



The Badger Barker



May 2023

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Congratulations! ***Badger Class of 2023***

Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, May 21
Badger High School Gym
2:00 p.m.



Class Colors:
Black & Green

Class Motto:
*It's been real, it's been great,
we've built a future that's worth the wait.*

Flower:
Pink Rose



Back: Cody Olson, Brandon Secord, Mason Scharf, Landon Frislie

Middle: Andrew Olson, Brogan Beito, Gabe Warne, Elliott Isane

Front: Dylan VonEnde, Raegen Maahs, Riley Gust, Keyasha Housker, Talisha Hamann



Badger School Superintendent's News

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

- April 16-22 Re-Cap ~ National Volunteer Appreciation Week was April 16-22. At our school we are very fortunate to have foster grandparent volunteers. Many thanks to Grandma Bev Holm and Grandma Paulette Christianson.
- Wed., May 3 Congratulations to the sixth grade advancers to the county level of the Minnesota History Competition (listed in alphabetical order): Aaron Jasiqi, Grant Olson, and Kiley Streich.
- Wed., May 3 Badger High School Band & Choir Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., May 4 Fourth grade field trip to Roseau County Courthouse, Gazebo Park, Roseau City Park, and Dairy Queen
- Fri., May 5 Third grade field trip to Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge @ Middle River, MN.
- Fri., May 5 School Lunch Hero Day! School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for us to acknowledge our dedicated food service team of Jody Randall and Angela Monsrud, the school nutrition "Pros."
- May 8-12 The week of May 8-12 is National Teacher Appreciation Week honoring our teachers that lend their passion and skills to educating our children. We say "thank you" and continue to express our gratitude throughout the year, to the extraordinary front-line educators who work diligently with our students and our families.
- Mon., May 8 School Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., May 10 School Board Work Session at 6:00 p.m.
- Fri., May 12 Unified Athletics Track & Field Day at Thief River Falls from 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Fri., May 12 Elementary Spring Music Program and Kindergarten Graduation at 1:45 p.m.
- Sat., May 13 *Minnesota Fishing Opener*
- Sun., May 14 *Mother's Day*
- Wed., May 17 Kindergarten field trip to Roseau Museum, Sheriff's Office/Law Enforcement Center, and Roseau City Park
- Wed., May 17 Baccalaureate 7 p.m.
- Thurs., May 18 Preschool Family Event
- Sun., May 21 Badger High School Graduation Commencement Ceremony at 2 p.m.
- Mon., May 22 First Grade field trip to Life Care Medical Center, Roseau City Park, and Pioneer Farm
- Tues., May 23 Badger Elementary Track & Field Day
- Wed., May 24 Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation in the Cafeteria at 2:00 p.m.
What is D.A.R.E.? The **D**rug **A**buse **R**esistance **E**ducation program teaches students the importance of drug resistance education and decision-making skills
- Fri., May 26 Last Day of School | End of Quarter 4 | End of Semester 2 | Early Out Day
dismiss students at 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., May 29 *Memorial Day*
- July 2-6 FCCLA National Leadership Conference and STAR and Skills Competition at Denver, CO



Our community should never take for granted what our dedicated team of Badger educators has provided our students and families. Badger has a team of wonderful educators!

With best regards,

Kevin Ricke



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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."

May

Baseball

- 1 West Marshall @ BGMR
- 2 @ Thief River Falls
- 4 Warroad @ BGMR
- 5 @ Lake of the Woods
- 9 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 11 @ Crookston
- 12 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 15 @ West Marshall
- 16 @ Fosston
- 18 @ Northern Freeze
- 22 @ Win-E-Mac
- 23 Roseau @ BGMR
- 25 Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal @ BGMR
- 30 Subsection @ High Seed

Softball

- 2 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 5 @ Warroad
- 6 Tournament @ BGMR
- 8 @ Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal
- 11 @ Sacred Heart
- 13 Tournament @ BGMR
- 16 @ Roseau
- 18 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 23 Section Play-in/Section @ TBA
- 25 Subsection @ High Seed
- 30 Section Semis @ High Seed

Track & Field

- 2 @ East Grand Forks
- 6 @ Thief River Falls
- 12 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
- 15 @ Roseau
- 19 @ Lake of the Woods
- 25 @ Mahnomen

