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Badger High School Nominates Raegen Maahs & Gabriel Warne for ‘Triple A’ Award

Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Raegen Maahs and Gabriel Warne 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 1, 2023.

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 2023 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, Raegen Maahs is a member of the Badger Chapter of the National Honor Society, Math League, and Art Club. In addition to completing college prep coursework at Badger, she has successfully completed several college courses during her high school career. Raegen is a section leader in both the Badger High School Band and Choir where she has achieved superior ratings as an individual at MSHSL solo contests as well as helping the large groups earn superior ratings. She has participated in track and field, and serves as a student manager for the Gator Football and Boys’ Basketball teams. Raegen plans to enroll in either the University of North Dakota or Minnesota State University Moorhead to earn a degree in Social Work. She is the daughter of Daryl and Misty Maahs of Badger.

Gabe Warne, a consistent honor roll achieving student, is a member of both the Badger High School band and choir where he has helped each large group earn superior ratings. He has completed college classes during his high school career and is active in National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl, Envirothon, Math League, and Unified Athletics. A three-sport athlete, Gabe competes in football, basketball, baseball, and has served as a football and basketball captain. He plans to attend college next fall but is still undecided about which college he will enroll or what degree field he will seek. Gabe is the son of Heidi and Stacey Warne of Badger.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Kevin Ricke shared, “The Badger School District is proud to nominate Raegen Maahs and Gabriel ‘Gabe’ Warne for the AAA award. Gabe and Raegen thrive academically; both are also active in many different organizations and student activities. Additionally, Raegen and Gabe are good role models within Badger School as well as good ambassadors – volunteering and serving within the community – exemplifying what the AAA award represents.” The Badger School District congratulates Raegen Maahs and Gabriel Warne on their

nominations and accomplishments and wishes them both 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 <https://www.mshsl.org/triple-award> 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:

- Tues., Jan. 3 School back in session after winter break.
- Sat., Jan. 7 The Badger Chapter of FCCLA is sponsoring the second annual '**Night of Lights**' **Semi-Formal Winter Dance** for grades 9-12 at Badger School gymnasium from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.
- Tues., Jan. 10 **Spelling Bee** in the Badger cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. Grades 5-8 are eligible; for more details please contact Sara Carpenter.
- Jan. 11, 18, 25 Senior High **Knowledge Bowl** season begins with competitions most Wednesdays during the month of January. Please contact coaches Mike Coltom or Shannon Dostal for more details.
- Thurs., Jan. 12 **Jr. Varsity Basketball Double-Header in the Badger Gym:** 7:00 p.m. BBB vs Blackduck *Drake*
5:15 p.m. GBB vs Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke *Chargers*
- Mon., Jan. 16 **No School for Students** - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- Mon., Jan. 16 Badger teachers will be the doing virtual online learning during the **MLK Professional Development Day** sponsored by Northwest Service Cooperative based out of Thief River Falls.
- Fri., Jan 20 **End of Quarter 2** and end of academic semester. Students dismissed early at 12:30 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 21 **Gators at Target Center** (Minneapolis, MN): BBB vs. the Stephen-Argyle *Storm* at 12:30 p.m., and then, *Timberwolves* play at 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 23 **Start of Quarter 3** and start of academic Semester 2
- Mon., Jan. 23 The next Northern Lights **Math League** 8A Division event is scheduled for January 23. Please contact coach Sherri Kukowski for more details.
- Jan. 23-27? 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 23-27 (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 (no one was intentionally left out): Whitley Aamodt, Karla Davy, Tami Davy, Shawna Grugal, Angel Houska, Emmie Jacobson, Tyrah Jenson, Lorraine Kukowski, Anna Mather, Elizabeth Randall, Renee Rhen, Naomi Rybakowski, and Tasha Seydel.

- Tues., Jan. 31 **ECFE** events resume. Please contact either Gretchen Lee or Becky Dostal for more details.
- Tues., Jan. 31 **Dual wrestling match here in the Badger gym** versus the Northwood, ND, *Thunder* at 6:00 p.m.

With a spirit of rejuvenation, I am looking forward to 2023 ☺

Thank you,
Kevin Ricke, Superintendent & Principal K-12



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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 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 School.

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 included 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.

UFF DA!



UFF DA! On the afternoon of November 30, the Badger 2nd grade class enjoyed a demonstration of lefse and flat bread making (AND of course, TASTING) with Grandma Paulette Christianson, Kelly Kofstad, and Ms. Katelyn Kofstad.



