



# The Badger Barker



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**Front:** Kellie Parnow, Kennedy Truscinski, Kiah Olafson, Jack Burkel **Middle:** Cole Hamann, Caity Garten, Alex Ylitalo, Austin Nieman, David Frislie **Back:** Morris Vacura, Bob Glen, Curtis Hukee, David Vacura

## Veterans' Day Program

By: Amelia Stainbrook

Badger School Student Council hosted a Veterans' Day program on November 11. Amy Svir, student council president, welcomed everyone in attendance. The Badger High School concert band opened with *American Variations*, followed by the choir director Dan Carpenter singing the *Star Spangled Banner*. The Badger High School concert choir sang *Thank You Soldiers* between the junior and senior high speeches. Thank you to Morris Vacura, David Vacura, Curtis Hukee, Bob Glen, David Frislie, and Kellie Parnow for posting the colors.

The senior high winners for the essays on "My Vision for America" were 1<sup>st</sup> place Caity Garten, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Alex Ylitalo, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Austin Neiman. The junior high winners for their essays on "What Freedom Means to Me" were 1<sup>st</sup> place Kennedy Truscinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kiah Olafson, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Jack Burkel. Superintendent Tom Jerome presented the awards to the winners for their essays.

Big thanks goes to the year's keynote speakers Dale Hagen and Kellie Parnow for presenting the Onward Christian Soldier coin to Alex Burkel for the many times he has provided the playing of *Taps* at military funerals and other programs. The program concluded with trumpeter Alex Burkel playing *Taps* and the retiring of the colors by our Roseau County area veterans. Thank you to everyone for showing your support to our veterans.

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## “A” Honor Roll ~ Quarter 1

### Grades 4-6

**Back:** Brogan Beito, Jordan Lee, Mason Sharf, Jordan Davy, Measha Troxel **Middle:** Hannah Wilt, Aulona Jasiqi, Kadeyn Keller, Carter Hamann, Greta Lee, Victoria Hickey, Abigail Novacek-Pratt  
**Front:** Dylan VonEnde, Gabe Warne, Bryza Rud, Ally-Marie Gravelle, Ada Lee **Not Pictured:** Huntar Keeler, Keyasha Housker



### 7-8 Grade

**Back:** Jack Burkel, Isabella Monsrud, Erika Howell, Alyssa Rinde, Deanna Rybakowski  
**Middle:** Maisy Ylitalo, Alexis Rud, Emily Gust, Tessa Blumer, Isaac Lorenson **Front:** Emma Gust, Kennedy Truscinski, Bailey Maurstad, Avdyl Jasiqi, Noah Warne, Talon Hilligas  
**Not Pictured:** Timothy Peppel, Kiana Jacobson, Morgan Praska



### 9-12 Grade

**Back:** Tyler Isane, Devin Pries, Jack Peppel, Alex Truscinski, Devan Olson, Jared Davy  
**Middle:** Olivia Monsrud, Caitlynn Garten, Shayna Kruger, Isabella Grafstrom, Leah Erickson, Megan Kompelien, Emily Hamann, Riley Sovde  
**Front:** Austin Maurstad, Robby Davy, Amy Svir, Seth Dostal, Ethan Praska, Austin Nieman  
**Not Pictured:** Alex Burkel





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## “B” Honor Roll ~ Quarter 1



### Grades 4-6

**Back:** Anthony Peppel, Christian Peterson, Jaden Solberg, Cody Olson, Danton Bronson, Erin Gonzalez

**Middle:** Landon Frislie, Tre Alten, Hannah Rud, Riley Gust, Hailey VonEnde **Front:** Arianna Grugal, Brooke VonEnde, Macy Majer, Lydia Sanden, Raegen Maahs, Amelia Wilt

**Not Pictured:** Austin Stainbrook, Julia Bergeron

### 7-8 Grade

**Back:** Tanner Davy, Tia McKinnon, Jasmyn Rud, Emma VonEnde **Front:** Dawson Beito, Kasen Swenson, Kiah Olafson, Jory Bronson, Sarah Wagner



### 9-12 Grade

**Back:** Emma Dimich, Nicole Hill, Karissa Kaml, Katie Coltom, Dillon Nieman, Madison Rybakowski, Gavin Davy, Colby Wooten **Front:** Alex Ylitalo, Tessa Sanden, Isaak Isane, Anthony Rinde, Kasey Wojciechowski, Isaac Dostal



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## December Gator Sports

By: Isaak Isane

### Boys Basketball

- 3 Kittson Central @ BGMR
- 4 @ Clearbrook-Gonvick
- 7 @ NCTC Invitational
- 8 @ NCTC Invitational
- 10 @ NCTC Invitational
- 18 @ Roseau
- 29 @ Northern Cass Tourney (Hunter, ND)
- 30 @ Northern Cass Tourney



### Girls Basketball

- 4 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 7 @ Kittson Central (Lancaster)
- 10 @ Warroad
- 12 @ Frazee
- 14 @ NCTC Invitational
- 15 @ NCTC Invitational
- 17 @ NCTC Invitational
- 22 @ Bagley
- 29 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 30 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR

### Wrestling

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| 3 @ Roseau   | 11 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational       |
| 5 @ Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational (Wadena)          | 12 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational       |
| 8 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton and Mahnomen/Waubun @ BGMR | 15 @ Pembina County North                   |
|  | 18 @ Big Bear Invitational (Cass Lake-Bena) |
|  | 19 @ Big Bear Invitational                  |

## Random Riddles

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

By: Austin Maurstad

1. Why didn't the baby oyster share its pearl?
2. How many apples grow on a tree?
3. A king, queen, and two twins all lay in a large room. How are there no adults in the room?
4. How do you make the number one disappear by adding to it?
5. There is an ancient invention still used in some parts of the world today that allows people to see through walls. What is it?
6. If a white house is white and a yellow house is yellow, what color is a green house?
7. If you have three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in the other hand, what do you have?