Golf

- 2 Boys @ Greenbush
- 2 Girls @ Karlstad
- 3 Girls Section Preview @ Bemidji
- 4 Boys/Girls @ Lake of the Woods
- 9 Boys/Girls @ Warroad
- 16 Boys @ Lancaster
- 16 Girls @ Hallock
- 17 Boys Section Preview @ Bemidji
- 18 Boys/Girls @ Roseau
- 23 Boys/Girls Sub-Section @ Roseau
- 30-31 Section @ Bemidji

June

Baseball

- 1 Subsection Finals @ Ada-Borup
- 3 Section Semis @ Bemidji State University
- 8 Section Finals @ Bemidji State University
- 13-17 State

Softball

- 1 Section Finals @ TBA
- 8-9 State @ North Mankato/Caswell Park

Track & Field

- 2 Section @ Roseau
- 8-9 State @ St. Michael-Albertville

Golf

- 13-14 State @ Becker

Dates to Remember

By: Kaden Halvorson

May

- 2 Grade 3 only: MDH and MDE Dental Screening
- 3 Minnesota History (county level) Competition, grade 6
- 3 High School Spring Concert 7:00 pm
- 4 Grade 4 field trip ~ Roseau County Courthouse, Gazebo Park, Roseau City Park, Dairy Queen
- 5 Grade 3 field trip ~ Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge
- 5 School Lunch Hero Day
- 8 School Board 7:30 pm
- 8-12 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 12 Elementary Spring Concert 1:45 pm
- 12 Kindergarten Graduation 1:45 pm
- 14 Mother's Day
- 17 Kindergarten field trip ~ Sheriff's Office/Law Enforcement Center, Roseau City Park
- 17 Baccalaureate 7:00 pm
- 18 Preschool Family Event
- 21 Graduation Commencement Ceremony 2:00 pm
- 22 Grade 1 field trip ~ LifeCare Medical Center, Roseau City Park, Pioneer Farm
- 23 Elementary Track & Field Day
- 24 DARE Graduation, grade 5
- 26 End of Quarter 4, dismiss at 12:30 pm
- 29 Memorial Day



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Thank You Badger



The senior Class of 2023 would like to show their appreciation for everything the school and community has done for them.

Brogan Beito ~ First of all, I would like to thank my teachers. Thank you all for helping me become the person and student I am today and for always pushing me when you knew I could do better. Thank you to the members of the community for making donations and supporting fundraisers that make it possible for our students to do as many extracurricular activities as they do. Thank you to all of my friends and classmates. You all have made high school filled with many great memories.

Landon Frislie ~ I would like to thank my classmates. They challenged me and helped me.

Riley Gust ~ I would like to take this opportunity to express how thankful I am for my community, teaching staff, friends, and family. You all have truly gone above and beyond when it came to my high school career. It touches me deeply that I had the opportunity to be a part of all of your lives and to experience a terrific high school career. I can't say enough how much I appreciate the people who have gotten me to where I am today. Special thank you to my parents, siblings, and Keyasha for never doubting me and being the best support system. Thank you.

Talisha Hamann ~ There are no words to express how thankful I am to this community. Thank you to everyone who believed in me. Thank you for every donation to a club or activity that I was involved in. Thank you for coming to my plays and concerts. I have gained the confidence you see today because of the opportunities I have been given from this community. Thank you to my teachers. I know I haven't been the best student, but because of your encouragement I have learned so many things. I have learned what a hypotenuse is and that the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell, but above all, I have learned to ask for help and to not be ashamed if I don't understand something. Last but not least, thank you to my family. To my mom and dad raising three daughters couldn't have been easy, but you always seemed to find a way so all of us got what we needed. Thank you for teaching me to be kind, to accept people for who they are, and most of all thank you for teaching me to be myself. Thank you Olivia and Kaitie. Thank you for every car ride and for letting me rant to you about life. No matter how many times we fought, we always stood up for each other.

Keyasha Housker ~ I'd like to express how thankful I am to the Badger community, school, and my classmates. It is difficult to find enough words to express how much your volunteer work, support, and efforts mean to me. I am grateful to you for assisting me in becoming the person I am today. I appreciate it immensely. Mrs. K deserves special recognition because she not only strives to ensure that every student in the classroom achieves their best, but also reaches out to assist any student who is struggling outside of the classroom. Last but not least, a huge thank you to Riley, my siblings, Tiff, and my parents for being my support system.

