



The Badger Barker



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Badger School's Veterans Day Program

By: Dorothy Kjelland



On Wednesday, November 8, 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, Ms. Erickson, Mr. Carpenter, and Badger High School Concert Band and Choir. Student Council President Ashtyn Beito welcomed those in attendance. Proceeding the welcome, the Posting of the Colors was performed by Roseau County area veterans Vernon Roggenbuck, David Vacura, Morris Vacura, Curt Hukee, Bob Glen, David Frislie, and Wayne Praska. Badger small group students Tyrah Green, Ashtyn Beito, Joanna Erickson, Cheyenne Wojciechowski, Morgan Praska, and Emma Gust accompanied the Posting of the Colors by singing *The Star Spangled Banner*. The Badger High School Concert Band then followed with their performance of "American Salute."

Veteran's Day essay winners then shared their speeches with the audience. Junior high winners Bryza Rud, Keyasha Housker, and Jasmine Christianson read their essays on the topic "America's Gift to my Generation." Badger High School Concert Choir performed *"In Flanders Fields,"* followed by the Senior High essay winners—Dorothy Kjelland, Timothy Kjelland, and Morgan Praska—reading their speeches "Our Hope for the Future."

Keynote speaker was Retired Air Force Veteran Dale Hagen. He talked about the important role family members play during active duty. Dale Hagen and Mayor Jim Rinde presented the Dave Frislie Eagle Award to Vernon Roggenbuck and the late Richard Johnson to honor them as veterans who have given back to the Badger School, community, and fellow veterans. Ending the program, was Jack Burkel and Kennedy Truscinski playing *Taps*, followed by the Retiring of the Colors. Thank you to everyone in attendance.



The 2016 Veterans Day essay winners were (front row left to right) Junior high level: Bryza Rud (3rd), Keyasha Housker (2nd), Jasmine Christianson (1st); Senior high level: Timothy Kjelland (2nd), Dorothy Kjelland (3rd), and Morgan Praska (1st) next to Keynote Speaker Dale Hagen. The essay winners are pictured with Badger area veteran Color Guard (back row—left to right) David Vacura, Morris Vacura, Curt Hukee, Dave Frislie, Bob Glen, Wayne Praska, and Vernon Roggenbuck.



Badger School Superintendent's News



Badger School District Announces TRIPLE "A" Award Winners

Congratulations to Bader seniors Joanna Erickson and Tyler Isane. Joanna and Tyler were recently selected as the Badger School District Triple "A" Award winners. The Triple "A" Award is a Minnesota State High School League sponsored award. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor high school seniors who excel in the areas of academics, athletics and fine arts. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required as well as participation in athletics and fine arts. Joanna and Tyler are excellent examples of what the Triple "A" Award represents. Congratulations to Joanna Erickson and Tyler Isane as well as their families. Both students will be honored at a Region 8 banquet on February 7 in Mahnommen.

Badger School District Announces ExCEL Award Winners

Congratulations to Karissa Kaml and Alex Ylitalo. The ExCEL Award is a Minnesota State High School League sponsored award. The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in community, education, and leadership. To be considered for the ExCEL Award students must:

- Be a high school junior
- Making progress toward graduation
- Hold a leadership position in school
- Work voluntarily in their community

Congratulations to Karissa and Alex for being selected as Badger School ExCEL Award winners.

Badger School District Celebrates Paraprofessional Week

The Badger School District will celebrate and formally recognize our paraprofessional staff as part of Paraprofessional Week January 22-26 as declared by Governor Dayton throughout the state of Minnesota. Paraprofessionals, also known as instructional aides in many schools, are often times the unsung heroes of a school district. Paraprofessionals assist teachers and students as needed throughout the school day on a regular basis. On any given day you may find paraprofessionals outside of school ensuring students safely board school busses, monitoring the playground during recess, or supervising the lunchroom. Paraprofessionals have many duties, however the most important responsibility of the paraprofessional is assisting students as needed academically throughout the day.

The Badger School District is fortunate to have a group of dedicated paraprofessionals that understand their role and work collaboratively with the teachers they assist to ensure that students have the opportunity to maximize their potential as learners.

Thank you to all of the paraprofessionals in the Badger School District for their ongoing professionalism and commitment to our students. Their efforts to assist our students and staff help to make our school a great place to work and learn.

In closing, on behalf of the Badger School District thank you to all community and district residents for all that you do for our school and our students. Please feel free to stop by anytime to visit. Thank you for all that you do to make Badger "the school where every student belongs."

Sincerely,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent
Badger School District



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December Wacky Celebrations

www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/

By: Pitchawee Chairpamote

Wear Brown Shoes Day ~ December 4

Let's see, what color shoes should I wear today?? Brown! It is very easy to participate in this day. Dust off your brown shoes, boots, sandals, loafers, etc., and put them on your feet. In case you didn't know... your sock color on this day should be brown too.

Free Shipping Day ~ December 15

Don't you hate dealing with a bunch of people at the mall? Wouldn't it be great to buy things on your Christmas list online this day? This day is great if you hate fighting the holiday crowds and don't want to pay high shipping rates. Go to www.freeshippingday.com and look for the stores that participate on this day!

Chocolate Covered Anything Day ~ December 16

Chocolate-aholics rejoice! Today, we get to enjoy our beloved chocolate by covering something... just about anything... with a generous amount of chocolate. Pour, spread, or drizzle chocolate over cakes, cupcakes, pies, pancakes or waffles, nuts, raisins, even ants (yes, some people actually eat chocolate covered ants)!

