

Badger Barker

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Home for the Holidays

By: Avearah Hanson

Badger FCCLA hosted the annual Home for the Holidays event at Badger School on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This year, our Home for the Holidays event included an all-new activity, the Kid's Carnival, along with the Book Fair, vendors, concessions, and pictures with Santa! Santa was there spreading his Christmas cheer from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Kid's Carnival consisted of a fun filled bouncy house and along with an all-new ice cream maker! The kids greatly enjoyed these activities! Homemade cinnamon rolls were also available for purchase, they were a hit so if you didn't get one this year, be sure to get your hands on one next year! Gators International Club sold homemade Fresh Lefse by the round and frozen packages in Mrs. Lee's room starting at 9 a.m. Thank you to everyone who supported our event.



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Elementary Winter Concert

By: Avearah Hanson

On Friday, December 13, Badger School held our annual Elementary Winter Concert at 2 p.m. This year, changing it up a bit, the Badger Elementary students put on a play called “Bring on the Snow!” Elementary students in grades 4–6 all had the opportunity to choose if they wanted to be a part of the play or not. During the play, students sang the songs “Bring on the Snow”, “Ready, Set, Snow”, “Over the River”, “Hot Chocolate”, “Angels in the Snow”, and “Blizzard on the Way”. After the concert, Elementary students had the choice to go home early with their parents.



High School Winter Concert

By: Aiyanah Bieber

On December 17, the Badger High School band and choir performed the annual high school winter concert at 7:00 p.m. The choir sang: “In the Bleak Mid-Winter”, “Carol of The Bells”, “Vuelie”, “Dance of The Sugar-Plum Fairy”, “Noel Nouvelet”, and “Glow”. The band played: “Gypsy Dance”, “Fantasy on a Burgundian Carol”, “T’was the Night Before”, and “Holiday Cheer”. After the concert, refreshments were served to everyone who attended, thanks to Border Bank, and the 7th graders’ gingerbread houses were put out for display.



Band practicing for Winter Concert



Choir practicing for Winter Concert

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Meet our School Board

By: Ashlyn Johnson

Name: Jared VonEnde

Significant others name: Monique VonEnde

Children: Hailey, Dylan, MacKenzie

Occupation: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer

Where did you graduate from high school and what year? Badger High School - Class of 1996

Why did you decide to run for the School Board position? I got a request from some residents for a vocal voice to represent them.

What do you believe makes a good student? I feel that a student needs to show respect while still being able to stand up for and express their beliefs. Recognize that you do not have to agree with everyone or need to believe in the same things as your friends, but you need to show respect for different opinions and beliefs.

What do you believe makes a good teacher? A good teacher is one that encourages the students to believe in themselves, does not try to impose their personal beliefs onto them but to encourage them to research, study, and make their own decisions.

What do you foresee in the future of Badger School? I believe the Badger School will be here to teach and serve our community for many years to come. The Badger community is an amazing community that supports the school and their children, whom are the future of the community and I believe the school is the foundation of any community.

If a new family moved to town, what would you tell them about Badger School? I'd tell them to not overlook the Badger School because it is small. It's a school where the staff truly cares about all the students. Badger provides a very good education. It is a school that is more like a family than just a school.

What advice do you have for Badger students? Remember that you can do anything you put your mind to. Never let yourself feel like you can't do something, it may not always be easy, it may take a lot of work, and most likely will take more time than you think it's worth; but nothing comes easy and anything that's worth your time is worth working toward and putting your energy into. Success is yours if you reach for it, but remember that success looks different for each of us so don't get into the mindset that it only looks a particular way. Each and every one of you are already successful in your own way, so never stop trying to go further.



Name: Jamie Isane

Significant others name: Tina Isane

Children: Elliott and Emmitt

Occupation: Farmer & Rancher

Where did you graduate from high school and what year? I graduated from Badger High School in 1994

Why did you decide to run for the School Board position? When I decided to run for school board, I wanted to do my part to ensure our school would continue to be a place where our kids would enjoy being a part of.

What do you believe makes a good student? I believe if a student makes the effort to have good attendance and respects their fellow students and staff they will be successful not only in the classroom, but also in our community.

What do you believe makes a good teacher? I believe a good teacher is someone that can relate to all students and make learning fun.

What do you foresee in the future of Badger School? Our great students and staff and most of all our community support has a bright future.

If a new family moved to town, what would you tell them about Badger School? That Badger offers great opportunities such as a second to none music program, very successful sports programs, and most of all a great staff to prepare you for the future.

What advice do you have for Badger School? Just keep working hard and good things will come!



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Meet our School Board

Name: Jeramy Swenson

Significant others name: Angie Swenson

Children: Kasen and Masen

Occupation: Manager at Cenex.

Where did you graduate from high school and what year? Greenbush - 1991.

Why did you decide to run for the School Board position? I wanted to be a part of a great school and try help to make it better.

What do you believe makes a good student? One that tries their best to succeed.

What do you believe makes a good teacher? One that is willing to work with students to make them be the best they can be.

What do you foresee in the future of Badger School? The future looks bright for the Badger school.

If a new family moved to town, what would you tell them about Badger School? That the Badger school has great staff, amazing students and small class sizes.

What advice do you have for Badger School? If you believe you can do it, you can.



Name: Jodie Davy

Significant others name: Roger Davy

Children: Jordan and Taylor

Occupation: Real Estate Mortgage Processor

Where did you graduate from high school and what year? Middle River High School, Class of 1991

Why did you decide to run for the School Board position? I want to help better the student and staff experience, and continue serving our community by preserving and improving the quality of our school. I am passionate about having a solid and versatile education for our current and future students so they can become well rounded individuals by the time they leave our school. Having impactful learning experiences, arts, and extra-curriculars including sports, knowledge bowl, etc. It is very important in achieving that.

What do you believe makes a good student? Someone who engages in their own learning experience makes a good student. They need to ask questions when they are unsure of the subject/ lesson (don't be worried about sounding dumb in front of classmates... they probably have the same question but are afraid to ask), and spend quality time studying and doing homework before turning it in on time.

What do you believe makes a good teacher? Of course a good teacher needs to be knowledgeable on the subject they are teaching, but a great teacher engages with students on a personal level and puts in effort to be approachable so students are comfortable asking for help.

What do you foresee in the future of Badger School? I think our school has a strong future and I hope we can continue to build on the base we currently have.