Elliott Isane ~ I would like to thank you for the support in my academics as well as sports. I really appreciate what this community has done for me and the rest of my classmates. They have molded me into the athlete and academic I am today. Thank you.

Raegen Maahs ~ I want to thank my friends, family, community, school faculty, and other individuals who have helped shape me into the person I am today. Your support, guidance, and encouragement have been huge in shaping my character and values leading up to senior year and graduation. I am grateful for the opportunities that you all have given me to learn, grow, and thrive. You have all made an impact on my life to help me learn and grow to my fullest potential. Thank you all for everything each and every one of you has done for me, and will continue to do for me as I continue my years elsewhere and pursue my education and career. Thank you.

Andrew Olson ~ I want to thank Sara Olson in the office for always making me happy. She improves my day. If I'm having a crappy day, I can count on her to cheer me up. I want to thank Mrs. Dostal for helping me and always being nice to me and being there for me. She has helped me through a lot. Thanks Ms. Thompson for helping me in history classes necessary for graduation. Thanks Striker for letting me get out and work for him during school. Thank you Emmie for helping me with anything I ask even if I'm having a bad day. I want to thank Mr. Lee for letting me talk to him when I have a lot going on. Thank you Ms. Starren for what she does for me.

Cody Olson ~ I would like to thank my teachers for getting me through high school. Without them I would have never passed. I really appreciate the staff and I hope they can help other students like they did me.

Mason Scharf ~ I would like to say thank you to everyone in the school and the community. Everyone has helped me and my family through tough times. It has helped shape me into the person I am today and I cannot thank everyone enough. I want to give a special thanks to my teachers as they helped me a lot when I was in a rough patch and supported me through all my struggles.

Brandon Secord ~ High school hasn't always been the easiest of tasks to get through, but what kept pushing me were the people that helped me along the way. My mom and dad would be the ones I consulted when I was stressed out and needed to come up with a plan, and thanks to my friends who helped me with tough problems and helped me find a solution. Without these people I don't think I would have been able to get all the way through high school and for that they will always have my eternal gratitude.

Dylan VonEnde ~ Thank you Badger community and school for giving me the opportunities I have had over the years. You have given me the opportunity to be a part of many activities such as football and trap. I appreciate the help I have received to prepare me for my future.

Gabriel Warne ~ I want to thank everyone at the Badger School. All the teachers, cooks, custodians, students, and everyone else that has worked at the school. People at the Badger School have been great and I want to thank everybody who is at the school for making my experience at school great.



2023 Badger Teacher of the Year

The Badger School and the Badger Education Association are proud to announce their 2022-23 Teacher of the Year Gretchen Lee. Gretchen graduated from Brethren High School in Michigan. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education and Psychology from Central Michigan University, and in 2010 a Bachelor of Science through North Dakota State University in Family and Consumer Sciences. She has been working at Badger School for the past 18 years. She is being supported by her husband John and children Greta, Jordan, and Ada.

Her previous work experience includes managing for Stage Stores, Inc. and Shopko. She then moved to Badger and took classes to update her Michigan teaching license for Minnesota. Now she works at Badger as the 7-12th grade Family and Consumer Sciences teacher.

When asked her favorite things about teaching she said, "I truly enjoy getting to know my students and helping them learn skills that will truly benefit them in life and seeing their "Aha!" moments. FCS covers so many topics. Through building relationships and rigor, I am able to provide relevant learning experiences, such as preparing healthy food safely, applying for a job, or buying a home. Building skills for life and providing students with resources for their futures is my main goal in the classroom."

Other programs and committees that Gretchen is involved in include Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Advisor, Minnesota FCCLA State Board of Directors, the Negotiations Committee, Kramer-Brown Governing Board, and Prom Co-Advisor. She also serves as church organist and secretary, and holds a seat on the Badger City Council.

Gretchen sees the current challenges in teaching as meeting the diverse needs of all students, keeping students engaged, and creating relevancy. She explained that keeping students engaged and motivated is perhaps her biggest challenge because there are so many outside distractions. Fortunately, most students are willing to learn once they understand the "why." Technology can be another challenge in the classroom. At times technology is helpful and necessary to meet career and technical expectations in the workforce, yet social media can be so influencing and distracting.

