



The Badger Barker



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Badger High School Nominates Erickson & Isane for 'Triple A' Award

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Tyler Isane and Joanna Erickson for the Academics, Arts, & Athletics (AAA) Award.

Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), the AAA Award honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in fine arts. Students who are nominated must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, participate in MSHSL sponsored fine arts and athletic activities, and comply with the MSHSL's Student Code of Conduct. AAA Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process that involves League member schools, the League's administrative regions, and a special committee of educators, business leaders, and members from the fine arts and athletic communities. Regional winners will be announced at the AAA banquet in Mahanomen on February 7, 2018.

The top two AAA Award candidates from each region will be recognized at an on-court ceremony during the Minnesota Boys' State Basketball Tournament in March. League officials will announce two state Award recipients – one girl and one boy

from both Class A and Class AA schools – during the on-court ceremony. Each state award recipient will receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

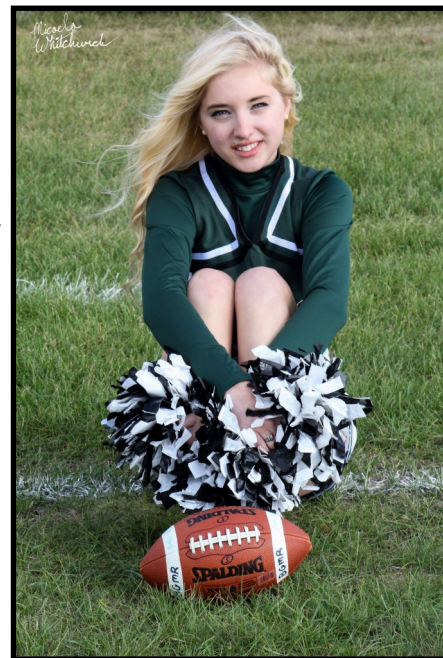
An honor roll student, Joanna Erickson is a member of the Badger High School band and choir where she is a section leader. She has competed in MSHSL vocal ensemble contests for the past several years and has been named to area honor bands and honor choirs throughout her high school career. Joanna has been a member of the Gator cheer team since ninth grade and also participated in track, volleyball, and basketball during her junior high school years. She is planning to attend the Associated Free Lutheran Bible School to study religion next year. Joanna's parents are Scott and Tina Erickson of Badger.

Tyler Isane participates in the Badger High School band, is an active member of the National Honor Society, and an honor roll student. He is a three-sport

athlete competing in football, wrestling, and baseball. He has earned all-conference honors in football and baseball, served as a football and wrestling captain, and was a member of the Gator baseball team that played at the state tournament in 2016. He plans to attend college next fall and hopes to participate in either football or baseball. Tyler is the son of the late Jason and Julie Isane and guardians Jamie and Tina Isane of Badger.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Tom Jerome shared, "The Badger School District is very proud and honored to nominate Joanna Erickson and Tyler Isane for the AAA Award. Both students excel academically as honor students and are active in many different organizations and student activities. In addition, Tyler and Joanna are excellent role models within the Badger School and exemplify what the AAA award represents." The Badger School District congratulates Joanna Erickson and Tyler Isane on their nominations and accomplishments, and we wish them well in the Region 8A AAA competition.

For more information about the AAA Award program, please contact the Minnesota State High School League at 763-560-2262 or www.mshsl.org on the web.





Badger School Superintendent's News



Greetings from the Badger School and Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season as you spent time with your family and friends.

Badger Music Department Performs Winter Concert

The Badger School District music department consisting of students in grades 7-12 performed in front of a large audience that filled our gymnasium on December 19. The students performed instrumental and vocal selections under the direction of Ms. Lisa Erickson and Mr. Dan Carpenter. All who attended enjoyed a wonderful night filled with beautiful music.

Following the concert on December 20, members of the band and choir visited residents at the LifeCare Greenbush Manor. The day was filled with music and spending time visiting residents. I am grateful and proud of Ms. Erickson and Mr. Carpenter for scheduling this event and providing the leadership and guidance that educates our students far beyond the music classroom.

Badger Students in Grades 4-12 to view movie "Wonder"

On January 17, all students in grades 4-12 and staff that work directly with these students will attend the movie *Wonder* (rated PG) at the Roseau Theatre. The movie is based on the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio and tells the inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a fifth grade student born with facial differences that have previously prevented him from attending school with other students. The movie is based on kindness and compassion.