A'phabet Day or No "L" Day ~ December 25

A'phabet Day or No "L" Day is a pun on "Noel." Get it? Say "Noel" out loud! Celebrate this day by speaking or texting without using the letter "L" and use #A'phabetDay or #No"L"Day to post on social media. This holiday is also a great excuse to learn more about orthography.

Card Playing Day ~ December 28

Today is the perfect time to spend time with your family or friends playing cards. This day arrives at the perfect time, a few days after Christmas. The holiday is over and the kids are getting bored with their new toys. Time to turn to cards games for a relaxing and more slow-paced form of fun and entertainment!

Brazilian Cheese Bread (Pão de Queijo)

allrecipes.com

By: Maria Aristides

Ingredients:

- ½ cup olive oil or butter
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup milk or soy milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups tapioca flour
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 beaten eggs



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Pour olive oil, milk, and salt into a large saucepan and place over high heat. When the mixture comes to a boil, remove from heat immediately and stir in tapioca flour and garlic until smooth. Set aside to rest for 10 to 15 minutes.
3. Stir the cheese and egg into the tapioca mixture until well combined, the mixture will be chunky like cottage cheese. Drop rounded, ¼ cup-sized balls of the mixture onto an ungreased baking sheet.
4. Bake in preheated oven until the tops are lightly browned, 15 to 20 minutes.

Shout Out To.....

Staff volleyball coach Becky Dahlgren for always believing in her team no matter the outcome of the game

Students who participated in this year's Veterans Day essay contest. There were a total of 90 entries into the contest.

Roseau VFW for their generous donation that inspires our students to write!

Mrs. Langaas for being a listening ear and for being so willing to help her students learn in their own way. You are awesome!

Jarod Magnusson for always salting the sidewalk super early and plowing out Mrs. Miller's spot for her early arrivals.

Ashtyn Beito for the several hours of hard work preparing for the Veterans Day Program.

Ms. Erickson and the band, Mr. Carpenter and the choir for their performance at the Veterans Day program. It was top-notch!

Mrs. Lee, her smile and positive energy makes the Badger School a phenomenal place

Badger School paraprofessionals for going above and beyond to help make our school great!

Mrs. Alyssa Aune for doing the Notan art project with the 5th graders. It was cool and creative and allowed us to be expressive!

American Education Week committee for coming up with the activities and treats for the week!



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Choir Musician of the Month

Jordan Scharf

Grade: 8

What section are you in? Soprano

How long have you been in choir? Since 7th grade

What kind of music do you like to sing? A lot of different kinds.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? Singing.

What are you looking forward to this year? Singing new music.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Be confident.

What is your favorite choir memory? When Kadeyn got a huge voice crack at the end of one of our songs.



Band Musician of the Month

Kiana Jacobson



Grade: 10

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? I play the clarinet, and I choose it because two of my aunts played and it was the easiest to make noise out of.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick and why? I would play alto sax because it is also a reed instrument and I really like the sound it makes.

What is your favorite song to play? Almost any pep band song or songs that have an upbeat tempo.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? A celebrity dating game show.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Going to solo contest for the first time and getting a superior rating.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Be confident in your playing. Practice too, even if it is for a short amount of time.

Who inspired you to be part of band? Mostly Ms. Erickson and some of my friends encouraged me.

Trivia

By: Noah Stuebgen

- What is the most spoken language by population?
 - Spanish
 - English
 - Chinese
 - Japanese
- Which country started the gingerbread house tradition?
 - Germany
 - Finland
 - United States
 - Iceland
- What breed of dog is Snoopy from the TV show/cartoon *Peanuts*?
 - German Shepherd
 - Beagle
 - Corgi
 - Pomeranian
- How many time zones does Canada have?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 4
 - 6

Trivia Answers
 1. C 2. A 3. B 4. D



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Senior Spotlight Fedeline Kjelland

Parents: Ron & Melinda Kjelland, Nahomie Pierre, Nopele Dorius

Siblings: Dorothy, Alissa, Kayleen, Timothy

Nicknames: Fed, Fetty

Favorite:

Sport: Volleyball

Food: Pizza

Colors: Pink and light purple

Quote: "Really?"

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To see my birth parents again.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? One of my sisters and we would go to Italy.

What one word best describes your personality? Driven.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? When I fell on my butt when I was going to the bus in ninth grade.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Playing on my phone.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Being around people who made me feel part of a family.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Learning new things and learning English quickly.



Senior Spotlight Christian Hietala



Parents: Merrek Hietala, Heidi Dahl

Siblings: Hope, Hallie

Nickname: CJ

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Skittles

Color: Blue

Quote: "Better late than never."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Unlimited financial resources.

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 take my cousin Jordan and we would tour throughout most of Europe.

What one word best describes your personality? Chill.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? There's nothing that seems to embarrass me.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Weightlifting.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Mrs. Lee comparing me to a girl the first day I was in her class.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? My grades did a full 180 for the better when I came to Badger.





