



The Badger Barker



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Community and School Working Together

The Roselund Church Ladies have been very generous to the Badger School recently. They have already donated funds to help with milk breaks for grades K-2 and have donated items for the hygiene closet. But they wanted to do more.

So after church one Sunday, they discussed the possibility of helping the music department purchase instruments or help fund lessons for students who could not afford them. Since the Roselund ladies are known for their pot luck meals, the decision was made to offer a soup and sandwich meal in conjunction with the annual Winter Concert as a fundraiser for this effort.

They contacted local businesses and churches and had wonderful support to make this a community effort. A raffle was also added with many prizes and basket donations to make a profit of approximately \$4,000. Lisa Erickson and Dan Carpenter stated that the funds would be put to good use by benefiting many students, possibly individually, or in the classroom.

The group will definitely make this an annual event, and they are considering doing another similar event in the spring. They would like to thank Roselund Church, Border State Bank, St. Mary's Church, Faith Lutheran Church, Badger Creek Church, Our Redeemer's Church, Badger Baptist Church, CHS, KC's Market, RCCA, The Honker, Middle River Sportsmen's Club, Up North Treasures, Chris & Jean Hamness, River's Edge, Orin & Peggy Swart, and the many individuals who donated baskets.



Jamie Lunde, Barb Holum, Band Director Lisa Erickson, Choir Director Dan Carpenter



Badger School Superintendent's News



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

Events:

January 27-31 **Paraprofessional Recognition Week:** On Tuesday, January 27, our educational team had a potluck to acknowledge our dedicated paraprofessionals listed in alphabetical order: Tami Davy, Diann Hauger, Angel Houska, Lorraine Kukowski, Annie Prestegord, Ashley Quaiife, Elizabeth Randall, Renee Rhen, Carol Ricke, Tasha Seydel, Sue Smith, Sandy Thompson, and Tawni Wensloff.

Paraprofessionals work in a variety of positions in our school, including, but not limited to, instructional assistants, pupil support assistants, special education paraprofessionals, lunch room and playground assistants, hall monitors, bus monitors, media center assistants, drivers, and family liaisons.

Thurs., Feb. 13 **Early Out Day:** Parent-Teacher Conferences for spring semester are scheduled for Thursday, February 13, from 1:30–7:30 p.m. School will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. and busses will run at that time. There are no report cards to pick up. Each teacher will have a progress report for you.

High school staff will be in their individual classrooms. Students are welcome and encouraged to join their parents for conferences. Your student's schedule of classes will be available in the office.

Elementary staff will be in their individual classrooms. Elementary conferences are prescheduled and a copy of the schedule will be sent to you. Students are welcome and encouraged to join their parents for conferences. If you cannot attend at your assigned time, please call the school office (218) 528-3201 to arrange another time.

Wed., Feb. 19 **Midterm of 3rd Quarter**

TBA **When is Minnesota School Bus Driver Appreciation Day?** During the final week in February there will be a proclamation forthcoming from Governor Tim Walz acknowledging the thousands of hardworking school bus drivers who safely transport more than 760,000 students to and from school each day across the state of Minnesota. We will celebrate with our own Badger bus drivers once the official proclamation is made providing more details!

The Badger School District is a wonderful place to learn and work. Every student and employee is fortunate to be part of our vibrant school. Working together on behalf of our students is our number one priority. Thank you to all who help to make our school a gem of excellence in northwest Minnesota.

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

Thank you,
Kevin Ricke
Superintendent & Principal K-12



Ramp-Up Topics for February

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

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

GRADE 7: Students will be focusing on the knowledge and skills that build a belief that they really can attend college. Each student needs to develop a belief in his or her own abilities and how those abilities will positively impact their future. This unit encourages students to identify their individual strengths in terms of knowledge and skills needed for college so they can further create an understanding and belief in themselves as college-going students. Students will be able to visit with a panel of current or recent college students and ask questions about what it takes to go to college.