When asked who or what influenced her to become a teacher, Gretchen responded with: "The personal feelings and beliefs I hold about teaching developed early on in my childhood. My father was the superintendent of a consolidated school district for three neighboring towns. My brother and sister entered the field of teaching, so I essentially grew up in the halls of a school. It was a wonderful place to grow, learn, socialize, share ideas, meet new people, join sports, play music, unite communities, and prepare for a productive role in society. I thoroughly enjoyed my whole schooling experience. Each teacher had unique qualities that made them engaging, yet accepting, and most held high expectations. They were my role models and as soon as second grade, my career goal was to become a teacher."

When asked about her personal philosophy, she said: "Three ideals represent my teaching style. I believe in respect, rapport, and rigor for my students. All students have the right to be respected for what they already know in order to move forward and learn more. By creating an environment where students feel respected and safe, they are more open to learning. Students then learn by example, the type of respect given and expected of them. My goal for students is to learn how to learn. I want them to create a toolbox that they can put all of their resources into for use later in life. They should know how to communicate effectively, manage their finances, prepare meals, care for clothing, and more importantly know where and how to ask for guidance when they need it. Whether it be when looking for good daycare, choosing a mortgage, filling out a job application, or filing their taxes; students need to know where to start or who to ask for assistance. I want to provide students with the tools they need to be lifelong learners. After all, Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) is all about teaching skills for life.



**MAY 26
FRIDAY**

School is in Session

Half-day of school
Busses dismiss at 12:130 pm



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Spotlight on Sports

By: Bethanie VonEnde

Tryg Olson ~ Baseball

What position(s) do you play? 2nd base, catcher, pitcher, and shortstop.

Other than our home field, where do you enjoy playing the most? Fosston because it has big dugouts and is spaced out nicely and there are lights there I think.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Gabe because he's always having fun and encouraging us when we make mistakes or have a bad day.

What is your favorite baseball memory? The tournament at Ulen-Hitterdal.



Emily Burkel ~ Golf

What is your favorite snack to munch on while on the course? Either Uncrustables or Nature Valley oats and honey granola bars.

Which golf course is your favorite? Greenbush because it's our home course and I know it better than any other course.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Sam Bennet because he is a young amateur and did very well in the Masters competition. Even when he fell behind, he held his chin up and kept playing.

What is your favorite golf memory? When the geese attacked us at practice last year.



Quynn Washington ~ Softball

What position(s) do you play? I play pitcher or center field.

Other than our home field, where do you enjoy playing the most? I enjoy playing at the Roseau field because it has many more fields.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Ava and MacKenzie because they always say the nicest things when I don't do well.

What is your favorite softball memory? My favorite softball memory is when Kenzie and I were playing in the field and she missed the ball and tumbled, but we still got the girl out. It was the best play we had all year.



Ada Lee ~ Track

What is your favorite snack while at a meet? The Smuckers PB+J sandwiches and Gatorade.

What event(s) do you compete in and which is your favorite? 4x800 relay (main event), open 800, 4x200 relay, 400

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? I look up to my dad, who is also my coach. He keeps me motivated because he keeps me on track in what I need to do. He is my biggest critique, but he is also the best fan cheering me on while I run. He pushes me past my limits and keeps me going when I think I am done. He is the best.

What is your favorite track memory? My favorite track memory is getting third at sub-sections while running the 4x800 relay and getting to move onto sections. Also getting a new PR (personal record) the same day as well.



Ivan Olafson ~ Trap

What is your favorite station to start on? One because it's my best spot I shoot. I always start with a score of five.

What is your favorite weather to shoot in? Warm because I can feel my hands.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Coach Pete because I shoot better when he is there.

What is your favorite trap memory? Shooting at Alexandria.





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Envirothon Competition

Two Badger teams competed in Envirothon at Lake Bronson State Park on Wednesday, April 26. Of the 22 teams competing, Badger Team #1 earned the overall high score on their oral presentation.

Pictured are: (back) Landon Christianson, Amelia Wilt, Jordan Lee, Riley Gust, Landon Frislie, Taylor Davy; (front) Paige Rybakowski, Ada Lee, Julia Dostal, Jordan Davy.

Basic Protein Shake

<https://fitfoodiefinds.com/best-protein-shakes/>

By: Carter Hamann

Ingredients:

- 1 cup frozen fruit or ice (banana, berries, etc.)
- 2-4 servings protein (protein powder, nut butter, seeds, etc.)
- 1/3 cup – 1 cup of liquid (almond milk, water, orange juice, etc.)
- optional: sweetener

Directions:

1. First, place fruit or ice on the bottom of your high-speed blender.
2. Next, add in a few of your favorite protein sources. We recommend using anywhere from 2-4 different sources here depending on how much protein you'd like to consume.
3. Add in 1/3 cup of liquid to start and an optional sweetener, if desired.
4. Then, put the lid on your blender and blend on high for about a minute or until smooth. If your protein shake isn't blending easily, add a little bit more liquid and continue blending.
5. Serve immediately.