Santa Letters



Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? Could you please bring me a kid size dirt bike. I have been helping at home. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. *Alex Gust* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Is your sled ready for Christmas? I have tried to be a good boy. Could you please bring me an Xbox 1 with a zombie game. I will leave cookies for you and the reindeer. *Blayne Keeler* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, When you come to my house I will have star cookies and milk for you. Could you please bring me a makeup set. I have been good! *Autumn Turpitt* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Have the elves been listening to you? Could you please bring me a remote control motorcycle. Also I would like a scooter motorcycle. I will leave cookies and carrots. *Rogan Hanson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I would like new color crayons and color books. I will leave you cookies. *Raviyn Fulton* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? I was really good this year. I would like you to bring me squinky dewdrops and Shopkins. I will leave you cookies and milk. *Delyla Carpenter* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, How was your summer. I have been a good boy and listening to mom and dad. I would like a remote control Monster Truck and a four wheeler that has a remote control. I will leave you cookies and milk and spaghetti for the reindeer. *Cameron Moore* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, How much snow do you get at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a yellow and black toy terragator and a white grain truck. I have been a good boy. There will be carrots for the reindeer and a glass of milk for you! *Nils Christianson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I want a toy reindeer named John. I want a car seat with a lot of buckles. I want all the kinds of ninja turtles. I have been a good boy and will be good for 100 days! I will leave you hot chocolate and cookies. *Clayton Kruger* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please will you bring a baby doll that looks real. *Willow Rud* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been washing dishes for my mom. For Christmas I would like a Monster High Draculaura Doll and Shopkins. *Onah Gregerson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been helping mom and dad at my house. Could you please bring me a transformer set. *Jacob Foss* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Has it been cold at the North Pole? I have been a good boy. I would like a big toy John Deere tractor and a kid dirt bike. I will leave you cookies and milk. *Ryder Gust* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Hello how are the reindeer. I would like a remote control semi and excavator Nerf guns. *Wyatt Jenson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I like your reindeer I want a big Hatchamill and a hard horse and a horse stable. *Brenna Pearson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, Hi I am Naomi Turpitt! I will like a swimming pool doll, Real dog, a little cat, a hamster and a doll house. Love, *Naomi Turpitt* (Grade 1)

Hi Santa, I would like a ammo cat, nerf gun, and a Hatchamill. From *Esten Howell* (Grade 1)

Hi Santa, Please can I have a real Rangan and a pretend horse and a real puppy and a real hamster. Thank you. Love *Knox Nelson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I really want a Hamster cage and a hamster. I'm going to put out carrots and I'm going to put out cookies. Thank you! *Grant Olson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, This christmas can I please have a minie dit bike and nerf guns. Love *Gage Otto* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I wut high heels, crown, dress, and a mermaid tail, I was good. Luve *Ava Gust* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, This year I have been good I would like A little hatchamila, A good robot, and a big doll house, Fidget spinner, A smell stuffed animal. Thank you *Autumn Kruger* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are reindeer? Are they redy for Christmas Please breng me a Shopkins house, Shopkins fidget spinr, skateboard, Paw patrol lego set, and a real snowmobile. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love *Kiley Streich* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, Please a Shopkins Please Frozen Please doh Please Dolly Please thank you *Kaylie Streich* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Would you please bring me Optimus prime and a real pet bunny for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for your reindeer. Love *Elijah Monsrud* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, Hope you are well. This year I would like a Barbie dream house and a doll, little tea cups for my tea parties. One more thing a Hatchimals. Love *Maizy Thompson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I REALLY want to get Magnatiles and an game that is called Univers sandbox and it's \$24.99. and I don't want to get COAL...! From: *Aaron Jasiqi* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I would like a bay watch movie and a razor. how are yore reindeer. *Landin Buley* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, You are my best friend. I would like Thomas the Train Track Engine. No worries, I will be good. I like Christmas because it sparkles. I love you and my family! *Abram Wirta* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How is it going at the north pole? How are your elves doing today at the north pole? I Loved the things you gave me last year but I want sume thing difint this year. Can I please have a dragin that blows wind and comes with a stick and a mash mello. Can I have a robow cat please and thank you. *Maycee Olson* (Grade 2)



