



# The Badger Barker



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## Badger School's Veterans Day Program

By: Colby Wooten



The 2016 Veterans Day essay winners were (front row left to right) High School level:

Emma Gust (3rd),  
Katrina Smith (2nd),  
Gavin Davy (1st);

Junior High level:  
Jordan Scharf (1st),  
Bailey Maurstad (2nd),  
Hallie Hietala (3rd).

The essay winners are pictured with area veterans who were part of the Color Guard during the ceremony.

Left to right are:  
David Vacura, Curt Hukee,  
Bob Glen, Wayne Praska,  
and Morris Vacura.

On Friday November 11, Badger School District and community members gathered to honor men and women who have served, are currently serving, and who plan to serve for this great country's freedom. Badger School's Student Council made the program possible with the assistance of Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Lee, Ms. Ylitalo, Ms. Erickson, Mr. Carpenter, and Badger High School Concert Band and Choir. Student Council President Caitlynn Garten welcomed those in attendance. Proceeding the welcome, the Posting of the Colors was performed by Roseau County area veterans David Vacura, Morris Vacura, Curt Hukee, Bob Glen, and Wayne Praska. Badger junior Tyrah Green accompanied the Posting of the Colors by singing *The Star Spangled Banner*. The Badger High School Concert Band then followed with their performance of *Let Freedom Ring*.

Veterans Day Essay winners were then asked to share their speeches with the audience. Junior High winners Hallie Hietala, Bailey Maurstad, and Jordan Scharf wrote their essays on the topic "The America I Believe In." Badger High School Concert Choir performed *We Honor You*, followed by the Senior High essay winners Emma Gust, Katrina Smith, and Gavin Davy reading their speeches on "My Responsibility to America."

Guest speakers were Superintendent Tom Jerome, Mayor Jim Rinde, and Retired Air Force Veteran Dale Hagen. Dale Hagen presented the Dave Frislie Eagle Award to Allan Walsh and Pete Christianson to honor them as veterans who have given back to the Badger School, community, and fellow veterans. The award was created by Dale Hagen, Mayor Jim Rinde, and Brady Johnson. Mr. Hagen also presented coins, which is a way military people say thank you. He presented the Onward Christian Soldier coins to Mrs. Lee, Ms. Ylitalo, and Ms. Erickson for all their work for the Veterans Day Program. He then presented the We the People coin to Mr. Johnson for being responsible for the program at the school. Ending the program was Jack Burkel who played *Taps* followed by the Retiring of the Colors. Thank you to everyone in attendance.



Dale Hagen



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## Senior Spotlight Devin Pries

**Parents:** Bob & Deb Pries

**Siblings:** Brandon, Kasey

**Nicknames:** Bud, Beast

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Wrestling

**Food:** Venison tenderloins

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** "Live life one day at a time."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** I would wish for the best hunting land.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** Ted Nugent to take me hunting in New Zealand.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Easy-going

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Way too many to mention.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hunt and drive around.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Messing around with friends.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Being able to take college classes already.

## Senior Spotlight Isaac Dostal

**Parents:** Shannon & Dan Dostal

**Siblings:** Andy, Julia

**Nicknames:** Dostal, IZ man

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Tacos

**Color:** Green

**Quote:** "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** A big house on a lake.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** I would travel with Jordan because who knows what would happen. We would go wherever the road takes us.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Funny & sarcastic (sorry two words!).

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** The time half our class got detention for skipping the first hour of school.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Drive around.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** The people I went to school with.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Being in National Honor Society.



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## Campus Comment

By: Colby Wooten

### What is your favorite winter activity?

**Aulona Jasiqi (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite winter activity is probably skiing because it's a fun way to spend time outside without getting cold.

**Bailey Maurstad (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** Snowmobiling because it is fun to have the snow blowing around my face.

**Colten Gust (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** Riding snowcat with family.

**Timothy Kjelland (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** Riding behind a snowmobile because it is a very exciting thrill when Noah is driving.

**Michaela Dahlen (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** Aside from playing on our school's basketball team, I enjoy snowmobiling, sledding, and skiing because they can keep me active for hours outside.

**Madison Rybakowski (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** I enjoy snowshoeing; especially when my Uncles Chris, Eric and/or Dennis hike off trail with me at Hayes Lake. I also find riding snowcats very fun!

**Ms. Y (English Teacher):** Ice fishing because I get to escape from everything and read a good book! (Usually don't catch a thing.)



## Trivia

By: Dillon Nieman

- How many reindeer does Santa Claus have pulling his sleigh?
  - 7
  - 8
  - 9
  - 10
- Which NBA player has won the most NBA titles?
  - Michael Jordan
  - Bill Russell
  - LeBron James
  - Shaquille O'Neal
- What MLB team has the most World Series titles?
  - Oakland Athletics
  - St. Louis Cardinals
  - New York Yankees
  - Boston Red Sox
- What was the first political party in the United States?
  - Whigs
  - Republicans
  - Federalists
  - Democrats

## December Wacky Celebrations

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/>

By: Austin Maurstad

### Gingerbread House Day ~ December 12

Have you ever had the inclination to make an edible house? Well on this day you should! Construct any kind of building your heart desires, whether it's a simple house or a complex structure. You can also hold a gingerbread house building party where you and your friends can have a contest building the most unique structure.

### Chocolate Covered Anything Day ~ December 16

Who doesn't love chocolate? On this special day you are free to eat anything covered in chocolate. You should try some original dishes, such as chocolate covered fruits or nuts. If you're feeling creative, try something new, for example, chocolate rubbed steak or chocolate covered pizza.

