



The Badger Barker



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Congratulations Badger State Wrestlers ~ Gator Proud

Treston Nichols Heavyweight

Class 8A Champion

Round 1 ~ Fall win at 2:40 over
Justin Krueger, Barnsville

Round 2 ~ Ultimate Tie
Breaker win 3-2 over
Jack Leiser, Fertile-Beltrami

Round 3 ~ Fall win at 3:40 over
Jonathan Rose, Fosston-Bagley

Class A State 4th

Round 1 ~ Fall win at 3:25 over
Miles Mulhern, Chatfield

Round 2 ~ Fall win at 1:40 over
Lamarcus Osborne, MNC

Round 3 ~ Decision loss 1-3 to
Will Ruston, WCAA

Round 4 ~ Ultimate Tie
Breaker win 3-2 over
Brandon Mugg, ROUP

Rounds 5 ~ Fall loss at 3:25 to
Dillon Smith, OGIL



Keegan VonEnde 114 lbs.

Class 8A Champion

Round 1 ~ Bye

Round 2 ~ Major Decision win 12-2
over Brock Grabow, Barnsville

Round 3 ~ Decision win 6-1 over
Cooper Rifi, United North Central

Class A State

Round 1 ~ Decision win 6-4 over
Tanner Johnson, SIEA

Round 2 ~ Major Decision loss 4-12
to Kayden Eller, JCC

Round 3 ~ Decision win 6-2 over
Hunter Katterhagen, LBW

Round 4 ~ Decision loss 7-2 to
Beau Hudoba, OGIL



Badger School Superintendent's News



I hope this March publication of *The Badger Barker* finds you, and finds you well.

- February 28 Thank you to the Badger National Honor Society (NHS) for hosting a Blood Drive at the Badger Community Center.
- March 4-8 Badger School celebrated Read Across America Week as well as the birthday of Dr. Seuss.
- March 4. We began the day with green eggs and ham plus cinnamon rolls! To honor Dr. Seuss, NHS students read stories throughout the day to all of our elementary students. NHS students delivered birthday cake to the students later in the day in honor of Dr. Seuss. Thank you to NHS for all of their work and to our staff who helped to make the day special for our students. Thank you to Jody Randall and Angela Monsrud for preparing breakfast as well as the birthday cake for Dr. Seuss! NHS advisor is Shannon Dostal.
- March 4-8 A shout out to John Lee! Each year the first full week of March is marked to celebrate National School Social Workers across the nation to appreciate their work in helping students striving toward academic and life success.
- March 6 The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Choir Sub-Section 32 Large Group Vocal Contest was held at Badger Community School. Congratulations to Badger Mixed Choir earning a superior rating. Sara Carpenter is the choir director.
- March 12 Best wishes to Sr. High Knowledge Bowl Team competing at the Regional Competition at Thief River Falls. The top four teams will advance to State. Team members (listed in alphabetical order) are: Alvaro Alves Sanchez, Jordan Davy, Julia Dostal, Ada Lee, and Ashton Pickhartz. Alternates are Aidan Carpenter, Taylor Davy, and Landon Christianson. Sr. High Knowledge Bowl coach is Mike Coltom.
- March 18-22 EPIC Team and TARGET Team Week is approaching. This is a Drug and Alcohol Prevention Fact Week challenging people to remain chemically free. Badger TARGET Team advisor is Ashley Lambert.
- What does the acronym TARGET stand for? Teens Achieving Recognizable Goals and Education through Teamwork.*
- What does the acronym EPIC stand for? Educating and empowering youth by Encouraging Positive Impact for Change.*
- March 21-22 There are two nights only to see the *Badger's Got Talent* Spring Music Revue:
6:15 p.m. Dinner, Show at 7:00 p.m. in the Badger School Gymnasium
\$8 show only (no meal), \$15 General Dinner Seating, and \$25 premium Dinner Seating
Menu: Seasoned chicken breast, potato, veggies, bun, and dessert; plus, the show!
Advisors are Lisa Erickson, band; Sara Carpenter, choir; Becky Dahlgren, play.
- March 22, 26 Final day of the third academic quarter is March 22, which means fourth quarter will begin Tuesday, March 26.
- March 25 No School for students March 25 due to Teacher In-Service Staff Development Day.
- March 25 *Gator* Winter Sports Banquet to be held at Greenbush Gym: meal 6:45 p.m. and awards to follow after the meal.
Cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door.
Menu: Chicken Kiev, salad, baked potato, dinner roll and lemonade
- April 6-9 State FCCLA Conference and STAR and Skills Competition to be held in Minneapolis:
Best wishes to officers and advancers (listed in alphabetical order): Alvaro Alves Sanchez, Emily Burkel, Adysen Gregerson, Avearah Hanson, Paige Rybakowski, Bethanie VonEnde, Keegan VonEnde, and Ada Warne.
FCCLA advisors are Gretchen Lee and Kaitlyn Walsh.
- What does the acronym STAR stand for? Students Taking Action with Recognition events competition*
- What does the acronym FCCLA stand for? Family, Career and Community Leaders of America*

As always, if you have any questions or would like to visit in person, please stop by anytime.