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Gator Sports

By: Taylor Davy

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

January

Boys Basketball

- 3 @ Roseau
- 5 Warren-Alvarado-Oslo @ BGMR
- 12 Blackduck @ BGMR
- 13 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 16 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 21 @ Target Center vs Stephen-Argyle
- 23 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 24 Clearbrook-Gonvick @ BGMR
- 27 @ Grygla-Goodridge
- 30 @ Sacred Heart

Girls Basketball

- 6 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 9 @ Stephen-Argyle
- 12 Grygla-Goodridge @ BGMR
- 13 @ Roseau
- 17 @ Fosston
- 20 Warren-Alvarado-Oslo @ BGMR
- 21 @ Mahnommen-Waubun
- 26 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 30 Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR

Wrestling

- 3 @ Blackduck Triangular
- 10 @ Frazee Triangular
- 13 @ Minnewaska Invitational
- 14 @ Alexandria Invitational
- 17 Pembina County North @ BGMR
- 21 @ Thief River Falls Tournament
- 24 @ Fosston Triangular
- 28 @ Larimore Invitational
- 31 Northwood @ BGMR

February

Boys Basketball

- 2 @ Northern Freeze
- 3 Roseau @ BGMR
- 7 @ Kittson County Central
- 9 Warroad @ BGMR
- 11 Warren-Alvarado-Oslo @ Sacred Heart
- 14 Fisher-Climax @ BGMR
- 16 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 23 @ Lake of the Woods
- 28 Red Lake @ BGMR

Girls Basketball

- 2 Roseau @ BGMR
- 3 @ Red Lake Falls
- 6 Stephen-Argyle @ BGMR
- 9 @ Warroad
- 10 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
- 14 @ Grygla-Goodridge
- 17 Win-E-Mac @ BGMR
- 20 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 21 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 28 Section Pigtail @ Hi-Seed

Wrestling

- 2 @ Crookston Triangular
- 4 @ Fertile-Beltrami Tournament
- 7 @ Lake-Park-Audubon Quadrangular
- 14 Section Team @ High Seed
- 17 Section Team @ Fertile-Beltrami
- 25 Section Individuals @ Crookston

Dates to Remember

By: Kaden Halvorson

January

- 1-2 No School ~ Winter Break
- 7 FCCLA Formal Dance, grades 9-12
- 8 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 9 School Board 7:30 pm
- 10 Spelling Bee, grades 5-8
- 11 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 15 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 16 No School ~ Staff Development
- 18 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 20 End of Quarter 2
- 20 Early Out ~ students dismissed at 12:30
- 22 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 23 Math League Meet
- 25 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 25 FCCLA Star Events
- 29 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 31 ECFE

February

- 1 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 5 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 7 ECFE
- 12 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 13 Math League Meet
- 13 School Board 7:30 pm
- 14 ECFE
- 15 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences, dismiss at 12:30
- 19 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 20 No School
- 21 ECFE
- 22 Third Quarter Midterm
- 22 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 24 5th and 6th Ski Trip @ Buena Vista
- 26 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 28 ECFE
- 28 Large Group Instrumental Contest @ Roseau



Team-Up Leadership Seminar

Submitted by: Ashley Lambert & Sharon Shultz

Badger and Greenbush-Middle River sophomores joined approximately 100 area students at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls November 29 for a “Team-Up” leadership seminar sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League’s Region 8A. Each year, speaker Craig Hillier leads the group in a lively, funny session about positive leadership for school teams and organizations. Mr. Hillier shared his own growth experiences and led students through exercises for enhanced perspective-taking.

Among Mr. Hillier’s key messages:

- Rise to action when a leadership opportunity presents itself. Will you walk up or walk by?
- The team will not be successful if some pout or show dislike for teammates. When you show support for each teammate, the team’s performance improves.
- On learning from mistakes: You can look back; you just can’t go back. Ask “How fast can I get over it?” instead of “How long are we going to dwell on it?” Victims blame others; leaders look to what’s coming next. Victims quit; leaders give themselves time to respond. Victims freak out; leaders don’t respond to cheap shots.
- Leadership isn’t always formal, such as being team captain. Lead by example. Not all captains are leaders; not all leaders are captains.
- Do what’s right to help the team. Ask how you can make the team better.
- If you only count on your own experience, your trajectory for growth is limited. Success leaves clues. Learn from others. Take feedback without pushback.
- Every day we have an opportunity to break through.
- Crossing fingers and hoping for success is not a strategy. Be persistent.
- Confidence is a choice. Through failure and preparation we get better.
- Leaders take care of their bodies, avoiding chemicals that harm performance.
- Mental skills: Show up every day. Leave it in the locker – in other words, set aside whatever else is going on in life to be completely focused at practice or the game. Have integrity – do the right thing even when no one is watching.
- Arrogance is ugly. Win or lose, commit to being classy.

Pre-season questions for team success:

- What are the expectations of me this season?
- What is the process to address issues and concerns?
- How can I help the coach this season?

Cole Blazek recalled a tip from Mr. Hillier that will help athletes continually improve: “Reflect, don’t re-live. Kenzie Dahl pointed out that athletes should not complain about officials because they know what they’re doing. “Confidence” was the main take-away for Christian Berg. Bethanie VonEnde added “Play with emotions, don’t be an emotional player” was a quote that stuck with her. Masen Swenson noted leadership comes in many different forms. Taylor Davy reflected that he can be more positive and work together better.