### Ugly Sweater Day ~ December 19

Today is the day to break out your ugly sweater and wear it proudly. Host an ugly sweater party and have a contest to see who has the ugliest sweater. If you don't have an ugly sweater, you can always make one by bedazzling an old, worn-out sweater.

### Eggnog Day ~ December 24

Drink this festive beverage the day before Christmas. Eggnog is associated with Christmas in many parts of the world: North America, Europe, and Asia. Made from eggs, milk, cream, sugar, and different spices, it is a pleasant holiday beverage to sip on while relaxing by the fire.

### Thank You Note Day ~ December 26

Thank you! Show someone you know how much you appreciate them by writing them a thank you note. Whether it is just a note saying thanks or a card with a reward inside, they will appreciate the complement either way. If someone writes you a thank you note, be sure to write them one back.



## Choir Musician of the Month Morgan Praska

**Grade:** 9

**Sibling:** Ethan

**What section are you in?** I am in the alto section.

**How long have you been in choir?** This is my third year being in choir.

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** I like to sing emotional songs because I want to tell a story through the music that people can relate to.

**What is your favorite part about being in choir?** My favorite part about choir is that I get the tools and experience I need to develop as a musician.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** I am looking forward to spending time with my section in choir and building good relationships with them in which we learn from each other and grow as a group as well as individuals.

**What advice would you give other vocalists in choir?** I would tell them to always try their best and never give up on themselves; even if a song is difficult, they might surprise themselves.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** My favorite choir memory would probably have been when I led the choir into the gym for contest and I messed the order up. I still get teased about it.



Morgan Praska  
Bailey Maurstad



## Band Musician of the Month Bailey Maurstad

**Grade:** 8

**Sibling:** Austin

**What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument?** I play percussion because I thought it was interesting and my cousin plays it too.

**If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick and why?** I would pick trumpet because that was one that I liked when we chose instruments.

**What is your favorite song to play?** Anything with timpani because that is my favorite percussion instrument.

**If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick?** I would pick famous movies, like the *Hunger Games*, *Twilight*, *Iron Man*, and play their theme songs.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** I'm not sure because there are so many with these great people.

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** I would say that practicing is worth it.

**Who inspired you to be part of band?** I don't remember her name, but she was in percussion when I was in elementary at a pep fest.

## National Honor Society

By: Shayna Kruger

National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization that recognizes high school students in grades 11 and 12 who go above and beyond academically. NHS students help and continue to help their communities by showing the five characteristic traits that National Honor Society was founded upon: knowledge, scholarship, leadership, service, character.

To be eligible to apply, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.22. They also need two letters of recommendation: one from a Badger faculty member, school administrator, or board member and one from a community representative attesting to the student's character, leadership, and service to the school/community. Students must also agree to be present at the induction ceremony. Badger juniors Austin Maurstad, Dillon Nieman, Ethan Praska, Tyler Isane, and Devan Olson were inducted into Badger's NHS this year on November 3. They joined senior members Shayna Kruger, Olivia Monsrud, Caity Garten, Isaac Dostal, and Jared Davy. Once a student has been inducted and is officially a member, he or she must have ten volunteer hours of community service per year and maintain a 3.22 GPA.

There are three major events sponsored by the Badger National Honor Society: two blood drives and the school's Read Across America events. During these two events, each NHS member does his/her part to achieve a successful outcome. Thank you National Honor Society for helping out our community!





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## Honor Choir Festival

Thirteen students from the Badger High School Concert Choir participated in the Northland Community & Technical College (NCTC) High School Honor Choir Festival on Friday, November 4. Over 100 students from 10 area high schools participated in the event.

The students spent all day preparing four songs for performance at the NCTC Choral Works Choir Concert at 6:00 that evening. The concert featured performances from the Northland Chamber Choir, select high school soloists, and the Northland High School Honor Choir. The Honor Choir performed four songs: *Vuelie* by Frode Fjellheim and Christophe Beck, *La Lluvia (The Rain)* by Stephen Hatfield, *I Gave My Love a Cherry*

arranged by Pepper Choplin, and *The Fiddler of Dooney* by Daniel Hall.

Badger students participating in the festival were Jack Burkel, Emma Gust, Noah Warne, Kennedy Truscinski, Emma VonEnde, Avdyl Jasiqi, Morgan Praska, Kasen Swenson, Jordan Watson, Jared Davy, Logan Kompelien, Gavin Davy, and Caity Garten. The students from the Badger Concert Choir weren't the only members from the Badger School who participated in the festival. Mr. Dan Carpenter was also featured as the conductor in the evening concert on two songs, *La Lluvia* and *The Fiddler of Dooney*. "It was a great experience to work with such enthusiastic students," Carpenter said. "I'm always in awe at how all of the students come together to put these songs together in one day. It's inspiring as a director to see how much attention and energy they put in making these songs come alive."



## Shout Out To.....

All who came for *Muffins with Moms* and for the generous donations to the food shelf!! Thank You!

*Greenbush Fire Chief Randy Jenson* for coming to visit the Badger Robotics Team to teach them about fire extinguishers and the proper use of them.

*Badger Fire Chief Jeramy Swenson* for his help with the fire extinguisher safety presentation.

*Mary Karl* for accompaniment at solo contest.

*Deb Meier* for being an emergency last minute bus driver for solo contest.

### National Honor Society Shout Out To...

*Parents, families, and students* who attended and helped clean-up after the National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony.

*Sophomores Gavin Davy, Alex Ylitalo, and Colby Wooten* for serving.