Santa Letters



Dear Santa, Since it is just about christmas, I want to know how old are you. Are you 1,084? But, I will leave you cookies, and your Raindear carrets. Also, how are are your Raindear. And, these are the two things I want. 1. An ultamit Lego Bat mobel. 2. A Lego polies staion. *Deegan Hanson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a smart board. I want a real horse with white and black mane. *Sophia Edwards* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How are your raindeer? I hope my elf on the shelf comes back. Her name is Rosey Ann Warne. Can I please have a fur Real Friend Cudels My Dream Kitin? Have an awesome Christmas! *Ava Warne* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How is it going at the north poul? What are your raindeer's names? I now one of them..Ruodolph. I hope you have a fun christmas. What are your elves names? Do they have ponted eres? What I want is a big teaty bear and a phone. *Quynn Washington* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I rant a combine for Christmas. I hope you are good for christmas to come and you are fine for christmas. *Tyjmen Rud* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How is your day? Mine is good. Santa how dose Rudolph nose glow in the dark. And why is Cupid named Cupid? And Santa may I have a cat because mine ran away and a dog and my dog did to. And have a good year. *Azmera Olson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How old are you? I want a christmas poster. I want a witer snow clobe. Thank you for the snow ball maker last yere. I want a wube cushin. I want a big bag of things that you could prank people with. How old is Rudolph. *Jaxon Castle* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I wonder how was your summer was? Thank you for the Lego[®] sets last year! How is Rudohph? Now to tell you what I want. I want a Ps3[®] controller a new Ps3[®] game and a new Wii game. *Charles Peterson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, What dose vixen like to do in the summer? I like to jump on the trampoline and do flips. Can prancer do flips? I would like an I phone plese. I will Bring some cookies from my Gramas and put some out for you. *MacKenzie VonEnde* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Clause doing? This year can I please have a Galaxy blanket and a samsung Galexxy iphone please? And a galaxy phone case. Thank you. Love, *Katelyn Gust* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I like you and I wish that I can see you in person at night at my house. I want a 3ds and games for my Ps4. Love, *Austin Edwards* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I want a kindle with minecraft PE. How are the reindeer? Are the Elves ready for Christmas. Love, *Christian Osborne* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How is Sprinkle and Snowflake doing? What I want for christmas is seeds and dirt for my fairy garden and a mini American girl doll and a bath bomb with a prize in side. Can you give my sister a stuff horse? You are the Best! Happy christmas. What is your favorite cookie? Love, *Peyton Lee* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, Can I get a 360 xbox and can I get an i phone? I'd like a walkie talkie and Magic Tree House # 16. I want a ring, a woolly rhino, and a 3DS and a Stick Dog Book. Love, *Payton Gust* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How is it going Santa? You better get the sleigh ready. If I don't forget I will get you cookies and milk. What I want for christmas is a Nintendo and a Cars 3 set. Love, *Eli Olafson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For this Christmas can I have a snowbord and a fishing rod? What kind of cookies do you like? Chocolate chip? Love, *Keegan VonEnde* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How is everything going? I would like a drone with a video camera and a good Cristmas. I also want fish hooks and a xbox, and a remote control Jeep. Love, *Austin Przekwas* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf? How is Mrs. Clause? I want a armyset. I want a BB gun. What kind of cookeis do you like? Love, *Roger Thompson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How are your elves and your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Thank you for the things last year, but may I have a great Christmas, and have a new iPhone, and a galaxy Phone case? Love, *Adysen Gregerson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I would like a xbox 1 with two controllers. Im leaving some toys, carrots, cookies, and milk. Are you ready for christmas? Love, *Levi Olson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope this Christmas goes well. I would Like some presents of my dream to have. May I have 3 things: a snow mobile, a PSP, and maybe a google card for minecraft on my ipod so I can play it on my ipod too. Minecraft is on my Kindle but one of my friends might come over to play mincraft. Love, *Kylee Gust* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are you doing up there and how are your elves doing at the North Pole? For Christmas I really, really want another dollhouse, more Magic Tree House Books, more candy, an Umarican Gril doll, more sleds, more decorashones. How is Miss. Cluase doing? How is the Randeer doing? What is your favrite cookie? Love, *Lillian Kruger* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are you and the Randeirs? For christmas I want call of duty Black ops 3 for xbox one and 2 more xbox one controllers. I want HALLO 3. 100,000,000 dollers too, more skylander toys for me and Elis Video game for xbox one. I will set on the table some cookies and milk and carrots. Love, *Emery Christensen* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, Can I have I Survived Nature Attacks! by Lauren Tarshis? What do you want for Christmas? How are the reindeer doing? Can I have hatchamals? Can I have the series of I Survived Books? Can I have more wii? I LOVE You Santa. Love, *Cale Lindland* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I will leave some milk and cookies. How are the elves and the reindeer? Are the reindeer ready to push the sleigh? Can I have a phone case camo and a snow board? And I will leave 9 apples for the reindeer. You are the best! HO HO HO! Love, *Conor Rothenberger* (Grade 3)



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Quarter 1 Honor Roll



4-6 "A" Honor Roll

Back: Emily Burkel, Julia Dostal, Kaden Halvorson, Ada Lee, Morgan Hickey, Bethanie VonEnde
Front: Taylor Davy, Josie Penas, Christian Peterson, Jordan Lee, Aidan Carpenter, Maggie Lorenson

7-8 "A" Honor Roll

Back: Brooke VonEnde, Keyasha Housker, Abigail Novacek-Pratt, Arika Pickhartz, Hailey VonEnde, Raegen Maahs, Hannah Wilt
Middle: Aulona Jasiqi, Julia Bergeron, Dylan VonEnde, Brogan Beito, Gabe Warne, Talisha Hamann, Jasmine Christianson
Front: Hannah Rud, Greta Lee, Riley Gust, Victoria Hickey, Kadeyn Keller



9-10 "A" Honor Roll

Back: Jack Burkel, Emma Gust, Maisy Ylitalo, Isabella Monsrud, Mai Chaipramote
Middle: Erika Howell, Bailey Maurstad, Emma VonEnde, Morgan Praska, Kennedy Truscinski, Tessa Blumer, Kiana Jacobson
Front: Avdyl Jasiqi, Noah Warne, Talon Hilligas, Isaac Lorenson, Kiah Olafson, Alyssa Rinde, Alexis Rud
Not Pictured: Tanner Davy



11-12 "A" Honor Roll

Back: Tyrah Green, Christian Hietala, Austin Maurstad, Joanna Erickson, Cheyenne Wojciechowski
Front: Ethan Praska, Tyler Isane, Aaron Davy, Dillon Nieman, Devan Olson, Gavin Davy





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Quarter 1 Honor Roll

4-6 "B" Honor Roll

Back: Wyatt Hilligas, Addison Pulczynski, Zaymein Rud, Tryg Olson, Jaden Kukowski
Front: Amelia Wilt, Huntar Keeler, Jordan Davy, Ivan Olafson, Ashton Pickhartz

