



The Badger Barker



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Badger High School Nominates Greta Lee for 'Triple A' Award

Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Greta Lee for the Academics, Arts, & Athletics (AAA) Award.

Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, the AAA Award honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, in fine arts, and on the athletic field. Students who are nominated must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better, 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 2, 2022.

The top two AAA Award candidates from each region will be invited to a recognition banquet and will participate in an on-court ceremony during the Class AA Minnesota Boys' State Basketball championship game 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 A honor roll student, Greta Lee is a member of the Badger Chapter of the National Honor Society, FCCLA, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, Student Council, and Envirothon. In addition to completing college prep coursework at Badger, she has successfully completed numerous college courses during her high school career. Greta plays clarinet in the Badger High School band where she has earned superior ratings at MSHSL solo contests and helped the large group band earn superior ratings. She is a three-sport athlete who participates in volleyball, basketball, and track and field. Greta also was a member of the Gator Volleyball team that recently participated in the 2021 Minnesota State Volleyball Tournament. She plans to enroll in the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Minnesota, Rochester. Greta is the daughter of John and Gretchen Lee of Badger.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Kevin Ricke shared, "The Badger School District is very proud and honored to nominate Ms. Greta Lee for the AAA Award. Greta thrives academically and is active in many different organizations and student activities. In addition, Greta is an excellent role model within the Badger School and exemplifies what the AAA Award represents." The Badger School District congratulates Greta Lee on her nomination and accomplishments and wishes her 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



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

Please visit our school website at badger.k12.mn.us and click on 'View Calendar' found under the 'Upcoming Events' in the lower right-hand corner of the home page to see updates to academic, athletic, and arts schedules.

Events this Month:

- Mon., Jan. 3 School back in session after winter break.
- Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 Senior High **Knowledge Bowl** season begins with competitions each Wednesday during the month of January. Please contact Coach Mike Coltom for more details.
- Mon., Jan. 17 **No School For Students** - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- Mon., Jan. 17 Badger teachers will be doing virtual online learning during the **MLK Professional Development Day** sponsored by Northwest Service Cooperative based out of Thief River Falls.
- Fri., Jan 21 **End of Quarter 2**, end of academic Semester 1
- Mon., Jan. 24 **Start of Quarter 3**, start of academic Semester 2
- Mon., Jan. 24 The next Northern Lights **Math League** 8A Division event is scheduled for January 24. Please contact Coach Sherri Kukowski for more details.
- Jan. 24-28? We are eagerly waiting for the official statewide announcement; however, we anticipate **Minnesota Paraprofessional Recognition Week** will be the same corresponding week as last year, which may be January 24-28 (subject to change with official announcement).

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.

Our educational team will acknowledge our dedicated paraprofessionals listed in alphabetical order: Whitley Aamodt, Karla Davy, Tami Davy, Shawna Grugal, Diann Hauger, Angel Houska, Lorraine Kukowski, Elizabeth Randall, Renee Rhen, Naomi Rybakowski, and Tasha Seydel as well as our frequent para substitutes: Heidi Hamann, Alexis Rud, Deanna Rybakowski, and Brenda Wahl

With a feeling of hope and renewal, I am looking forward to 2022 ☺

Thank you,

Kevin Ricke, Superintendent & Principal K-12





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Campus Comment

By: Abigail Novacek

If you were to write a book, what would it be about and what would be the title?

Austin Przekwas (7th grade): If I had to write a book, it would probably be about hunting because that is one of my favorite hobbies. The book's title would be *Guidelines to Hunting*.

Lucas Filius (8th grade): It would be about the struggle of living in a small town in Minnesota. There is nothing to do and it can boring. I would name it *The Struggle of Living in Minnesota*.

Masen Swenson (9th grade): I would write a book about sports. It would be about football, basketball, and golf (so pretty much my sports career). The title would be *My Sports Career*. The reason it would be about sports is because I love sports and everything about them.

Aleksei Beckler (10th grade): I am currently writing a book. Because I do not want anyone to steal my ideas, I am going to tell you about a book idea that I abandoned. It would be called *Zule* because that would be the main character's name. It would be about a demigod that goes on trials to become a real god, but both parents try to not let him succeed. He defeats them both and becomes the king of the gods.