## Trivia

By: Dillon Nieman

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| 1. In the Paddington Bear children's book series, where is Paddington Bear originally from?<br>A. India<br>B. Peru<br>C. Canada<br>D. Iceland    | 3. Which of the following men does not have a chemical element named for him?<br>A. Albert Einstein<br>B. Niels Bohr<br>C. Isaac Newton<br>D. Enrico Fermi  |
| 2. What letter must appear at the beginning of the registration number of all non-military aircraft in the U.S.?<br>A. N<br>B. A<br>C. U<br>D. L | 4. Which of these U.S. presidents appeared on the television series Laugh-In?<br>A. Lyndon Johnson<br>B. Richard Nixon<br>C. Jimmy Carter<br>D. Gerald Ford |

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## Campus Comment

By: Tessa Sanden

### What are your plans over winter break?

**Isabella Monsrud (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** My plans over winter break are to go to my grandparents' houses for Christmas. We will eat dinner and open gifts. I also plan to load up on Christmas treats. I will be with friends for New Year's Eve and watch the ball drop. Plus, who doesn't like playing in the snow?

**Emma Gust (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** I'll probably be outside a lot, but only if it's warmer than last year! I'll be doing lots of baking and spending lots of time with family.

**Amelia Stainbrook (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** I am going to my grandpa's and my uncle's. I will be going snowmobiling with my family and watching lots of movies on Netflix. We will also be going sledding at the park.

**Fedeline Kjelland (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** Over break I'm going to work at Holiday. I'm going to get new extensions. I'm going to relax with my thoughts, and I'm going to watch TV.

**Seth Dostal (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** I plan on doing many things over winter break. I usually go ice fishing and snowmobiling. I'm sure I'll be spending time with family too.

**Tyler Becker (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** My plans for winter break are visiting family, spending time with friends, and playing in a basketball tournament. I'll be visiting family around Badger. The basketball tournament will be at Northern Cass in North Dakota. I might go see a movie over break.

**Mrs. Lambert (P.E./Heath Teacher):** We will be spending Christmas and New Year's with our family and friends. I plan on spending time with my son, Matthew, and watching some of my sister's basketball games. We will possibly be doing some snowmobiling and ice fishing.



## December Dates to Remember

By: Chevy Hamilton

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|----|---|-------|---|
| 1  | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga, Adult Class 5:45 pm  | 14    | Math League @ Thief River Falls                 |
| 1  | ECFE "Letters H & I" 6:00 pm              | 14    | Book Fair 8:00 am – 4:00 pm                     |
| 6  | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm                     | 14    | School Board 7:30 pm                            |
| 7  | Comm Ed ~ Stained Glass on Cement 6:30 pm | 15    | Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop 1:45 pm |
| 8  | Comm Ed Flow Yoga, Adult Class 5:45 pm    | 15    | Book Fair 8:00 am – 4:00 pm                     |
| 8  | ECFE "Winter Holiday Celebration" 6:00 pm | 15    | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga, Adult Class 5:45 pm        |
| 9  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Midterm           | 16    | Book Fair 8:00 am – 4:00 pm                     |
| 10 | Preschool Holiday Event 2:00 pm           | 18    | Elementary Music Program 2:00 pm                |
| 10 | Comm Ed ~ Stained Glass on Cement 6:30 pm | 20    | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm                           |
| 12 | Art Club Holiday Bazaar                   | 21    | High School Music Program 7:00 pm               |
| 12 | Book Fair 9:00 am – 1:00 pm               | 24-31 | No School ~ Winter Break                        |
| 13 | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm                     |       |   |



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## Senior Spotlight Emily Hamann

**Parents:** Koni & Steve Hamann

**Siblings:** Taylor, Hayley, & Cole

**Nicknames:** Emmaza, Emmawee

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Song:** *You Make Me Smile* by Uncle Kracker

**Food:** Mom's bacon pasta

**Color:** Seafoam green

**Quote:** "Live the life you are proud of or have the strength to start over again."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To be able to get a new truck.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My boyfriend and we would go to Paris.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Country

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Tripping over my backpack on the first day, within the first hour of my senior year.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Read

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Making class videos.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I got better in English class.



## Senior Spotlight Cody Madoll



**Parents:** James Madoll & Joyce Shimpa

**Siblings:** None

**Nicknames:** None

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Song:** *Rodeo Song* by Garry Lee & The Showdowns

**Food:** Tacos

**Color:** Hot pink

**Quote:** "Loud and proud."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** A lifted truck.

**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 Bo. We would go somewhere with a lot of old cars.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Calm

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Got sent to the office for swearing.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hunting and fishing.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Having to do pushups in shop for swearing.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you during high school?** Having a job as a farmer.

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## Senior Spotlight Benton Kohl

**Parents:** Tammy & David Kohl

**Siblings:** Aaron & Amber

**Nicknames:** Bent, Bento, Big Bent

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Song:** *Country Boy Song* by Earl Dipples, Jr.

**Food:** Pizza

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** "Gotta keepin on, keepin on."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To win the lottery.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My brother, anywhere.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Sarcastic

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Tripping and falling in the hall.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hang out with friends.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Going to Wolf Ridge in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Passing my classes from working hard.



## Senior Spotlight Nash Sovde



**Parents:** Cindy Burkel & Nathan Sovde

**Siblings:** Char & Catelyn

**Nickname:** Crash

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Wrestling

**Song:** *Workin' on* by Colt Ford

**Food:** Spaghetti

**Color:** Green

**Quote:** "Live life to the fullest, you don't get another one."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** That I could take care of myself best, so I won't need a woman to take care of me the rest of my life!

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** I don't know too many people that could make the adventure.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Giver

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Austin almost cutting my finger off with a plasma cutter.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Read books, watch soaps, and stay out of trouble.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Mr. Coltom giving me pushups almost every day.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** That I made it this far with the teachers' help.