Badger FIRST Robotics Awarded a \$5,000 Grant

On December 7, the Badger School District received notification that Medtronic will once again sponsor and contribute \$5,000 to the Badger FIRST Robotics Team! Medtronic is a medical device company headquartered in Dublin, Ireland. Its operational headquarters are in Fridley, Minnesota. Medtronic is among the world's largest medical equipment development companies. The sponsorship by Medtronic is an amazing honor for our school district and FIRST Robotics team. Medtronic has been the corporate sponsor of Badger FIRST Robotics Team # 3750 in recent years and we are grateful and hopeful this partnership will continue into the future.

Badger School District 7th Graders Make Preparations for Wolf Ridge

On April 23, Badger seventh graders will embark on a one-week learning experience of a lifetime at the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. Wolf Ridge is a learning center located on 2,000 acres adjacent to the North Shore of Lake Superior in Finland, Minnesota.

The students will leave Badger on Monday, April 23 and return to Badger in the evening on Friday, April 27. The week will provide countless hands-on learning activities and many hours actively participating in educational activities.

We are very excited to be able to provide this unique learning opportunity for our Badger students. Grant dollars are utilized to pay for the entire Wolf Ridge experience. Mrs. Shannon Dostal serves as our Wolf Ridge advisor and dedicates countless hours preparing for and leading our students at Wolf Ridge. An organizational meeting for all 7th grade students and parents will be scheduled in the near future.

Badger School District Welcomes and Appreciates Community Input and Support

As always, on behalf of the Badger School District, thank you for all of your support and continued involvement in our school. Your ideas, suggestions, and input are valued and always appreciated within our school. If you have any questions or would like to visit, please do not hesitate to call or stop by. Working together Badger School District will continue to be the school "where every student belongs."

Happy New Year,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent
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Kindergarten Winter Wonderland





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Campus Comment

By: CeCeilia Yeager

What is something you have accomplished this year that you are proud of?

Bryza Rud (7th grade): This year I've accomplished getting on the B honor roll. I'm proud of this achievement because getting on the honor roll takes some effort. Like they say, if you set your mind to something you can accomplish it.

Dalton Shirley (8th grade): I am proud of tying for second place in my class on a science test.

Maisy Ylitalo (9th grade): I've accomplished a lot of things this year, but the one I am most proud of is making it to state as an individual for golf. This was one of the most mentally challenging situations I have experienced and I am proud I could complete it. It was also challenging going into the tournament knowing that I may get last because most of the people there were older than me.

Colton Gust (10th grade): I went 3-0 in Wadena for the first time in 3 years of wrestling there. My record so far this year is 8-1 with more matches to come.

Parker Stuebgen (11th grade): I saved up enough money to afford payments on a car. It is helping me get used to saving money.

Tyrah Green (12th grade): One thing I accomplished this year is getting better grades and being an overall harder worker. I juggled between school, work, farm-work, and helping out in the community. I strive for greatness every day!

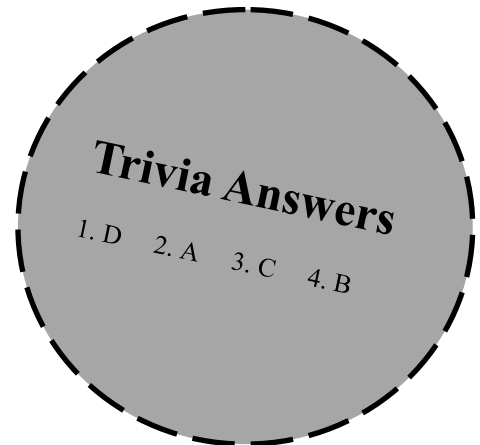
Ms. Kruger (Math Teacher) As many of you know, my mosaic art has been a huge part of my personal life this year. I have finally been asked to be a guest artist in an art gallery on the North Shore. This has been a goal of mine for many years. I will have 14 pieces hanging in the Tettegouche Visitors Center at the Tettegouche State Park during the month of January.