Thank you,

Kevin Ricke, Superintendent & Principal K-12



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NHS Barista Honors

To recognize and promote academics, Badger NHS members prepared and served iced coffees and sodas to high school students who achieved honor roll status for the second quarter. Honor roll students chose from a variety of coffee flavors and soda concoctions such as Shirley Temples, Blue Lagoons, or Sunsets. Congratulations on a job well done to all our honor roll students!



March

- 3 Open Gym ~ 3:30 to 5:00 pm
- 4-8 Read Across America Week
- 4-8 National School Social Workers Recognition Week
- 5 ECFE ~ 6:00 pm
- 5 Sr. High Knowledge Bowl Subregions
- 6 Large Group Vocal Contest @ Badger
- 6 Early dismissal @ 12 noon
- 6 Young Authors Conference @ NCTC
- 7 Jr. High Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 10 Daylight Savings Time, turn clocks ahead
- 10 Open Gym ~ 3:30 to 5:00 pm
- 11 Jr. High Knowledge Bowl @ Lancaster
- 11 School Board ~ 7:30 pm
- 12 Sr. High Knowledge Bowl Regional @ Thief River Falls
- 12 No ECFE ~ Township Election Day
- 19 ECFE ~ 6:00 pm
- 21 Preschool Field Trip, TRF Sanford Fitzone
- 21-22 Badger Music Revue
- 22 End of Third Quarter
- 25 No School ~ Teacher In-Service
- 25 Winter Sports Banquet @ GMR
- 26 ECFE ~ 6:00 pm
- 28 Jr. High Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 29 No School ~ Spring Break

Dates to Remember

By: Measha Troxel

April

- 1 No School ~ Spring Break
- 2 ECFE ~ 6:00 pm
- 6-9 State FCCLA
- 8 School Board ~ 7:30 pm
- 9 ECFE ~ 6:00 pm
- 9 Vocal Ensemble Contest @ Roseau
- 13 Grand March & Prom
- 15 No ECFE ~ Township Election Day
- 15-19 Wolf Ridge ~ Grade 7
- 25 Fourth Quarter Midterm





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Campus Comment

By: Arianna Grugal

What is your favorite joke?

Aiden Thompson (7th grade): "Why is Peter Pan always flying? Because he Neverlands." It's my favorite because it's from a cartoon, and it would maybe bring back memories from when I was little.

Charles Peterson (8th grade): "A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, 'Why the long face?' The horse replies, 'I have horse flu.'" I like this joke because horses can't talk.

Levi Olson (9th grade): "Why did the chicken cross the road?" I like this joke because it's funny. Haha

Liam Winrow (10th grade): "What time is it? Time to get a new watch." It has to be one of the best jokes. It's original and classy.

Alex Lunde (11th grade): "A drill sergeant tells his soldier, 'I didn't see you at camouflage practice today!' The soldier replies, 'Thank you, sir!'"

Tenisha Berger (12th grade): "Why are piggy banks so wise? Because they're filled with common cents." It's my favorite because it's just too funny.

Mrs. Lorraine Kukowski (Library Para): "Why did the golfer bring an extra sock to golf? Because he might get a 'hole in one.'" I like this joke because it's one my grandson shared with me, and he is a great joke teller.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Congratulations to Gators Tucker Rinde, Axel Stenberg, Levi Olson, Lexie Dahl, Amity Foss. They advanced to the 3rd round of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition that was held in Kelliher on March 10.





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Gator Sports

By: Arianna Grugal

For changes in schedule go to www.badger.k12.mn.us and click on "Gator Athletic Schedules."