Elliott Isane (11th grade): I would write it about farming because I know a lot about it. That is what I would write a story titled *Farming*.

Caiden Duray (12th grade): I would write a book about what not to do in high school. It would be named *Things Not to Do in High School*. I chose this because as a senior, I have seen it all. I would make it a comedy type book and I would talk about my experiences.

Mrs. Dostal (Science Teacher): It would be called *The Joy of Teaching*. It would be a book of fun, funny, and inspirational anecdotes about the amazing students at Badger School. There'd be at least a chapter or two dedicated to Wolf Ridge. Of course all names and identifying characteristics would be changed, but it would warm the hearts of all who read it.



Random Riddles

www.riddles.com

By: Bethany Thompson

1. What does a toilet with a funny accent have?
2. How do you make a violin laugh?
3. Why are giraffes so slow to apologize?
4. What can you catch but never throw?
5. What did the pencil say to the other pencil??
6. Why are ghosts bad at lying?
7. How can you leave a room with two legs and return with six?

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



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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Aleksei Beckler

What is your favorite sport?

Tobias Thompson (1st grade): My favorite sport is wrestling. It is fun.

Zaya Bieber (2nd grade): My favorite sport is soccer. It was the first sport I was ever in. It was very fun! I love being with my teammates. I'm really good at it.

Rozalyn Bieber (3rd grade): Soccer is my favorite sport because it is fun. It is nice to play it when your friends don't know what to play. It's fun to play with family and friends. It's fun because you can kick the ball and chase the ball.

Onah Gregerson (4th grade): Basketball because I like playing it with my sister Adysen. I also like volleyball, but not as much as basketball. I also like playing basketball because it is fun.

Kiley Streich (5th grade): I like swimming. It's good exercise. I like to dive down to the deep side of the pool. Yup, that's my favorite sport.

Madison McClure (6th grade): Volleyball because I think it is cool to watch and I want to join, but I don't know yet!



Apple Crisp

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/12409/apple-crisp-ii/>

By: Ivan Olafson

Ingredients:

- 10 cups all-purpose apples, peeled, cored, and sliced
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ cup water
- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup butter, melted



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place the sliced apples in a 9x13-inch pan. Mix the white sugar, 1 tablespoon flour and ground cinnamon together, and sprinkle over apples. Poor water evenly over all. Combine the oats, 1 cup flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and melted butter together. Crumble evenly over the apple mixture. Bake at 350°F for about 45 minutes.



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Badger High School Nominates Brogan Beito and Keyasha Housker for ExCEL Award

Badger High School is pleased to announce the nomination of juniors, Brogan Beito and Keyasha Housker, for the Minnesota State High School League’s ExCEL Award. The ExCEL (Excellence in Comunity, 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.

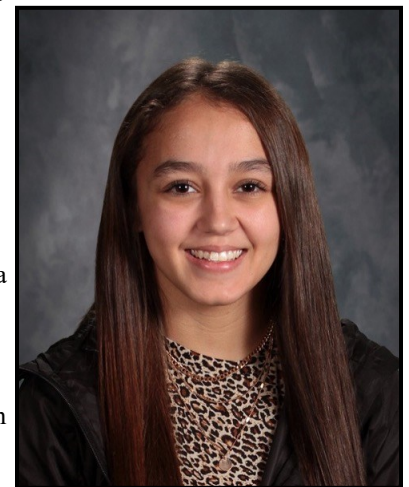
In January, an independent panel of judges will review applications from throughout Minnesota to select this year’s ExCEL Award recipients. Statewide winners of the 26th Annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website on February 1, 2022, and recognized on 45TV during the winter tournaments. Statewide winners will also be recognized in an on-court ceremony during the Class AA Girls Basketball State Tournament championship game in March.