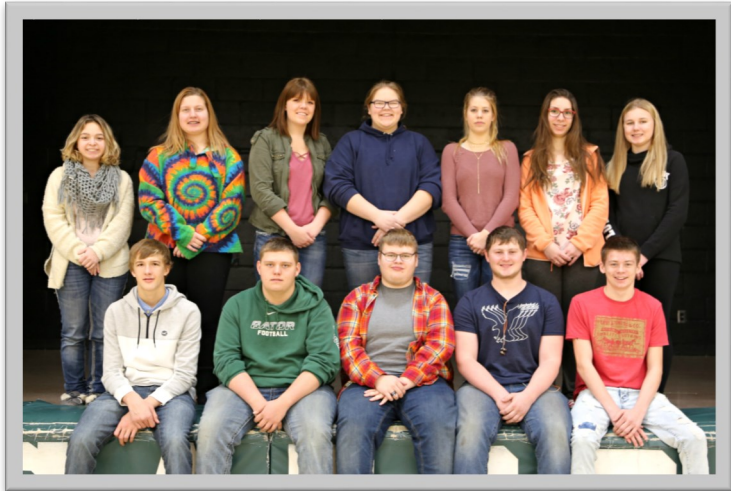


7-9 "B" Honor Roll

Back: Hallie Hietala, Cody Olson, Coralie Olds, Tia McKinnon, Lydia Sanden, Salma Pray, Bryza Rud
Front: Caden Olds, Jasmyn Rud, Dawson Beito, Jory Bronson, Jenessa Isane, Landon Frislie, Jordan Scharf

10-12 "B" Honor Roll

Back: Emma Dimich, CeCe Yeager, Ashtyn Beito, Kaitie Hamann, Karissa Kaml, Maria Gomes Aristides, Deanna Rybakowski
Front: Brandon Pries, Derrick Corneliusen, Alex Ylitalo, Timothy Kjelland, Kaeden Hietala





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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. 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 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 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 obstacles they will surely face now and in their futures.

GRADE 10: Is intelligence fixed? Will a C student always be a C student? Sophomores will look at a theory showing 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.



BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

Please remember to collect Box Tops and drop them off at the Badger School often as they do expire.

Thank you for you help and support!!



American Education Week

By: Pitchawee Chairpamote

National Education Association's 96th annual American Education Week was celebrated on November 14-18. It is a time for Americans to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education. This year’s campaign emphasized that our nation’s public schools are here for each and every student — no matter the circumstance, everyone is welcome and all deserve the support, tools, and time to learn.

It was a fun week enjoyed by both students and staff. American Education Week's celebration at Badger School included:
Monday ~ Students kicked off American Education Week with coloring fish for “We may all be different kind of fish, but in this school we swim together.” They also colored a cutout person and those cutouts created a chain showing how “every person is linked to another.”

Tuesday ~ Support Staff Appreciation Day ~ sweets and selfies all day

Wednesday ~ Teacher Appreciation Day ~ toaster treats in the workbook

Thursday ~ Parents/special guests had breakfast with their children.

Friday ~ Annual Badger School Staff vs. Senior Class volleyball game. Congratulations seniors on your win.



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Climb Theatre

By: Noah Stuebgen

Climb Theatre actors came to the Badger School on November 7 and presented on the topic of resiliency. They presented what students can do when faced with a problem and what would be the best thing to do in a situation whether it is bullying or other situations. Climb Theatre did interplays for K-12 Badger students. Each interplay was about 40 minutes long.

Climb Theatre had the students get in groups of ten and while they watched Climb Theatre act out situations and problems students face, each group had to figure out if the characters were being resilient or if they weren't. Then they had to think of things the characters could have done to stand up or come back instead of giving up. Then Climb Theatre handed groups a ball with a problem on it, for example, my car broke down or I didn't do well on my science test. The group had to figure out how to handle the situation.

Climb Theatre teaches students how to stand up for themselves and how to react to tough problems. They taught students the right thing to do at the right moment. They did a great job on getting the point across and getting students involved. Students love having Climb Theatre visit.

December Gator Sports

By: Traci Hill

Girls Basketball

- 7 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 8 @ Roseau
- 12 @ NCTC Invitational
- 14 @ NCTC Invitational
- 15 @ NCTC Invitational

Boys Basketball

- 2 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 5 @ NCTC Invitational
- 7 @ NCTC Invitational
- 9 @ NCTC Invitational
- 12 @ Warroad
- 14 @ Red Lake County Central (Plummer)
- 15 @ Roseau
- 18 Kittson Central @ BGMR
- 21 @ Clearbrook-Gonvick
- 22 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo

Wrestling

- 1 @ Park Rapids Jamboree
- 2 @ Wadena Invitational
- 5 @ Glyndon Triangular
- 8 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational
- 9 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational
- 12 @ Pembina County North (Walhalla)
- 15 @ Cass Lake-Bena Invitational
- 16 @ Cass Lake-Bena Invitational
- 18 @ Crookston
- 21 Hillsboro @ BGMR

