BARAT NEWS
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Upcoming Events
On and Off Campus

2/1-3 Catholic Schools Week/
Spirit Week Continues

2/3 Ice Cadeau

2/6 8:55 Start for Students
(Faculty Meeting)

2/14 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2 p.m.
(Dress Uniform Required)

2/19 No Classes—President's Day

2/23 Junior Ring Liturgy 1:30 p.m..
(Dress Uniform Required)

2/25 Parent-Child Dance 5:30 p.m.

2/26 8:55 Start for Students

3/1 Q3 Ends

3/2-3 Beauty and the Beast 7p.m.

Stay Tuned Into Athletics

Visit our athletics website for the most up to date game/match schedules and photo galleries.

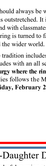
www.baratacademyathletics.org

Ash Wednesday

In the Roman Catholic Church, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. **Please join us for Liturgy on February 14 at 2 p.m.**

Le Cadeau

Join us February 3, 2018 for our annual dinner auction, Le Cadeau. Call the Development Office at 636.300.5573 to reserve your tickets/ table or visit us online here.



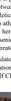
The Significance of the School Ring

The tradition of the school ring originated in the mid eighteen hundreds. The seal of the Society of the Sacred Heart was designed in Amiens, France in 1806 by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat and her community. The seal shows the hearts of Jesus and Mary between two lily branches. The blazing sun, thorns, cross, sword, and the pierced heart are symbolic clues to the spiritual tone of the early nineteenth century.

The Barat Academy open heart is in the inside of each Barat ring. The ring symbolizes both the heart of Jesus and our own heart. The Barat school ring is each one's call to recognize and reveal the heart of Jesus in the world and the world in the heart of Jesus.

For as long as the wearer is in high school, the ring should always be worn so that the insignia faces the wearer when his/her hand is outstretched. It is worn on the left hand closest to the heart signifying the bond with classmates at Barat Academy. Upon graduation the insignia of the ring is turned to face outward signifying that the graduate has now entered the wider world.

At Barat Academy Juniors receive a school ring. The tradition includes a day of recollection and prayer for the juniors and their families on the school Mass. **Parents and family are invited to attend the liturgy where the rings are blessed.** A reception for all juniors and their families follows the Mass. **This year our ring ceremony and Liturgy is on Friday, February 23, 2018, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**



11th Annual Mother-Son & Father-Daughter Dance

Join Barat Academy classmates and Parents for a wonderful evening at the Mother-Son & Father-Daughter Dance from 5:30-8 p.m. on February 25, 2018. The Banquet Room at Whitmoor Country Club is a wonderful venue for this annual evening of dinner, dancing and non-alcoholic beverages. Tickets are $40 per person. Make your reservations online here.

Did you know?

Our newsletters are archived for your reference. Visit the Barat Academy website scroll, to the bottom and you will find the Monthly Newsletter Archive.

Don't Forget **Course Registrations** for "18-"19 are due February 2nd!

A Tale as Old as Time

Make sure to purchase your tickets for our spring musical **Beauty and the Beast**. Shows are March 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Purchase your tickets online or in the Student Office.

2017-2018 Skippy Keefer Award

Barat Academy is pleased to have three senior girls nominated for the annual *Skippy Keefer Award*. This award is named for Skippy Keefer, a retired John Burroughs Athletic Director and co-founder of the MWAA Conference. Skippy believes that an athlete's character is what makes her who she is. Skippy demanded that her coaches and athletes "do the right thing." This award highlights one senior girl in the MWAA Conference for leadership, character, and service to the greater community.

Please congratulate Addie Grapperhaus, Margaret VanSant and Alayna Parsons on their nominations. The awards evening is scheduled for February 7, 2018 at Tapawingo Golf Club.

AP Biology trekking to Winter Count

AP Biology students will be venturing to the New Mexico desert in mid February to participate in Winter Count. Started in 1995, Winter Count is one of a family of gatherings that strives to reconnect people with old ways of making fire, tanning hides, forming metal, weaving baskets, hunting, gathering and much more. Student experiment with ancestral skills that were essential to the survival and well-being of all humans, and that are what distinguish our ancestors came from. Through the understanding and mastery of these skills, people find that they can connect not only to a simpler way of living life but also to the roots of their heritage and to a pathway to interact more deeply with the natural world.

Spring Sports begin February 26

Make sure to check in with your coaches for spring sports. Coach Radomski will be returning as Head Track Coach, Coach Demling will be returning as Head Girls Soccer Coach and Coach Solomon as Head Boys Golf Coach. We are looking forward to a great season for all athletes.

Junior Retreat

Our juniors were able to experience a day of renewal and connection as a class focusing on the theme, "Jesus Christ is the way." Juniors reflected on how to live a Radically Inspired Life! Through stories, activities and small group discussions the students created a sound track of music to reflect their vision of Ownership, Self-Acceptance, Purpose, Truth and Love. We enjoyed private and group prayer time on the beautiful grounds—as well as 60 degree sunny weather!

Beyond Sunday Fellows Program

Beyond Sunday is a scholarship program supported by the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri. This program offers tuition assistance to middle-income families. For more information on applying for a scholarship through this program click here.

Beyond Sunday
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Inclement Weather

Barat's Parent Alert broadcast has expanded this year. Weather related information on school closings, cancellations, delays, etc. will be communicated through the following:

1. TV Stations
2. Phone call on you home land line
3. Phone call on your cell phone — if we have your cell phone number on record
4. Text message on your cell phone — if we have your cell phone number on record
5. School Social Media

Barat Academy represents 21 zip codes. Weather can vary across this wide area. **PARENTS** decide if their son/daughter comes to school. If at a parent you do not think it is safe please do NOT send your son/daughter even if the school is open.

8:55 a.m. Start: If a late start is announced that would indicate a one hour delay or an 8:55 a.m. start. Late starts are used to give more time for student and faculty to arrive. This type of delay allows drivers to get on the road and have more time to arrive.

Young drivers: For many this winter could be a first experience in snow or ice. We encourage parents to drive students to school and not allow your young driver to experience snow and ice during rush hour times. If carpools have young drivers again, it is best if parents or an experienced driver get behind the wheel.

Inclement Weather that begins during the day: If bad weather begins after the start of the school day and you want your son/daughter to leave before the scheduled end of the day it is so important that YOU call the main office and allow our team to inform you son/daughter. We must have parental permission for student to leave early. Many student s will attempt to inform parents that "everyone" is leaving early. Unless you learn that information from a school official it is not accurate. Often, it is better to wait for road crews to salt roads before attempting to drive. You as parent make that determination for your son/daughter. Please know that we cannot dismiss an entire carpool unless all parents of that carpool have informed the school. These situations ran and do become very chaotic and we ask for your partnership as we work to make sure every student and faculty/staff arrive home safely.

If you need to update any information so that Barat can communicate effectively with you please call Alison Hodges at 636-300-5500 or email her at alhodges@baratacademy.org.

Thank you and have a safe winter ……