A consistent honor roll student, Brogan Beito’s activities include wrestling, math league, clay target team, and National Honor Society. As a member of Gator teams, he has participated in both the State Wrestling and State Clay Target Tournaments, and has earned several varsity letters. Brogan has served as a class officer and is upheld as a leader by his peers. He has spent time volunteering around the school and community, specifically with the Badger Heritage Wall and Jaycees Halloween party. Brogan’s parents are Chris and Jodi Beito of Roseau.

Keyasha Housker has served her community by volunteering at Home for the Holidays events, donating blood, being a food shelf donor, and working with elementary volleyball and basketball players. She participates in band, basketball, and was a member of the 2021 Gator Volleyball team that competed in the Minnesota State Tournament. She has served as a member of the Student Council and as a class officer. Keyasha is also involved with National Honor Society, Math League, Art Club, and consistently earns honor roll recognition. Keyasha is the daughter of Brian and Tracy Housker of Badger.

According to Superintendent Kevin Ricke, “We are proud to announce the selections of Keyasha Housker and Brogan Beito as ExCEL Award nominees. Both Brogan and Keyasha engage in useful tasks serving others as well as giving back to our own school programs as well as Gator interscholastic activities; both perform at a high academic level; both are positive ambassadors for what Badger Community School and the ExCEL Award exemplifies.”

Badger Dean of Students Stacey Warne commented, “Brogan and Keyasha have been good leaders and role models throughout their high school careers, and we are pleased to nominate them for the ExCEL Award. Their community involvement and hard work in the classroom make them excellent representatives of Badger School. We wish Brogan and Keyasha good luck in the state competition.”



January Wacky Celebrations

<https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/january.htm>

By: Hannah Wilt

World Introvert Day ~ January 2

It’s the day extroverts despise, World Introvert Day. Today recognizes people who don’t want to be recognized. Celebrate by laying low in true introvert fashion.

Houseplant Appreciation Day ~ January 10

With the holidays being over, you can now focus on your houseplants once again. If you don’t have a houseplant, go to your nearest floral shop and buy one. These plants will definitely grow on you!

National Cheese Lover Day ~ January 20

Today is National Cheese Lover Day! Observe today by creating and enjoying a cheese platter. Don’t be bleu, eat some cheese that makes you feel gouda!

Measure Your Feet Day ~ January 23

There is only one correct way to celebrate today, measuring your feet. Measure both the length and width. You might even discover something new through this holiday.

National Corn Chip Day ~ January 29

Grab the salsa or queso, it’s National Corn Chip Day! Acknowledge this day by indulging in these savory treats. Fun fact: in 1961, Fritos Corn Chips were first marketed.



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Senior Spotlight Jenessa Isane

Parents: Jason & Julie Isane

Siblings: Isaak, Tyler

Nicknames: Nessa, Nessa Bear, Jenessy

Favorite:

Sport: Wrestling

Food: Chicken Alfredo

Color: Blue

Quote: "Life is not about the goodbyes, it's about the *hellos* and the *see you later's*."

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? If I found a genie, I would wish for happiness the rest of my life, a giant house that's all paid off, and a really high paying job that I don't have to go to college for.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? I would change the political parties because then everyone wouldn't have to disagree on everything.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would take my cousin Billie Sikorski anywhere in the world because no matter what, we would have a good time.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? Being another "Isane kid."

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? I'm a very shy, laid back person so I can't say I've done anything too crazy.

What is your favorite hobby? I pretty much like anything outdoors, but ice fishing has to be my favorite.

What one thing are you proud of that happened to you in high school? I got into the National Honor Society.



Senior Spotlight Johnathon Kukowski

Parents: Eric & Brittany Kukowski

Siblings: Jazmen, Christina, Savannah

Nickname: John

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Homemade mac and cheese

Color: Camo

Quote: "Forget the past." ~ Nelson Mandela

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? Own a trucking business, have a yard on 100 acres, and a big shed on my yard to hold all the trucks.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? Taxes.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? Bora Bora with me, myself, and I.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? How nice I am.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? Talked back to almost all my teachers.

What is your favorite hobby? Hunting, fishing, farming, snowcatting, and mudding.

What one thing are you proud of that happened to you in high school? Having two favorite teachers.