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## Band Musician of the Month Leah Erickson

**Grade:** 12

**Siblings:** Joanna, Sarah, Julia, Micah

**What instrument do you play?** Clarinet

**Why did you choose to play this instrument?** I wanted to play an instrument that was different from what my siblings were playing.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** Playing amazing music and making great friends at the Bemidji Band Camp.

**How long have you been in band?** This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year.

**What is your favorite song to play?** I love to play all the concert pieces.

**What advice would you give to younger musician?** Practice, practice, practice. Listen to Ms. Erickson.

**Does anyone inspire you to be part of band?** Being in a musical family, I was always excited about music. I believe my parents inspired me the most to be a part of band. Family Erickson Von Trap!



## Choir Musician of the Month Deanna Rybakowski



**Grade:** 8

**Siblings:** Madison, Paige

**What section are you in?** 2nd Soprano

**How long have you been in choir?** 2 years

**What is the hardest part about being in choir?** I think the hardest part is trying to get all the dynamics right and all the notes sometimes, because when you hear the other parts, you get distracted and sing their part.

**What advice would you give other vocalist?** Listen to Mr. Carpenter. Don't talk between songs or during songs because Mr. Carpenter can lower your grade.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** I am really looking forward to the Music Review. I hope it will be really fun.

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** Any. I really like to sing Christmas songs because they are so fun to sing and get me in the spirit of Christmas.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** My favorite memory would be last year at Large Group Concert Contest. Morgan asked me which way to enter at the risers, and we went backwards and I blamed it on her!

### High School Music Program

December 21  
7:00 pm

### Elementary Winter Music Program

December 18      2:00 pm



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## December Wacky Celebrations

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/december.htm>

By: Tyrah Green

### National Fritters Day ~ December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Before you can begin to celebrate this very important day, you need to know what a "fritter" is. A fritter is a fried cake or dough with fruit or meats inside. Whatever you do, do not fritter this day away without eating at least one fritter.

### Bathtub Party Day ~ December 5<sup>th</sup>

Draw yourself a tub full of warm water, add a few bath oil beads, and voila! You're ready to hop in and "soak it" in the bathtub. Ah, how soothing and relaxing! Light some candles, maybe listen to some music?

### National Noodle Ring Day ~ December 11<sup>th</sup>

What would cooking be like without the noodle ring? People shudder to think about it. I am certainly relieved the noodle ring exists, so we can cook them in one recipe after another. Doesn't it make sense that we honor the noodle ring with its own very special day?

### National Egg Nog Day ~ December 24<sup>th</sup>

Egg Nog is a seasonal holiday drink. It appears just before Thanksgiving and is enjoyed by many at the Thanksgiving meal. The fondness of egg nog drinking then takes a break until the December holidays are in full swing. Intake of egg nog peaks on Christmas Eve. By New Year, it is no longer available in stores. If you want egg nog after New Year's you will likely have to make it yourself.

### Pepper Pot Day ~ December 29<sup>th</sup>

During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Army was camped at Valley Forge. The winter was cold and harsh. Conditions were deplorable. Food was often scarce. Colonel George Washington's chef found scraps of tripe (leftovers), small bits of meat, and some peppercorn. He mixed this in with some other ingredients and created Pepper Pot soup, also known as "Philadelphia Pepper Pot soup." It is known as "the soup that won the war."

## Shout Out To ...

*National Honor Society induction ceremony helpers:* Jody and LaRae for the delicious treats, Austin Maurstad, Dillon Nieman, Ethan Praska, Devan Olson, and Jack Peppel for helping set up and Tyler Isane, Joanna Erickson, and Colby Wooten for serving and for everyone who stayed to help clean up ~ Thank You!!!!

*Devin Dostal & Nash Sovde* for helping to unjam the workroom copier!

*Ms. DeMars* for choosing to student teach in Badger and be such a wonderful inspiration to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class.

*Juli Smedsmo* for her accompanying skills during solo contest and the Veteran's Day program.

*Polaris* for donating 4 microphone stands to the music department.

*Dale Hagen* for his help with the Veterans Day program. Thank you for your service to our country!

*Veterans Day essay winners* on a doing a great job reading at the Veterans Day program.

*Seth Dostal* for accompanying the speaker during the Veterans Day program

*Amy Svir* for several extra hours of work in preparation for the Veterans Day program

*David Frislie, Morris Vacura, Bob Glen, Curtis Hukee, David Vacura, and Kellie Parnow* for honoring us with their presence as our Veterans Day Color Guards. Thank you for our service to our country!

*Ms. Erickson* and the *band* and *Mr. Carpenter* and the *choir* ~ #THEYSOUNDEDAMAZING! At the Veterans Day program.

*Mr. TJ Erickson*, 4<sup>th</sup> grade student teacher, thanks for student teaching at the Badger School! We like your style! It's right on! ~ Ms. Grahn and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

*Mr. Zach Johnson* who has been our 5<sup>th</sup> grade student teacher. He has brought so much positive energy to the classroom. The students have enjoyed him so very much and will be sad when he is gone. Best wishes, Mr. Johnson. Whatever school you end up in will be better because you are there!!! ~ Mrs. Simmons and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.

*Border State Bank* and *KC's Market* for donating refreshments for the National Honor Society blood drive.

*All blood donors, NHS student workers, and staff* for making the National Honor Society blood drive a success!

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## Northland Honor Choir

On Thursday, November 12, 2015, Badger School's choir director, Dan Carpenter, traveled with eleven select students to participate in the Northland Honor Choir. Pictured with Mr. Carpenter are (back) Alex Burkel, Jada Watson, Leah Erickson, Isabella Grafstrom, Megan Kompelien and (front) Robby Davy, Amy Svir, Alex Truscinski, Evan Peppel, Logan Kompelien, Nichole Hill.