*Jarod Magnusson, Detroit Wallace, and Val Truscinski* for helping set up for NHS

*Jada Watson* for sharing her beautiful voice at the NHS ceremony

### Veterans Day Shout Out To...

*Dale Hagen* for his ongoing participation with our Veterans Day programs,

*Gretchen Lee* for helping with America's Table setup

*Morris Vacura and Roseau County Veterans* in representing the Color Guard on November 11.

## December Dates to Remember

By: Yannik Kroeller Fernandez

- 4 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 5 Vision & Hearing Rescreen
- 6 ECFE "Holiday Crafts" 6:00 pm
- 6 Comm Ed ~ Adult Flow Yoga 5:45 pm
- 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Midterm
- 8 Preschool Holiday Event 2:00 pm
- 9 Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop 1:30 pm
- 10 Home for the Holidays Event
- 11 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 12 School Board 7:30 pm
- 13 Comm Ed ~ Adult Flow Yoga 5:45 pm
- 14 Elementary Winter Music Program 2:00 pm
- 18 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 19 Math League @ TRF
- 20 High School Winter Music Program 7:00 pm
- 26-30 Winter Break ~ No School



## Ramp-Up Topics for December

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

**GRADE 6:** Students will be introduced to the Cornell Note model of note-taking. Advisors will model the process for students and show a brief video on how the model works. Parents can ask their student to demonstrate and explain how the Cornell model works at home as well.

**GRADE 7:** What does it take to have a high skill career and what are some benefits of having one? Students will learn that all studies show that on average, adults with postsecondary degrees earn substantially more than high school graduates. Students will look at the financial impact a postsecondary degree can have on earning potential. People who have high skill careers are more often happy, self-confident, healthy, and more frequently involved with efforts to better our society. Starting early to think about finding a career that not only pays well but also has personal and social benefits is what our December topics are all about.

**GRADE 8:** Students will focus on being prepared for high school and the importance of making proper class selections during their high school careers. Students will review the state and local requirements needed for high school graduation, as well as college entrance requirements.

**GRADE 9:** What standards are required for high school graduation and how are they different from postsecondary admission requirements? Students will study graduation requirements set by the state of Minnesota and the Badger School vs. admissions requirements for the University of Minnesota. Ninth graders will also identify what they view as their own strengths and how they can use these to overcome obstacle they will surely face now and in their futures.

**GRADE 10:** Is intelligence fixed? Won't a C student always be a C student? Sophomores will look at a theory that shows the difference between having a fixed mindset vs. a growth mindset. People can and do grow their ability to learn and achieve. Smart is not how we are born, smart is what we work to become. Parents can find more information about the growth mindset at: <https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/default>

**GRADE 11:** How do you pay for college? This month, students will explore financing college starting with the FAFSA4Caster to identify what need-based aid is likely to be available. What about scholarships? Students will spend time learning about how to locate scholarships locally and nationally. In addition to checking with the counselor's office, students and their parents can look to businesses, religious organizations, unions, community, and service organizations, and colleges they may plan to attend.

**GRADE 12:** Seniors will be exploring financial aid options during December's Ramp-Up sessions. Students will receive very specific information about the different types of financial aid that may be available to them and how to access it. Parents have access to a set of online videos that help inform them about financial aid and paying for college at: [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying)

## Badger Heritage Wall Project

The Badger Heritage Wall project received notice of a \$5000 grant award. Also, about \$2000 in additional donations have been received. As we approach the end of 2016, please consider making a year-end donation. Badger Heritage Wall donations are tax deductible though the Badger Community Fund Veterans Park Special Projects Fund. Send your gift attention Christine Modahl at Border State Bank in Badger. All donations are appreciated and help to honor our community and those who have served our country in all branches of the service. We plan to begin work on the glass mosaic portion of the wall in January. Every dollar helps. Please consider making a donation today.

## December Gator Sports

By: Michal Olson

### Girls Basketball

- 5 KCC @ BGMR
- 8 Warroad @ BGMR
- 12 @ NCTC Invitational
- 13 @ NCTC Invitational
- 15 @ NCTC Invitational
- 19 Roseau @ BGMR
- 28 @ Red Lake Falls

### Boys Basketball

- 6 @ NCTC Invitational
- 8 @ NCTC Invitational
- 9 @ NCTC Invitational
- 15 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR
- 16 Roseau @ BGMR
- 19 @ KCC (Lancaster)
- 22 Clearbrook-Gonvick @ BGMR

### Wrestling

- 1 Roseau @ BGMR
- 3 @ Wadena
- 6 @ Mahnomen Triangular
- 9 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational
- 10 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational
- 13 Pembina County North @ BGMR
- 16 @ Cass Lake-Bena Invitational
- 17 @ Cass Lake-Bena Invitational



## Badger Robotics Team Safety Training

Submitted by: Val Truscinski, Robotics Advisor



On November 15, Badger School Robotics Team 3750 held a fire extinguisher safety training session presented by Greenbush Fire Chief, Randy Jenson. Mr. Jenson had ten different fire extinguishers on hand. He went through a PowerPoint presentation with the team which explained the different types of extinguishers, what they are used for, and how to properly put out a fire. While discussing the proper way to extinguish a fire he explained to stand 6-8 feet away from the fire, and remember the word PASS:

- Pull the pin
- Aim at the base of the fire
- Squeeze the trigger and hold
- Sweep the nozzle

At the conclusion of the presentation, Badger Fire Chief and Robotics Mentor Jeramy Swenson helped Mr. Jenson to start a fire in the school parking lot which each team member had the opportunity to put out with a fire extinguisher.



Badger and Greenbush Fire Chiefs with members of Team 3750 who attended the Fire Extinguisher Safety Training: Badger Fire Chief Jeramy Swenson, Jared Davy, Tim Kjelland, Austin Maurstad, Kaeden Hietala, Parker Stuebgen, Kennedy Truscinski, Emma VonEnde, Shayna Kruger, Olivia Monsrud, Morgan Praska, Karissa Kaml, Alex Ylitalo, Noah Stuebgen, and Greenbush Fire Chief Randy Jenson.