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Senior Spotlight Jasmine Christianson

Parents: Cory & Ket Christianson

Sibling: Nils

Nickname: Jazzo

Favorite:

Sport: Golf

Food: Anything that includes potatoes

Color: Blue

Quote: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." ~Eleanor Roosevelt

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? My first wish would be for my parents to get a nice long vacation from work. My second wish would have to be able to speak any language I want! My last wish is pretty generic, but it would be unlimited amounts of money!

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? If I could change one thing in the world, I would have to change human greed and the lack of empathy.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would go on a trip with Hannah Rud to Izola's in Georgia.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? Being a bubbly person!

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? Being online for a year because of covid.

What is your favorite hobby? Any outdoor activity that I can enjoy with my family.

What one thing are you proud of that happened to you in high school? Getting 3rd place as a team at the state golf tournament.



Trivia

By: Taylor Davy

- According to Greek mythology, who was the first woman on earth?
 - Eve
 - Pandora
 - Lilith
 - Britannica
- When Michael Jordan played for the Chicago Bulls, how many NBA championships did he win?
 - Three
 - Five
 - Six
 - Eight
- What bone are babies born without?
 - Fibula
 - Collarbone
 - Kneecaps
 - Pelvic Girdle
- What animal has no vocal cords?
 - Koala
 - Rhino
 - Kangaroo
 - Giraffe

Random Riddles Answers

- Irritable vowel syndrome!
- Tell it a fiddle riddle.
- It takes a long time for them to swallow their pride.
- A cold.
- You are looking sharp today.
- Because you can see right through them.
- Bring a chair back with you.



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Band Musician of the Month Jordan Lee

Grade: 10th

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? I play the flute because at that time we had a big flute section and I wanted to be a part of that.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick? I would play the drums because that was always my second option and I think it would be very fun being able to play a bunch of different instruments and to walk around during the songs.

What is your favorite song to play? *Fate of the Gods*. I was a 7th grader when we played that song and it was very challenging. It was really fun to learn even though it took time, but when we got it done it sounded really cool and was super fun to play.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? I would pick a talk show theme that would be very comical. I would pick it because I think the best Music Revues are always the fun ones.

What is your most memorable moment in band? This year when Hannah Wilt and I were talking to Aulona and all of a sudden a snot rocket came out of Aulona's nose.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Don't be afraid to ask Ms. Erickson or other students for help. It is usually a simple question to be answered.

Who inspired you to be part of band? My older sister Greta because she was in band and really enjoyed it.



Choir Musician of the Month Tali Hamann

Grade: 11th

What section are you in? Soprano 1

How long have you been in choir? Counting this year, five years.

What kind of music do you like to sing? In choir I love any song with a high part.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? Meeting new people and making friends with people I otherwise wouldn't have talked to.

What are you looking forward to this year? Singing and acting in the Music Revue.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Be conscious of the people around you because you never know who's watching and listening.

What is your favorite choir memory? Playing tag with Logan Kompelien during choir. Even though he graduated, we still tag each other on the rare occasion we see each other around town.



Team-Up Leadership Conference

Submitted By: Jordan Davy

A group of sophomore students attended the Regional 8A Team-Up Leadership Conference at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls. Speaker, Craig Hillier, talked about ways to be a leader within schools as well as activities and sports we participate in. There were group discussions and leadership games played. Overall, it was a great time of learning ways to be more positive and encouraging leaders. Pictured are Jordan Lee, Ashton Pickhartz, Ada Lee, Macy Majer, Jordan Davy, Amelia Wilt.