Workshop: College Panel

GRADE 8: Quite often, students don't give much thought to their spending or savings habits. Students will learn what a budget is and how to set one up for themselves. Even if students don't currently have a steady source of income now, the concept of budgeting is vital for any occasional funds they acquire and is critical in college, when students often receive a large financial aid check and need to plan for its careful use over several months.

GRADE 9: During February, students will be introduced to 21st Century skills. They will explore the area of career and technical education (CTE) programs and classes that are offered at Badger High School to help introduce them to a wider range of options for future employment that includes the trades area. Ninth graders will also be using a free online tool called Quizizz to help them review key concepts, terms, and ideas related to 21st Century skills.

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

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

GRADE 12: Seniors will be reviewing the importance of setting and working hard to achieve their goals. Students will learn about the goal setting process, formulating their own goals, and the importance of perseverance as it pertains to meeting long-term goals like earning a college degree and finding a rewarding career.

Workshop: College Panel on Postsecondary Experience.

Thank You Jaycees!



Badger teachers were provided the opportunity to apply for the Badger Jaycees to adopt their classroom. Teachers submitted the grade/subject they teach and what they would do with the funds to improve their classes. Pictured is Jaycee member Alexandria Moore presenting teachers with their \$500 awards: Mary Langaas, Kindergarten (STEM activities); Becky Dostal, 2nd Grade (flexible seating); and Jackie Simmons, 5th Grade (hardcover books for their literature circle).



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Dates to Remember

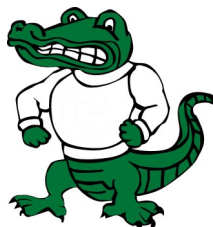
By: Keyasha Housker

February

- 2 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 4 ECFE "Snowy Day" 6:00 pm
- 5 Class Group Pictures
- 9 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 10 Math League @ Bemidji
- 10 Elementary In-House Basketball Tourney 5:45-8:00 pm
- 10 School Board 7:30 pm
- 11 ECFE "Valentines Day" 6:00 pm
- 12 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences (dismiss @ 12:30 pm)
- 13 Post Prom Bake Sale
- 14 Grades 5/6 Buena Vista and Science Museum Trip
- 16 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 17 No School ~ Staff Development
- 18 ECFE "Dental Health" 6:00 pm
- 19 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 19 3rd Quarter Midterm
- 23 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 25 Large Group Choir Contest @ Badger
- 25 ECFE "Mardi Gras" 6:00 pm
- 26 Knowledge Bowl Sub Regional @ Thief River Falls
- 27-29 FIRST Robotics @ Grand Forks, ND

March

- 1 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 3 Large Group Band Contest @ KCC
- 3 ECFE "Space/Solar System" 6:00 pm
- 8 Daylight Savings Time ~ turn clocks ahead
- 8 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 9 School Board 7:30 pm
- 10 ECFE "Swim Night" 6:00 pm
- 11 Knowledge Bowl Regionals @ Thief River Falls
- 17 ECFE "St. Patrick's Day" 6:00 pm
- 19-20 BHS Music Revue
- 20 End of Quarter 3
- 23-27 Wolf Ridge: Grade 7
- 24 Instrumental Ensemble Contest @ Warroad
- 24 ECFE "5 Senses" 6:00 pm
- 25-28 State FCCLA
- 26-28 FIRST Robotics @ Cedar Falls, Iowa
- 31 Vocal Ensemble Contest @ Roseau
- 31 ECFE "Baby Animals" 6:00 pm



Gator Sports

By: Dylan VonEnde

February

Girls Basketball

- 3 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Stephen)
- 7 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 14 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 17 @ Sacred Heart
- 20 @ Win-E-Mac (Erskine)
- 24 Section Pigtail
- 27 Section Play-In
- 29 Section Quarters

Boys Basketball

- 3 @ Kittson County Central (Lancaster)
- 4 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 7 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 11 @ Crookston
- 13 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR
- 18 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Stephen)
- 20 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 21 Warroad @ BGMR

Wrestling

- 6 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 11 Section Quarters (High Seed)
- 14 Section Finals @ Fertile-Beltrami
- 21-22 Section Tournament/Individuals @ Crookston
- 27-29 State Tournament @ Excel Center