January Dates to Remember

By: Esther Nelson

- 1 No School ~ Winter Break
- 4 Creativity Festival @ Bemidji State University
- 8 School Board 7:30 pm
- 10 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 13 NW Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band @ Fergus Falls
- 15 No School ~ Staff Workshop
- 17 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 19 End of Quarter 2
- 22 Math League @ Badger
- 24 FCCLA STAR Event @ Lancaster
- 24 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 27 Bemidji State University Honor Band
- 30 ECFE "Gym Night" 6:00 pm
- 31 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls





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January Gator Sports

By: Traci Hill

Wrestling

- 2 Crookston @ BGMR
- 5 @ Bemidji Invitational
- 6 @ Bemidji Invitational
- 12 @ Bemidji
- 20 @ Thief River Falls Invitational
- 25 @ Blackduck
- 27 @ Larimore Invitational
- 30 @ Fosston Triangular

Girls Basketball

- 4 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR
- 8 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Stephen)
- 9 @ Warroad
- 11 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 15 Crookston @ BGMR
- 18 Roseau @ BGMR
- 19 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 25 Kittson Central @ BGMR
- 29 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Goodridge)
- 30 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR

Boys Basketball

- 9 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 12 Barnesville @ Warroad
- 13 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton @ Warroad
- 19 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 23 @ Kittson Central (Lancaster)
- 25 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 30 @ Sacred Heart

Trivia

By: Noah Stuebgen

1. What is the most malleable metal?
 - A. Silver
 - B. Copper
 - C. Zinc
 - D. Gold
2. About how many years old is the Earth?
 - A. 4.5 billion
 - B. 6.2 trillion
 - C. 2 billion
 - D. 5.4 trillion
3. What sticky sweetener was traditionally used as an antiseptic ointment for cuts and burns?
 - A. Molasses
 - B. Coconut sugar
 - C. Honey
 - D. Pure maple syrup
4. What fear is Pteronophobia?
 - A. Spiders
 - B. Tickled by feathers
 - C. Heights
 - D. Clowns



January Wacky Celebrations

www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/

By: Pitchawee Chairpamote

Festival of Sleep Day ~ January 3

Here is your opportunity to sleep in, snooze, doze, nap, and catch 40 winks. A day for sleeping!! Sleeping is one of the most important of human activities and it is good for your health. Use this holiday to catch up on a little sleep, whether it's all day, a full 8 hours, or just a power nap.

Clean Off Your Desk Day ~ January 9

Do you really need all that junk on your desk? If the answer's no, this day is an opportunity to begin the new year with a clean and organized workspace. Whether your desk is in a private or shared office, cubicle, or home, clean off all the paperwork. Organize and take back the space on your desk.

Nothing Day ~ January 16

Nothing Day is quite simply... a day for nothing. This day is an "un-event." The expectation is to not create or otherwise promote this day. In other words, we do nothing. And, to say anything more would contradict the purpose of this day. Celebrate this day by doing... nothing.

Opposite Day ~ January 25

A topsy-turvy day when whatever you see, do the opposite. If you need to go right, go left. Need to look up, look down. If you say you hate someone, you love them. This day is a whole lot of fun but it can also be very, very confusing too. Let your family and friends know that you are celebrating Opposite Day. Otherwise, everyone around you will get very confused.

Backwards Day ~ January 31

The world will turn upside down, the night will be the morning, at least in concept. Today, you have to do everything backwards. Try writing or reading "sdrawkcab!" Wear your shirt with the back in the front, start your meals with dessert, walk backwards, and talk backwards!



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Band Musician of the Month Alyssa Rinde

Grade: 9

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument?

Trumpet. I chose this instrument because it's loud and fun to play.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick and why?

Percussion because they get to hit stuff and play multiple things.

What is your favorite song to play? My favorite song is *Carry On Wayward Son*.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? If I could pick a theme it would be Disney.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Playing pep band.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Have fun and stay in it.

Who inspired you to be part of band? Alex Burkel inspired me.



Choir Musician of the Month Kasen Swenson

Grade: 9

What section are you in? Bass

How long have you been in choir? 3 years.

What kind of music do you like to sing? Older music.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? Singing with my friends and having a fun time.

What are you looking forward to this year? Getting superiors in our contests.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Work hard.

What is your favorite choir memory? Going to Karlstad and Warroad and getting superiors for band and choir.



Random Riddles

www.goodriddlesnow.com

By: Dillon Nieman

1. What can you feel but never touch; hear but never see?
2. What goes through towns and over hills, but never moves?
3. What falls but never breaks, and breaks but never falls?
4. What do you call bodyguards in front of a Samsung store?
5. I brighten your day but live in the shade. What am I?
6. How many animals of each kind did Moses bring on the ark?
7. I can hurt you unbearably and can't be touched. What am I?

Random Riddles Answers

1. Air.
2. A road.
3. Day and Night.
4. Guardians of the Galaxy.
5. A lamp.
6. None, Noah built the ark, not Moses.
7. Words.