March

Boys Wrestling

1-2 State Tournament

Boys Basketball

4 Section Pigtail @ High Seed
7 Section Play-In @ High Seed
9 Section Quarters
12 Section Semis
15 Section Finals
20-23 State Tournament

Girls Basketball

2 Section Quarters
6 Section Semis
8 Section Finals
13-16 State Tournament

April

Track & Field

12 @ East Grand Forks
19 @ East Grand Forks
23 @ Lake of the Woods
26 @ Thief River Falls
30 @ Crookston

Baseball

9 @ Kittson County
15 @ Fertile-Beltrami
16 @ Red Lake County Coop
19 @ Blackduck
23 @ Northern Freeze
25 @ Warroad
29 West Marshall @ BGMR
30 Thief River Falls @ BGMR

Softball

1 @ Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal
2 @ Thompson
9 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR
11 Roseau @ BGMR
12 Thief River Falls, Fargo Davies, Moorhead @ BGMR
16 Warroad @ BGMR
18 @ East Grand Forks
20 Tournament @ BGMR
23 @ Red Lake Falls
25 @ Northern Freeze

Golf

18 Boys @ Karlstad
18 Girls @ Greenbush
23 Boys @ Warren
23 Girls @ Stephen
30 Boys @ Greenbush
30 Girls @ Karlstad

Cinnamon Swirl Bundt Coffee Cake

Cinnamon Swirl Bundt Coffee Cake Recipe (allrecipes.com)

By: Caine Larson

Ingredients:

1½ cups white sugar
¾ cup butter, room temperature
3 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup sour cream
½ cup chopped walnuts

Filling:

¼ cup white sugar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch bundt pan.
2. Beat sugar and butter together in a large bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla.
3. Whisk flour, baking soda, and baking powder together in a separate bowl; add flour mixture in 2 batches, alternating with sour cream, beating batter briefly after each addition. Fold in walnuts. Pour 1/2 of the batter into the prepared pan.
4. Mix sugar and cinnamon together in a small bowl; sprinkle over batter in the pan. Drop remaining batter in heaping spoonfuls over filling, covering it as best you can.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 8 minutes. Lower heat to 350 degrees F and bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 40 minutes more. Cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Invert carefully onto a serving plate or cooling rack. Let cool completely.





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Ramp-Up Topics for March 2024

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Why is it important for students to aspire to go to college, and how can they pay for it? These two big questions will drive the learning for Ramp-Up topics this month. This unit provides a way for students to begin to understand the average salaries adults earn based on their level of education, how much colleges cost, and how attaining a postsecondary credential or degree will be beneficial to them in the long run. Parents might want to check out the following websites to learn more: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges> and www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying.

GRADE 7: Students will be focusing on the knowledge and skills that build a belief that they really can attend college. Each student needs to develop a belief in his or her own abilities and how those abilities will positively impact their future. This unit encourages students to identify their individual strengths in terms of knowledge and skills needed for college, so they can further create an understanding and belief in themselves as college-going students. Students will also get the chance to find out what college is really like by asking current college students.

Workshop: College Panel

GRADE 8: Students will gain a better understanding of the costs of two-year and four-year colleges and what the differences are between public and private colleges. Parents may be interested in visiting this link to learn more about comparing the costs of colleges: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges>. The sticker price of college is not necessarily the price you will have to pay. Eighth graders will also be learning the ways they can pay for college including grants, scholarships, loans, savings, and work study. The Readiness Rubric will be updated during March as well.

GRADE 9: During March, students will be introduced to 21st Century skills. They will explore the area of career and technical education (CTE) programs and classes that are offered at Badger High School to help introduce them to a wider range of options for future employment that includes the trades area. 9th graders will also be using a free online tool called Quizizz to help them review key concepts, terms, and ideas related to 21st Century skills. Students will also look at what options for earning college credit are available to them while they are still attending high school. Readiness Rubrics will be updated for all 9th grade students during the month of March.

GRADE 10: What are some options for after high school? In March, sophomores will investigate the college admission process, assess themselves on where they stand with regard to the process at this point, and learn about the purpose of admission exams like the ACT and SAT. Options in the military will also be discussed. Students will learn about the differences between military officers and enlistees, and why credentials are an option for the latter. Sophomores will also update their Readiness Rubric this month.

GRADE 11: During March, juniors will be shown tools to help them begin to narrow their postsecondary options based on specific criteria like majors offered, type of degree programs, school demographics, and more. Vocational, 2-year, and 4-year colleges are explored, as well as apprenticeships. One of the goals for this month is to make sure students are aware of the range of options available, and even if they may not be interested in a particular option, learning about it can help them respect their classmates' choices. Juniors will also understand the influencing factors when choosing a school, the importance of campus visits, and the ideas of "safe," "match," and "stretch" colleges. Juniors will take the time to update their Readiness Rubric in March as well.

