, please have the family contact Dirk Allen to set up a tour and a shadow day.

Financial Aid applications for the 2017-18 school year are due DECEMBER 1st. You can complete the application on-line by going to our website – www.badinhs.org – and clicking on ‘Parents’. Then look for the FACTS link. This will lead you to the financial aid application. It is important to apply by December 1st. All forms and supporting documentation must be submitted by the due date.

Our fall sport season is wrapping up. All of our fall teams worked hard and represented the school in a positive manner. We had several athletes receive all-league honors. We are very proud of all our fall student-athletes. The amount of time and effort the student-athletes put into their sport is impressive. The dedication, determination and life lessons they learn will serve them well in the future.

Please continue to talk to your students about being responsible young men and women. Social media is always a focus for us and we encourage you to monitor your child’s social media accounts. It is important for the student to hear the message regarding good decision making from both home and school. Even though the students are better than most parents when it comes to being tech savvy, their use of technology is not always the best. The sites they visit, the questions they ask others, the pictures they may send can have long lasting negative effects on their future. Please work with us to make sure our students are utilizing technology in a responsible, respectful way.

We also ask you to talk to your students about driving carefully. Remind your students to drive the speed limit, not texting and driving, follow all traffic laws and be respectful of the other drivers on the road. Unfortunately, too many times young people do not think about how quickly their lives can change when they are behind the wheel. We want all our students to be safe and to be careful as they are driving. We appreciate your help in discussing this topic with your child.

Thank you for your continued support of Badin High School. If you ever have any questions, concerns or suggestions please contact me at any time. I will be glad to meet with you.

God Bless you and your family,

Brian D. Pendergest

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