December Dates to Remember

By: Esther Nelson

- 3 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 5 Comm Ed ~ Yoga (Adults) 5:45 pm
- 5 ECFE "Holiday Crafts" 6:00 pm
- 9 Holiday Bazaar ~ Santa Day ~ Book Fair
- 9 VEX Robotics @ Fisher
- 10 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 11 2nd Quarter Midterm
- 11 Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop
- 12 Itasca Community College rep
- 12 Comm Ed ~ Yoga (Adults) 5:45 pm
- 15 Elementary Winter Music Program 2:00 pm
- 17 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 18 Math League @ Thief River Falls
- 19 High School Winter Music Concert 7:00 pm
- 25-31 No School ~ Winter Break

Random Riddles

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By: Dillon Nieman

1. When you're given one, you'll have either two or none?
2. Why is a room full of married people like an empty one?
3. You are my brother, but I am not your brother. Who am I?
4. Who was the president of the United States in 1980?
5. What is as big as you are and yet does not weigh anything?
6. What can be stolen legally because it is not illegal to steal it?
7. I am flat, I am sharp, and I cannot hurt you. What am I?



Random Riddles Answers

1. A choice.
2. Because there is not a single (unmarried) person in it.
3. I am your sister.
4. Donald Trump, his name was still Donald Trump in 1980.
5. Your shadow.
6. A stolen base in a baseball game.
7. A musical note.



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Winter Senior Athletes

By: Liesl Aarhus

Tyler Isane ~ Wrestling

Age you started wrestling: 6 years old

Reason you joined wrestling: Too long ago to remember. Probably because I had a lot of energy to get rid of!

Favorite memory last season: Going to practice every day and getting better with my teammates.

Goals for this year: Have a good year as a team and win as much as possible.

Plans to help you get stronger and better at wrestling: Practice hard.

What are you looking forward to this season: Improvement from last year.

Austin Maurstad ~ Wrestling

Age you started wrestling: 6 years old.

Reason you joined wrestling: My friends were in it.

Favorite memory last season: Going to "Big Bear."

Goals for this year: Wrestle varsity and earn a varsity letter.

Plans to help you get stronger and better at wrestling: Workout every day and eat healthy.

What are you looking forward to this season: The new mat and singlets.



Dillon Nieman ~ Basketball

Age you started basketball: 6th grade

Reason you joined basketball: I didn't want to wrestle anymore and wanted to try basketball.

Favorite memory last season: Going as a team after playing a game to watch the Fargo Force play.

Goals for this year: To win at least half of our games.

Plans to help your team this year: Shoot the ball more and put the ball in the hoop.

What are you looking forward to this season: Playing basketball with the rest of the team.



How do you think we could prevent mass shootings?

By: Cierra Olds

Victoria Hickey

One way to prevent mass shootings is to do better background checks on people who buy guns. Another way is to have an information hot line for people to call if they hear something bad. Last of all is to have better security around big events.

Brogan Beito

I think we should have higher security at popular places. We should also get rid of all the evil ISIS people and have better security cameras in big cities.

Greta Lee

In order to prevent mass shootings, we need to form an America that people don't want to hurt, that people don't want to shoot at. We need an America where everyone is welcome and accepted so that people don't want to destroy or rebel against our country. This country is home to many and for some people to see it as a threat or a work of evil, it's just, painful. We as Americans need to work towards forming this country into a place where people feel safe and welcome.

Gavin Davy

Well, this really is a difficult question to tackle, and you hope that something like this doesn't happen. To prevent something like this, I'd say do drills for what to do if it ever happened.





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Campus Comment

By: CeCeilia Yeager

How do you feel about the early snowfalls this years?

Katerina Nubson (Grade 7): I like the early snowfalls because then I can have snowball fights with my friends. I get to go snowmobiling with my family and friends. The last and final thing I can say about it is that when it snows my grandma and grandpa love having a snowman in their yard. That is why I am happy about the early snow falls. Last thing I have to say is to all drivers on the roads—be careful—they're slippery.

Abby Novacek-Pratt (Grade 8): I feel that the early snowfalls this year weren't that early. I don't see it as that big of an event. Although it has happened quite a bit, maybe it's signaling something big?

Talon Hilligas (Grade 9): I don't like the early snowfall. I don't like it because it means it will be really cold. When it is really cold, it isn't fun to wait outside for the bus.

Morgan Praska (Grade 10): I'm not impressed because I don't like winter. It is my least favorite season because it is too cold and everything dies. I would much rather have late snowfalls.

Zach Arlien (Grade 11): I hate snow because I hate shoveling snow and also icy roads, which are bad for driving. And it is too cold.

Dillon Nieman (Grade 12): I don't mind it. I knew that it would come eventually. It doesn't really ruin any of my plans. The only thing that would have been bad would've been practicing football in the snow.

Mrs. Dahlgren (English teacher): I really prefer my snowfalls closer to Christmas. The good thing though is that I get to have hot chocolate a little earlier this year...extra marshmallows please!



Elementary Viewpoint

By: Tia McKinnon

What's the best thing to do while playing in the snow?



Esten Howell (1st grade): I like to build snow forts with my dad and have snowball fights.



Sophia Edwards (2nd grade): The best thing is building a snow castle.



Austin Edwards (3rd grade): I like to build snow forts with my friends.

Breydon Foss (4th grade): What I like about winter is to drive my snowmobile and build a snowman sometimes. I like to have snowball fights. During deer season, I go muzzleloader hunting with my Dad. Sometimes I will drive my four-wheeler and I will get stuck in the snow. My favorite thing is snowmobile racing, and I like when it is snowing lightly outside. It looks cool!