## Easy Sweet and Sour Chicken

<http://allrecipes.com/>

By: Dillon Nieman

### Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 3 celery ribs, sliced
- 2 green bell peppers, diced
- 1 onion, chopped
- ½ cup ketchup
- ½ cup lemon juice
- ½ cup crushed pineapple with syrup
- ⅓ cup packed brown sugar

### Directions:

1. Combine flour, garlic powder, salt, and black pepper in a shallow dish.
2. Roll and coat chicken cubes in flour mixture.
3. Heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a skillet over medium-high heat.
4. Cook and stir chicken in hot oil until it is no longer pink in the center and juices run clear, 8 to 10 minutes; remove and set aside.
5. Heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in the same skillet over medium heat.
6. Cook and stir celery, green peppers, and onion in heated oil until slightly tender, about 5 minutes.
7. Return chicken to the skillet.
8. Whisk ketchup, lemon juice, pineapple, and brown sugar in a bowl; pour into the skillet; bring to a boil.
9. Cook and stir chicken and vegetables in sauce until heated through, 2 to 3 minutes.



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## Meet The Barker Crew

By: Isaac Lorenson

Every year, *The Barker* gains great members. This year, we have seniors Shayna Kruger, Michal Olson; juniors Yannik Fernandez, Austin Maurstad, Dillon Nieman; sophomores Colby Wooten, Ceceilia Yeager; and freshmen Isaac Lorenson, Frank Rodriguez. We all work hard to give you the best *Barker* we all can make. Here are some thoughts and reasons why we joined.



### Why did you join *The Badger Barker*?

**Austin:** To be part of my community and to show my creativity.

**CeCe:** I was in it last year and I really liked it, so I stayed in *Barker* this year.

**Colby:** I joined *The Barker* so I could try something new.

**Dillon:** To be part of my school newspaper and write articles everyone can see.

**Frank:** I felt this would be a fun experience to help the community in a different way.

**Isaac:** I joined because I thought this class would be fun to do.

**Michal:** Being with friends.

**Shayna:** I joined *The Badger Barker* because I wanted to try something new. I've always loved receiving *The Barker* in the mail and knowing that it was put together by the students of the school.

**Yannik:** I took *The Barker* class because I wanted to try something new.

### What article do you make each month, and what process do you use?

**Austin:** Random Riddles and Wacky Celebrations. I use a web site with a lot of holidays/riddles and choose which ones I find the funniest.

**CeCe:** I write the Senior Spotlight. I ask seniors questions every month.

**Colby:** I write the Campus Comment articles. I ask a student from each grade in 7-12 and one staff member the same question.

**Dillon:** Trivia Questions, I think of questions I think are interesting and make sure there is a solid answer for the question.

**Frank:** I conduct the Student Opinion article. The way I do it is I get a question approved and I pick two boys and two girls and I find out what their opinion is on that question.

**Isaac:** I make the Band and Choir Musician of the Month and the Book Review. For band and choir, I hand out questions to the music teachers who pick the students, and I type what the students say. For Book Review, I choose a book I thought was interesting, find a quote, list details, and make it interesting but not too revealing.

**Michal:** The Gator Sports, which is found on the Badger school website

**Shayna:** I make Kindergarten Korner each month. The first step in making the article is coming up with the questions to ask, and I then pick two or three different kindergarteners to interview. After interviewing the kindergarteners I put the article together.

**Yannik:** My monthly article is the Dates to Remember.

### What advice would you give Badger students to be successful in high school?

**Austin:** Try your hardest and never give up. Don't be afraid to try new things or to be different.

**CeCe:** You don't stay young forever so smile while you still have teeth.

**Colby:** Give it your all no matter what! Try to get the best grades possible because they follow you around. Absolutely do not be afraid to take the harder classes. Don't stretch yourself thin, take your classes and do the extra stuff that you can manage!

**Dillon:** Try hard in all your classes and enjoy this time while you have it.

**Frank:** Just have fun and truly be yourself. Other advice would be to not try to be something you're not. Feel confident in all of your classes you take, especially your electives.

**Isaac:** I would say that you try classes you don't like or might be tough because that can really be useful in the real world.

**Michal:** Listen to the teachers when they are talking and be on time.

**Shayna:** I would tell younger students to try something new; it is a great experience. I would also tell them to work hard at everything, and always keep a positive outlook on life.

**Yannik:** Try to give your best to get good grades, so you remember the school time as a good time. And you have better chances for a good future.

### What is your favorite part about this class?

**Austin:** Being creative and being part of my community.

**CeCe:** The small class setting and it's the last hour of the day and it's enjoyable.

**Colby:** My favorite part of this class is the sense of accomplishment when you finish each monthly *Barker*.

**Dillon:** Writing Trivia Questions.

**Frank:** Looking at what others have to say on certain hot-button issues.

**Isaac:** My favorite part of this class is when we fold *The Barker*. Each member has a different job to do during the folding.

**Michal:** Putting *The Barker* together.

**Shayna:** My favorite part of the class is seeing every individual article come together in the end. I also enjoy when *The Barker* gets sent out to the families and knowing that they can see what is going on in our school through the eyes of a student.

**Yannik:** My favorite part about this class is that you have to manage your time and work individually to finish your articles on time.