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Senior Spotlight Kaitie Hamann

Parents: Leroy & Heidi Hamann

Siblings: Olivia, Talisha

Nicknames: Kaddy, Tatorbug

Favorite:

Sport: Softball

Food: Klub

Color: Blue

Quote: "You have to be odd to be number one." ~Dr. Seuss

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Kinder people in the world.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? My dad and we would go to the Great Wall of China.

What one word best describes your personality? Colorful.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Standing up at an awards ceremony and they called Katy and it was the other Caity in front of the whole school.

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

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? My class, I wouldn't be me without them.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? I was in sports, school, and I had a job.



Senior Spotlight Austin Maurstad

Parents: Chad & Sylvia Maurstad

Sibling: Bailey

Nicknames: Little M, Cop, Mr. Wiggles, Maurstad

Favorite:

Sport: Wrestling

Food: Pizza

Color: Green

Quote: "Blood, Sweat, Respect"

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish for the ability to achieve anything I think of.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? Dillon and we'd go to E3 in Los Angeles.

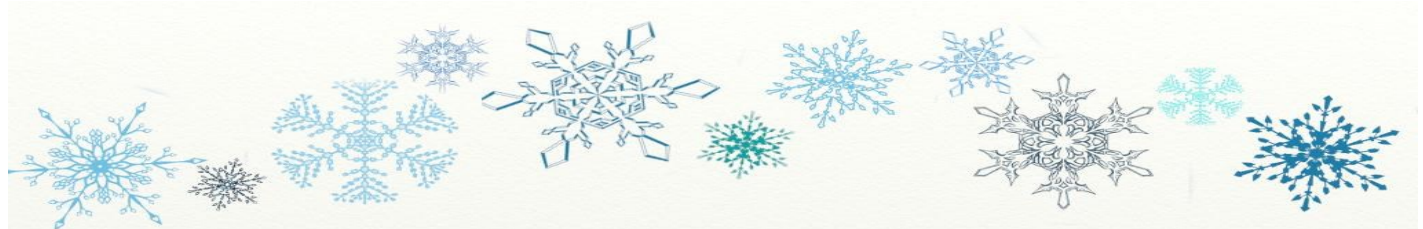
What one word best describes your personality? Hardworking.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? When I was reading a paper in English class and I couldn't read my own writing.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Play video games.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? When I drank a lot of coffee at Robotics and became very hyper and rowdy.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? I joined lots of new sports and organizations and was elected NHS president.





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Robotics CPR Training

Submitted by: Val Truscinski, Advisor



On December 14, 2017, Gator Robotics held a team CPR training at the Badger School as part of their 2018 safety program. Donald Dunn, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director and Paramedic at LifeCare Medical Center, and Shonda Hietala, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), came to Badger to train Gator Robotics team members, coaches, and mentors who had not already successfully completed a four-hour course in CPR. The team was split into two smaller groups, with half of the members attending the first session and half a second session. Training was given in adult, child, and infant CPR; how to properly perform a Heimlich maneuver on a choking adult, child, and infant; how to properly operate an Automated External Defibrillators (AED); and how to use Narcan™ on someone who has overdosed on opioids. Every person who attended the class passed the hands-on test and is now certified in CPR.

The CPR training was made possible through an EMS Community Service Grant from LifeCare Medical Services. This grant covered not only the classes and books but also the cost of the certification of each participant. The Gator Robotics team extends a huge thank you to LifeCare for making this class possible.





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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Tia McKinnon

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?



Wyatt Jenson (1st grade): My favorite thing to do with my family is snowcatting. I like it because it's fun to do.



Deegan Hanson (2nd grade): Mostly, I like traveling with my family to see people and places I haven't seen for a long time.



Adysen Gregerson (3rd grade): My favorite thing is to go on vacations because it is fun.

Noah Gust (4th grade): Game night because my whole family comes to our house and we play a whole lot of games.

Taylor Davy (5th grade): My favorite thing to do with my family is playing with my dog. When my dog gets hyper, he runs around and he puts his back end up. He puts his nose in the snow and everybody laughs because it gets all covered with snow. Sometimes my dad plays with him and he gets a handful of snow and rubs the snow on him. Sometimes my sister and I have a running contest with my dog Rockey. Most of the time he wins. When my mom hugs me, he gets jealous and jumps on my back. When it's summer time, we feed him freezes and he gets a colorful tongue. This is my most favorite thing to do with my family because Rockey is fun to play with.

Arianna Grugal (6th grade): To play games, because it's very fun to play cards, board games, and even video games! It's like I learn something new! Like a new card game, an old board game, and we all learn new video games.



Shout Out To.....

Mrs. Alyssa Aune for all the awesome art projects she did with us!