Some students were called out individually to identify the attitudes and actions which present obstacles for positive leadership. There will always be critics, so a leader can’t worry too much about what people think. Only about 10% will like you or your ideas; 10% will not, so that means 80% can be influenced. People are 31% more likely to be successful with a positive attitude.



Pictured are:

Back: Taylor Davy, Masen Swenson, Mr. Hillier
Middle: Bethanie VonEnde, Julia Dostal,
Alex Lunde, Paige Rybakowski
Front: Landon Christianson



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Band Musician of the Month Jordan Davy

Grade: 11th

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? Clarinet because I liked the sound the best.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick? Trumpet because they get the melody most of the time.

What is your favorite song to play? *Fate of the Gods* because I like the tempo changes.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? Disney because I think Disney music would be fun to play.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Playing at the Minnesota School Board Convention.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Always listen to your teacher and keep practicing because it can only make you better.

Who inspired you to be part of band? My mom.



Choir Musician of the Month Tryg Olson



Grade: 9th

What section are you in? Tenor

How long have you been in choir? 3 years

What kind of music do you like to sing? Music Revue songs.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? Music Revue.

What are you looking forward to this year? Winter concert this year.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Just do your work and listen.

What is your favorite choir memory? Music Revue.

Badger VEX Robotics Competes

Badger School's robotics class attended a VEX competition on Saturday, December 3, at Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls, MN. After the qualification matches, the team ranked 27th out of 42. They were chosen by an alliance captain, Team 1532D from Bemidji, to compete in the elimination rounds of the competition. The alliance won their first round by a score of 47-39, but were defeated in the quarterfinals by 4 points (53-57).

Pictured are team members: (front) Jordan Davy, Landon Frislie, Danton Bronson, Tali Hamann; (back) Carter Hamann, Xander Grugal, Kat Nubson; (not pictured) Treston Nichols.





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Senior Spotlight Brogan Beito

Parents: Chris & Jodi Beito

Siblings: Ashtyn, Dawson

Nickname: Brogy

Favorite:

Sport: Wrestling

Food: Chicken Wild Rice Soup

Color: Blue

Hobby: Hunting

Quote: "Your future is only as good as the work you put into it." ~ unknown

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? Low gas prices; to be a millionaire; infinite wishes.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? I would make basic needs less expensive.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? Kadeyn and I would go to Oregon or somewhere on the West Coast.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? Winning a wrestling match for team sections that I wasn't supposed to win, which helped send our team to state.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? The craziest thing I've done in high school is probably when Elliott and I shot staples at each other in the shop.



Senior Spotlight Elliott Isane

Parents: Jamie & Tina Isane

Sibling: Emmitt

Nickname: Isane

Favorite:

Sport: Baseball

Food: Tator Tot Hot Dish

Color: White

Hobby: Ice fishing

Quote: "If you ain't cheating, you ain't trying."

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? Unlimited money, get a college degree, and unlimited resources.

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

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? Raegen, and we would go to Hawaii.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? For being funny.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? That's classified.





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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Ivan Olafson

If you had a million dollars, what would you spend it on?

Hadley Forst (1st grade): I would spend it on a Barbie dream house, a car convertible, and a mansion.

Leo Duray (2nd grade): I would buy a lake. I would buy a fish house for fishing in the winter. I would buy a boat for fishing in the summer.

Trey Rinde (3rd grade): If I had a million dollars, I would spend it on art supplies. I would draw people. With the leftover money, I would buy sport cars.

Tanner McClure (4th grade): I would buy wrestling stuff to be able to practice at home. I would buy a house. I would buy a Ferrari or two.

Carter Reinert (5th grade): If I had a million dollars, I would buy a lot of Fortnite girl cards, a Lamborghini, and I would buy a mansion for my parents.

Marley Haugen Rosadino (6th grade): I would save the money. I would want to spend the money on something important. That's all I would do with the money.



Random Riddles

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By: Riley Connell

1. Armored but not a knight, snapping but not a twig, and always at home, even on the move. What am I?
2. Name four days that start with the letter "T"
3. Who earns a living by driving customers away?
4. What can fill up an entire room, but take up no space?
5. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
6. You can hold me even without hands, but not for a long time?
7. What breaks the moment you say its name?

Trivia

By: Riley Connell

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On a non-leap year, January always starts on the same week day as what month? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. December B. April C. July D. October 2. How far apart are each full moon? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. 32.68 days B. 29.53 days C. 7.00 days D. 19.12 days | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What is the name of the basketball team Air Bud played on in the 1997 film <i>Air Bud</i>? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Timberwolves B. Geckos C. Ragers D. Mountain Lions 4. Which of these animals is not a mammal? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Giraffe B. Lion C. Toad D. Ape |
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Campus Comment

By: Noah Gust

If you could have dinner with three celebrities, who would they be?