If a new family moved to town, what would you tell them about Badger School? Our school has small class sizes, and our staff is there to educate and also support our students in any way possible. We offer multiple extra-curricular activities so there is something for anyone who is interested in being involved, and our students leave our school, not just as well-educated graduates, but also a part of a family.

What advice do you have for Badger School? You can never get back a day that is wasted. Being engaged in your own education doesn't benefit anyone but you, so do YOURSELF a favor and take advantage of what is being offered to you! And if you can, try to be in at least one extra-curricular activity. You may find that you have a talent or grow a passion for something you weren't introduced to before!



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Meet our School Board

By: Ashlyn Johnson

Name: Brent Olson

Significant others name: Sara Olson

Children: Tryg, Levi, Grant, Owen & Capp

Occupation: Roseau County Highway Department, Grader Operator.

Where did you graduate from high school and what year? Lancaster High School - 1997

Why did you decide to run for the School Board position? I had a few people tell me I should run for school board.

What do you believe makes a good student? To be respectful and have the will to learn.

What do you believe makes a good teacher? Have the will to teach and have patience.

What do you foresee in the future of Badger School? For the school to grow and graduate healthy class sizes.

If a new family moved to town, what would you tell them about Badger School? That we have great teachers.

What advice do you have for Badger School? You can do anything you put your mind to.



Name: Cari Dostal

Significant others name: Tom Dostal

Children: Brendon, Devin, Seth & Kobe

Occupation: Office Administrator at the Department of Corrections

Where did you graduate from high school and what year? Roseau, 1992

Why did you decide to run for the School Board position? I was approached about 18 years ago by Pete Christianson to run.

Having attended the Malung School in my elementary years and how much the teachers there impacted my life, I wanted to be a part of ensuring the Badger School provided a quality education as well for years to come.

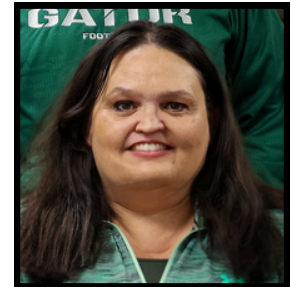
What do you believe makes a good student? A student that respects the staff and does their best to successfully complete graduation requirements.

What do you believe makes a good teacher? A good teacher knows their subject and realizes that students have varied learning styles. Teachers are good communicators and provide an organized and positive learning environment. They have empathy for their students, maintain high expectations for student achievement, and a dedication to fostering a love of learning in their students. They maintain good relations with other staff, students, and their parents.

What do you foresee in the future of Badger School? Our community loves our school. Badger School will thrive for years to come.

If a new family moved to town, what would you tell them about Badger School? Badger School has a strong, passionate group of teachers that will ensure a top notch education for their child.

What advice do you have for Badger School? Set high standards for yourself and believe in yourself. Please know that teachers are there to help you...ask them for help if you need it. Don't be afraid to try new things and make yourself a well-rounded person. This will also help you to get to know yourself and where your true gifts are. Manage your time well and don't overburden yourself. Make time for fun too!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

BY: ASHLYN JOHNSON

January

- 1 No School - Winter Break
- 2 Welcome Back to School!
- 5 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 12 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 13 School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 17 End of Quarter 2
- 17 Students Dismissed @ 12:30 p.m.
- 19 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 20 No School - Staff Development
- 21 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 26 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 27 Math League Meet
- 28 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 28 ECFE

February

- 2 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 4 ECFE
- 9 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 10 Math League Meet
- 10 School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 11 ECFE
- 16 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 18 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 18 ECFE
- 19 3rd Quarter Midterm
- 20 Students Dismissed @ 12:30 p.m.
- 20 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 23 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 25 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 25 ECFE

March

- 2 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 4 ECFE
- 4 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 9 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 10 School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Softball Practice Begins
- 10 Track & Field Practice Begins
- 16 Open Gym @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 18 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 18 ECFE
- 19 Large Group Band Contest @ Roseau
- 27-30 State FCCLA

Kindergarten Corner

By: Avearah Hanson

Iver Walsh

What is your favorite color?

Yellow

Do you have any siblings?

I have siblings, my siblings names are Josey and Emery.

What is your favorite thing to do when it's snowy outside?

I like playing in the snow.

What's your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is a crocodile because I take care of them and feed them.

What's your favorite part of school? When we have playtime.

What is your favorite snack? Mine is when we do snack.

What is your favorite season? Summer because I get to take out my outside toys out and play with them.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a construction worker because I'm already a construction worker boy and a singer because I sing songs a lot and I'm a singer boy too.

What is your favorite game to play? Roblox.



Rhett Holmes

What is your favorite color?

Green

Do you have any siblings?

I do have one brother and his name is Harvey and I do have a cousin named Easton.

What is your favorite thing to do when it's snowy outside?

I like building snow castles and having snowball fights.

What's your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is a turtle because they are green.

What's your favorite part of school?

When we play iPads.

What is your favorite snack?

Mine is cheesy breadsticks.

What is your favorite season?

Winter because there is a lot of fun stuff to do.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a toy printer, my job is gonna be printing video game toys.

What is your favorite game to play? Roblox.



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Campus Comment

By Katelyn Gust

What is your favorite activity to do in the winter and why?

Ayden Mostad: My favorite winter activity is snowball fighting. It is my favorite because it's fun and it's not that hard to pick up a snowball and throw it.

Kaylie Streich: My favorite activities to do in winter are going outside and snowmobiling, playing with my dog, building snowmen with my sister and brother, and looking at the lights outside the house. When we go to town and look at the lights they are really pretty.

Jaxon Castle: My favorite winter activity is snowmobiling. It is fun and also something to do while it's cold out.

Payton Gust: My favorite activities during the winter are snowmobiling and ice fishing. I like to snowmobile because it is very fun and I like to ice fish because I enjoy it a lot.

Hailey Lundgren: My favorite winter activity is sledding. When I was a little kid I always liked going down the hill with my dad, and now that I'm older I like to take my little sisters. Bemis Hill is my favorite, but this winter I'll probably be at Malung since my youngest sister isn't big enough for Bemis yet.

Greta Wojciechowski: Driving or racing snowmobiles are my favorite winter activities. It is always fun to drive through the woods or compete in races. I find it really relaxing driving through the snow.