Random Riddles

<https://www.keeplaughingforever.com/funny-riddles>

By: Measha Troxel

1. What are two things you can never eat at breakfast?
2. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
3. What's orange but sounds like a parrot?
4. During what month do people sleep the least?
5. What spends all the time on the floor but never gets dirty?
6. What goes up and down but never moves?
7. What always goes to sleep with shoes on?

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



Choir Musicians of the Month

By: Liam Winrow

Senior Choir Members

Gabe Warne, Mason Scharf, Elliott Isane, Raegen Maahs, Tali Hamann,

What section are you in and how long have you been in choir?

Gabe ~ I am a bass and have been in choir for 4 years.

Mason ~ Bass 2 and I was in it from 7-9th grade and then joined for my last year.

Elliott ~ I am a tenor and I have been in choir since 7th grade.

Raegen ~ I'm an alto and have been in choir for 6 years.

Tali ~ I am a first soprano. I have been in choir since 7th grade so I'm going on my sixth year.

What has been your favorite song to sing in choir?

Gabe ~ My favorite song to sing is *Loch Lomond*.

Mason ~ *Danny Boy* because I like the range of the notes and the pace of the song.

Elliott ~ *Carol of the Bells*.

Raegen ~ *Famine Song*.

Tali ~ *Silent Night* in German.

What is your favorite choir memory?

Gabe ~ Getting three superiors at contest this year.

Mason ~ When someone puked right in the middle of one of the programs.

Elliott ~ Having choir with my friends and having fun.

Raegen ~ Anytime when Lexi Rud, Tenisha Berger, and I were all together.

Tali ~ Stealing a shoe and passing it halfway across the room before anyone questioned it.



What advice would you give other vocalists to succeed?

Gabe ~ Sing loud and don't be afraid to make mistakes.

Mason ~ Sing louder and be confident.

Elliott ~ Always listen to the director and focus.

Raegen ~ Sing out! You joined choir for a reason, so don't be afraid to sing out.

Tali ~ Listen to those around you and if someone tells you you are doing something wrong, fix it. They aren't trying to be mean; they are trying to help you. If you are telling others they need to change, do it in a way that is kind. Don't throw stones when you live in a glass house.

Funky Facts

<https://www.splashlearn.com/blog/fun-facts-for-kids-that-are-equally-fun-and-astonishing/>

By: Caden Wojciehowski

- ~ The festive tradition of the Christmas tree dates back thousands of years to the Romans and Ancient Egyptians.
- ~ Starfish have no brains.
- ~ Apples float on water.
- ~ Number four is the only number with the same amount of letters.
- ~ More than 480 million people have played Monopoly.
- ~ Tomatoes and avocados are fruits, not vegetables.
- ~ The opposite sides of the dice always add up to seven.
- ~ A bolt of lightning is five times hotter than the sun.
- ~ Slugs have four noses.

- ~ Bees are found everywhere in the world apart from Antarctica.
- ~ Caterpillars have 12 eyes.
- ~ Horses and cows sleep standing up.
- ~ There are more than 1,000 kinds of bats in the world.
- ~ Kangaroos can't walk backward.
- ~ As well as having unique fingerprints, we all have unique tongue prints.
- ~ Finger nails grow four times faster than your toenails.
- ~ About 70% of an adult human body is water.
- ~ Your nose and ears continue growing your entire life.



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Band Musicians of the Month

By: Morgan Hickey

Senior Band Members

Gabe Warne, Landon Frislief, Raegen Maahs, Cody Olson, Keyasha Houser

What is your favorite piece to play?

Gabe ~ *Jump in the Line* because I like the part I play on it.

Landon ~ *Jump in the Line*, it reminds me of *Beetle Juice*.

Raegen ~ Any scary or suspenseful piece because they always sound so good and I think our band does well on those pieces.

Cody ~ My favorite piece to play is *Pilatus*.

Keyasha ~ Any song by Steven Reineke because they are very dramatic and complex.

What advice would you give to younger musicians?