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Dates to Remember

By: Caden Wojciehowski

January

- 5 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 9 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 10 School Board 7:30 pm
- 12 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 14 4-H Movie Night
- 15 Winter Formal Dance
- 16 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 17 No School ~ Staff Development
- 19 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 21 End of Quarter 2
- 23 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 24 Math League Meet
- 25 ECFE "Welcome Back" 6:00 pm
- 26 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 30 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm

February

- 1 No ECFE ~ Precinct Caucus
- 2 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 6 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 8 ECFE "Valentine's Party" 6:00 pm
- 11 FCCLA Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 13 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 14 Math League Meet
- 14 School Board 7:30 pm
- 15 ECFE "Sledding" 5:00 pm
- 16 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 17 Parent Teacher Conferences, dismiss at 12:30 pm
- 20 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 21 No School
- 22 ECFE "Dental Health ~ Guest Speaker" 6:00 pm
- 23 Knowledge Bowl Sub Regions @ TRF
- 23 Quarter 3 Midterm
- 24 Large Group Choir Contest @ Badger (date change)
- 27 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm



Gator Sports

By: Masen Swenson

For changes in schedule go to www.badger.k12.mn.us and click on "Gator Athletic Schedules."

January

Boys Basketball

- 3 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 4 Roseau @ BGMR
- 7-8 @ Barnesville Tournament
- 11 @ Stephen-Argyle Central
- 13 @ Kittson County Central
- 17 Crookston @ BGMR
- 21 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 25 @ Clearbrook-Gonvick
- 27 Goodridge-Grygla @ BGMR
- 31 @ Sacred Heart

Girls Basketball

- 10 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 13 @ Goodridge-Grygla (Grygla)
- 18 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 20 Roseau @ BGMR
- 22 @ Crookston
- 27 @ Kittson County Central
- 31 @ Fertile-Beltrami

Wrestling

- 4 @ Fertile-Beltrami Triangular
- 8 @ Minnewaska Tournament
- 11 Bemidji & Frazee @ BGMR
- 13 @ Barnesville Triangular
- 22 @ Thief River Falls Tournament
- 25 Fosston @ BGMR
- 28-29 @ Larimore Tournament

February

Boys Basketball

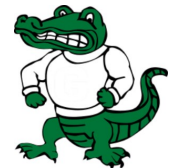
- 3 @ Northern Freeze (Newfolden)
- 4 @ Roseau
- 8 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 10 @ Warroad
- 19 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ NCTC
- 22 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 24 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR

Girls Basketball

- 3 @ Roseau
- 4 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR
- 7 @ Stephen-Argyle Central
- 10 Warroad @ BGMR
- 11 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 15 Goodridge-Grygla @ BGMR
- 17 @ Win-E-Mac
- 21 @ Sacred Heart
- 22 Northern Freeze @ BGMR

Wrestling

- 3 Crookston @ BGMR
- 10 Thief River Falls @ BGMR





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Student Opinion

By: Brandon Secord

Would you rather have a life with a lot of money but no friends, or a life with a lot of friends but very little money?

Landon Nelson: I would choose friends because if you find a good and trustworthy person and you become friends, you have a friend for life. If I had chosen money, however, I would also be happy, but if it's just me and my money at the end of the day, I would end up alone. Friends last much longer than any piece of paper.

Ave Hanson: A lot of friends but no money because why would you want to be rich if you have no friends to buy stuff with? If you have a lot of friends but no money, you could always go work for more money. It could be hard to make more friends if they think you're rich and spoiled.

Arianna Grugal: I honestly don't know. Having a lot of money sounds great, but no friends would make it lonely. Having a lot of friends is really cool, but I couldn't do anything fun. So, I say I prefer a lot of money over having a lot of friends.

Andrew Olson: I believe I would rather have more friends than have a lot of money. I believe that if you have a lot of money, it doesn't always mean that they're not a nice person.

Yes, I would want enough money to get though life. I would rather have more friends respect me than have a lot of money. I would want just enough money to be able to pay my bills than a lot of money. I would like to be the kind of person people say, "That guy might not have much money, but he is so nice and kind hearted".



