

# benedictine HIGH SCHOOL

*A 1,500 year tradition in preparing young men for life*

Dear Members of the Benedictine Family,

Benedictine High School is celebrating 90 years of forming young men in mind, body and spirit! Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB, class of 1971, ordained in 1980, has been instrumental in many of the Benedictine successes during his tenure at Benedictine High School. Fr. Gerard has courageously supported Benedictine as a student, teacher, recruitment and alumni director, academic dean and principal, and, most recently, as the President of Benedictine for the past nine years.

At the end of the 2016 – 2017 academic year, I am reassigning Fr. Gerard to continue teaching at Benedictine High School and to work on special projects in the Advancement Office.

It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that I thank Fr. Gerard for his many years of service in leadership roles at Benedictine High School. Fr. Gerard is passionate about devoting his talents as a teacher at Benedictine and other life-giving ministries within the Benedictine Order of Cleveland.

The Benedictine High School Board of Trustees, under the leadership of Board Chair, Andrew Smith, class of 1978, in collaboration with the Benedictine Order of Cleveland Abbot's Advisory Council, has been working diligently for some time to chart a path forward for Benedictine.

Together we are pleased to announce that Dr. Frank Bossu, class of 1967, has been named as the next President of Benedictine High School. Dr. Frank Bossu received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Notre Dame in 1971, where he lettered in football. He then earned a Doctorate in Chemistry in 1976 from Purdue University and had executive experience at several large corporations, including Procter & Gamble. Dr. Frank Bossu is married to Nancy Uridil and they are the proud parents of Christen and David. Their granddaughter was born last year to David and his wife Samantha. Dr. Frank Bossu and Nancy reside in Avon Lake, Ohio and attend Saint Joseph Church.

Dr. Frank Bossu returned to Benedictine High School in 2006 as a chemistry teacher, coach, and advisor. Dr. Bossu continues the Bossu family tradition established by his father, Augie Bossu. Augie Bossu provided exemplary leadership and service to the young men of Benedictine and greater Cleveland for 50 years, as well as being the winningest football coach in Ohio when he retired in 1994.

Board Chairperson Andrew Smith said:

"This transition is the exchange of a baton between two talented men that are incredibly committed to Cleveland Benedictine High School. Benedictine was blessed to have Fr. Gerard's leadership and involvement with Benedictine as a teacher, principal, board member, advisor, and President. We are excited that he will remain active as a teacher, fundraiser, and friend to everyone that loves Benedictine. Dr. Frank Bossu is passionate about developing young men in mind, body and spirit and the Bossu family name is synonymous with Benedictine values. We're honored that Dr. Bossu has accepted this role in leading us into our next 100 years."

Upon being named as the next President of Benedictine High School, Dr. Frank Bossu shared, "I am honored to be able to support the mission of Benedictine High School in such a vital role to the success of our young men. In that way, I am joining the many alumni and friends that support our faculty, administration and staff who have dedicated their lives to developing our young men in mind, body and spirit."

Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB will complete the 2016 – 2017 academic year as President of Benedictine High School. Dr. Frank Bossu will assume his responsibilities effective April 3, 2017 and work in close collaboration with Fr. Gerard, allowing for a smooth transition on July 1, 2017.

I hope you will join me in thanking Fr. Gerard for his continued commitment to Benedictine and welcoming Dr. Frank Bossu as the next President of Benedictine High School.

Peace,



Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, OSB '74  
Abbot of Saint Andrew Abbey

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