Pictured (Left to Right): Ayden Mostad, Kaylie Streich, Jaxon Castle, Payton Gust, and Hailey Lundgren

Not Pictured:
Greta Wojciechowski

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Boys' Basketball Summary

By: Hallie Glodowski



The boys' varsity Basketball team started this season by traveling to Stephen taking on the Stephen-Argyle Storm, coming home with a loss of 30-73. They then traveled to Oklee where Masen Swenson scored 16 points against Red Lake County Central, but unfortunately, ended in a loss of 55-92. On Monday, December 9, our Gators traveled Northeast to Warroad, coming home with a loss of 38-72. The very next day they battled in a close game against the Crookston Pirates, with 14 points and 11 rebounds made by Taylor Davy. We ended with a score of 54-62, only losing by 8 points. Our third game that week brought us to Mahanomen where we matched up against the Thunderbirds. Taylor Davy made 17 points and had 11 rebounds. The final score of that game was very close with a one point difference of 73-74, coming home with a loss, but was nothing to hang our heads over, with Chase Lorenson making the last 3 points with 1.5 seconds left on the clock, assisted from Will Foss.

Girl's Basketball Season Start Up

By: Azmera Olson

Girl's varsity basketball started off this season with two home losses to WAO Ponies 45-57 and KCC 51-80. Though they have lost their first two home games, they brought home two wins against Warroad 75-27 and Freeze 49-38. Sadly, the Gator Girls came home with another loss against the Mahanomen-Waubun Thunderbirds in overtime, 57-62. The Gator girls will be traveling to Pelican Rapids for a two-day tournament on December 27-28. Come and support the Gator girl's basketball team.



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Trivia

By: Breydon Foss



1. In *Home Alone* where are the McAllisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
 - A. New York
 - B. Paris
 - C. Germany
2. What country did eggnog originate from?
 - A. England
 - B. France
 - C. America
3. In total, how many gifts were given in the "Twelve Days of Christmas"?
 - A. 144
 - B. 364
 - C. 245
4. In the movie *Elf* what condiment does Buddy put on everything?
 - A. Syrup
 - B. Chocolate syrup
 - C. Honey

Trivian Answers
1.) B
2.) A
3.) B
4.) A

Riddles

By: Emmitt Isane

What can you hold in your left hand but not your right?

Your right elbow

What five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

Short

If a plane crashed between France and Belgium, where were the survivors buried?

Nowhere, survivors don't need to be buried.

The 22nd and the 24th Presidents of the United States had the same parents but were not brothers, how is this possible?

They were the same man-
Grover Cleveland

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GATOR WRESTLING



By: Emmitt Isane

The Gators kick off the wrestling season in Wadena on December 7. It was a decent start to the season. It was an individual tournament but as a team, we did pretty good and really found a good idea of where we're at and what we have to work on for the season. Here are the people who placed on varsity; Emmitt Isane got 6th, Christian Berg got 5th, and Keegan VonEnde got 4th. On Tuesday, December 10, we wrestled Pembina County North and lost 29-36. It was also Senior Night. Our seniors are Christian Berg, Julia Dostal (manager), and Cheyenne Wergin. On Saturday, December 14 we wrestled in Crookston. Keegan VonEnde got 1st, Christian Berg got 2nd, Emmitt Isane got 5th, and Isaac Olson got 5th. Good luck to the wrestlers this season and stay tuned for more results.



Pictures by: Sarah Pulk

Elementary Viewpoint

By: Adysen Gregerson

What is your biggest wish for the New Year?

Crystal Mekovich (1st) - I wish I had my own bedroom so we don't fight.

So we have our own toys and get dressed in our own bedrooms. I also want my own toy kitchen.

Weston Sovde (2nd) - My biggest wish is to get 10 pins in wrestling. I am going to listen to the coach. I'm going to work hard and have fun!

Zoey Sanden (3rd) - My biggest wish for the the New Year is to get chips. The reason I want chips is because I get hungry a lot. And I'm craving them.

Elliot Mather (4th) - My biggest wish for the New Year is to go hunting. I would like to go hunting with my dad. I would also go deer hunting in my dad's shack in the woods.

Chesnie Berg (5th) - I have two biggest wishes. One of them are for me and family and pets to be happy, and the other one is to have more birds. Those are my biggest wishes.

Steele Marquis (6th) - My biggest wish for the New Year is to get better at basketball, because I want more time on the court and more wins.



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Robotics By: Breydon Foss

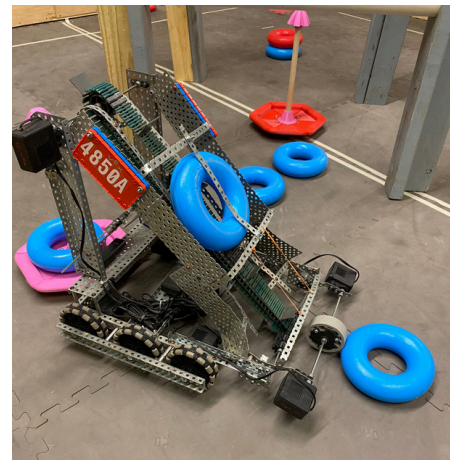
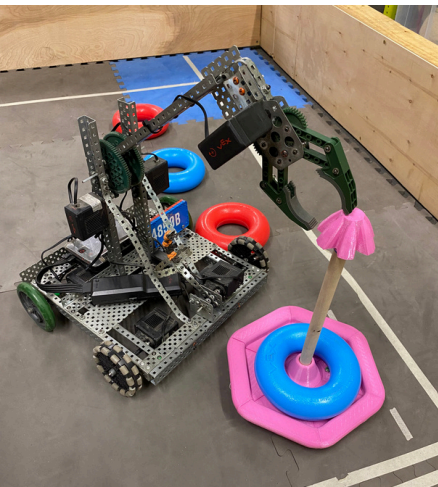
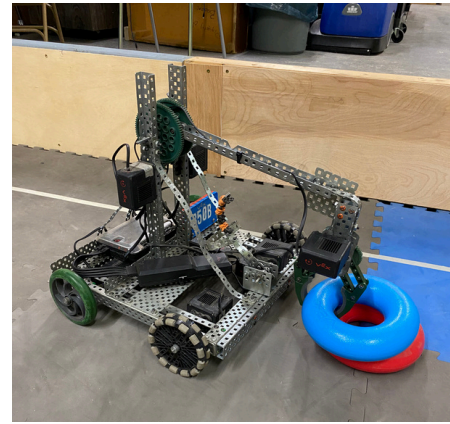
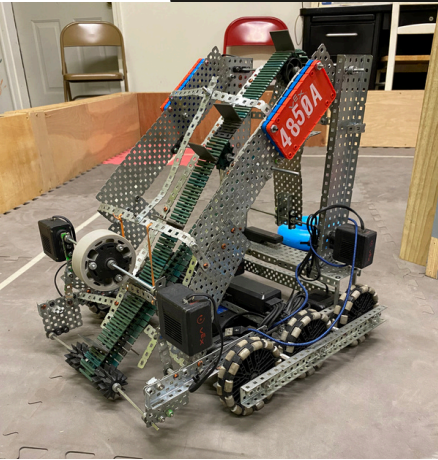
Gator Robotics starts on January 17. The Robotics team is split up into two teams. Team one is Kaden Halvorson, Masen Swenson, Taylor Davy, Braxton Pearson, and Quentin Kukowski. Team two is Owen Lund, Landon Christianson, Greta Wojciechowski, Aidan Carpenter, and William Peterson.