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



- ... to eat healthier. I want to eat healthier food because I want to be very healthy with my diet. ~ **Onah Gregerson**
- ... to start going outside more. It is fun to get some fresh air. I will work out by running every day and losing some so I can go and play football. I also want to improve on catching a football. ~ **Ryder Gust**
- ... to be nice, loving, and caring because I am not really nice to my brothers very often. My next resolution is to act more mature and more like a fourth grader. My final resolution is to make friends with people that will care about me. ~ **Faye Stoutenburgh**
- ... to eat healthy so I can lose five pounds. My other resolution is to be kind so I don't get into trouble. My last resolution is not to miss school so I don't have extra work. ~ **Rogan Hanson**
- ... to lose 50 pounds and buy a new ps4 in the colors red and blue with the Naruto head band sticker on the top. And let my dog Daisy have babies. And learn how to cook pizza for myself. ~ **Alex Gust**
- ... to eat healthy food like fruits and vegetables and to start a diet. ~ **Cameron Moore**
- ... to be able to see my uncle John and uncle Jacob more often because I don't see them much. To see my mom and dad more often because my parents have new work hours. I want to be able to get along with my siblings because we sometimes fight with each other. And to grow up to 6 feet tall because I like to be tall ~ **Noah Stoutenburgh**
- ... to work out more. Then I will eat more vegetables so I stay healthy. ~ **Jacob Foss**
- ... first, practice my piano everyday more often. Second, not waking up crabby and grumpy in the mornings because I have a history of being crabby and picking fights with people. Third, not getting mad over my puppy's annoying barks and whines. ~ **Delyla Carpenter**
- ... to start learning how to fix my dirt bike. To be a really good football player. To be a better person in school. To be a better big brother. To learn more things. To have a better personality. To have better handwriting. To do more thing things for my family. The reason why is because all those things will make me do better in life and be a better person. ~ **Briar Williams**
- ... be better at running the cash registers. Also to be better at taking care of my uncle's VR headset because if I break it I owe him \$200. ~ **Nils Christianson**
- ... stop making so much mess. I want to stop eating so much candy. I want to start helping my mom more. ~ **Willow Rud**



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



- ... to get better at drinking more water, why not? ~ **Kiley Streich**
- ... to buy some lumber to build a clubhouse for me and my family and friends. ~ **Elijah Monsrud**
- ... to get better grades for my school year. ~ **Marley Haugen Rosadino**
- ... to get my AR points. ~ **Kaylie Streich**
- ... to train my family dogs Izzy and Annie. My dog Annie still chases cars a bit. That's why I want to train Annie. ~ **Grant Olson**
- ... to do a dinner for New Years and have friends and be with family and have treats after and be nice and be sweet. ~ **Ava Gust**
- ... to make sure to just be the best person I can be. Nothing special. I just want to be good for 2022. ~ **Aaron Jasiqi**
- ... to get straight A's for a whole year and get better at gaming. ~ **Aiden Thompson**
- ... to start breakaway and team roping. I also would like to get better at goat tying and barrel racing. ~ **Brenna Pearson**
- ... to spend more time with family and get better at band. ~ **Wyatt Jensen**
- ... to get better at doing tricks on my pro scooter. ~ **Gage Otto**
- ... to get my AR points. ~ **Maizy Thompson**



