



The Badin Connection

Linking the Badin Family with our parish families

March 2020

What's Happening at Badin...

Congratulations to Luke Paxton '21!

Luke captured the Division II high school state swimming championship in the 200 yard freestyle at Canton's Branin Natatorium in late February. The Badin High School junior was also on the podium with the school's 200 medley relay team (third) and the 400 freestyle relay team (fifth). Luke became Badin's first individual state champion since the 2003 D-II girls tennis doubles title won by Kylee Wiegand '04 and Jessica Flannery '06. Luke joined Chris Rigling '81 as the only other OHSAA state swim champion from Badin High. Well done, Luke!

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- Badin's boys swim team, under the director of head coach **Mrs. Emily Muroski**, placed fourth in the state Division II meet. Along with the championship effort by **Luke Paxton** (Sacred Heart), senior **Adam Sherman** (St. Joseph) placed second in the 100 breaststroke. Other Badin boys swimmers at state included senior **Brode Gibson** (Sacred Heart), sophomore **Brandon Burke** (St. Maximilian Kolbe) and sophomore **Jack Proctor** (St. Julie Billiard). Sophomore **Case Trokhan** (St. Joseph) was a girls state qualifier for Badin. Sherman will swim at Ball State University, while Paxton has committed to swim at Ohio State University.
- Senior **Alex DeLong** (St. Peter in Chains) was named the winner of the "That's My Boy" award, given annually by the Greater Cincinnati chapter of the National Football Foundation and the College Hall of Fame. It has been given each year since 1962, and is considered the premier award available to area high school football players. DeLong, a tailback and defensive back, was a first-team selection on the Greater Catholic League Co-Ed Division football team, and set the all-time Badin single-season rushing record with 1,513 yards. He will play football at Butler University.
- **Thirty-six Badin students** participated in the **Night for the Fight**, an overnight fundraiser for **CancerFree Kids**, a nonprofit organization that aids in research for childhood cancer. This was the second year Badin students were involved in the effort at the University of Cincinnati, hearing stories from parents and survivors of childhood cancers while having fun as well. The Badin contingent raised more than \$4,400 for the cause!
- Badin junior **Jason Stiens** (Sacred Heart) qualified for the state Division II bowling championships, while senior **Ethan Emmons** (St. Ann) became just the second Badin wrestler to capture a sectional title when he did so in Division II at 170 pounds. As a team, the Badin wrestlers won the GCL Co-ed Division championship. Senior **Samantha Caballero** (St. Ann) was named the GCL Co-ed Division Wrestler of the Year, then finished second in the first-ever girls state wrestling meet.
- Save the date for the annual Badin Athletic Hall of Fame dinner on Saturday, May 2. Congratulations to our newest inductees — **Tom Tracy '75**, **Chuck McKinney '78**, **Jason Flowers '91**, **Drew Thieken '02**, **Jenni Horvath Grzebin '04**, and former girls soccer head coach **Keith Harring**. In addition, the family **Tom and Linda Von Hagen Pate**, both from the Class of 1967, will be honored as the Legacy Family. Reservations may be made online via the Badin website, BadinHS.org, for \$35 per person. Children 12-and-under are admitted for \$20. For questions, contact **Mrs. Sharon Pate Adams '84** at the high school, (513) 863-3993, ext. 113, or by email at Sadams@BadinHS.org
- The Badin Jazz Band put together an excellent performance at the Hamilton Rotary Club luncheon on March 5. Solos were performed by seniors **Max Hall** (St. Maximilian Kolbe), **Kateri Wielgos** (St. Maximilian Kolbe), **Bella Yang** (South Korea), sophomores **Andrew Chen** (St. Julie Billiard) and **Alex Getz** (St. Maximilian Kolbe) and freshman **Adam Wilson** (St. Maximilian Kolbe). Thanks to Badin music teachers **Matt and Elaina McCormick** for their efforts!
- Badin's **Christian Service Program** is offering the Summer in Solidarity service trip program for the fourth year in a row. Badin students will be involved in important, immersive trips to **Solsberry Hill** in Indiana, **Nazareth Farm** in West Virginia, the **Pine Ridge Reservation** in South Dakota and **Project Manana** in the **Dominican Republic**. On Sunday, April 26, Badin students will host their annual fundraiser, **Strides for Solidarity**, to support these trips. Donations can be made online through BadinHS.org.
- Upcoming Badin events include the annual **Blood Drive** on Friday, March 27; the **Science Carnival** for area fifth graders on Friday, April 3; and **Prom** on Saturday, April 4. Badin will be closed for **Easter Break** from April 10-19.
- Badin Students of the Month for February include senior **Andy Moore** (St. Julie Billiard), junior **Isabella Williams** (St. Joseph), sophomore **Kaiden Thomas** (Fairfield Middle) and freshman **Alyvia Hegemann** (St. Maximilian Kolbe).