Gabe ~ Practice and learn to read music.

Landon ~ It's okay to make mistakes, and when you do, make them loud.

Raegen ~ If you have questions, just ask! And sign up for lessons.

Cody ~ The only advice I have is to not quit.

Keyasha ~ Play loud and don't worry about making mistakes; it's how you learn.

Who inspired you to be part of band?

Gabe ~ My parents because they convinced me to be in band.

Landon ~ Neiman, from the movie *Whiplash*.

Raegen ~ Definitely Ms. Erickson, Kasen Swenson, and Lexi Rud.

Cody ~ Ms. Erickson inspired me to join band again.

Keyasha ~ Ms. Erickson



What is your most memorable moment in band?

Gabe ~ Going to state basketball because it was a lot of fun and it was my last pep band.

Landon ~ My first time going to state to play pep band.

Raegen ~ Any state tournament trips that pep band has attended.

Cody ~ My most memorable moment is going to state because we were able to swim at the hotel.

Keyasha ~ My eighth grade year, the band played at the Minnesota School Board Association Convention in The Cities for roughly 2,000 people!

Poppy Poster Winner!

Congratulations Gage Otto, Badger's 6th grade Poppy Poster winner! Gage's poster will be sent to the 9th District American Legion Auxiliary convention for judging. From there if his poster wins, it can advance to the State Department Convention in July. The rest of the Badger 6th grade posters can be seen displayed around the city of Badger at local businesses until Memorial Day.





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2023 Badger High School Prom Night of the enchanted lights



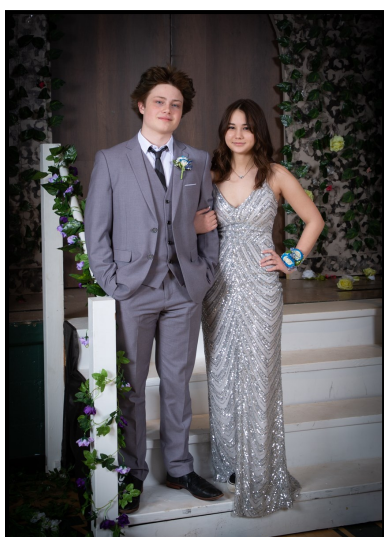
Arika Pickhartz & Mason Scharf



Macy Majer & Matthew Cole



Raegon Kuznia & Gabe Warne



Ashton Pickhartz & Sammy Noel



Chisum Schmiedeberg & Jordan Lee



Riley Gust & Zander Anderson

*Attended but not pictured:
Raegen Maahs & Elliott Isane, Tenisha Berger & Masen Swenson, Bethanie VonEnde & Brogan Beito,
Arianna Grugal, Marissa Secord & Xander Grugal



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Cooper Dahlen & Measha Troxel



Isaac Lee & Talisha Hamann



Treston Nichols & Reina Kraska



Dylan VonEnde & Hannah Bergsnev



Jack Burkel & Keyasha Housker



Vincent Stenberg & Ada Lee



Jordan Davy & Landon Frislie



Amelia Wilt & Atreyu Jones



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Campus Comment

By: Noah Gust

If you could live as any celebrity, who would it be?

Azmera Olson (7th grade): Ciara Harris because she has a beautiful singing voice. Not only that, she's very pretty and ever since I was younger I've wanted to be famous for singing.

Adysen Gregerson (8th grade): Taylor Swift. If you know me, you know I love her. I think it would be amazing to experience her songs and albums being chart #1 for weeks. Taylor is also a very smart and intelligent woman.

Tryg Olson (9th grade): If I could live as any celebrity, it would be Adam Sandler because he gets to be in movies. He always has cool movies to do. He also looks like he has fun when people take pictures with/of him. It looks like he has a pretty cool life and that's why I would live as Adam Sandler.

Landon Christianson (10th grade): I would be the king of rock, Elvis Presley. He was in many movies and sang with many other great singers of the time. Plus, I love everything 40s and 50s from the style of clothing they wore to the cars they drove. Elvis was a very influential person back then and still is one of the most memorial singers in the worlds.

Macy Majer (11th grade): I would want to live as Luke Combs' wife. I say that because Luke Combs is awesome, and that would be so cool to be with him all the time.

Mason Scharf (12th grade): I would be Tom Holland because I could play Spiderman in all the Marvel movies. I would meet all the other celebrities that are in the Marvel movies too. And the best part would be dating Zendaya.