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



- ... to be a better person. Like at home doing chores, helping my mom, and not start fights with my brothers. This is how I want to be a better person at school: get better grades, be more involved in class, and be a better friend. ~ **Porscha Cole**
- ... to become a babysitter. I want to become a babysitter so I can make money. I also want to become a babysitter so I can watch Bellamy and Ceara and help my mom out so she can go on dates, cook, and clean. I also want to reach 100 AR points. I want to reach 100 AR points because I never make it higher then 60 AR points. I also want to become a faster and better reader. I mostly want to reach 100 AR points because it will make my mom proud. ~ **Aiyannah Bieber**
- ... to get better grades in school and do a better job in school. I also need to go outside more often ~ **Landin Buley**
- ... to get one or more A's for my grades. The reason I plan on doing this is so I'm able to get into high school and college.
~ **Charles Peterson**
- ... to train my horse Dimond how to do barrels. I want to do this because I want to win money. Also so I can save up my money to buy a new horse. Another resolution is that I get at least 50 AR points. I want to try to get 50 AR points so that I become a better reader ~ **Shaina Gust**
- ... to make the A or B honor roll all 4 quarters or be in as many sports as possible. I want to make the honor roll all 4 quarters because then I can get into a nice college. The reason I want to be in as many sports as possible is because when you get older you are less active. When you get older, you have a job and kids you have to handle so you are never active.
~ **Quynn Washington**
- ... to save enough money to get a ticket to Arizona. I want to do this because it would show responsibility, and it would be fun. My grandma goes to Arizona in the winter, so if I save enough money I can go to Arizona and buy a ticket back home.
~ **MacKenzie VonEnde**
- ... to get more sleep because I'll feel better and well rested ~ **Azmera Olson**
- ... to read the rest of the *Wings of Fire* series so that I can get all of my AR points. Another resolution is to get better at basketball by practicing more and working harder. ~ **Ava Warne**
- ... to get the most AR points in the class. The reason I want to have the most AR points is because I want to be more superior than everyone else (I'm joking). Also I want to get on the B or A honor roll. Also I would love to go to Tennessee or something like that. ~ **Deegan Hanson**
- ... to get at least 50 AR points. I think I would become a better reader for when I get into 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and maybe college. Even more then 50 AR points. I can put myself to a challenge. ~ **Madison McClure**
- ... to start riding horse again. It's been about 6 years since I've ridden. It's fun, but a lot of responsibility. I had to clean the stalls, feed, water, brush them. Lots of work! ~ **Tristan Werre-Lenz**
- ... to get better at playing volleyball because I want to be good at my favorite sport. ~ **Aspen Askelson**
- ... to get on the A honor roll. I want to get good grades in every subject. I did once in 3rd or 4th grade. ~ **Jaxon Castle**
- ... to get done with all my catchup homework so I don't have to stay in all year. And to at least get on the B honor roll. ~ **Ty Rud**
- ... to build more cool things with my Legos and I will pick up my Legos every day before I go to bed. ~ **Abram Wirta**



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Quarter 1 "A" Honor Roll



Grades 4-6

Aaron Jasiqi & MacKenzie VonEnde
Not Pictured: Abram Wirta

Grades 7-9

Emily Burkel, Bethanie VonEnde, Aidan Carpenter,
Julia Dostal



Grades 10-12

Back: Dylan VonEnde, Hailey VonEnde, Keyasha Housker, Greta Lee, Raegen Maahs
Middle: Brogan Beito, Gabe Warne, Riley Gust, Jordan Lee, Ada Lee **Front:** Brooke VonEnde, Jordan Davy, Amelia Wilt, Jasmine Christianson
Not Pictured: Abigail Novacek



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Quarter 1 "B" Honor Roll

Grades 4-6

Back: Ryder Gust, Briar Williams, Elijah Monsrud, Marley Haugen Rosadino, Porscha Cole **Middle:** Brenna Pearson, Jaxon Castle, Ava Warne, Azmera Olson, Deegan Hanson, Charles Peterson, Quynn Washington **Front:** Grant Olson, Delyla Carpenter, Onah Gregerson, Aiyannah Bieber, Nils Christianson
Not Pictured: Kiley Streich, Shaina Gust



Grades 7-9

Back: Alex Lunde, Jaden Kukowski, Wyatt Hilligas, Kylee Gust, Katelyn Gust, Cale Lindland **Middle:** Bailey Wojciechowski, Landon Nelson, Kaden Halvorson, Masen Swenson, Ivan Olafson, Taylor Davy, Emery Christensen **Front:** Roger Thompson, Peyton Lee, Eli Olafson, Morgan Hickey, Tryg Olson
Not Pictured: Noah Gust



Grades 10-12

Back: Alex Beckler, Arianna Grugal, Andrew Olson, Ashton Pickhartz, Anastasia Dahl, Talisha Hamann **Middle:** Landon Frislie, Mason Scharf, Brandon Secord, Dalton Shirley, Johnathon Kukowski, Ashley Stainbrook **Front:** Macy Majer, Jenessa Isane, Aulona Jasiqi, Hannah Wilt, Kadeyn Keller, Salma Pray
Not Pictured: Hannah Rud





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Ramp-Up Topics for January

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Students will learn how to take a specific type of notes, called Cornell Notes, to help them keep track of information that is presented in their classes. When students take better notes, they become more engaged in their learning and are able to retain important information. Sixth graders will also be looking at what different types of postsecondary education may be available to them down the road.