How do the meets go?

The meets go about as well as any competition. You make a plan, work with your randomized teammate, then try and win. However, the robot you leave with is never the same coming back. We build for competition, but working with a teammate always changes your strategy from attack to defend and likewise. Last year, during competition, our robot had to be practically dismantled in order to score more points because of a technicality in the scoring.

What is harder: building or programming?

Both are equally difficult. Programming is hard because of the constant changes being made to the code, and building is hard because of the maintenance and changing of broken parts in the heat of competition.



Math League

Submitted By:
Ms. Spray

Meet 1 and 2 have officially concluded. Badger School is currently ranked 5th in our section and 5th in our division. Our section is made up of Thief River Falls, North Woods School, Mt. Iron-Buhl, Greenbush-Middle River, Nashwauk-Keewatin, and Badger. Our division is made up of Bemidji, Thief River Falls, Nevis, Greenbush-Middle River, Bagley and Badger.

The past two meets have been tough with very challenging questions on each portion of the meet. Our students are doing their best to problem-solve through each portion of the meet.

Upcoming meets are on January 27, and February 10.

Currently Badger School Math League has 14 members on the team. These students include:

Seniors: Julia Dostal, Bethanie VonEnde, Taylor Davy, Aidan Carpenter, and Ivan Olafson

Juniors: Emily Burkel, Hailey Lundgren, Tryg Olson, and Owen Lund

Sophomores: Hallie Glodowski and Eli Olafson

Freshmen: Ava Warne and Quynn Washington

8th Grade: Kiley Streich

By: Henry Osborne

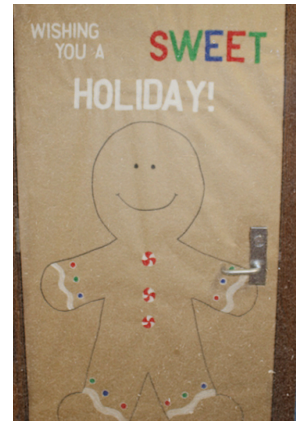
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Door Decorating Contest!

By: Max Haugen & Liam Winrow

The Badger School hosted a door-decorating contest between Elementary vs. High School.

The Elementary side of the school, preschool down to 5th grade is *Gingerbread Village*. The FACS room down to the social studies room, including the business lab, was *Candy Cane Lane* themed in the High School. The office, music room, and gym choose either one or came up with their own plan together! Staff voted for who had the best door but they could not vote for themselves on the 16-18 of December.



Student Council Hosts Christmas Spirit Week

By: Ashlyn Johnson

Christmas Spirit Week

Monday- Ugly/Festive Sweater

Tuesday- Grinch vs. Santa

Wednesday- Frostbite Day

Thursday- Extreme Christmas

Friday- Pajama Day



Prizes were awarded to the spirit week dress up winners!



Friday morning, December 20th, the high schoolers all went to the gym to watch the movie "Elf". Student Council provided every student with a beverage and popcorn to enjoy during the movie. After the movie, the high schoolers were split into groups to do fun activities in classrooms such as: Charades in Mrs. Dahlgren's room, Trivia & Hot Cocoa in Mr. Coltom's room, Minute-to-Win-It in Mrs. Peterson's room, and Holiday Pictionary in Ms. Thompson's room. After the fun day students were dismissed at 12:30!

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Spotlight on Sports



Taylor Davy~Basketball

By: Hallie Glodowski

We interviewed Taylor Davy for this month's Spotlight on Sports. Taylor is a senior in boy's basketball. Taylor plays forward and has been playing for 9 years. Other than the Swamp, Taylor enjoys playing in Clearbrook because "They have a decent gym and it's long." To keep himself motivated, he looks up to pro players. His favorite memory while being on the basketball team is "going to state and playing in the Target Center". Some advice he would give to younger players is, "Don't quit, keep trying harder and you will improve."

Masen Swenson~Basketball

By: Azmera Olson

We interviewed this month's Senior basketball player, Masen Swenson. Masen has been playing since he was 5 years old, and the position he plays is point guard. Other than the Swamp, Masen's favorite place to play is UMN-Crookston Campus. We wanted to know who Masen looked up to, to keep himself motivated, and he said, "My brother, because he was also a point guard and he was good at basketball and he's a good role model." His favorite memory while being on the basketball team is going to state his 8th grade year. The last thing we wanted know was, what advice he would give to younger players. His advice is, "No matter how hard it gets, keep going, it pays off."





BREAKFAST

JANUARY 2025 BADGER SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



APPLE STRUDEL
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

SAUSAGE GRAVY
BISCUITS
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

BANANA BREAD
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

CHEESE OMELET
MUFFIN
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

CINNAMON ROLLS
YOGURT
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

BISMARCK
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

WAFFLES
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

YOGURT PARFAIT
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

BREAKFAST BITES
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

LONG JOHNS
CHEESE STICK
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

DISMISS AT 12:30

STAFF DEVELOPMENT
NO SCHOOL

UNCRUSTABLES
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

EGG & CHEESE
BISCUIT
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

CEREAL
POPTART
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

MINI CINNIS
FRUIT
CHEESE STICK
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