Aspen Askelson (7th grade): If I could have dinner with three celebrities, I would pick Rudy Panko, Jim Carry, and Adam Sandler because they are all my favorite actors and they are all funny.

Katelyn Gust (8th grade): I would like to have dinner with Tobias Forge, Taylor Swift, and Jennifer Lawrence. I would like to have dinner with Tobias and Taylor because I love their music. I also think Jennifer Lawrence would be fun to have at a dinner.

Briggs Jensen (9th grade): Adam Sandler because he is very nice and we would talk about movies after. Vin Diesel because after dinner we would race cars and drive sport cars. Zach Bryan, so we could sing after.

Paige Rybakowski (10th grade): Elton John because he's an icon and I love his music. Julie Andrews because of her stage performances and her phenomenal voice. Then Weird Al because I grew up watching his videos and listening to his songs.

Cooper Dahlen (11th grade): Johnny Cash because of his music and it would be nice to ask him questions about some of them. Snoop Dogg because who wouldn't—the guy is a legend. Johnny Depp because I would love to hear anything this guy says. I have many questions for him too.

Raegen Maahs (12th grade):) If I could have dinner with three celebrities, I would choose Adam Sandler, Kevin Hart, and Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson. I picked these three celebrities because I think they would be really funny to go out to eat with. I also picked them because they are some of my top favorite celebrities to watch on television

Ms. Dostal (Science Teacher): Shangela because she radiates joy (Hallelou!) and she could she could spill the behind-the-scenes secrets from DWTS. Lin-Manuel Miranda because he's practically been in everything and he can talk about Bruno! Jimmy Fallon so he can organize the post-dinner game night. With these three I wouldn't have to do much talking – just listen and laugh!



Student Opinion

By: Julia Dostal

Would you rather believe everything you're told or lose the ability to lie?

Damien Tuura ~ I would pick lose the ability to lie. This is better because I don't lie to people that often. If I believe everything I was told that would be lies. Believing all lies could make my life worse.

Cale Lindland ~ I would rather believe everything I'm told. I normally believe everything I'm told until I'm sure it's wrong. Although I do believe that some people would take advantage of that.

Conor Rothenberger ~ I would rather lose the ability to lie because I wouldn't want to grow up getting told by random people that 1+3=6. But then again I don't lie a lot. There also is a down side not being able to lie. Let's say that if I said that I was going to clean my chandelier but I actually broke it... that would be bad... Mom please don't see this.

Breydon Foss ~ I would rather lose the ability to lie. Then everything I tell is true and nobody thinks I'm lying. It isn't good to lie but everyone lies.





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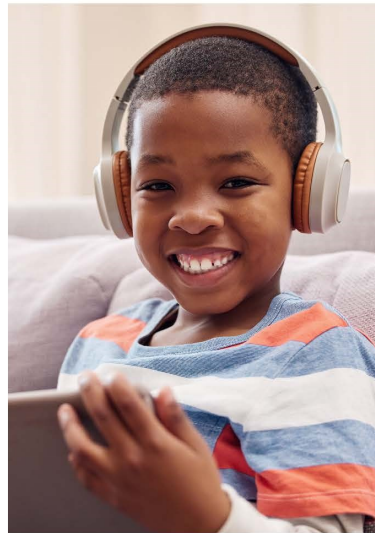
Share strategies with your child to get the most benefits from digital reading

Technology is an important part of education today; however, reading on a screen does not provide all of the same benefits that reading a traditional book does. When children read text on a tablet or computer screen, they tend to:

- **Skim** the text instead of reaching a deep understanding.
- **Abandon** specific strategies that improve reading comprehension.

But learning to read with technology is important to students' success. To support your child:

- **Review** reading strategies and encourage your child to use them when reading on a screen. Your child can take notes and summarize the reading material.
- **Show** your child how to find answers to questions or definitions of unfamiliar words while reading.



Recharge your child's reading habits

January is the perfect time to assess your child's reading progress. It may be time to increase variety or the level of difficulty of reading materials.

To help your child strengthen reading habits:

- **Recommit** to a regular reading time. Make sure your child sets aside time every day to read.
- **Challenge** your child to increase the amount of time spent reading or the number of books read. Have your child set new goals and brainstorm ways to reach them.
- **Introduce** advanced reading materials gradually. Read them together first so you can help if your child has any difficulty or questions.
- **Lead** by example. Show your child how much you enjoy your reading time.

Consider characters' feelings

To help your child get a feel for main characters, suggest making a "mood chart." Have your child write down two details from each chapter:

1. **The main character's** mood.
2. **The reason** why the main character may have felt that way.

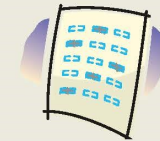
Encourage your child to notice how the character's mood changes throughout the book.