## Band Solo Contest

Badger band members who attended the solo contest at Lake of the Woods were freshmen:

- Kennedy Truscinski ~ trumpet ~ *Air* by JS Bach ~ superior rating
- Morgan Praska ~ clarinet ~ *Aria for clarinet and piano* by Eugene Bozza ~ superior rating ~ Outstanding Performance Award
- Kiana Jacobson ~ clarinet ~ *Largo from the New World Symphony* by Antonin Dvorak ~ superior rating
- Emma Gust ~ flute ~ *Sicilliene* by Gabriel Faure ~superior rating ~ Outstanding Performance Award

Badger band teacher, Ms. Erickson, is very proud of her band soloists. They were well prepared, played very musically, and represented our school extremely well.

## Choir Solo Contest

Badger choir members who attended the vocal solo contest at Lake of the Woods were:

- Kennedy Truscinski ~ soprano ~ *Shenandoah* arranged by Jay Althouse ~ superior rating
- Gavin Davy ~ baritone ~ *The Vagabond* by Ralph Vaughan Williams ~ superior rating
- Jared Davy ~ baritone ~ *Caro mio ben* by Tommaso Giordani ~ excellent rating
- Logan Kompelien ~ tenor ~ *Loch Lomond* arranged by Carl Deis ~ excellent rating
- Dorothy Kjelland ~ mezzo soprano ~ *Go 'Way From My Window* arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram ~ excellent rating
- Morgan Praska ~ mezzo soprano ~ *Cara e dolce for* by Alesandro Scarlatti ~ superior rating

Badger choir director, Mr. Carpenter, is very pleased with the performance of the vocal soloists. They worked hard to earn their ratings at contest this year. Each of the soloists represented our school very well.



## Random Riddles

[www.goodriddlesnow.com](http://www.goodriddlesnow.com)

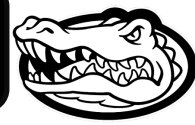
By: Austin Maurstad

1. What happens when you throw a blue rock into a yellow sea?
2. Sad, sick, or sloppy I'll help you out, use me right and I'll cover your snout. What am I?
3. I have eight to spare and am covered with hair. What am I?
4. A rooster lays an egg at 6:00 a.m. When does the farmer find it?
5. I'm round at the ends and high in the middle. What am I?
6. 100 feet in the air, yet its back is on the ground. What is it?
7. What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

1. C. 2. B. 3. C. 4. C  
**Trivia Answers**



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## Kindergarten Korner

By: Shayna Kruger

### Aaron Jasiqi

**Parents:** Besfort & Gjevahir Jasiqi  
**Age:** 6

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, because it has been 46 days and everyday has been a good one.

**What's your favorite color?** Green and blue because I love those two colors. I love the entire rainbow, but I love green and blue more than the rest.

**What's your favorite thing about the holidays?** I just love all of the months. We have so much to celebrate year round. But during Christmas we have a big family supper.

**Who is Santa Claus, and what does he do?** He brings kids presents. He brings happiness and smiles. He watches kids to make sure they bring other kids happiness as well.

**How does Santa Claus make and deliver his presents?** All of his little people help make the presents, and he delivers them with his big red sleigh and deers.

**If you could give anyone a present, who would you give it to and what would it be?** My mom, I would give her three paper hearts. One red from me, one pink from Aulona, and one yellow from Avdyl.



### Gage Otto

**Parents:** Tom & Jessica Otto  
**Age:** 6

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, I love to play inside and outside with my class and the 1<sup>st</sup> graders.

**What's your favorite color?** Blue because it makes me think of blueberries and I love blueberry salad.

**What's your favorite thing about the holidays?** I like when it's Christmas time and we get presents. I also like playing with the presents with my sister.

**Who is Santa Claus, and what does he do?** Santa Claus lives in the North Pole. He makes presents and brings them to our house when we are sleeping.

**How does Santa Claus make and deliver his presents?** Elves help him make all the presents for the good boys and girls. He delivers the presents in a sleigh that flies with reindeer.

**If you could give anyone a present, who would you give it to and what would it be?** I would give my sister a dolly because she likes dollies and I love her.



### Grant Olson

**Parents:** Brent & Sara Olson  
**Age:** 5

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, I love playtime because I get to play Lego cars with Mason.

**What's your favorite color?** Black because my mom's favorite color is pink and they look good together.

**What's your favorite thing about the holidays?** Christmas is getting toys and spending time with family.

**Who is Santa Claus, and what does he do?** Santa Claus bring toys at night on Christmas. He watches to see who has been bad or good.

**How does Santa Claus make and deliver his presents?** The elves help make the presents, and he delivers the toys with his sleigh and reindeer.

**If you could give anyone a present, who would you give it to and what would it be?** I would give Gage a remote-control four wheeler because he likes four wheelers and he is my best friend.