BREAKFAST ON
A STICK
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

CEREAL
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

BREAKFAST ROUND
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

MINI BLUEBERRY
WAFFLES
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

BADGER SCHOOL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH AVAILABILITY



LUNCH

JANUARY 2025

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Monday

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Friday

SPAGHETTI HOT DISH
ROMAIN SALAD
CUCUMBERS/TOMATO
GARLIC BREAD STICK
FRUIT MILK

CHICKEN FAYITAS
REFRIED BEANS
ONIONS, PEPPERS
LETTUCE, CHEESE
FRUIT BREAD MILK

FRENCH BREAD PIZZA
GREEN BEANS
CARROTS & CELERY
FRUIT
BREAD MILK

LASAGNA
CALIFORNIA BLEND
GARLIC BREAD
FRUIT
MILK

CHICKEN WILD RICE
SOUP/CRACKERS
MEAT & CHEESE
SANDWICH
VEGGIE FRUIT MILK

HAMBURGER GRAVY
POTATOES
GREEN PEAS
FRUIT
DINNER ROLLS MLK

CHICKEN ALFREDO
NOODLES
ROMAIN SALAD
CHERRY TOM. & CUCS
GARLIC BREAD
FRUIT MILK

CHEESE FILLED
BREAD STICKS
SPAG. SAUCE
SPINACH STRAWBERRY
SALAD
FRUIT BREAD MILK

HAMBURGER/BUN
CHEESE SLICE
BAKED BEANS
FRENCH FRIES
FRUIT MILK

CHICKEN PATTY/BUN
SUN CHIPS
LEAF LETTUCE
TOMATO SLICE
CUCS, FRUIT MILK
DISMISS AT 12:30

NO
SCHOOL

CHICKEN NUGGETS
MAC & CHEESE
BROC & CAUL
FRUIT
BREAD MILK

CORN DOG
CHEESE SLICE
COLE SLAW
FRENCH FRIES
BREAD MILK

TATOR TOT
HOTDISH
MIXED VEGGIES
FRUIT
BREAD/PB MILK

PEPPERONI PIZZA
ROMAIN/SPINACH
SALAD
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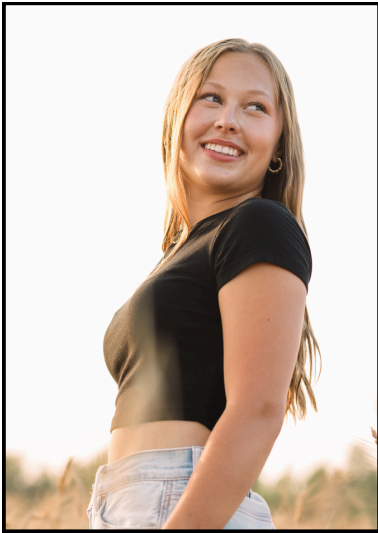
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BADGER HIGH SCHOOL NOMINATES JULIA DOSTAL AND TAYLOR DAVY FOR 'TRIPLE A' AWARD



Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Julia Dostal and Taylor Davy 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 5, 2025.

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 2025 Class AAA 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.

A consistent honor roll student, Julia Dostal is a member of the Badger Chapter of the National Honor Society, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, Envirothon, and serves as President of the Student Council. In addition to completing college prep coursework at Badger, she has successfully completed numerous college courses during her high school career. Julia plays saxophone in the Badger High School band and has helped the large group band earn several superior ratings. You have likely seen Julia's performances in many school music reviews and plays. She is an athlete who participates in volleyball, track and field, and serves as a manager for the wrestling team. She plans to enroll in the Physical Therapy Assistant Program at Lake Superior College in Duluth. Julia is the daughter of Dan and Shannon Dostal of Greenbush.

Taylor Davy is also an honor roll student and member of the Badger Chapter of the National Honor Society who has taken many college level courses while in high school. He plays saxophone in the band and recently earned a Superior Rating at the MSHSL solo contest, as well as helping the large group earn several superior ratings. Taylor's activities include Knowledge Bowl, Envirothon, Math League, Vex Robotics, Music Review, and Antique Tractor Club. Taylor is a three sport athlete who plays football, basketball, and baseball serving as a captain of each of those teams. He also participates as part of the Gator Clay Busters clay target team. He is planning to enroll at Minnesota North College – Itasca next fall for pre- engineering and to play baseball. Taylor is the son of Roger and Jodie Davy of Badger.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Dan Carpenter shared, "Badger School is very proud to nominate Julia Dostal and Taylor Davy for the AAA award. Julia's and Taylor's accomplishments in the classroom, involvement in the arts at Badger School, and participation in Gator Athletics exemplify what the AAA award represents. I wish them well as they move on to the Region 8A competition in February." The Badger School District congratulates Julia and Taylor on their nominations and accomplishments, and wishes 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 <https://www.mshsl.org/triple-award> on the web.

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BADGER HIGH SCHOOL NOMINATES EMILY BURKEL AND TRYG OLSON FOR ExCEL AWARD



Badger High School is pleased to announce the nomination of juniors, Emily Burkel and Tryg Olson, 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 28th annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website on February 4, 2025, 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.

Tryg Olson's high school activities include football, basketball, golf, clay target, baseball, band, and choir. He has earned superior ratings as a vocal soloist at MSHSL competitions, is a section leader in band, has earned multiple athletic letters, and is an all-conference award winner in golf. He is a member of the National Honor Society, participates in Knowledge Bowl, Math League, the school musical, and has served on the Student Council. Tryg has spent much time volunteering around the school and community, specifically with the Badger Pacers 4H club, serving as a musician and Bible School teacher in his church, helping at the Jaycees Halloween party, and coaching youth basketball. He has earned honor roll status throughout his high school career. Tryg's parents are Brent and Sara Olson.

Emily Burkel has served as a class officer and a member of the Student Council throughout high school. She is very involved with FCCLA where she currently serves as area Vice President. She is a chapter officer, has earned a first place award at the State FCCLA STAR Events competition, and placed in the top 10 in the national FCCLA competition. Emily is a member of the Badger Pacers 4H club and spends lots of time volunteering in her church. Her school activities include golf, cheerleading, basketball manager, National Honor Society, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, school theater, band, and choir. She was a member of the Gator golf team that advanced to the 2024 State Golf Tournament and has earned numerous letter awards. Emily has consistently earned A honor roll status throughout high school. Emily is the daughter of John and Joni Burkel.

According to Superintendent Dan Carpenter, "Badger School is proud to announce the selection of Tryg Olson and Emily Burkel as ExCEL Award nominees for the 2024-2025 School Year. Both Tryg and Emily are involved in activities that give back to our Greater Badger community. They are also involved in many Badger School and Gator Extracurricular Activities. Tryg and Emily exemplify the spirit of the ExCEL award through their successes in the classroom, through their community volunteerism, and their efforts on the playing field and on the performance stage. I wish Tryg and Emily the best of luck at the state level for this nomination."