## Northland Honor Band

On Thursday, November 19, 2015, Badger School's band director, Lisa Erickson, traveled with eight select students to participate in the Northland Honor Band. Pictured are (back) Alex Burkel, trumpet; Robby Davy, bari saxophone; Leah Erickson, clarinet; Amy Svir, clarinet; Alex Ylitalo, tuba; and (front) Nichole Hill, alto saxophone; Emily Hamann, flute; Isabella Grafstrom, flute.



## Solo Contest

Badger School had 14 students participate in vocal and instrumental solo contests on November 10, 2015, in Warroad. Of those participating, two students received the Outstanding Performance/Best of Site award for their performance. **Back Row:** Emily Hamann, Jared Davy, Robby Davy, Evan Peppel, Alex Truscinski, Logan Kompelien, Amy Svir **Front Row:** Nicole Hill, Megan Kompelien, Isabella Grafstrom, Leah Erickson (Outstanding performance, clarinet), Alex Burkel (Outstanding vocal performance, perfect score), Katie Coltom, Dorothy Kjelland

## What is Target?

By: Tyrah Green

Target is a student organization in the Badger Community School that believes in strong, positive student leaders who are powerful role models. With education and support, these students play a key role in enhancing the chemical health of themselves and their peers and preventing chemical use problems in extracurricular activities.

The Target Team celebrated Red Ribbon Week (October 23- 31), which is a national campaign promoting a drug-free lifestyle. This year's theme was "Respect Yourself and Be Drug Free!" Target team members went into the elementary classrooms and talked to the students about how Red Ribbon Week started and what it means to be drug free. The elementary kids also signed a certificate to pledge to be drug free!

The Badger Target Team went disco bowling in Roseau in November and they all had a blast! They haven't decided on a spring event yet, but in the past they have gone to the Waterpark in Thief River Falls, a lock-in at the school, a movie night, or joint activities with the Badger FCCLA.

To become a member of Target, look daily at the school bulletin for when the next meeting is and you can ask Mrs. Lambert for a registration form. The school encourages students to join extra-curricular activities. They play a positive role in students' lives!



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## Tractor Winner



Congratulations to Kerby Eidsmoe of Roseau, this year's winner of the Badger High School Tractor Club's raffle. He won a 1948 Gamble Farmcrest model 30 tractor. The Badger High School Tractor Club would like to thank Jon's Auto for the donation of the tractor, Hlucny Repair for donating valve and head work, and Randy Rose for his help with sandblasting and painting. Pictured are BHS Advisor Mike Colton and winner Kerby Eidsmoe.

## Should uniforms be required in school ?

By: Emma Dimich

### **Kaeden Hietala**

No, uniforms should not be required in school because I think it's boring to have just one outfit. It also holds back students' fashion. It's cool to see different colors and outfits. I also feel like having to wear a uniform in school takes away our rights.

### **Dorothy Kjelland**

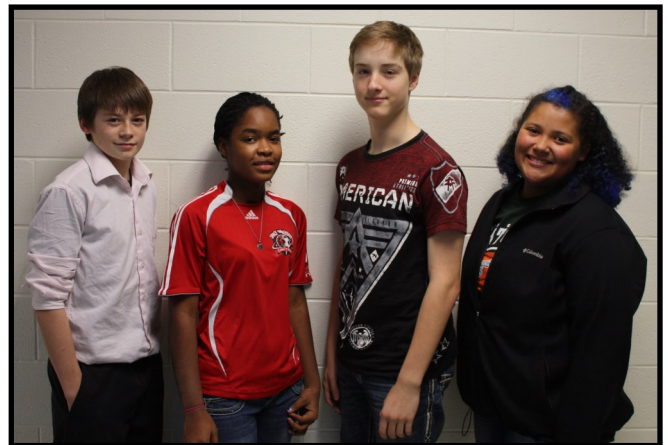
It's not a problem to require uniforms in some schools. In my country every school required wearing uniforms, but in America it is different because they have public schools and private schools. In public schools we don't wear uniforms, and in private schools you have you wear uniforms.

### **Noah Stuebgen**

No, because we have the right to wear what we want to as long as it's appropriate. If we had uniforms and we ruined our uniforms how would we go to school? I think schools should not make students wear uniforms.

### **Jaden Watson**

No. There is already dress codes and such. Students need a way to express themselves. School is a place to learn, not a fashion show. It shouldn't matter what you wear.



## Math League

By: Chevy Hamilton

This year Badger School math teacher Sherri Kruger has started a new student organization, Math League. Math League is for students who have high mathematical skills. It gives them recognition and encouragement, it brings them together with other students interested in math, and it encourages the study of topics not commonly taught in high school curriculum. The activities are designed to challenge students, but the activities also seek to influence general mathematics education.

Schools have a competing team with a maximum of eight students but are also allowed an unlimited amount of individual competitors. The competing schools come together for five meets each season. The regular season runs November through February. The top two scoring teams and the top scoring students in each division are invited to the State Tournament, which is held on the second Monday in March at South St. Paul High School. Currently there are 172 schools in the League in 25 different divisions with over 3,000 students participating.

Badger students from grades 8 – 12 can join if interested. The competitions are held in Park Rapids, Nevis, Thief River Falls, Greenbush, and Bemidji. Hope you guys rock those competitions!

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## Meet *The Barker* Crew

By: Ashtyn Beito

The school newspaper members this year are senior Isaak Isane, junior Chevy Hamilton, sophomores Ashtyn Beito, Tyrah Green, Austin Maurstad, Dillon Nieman, Emma Dimich, along with freshmen Tessa Sanden, Amelia Stainbrook, and Logan Sundahl. We are all happy to be part of *The Barker* crew this year. Here are some of our thoughts:

### Why did you join *The Barker* and what's your favorite part of this class?

**Isaak:** Seemed like a fun time. It's pretty independent. You can make your article the way you want it.

**Chevy:** I've been in *The Barker* before and I really liked it, so I decided to join again. I guess my favorite part in this class is when we get to fold *The Barker*. It is the one time we can all talk together.