Practice reading directions

To succeed on tests, your child must understand how to read directions. To practice:

- **Play board games.** Have your child read the directions before you play.
- **Read assignment directions** together. What words are used often? Practice any that give your child trouble.



Read and write about science experiments

Hands-on learning is a fun way to improve reading and writing skills.

Look for books at your library that contain simple science experiments you and your child can do at home.

Then, read the directions, gather materials, write predictions and conduct the experiment together. Have your child take notes on the outcome.





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Encourage your child to be a book critic

Creating “book review” cards is a fun way to boost literacy skills. On an index card, write down the title of a book your child read and its author. Have your child create a rating system with numbers or smiley faces. Then, your child should rate and write a short review of the book on the card.

Offer sentence starters like these to help with reviews:

- **I liked this book** because ...
- **My favorite character** was ...
- **My favorite part** of this story was ...
- **I wish the author** would have ...



When elementary schoolers evaluate the books they read, it enhances their reading experience and gives them a sense of accomplishment. Book reviews also help kids remember which books they liked—which will give them ideas of what books to read next!

Help your child practice decoding skills

After learning the sounds that letters make, the next step in reading is *decoding*—figuring out written words. Readers decode a word by sounding out each of its letters and blending them together. To improve decoding skills:

- **Show your child a word.** Point to each letter from left to right, saying its sound. Then, say all the sounds together to pronounce the word.
- **Play word games.** Write words on index cards. Take turns selecting a card and decoding the word. Make a sentence using the word.
- **Have a treasure hunt.** Hide words written on slips of paper throughout your home. Then, have your child find the slips and decode the words.



Q: The teacher says my child needs to become a more *fluent* reader. How can I help with this?

A: A *fluent* reader progresses through material with competence, confidence and feeling. Fluency makes it easier for your child to understand material. To increase fluency, make sure your child reads often (even if it’s the same material repeatedly). When you read aloud to your child, model fluency by reading with clarity and expression.

Read up on the weather

Check out a weather website and have your child read today’s forecast. Does it match the current conditions? What’s the forecast for tomorrow and the rest of the week?



First, focus on simple words, like *cloudy* and *rainy*. Then, introduce more challenging words, such as *forecast* and *predict*, or even *Celsius* and *Fahrenheit*.

For lower elementary readers:

- **Stalling** by Alan Katz. Even though it’s time for bed, Dan has plenty of things to do. He devises several ways to stall bedtime for just a few more minutes.
- **Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion** by Mo Willems. Trixie and her family are on their way to Holland—but her favorite stuffed animal Knuffle Bunny is accidentally put on a plane to China!



For upper elementary readers:

- **Hothead** by Cal Ripken, Jr. and Kevin Cowherd. Connor loves baseball, but his temper puts his game at risk. In order to win, he must overcome his anger.
- **Moon Runner** by Carolyn Marsden. Mina is very nervous when she must start track at school, until she discovers that she loves it—and excels.

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2022-2023 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Orders must be paid for at time of ordering

The Badger Yearbook includes Preschool through 12th Grade.

After January 1:

\$40 for the yearbook

Personalization **not** available

Name _____

Grade _____

Phone _____

Date _____

	Per Item	Total
Number of Yearbooks	40.00	

IF ORDERING MORE THAN ONE YEARBOOK LIST ADDITIONAL NAMES/GRADES HERE:

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Payment method (to be filled out by the school):

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Date _____

Received By _____



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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the staff and students for the money collected for the penny war.
Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered.
~ Chuck & Nicole Wilt & Family

Pennies Do Make a Difference

Badger FCCLA Chapter recently hosted a penny war to raise money for the Wilt Family as they battle cancer. The winning elementary and 7-12 grade classes that had the greatest amount of pennies at the end received an ice cream party in the FCS room. A penny war consists of only pennies counting as positive and all other coins and bills are subtracted out of the pennies. This created a fun competitive atmosphere with lots of sabotage happening between the grades. Overall, over \$1500 was raised collectively:

- Drum roll please....the results are in for the penny war and our Gator Family is truly amazing!
- There was \$734.37 in pennies alone!!!
- The winning elementary class was the 4th grade with \$143.90 to the good in pennies.
- The junior class won for the high school with \$12.19 in pennies after sabotage.

The assistance of Border Bank with the sorting and counting was appreciated - that was a LOT of pennies! Thank you to everyone who donated and know that every penny counts and you truly did make a difference.





Badger High School Nominates Ada Lee and Ashton Pickhartz for ExCEL Award



Badger High School is pleased to announce the nomination of juniors Ada Lee and Ashton Pickhartz 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 27th annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website on February 6, 2023, 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, Ashton Pickhartz's activities include football, Knowledge Bowl, and National Honor Society. As a member of the Gator football team, he has earned two varsity letters and was a member of the 2021 team that finished as section runners up. Ashton has served as a student council member and is upheld as a leader by his peers. He has spent time volunteering around the school and community, specifically with the Backpack Meal Program, clothing and blood drives, as well as donating to the local food shelf. Ashton's parents are Traci Henrickson and Jesse Pickhartz.