GRADE 12: Seniors will be reviewing the importance of setting and working hard to achieve their goals. Students will learn about the goal setting process, formulating their own goals, and the importance of perseverance as it pertains to meeting long-term goals like earning a college degree and finding a rewarding career. In addition to updating their Readiness Rubric, seniors will learn more about the college experience by talking to experts – current college students.

Workshop: College Panel

Trivia

By: Alvaro Alves Sanchez

- In what year was McDonalds founded?
 - 1917
 - 1967
 - 1955
 - 1978
- On what Japanese city was the first atomic bomb dropped?
 - Hiroshima
 - Tokyo
 - Nagasaki
 - Kurashiki
- Where did the ancient Greeks believe the gods lived?
 - Mount Olympus
 - Temple of Apollo
 - Athens
 - Mount Parnassus
- What is the symbol for gold in the periodic table of elements?
 - Ag
 - Au
 - Gu
 - Go



Elementary Viewpoint

By: Alvaro Alves Sanchez

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Paxton Anderson (1st grade): If I could have any superpower, it would be shooting lasers and webs from my eyes. I would use lasers to burn things that are in the way. I would use webs to fly and grab things.

Dagoshen Jean (2nd grade): If I could have a superpower, I would have the power for everything to be under my control.

Kyler Samson (3rd grade): If I could have any superpower, it would be fire because I could start a fire for my dad. It would be fun to make s'mores with my dad.

Alexie Berger (4th grade): I would choose flying because I could go everywhere. I would be able to see my grandma in another country. It would be so much fun!

Emerson Jenson (5th grade): It would be to be able to teleport. I want to teleport so I can get places faster.

Jacob Foss (6th grade): My superpower is to fly. I could go anywhere I want when I want. When I'm older, I wouldn't have to pay for gas because I could just fly. That's what my superpower would be.



Student Opinion

By: Xander Grugal

Would you rather eat white chocolate or dark chocolate?

Alvaro Alves Sanchez (11th): Unlike many people, I really like dark chocolate. White chocolate is too sweet and contains too much sugar. Also, I read that dark chocolate has benefits for our health, and in my opinion, it tastes way better. I'd rather have dark chocolate, and I like it even more if it has almonds.

Greta Wojciechowski (11th): Probably neither. I mostly like milk chocolate. If I were to choose for this question, it would be white chocolate because dark is too rich.

Ava Warne (8th): I would rather have white chocolate because I've liked white chocolate since I was a kid. Although dark chocolate is better in most baked goods, I like white chocolate in red velvet and white chocolate in macadamia nut cookies. Also, dark chocolate is a bit too bitter for my taste. Although I do like both, white chocolate is my favorite.

Caine Larson (9th): I prefer dark chocolate because it has a much better taste. It's not too sweet or bitter and doesn't make me feel sick. White chocolate just isn't good. It's way too sweet and makes me want to puke. We should turn all white chocolate factories into dark chocolate ones.





Leprechaun Bait

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a46344/leprechaun-bait-recipe/>

By: Measha Troxel

Ingredients:

- 2 cups corn Chex
- 1 cups pretzel twists
- 1 cup Lucky Charms
- ½ cup green M&M's
- 12 oz. white chocolate chips, melted
- 1 tsp. green sanding sugar

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, combine corn Chex, pretzels, Lucky Charms, green M&M's, melted white chocolate, and green sanding sugar.
2. Mix until totally combined, then transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet and spread into one even layer
3. Freeze until firm, about 20 minutes, then break into pieces and serve.



Random Riddles

<https://parade.com/947956/parade/riddles/>

By: Caine Larson

1. What does man love more than life, hate more than death or mortal strife; that which contented men desire; the poor have, the rich require; the miser spends, the spendthrift saves, and all men carry to their graves?
2. A man looks at a painting in a museum and says, "Brothers and sisters I have none, but that man's father is my father's son." Who is in the painting?
3. The person who makes it has no need of it; the person who buys it has no use for it. The person who uses it can neither see nor feel it. What is it?
4. What goes through cities and fields, but never moves?
5. You see me once in June, twice in November, and not at all in May. What am I?
6. A little girl goes to the store and buys one dozen eggs. As she is going home, all but three break. How many eggs are left unbroken?
7. What is cut on a table, but is never eaten?