7th graders for their wonderfully creative gingerbread houses!

FCCLA members for baking and working at Home for the Holidays

Joanna Erickson & Brandon Pries for being awesome TA's

Lorraine Kukowski, AKA Martha Stewart, for managing FCCLA fundraisers with a smile.

Students who helped with gym set up and clean up for the elementary and high school programs.

Border State Bank for supplying treats after both the elementary and high school music programs.

Badger bus drivers for getting our kiddos here safe and sound each and every day!

Home for the Holidays

5th grade class for the use of your tree and chair for the Santa Pictures during Home for the Holidays.

Ms. Erickson for organizing the vendors for the Annual Art Club Home for the Holidays.

Art Club members from the vendors for your help, respect, and politeness.

Detroit Williams for all the help during the Home for the Holidays, and the impeccable floor.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mrs. Verbout for organizing and managing the Scholastic Book Fair for everyone to enjoy! It is a big undertaking and we appreciate it!

Devan Olson and *Ethan Praska* for helping unpack the book fair. Your sorting and heavy lifting of the boxes is much appreciated and made for a smooth book fair set up!!

Renee Rhen for helping run the book fair during "Home for the Holidays" Saturday. All of your assistance is much appreciated!

Andrea Burkel, Sara Olson, and Cortney Rud for volunteering your time and efforts to help the book fair run smooth during the school day!

Lorraine Kukowski for giving up the library while the book fair is here, and lending a hand where needed to help pull off this great event for kids!

Winter Wonderland

Val Johnson for helping at the event. You make cookie decorating fun for all!

Jarod Magnusson for setting up the cafeteria.

Mrs. Prestegord for helping to prepare stations and cleaning up.

Val Truscinski for taking photos at the kindergarten winter wonderland workshop.



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What is your opinion on New Year resolutions?

By: Cierra Olds

Cooper Dahlen

It is a good thing because it gives you a chance to try harder to accomplish your New Year resolutions each year.

Jordan Scharf

My opinion on it is that it can be a good thing to do for yourself. It's like setting a goal for yourself, and it could make you feel better or be a better person. It's like a fresh start for you.

Garytt Banta

My opinion on New Year resolutions would be that people normally don't stick to them because society tends to be lazy and they don't care to do them.

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Resolutions are a goal at the beginning of the year. Some people make resolutions and keep them and some don't. They help to try new things or try change the world.



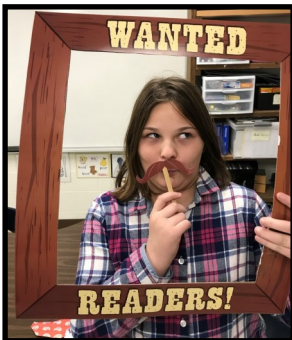
The Wild West Book Fair Saddle Up and Read

Submitted by: Sherry Verbout, Book Fair Coordinator

We rounded up some WANTED READERS who were RAISIN'CAIN all over the school during our western themed book fair. We LASSOED kids and adults of all ages into our annual affair which provides families such a great opportunity to talk about and look at books from every genre. This year many students along with their families and friends attended the fair together during Home for the Holidays, Kindergarten Winter Wonderland, and new this year the GRAND Book Fair Breakfast. This event allowed students to invite a special guest to breakfast and then visit the fair together. These special occasions led us once again to earn tremendous sales! The library and elementary classrooms will reap the benefits by receiving new books and classroom supplies. Thank you to students, parents, and the whole community for always supporting the book fair in such a grand way. Since 2013 our school has received over \$10,000 in books and classroom resources. SAKES ALIVE!! that is a huge amount and shows that our community continues to support our students and teachers. We appreciate your support and will look for Y'ALL next year when the BOOK WAGON comes to town.



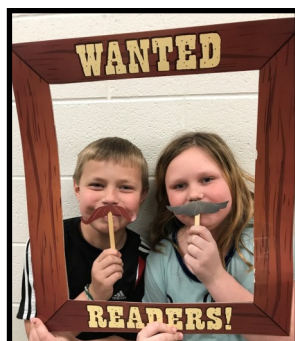
Santa (a.k.a. fifth grader Alex Lunde) doing a little light reading during "Home for the Holidays."



Fifth Grader
Greta Wojciechowski



Fourth Grader
Braxton Pearson



Fourth Graders Noah Gust
and Tawnie Keeler



Fifth Grader
Beth Thompson



Fifth Grader
Masen Swenson



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Meet the Barker Staff

By: Liesl Aarhus

Why did you join the *Badger Barker*?