Ada Lee has served her community by volunteering at local Halloween parties, numerous church youth group activities, donating blood, working with the Backpack Meal Program, volleyball cancer awareness fundraisers, donating to the food shelf, being a Unified Track and Field athlete/peer mentor, and working with coaching and officiating elementary school basketball. She participates in band, basketball, track and field, and was a member of the 2022 Gator Volleyball team that won the consolation championship at the Minnesota State Tournament. She has served as a class officer the past three years. Ada is also active with National Honor Society, Math League, FCCLA, Knowledge Bowl, and consistently earns A honor roll recognition. Ada is the daughter of John and Gretchen Lee.

According to Superintendent Kevin Ricke, "We are proud to announce the selections of Ada Lee and Ashton Pickhartz as ExCEL Award nominees. Both Ashton and Ada 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 exemplify."

Badger Dean of Students Stacey Warne commented, "Ada and Ashton have modeled leadership, community and school involvement, all while maintaining high grades throughout their high school careers. It's our pleasure to nominate these two deserving individuals for the ExCEL Award. We wish Ada and Ashton good luck in the state level competition."



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

- ... to make more friends, to play more games, have fun, get good grades, and learn about animals. ~ **Rosalyn Bieber**
- ... to meet my great great grandma and my great great grandpa. ~ **Josie Curry-Schram**
- ... to get good grades. ~ **Jens Duray**
- ... to go to my grandma and grandpa's. ~ **Raeleena Friesner**
- ... I want to stay in wrestling and get a medal. ~ **Tanner McClure**
- ... to read every day, so I can get my goal faster. Workout, to get better at gym. Run every day for 20 minutes.
~ **Abby Wojciechowski**
- ... to get more AR points because I don't have a lot. I'm trying to get 8 points. ~ **Chance Wojciechowski**
- ... to be with my family and have fun. ~ **Eli Washington**
- ... to get better at sports. ~ **Kaden Randall**
- ... to get all A+ on my report card for school instead of all B or C. ~ **Charlotte Lane**
- ... my AR goal. ~ **Easton Buley**
- ... to try to go to a town in Wyoming. I love it there! ~ **Hadley Zimney**
- ... I'm gonna ride four wheeler, learn science, and jump on my trampoline. ~ **Tayleigh Stoppelman**
- ... to be a good basketball player. ~ **Tatum Rinde**
- ... to see my auntie Shelly. ~ **Isabella Lindemann**
- ... to get better at basketball. ~ **Steele Marquis**
- ... to read every day for 10 minutes. ~ **Ezra Monsrud**
- ... to listen to music every day. ~ **Jaryn Kukowski**
- ... to play volleyball every day for 20 minutes. ~ **Paige Gust**
- ... to get better at driving rangers or razers and stuff like that. I would like to get better in school at math, reading, and science because I'm not doing so good in those classes. ~ **Bentley Sanden**



Spiders!!

Grandma Paulette made spiders with the first grade class. Thank you, Grandma Paulette!



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

- ... to be healthier and to make more friends. I need to start being healthier! I also need to keep my hair healthy. My hair is already healthy, I just need to keep it that way. My teeth should be whiter! I will be 11 so I'll have to be responsible. I hope to get the kitty outside! Her name is going to be Jade! ~ **Onah Gregerson**
- ... to be more of a help to my family. They work all day and never get time to work or clean up around our house and yard. Our heat runs on a furnace so we have to cut wood all day on weekends, and I think I need to help out more. I also have to work on being nice everywhere I go. Also what I really need to work on is my spending. Whenever I get cash I spend it. So that is what I want to achieve for 2023. ~ **Ryder Gust**
- ... to get to state in basketball, and another one is to earn five hundred bucks because I am broke. Another New Year's resolution is to get fifty AR points. ~ **Rogan Hanson**
- ... to get my own computer so I can play Roblox, stream on twitch and make YouTube videos, so then I can get more money. I really want to get my own Valve index so I can stream Gorilla tag. I really want to meet Electronic Wall, he is a gorilla tag moderator. ~ **Alex Gust**
- ... to get better grades, get better at sports, and to spend more time with my mom. ~ **Cameron Moore**
- ... I want to save up for football cards and get on the B honor roll. ~ **Jacob Foss**
- ... to save money and stop getting so mad over little things. I want to save money because I always want to spend it. A few months ago, I wasn't saving my money. Now I'm trying to save up money for a laptop. I also get mad over little things. I am going to try my best to stop doing that so I don't lose my phone, tablet, TV, and my toys. Those are my New Year resolutions. ~ **Delyla Carpenter**
- ... to fix my dirtbike and spend more time with family. Also to get on the A honor roll and pick up trash around Badger. Get better at gaming and have a fun year. Grow a garden. To hunt and down a big buck. Spend time with friends. Get 100 AR points. ~ **Briar Williams**
- ... to have fun and be with my family. Right now I'm an only child in the Christianson household, so I'm excited to see my sister! Also, I would love to spend most of Christmas at my grandma's because there's a lot of space to roam. ~ **Nils Christianson**
- ... to get on the A honor roll and also to get my family good presents for Christmas by saving my money. I also want to help my grandma and grandpa in the field by checking how much grain is in the bins. ~ **Willow Rud**
- ... being there for my family when needed. Being there for my mom. Being a good student for my teacher. Listen to my teacher when she's talking to everybody, and not talking when she's talking. Be respectful to everybody around me even when I'm in a bad mood or a good mood. Don't blurt out stuff when I'm not supposed to. ~ **Autumn Turpitt**
- ... I want to learn how to snowboard because I'm really bad at it. Another thing I want is to be on the A honor roll because I think I can do it. All I need to do is pay attention more. I also want to be a pro at Fortnite. I'm good but not that good. ~ **Carter Reinert**
- ... to spend more time with my mom because I've missed her so much. I also want to see what I look like when I turn 12. I also want to get an iPhone but since I'm not full of money that won't happen. I also want to get through the school year without bad grades. I'll be happy if I even get to see my grandma and grandpa from Montana. ~ **Ayden Mostad**