March

Girls Basketball

- 2 Section Semis
- 6 Section Finals
- 11-14 State Tournament

Boys Basketball

- 5 Section Play-In
- 7 Section Quarters
- 9 Section Semis
- 13 Section Finals
- 18-21 State Tournament

Softball

- 31 @ NCE/UH (Twin Valley)





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Band Musician of the Month Kasen Swenson

Grade: 11th

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? French horn, it is a very unique instrument and one of my buddies, Darius Watson, played it at the time.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick? I would play the trumpet because of the melodies and in general its sounds very nice.

What is your favorite song to play? Anything pep band, it gets me so excited when I'm playing or if I'm on the field/court.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? I think through the decades is a great option because the start of the decade of course, but a lot of elders/parents would get to hear their childhood music once again.

What is your most memorable moment in band? By far the most memorable was getting picked to play at the Minnesota School Board Association in the Twin Cities.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Stick with it. Some of the best memories are made in band.

Who inspired you to be part of band? A couple of my friends were joining so I went out. My favorite percussionist, Tyler Isane, was also in band at the same time.



Choir Musician of the Month Liesl Aarhus



Grade: 11th

What section are you in? Soprano.

How long have you been in choir? 5 years.

What kind of music do you like to sing? The foreign languages, because it is fun to sing in different languages.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? I like learning new music.

What are you looking forward to this year? Music Revue is my favorite.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Pay attention to Mr. Carpenter.

What is your favorite choir memory? All the Music Revues.

Summer Berry Parfait with Yogurt and Granola

<https://www.allrecipes.com/>

By: Bryza Rud

Ingredients:

¾ cup sliced strawberries

¾ cup blueberries

1 (6 ounce) container vanilla yogurt

1 tablespoon wheat germ

½ banana, sliced

⅓ cup granola

Directions: Layer ¼ cup strawberries, ¼ cup blueberries, ⅓ container yogurt, ⅓ tablespoon wheat germ, ⅓ of the sliced banana, and about 2 tablespoons of granola in a large bowl. Continue to build the parfait, repeating the layers until all of the ingredients are used completely.





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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Bryza Rud

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

Paige Gust (1st grade): I would like to fly. Because if I could fly, I could fly around the whole world. I could fly fast to help someone or an animal that needs help. I could fly fast and stop all the mean people.

Cameron Moore (2nd grade): My superpower would be heat vision. Then I can break through walls and I could melt stuff.

Gage Otto (3rd grade): I would be invisible. It would be cool because then I could scare my friends. I would sneak into Sky Zone.

Abram Wirta (4th grade): Speed because Flash is fast and I want to be faster.

Austin Edwards (5th grade): My superpower would be when I snap my fingers I turn invisible. I can have many advantages: One is I can grab stuff without getting caught. Second, I can get good with games and other stuff.

Quillan Wirta (6th grade): My superpower would be to transform into a dragon. The dragon powers would be to turn invisible, breathe under water, have a venom tail, and venom would shoot out of my teeth.



Senior Spotlight Kennedy Truscinski

Parents: Alan & Valerie Truscinski

Siblings: Madison & Alex

Nicknames: Ken, Kenny

Favorite:

Sport: Golf

Food: Tator Tot Hotdish

Color: Teal

Quote: "Don't stress the could haves. If it should have, it would have." ~ Dr. Gradich
If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish to be happy, healthy, and successful in my future.

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 anywhere with my mom because we don't get much time together to have fun.

What one word best describes your personality? Humble – I see the best in everybody and try put myself in other people's shoes to understand what they may be feeling so I can help in any way possible.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? I was either in 7th or 8th grade and I was wearing leggings, but I didn't realize how see through they were – you could see EVERYTHING.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? In my free time, I love to be outside and enjoy nature's beauty.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? There are so many memories that I can't choose one. My class has become like a family and I will never forget them.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? I am very proud and honored to have received the Minnesota State High School League ExCEL award.