Anh Nguyen: It's really cool that our school has its own newspaper unlike my school back in Germany. I like being creative and I want to study Journalism later so I thought that's a great way to work on my skills and improve them.

Ashtyn Beito: To expand my creativity.

CeCeilia Yeager: I thought that it would be awesome and something new to try, so I decided to give this class a try.

Cierra Olds: I joined because it was something new and I haven't tried it before, also I thought it would be fun.

Dillon Nieman: I joined because it seemed like a fun and enjoyable class.

Dorothy Kjelland: I joined the *Barker* because I wanted to explore a new project.

Emma Dimich: To learn to write, learn about what's happening around Badger School, and plus it's fun to do. I recommend everyone to try it.

Esther Nelson: I thought it would be fun.

Liesl Aarhus: I wanted to join the *Badger Barker* because I wanted to learn about the school and the people in it. When I came to Badger in 2015, I hardly knew anyone. I wanted to learn all I could so I joined the *Badger Barker*.

Mai Chaipramote: I want to write articles that everyone will read. It is so fun when you see someone read your own articles that you wrote.

Maria Aristides: I wanted to have an American experience, because in Brazil we do not have a class like this.

Noah Stuebgen: I joined the *Badger Barker* to get my credits for graduation.

Tia McKinnon: I joined the *Badger Barker* because I thought it would be awesome if I could write something that a lot of people would read.

Traci Hill: I joined because I thought it would look good on a college resume.

What is your favorite part about this class?

Anh: Putting the *Badger Barker* together. You can get very creative and mess around with the different fonts, layouts, and shapes. I love it.

Ashtyn: Being able to be independent and having that sense of responsibility for getting my article done and putting the *Barker* together.

CeCeilia: Getting to choose extra articles and having fun with the other students in the class. This is a class that is serious but still has fun.

Cierra: My favorite part about this class is pulling the *Barker* together.

Dillon: My favorite part is either pulling together the *Barker* or folding the *Barker*.

Dorothy: I like when you do the assignment because you can make it your own thing and design it your own way.

Emma: Pulling the *Barker* together and asking questions to kindergarten students.

Esther: Folding the *Barker*.

Liesl: Honestly, it has to be when I give the students papers with the questions and seeing their answers and what their opinions are.

Mai: I like pulling the *Barker* together so I can create my own school *Barker* in the way I like.

Maria: My favorite part is to find a recipe which the parents can make here and they will hopefully like it.

Noah: My favorite part about this class is that it is fun and lively.

Tia: My favorite part would be the fact that I can arrange all of the articles as I would like them to be arranged.

Traci: My favorite thing about the *Barker* is getting my article done in the end without mistakes.



Tuba Christmas

On Saturday, December 2, Badger junior Alex Ylitalo performed in his 2nd Annual Grand Forks Tuba Christmas at the Grand Cities Mall. It has become a fun tradition not only for Alex but for his family also.



Badger High School Nominates Two Students for ExCEL Award

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

Badger High School is pleased to announce the nomination of two juniors, Alex Ylitalo and Karissa Kaml, for the Minnesota State High School League's ExCEL Award. The ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) is a program designed to recognize high school juniors who are active as volunteers in their communities, hold leadership positions within their school, participate in MSHSL sponsored activities, and perform well academically.

In January, an independent panel of judges will review applications from throughout Minnesota to select this year's ExCEL Award recipients. Statewide winners of the 22nd Annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website on February 5, 2018, and recognized on television during the winter sports tournament season.

Alex Ylitalo is the son of Becky Dahlgren and Chris Ylitalo. He has served on the student council the past three years, is class president, earned academic letters for being on the honor roll, and is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to being a member of the band, he participates in FCCLA, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, and FIRST Robotics. He is the Northern Area Secretary/Treasurer for FCCLA, and has competed at State and National FCCLA competitions. Alex has volunteered his time to help at local blood drives, Art Club activities, and the annual Warroad Thanksgiving Banquet.

Karissa Kaml's activities include band, golf, and Art Club. As a member of the Gator golf team, she has earned a varsity letter and competed in the section golf tournament. Karissa is an honor roll student, has served as secretary/treasurer for her class, and attended Team Up Leadership training. She has volunteered time with 4-H and Art Club the past several years and continues to be very active in her church. Karissa is the daughter of Kristina and the late Jerry Kaml of Badger.

According to Superintendent Tom Jerome, "Badger School District is proud to announce the selection of Alex Ylitalo and Karissa Kaml as ExCEL Award nominees. Alex and Karissa are involved in multiple activities and perform at a high level academically.