# The Badger Barker



## Santa Letters:

- Dear Santa*, Will you please bring me some new Frozen toys and Potachos. I helped mom and dad rake leaves. I've been good all year. How are the reindeer? Love, *Kaylie Streich* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Would you please bring me a remote control motorcycle and a new skateboard. I will leave milk and cookies out for you and carrots for your reindeer. I helped grandma pick vegetables out of her garden. I helped mom and dad find reindeer this weekend. Love, *Grant Olson* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Would you please bring me a real phone and a real happy birthday candle. I help mom make cookies and milkshakes. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I've been good all year. Love, *Aaron Jasiqi* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, I want pretty high heels to wear with flowers inside and a new hat. I help mom carry groceries. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and a glass of milk out for you. Love, *Ava Gust* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Please bring me a nerf gun and a new Freddie costume. How are your elves doing? I will leave carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Esten Howell* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Please bring me a new toy for Joseph and I would like a new Minnie Mouse umbrella and one for Joseph too. I will leave milk out for you. Love, *Kiley Streich* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Please bring me some new Santa books and a kitchen playset. I hope your reindeer stay alive forever. I will leave milk and seeds for the reindeer. Love, *Gage Otto* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Please bring me a doll. I help clean house and have been good. How is Mrs. Claus? Love, *Maizy Thompson* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Would you please bring me a horse doll and horse trailer with pickup. I will leave carrots for your reindeer. I have been really good all year. Love, *Brenna Pearson* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, I want a skateboard for Christmas and a sled. I've been good. I helped my mom put outside toys away. I will put out cookies, milk, and carrots by my tree for you. Love, *Elijah Monsrud* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Please bring me a remote control pickup. I will leave pancakes out for you and carrots for your reindeer. I helped grandma get new clothes for her. P.S. Would you please leave some new shoelaces for my dad. Love, *Wyatt Jenson* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Would you please bring me another Plush 5 Nights at Freddie's. I helped my dad put away my clothes. I will leave out milk for you and carrots for your reindeer. How are your reindeer? Love, *Mason Jones* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Please can you get me a pretend reindeer. Can you get me some skates? I did help my mom and dad clean out the garage and get some pencils for my mom. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and carrots for the deer. Love, *Knox Nelson* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, Please bring me a toy monkey and a nerf gun. I help my dad cook and wash dishes. I will leave a glass of milk out for you and carrots for the reindeer. Love, *Anson Hamann* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, I want a puppy camper and a Barbie camper. The camper should turn into a house. Please can you bring me a Barbie house too? Santa, I'm leaving a glass of warm milk and cookies for you and some carrots for your reindeer. I've been good. When my cousin Greyson was here I helped my grandma take care of him. Love, *Melrose Bye* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a tall Barbie house. When you come to my house you will see the milk and cookies I left out for you. Thank you for stopping! Love, *Autumn Kruger* (Kindergarten)
- Dear Santa*, May I please have a Elsa doll. Love, *MacKenzie VonEnde* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, May I have a cat a dog en BaBe doll. Love, *Maycee Olson* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I want a 4 wheeler and a monster high 50 doll house and a toy car. I have been good. Love, *Quynn Washington* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, May I please have a black and blue and purple and red and pink stuffed animals Love, *Azmera Olson* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, May I please have life size Elsa. Syet shr. And I jump rop. And 3 yoyoyos. Gadr toy. Thank you! Love, *Maggie Henke-Rannow* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, May I please have a gray cat. and a violet cat. and a pink cat. and a black cat. and a dall Azmeralo. I will Leave treats Love, *Sophia Edwards* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, can I please have a lego tanin and a lego plec hous. and a lego plee car. and a firtuck. and a lego plec boat. and a bat man Guy. And a lego firman guy. Love, *Deegan Hanson* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, May I please have a Big white toy house I can fit in and a meshbord. How is Rudolph? Love, *Aurora Hamann* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, May I please have monster high dolls 15. Love, *Naomi Turpitt* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, May I please have a BarBy Jreme haws 3 inchis tol and Bory Frozin Toysand Babry jreme haws. may I have a violet one monstre hi Toys and BaBa dock Toys and a Frozin New frum the new movie and toys I have bee good. How are the reindeer? From, *Olivia Herrold* (Grade 1)



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## Santa Letters:

Dear Santa, I wut a trackr and i ben gud. Love, *Tyjmen Rud* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, May I please have a cool toy. Iron spider. How are your elf and Rudolph. Love, *Charles Peterson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, can you plees give me toys plees, and I have been good, Thank you for lisen. Love, *Eli Hoosier* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, May I please have Sckiyes high flier. *Ava Warne* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I want a big car legos and a book. How are your reindeer? I hope to see you christmas eva. Your friend, *Jaxon Castle* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I would like to have a nice present. I want Stephen the toy train and ISPY. Thank you, *Abram Wirta* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, Hello Santa the day is giting to snow. Aer you happy? Is it klos to chismis. can I have a phone plesa. you aer The best, *Airianna Campbell* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I wunt a stuf pingwig. I wunt a I phon. I will have some caris watin for yuro randees, *Levi Olson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I rilee wonet a tablt, and a toy. Thak you for the remotcontrol dirtbike. haus the Nors, pol Santa. I'm rede crismes, *Keegan VonEnde* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for wat you gave me last year. How is Mriss, Kloas dooing, the ellvs, the raindear, how are you? I want a kinel and a huverboard, *Violet Tvedt* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, how are the elvs dowing. how are you today. I am proble going to lev you some cuces and roodolf a carit. can I ples have a hotwel set and a cindle. proble a glas of milk to dip yor cooke in. thank you from last uer, *Conor Rothenberger* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I like you vary vary vary moth. how was yoru day. I like yoy! Lagor 1 dr dragen set, *Austin Edwards* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I wont a xdox for crismis. thank Santa. is Rorotoff nice, *Payton Gust* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the doll. I will levae you cookese, milk and some carits. How are the Elfs doing. How are you. Can I have a NerfGun, *Cale Lindland* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I will leve cookies and milk for you, I love you Santa Claus, I want a DC Super Hero girl and a cat toy. do you like MandM's? thank you! *Katelyn Gust* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys. How are the elfs and Mrs. Clas? I will leav some cokes and milk for you. I want a Diary and a Barbe Hose. I hope I get it. Thank you so much, *Lillian Kruger* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, thank you for the mrmad. all i need is a Amerik Gril doll, *Adysen Gregerson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, thananack you for the prestens last yer and I wod wont a shisolplow and I plante. Do you have eney now ranedeer and how are yor elffs going and how is miss. Clos Doing, *Austin Przekwas* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I am going to liv uto cuis in cares. I wot a ifan5s. in a Ifan5s caml cas, *Roger Thompson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for presents but can I please have a kindl. hows roddof. don't lette ruddulf get a cold nose, *Christian Osborne* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I wont a fone wele bad and I wont spike wele bad to. do you now wats  $5+5=$ , *Eli Olafson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thanck you for wat I got last year. I might leave coockies, milk and a carat for rudulf. can I please have minecraft for Xbox 360. can I please Have a hoverboerd with a flam on it, *Emery Christensen* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I like my Rodolf I wont a rel pupe for Christmas and a pon. how is sprinkls doning and is Rodlf doring they love you Santa, *Peyton Lee* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I hope you have fun on Chrissmise! haw are you and Miss. Claws doing. I wold like a kid size snow cat and a 3DS. I Love Grissmis! We will macke you cookes! *Kylee Gust* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How are the elves and Mrs. Claus doing? What are your favorite cookies? I like snickerdoodles. For Christmas I would like a kindle fire and a Moto X phone. I'm excited for Christmas. Thank you! Love, *Emily Burkel* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? For Chrismas I want you to pick anything you want. How are the elves and Mrs.Claus doing? Love, *Joshua Doneth* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are you dowing. I hope you are dowing fine are you elffs dowing a good job. How is Mrs. Clays dowing. I would like for Christmas is a Under Armour duffle bag and I also woud relly relly like Under Armour Gloves and I might leve some coocies and milk. Love, *Breydon Foss* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are you doing good or bad? thank you for the gifts Last year. What is your favorite cookie? I live in the country. I have cows so I have elextric fence. Now I will get to my gifts. I would like Lego demons and a New xbox 360 and a guitar. And a phone. I hope you can. Love, *Noah Gust* (Grade 3)