Aidan Carpenter (5th grade): In my opinion, making snowmen is really fun. I like it because sometimes you can make a snow family. I also like the challenge of hoisting the middle onto the bottom. You can also use rocks for the nose instead of a carrot, like I do. So this is my opinion for the best thing to do in the snow.

Tenisha Berger (6th grade): Going snowcatting, snowball fights, and making snowmen.





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Northland Honor Choir

Submitted by: Dan Carpenter, Badger Choir Director



Students from the Badger High School Concert Choir attended the 2017 Northland Community & Technical College (NCTC) Honor Choir Festival in Thief River Falls on November 2. They spent the day with over 100 students selected from schools all over the region preparing four songs for a concert that evening. The festival choir performed the following songs for the evening concert: *Hark, Our Voices Now Are Singing* by W.A. Mozart, arranged by Walter Ehret; *Skye Boat Song*, a Scottish Folk Song arranged by Jay Althouse; *Jambo* by Teddy Kalanda Harrison, arranged by Jacob Narverud; and *Lydia, the Tattooed Lady* by Harburg & Arlen, arranged by Jay Althouse. The Badger Choir students were featured with the students from Tri-County School (Karlstad) in the concert as they joined together to perform the song *Snow* by Kenneth Riggs.

Back: Logan Kompelien, Gavin Davy, Kasen Swenson, Avdyl Jasiqi, Noah Warne, Jack Burkel

Middle: Morgan Praska, Emma Gust, Kiana Jacobson, Ashtyn Beito, Tyrah Green

Front: Cheyenne Wojciechowski, Joanna Erickson, Deanna Rybakowski, Kennedy Truscinski

Badger Instrumental Solo Contest



Morgan Praska, clarinet ~ Superior; Emma Gust, flute ~ Superior & Outstanding Performance Award; Isabella Monsrud, flute ~ Superior; Deanna Rybakowski, flute ~ Superior; Sarah Wagner, flute ~ Excellent; Emma VonEnde, trombone ~ Superior; Alexis Rud, French horn ~ Superior; Alyssa Rinde, trumpet ~ Superior; Kennedy Truscinski trumpet ~ Excellent; Jack Burkel trumpet ~ Superior; Bailey Maurstad, snare drum ~ Superior



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Badger Vocal Solo Contest

- Deanna Rybakowski ~ Excellent
- Maisy Ylitalo ~ Excellent
- Gavin Davy ~ Superior
- Morgan Praska ~ Superior
- Dorothy Kjelland ~ Excellent
- Kennedy Truscinski ~ Superior



Badger FACS Students Sewing up a Storm!

Submitted by: Gretchen Lee, FACS Instructor



FACS for Outdoors class made outdoor gear. Students left to right: Dorothy Kjelland, Haleigh Kruger, Joanna Erickson, Esther Nelson, Colton Gust, Gannon Suedel, Aaron Davy, Brandon Pries, Dillon Nieman, Tyler Isane, Austin Maurstad, Devan Olson, Logan Kompelien, Fedeline Kjelland. Not Pictured: Alyssa Grindahl, Tessa Blumer



Beginning Sewing class completed their aprons in time for Thanksgiving. Beginning Sewing students:

Kneeling: Cooper Dahlen, Talisha Hamann, Kat Nubson

Back row: Kevin Bollinger, Bryce Thompson, Brogan Beito, Mason Scharf, Dylan VonEnde, Elliott Isane, Dalton Shirley, Abby Novacek-Pratt, Madison Wojciehowski, Ashley Stainbrook, Hallie Hietala



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Northern Valley Career Expo

By: Cierra Olds

On November 1, Badger sophomores attended the Northern Valley Career Expo at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. The Northern Valley Career Expo seeks to educate and inform area youth of in-demand career opportunities within the region. The event is designed to provide career exploration and awareness opportunities. The Expo featured interactive exhibits and community speakers who introduce students to the regional workforce demands for skilled, technical, and professional careers, and related education/training programs to help students develop a career pathway. All students participated in the Exhibitor Showcase of interactive and hands-on experiences and two Breakout Presentations that featured industry experts presenting on specific occupations that are high demand, high wage, and specific to our region.

Prior to the event, students took a Career Cluster Interest survey to help them identify a career cluster that best matched their interests and characteristics. The Northern Valley Career Expo career clusters included: Nursing, Fast Track Health Careers, Engineering (Mechanical/Electrical), Social Worker, Fisheries & Wildlife, High Wage/High Growth Careers, Cybersecurity, Entrepreneurship, Drones/Unmanned Aerial Systems, Careers in Manufacturing, Careers in Construction, Criminal Justice/Public Service, PT/OT/Athletic Trainers, Mental Health, Careers in Education, Engineering (Civil), Medical Lab Sciences, Careers in Agriculture, Diesel Mechanics, Banking & Finance, Small Business Ownership, and Electrician.

Here is what the students had to say about the Expo:

- ~ Throughout the day I learned more about the careers I have already been looking into and careers I never thought I would ever be interested in.
- ~ I thought it was a great day because I learned a lot about what I want to do and also learned about criminal justice and other awesome jobs.
- ~ It helped me to learn and know what you do in each career. We could try to do the job. That helped me to understand what I want to do for my career.



~ Being able to look into different careers I didn't know I was interested in.

~ This was interesting because it had jobs there that I didn't even know existed.

~ I had fun learning more about careers in manufacturing.