"Badger Dean of Students Stacey Warne commented, "When I think of students who are engaged in the community and are great leaders, Tryg and Emily are at the top of the list. They are excellent role models for our students in lots of areas, but their academic performance and school and community activity involvement really sets them apart. We are pleased to nominate these two deserving young people for the ExCEL Award and wish Tryg and Emily well in the state level competition."

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Project Lead the Way - Grade 8



The 8th grade class was assigned a project called "The Glider" by Mr. Coltom in their PLTW class. They tested the distance their gliders traveled in the hallway on December 17th. They built/created this project out of paper and hot glue, using metric measurements. The rules/guidelines they had to follow to build their project included using all of the correct measurements and you could only pull the rubber band as far as Coltom says, the mark on the board. The supplies provided for their project were paper, hot glue, and a push pin. They were not allowed to add anything else. They said that the hardest part of their project was the measurements and folding. They said the easiest part of this project was launching them. They launched them to see whose glider would go the farthest. We asked a student "If you were to change one thing about your project, what would you do differently?" They responded with "I would have added my push pin." We asked the same student what advice they would give to others who would be making the project and they said that they could build it too. It took the 8th graders 4 days total to complete this project.

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Senior Spotlight Kaden Halvorson

By: Makayla McClure

Parents: Michael and Tara Halvorson

Siblings: Only child

Nickname: Dr. Halvorson

Favorite(s):

Sport: Trap

Movie/Series/Show: *21 Jump Street*

Food: Burgers

Color: Blue

Quote: "Another one"- DJ Khaled

If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go, and why? I would go to Hawaii and see the beautiful places.

If you could change anything in the world, what would it be? Change the gas prices.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would take Ivan to the casino.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? Being a god at consumer math.

What is your dream job, and why? I would want to be a pilot.



Jaden Kukowski

Parents: Duane and Valerie Kukowski

Siblings: Quentin, Jaryn, and Shalyn

Nickname: Peanut

Favorite(s):

Sport: Volleyball

Movie/Series/Show: *Heartland*, *The Masked Singer* and *The Floor*.

Food: Chicken and mashed potatoes

Color: Pink, Purple, Yellow

Quote: "It's only after you've stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform." - Roger Bennett

If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go, and why? I would go to Cancún, Mexico because I have always wanted to see the beautiful sights of Cancún, Mexico.

If you could change anything in the world, what would it be? I would change world hunger and make sure all the children have all the food they need.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would choose Julia and we would go to the Bahamas and enjoy the beach and swim with the turtles and the dolphins.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? I think I'll be remembered by my smile, my kindness, my generosity, my kind heart, and the way I help people.

What's the craziest thing you've done in high school? I would have to say the craziest thing I've done in high school is singing out loud in my math class and Ms. Starren looked at me funny.

What is your dream job, and why? My dream job is to hopefully own my own bracelet business one day in the future so after high school I can pay for college.



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Band Musician of the Month: Deegan Hanson

By: Max Haugen

This month's Band Musician of the Month is freshman, Deegan Hanson. Deegan is a tenor saxophone player, he chose this instrument because he thought it looked cool. Deegan has been a band member for 4 years. His favorite songs to play are "Uma Thurman" and "Enter Sandman". Deegan's favorite part about being a band member is going to state for pep band and this also shares his most memorable moment of going to state volleyball or basketball for pep band. His advice to younger musicians is to "Listen to Mrs. Erickson, because she knows more than you."



Choir Musician of the Month: Hallie Glodowski

By: Liam Winrow

This month we interviewed Hallie Glodowski, a Soprano in 10th grade. This is the fourth month of her third year of being part of the Badger High School Choir. Her favorite type of songs to sing is, "Music with high notes and songs that have a smooth rhythm, soft sound, and a medium tempo." We then asked her what her favorite parts of the choir were, to which she replied by saying "Getting to sing and make friends." The advice she would give to underclassmen is "Open up when you sing, have fun, but still pay attention." Hallie is looking forward to the ensemble contest and the UND Honor Choir. Her favorite choir memory was "Getting hit in the head with a music sheet, then turning around and hitting them back."



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Daniel Carpenter
Superintendent & K-12 Principal

Superintendent News

Winter is here! With temperatures consistently below freezing, it is very important that students have warm clothing for being outside at recess. Families in need of assistance finding warm winter gear can contact the school office to find assistance in locating these essential items. Students should also wear jackets when they ride the bus to keep warm.

We are almost at the end Quarter 2 at Badger School. The last day of Quarter 2 is Friday, January 17. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to teachers if there are any questions about their students' progress. Students can also check their class schedules for Quarter 3 by logging onto their JMC Gradebook. Students with questions can stop in office for assistance.

Gator Winter Athletics are in full swing! For a complete schedule of our Gator Athletic events, go to <https://region8mn.org/public/genie/58/school/1573/>

Congratulations to Emily Burkel and Tryg Olson for receiving the 2024-2025 ExCel Award from Badger School! They will represent Badger in the statewide ExCel Award selection process. The ExCel Award is awarded to students who participate in MSHSL Activities and demonstrate student leadership in school and community activities.

Congratulations to Taylor Davy and Julia Dostal on being selected as the 2024-2025 MSHSL Triple "A" representatives from Badger. They will attend a banquet later this winter where representatives for Subsection 32 and Region 8A will be selected to move on to the State Selection Committee in March.

The Triple "A" recognizes students who display excellence in Athletics, the Arts, and Academics. Congratulations to the Badger High School Concert Choir and Concert Band for an amazing Winter Concert performance on December 17th!

Congratulations to the Badger Elementary Students for putting on an outstanding Winter Concert performance on December 13th!

As always, your ideas, suggestions, and feedback are welcome! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope everyone has a safe, restful, and happy holiday season! We'll see you in 2025!

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Daniel Carpenter, Superintendent & K-12 Principal

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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

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January 2025

Use encouraging words to boost your child's motivation to learn

Positive words from you can affect your child's motivation to learn. And experts agree that it is better to go beyond simple praise, like saying "Great job," to offering encouragement, such as "You have really learned a lot about this. Tell me some more!"

What's the difference between the two?

Simple praise:

- **Is results oriented.** "You got a 99 on your test! That's great!"
- **Uses words that express** your opinion, such as *good*, *terrific* and *wonderful*.
- **Is usually given** when your child does what's expected.

Encouragement:

- **Acknowledges effort and progress.** "Look at that project. I can see how much thought and care you put into it. It must feel good to know you really worked hard."
- **Describes specific aspects** of your child's work. "You picked up *without being asked*. Look at that *clean* floor!"
- **Doesn't depend on performance.** "That didn't go the way you planned, but I know you'll try again. What could you do differently?"