**Ashtyn:** I joined *The Barker* because I get to be part of our community and show off my creativity. In this class you don't have anything you have to bring home. I like being able to put *The Barker* together however I want. Oh and of course sitting by Tyrah and being able to talk to her about how we plan to pull *The Barker* together is fun too!

**Tyrah:** I'm not in band, and I wanted to join something laid back. Plus, I love writing articles! My favorite is being able to see all the different articles and how they are put together.

**Austin:** It seemed fun and I wanted to be involved in the community. I get to be creative in how I make *The Barker* each month.

**Dillon:** I wanted to be in the same class as my friends. Making hard trivia questions for people to figure out is my favorite.

**Emma:** I wanted to try something new. My favorite is making *The Barker* and pulling all the articles together.

**Tessa:** I joined *The Barker* mostly because it sounded fun and interesting. I also like this class because it's a good independent class. You show up to class and start working. You don't have to listen to instructions or the same lesson plan every day.

**Amelia:** I joined *The Barker* because it sounded interesting and I wanted to see what they did in the class. I like getting to write my own articles and getting to have my own ideas and opinions about the articles.

**Logan:** I thought it looked interesting, fun, and something new to try. I like typing *The Barker* because it's fun and we have time to do it.

### What are you in charge of each month?

**Isaak:** I write all the dates for the *Gator Sports*. I print all the athletic schedules and include the varsity games.

**Chevy:** *Dates to Remember*. What I do is go to the office and look at the events on the calendar and write them down and then type the events in order with the dates and the time.

**Ashtyn:** Every month I am in charge of *Band and Choir Musician of the Month*. I enjoy doing both because I am the first to see what their most memorable moments are.

**Tyrah:** *Wacky Celebrations*. I look up wacky celebrations we don't celebrate and describe them.

**Austin:** *Random Riddles*. I find funny riddles and jokes to put in *The Barker*.

**Dillon:** *Trivia*. Finding trivia questions that are fun and also hard.

**Emma:** *Student Opinion*. I pick a question, give the question to a couple of students and they express their opinions and thoughts.

**Tessa:** I'm in charge of the *Campus Comment*. I have to think of a question. Then I pick one student from grades seventh to twelfth. Then they answer the question and I type it up.

**Amelia:** I am in charge of *Kindergarten Korner*. I ask a couple of kindergarteners each month some questions about any events or things they are doing in that month.

**Logan:** *Senior Spotlight*, deciding which questions to ask the seniors.

### What is your favorite article in *The Barker*?

**Isaak:** *Kindergarten Korner*.

**Chevy:** *Kindergarten Korner* because it's funny seeing how the kindergarteners answer questions.

**Ashtyn:** My favorite article is *Campus Comment* because the students get the opportunity to express how they feel about the question being asked. There is no right or wrong answer either.

**Tyrah:** *Student Opinion* because it's kind of cool to see what other kids' perspectives are on big controversial topics in the world.

**Austin:** *Random Riddles* because that is what I am in charge of, and I'm proud of it.

**Dillon:** My favorite article is *Trivia* because it's my article.

**Emma:** *Senior Spotlight* because it tells us about them.

**Tessa:** I like the *Student Opinion* because it gets kids involved and it usually makes for good debates.

**Amelia:** My favorite article is the *Senior Spotlight*. It gives the seniors one last highlight before they graduate from high school.

**Logan:** *Senior Spotlight* because it's interesting what the seniors did today, what they did in the past, and what they want to do when they graduate.



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## National Honor Society

By: Dillon Nieman

National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization that recognizes high school students in grades 11 and 12 that go above and beyond academically. They help and continue to help the community by showing traits in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students need to have all of these requirements to be a member of National Honor Society.

To be eligible to apply, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.22. They also need two letters of recommendation: one by a Badger faculty member, school administrator, or board member and one from a community representative attesting to character, leadership, and service to the school and community. Students must agree to be present at the induction ceremony. Once you are member, you must have ten volunteer hours of community service per year and maintain a 3.22 GPA. Badger juniors Jared Davy, Shayna Kruger, Olivia Monsrud, Seth Dostal, Isaac Dostal, and Caitlynn Garten were inducted into NHS this year. They joined senior members Riley Sovde, Alex Burkel, Robert Davy, Leah Erickson, Isabella Grafstrom, Emily Hamann, Megan Kompelien, Amy Svir, and Alex Truscinski.

There are three major events sponsored by the Badger National Honor Society: two blood drives and the school's Read Across America events. This year they have also added providing lunch hour help in the cafeteria. Thank you National Honor Society for helping out our community!



**Back:** Riley Sovde, Amy Svir, Robby Davy, Jared Davy, Alex Truscinski, Seth Dostal, Isaac Dostal, Emily Hamann  
**Front:** Alex Burkel, Isabella Grafstrom, Megan Kompelien, Leah Erickson, Shayna Kruger, Olivia Monsrud, Caity Garten

## Hunting Vests



The Badger FACS for Outdoors students were busy finishing their hunting vests for their hunting season this year. Pictured are Anthony Lawson, Nash Sovde, Austin Nieman, Kasey Wojciechowski, Jacob Berger, Cody Madoll, Isaak Isane, Katie Coltom, Alex Truscinski, Devin Pries, Tyrah Green, Fedeline Kjelland, and Katie Hamann. Missing are Devin Dostal & Alissa Kjelland. The FACS for Outdoors class involves a sewing project, researching a dream hunting trip, and preparing foods such as jerky, sausage, and fresh fish.