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## Santa Letters:

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for the gifts last year. And are you ready for christmas? How are the elves and Mrs. Claus. And how are you doing? What is your favorite kind of cookies? I will make you cookies. What I want for Christmas is makeup please. And some art please. Am I on your bad list or good list please be good. And please get me a movie called nine lifes. Love, *Morgan Hickey* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing Santa. how are the elves and Mrs. Clause. Can I please have a xbox one, robots, legos, nexo knives, toys, puzzels, dinasour toys, bionicles. Love, *Payton Hill* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing? How are the Elves and Mrs. Claus? I only want 1 thing for Christmas, a Galaxy tab. Also, my famly doesn't celebrate Christmas. I might not have cookies, but I have milk! Love, *Wyatt Hilligas* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you and miss. clas doing? and How are the elevs doing? and can I tell you one thing I want for cristmas? Can I have a miny snowcat. oh, and thanks for the presents last year! I loved them. and I left out cokies for you this year. Oh, and milk. and I want a raindeer. Love, *Emmitt Isane* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing on crismis? It must be fun to deliver presents. For crismis I want a toy car and that's all I want for crismis. good biy. Love, *Briggs Jenson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing? Thank you for the gifts last year. How are the elves and Mrs. Claus? What is your favorite cooky? I would like for christmas is that every buddy to have a good christmas! And what I whant for Christmas is a baby set. Love, *Tawnie Keeler* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* I want Ninja Turtles. I want hands cuff of key. I want Hot Wheels and book. I want a santa game. How are you doing? How are your elves? I've been good. Love, *Quentin Kukowski* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing? All I want is a hamster and a hamster cage and hamster food. I am going to leave oreo cookies. I also want a my life horse because mine brock. Love, *Madison Olson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for all the gifts last year. And how are you doing? And this is what I want for Christmas I want a Nerf gun and a football and a ruber tee please Thank you for every thing for every Christmas. Love, *Tryg Olson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing? are you ready for christmas ? How are the elves and Mrs. Claus? What is your favorite cookie? I would like a now football and a winck for 4weller Pleas Thank you. Love, *Braxton Pearson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing! I have a queschen. How do you get down chimmes? Anyway this is want I want for critmas if you can make it. Funko FNAF figyors, black arcriclick paint, Amican girl doll, huver bord, And a real life kitten please? Can you even get a real kitten? Plz? i'll take rilly good care of it! It will give my other cat a play mate? Have a good day! Love, *Addison Pulczinski* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* how is miss claus and the elves doing. I will leave cookies and milk. I please want a tablet, some lego sets, and a wonderful christmas. I also want for my family to have wonderful day of christmas eve and day. Love, *Anthony Rodriguez* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing? Thank you for the gifts last year. I would like a hunting suit and a Bow hunting suit and maybe a tree stant. than you. Love, *Zaymein Rud* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing. thanks for the gifts Last year and what i want for christmas is a new yard stick for my Dad and a Hollawen costum of mical myer and a green sherit and a Freddy Kuger gove. i love the Easter Bunny and Santa Cluas. and allot of goose Bumps Bookes. Love, *Liam Winrow* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are the elves and Mrs. Claus? I would like a cat for Christmas. We are going to leff some cookies and milk and carrots for the randeer. Are you read for Chnistmas? *Quillan Wirta* ( Grade 3)

## Northland Honor Band

Five Badger students participated in the Northland Community & Technical College (NCTC) honor band on Friday, November 18. The honor band was a daylong event held at Northland College in Thief River Falls. Students practiced all day on four different pieces of music: *The Cowboys* by John Williams, *Sea Songs* by Ralph Vaughn Williams, *Marche Diabolique* by Brian Balmages, and *El Camino Real* by Alfred Reed. The day culminated with a joint concert featuring the Northland Community Band and the NCTC Honor Band. Badger students participating were: Emma VonEnde ~ trombone, Joanna Erickson ~ French horn, Tyler Isane ~ percussion, Olivia Monsrud ~ clarinet, and Kennedy Truscinski ~ trumpet.