The big difference is that encouragement leads children to form their own positive opinions about themselves and their work, rather than depending on praise from other people.



Hand over responsibilities

Are you still packing your child's lunch? How about making the bed? If so, pass the duties on to your child. Most elementary schoolers are capable of handling such tasks. Don't pile on too many chores, but expect your child to regularly complete self-care tasks. This fosters feelings of capable independence along with responsibility.

Nurture a love of reading

Students who like to read do more of it. In the process, they build reading skills and overall learning power. To encourage reading enjoyment:

- **Make reading** an event. Choose books together at the library, then go for a tasty snack and read them.
- **Branch out.** Read a variety of kinds of books together. If your child usually reads fiction, try a biography. Or, help your child find a new book series to start.
- **Inspire curiosity.** Ask your child an interesting question. "How did our town get its name?" Help your child find out by reading.



✓ Test-taking strategies improve results

Your child needs two kinds of knowledge for success on tests. One is knowledge of the subject matter. But it is also important for your child to know the test-taking strategies that help students earn every point they deserve.

Review these strategies together:

- **Write down memorized facts** and formulas as soon as the test starts. Your child can refer to them later when answering questions.
- **Read the directions** carefully. If something is confusing, your child should ask the teacher.
- **Read all the questions** before starting to answer. Then, your child can calculate how much time to spend on each.
- **Cross out options** on multiple choice questions that can't be right and choose among the rest. On *true/false* questions, remember that if any part of the answer is false, the whole answer is false.
- **Leave time to double-check** answers before turning in the test.

Teach lessons about money

When children learn about money, they build math skills and life skills at the same time. To foster financial literacy:

- **Consider giving** your child a small amount of money. Managing their own money builds children's respect for it. Have your child keep a record of purchases and calculate how much is left.
- **Demonstrate what budgeting** looks like. Say things like, "I'd love to order pizza tonight, but it will have to wait. Payday isn't until Friday."

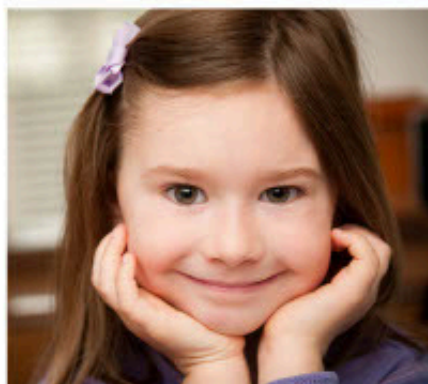




What can I do to increase my child's patience?

Q: My kindergartner hates to wait and doesn't do it quietly. The teacher says this impatience is becoming a distraction at school. How can I help my child develop more patience?

A: Many parts of learning in school involve patience: waiting for a turn to speak, reading all the way to the end of a book to find out what happens, trying to understand a concept that isn't immediately clear.



To help your elementary schooler develop more patience:

- **Be understanding.** Say that you know waiting patiently isn't always easy. Explain that it is something everyone has to learn, and you will help.
- **Do activities together** that require patience, such as playing board games, putting together jigsaw puzzles, baking and planting seeds.
- **Help your child save** up money to buy a desired item, rather than just providing it right away.
- **Be a role model.** Show how you make waiting more pleasant. While waiting in traffic, say something like, "Let's use this time to make up a story." Read to pass time between activities. Observe things around you.
- **Offer practice.** When your child asks for something, say, "In a minute." If you are busy, use a hand signal that means, "When I'm finished."



Are you enriching read-aloud time?

When you have fun reading aloud together every day, your child strengthens reading skills and learns to associate reading with pleasurable times with you. Are you making the most of read-aloud time? Answer yes or no below:

1. **Do you read** aloud together for at least 20 minutes a day?
2. **Do you encourage** your child to pick some cozy or fun places to read?
3. **Do you take** turns being the reader? Alternate reading sentences or paragraphs, or take on different characters when reading dialogue.
4. **Do you pause** to discuss what you're reading or let your child ask questions?
5. **Do you end** the day's reading at an exciting place, so

your child will want to read again the next day?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are reading with your child in productive ways. For each no, try that idea.

"I think that when you can escape into a book it trains your imagination to think big and to think that more can exist than what you see."
—Taylor Swift

Investigate science at home

You don't need fancy equipment to help your child learn about science. Just point out the science that's all around you, in things like:

- **Food.** Which cereals get soggy in milk? Does cheese get moldy faster on the counter or in the refrigerator? Help your child experiment to find out.
- **The night sky.** Observe the changes in the moon and stars over several months.
- **Household items.** Give your child something to take apart—a ball-point pen, a candle, an old toy. Can your child figure out how it works?



Improve talks about school

If conversations with your child about school are going nowhere, try this: Instead of asking lots of questions as soon as your child gets home, share a few things about your own day first. Then, ask open-ended questions about your child's day: "What was the most surprising thing that happened today at school?"

This works when discussing schoolwork, too. Talk about what you notice first (but don't point out mistakes). Then, ask your child to tell you more about it.

Make expectations work

It's important to set realistic expectations for your child. If they are too high or too low, your child may do poorly. For success:

- **Check with the teacher** if you aren't sure about your child's abilities.
- **Be consistent.** Don't lower expectations to make your child happy. Don't raise them because you've had a bad day.
- **Celebrate progress** your child makes along the way.

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New Years Resolutions

By: Payton Wilson

WHAT ARE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

KINDERGARTENER, ZACK SANDEN, SAID, "HELPING MY MOM CLEAN THE DISHES, AND CLEAN MY ROOM BETTER. AND HELPING AT SCHOOL, HELP MY FRIENDS WITH WORK AND ON THE PLAYGROUND."

2ND GRADER, ISABELLE LANE, SAID, "I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO DO REGROUPING IN MATH, IN THE 100'S AND 1,000'S. I ALSO WANT TO LEARN TO READ BIGGER BOOKS."

4TH GRADER, AXEL STENBERG, SAID, "I WANT TO GO TO A VIKINGS GAMES, SO THAT MEANS I HAVE TO RAISE MONEY. I ALSO WANT TO REACH 75 POINTS IN AR".

6TH GRADER, PAISLEY WILSON SAID, "MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION IS TO GET THROUGH THE REST OF THE YEAR WITHOUT GETTING IN-TROUBLE OR FAILING A CLASS, AND TO MAKE IT TO THE NEXT GRADE."