Quote of the Month

By: Hailey Lundgren

"Talking isn't doing. It is a kind of good deed to say well, and yet words are not deeds." ~ William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was born in England in 1564. He is thought to be the greatest writer in the English language, and his plays are still studied and analyzed today. His work consists of 38 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems, and plenty other poems. Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, with whom he had three children. In the beginning of his playwright career he wrote mainly comedies and histories. Later he mainly wrote tragedies, such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, and *Hamlet*. He retired at the age of 49 and died three years later in 1616.



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Superior!

On February 21, the Badger School Concert Band traveled to Roseau to compete at Subsection 32 Large Group Ensemble Contest. The band performed *Into the Raging River* by Steven Reineke; a tone poem that describes a white water rafting trip. Students earned 3 superior ratings for their performance. The three judges for the event were Dr. Jason Kihle (UND), Dr. Cory Driscoll (UND), and Mrs. Sheila Nelson from Newfolden. The students received feedback from all three judges after playing. The Badger Concert Band is under the direction of Ms. Lisa Erickson.



Shout Out To...

State wrestlers and all of their hard work this season.

Juli Smedsmo for accompanying the choir for choir contests.

Badger School & staff for being flexible with our schedules when we hosted our Large Group Choir Contests this year.

Badger band & choir for all the hard work, dedication, and extra time they put in order to have successful contests and the upcoming Music Revue this year!

Badger National Honor Society for organizing the February blood drive.

Border State Bank for providing refreshments at the blood drive.

Donors for taking time to help others by donating at the blood drive.

Ed Walsh for getting 5th and 6th graders safely to Buena Vista for our field trip!

Volunteers & Gator staff chaperones for making our ski trip day run smoothly!

Kitchen staff for packing awesome lunches to fuel the hungry kids during our field trip!

Fabulous First Graders for all the nice Christmas and Valentine's Day Gifts. You are appreciated so much, thank you!

Tracy H. who comes in every day and helps to get the class ready to go home.

The awesome paraprofessionals ~ they do a fabulous job!

Grandma Bev & Ms. Angel ~ The wonderful foster Grandparents who are always there to help both students... and teachers!

Jordan Davy, Ada Lee, Jordan Lee, Macy Majer Amelia Wilt for a wonderful birthday surprise!

Trivia Answers

1. C 2. A 3. A 4. B

Random Riddles Answers

1. Nothing
2. The man's son
3. A coffin
4. A road
5. The letter "e"
6. Three
7. A deck of cards



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Band Musician of the Month Jordan Lee

Grade: 12

What instrument(s) do you play and why did you choose this instrument? I play the flute. I chose this instrument because I liked how high it could get.

If you could learn a new instrument, what would you pick? I would pick the drums so I could breath whenever I wanted to.

What is your favorite song to play? My favorite song to play is *Low Rider* when Ms. Erickson let's me play the cowbell.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? I would do a Disney theme because there are so many great shows/movies to reenact.

What is your most memorable moment in band? My most memorable moment was the band getting a standing ovation at the MSHSL school board convention my 7th grade year.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Practice, practice, practice.

Who inspired you to be part of band? My older sister, Greta, because she was a part of band.



Choir Musician of the Month Aaron Jasiqi

Grade: 7th

What section are you in? Tenor 1

How long have you been in choir? Since September of last year; beginning of 7th grade.

What styles of music do you like to sing? Rap and rock.

What do you enjoy the most about being in choir? Socializing and singing.

What are you looking forward to this year in choir? I'm looking forward to contest and music revue; just to be able to perform and experience it for the first time.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Just go for it and have confidence.

What is your favorite choir memory? Singing at the nursing home in Greenbush.

March Wacky Celebrations

<https://onmilwaukee.com/articles/weird-national-days-march>

By: Carter Hamann

Worship of Tools Day ~ March 11

This day is for all of you out there who love your beloved tools. You can clean them, use them, or just reorganize them. Make sure to show them your appreciation.

Open an Umbrella Indoors Day ~ March 13

Well, it is just as the name suggests. Simply open an umbrella inside and, *boom*, you're celebrating a very odd holiday. Watch out though because as opening an umbrella inside is considered bad luck.

Pi Day ~ March 14

Do you love math and pie? Then this day of celebrating Pi is the day for you. Get rowdy for the insanely long number we frequently use in Algebra.

Goof Off Day ~ March 22

This is a whole day dedicated to relaxing and goofing off. Can it even get better than that? Be careful though — it is on a Friday so don't get into trouble at work or school.

I Am in Control Day ~ March 30

This may sound like some scary day where everyone becomes all powerful, but it's something much less scary and important. I am in Control Day is a day dedicated to getting more organized so you can feel more in control in the midst of the chaos of life.