## Badger School Superintendent's News



Greetings from the Badger School. I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we wish you the best during the upcoming holiday season.

The election season has come and gone, and many changes are about to occur as a result of the November election. At the national level, President Elect Trump will assume office in January. Republicans remain in control of the House and in the Senate. At the state level, Mark Dayton will continue to serve as Governor. In the state legislature, the Republicans have the majority of seats in both the House and the Senate. In the near future, committee chairs will be selected and legislators will have a great deal of work to accomplish. In the upcoming weeks the state of Minnesota will release a budget forecast, and state legislators as well as special interest groups will begin to advocate for their cause. As a superintendent, I have and will continue to communicate with legislators and advocate on behalf of our students and school district.

2017 will also bring change to the Badger School Board. Connie Creviston, after serving our district admirably for 18 years, will no longer serve on the board. On behalf of our students, staff, and school district, I would like to thank Mrs. Creviston for her years of service and dedication to our students. Her experience, commitment, and dedication to our district and students is greatly appreciated and will be missed. Following the November election, Curt Hauger will officially begin tenure as a Badger School Board member in January. Mr. Hauger has served the Roseau County in a variety of ways and leadership positions in the past. Our school and faculty are excited to welcome Mr. Hauger as a new member to the board. We look forward to his tenure and our board's continued dedication to serving our students and school district.

During the January board meeting, the first order of business will be to select a board chair. School Board members will nominate candidates and a vote will take place. After selecting a board Chair, various important positions such as Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Clerk as well as committee membership will be determined.

Effective January, members of the Badger School Board will be: Jamie Isane (current Chair), Jim Christianson (current Vice Chair), Cari Dostal (current Clerk), Jeramy Swenson, Carol Rhen and Curt Hauger. School Board meetings are open to the public and occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our school district, please feel free to give me a call at 528-3201. If possible, stop by to visit our school.

Have a wonderful new year.

Sincerely,

Tom Jerome  
Superintendent  
Badger School District



# The Badger Barker



Kentucky's 2015-2016 poet laureate, George Ella Lyon wrote the poem "Where I am From" and inspired Badger High School's first ever poetry contest. High School students interested in participating, created their own "Where I am From" poem by following a template that mirrored the original. Below are the three winners of the contest: Greta Lee, Erika Howell, and Frank Rodriguez.

### Where I am From By Erika Howell

I am from the woods, from the Mossy Oak and Realtree.  
I am from the fields of tall, green corn.  
I am from the beets, the beans, the food for my game.  
I am from "The Land" and the love of the outdoors,  
from Great Grandpa Earl and Great Grandpa Ben.  
I am from sharp shooters and rural areas. From the 30-point buck and the wild hogs that live in the corn.  
I am from Genesis 27:3.  
I'm from northwestern Minnesota, where Torger and Thorbjorg Ness and Johnny and Inga Johnson first came, where we eat venison and crops from the field.  
I am from the fields that Grandpa Ronnie planted and harvested every year,  
the woods in Juneberry that Grandpa Axel hunted, and the trees that Grandpa and Great Grandpa logged.  
I am from the big wooden chest with all the pictures and mementos of those who came before me  
from Norway and with Great Grandpa's dog tag from World War I.

### I Am

By: Frank Rodriguez

I am from television shows no one else approves of,  
From Doritos and Mountain Dew,  
  
I am from the gravel and across-the-street county fairs,  
I am from the old oak trees and the turning leaves from one phase to another feeling natural and free,  
  
I am from Dollar Savers "Clearance" aisle and self-worth,  
From Bekki, Jeremy, and Jesse,  
I am from the hugging and Thanksgiving turkey fights,  
From Tooth Fairies, and Santa Clauses,  
I am from God's house, and the Christianity faith, and crosses and bibles in every room,  
  
I'm from California where the grass is green and "First Steps" and "First word" is priority to life,  
From the Oreos and Hot Pockets  
From the Pencil in the eye received in third grade by two friends, paper football game with pencil and two fingers, the unfinished game forced to quit by Mrs. Demarco  
  
I am from Los Angeles and the Venice Beach and,  
The Pics that never got saved  
that should have been saved  
in that basement flood

I am From AMERICA

### Where I am From By Greta Lee

I am from the clouds fluffy and friendly,  
From ice crystals and water vapor.  
I am from the odd nest in the maple tree,  
A cheery and special place.  
I am from the Daisy,  
The sunshine of flowers which I share  
happiness and joy with ones near.  
  
I am from card games and ham,  
From "shut-ups" and "shush-ups" and  
smarty-pants and talk-a-lots.  
I'm from the stories and the Bible with great joy  
and unappreciated despair.  
  
I am from the good of Earth with a  
warrior's mark and the sun that smiles  
and weeps,  
From fairytales and dreams filled with sadness  
and love.  
  
I play when the sun is smiling,  
I play when the sun is crying.  
The sun still smiles.  
I work when I don't have to,  
I work when I have to,  
I am always happy working by force or not.  
I am from the winners, not quitters.  
I am from the workers, not whiners.  
I am from the smile and heart, not the frown and  
the dark.

## Random Riddles Answers

1. It sinks.
2. A tissue.
3. A cat.
4. Never, roosters don't lay eggs.
5. Ohio.
6. A centipede on its back.
7. A carrot.

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Every year ice related fatalities occur in the United States. Ice is an intricate part of the lives of Minnesotans in the winter months, especially for recreation. Badger School's grades 4-6 will attend a presentation on

# ICE SAFETY

Presented by Badger FCCLA &  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



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