My sincere gratitude for making our Book Fair an outstanding success! Thanks to your contributions, we raised over \$3000 for our school, which we'll use to buy books and supplies for our elementary classrooms and library. My reward for hosting a Book Fair is watching your kids discover new books. All that joy wouldn't be possible without volunteers from our school community – you deserve my special thanks. Hope to see you and your child at our next Fair. Until then, happy reading!

Sherry Verbout, Book Fair Chairperson



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

- ... get good grades for the New Year, keeping AR points and getting them, and getting better at playing my instrument (trombone). ~ **Aaron Jasiqi**
- ... get a tiny bit better with math and try hard for high school. Make better decisions on what I choose and how I choose things. Read faster and get 100% on AR and stay on the B honor roll. ~ **Naomi Turpitt**
- ... to save up around \$400 and to get that money I will do chores for my grandma. I hope to get on the A or B honor roll and to get over 20 AR points or more. ~ **Grant Olson**
- ... I want to get to the second book in a series. I want to get better at a video game I have been playing. And I want to be a better listener. ~ **Marley Haugen Rosadino**
- ... to get better at cleaning the house and room, to be nicer to people, and to get on the A or B Honor. ~ **Ava Gust**
- ... for the new year, I would like to gain new friends. I would like to get better at cleaning my room. I would like to take the dogs outside more. ~ **Kaylie Streich**
- ... to get my reading grade to a B+, to get taller, and be nice to my sister. ~ **Gage Otto**
- ... I want to get my goal every quarter. I really want to get all A's this year and to get better at history. ~ **Aiden Thompson**
- ... to get better at reading so I can get good grades. To get good grades so I can get on the A or the B honor roll, and to make more friends. ~ **Maizy Thompson**
- ... to get my AR goal every quarter. Another goal I want to get is to get on the A or B honor roll every quarter. The last goal I have for the New Year is to get zero wrong on all my school work. ~ **Elijah Monsrud**
- ... get better in band and get better at math. ~ **Wyatt Jenson**
- ... to get better at math so I can be smarter next year. Grow crops so I can sell them to make money. Get enough money to get a new bike. ~ **Kiley Streich**

Unified Sports



Badger Unified Athletes competed at the Unified 2022 Bowling meet in Thief River Falls on November 21. Pictured are Back: Gabe Warne, Braxton Pearson, Abram Wirta; Front: Julia Dostal, Quentin Kukowski, Bailey Wojciechowski, Jaden Kukowski, Bethanie VonEnde.



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Quarter 1 "A" Honor Roll



Grade 4-6

Hadley Zimney, Aaron Jasiqi, Kaylie Streich,
Marley Haugen Rosadino, Delyla Carpenter

Grade 7-9

Hallie Glodowski, Adysen Gregerson,
Cale Lindland, Deegan Hanson, Katelyn Gust,
Ava Warne, Emily Burkel



Grade 10-12

Back: Amelia Wilt, Ada Lee,
Macy Majer,
Bethanie VonEnde,
Julia Dostal, Jordan Davy,
Keyasha Housker
Front: Raegen Maahs,
Aidan Carpenter,
Dylan VonEnde,
Brogan Beito,
Ashton Pickhartz, Riley Gust,
Jordan Lee



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Quarter 1 "B" Honor Roll

Grade 4-6

Back: Grant Olson, Ava Gust, Charlotte Lane, Abigal Wojciechowski, Autumn Turpitt, Willow Rud