Senior Spotlight Carter Hamann



Parents: Paul & LynDele Hamann

Siblings: Sarah, Tyler

Nickname: Paul Bunyon

Favorite:

Sport: Trap Shooting

Food: Tacos

Color: Maroon

Hobby: Playing video games

Quote: "Don't pass out, or do. Life's about choices." ~ Drill Sergeant Cruz

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? Infinite money, absolute control of time, and the ability to master any skill.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? It would be for other countries to have similar rights and freedoms as the United States.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? Jaden Solberg and we would go snowmobiling in the mountains in Montana.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? Being tall and always late for school.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? Used a piece of metal in the welder like a welding stick.

Senior Spotlight Marissa Secord

Parents: Christina Norskog & Jeffry Secord

Sibling: Brandon

Nickname: Mari

Favorite:

Sport: Lacrosse

Food: Eggs Benedict

Color: Blue

Hobby: Gaming

Quote: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." ~ Dr. Seuss

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? My three wishes would be eternal love, happiness, and a peaceful world.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? I would change the way people look at things; for example, many people look down at others. Maybe we should look at them as equals instead.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would go with my friend Priyan and we would go to either India or Japan.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? I think I will be remembered as the quiet kid who observed a lot of things.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? The craziest thing I have done in high school was breaking my ankle twice and my tailbone while we had skating in the gym.





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Quarter 2 'A' Honor Roll



Grade 4-6

Delyla Carpenter, Hadley Zimney, Paige Gust, Blair Przekwas

Grade 7-10

Kiley Streich, Aaron Jasiqi, Ava Warne, Avearah Hanson
Not Pictured: Katelyn Gust



Grade 11-12

Back Row: Bethanie VonEnde, Macy Majer, Amelia Wilt, Julia Dostal, Arianna Grugal, Emily Burkel **Front Row:** Jordan Davy, Jordan Lee, Ada Lee, Alvaro Alves Sanchez
Not Pictured: Hailey Lundgren



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Quarter 2 'B' Honor Roll



Grade 4-6

Back Row: Rozalyn Bieber, Abigal Wojciechowski, Onah Gregerson, Willow Rud, Jaryn Kukowski, Carter Kjos, Jens Duray, Kaden Randall, Owen Olson

Middle Row: Brentley Williams, Autumn Turpitt, Ryder Gust, Ayden Mostad, Rogan Hanson, Charlotte Lane, Steele Marquis

Front Row: Ezra Monsrud, Mia Kjos, Aubree Mostad, Alexie Berger, Layla Otto, Shalyn Kukowski, Nils Christianson

Not Pictured: Chesnie Berg

Grade 7-10

Back Row: Charles Peterson, Jaxon Castle, Deegan Hanson, Kylee Gust, Abram Wirta

Middle Row: Marley Haugen Rosadino, Elijah Monsrud, Eli Olafson, Quynn Washington, Aiyanah Bieber

Front Row: Grant Olson, Hallie Glodowski, Ashlyn Johnson, MacKenzie VonEnde

Not Pictured: Emery Christensen, Azmera Olson



Grade 11-12

Back Row: Xander Grugal, Kaden Halvorson, Bailey Wojciechowski, Ashton Pickhartz, Measha Troxel, Jordyn Gilbert, Tenisha Berger

Front Row: Tryg Olson, Ivan Olafson, Taylor Davy, Treston Nichols, Landon Christianson, Aidan Carpenter

Not Pictured: Paige Rybakowski



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Ivan Olafson ~ Basketball

What position do you play? Center

Other than the Swamp, where do you enjoy playing the most? Sacred Heart, they have a great facility and atmosphere and good ice cream.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Dad, he always has some wise words cooking up to tell me.

What is your favorite basketball memory? Late night wrestling in the hotel rooms during summer ball.

Masen Swenson ~ Basketball

What position do you play? Point Guard.

Other than the Swamp, where do you enjoy playing the most? Sacred Heart's The Merth

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? My brother Kasen because he has a great work ethic and it carries over to me. He pushes me to be my best at all times.

What is your favorite basketball memory? Going to the state tournament my 8th grade year. Then going to the Timberwolves game afterwards.



Taylor Davy ~ Basketball

What position do you play? Forward.

Other than the Swamp, where do you enjoy playing the most? The Merth at Sacred Heart. It has a great atmosphere and there are very little dead spots in the floor unlike other gyms.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Most college players because they had to work for where they are at and try their hardest to get to the next league.