GRADE 7: It is not too early to start thinking about a career and exploring what career options might be available after graduation. Students will assess their interests and skills, and match them to different career fields. Seventh graders will also learn about the personal and financial benefits of a high skilled career that requires a postsecondary degree. In most cases, the higher degree of education, the higher the social emotional benefits and wage earnings.

GRADE 8: During January, students will be discussing the importance of peer relationships in middle and high school and how social media impacts those relationships. Being aware of how the influences of peers and social media will help students make sound decisions when they need to solve problems. Eighth graders will also be looking at getting prepared for high school and the graduation requirements here in Badger.

GRADE 9: Ninth grade students will be discussing stress, its impact on them, and how they can learn to manage it in their lives. Students will identify and list some of their internal strengths (assets), and will learn how they can use those to overcome the external obstacles they face.

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

GRADE 11: Juniors will be provided information about the elements of college applications, which includes tests and essays. The ACT, SAT, placement tests, preparation options, and guidance on writing essays for college scholarships and applications will be covered.

GRADE 12: Seniors will be exploring the concept of "good debt" versus "bad debt" and how it can impact their lives now and after high school. One activity specifically addresses credit card debt with high interest rates that can cause students to have financial difficulty when they graduate. Basic budgeting information will also be addressed.



Shout Out To...

2nd Grade families who donated to the class LifeCare Medical Center Giving Project. Instead of a classroom gift exchange, students voted to make donations toward purchasing items for the children's area at LifeCare Medical Center in Roseau.

Items donated are given to kids who are patients in the hospital.

Grandma Paulette Christianson for her dedication to the Badger School! She helps the first graders with art projects, reading, and helping students get caught up.

Grandma Bev Holm for helping the first graders read and helping students get caught up!

Christian Peterson for helping out with the sound board for our winter music programs.

Paulette Christianson, Tali Hamann, & Johnathon Kukowski for the help on the elementary music program flat!

Paulette Christianson for the ice cream treats at our Art Club Make it Take It night!

Dan Dostal, Mike Coltom, & Dylan VonEnde for helping prepare metals for the Chemistry in the Community class.

Charles Erickson for all the donuts he brings to the staff workroom.

Kindergarten Winter Wonderland...

Striker Hasson for setting up the cafeteria for the workshop.

Shauna Grugal & Whitley Aamodt for their help preparing craft projects and setting up the cafeteria.

Val Truscinski for taking pictures at the workshop.

Parents & special friends to our kindergarten boys and girls who joined them at the annual winter wonderland workshop. We had so much fun creating crafts, singing, and decorating cookies with you!

Scholastic Book Fair...

Lorraine Kukowski for all your help in making the book fair run smoothly.

Students, parents, & staff for generously supporting the book fair.



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Kindergarten Winter Wonderland



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Kindergarten Korner

By: Ashley Stainbrook

Isabel Mather

What is your favorite color? Pink because I like it. I like to wear pink clothing.

What is your favorite animal? Cats because I have a cat named Bandit. He is very fluffy.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, I do a lot of stuff. Then I go outside and then I'm tired.

What kind of games do you like to play? Minecraft and Bandicoot because they're my favorite games. I can do a lot in Minecraft.

If you could be outside a whole day, what would you do? I would play a lot. When I get tired, I would sleep in the rainbow slide or on the ground if it's not wet.

What do you like about your teacher? I like her artwork.

What makes someone a good friend? When you keep telling them I want to play somewhere else and they listen to me. And you tell each other, "I like your shoes."



Maverick Murphy

What is your favorite color? Green, I like things that are green like grass and leaves.

What is your favorite animal? Cougar, I think they're pretty cool.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, we play and I like that. I also like nap time.

What kind of games do you like to play? I like puzzles, I like Scooby-Doo puzzles. I like Minecraft because you get a gold sword.

If you could be outside a whole day, what would you do? Play and play. I would play tag and hide and seek.

What do you like about your teacher? I like when she helps me with my homework. She is kind and I like that.

What makes someone a good friend? If we get along. I like when they tell jokes.