~ It helped me learn more about the careers I've been considering, and it was cool being able to do all of the hands-on things.

~ They had a lot of hands-on activities for certain careers. They explained a career to you and gave you a paper after that goes more in depth.

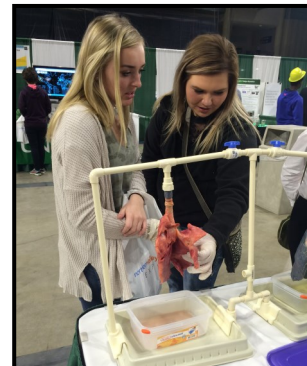
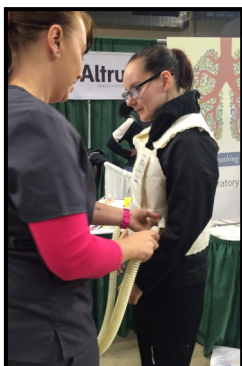
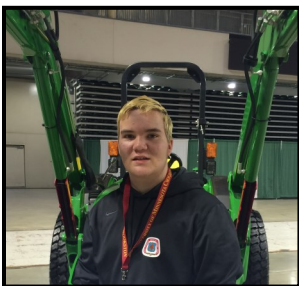
~ The Career Expo was fun. They had lots of hands-on activities and information about their careers. It changed my thinking on my career.

~ It was a fun day learning about the careers I'm interested in and about new ones.

~ I enjoyed the hands-on activities and learning more about various careers.

~ I had a great time. I thought that it was a great learning experience for students. I loved the event floor and the demonstrations that they gave.

~ I had fun because the event floor was interesting because it was hands on.





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Badger Robotics Places Second at MSHSL Conference Event

Submitted by: Valerie Truscinski, Advisor

On October 28, Badger Robotics Team 3750 kicked off the 2017-18 season where they participated in the Minnesota State High School League Northern Minnesota Regional Conference off-season event in Cass Lake, MN. The team participated in 11 qualification matches with last year's robot and finished the qualification rounds with a record of 10-1 placing them first overall. This gave Gator Robotics the honor of being the number one alliance captain where they were able to choose their alliance for the elimination rounds in the selection process. Team 3750 chose teams from Cass Lake (Team 3275 the Regulators) and Nevis (Team 3102 the Tech-No-Tigers) to join them in the elimination rounds where robots had to win two out of three matches to move on. Team 3750 advanced through to the championship match with their alliance. They lost their first match by three points, won their second match, and lost their third match by 20 points, earning a second place finish overall. Several new members on the team filled positions of human players as well as helped on the scouting team. These positions were vacated by graduating seniors and current members who could not attend the event. There were at least three teams in attendance who had advanced and competed at Worlds this past April, one of those was the captain of the alliance team who won the event. Team 3750 is looking forward to a successful 2017-18 season and would like to thank all of their sponsors who make this exceptional S.T.E.M. activity possible for the students involved.



Back: Jeremy Swenson, Isabella Monsrud, Kiah Olafson, Erika Howell, Talon Hilligas, Val Truscinski, Kaitie Hamann, Austin Maurstad, Ethan Praska, Alan Truscinski **Front:** Gavin Davy, Jack Burkel, Kasen Swenson, Emma VonEnde, Avdyl Jasiqi, Kaeden Hietala, Kennedy Truscinski

National Honor Society

By: Tia McKinnon

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

To be eligible to apply, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.22, as well as two letters of recommendation: one by a Badger faculty member, school administrator, or board members; and one from a community representative attesting to the student's character, leadership, and service to their school and community. Students also must agree to be present at the induction ceremony. Once students have been inducted and are officially a member, they must have ten volunteer hours of community service per year and maintain a 3.22 GPA. Seniors Dillon Nieman, Austin Maurstad, Ethan Praska, Tyler Isane, and Devan Olson welcomed juniors Alex Ylitalo and Gavin Davy at the National Honor Society induction ceremony on November 16.



Tyler Isane, Dillon Nieman, Devan Olson, Austin Maurstad, Ethan Praska, Alex Ylitalo, Gavin Davy

Badger National Honor Society sponsors three major events each year: two blood drives and the school's Read Across America events. During these three events, each NHS member works hard to ensure a successful event. Thank you National Honor Society for helping out our community.

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Kindergarten Korner

By: Emma Dimich

Blayde Keeler

Age: 6

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, I like play time and doing art.

What is your favorite movie? *Guardians of the Galaxy*. What I like about it is it's funny and the little boy is funny.

Which parent rule would you like to change? Stay up all night so I can play with my sister Haleigh,

play Xbox One, watch TV, read books, and watch videos on my sister's phone when she gets data.

What is the best thing about being a kid? I like playing on the monkey bars, playing in school, and reading books.

What do you like to do during winter break? I like playing in the snow, skating, going on the bus, and playing with my friends.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Fire fighter and ice skater man because it's fun.



Delyla Carpenter

Age: 5

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, I like to play in the kitchen.

What is your favorite movie? *The Adventures of Milo and Otis*. What I like is there's a lot of farm animals and I like farm animals.

Which parent rule would you like to change? TV rules. What I would change

is letting me watch TV whenever I want.

What is the best thing about being a kid? I like being a kid because I get to play with my dog Lucky and go outside with Lucky.

What do you like to do during winter break? Go sledding, playing in the snow, and building a snowman.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A vet. I would like to help animals.