What is your favorite basketball memory? Probably going to the Target Center for state and also last year on our trip, and playing on the court and watching the Wolves game after.

Bethanie VonEnde ~ Wrestling

What weight do you wrestle? 112

What is your favorite wrestling move? A cradle because it's a fun move to hook up. It is also a good move that can pin someone pretty fast.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Keegan because he is also a newish wrestler and is doing really well. Even if he is my little brother, I want to work as hard as he does out on the mat.

What is your favorite wrestling memory? When I got my first 1st place this year at Bemidji. It was only the girls who went, and the whole trip was fun.





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Ada Lee ~ Basketball

What position do you play? I usually play anywhere on the court.

Other than the Swamp, where do you enjoy playing the most? Badger High School because it was a fun environment, and it is my home turf.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? My mom and dad because they are at every game and always support me.

What is your favorite basketball memory? Having a nerf gun war at the hotel during our winter break tournament.



Jordan Lee ~ Basketball

What position do you play? Anywhere but post.

Other than the Swamp, where do you enjoy playing the most? I really enjoy playing in Fertile because the concessions there are so good.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? I look up to myself because I know when I have a bad game. Then I work harder to not let it happen the next game.

What is your favorite basketball memory? My favorite memory is when we all brought Nerf guns to the Pelican Rapids tournament.



Treston Nichols ~ Wrestling

What weight do you wrestle? Heavy Weight.

What is your favorite wrestling move? Headlock, I have pinned multiply kids with it, and it works well.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Coach, he is always encouraging me to do other stuff.

What is your favorite wrestling memory? My favorite memory is beating the guys that are ranked in state.



Briggs Jenson ~ Wrestling

What weight do you wrestle? 139

What is your favorite wrestling move? My favorite move is the Blast Double because it looks amazing when you hit it hard.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? I look up to all the people who keep pushing themselves no matter how hard it is and keep trying to improve.

What is your favorite wrestling memory? The rides on the bus with the team.



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Help your child think about how to learn and solve problems

Students learn more and stay more motivated to persist with schoolwork when they think about *how* they learn. Educators call this *metacognition*. When your child faces obstacles, one effective way to offer support is to talk about how your student thinks about and approaches problems.

When your child hits a snag with schoolwork:



- **Discuss ways to think** about it. Effective thinkers have a plan before they take action. They know if they need more information in order to proceed. And if they get new information later, they adapt their plan.
- **Point out your child's strengths** as a problem solver. "Remember that when you make a plan, things seem to fall into place."
- **Help your child draw** on past knowledge to address current problems. Your student may not have had an assignment just like this one, but your child has probably worked on other challenging tasks. Ask, "What did you learn then about ways to work through tough problems?"
- **Talk about what persistence** can do. "It's not that I'm so smart," Albert Einstein once said, "It's that I stick with a problem longer." Talk about the progress your child has already made, and offer assurance that by continuing to try, your child *can* reach the goal.

Source: A.L. Costa, *Developing Minds: A Resource Book for Teaching Thinking*, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.



Give learning a boost by guiding play

Play supports children's physical, academic and social development. While free play is important, play that's guided by an adult can better help your child learn specific skills or concepts. To guide your child's play:

- **Mix play** and everyday activities. Let your child play with measuring cups and spoons while you cook. Then, ask how many teaspoons of water will fill a tablespoon or how many $\frac{1}{4}$ cups of sugar will fit in one cup. On a walk outside, make up a story together about an animal or bird you see—using descriptive words and lots of details.
- **Place learning materials** with your child's toys. Provide a notepad and pen so your child can write prescriptions for stuffed animals while playing vet. Encourage engineering experiments by adding varied materials to your block bin (cardboard tubes, egg cartons, cut-up pool noodles, etc.).

Source: C.A. Wright and others, "Playful Learning and Joyful Parenting," The LEGO Foundation.

Keep tests in perspective

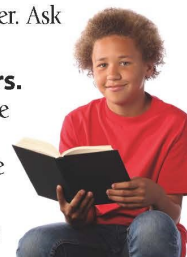
Standardized tests can make kids—and families—nervous. The teacher can tell you what the tests measure, but it's important to remember that one test doesn't represent a student's total abilities. Help your child stay calm and positive before a test. If anxiety rises, have your child take deep breaths and say, "I can do this!"



Boost reading for meaning

To improve your child's ability to understand meaning when reading fiction, talk about the material together. Ask your student to:

- **Discuss plot movers.** What problems did the characters face? Why did things turn out the way they did?
- **Find links.** What has your child learned or experienced that relates to the story?
- **Make choices.** Would your child make the same decisions a character did? How might other choices change the story?
- **Think about the author's point.** Did the story have a message?