Their commitment to serving the Badger School and community combined with academic excellence exemplify what the ExCEL award presents." Badger Dean of Students Stacey Warne commented, "We are honored to recognize Karissa and Alex for the leadership and service they bring to our school and community and wish them well in the MSHSL ExCEL state competition."



My New Year's resolution is... Grade 4



- ... to be friends with my Elf on the Shelf. ~ **Madison Olson**
- ... to try stay out of trouble every second so I won't be grounded from my video games. ~ **Wyatt Hilligas**
- ... that I am going to the lake every weekend. ~ **Braxton Pearson**
- ... I will exercise—like pushups and sit-ups—to be like Batman and be a martial arts person. ~ **Liam Winrow**
- ... to treat everyone with kindness every day. ~ **Breydon Foss**
- ... to get done with my homework every day. ~ **Max Haugen Rosadino**
- ... to stop chewing my nails! ~ **Emily Burkel**
- ... to treat everybody kind. ~ **Morgan Hickey**
- ... to do my chores for my cat! And to become organized. ~ **Addison Pulczynski**
- ... to practice dribbling basketball every week. ~ **Tryg Olson**
- ... to get an A+ every day. ~ **Quillan Wirta**
- ... I'm going to help the poor people that are starving. ~ **Briggs Jenson**
- ... to work harder everywhere and at everything. ~ **Emmitt Isane**
- ... to practice Tae Kwon Do every day. ~ **Zay Rud**
- ... to lose 4 pounds. ~ **Noah Gust**
- ... to not make promises. ~ **Payton Hill**
- ... to eat more vegetables and make better choices! ~ **Tawnie Keeler**
- ... to read more books and do my school work and homework. ~ **Quentin Kukowski**



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My New Year's resolution is... Grade 5

- ... taking care of my animals, spending more time with them, and training them. ~ **Maggie Lorensen**
- ... to get on the honor roll. ~ **Beth Thompson**
- ... for people to have fun and donate more. ~ **Paige Rybakowski**
- ... to get on time quicker. ~ **Aidan Carpenter**
- ... try to be a little more healthier. ~ **Mike Beckler**
- ... to get better at every subject. ~ **Josie Penas**
- ... football because football is a fun sport. ~ **Sam Aarhus**
- ... to try new places and foods. ~ **Landon Nelson**
- ... to help more people. ~ **Bethanie VonEnde**
- ... helping donate to kids in need for food and shelter. ~ **Taylor Davy**
- ... to get better at tackling in football and have a great 2018 year. ~ **Masen Swenson**
- ... to drink less pop. ~ **Andrew Bergeron**
- ... to do even better in school. ~ **Julia Dostal**
- ... staying up late and saying...Happy New Year! ~ **Greta Wojciechowski**
- ... to get on the B honor roll. ~ **Caden Wojciechowski**
- ... to do better in basketball. ~ **Kaden Halvorson**
- ... to get better grades. ~ **Alex Lunde**
- ... to not play too many video games. ~ **William Peterson**
- ... to make the honor roll. ~ **Jaden Kukowski**
- ... to be the best in basketball. ~ **Ivan Olafson**
- ... is going to my cousin's house more often. ~ **Philip Sanden**



My New Year's resolution is... Grade 6

- ... to get better grades because my grades are not the very best at the moment. I usually get the A or B honor roll every quarter, but not this one (I've gotten A or B every time since fourth grade). ~ **Ashton Pickhartz**
- ... I want to try to work out more and get a six pack. ~ **Austin Stainbrook**
- ... to get stronger. ~ **Alex Becker**
- ... to study a lot more and get my grades up. ~ **Jaden Solberg**
- ... I want to get better at the volleyball so I can play next year. ~ **Huntar Keeler**
- ... to try to get a B for every grade. ~ **Danton Bronson**
- ... to get on the A honor roll at least once! ~ **Macy Majer**
- ... to go outside at least thirty minutes a day every day. ~ **Carter Hamann**
- ... to play in the snow. ~ **Arianna Grugal**
- ... I will get on the A or B honor roll. ~ **Tenisha Berger**
- ... to be more organized. ~ **Ada Lee**
- ... to get all of my work done and in on time. ~ **Treston Nichols**
- ... to study more and pay more attention in class. ~ **Christian Peterson**
- ... to save up to get the new Xbox One X, a TV, and games. ~ **Raymond Rosadino**
- ... to win more games in basketball. ~ **Jordan Lee**
- ... to be happy. ~ **Marissa Secord**
- ... to get better in basketball. ~ **Measha Troxel**
- ... to read more. ~ **Amelia Wilt**
- ... to be more aggressive in basketball and get better at left-handed layups. ~ **Jordan Davy**
- ... learn the revive spell from Magica 2. ~ **Xander Grugal**