# The Badger Barker



## 2015 Santa Letters

*Dear Santa,* For Christmas I would like a real microphone, a Monster High castle, and Monster High dolls. Is it cold in the North Pole? What kind of cookies are your favorite? Love, *MacKenzie VonEnde* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me new tie shoes, Barbie pencil. I would like to play violin so would you bring a violin for me? How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good all year. Love, *Naomi Turpitt* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Can you please bring me a Zoomer Kitty and a Zommer Dog? Why do your reindeer fly? I practice my piano all the days of the week. I'm going to leave your reindeer a special surprise! Love, *Ava Warne* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me a doll set, Crayola color set, and a race car with a controller. I've been good this year. Love *Olivia Herrold* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me a toy pumpkin that lights up. I've been a good boy this year and I help my Grandma. I am waiting to see you. Love, *Jaxon Castle* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me a Barbie and a Pony House. Could you please bring me a pink or purple kitty. I've been good this year. I like your clothes. Love, *Sophia Edwards* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I would like a Barbie doll with a microphone so she can sing. I will leave some carrots out for your reindeer and make cookies and milk for you. Those cookies better be gone in the morning! Love *Maycee Olson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I will leave some milk and cookies out for you and carrots for your reindeer. I cleaned my playroom all by myself. I would like you to bring me Legos that have a hazmat truck. Love, *Eli Hoosier* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me a Monster High Castle and a rag doll. I will leave some carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Quynn Washington* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Please bring me a Lego set of Monster High and Anna and Elsa Legos and a Brat doll. Why does your reindeer have a light up nose? I cleaned my room. Love, *Azmera Olson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I like the gifts you bring me. Would you please bring me a John Deere combine. I will leave some cookies for you. Love *Tyjmen Rud* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I would like you to bring me a Doc McStuffins for Christmas. I have been a good girl and I clean my room. I will leave star cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer. Love *Elizabeth Brereton* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me a Barbie doll with clothes, a Barbie doll house, new Leappad, and some books. I hope my brother gets a new backpack. I will leave cookies and milk out for you and carrots for your reindeer. Love *Aurora Hamann* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me some Lincoln Logs, walkie talkies, a race car, police car, ambulance, and fire truck. Also a kitchen. How is Mrs. Claus, your reindeer, and elves doing? Love *Deegan Hanson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me some sparkly shoes for Christmas. I want a necklace also. I will leave cookies out for you. Love, *Ava Gust* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Please bring me a funny monster with pretend milk and spider man stuff because I like that stuff. I have been good. Love, *Charles Peterson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Would you please bring me a play unicorn with a horn and a Rainbow Dash unicorn set. I would like a unicorn puzzle also. How is Rudolph? I bet your elves are busy. I will leave you heart cookies and milk. Love, *Maggie Henke-Rannaw* (Kindergarten)





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*Dear Santa,* Pleeeasne may I have an iPhone 6 with a camo case? P.S I will leave cookies. Love, *Roger Thompson* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a 3Ds a Kindle, and a stuffed animal. How is Rudolph? Thank you! Love, *Levi Olson* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have some American Girl doll clothes, kindle and a stuffed animal horse. How are the reideer? Love, *Violet Tvedt* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please can I have a red kindle. I will leave cookies. How is Rudolph? Thank you. Love, *Payton Gust* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a new doll that comes with an owl. I'll bring you some cookies on Christmas night Thank you. Love, *Lillian Kruger* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a DS. How are the reindeer? How is Rudolph? Thank you. Love, *Eli Olafson* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I please may I have 7 moge tablets and 2 kindles. I Love, *Austin Edwards* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have chisel plow and a planter. a barn with a house and animals, and tractors. Thank you! How is Rudolph? Love, *Austin Przekwas* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a iPhone 6 and a polka dot case. Thank you. Love, *Adysen Gregerson* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a Scooter and a mirror and a microphone and a dance dress and a iPhone 6. Thank you! How are the reindeer? Love, *Kate Gust* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a Lego set. I will leave cookies. Thank you! Love, *Keegan VonEnde* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a stuffed animal Rudolph not one that sings. how are the elfies. I will leave carrots. Love *Peyton Lee* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a dirt bike a big semi that I can drive and a skateboard that can go very fast with wings and a rocket booster. Thank you Love *Kylee Gust* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have two stuffed animal reindeer Rudolph and Cupid and Bubble x. I will leave cookies. How are the reindeer? Thank you! Love *Emery Christensen* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have sum toys and sum for my Dad. I will leave cookies and melk Thank you! Love, *Cale Lindland* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please may I have a kindle and all of the Avengers. Thank you! Love, *Christian Osborne* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* Please, may I have a Rubble toy, cranky the crane, and lots of snow! Thank you! Love, *Abram Wirta* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I am really excited for Christmas! I will bring you cookies. For Christmas I would like an American doll. Love, *Emily Burkel* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Can you plese get me a, zoomer kitty, hey by the way how is Rudalf? Back to what im spost to do um... Oh! Can I have bunchuns? P.S. Can I have a Lepe frog? Your friend, *Addison Pulczinski* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* please can I have a Lego set. and a kindl and a awsome chirsmisss. so how are the elves doing. and missss cloas doing your friend *Tony Rodriguez*.(Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* i would like a minkraft Lego sete and a fone and I think you are a man and you are real. PS. I luve ure berd *Noah Gust* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I am 8 yeers old and i am a boy. I wont fotball gear and thats all. I will lev cookies and woter. Thank you for the cors last yer it wus fun when i tuck them in the mude. goat stuck so I used the totruc to pul it out. Your frend, *Briggs Jenson* (Grade 2)