8TH GRADER, ELIJAH MONSRUD SAID, "GET ON THE A AND B HONOR ROLE NEXT TWO QUARTERS."

10TH GRADER, MAKAYLA MCCLURE, SAID, "FOR MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS, I WANT TO EXIT OUT ALL THE NEGATIVE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE. ALSO, I NEED TO BE MORE PRODUCTIVE AND PAY BETTER ATTENTION TO MY SCHOOL WORK."

12TH GRADER, JACKSON CONNELL, SAID, "I WANT TO BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN AND A BETTER MAN. MORE RESPECTFUL AND MORE RESPECTABLE. DON'T CARE ABOUT THE MONEY, DON'T CARE ABOUT GRADES. WHILE I WILL WORK HARD FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE THINGS, THEY ARE NOT MY MAIN GOAL."

1ST GRADER, COLT LANGAAS, SAID, "READ MORE ON THE WEEKENDS TO TRY TO GET MORE AR POINTS".

3RD GRADER, OLIVIA CREGO SAID, "I WANT TO READ MORE, AND GET MORE POINTS. I WANT TO GET TO 20.5 BAR I AM ALREADY AT 9,4"

5TH GRADER, EASTON KING, SAID, "I WILL WORK HARD ON MY WORK IN SCHOOL SO I CAN GET ON THE HONOR ROLL. I WILL GET LOTS OF AR POINTS SO I CAN GET A GATORADE".

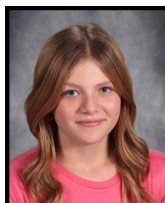
7TH GRADER, ROXXANNE MODLIN SAID, "MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION IS TO GET BETTER AT BAKING AND COOKING, BUT ON THE COOKING PART I DEFINITELY NEED TO LEARN HOW TO SEASON."

9TH GRADER, MADISON MCCLURE, SAID, "MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION IS TO GET GOOD GRADES, AND AR POINTS."

11TH GRADER, PAYTON HILL SAID, "DO BETTER ON MY WORK, IN MORE TIMELY FASHION."

PRESCHOOL TEACHER, MS. BRY SAID, "MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION FOR 2025 IS TO STEP OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE AND TRY NEW THINGS"

TEACHER PARA, ELIZABETH RANDALL, SAID, "MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION THIS YEAR IS TO LIMIT SCREEN TIME & SPEND MORE TIME WITH FAMILY. INSTEAD OF WATCHING TV IN THE EVENINGS OR BEING ON ELECTRONIC DEVICES, WE CAN SPEND MORE TIME TOGETHER PLAYING GAMES, DOING PUZZLES, AND BEING MORE INTENTIONAL WITH OUR TIME."



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Knowledge Bowl

By: Zay Rud

Knowledge Bowl is a team trivia game made up of 5 rounds. The first is a written round made up of about 50 questions. That first written round is used to determine your team's rank out of all the competitors. The remaining 4 rounds are normal rounds.

Four teams of 4-6 students sit at separate tables, each table has a buzzer in the middle. When a question is asked the first team to buzz in gets to answer the question first. If the quickest team doesn't answer the question correctly, then the team that buzzed in second gets to answer next, and so on. If none of the teams get the answer correct, then no one gets the points. When all questions are answered, they then get ranked

If you are interested in joining or want more information about Knowledge Bowl then contact Mr. Coltom for Senior High or Mrs. Dostal for Junior High.

Sr High Meet Dates: Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 18, and Feb 25

Sub-Regions: March 4; **Regions:** March 18

UND Honor Choir

Badger High School students Hallie Glodowski, Adysen Gregerson, and Emily Burkel have been accepted into University of North Dakota's Honor Choir! They will perform in concert on January 26 in Grand Forks.



Hallie Glodowski, Adysen Gregerson, Emily Burkel

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Craig Hillier Leadership Conference

On November 26, sophomore Ashlyn Johnson, Kylee Gust, Eli Olafson, Austin Przekwas, and Cale Lindland attended the leadership conference in the Ralph Engelstad Arena, hosted by Craig Hillier. Some of the quotes that stuck with the students are: "There's always going to be people that don't like you," "Bring a good attitude," "Always be positive," and "You can make yourself likable, but not everyone will like you." They said that some of the reasons they hold back on being better are thinking people don't listen to what they have to say, being too shy to act on certain things, not wanting to do certain activities, being scared to mess up, and thinking about what others think about you if they don't agree with your opinion. Some of the sophomores' strengths are enthusiasm, cheering people on, being supportive, and always being willing to listen. After attending this presentation, some of the things they will focus on are to be a better person, a better leader, don't always think of yourself-think of others too, always be in the moment, focus on what's happening, and never be late to anything. Things they will bring back to the school are being supportive, a positive attitude no matter the situation, a better outlook on school, and being a better version of themselves.

By: Cale Lindland



Ashlyn Johnson, Kylee Gust, Eli Olafson, Austin Przekwas, Cale Lindland

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ECFE Christmas Event

By: Caine Larson



On December 3, ECFE hosted their Christmas Event. Santa came with two elves, he asked what they wanted for Christmas and then the kids got to pick out a present. They also got to make a tree out of the shape of their hand, play a game where they had to match Christmas pictures together, measured their height to cut a ribbon out to put into a Christmas ornament, and they did many other Christmas activities. At the end of the day they got cookies and hot chocolate.

Elementary Lock-In

By: Caine Larson

On December 6, FCCLA hosted an elementary lock-in at the school. Once kids were gathered at the school they all played Duck, Duck, Goose; Simon says; and Banana Salute to get the kids engaged and listening. FCCLA members separated the kids into different groups for different activities rotating every 15 minutes. Those activities were jump rope and hula hoops, Just Dance, board games, cornhole, bowling, coloring, and making paper airplanes. After these activities FCCLA had healthy snacks prepared for the kids, then snack time. Finally, the last activity they did as a group was mat ball to wrap it up until parents came.



Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop



The Badger Kindergarten held a Winter Wonderland Workshop on Thursday, December 12th. Each child worked with a special adult to complete craft projects, decorate Christmas cookies, read stories, and sing Christmas songs.

The children were able to bring home the Christmas ornaments and decorations they had crafted with their special adult. The boys and girls thought the reindeer antlers were fun to wear and couldn't wait to show off their reindeer necklace. Cookie decorating was a favorite for all! Thank you to Lynn Balstad who helped at the cookie station this year.

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