National Honor Society November Blood Drive Results	
36 appointments filled	
21 able to donate	
33 total blood products collected	
1 first time volunteer	



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Ramp-Up Topics for January

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: During January, students will be encouraged to think about the types of college that will one day be available to them beginning with accessing information they already have about college. Most students do not know about the different types, but many will have some tidbits of information on which to build. Also, sixth graders will be defining their dreams and aspirations and thinking about how they can attain them. Individual Readiness Rubrics will be updated after the end of first semester.

GRADE 7: In this unit the peer interactions that can sometimes get in the way of learning are addressed by sharing more positive ways to interact. Students will be reminded of many of the skills they learned in elementary school with our Responsive Classroom® approach. In addition, seventh graders will learn about the “soft skills” that are important in both school and the workplace, such as being on time, valuing diversity, having a strong work ethic, and good communication skills. Students will update their Readiness Rubrics after the completion of first semester.

GRADE 8: With senior high school on the horizon, students in eighth grade will be looking more closely at high school courses and activities that are available to them. Students will have the opportunity to investigate high school elective course options and sequences of required courses that will help prepare them for postsecondary education prior to registering this coming spring. Eight graders will also be investigating options as to what might be the best postsecondary fit for them.

GRADE 9: Effective study strategies are important for high school and postsecondary education. Students will spend their Ramp-Up time in January looking at 10 specific study strategies including how to effectively use study groups to help them improve their learning. The Readiness Rubric will be revisited and updated after the completion of first semester.

GRADE 10: How will I pay for college? This unit will describe ways that students can and do pay for college. Students will look in depth at scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. There is a good set of videos available to parents and students about paying for college at www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying that can help answer many questions parents and students have about paying for college.

GRADE 11: Juniors will be using their January advisory sessions to learn how to avoid the “senior slump” by taking more challenging classes during their senior year. This will help to build momentum as they head into postsecondary education. In addition, juniors will also learn more about the processes of college entrance exams like the ACT and guidelines to help them write effective college and scholarship essays. Students will review and update their Readiness Rubrics after the posting of first semester grades.

GRADE 12: Seniors will revisit the idea and practice of goal setting. Research about how people perceive goals and the obstacles and benefits of reaching those goals is introduced, along with solutions for helping students to think about how they will approach obstacles so that the benefits can be realized. Seniors will update their Readiness Rubrics after the completion of first semester.

Brigadeiro (Brazilian Chocolate Fudge Balls)

<https://whatsgabycooking.com/brigadeiro/>

By: Maria Aristides

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons Dutch processed cocoa powder
- 14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter

Topping options:

- Chocolate sprinkles
- Shredded coconut
- Crushed Oreos
- Rainbow sprinkles



Directions:

1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine cocoa powder, butter, and condensed milk.
2. Cook, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes. The consistency should be thick after cooking. Remove the saucepan from the heat and let the mixture rest until cool enough to touch.
3. Scoop the mixture into a small balls, about ¾ inch in diameter and roll in the topping of your preference. Chill before serving.



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Melton the Warm-Hearted Snowman



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Kindergarten Korner

By: Emma Dimich

Cameron Moore

Age: 5

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, what about it is Smart Time and play toys.

What is your favorite movie? *Boss Baby*.

What I like about it is when the boss baby was on the machine cart and riding on it.

Where is your favorite place to be?

Home because all my toys are there, like my favorite tractor and

monster truck but my brother broke it.

What five words do you think most describe you? Good, amazing, superstar, smart, playful.

What is your favorite school activity? Four Corners. You have to go to all corners and somebody has to count to ten.



Clayton Kruger

Age: 5

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, what I like about it is watching movies, iPad, reading books, and I like to go to Mrs. Miller.

What is your favorite movie? *Teenage*

Mutant Ninja Turtles movies. What I like about it is the blue turtle has a sword to help him fight the bad guys.

Where is your favorite place to be? In my home because of my toys and favorite *Ninja Turtles* movies.

What five words do you think most describe you? Strong, amazing, playful, clean, and superstar boy.

What is your favorite school activity? Gator Day and the library. Because on Gator Day you get one dollar and at the library I like to get a *Paw Patrol* book.