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Kindergarten Korner

By: Keyasha Housker

Blair Przekwas

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yeah I like playing with dinosaurs. It is fun.
What is your favorite color? Red and I like coloring with it.
What is your favorite song? *Bad Wolves*, I listen to it at my house.
What do you like the most about Valentine's Day? Getting candy from school and home.
If you could be outside a whole day, what would you do? I would play with my dog and run around with him.
What is the best thing about being a kid? Playing with my bulldozer and having fun.
Favorite food for:
Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup on top.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets with barbecue sauce.
Dessert: Push-ups. I can eat them anytime.



Mia Kjos

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yeah, I like playing outside the most.
What is your favorite color? Purple. I don't know why but it's just my favorite color in the world.
What is your favorite song? *Queen of Me*. I have watched the video of it.
What do you like the most about Valentine's Day? Getting candy from school and at home.
If you could be outside for a day, what would you do? Make a snow angel and a snowman. His name would be Frosty the Snowman.
What is the best thing about being a kid? Playing with toys like my Barbie camper.
Favorite meals:
Breakfast: Waffles with sugar on them.
Lunch: Cheese pizza and drinking chocolate milk.
Dessert: Blueberries in the snow. My grandma makes it.

Carter Kjos

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes. My favorite part is taking math tests.
What is your favorite color? Red because I like painting with it.
What is your favorite song? *North Winds Blow*. I sing it in music.
What do you like the most about Valentine's Day? I like being with my family and friends.
If you could be outside for a day, what would you do? Play on the slide and play games with my friends.
What is the best thing about being a kid? Just being able to play anytime I want.
Favorite meals:
Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup.
Lunch: Shrimp poppers with ketchup.
Dessert: All cakes. It doesn't matter what kind they are.





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Campus Comment

By: Dylan VonEnde

What is your favorite season?

Kaden Halvorson (7th grade): My favorite season is summer because there is no school, giving me more time to do what I want. The fair comes around too, which is usually pretty fun. My cousins usually end up visiting too, which is nice because I don't get to see them that often.

Jordan Lee (8th grade): My favorite season is summer. I really enjoy summer because it is warm out and I love warm weather. It is also really fun because I am always playing softball in the summer, which I really enjoy.

Landon Frislie (9th grade): My favorite season is winter because I can go ice fishing. There is Christmas, you can go snowmobiling, you can celebrate New Years, and you're usually stuck inside more so you can spend more time with your family.

Jenessa Isane (10th grade): Winter is my favorite season. It is my favorite season because in the winter I go ice fishing a lot. It is also the time for wrestling season. Even though it gets very cold, winter is still my favorite season.

Avdyl Jasiqi (11th grade): My favorite season would have to be winter. I've always liked the snow and the cold. I love going outside and doing activities like ice skating, sledding, and even snowmobiling. If I had to choose another season, it would have to be fall or summer!

Kiana Jacobson (12th grade): My favorite season is summer. There are endless activities to do because you can always be outside. It's almost always nice out too.

Mrs. Dahlgren (English Teacher): Fall is my favorite season for so many reasons! First, bonfires and fall camping are so much more fun because the weather is cooler and the bugs are gone. Then of course there is the excitement of Vikings football beginning a new season. Most importantly, though, is the excitement I feel in the fall knowing I am going back to school to see all my awesome students and favorite staff members.



Trivia

By: Esther Nelson

- How many noses does a slug have?
 - 6
 - 4
 - 8
 - 2
- Which two states don't observe Daylight Saving Time?
 - Oregon and Alaska
 - Hawaii and Arizona
 - Arizona and Oregon
 - Alaska and Hawaii
- How many molecules of oxygen does ozone have?
 - 3
 - 18
 - 19
 - 5
- Which country was formally known as Abyssinia?
 - Greece
 - Egypt
 - Israel
 - Ethiopia

Trivia Answers

1. B 2. B 3. A 4. D



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Friday, Feb. 14th

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All treats are “movie size” boxed candy.