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*Dear Santa,* You are the best and please get the best unicorn with wings and my buither will get a wobles tran he wele wote to get thet and I wot to witsh good luk. Your friend *Quillan Wirta* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I would like a phone for crismis and a case and a fute spa for crismis. PS i Love your berd Love *Aliyah Berger* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* can I please get a baby set. And please can I get a phone. Love, *Tawnie Keeler* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* How is miss clos? is she good? can i have a mini dirt bike for crissmiss. PS. I am going to leav treets and some milk your best frind *Emmitt Isane* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Hi. How are your reindeer? I would like a John Deere tractor and another pull truck. Your friend, *Quentin Kukowski* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I am a boy. Can you please give the poor kids toys Santa. Can I please have a all black costume. How did you get your elfs? Your BFF *Zaymein Rud* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I am 7 years old. Can I have a clock for Crmimis and eneything you want. Thank you for last years gifts. I am bringing cokise, milk and carets. Your friend *Joshua Doneth* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I want my own cat and dog please. And please get me a phone. last year thank you for giving a lamp to me. And it was a super day last Christmas and I hope it is this year. Your friend, *Morgan Hickey* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I want a packer foot ball suit and the pants to. even the helmet please. And you can give me what ever you want. P.S And we will leave cookies and milk. Love *Tryg Olson* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I Love your raindeers and i was wundering where you got them? And by the way. I would like a tablet. Ps. Any tablet. Your frend *Wyatt Hilligas* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I Bevitheh you you Are Kide I want for crismas thee woody dolls and then I want a slappy the Dummy then I want alot of Leog Love from *Liam Winrow* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* please give me a phone for christmas Santa. And then the rest what will you give me then. PS. Please give presentes to all the kids in the world. your Friend, *Madison Olson* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* My year has been great. My teacher is Mr. Rath. I been leaning Math. I have two brothers and one sister. I want a ipad for Christmas. Love, *Jaden Kukowski* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* I have been good, and my school year has been good. My Teacher is Mr. Rath. He is a very good teacher. I want a DS and a WiiU. I also want an XBOX 360. My favorite show is The Garfield Show. *Aidan Carpenter* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* I had a good year I went to Hawii. This year I will be in Hawii for Christmas. This year I think I think I was good. I would like Prancer for Christmas and a Nerf gun. Sincerly *Kaden Halvorson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* I had a great summer brag and I want for crismes is a xbox 360 and I want a Nerf gun and a snowboard and a sled and a zipline and a cowboy bots and cookies and a christmas tree and a dog for Julia Dustol and toy balls and toys of your rainDeer and your slay and you and toys of my friends and a Americon fighter shart and pants. *Masen Swenson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* School has been good. I wanted a PS4 Ps3 Ps2 or Ps1 xbox 360 xbox one ipod6 iphone 6 Nintendo 3DS Sony 65 inch TV Amazon echo pizza. Love *Caden Wojciehowski* (Grade 3)





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*Dear Santa,* I had a great year I moved From texes it took 3 Days I Have a lot to lern. My Hoddies are Playing in the snow and Playing at school. things I Want Nerf rebel - Phone - a xBox 360 and Minecraft with two contrellers. I want a Parrot and Feed, and a Bunny and Feed and carrots, and a Remote controll car and a Remote controll helicopter, a gint teddy Bear, and a globe.  
Love, *Aidian Hamann* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* I am in the 3 grade this year. We are working on multiplication in math. In music we are working on our Christmas program. would you Please bring me a kindlefire for christmas. Please bring my brother a stuffed teddy bear. Love, *Greta Briese* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* Can I have Sklanders Super Chargers and Super Mario Maker, and the Wolf gang golden trophy cup. Can I have Minecraft for XBox, and a nerfgun and a Little elf costum for are kittin Garfield. *Andrew Bergeron* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* School is ok my family is good, I will be down in HuTch for christams I want a air-soft gun. love, *Domanic Buschel* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* My first day of school is good and I want a dog for christmas and a cat for my brother for christmas and a Nerf gun to for christmas to and a Nintendo and I have ben good these year Love, *William Peterson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How was you your year been. School. family. Hobbies learning good or bad. What I want for Christmas is a hello kitty car in my size and I want a wee u. leuses was born on cristmas. *Paige Rybakowski* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* I have been haveing a good yeor and My farit holiday is christmas and I was wondering if I Maby coed get a ipod.  
Love, *Bethany Thompson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* My year in third grade has been good. Mr. Rath is the best teacher in the world. We are learning multiplcation in math. I want legos and more legos please. I will set out cookies for 1 might set out 20 cookies and carrots for the reindeer but the 20 cookies for. By the way say hi to Mrs. Claus for me please. Give the raindeer a pet from me to please. Love, *Josie Penas* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* I'm going to leave you some cookies, and milk, but the reindeer get carrots. I've been good, and I would like a new Z-pad, ipod, and legos. Love, *Bethanie VonEnde* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* how has your year Been. I am a Good boy this year. Am i on the Good lits? Can i have a nerf gun? I want a toy car for Christmas, and i want a fone case. I love tractors. I want a xbox 360 for Christmas, your friend, *Samuel Aarhus* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How is your year and I have larend how to do science. I want a 17 gun and tracter. your friend, *Ivan Olafson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* how has your year gone. I have bin good this year. I will have a snowboard and a zipline. We will have cookies, milk, and carrots. Say hi to Mrs, claus for me please, have a great year. P.S. save some cookies for Mrs, claus. Love *Landon Nelson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* My year has been great! New years, my birthday, Thanksgiveing, awsome! I am now in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. My favrite after school acivity is going to a friends hous. Also what I want for Xmas is lego ghostbusters eto-1 set. You can find it on ebay.com. Your rend, *Alex Lunde* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How is your year. My year is good. Hofley my dog won't scare your randeer. I've been learning more. Iv been Good. I want a tracfone and a case. And I whould like a toy trackter case Quadtrack. And can I have a xbox and farming Sim15 and 2013 and mindcraft for it and controllers for the xbox? Love, your friend, *Taylor Davy* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* My year has ben geat! My teacher is Mr. Rath. In math we are learning how to do multiplication. My family is good. I have two brothers, one mom and dad, zero sisters. I want Dasher, Dancer, and Rudolph. I want minecartf on xbox with contrellers. I want Princess Luna from my littie pony. I want a phone and a ipad. I want a Neft Rebel bow and arow. Your friend, *Julia Dostal* (Grade 3)