Source: "Reading Comprehension and Higher Order Thinking Skills," K-12 Reader.

Discuss conflict resolution

Conflicts—from misunderstandings with teachers to disagreements with friends or family—are a part of all children's lives. To help resolve them, teach your child to:

- **Listen to the other person** and try to understand their point of view.
- **Take time to calm down** and think before acting.
- **Consider compromises.**
- **Ask for help** when needed.
- **Be willing to apologize** when at fault.



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What can I do to help my child stop procrastinating?

Q: My fifth grader puts everything off. In the morning, my child is late getting ready. Schoolwork and long-term projects turn into panicked mad rushes at the last minute. How can I help my child learn to manage time better?

A: Elementary schoolers are just beginning to learn time management—and it doesn't come naturally to many of them. But with your support, your child can learn to plan ahead.



Help your child establish regular routines for:

- **Getting organized.** Have your child do backpack, bedroom and study area tidy-ups. An organized space can make organized thinking easier.
- **Prioritizing.** Help your child make a to-do list with three headings: Must Do, Would Be Nice to Do and Could Skip This. Make it clear that items on the Must-Do list (such as schoolwork) have to come first.
- **Scheduling.** After setting priorities, figure out together when your child can do those Must Dos. Some children can draw up a schedule for the whole week and stick to it. Others need to make a daily schedule to stay on track. Make sure there is some time in the schedule for fun!
- **Sticking to the schedule.** This is the hardest step. Daily study times and morning and evening routines can help. Praise your child for sticking with them.



Are you reinforcing learning skills?

One of the best ways to help your child do well in school is to reinforce school skills at home. Are you helping your child apply things learned in class to daily life? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

1. Do you ask your child to explain concepts that the class is learning about? Do you listen and ask questions?
2. Do you encourage your child to help you solve problems around the house?
3. Do you help your child apply school skills in hands-on ways, such as by writing stories or calculating averages?
4. Do you encourage your child's interest in "grown-up" things, such as ways to save money on household costs?

5. Do you look up answers together when questions arise?
- How well are you doing?**

More yes answers mean you are reinforcing and building on your child's knowledge. For each no try that idea.

"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them."

—Aristotle

Get ready for the big move

If your child will be heading to middle school in the fall, start preparing for the exciting transition now. To help:

- **Read the middle school website** together. Sign up to receive school communications so you and your child will know what's going on.
- **Foster school spirit.** Talk about your child's interests and new ways to pursue them in middle school.
- **Encourage school success habits,** such as fulfilling responsibilities, taking notes and making study plans.
- **Look for mentors.** Do neighbors and friends have children in the middle school? See if your child can talk to their students about what it's like.

Spring into gardening fun

Spring is just around the corner. For some seasonal fun that also teaches responsibility, allow your child to pick out some quick growing seeds, such as radishes or marigolds.



Help your elementary schooler plant the seeds in potting soil and place the pots in a sunny spot. Then, make your child responsible for the watering and care of the plants.

Make rules memorable

Creating catchy phrases that link rules with their consequences can help your child remember them. For example:

- **If you leave it out, you go without** (belongings not put away properly go into time-out for a week).
- **If you hit, you sit** (in time-out).
- **If you partake,** you take part (in meal prep or clean up).

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Kindergarten Korner

By: Hailey Lundgren

Ivy Seydel

What are you enjoying about kindergarten? My favorite thing is art. Art is good.

What is your favorite season? Autumn because it's Halloween and I get to go trick-or-treating.

What is your favorite holiday? My favorite holiday is Valentine's Day. My Valentine's Day box is white with lots of paper.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I don't know. Maybe a daycare lady so I can babysit my kid.

If your toys could talk, what would they say? One of my toys did talk. It said, "Ruff, bark" because it's a dog.

What is your favorite day of the week? Saturday because I get to play. I watch TV and watch Gabby. I watched a movie called *Ninja Turtles*.



Crystal Mekovich

What are you enjoying about kindergarten? I like doing art the most.

What is your favorite season? Summer because I play around in the woods and spend my energy.

What is your favorite holiday? Valentine's Day and Christmas. This Christmas I got a Barbie dream house.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Cinderella because she's my favorite character.

If your toys could talk, what would they say? My toys don't talk. I talk for them.

What is your favorite day of the week? Friday because it's the same way always. I wanna go shopping on Friday.