Mrs. K (Math Teacher): Meryl Streep so I could have been in the movie *Out of Africa* and lived the life of a strong woman during the 40s adventuring in Africa – with Robert Redford!



Shout Out To...

Post prom committee & volunteers for an excellent post prom experience!

Mr. Coltom & Mr. Lee for a great prom decorating day.

Class of 2023 for making it a memorable year!

FCCLA National Advancers & Area Officers ~ your hard work is taking you places; like Denver!!

ECFE families for another year of having great kids in our building!

Lorraine Kukowski for her 20 plus years of dedication and time spent developing family, career, and community leaders with Badger FCCLA ~ you will be missed!

Jody Randall & Angela Monsrud for their assistance with ECCE snack planning this year!

Dylan VonEnde & Ada Lee for being such helpful teacher assistants this semester.

Deputy Logan Bender for teaching the 5th Grade and 8th Grade about D.A.R.E this year.

Nicole Wilt! She does such a great job cleaning the 4th grade classroom. You can tell she really cares about us.

Charlie Walsh for helping the 5th and 6th grade haul garbage bags the Monday following Earth Day when we cleaned the south end of town!

All who help run the school ~ all the faculty, the community, the parents, everyone. Without everyone's help there wouldn't be a great school.

Everyone who helped support our Wolf Ridge experience!

Jody Randall for breakfast and snacks.

Ashley Lambert, Heidi Warne, Emmie Jacobson, & John Wirta for chaperoning.

Substitute teachers who filled in for us.

All the staff who helped with the planning.

Ed Walsh for getting us there & back safely.

Last but not least to the *7th grade class* for making this an amazing trip!



Elementary Viewpoint

By: Ivan Olafson

What is your favorite book and why do you like it?

Aspen Stenberg (1st grade): My favorite book is *Fly Guy*. The boy's name is Buzz. Another book is *Planets* because in 1969 it was beautiful.

Annalie Yonke (2nd grade): My favorite book is *The Cat in the Hat*! I like it because it's funny! The Cat in the Hat acts funny.

Brentley Williams (3rd grade): *Berenstain Bears* because it teaches people lessons. My favorite one is about strangers. My favorite place to read is the beanbags.

Eli Washington (4th grade): My favorite book is *Bad Kitty*. I like it because it is when she gets into trouble. She hates puppy but she loves him, and they are like a brother and sister.

Delyla Carpenter (5th grade): My favorite book is probably *The Boy who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti. It's about a German boy in World War 2 who wanted Germans to know the truth about Hitler and the war which was very dangerous. It's a really interesting book. I recommend it!

Wyatt Jenson (6th grade): My favorite book is the *Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett and Jory John. I like it because they play pranks.



Earth Day

The Badger 5th and 6th grade students celebrated Earth Day by picking up garbage on the south side of Badger. They were able to fill quite a few garbage bags in a little over an hour!





BUILDING READERS®

How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Badger Independent School District #676

Summer reading programs can give students' reading skills a boost

Have you looked into your library's summer reading program yet? In addition to being fun, these programs can help children keep their literacy skills sharp over the summer months.

Summer reading programs typically:

- **Provide a safe environment** for readers of all ages to socialize and connect with others.
- **Offer literacy-rich experiences.** For example, children may do art projects, form book clubs and meet authors.
- **Encourage the enjoyment** of all types of reading materials—from magazines to graphic novels and audiobooks.
- **Build good habits,** such as visiting the library often. After a summer filled with literacy events, your child will know that reading new things makes life more interesting!



Expand thinking with Alphabet Words

Alphabet Words is an engaging game that can help children build cognitive skills. To play:

1. **Create a game board.** Have your child draw a line down the center of a sheet of paper and write the letters A through M down the left side, and N through Z down the right.
2. **Pick a theme,** such as *food* or *animals*.
3. **Ask your child** to write one word next to each letter on the game board. Each word must match the theme and begin with that letter—*apple* for A, *bagel* for B, etc.
4. **Offer hints** if your child gets stuck. For the letter *I*, you might say, "Something sweet that is on a cake (*icing*)."
5. **Tally up the number of words** your child has on the game board. Then, challenge your child to beat that score.

Erase common reading excuses

- **"I don't have time."** Rearrange your child's schedule to include time for reading.
- **"It's too hard."** Ask the teacher to help you find books written at your child's reading level.
- **"It's no fun."** Combine reading with enjoyable experiences. If your child likes dinosaurs, read a book follow up with a visit to a museum.