___ Reese’s Pieces (I Love You to Pieces)

___ Whoppers (You’re a Whopper of a Friend) or (You’re a Whopper of a Kid)

___ Mike & Ike Red Rageous (Be My Valentine)

___ Milk Duds (Don’t be a Dud, Be My Valentine)

___ Nestle Crunch (Be My Valentine)

Other labels available: “You’re a Sweet Friend” ~ “You’re a Sweet Kid” ~ “Be My Valentine”

1. Deliver to: _____ Grade: _____

2. Deliver to: _____ Grade: _____

3. Deliver to: _____ Grade: _____

From: _____

***Orders may be returned with payment to the FACS room - Mrs. Lee
or the Library - Mrs. Kukowski**



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Daddy Daughter Dance



**Friday February 7th
6:30-8pm
Badger School Cafeteria
\$5 per family**





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Senior Spotlight Cierra Olds

Parents: Julie Byre
Siblings: Caden, Coralie, Tyler
Nicknames: Cera, Cierra Bear, C
Favorite:

Sport: Hockey
Food: Tacos
Color: Neon green

Quote: "Whenever you remember times gone by, remember how we held our heads so high." ~ Carrie Underwood

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? One wish that I wish for is lots of money to help support my family and future.

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 mom, and we would go to Haiti to visit there and help them and give the people some food and clothes.

What one word best describes your personality? Attitude because if anyone knows me they know I'm a nice person overall but also a person who has serious attitude toward things.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? My most embarrassing moment in high school was in 11th grade yearbook class. The yearbook staff were supposed to give options on a topic but I said something that was so off. Noah Stuebgen just looked at me and laughed and everyone else started laughing. I was confused but then caught on and started laughing, but I was embarrassed.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? My favorite thing to do in my free time is probably laying in bed listening to music and watching Netflix.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? One memory I will never forget from Badger School is when I first came back to school here in 9th grade and my class was so welcoming to me and very supportive towards me.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? One thing I am proud of is getting my credits made up to graduate from a rough couple of years in the past.



Shout Out To...

Mark Rhen for fixing the charging station for the fourth grade microphone system and to *Renee Rhen* for making it happen!

Brady Johnson for covering Phy Ed for the fourth graders!

Buildings & Grounds Director, Jarod Magnusson, for fixing the bottle water filling machine!

Ms. K & Sara Olson for stepping up to help chaperone the Winter Dance when the advisor was sick. You guys are awesome!

Mrs. Ricke for helping out in the high school!

Jarod Magnusson for working with our Work Studies program to help out students!

Charles Erickson for his continued support of the library ~ many thanks for his donation.

Random Riddles

www.riddles.com
By: Esther Nelson

1. What can you hold in your right hand, but not in your left?
2. What is shaped like a box, has no feet, and runs up and down?
3. What do you throw out to use and take in when you're done?
4. What lives in the winter, dies in the summer, and grows with its roots upward?
5. I'm a god, a planet, and measure of heat. What am I?
6. Tomorrow I am surely found, yesterday I am found as well. Today I am gone. Who am I?
7. The more you take away, the more I become. What am I?

Answers Random Riddles

1. Your left hand
2. An elevator
3. An anchor
4. An icicle
5. Mercury
6. The letter "R"
7. A hole

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Student Opinion

By: Lydia Arsaipanit

Do you think students learn better from books or movies?



Cody Olson: I think students learn better from movies because they can focus more on the subject than when reading. They will not be distracted and it gives every kid an opportunity to learn at the same pace.

Liesl Aarhus: I think you can learn from both but more from books. You are learning and your brain is growing when you read. Your vocabulary expands and so does your creativity. You can learn valuable lessons from both movies and books; but for me, it's a lot more fun to read books.

Aulona Jasiqi: I think books are more beneficial. While movies give you a visual of everything, books are way more descriptive and detailed. You gain way more information from a book, too.

Movies sometimes leave out major details.
Bryce Thompson: I think they learn better when they have to read books. They are having to read so it will stick with them. I feel watching movies makes kids zone out and they don't have to pay attention as closely.