Middle: Ryder Gust, Maizy Thompson, Elijah Monsrud, Aiden Thompson, Naomi Turpitt, Kiley Streich

Front: Paige Gust, Nils Christianson, Ezra Monsrud, Gage Otto, Onah Gregerson, Rozalyn Bieber



Grade 7-9



Back: Eli Olafson, Aiyannah Bieber, Aspen Askelson, Hailey Lundgren, Tiana Jacobson, Quentin Kukowski, Quynn Washington
Middle: Austin Przekwas, Payton Gust, Emery Christensen, Charles Peterson, Azmera Olson, Breydon Foss, Kylee Gust, Tryg Olson
Front: Levi Olson, Shaina Gust, Morgan Hickey, Peyton Lee, Avealrah Hanson, MacKenzie VonEnde, Keegan VonEnde

Not Pictured: Riley Connell, Jaxon Castle, Abram Wirta, Brooke Broten

Grade 10-12



Back: Alex Lunde, Arianna Grugal, Talisha Hamann, Marissa Secord, Jaden Kukowski, Bailey Wojciechowski, Xander Grugal, Paige Rybakowski
Front: Ivan Olafson, Taylor Davy, Brandon Secord, Mason Scharf, Landon Frislie, Gabe Warne, Landon Christianson, Masen Swenson
Not Pictured: Carter Hamann, Elliott Isane



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Kindergarten Winter Wonderland





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7th Grade Annual Gingerbread House



Back: Tyjmen Rud, Abram Wirta, Landin Buley, Shaina Gust, Ava Warne, Aspen Askelson **Front:** Charles Peterson, Tristan Werre-Lenz, Jaxon Castle, Quynn Washington, Aiyanah Bieber, Madison McClure, Azmera Olson, Deegan Hanson
Not Pictured: MacKenzie VonEnde

Shout Out To...

Charles Erickson for his continued support of our school's library.

Paulette Christianson, Kelly Kofstad, & Miss Kofstad for demonstrating how to make lefse and soft flatbread for the 2nd Grade Class! It was a wonderful treat!!

Miss Kofstad for choosing to student teach in our 2nd Grade classroom! It was an honor to have you with us!

Students, families, & community members of Badger School for generously supporting the annual Scholastic Book Fair.

Badger Jaycees for their donation providing every elementary student a treat box while they enjoyed a movie at the Roso Theater the afternoon before Christmas break.

Val Truscinski for taking photos at the kindergarten Winter Wonderland workshop.

Whitley Aamodt for her help setting up and working the cookie station at the Winter Wonderland.

Brandon Secord for being a wonderful TA! Thanks, Brandon!

Jodi Beito & Heather Vatnsdal, Ramp Up's College & Career Panel participants, for sharing their time and knowledge with the 8th and 9th grade students.

Ms. Morgan Holmgren for always being there for students!

Nicole Wilt for cleaning the rooms and making them smell so fresh!

Nellie Hagen for being so flexible and always pitching in and doing whatever is asked of her!

Community members for supporting our FCCLA Clothing Drive!

Joel Erickson for driving clothing drive remains to Grand Forks for donation.

Ms. Thompson & the student council for planning some holiday cheer!

Striker Hasson for keeping sidewalks safe.

Everyone who donated and sabotaged for our Penny War - great efforts make great results - your kindness was amazing.

Mr. Carpenter, Katie Rhen, the entire elementary student body for a wonderful performance of 'Twas one CRAZY night before Christmas.

Jordan Davy & Jordan Lee for helping out the Elementary Band with their Winter Concert!

Grandma Paulette Christianson for the generous support of the School Library.

Random Riddles Answers

Trivia Answers

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

1. A turtle
2. Tuesday, Thursday, today, and tomorrow
3. A taxi driver
4. Light
5. Footsteps
6. Your breath
7. Silence

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Kindergarten Korner

By: Julia Dostal

Isabelle Lane

What is your favorite season?
Spring because then we can play in our pool and I can pick flowers like roses.

What is your favorite food?
Apples because they're a fruit. I like them sliced.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes because I have a nice teacher and I like art.

What makes someone a good friend? If they play with me, are nice, and help me.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Disneyland, ever since I was a baby I've wanted to go to Disneyland and be in the castle.

What is your favorite holiday? Thanksgiving because there is a parade and food like my favorite turkey.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Doctor because I went to a doctor. They were nice to me so that's why I want to be a doctor. I also like to help people.



Khalil Olson

What is your favorite season?
Summer because it's warmer.

What is your favorite food?
French fries because I love salt on them.

Are you enjoying kindergarten?
Yes. I get to learn stuff and play.

What makes someone a good friend? They play with me.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? To the beach because I could play with the sand.

What is your favorite holiday? Christmas, I get to open presents.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be like my papa and drive truck.

