



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

Dear Benedictine Community,

It is with great pleasure that we share with you the appointment of Dominic B. Fanelli to the role of Principal of Benedictine High School effective July 1, 2022. Dominic has served as the Assistant Principal since July of 2021, and in this short time, has made an immediate and positive impact on the operations of the school in the areas of faculty professional development, student accountability and leadership, and community spirituality, among others. He will work closely with President Ryan Ryzner '95 in the upcoming months as he transitions into this role. Ryzner will maintain the role of President, shifting his primary focus to advancement and short and long term planning for the organization.

"Dominic has brought energy, innovation, and a hands-on leadership style that has resonated with our faculty, staff, students, and parents," said Ryzner. "He is pragmatic, passionate, and collaborative. These are the traits of a leader, and we are excited to have Dom take Benedictine High School to the next level."

Dominic began his career in Baton Rouge, LA through the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Teaching Fellows program. From there, he was granted a Fulbright Scholarship in which he taught English in Germany. He also coached basketball for the Nuremberg Basketball Club. He then taught math in Central Harlem, NY at Democracy Prep, where he also served as Head Basketball Coach. He served as Academic Dean at Sacred Heart Highbridge School in the South Bronx before spending the last four years as principal at St. Mark the Evangelist School in Central Harlem. He completed his undergraduate work and his graduate work in South Bend. Dominic has a special BHS connection, as he is the grandson of Augie Bossu.

Fanelli shared, "It is with great humility and a great understanding of the weight of responsibility that I step into this new role. In the short time that I have been part of the Benedictine Community I have witnessed a dedicated faculty, an enthusiastic and special student body, loving parents, as well as the great love and devotion of our alumni. The Benedictine Family is a beacon of light and I am so proud to be a part of this community."

*Benedictine challenges its students to grow physically, intellectually, and especially spiritually in preparation for success in higher education and in life. We are a Catholic School in the tradition of St. Benedict, and a diverse community that forms leaders.*