# *The Badger Barker*

## **Badger School Superintendent's News**



### **Badger Gives the Gift of Life**

On Tuesday, November 17, working in conjunction with United Blood Services, the Badger National Honor Society (NHS) organized a blood drive. Throughout the day and into the early evening, Badger residents, students, and staff donated blood. Thirty-eight out of a possible 38 appointments were filled and 7 individuals were first-time donors! The blood drive is an annual event at the Badger School. The Badger School District blood drive efforts assist United Blood Services to reach approximately 1 million units of red blood cells on an annual basis. The United Blood Services works to distribute blood to patients in need throughout eighteen different states within forty-two days of collection.

Thank you to Mrs. Shannon Dostal, NHS Advisor, and members of the Badger School National Honor Society for all of your efforts to organize this blood drive.

### **Badger School District Technology Initiative**

The Badger School District is excited to expand technology within our school. Within the next few weeks, iPads will be available for every kindergarten through fifth grade student, all day, every day. The iPads were purchased utilizing grant dollars and preparations are currently taking place to ensure a smooth transition of technology into the classroom and into the hands of our students and teachers.

In addition to iPads, laptops will be distributed to all sixth grade students as well as one other grade level. In the near future continued expansion of our one-to-one technology initiative will take place. A combination of grant dollars as well as committed technology funds will be utilized to cover expenses associated with this exciting technology initiative.

### **Badger School Winter Concert**

#### ***Elementary: December 18, 2:00 p.m.***

Under the direction of Ms. Erickson and Mr. Carpenter, the Badger Elementary students throughout grades K-6 will perform a number of vocal and instrumental musical selections. In addition, students in grades 1-6 will perform a play entitled "Snowy the Singing Snowman."

#### ***High School: December 21, 7:00 p.m.***

Badger High School band and choir students will perform a variety of musical selections under the direction of Ms. Erickson and Mr. Carpenter. Each year the winter concert event is amazing.

Please consider attending one or both of the concerts. Your support and attendance is greatly appreciated.

### **Badger School District "Alert Now" System**

Throughout the year, the Badger School District utilizes the "Alert Now" communication system to send out mass phone calls or emails. Although the system may be used for a variety of reasons, primarily it is utilized in the event of late starts, early dismissal, or school cancellations due to inclement weather. In addition to the calling system, radio stations are notified as well as television stations and the Badger School District website to communicate weather-related emergency announcements. Please feel free to contact Mary Monsrud at the Badger School office if you would like your number included or if you have had a change in a phone number that has not previously been provided to the school district.

As always, please feel free to stop by anytime to visit. Thank you for all you do to make Badger "the school where every student belongs."

Sincerely,  
Tom Jerome, Superintendent  
Badger School District

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## 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. Their advisor 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:** Eighth grade students will focus on the importance of peer relationships for middle and high school students. They will look at the types of peer influences they experience, what types of influence social media has on these relationships, and how they can begin to solve problems with peers now and in the future. A framework for 'seeing solutions' is introduced in Activity 4.

**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 learn about their specific personality type as it relates to possible career and postsecondary choices.

*WORKSHOP:* Personality Type Survey

**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.

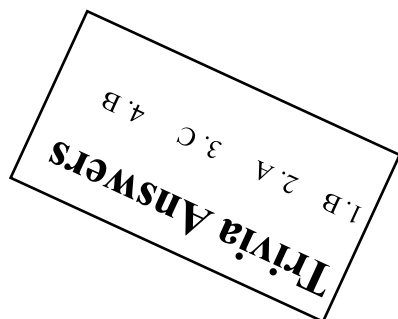
*WORKSHOP:* Mindset

**GRADE 11:** How do you find 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.

*WORKSHOP:* Developing a Financial Aid Strategy

**GRADE 12:** Seniors will be looking further into the idea of financing an education (a possible good debt) while also encouraging students to consider the amount of debt they take on to do so. Students will also look at credit card debt and the high interest rates that can cause them to be in a difficult financial position when they graduate. Did you know that the average college graduate will have \$4,100 in credit card debt? Parent can reinforce the idea of good and bad debt by explaining that using loans to finance your education or buy a reasonably priced home is usually good debt, while using credit cards to buy excessive amounts of clothing or finance that spring break vacation outside of a student's budget is usually bad debt.

*Workshop:* Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



### Random Riddles Answers

1. It was a little shellfish.
2. All apples grow on trees.
3. They're all beds!
4. Add the letter 'G' and it's 'Gone.'
5. A window.
6. A greenhouse (for plants) is made of glass generally so it is clear.
7. Very large hands.



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# ECRWSS

## Postal Customer

### Kindergarten Korner

By: Emma Dimich



**Charles  
Peterson**

**Parents:** David &  
Tracy Peterson

**Age:** 5

**Have you been good  
this year?** I was  
good this year. I was  
nice to my siblings  
and I cleaned my  
room.

**Where does Santa  
live?** The North  
Pole.

**Any special plans  
for winter break?** I  
am getting presents  
and nice things and

making snow angels and going sledding on our big purple sled.

**Are you excited for the snow?** Yes because I like snow and I  
like to go sledding.

**Tyjmen  
Rud**

**Parents:** Scott  
& Cortney Rud

**Age:** 6

**Have you been  
good this year?**  
Yes I was good  
this year. I was  
nice to my  
siblings and I  
cleaned my  
room.

**Where does  
Santa live?** The  
North Pole

**Any special  
plans for winter  
break?** I am going swinging and I am going to play with

my tractor and go sledding.

**Are you excited for the snow?** Yes because I play in it  
and go sledding.