Pets make great listeners

When children struggle with reading, they may feel self-conscious about reading aloud. But it's important for them to practice.

A family pet can be a nonjudgmental audience that will make your child feel more at ease reading aloud. If you don't have a pet, suggest reading to a stuffed animal instead!



Boost vocabulary with games

This summer, introduce your child (and yourself) to one new word a day.

- **Select a random word** from a print or online dictionary. Have family members take turns guessing the definition.
- **Search online** for "word of the day" websites or apps. Share the word each day and see who can use it in a sentence.
- **Read a news article** aloud. Choose one unfamiliar word and look it up. Challenge family members to use it in a conversation.





Promote reading with irresistible books

Summer is a great time for you and your child to read the same book—and have fun discussing it, too. But if you're worried that your child will reject this idea, prepare in advance.

Make a list of books with enticing elements. Then let your child pick what you'll read. Include choices that have:

- **Humor.** Young readers giggle at pictures and wordplay. Older kids understand jokes that play out through dialogue and scenes.
- **Personality.** Look for main characters who are similar to your child in feelings and experiences.
- **Excitement.** Reluctant readers like short chapters with lots of action. Even the first paragraph should be fascinating!
- **Originality.** Sometimes a book's cover or illustrations can draw readers in. Stand-out topics (like "Gross bugs!") attract readers, too.



Start planning now for summer reading

Develop a summer reading plan to keep your child's reading skills school-ready:

- **Stock your home** with a variety of reading materials linked to your child's interests. Ask the librarian for recommendations.
- **Make a list of new places** for your child to read—at the park, in the bathtub, at a sibling's soccer game.
- **Combine reading and food.** Plan to serve a meal related to the theme of a book. Or, go on a reading picnic.
- **Involve friends.** Help your child plan a reading party or a book swap.



Q: I want to help my child improve reading comprehension. How can I do this?

A: One way to boost reading comprehension is to ask questions about what your child is reading. Ask your child questions such as, *What happened in the beginning of the story? The middle? The end? Why do you think the author wrote this book? What did you like or dislike about it and why? Can you teach me something you learned from the book?*

Stop the 'summer slide'

Studies have shown that children who read four to six books over the summer tend to avoid the loss of academic skills kids experience when they're not in school.

Encourage your child to read this summer, but don't make it seem like a chore. "It's summer, and you get to read what you choose! I'll even let you stay up late if a book is so good you can't put it down."

For lower elementary readers:

- **Jasper John Dooley: Star of the Week** by Caroline Adderson. It's Jasper's week to shine—but nothing is going according to plan. Will he be able to get back on track with the help of his family and friends?
- **Cinderella's Stepsister and the Big Bad Wolf** by Lorraine Carey. In this fairy-tale twist, Cinderella has a third stepsister, who is not as evil as the others!



For upper elementary readers:

- **Pay It Forward** by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Trevor receives an assignment to do good deeds for three people—who must pay those good deeds forward to three more people.
- **Pie** by Sarah Weeks. Alice's aunt died and left a secret (and popular) pie crust recipe to her cat. She also left her cat to Alice. Now the town is going pie crazy!

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We're going to...

Greece & Italy

Summer 2024



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am so excited to invite your student on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

Please register for the meeting by May 9th

I look forward to seeing you there!
Shannon Dostal

P.S. Can't make the meeting but want more information?
Register using the QR code or link below and select "No but send info."

Register below & join us for more details!

Meeting date & time:

May 10th
@ 6:30 PM

Location:

RSVP for meeting details

Contact information:

gatorsinternational24@gmail.com

Register with this QR code
to attend the meeting!



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Badger T&C

Badger Town and County, providing community
togetherness, engagement, and growth for over 80 years.

Mission

The mission of this organization shall be to take up for consideration and action events and activities that provide for the betterment and advancement of the community and its residents.



JOIN NOW!

Consider joining the Badger Town and Country. Anyone ages 18 and up can join for a small yearly dues of \$10.

To join contact us via email:
badgermn.t.c@gmail.com; send a message on the BadgerT&C Facebook page; or come to the next meeting on Monday, June 5, at 7:00 pm at the Badger Community Center.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2 - 3 Badger Community Rummage Sales

To get on the list/map contact:
badgermn.t.c@gmail.com

June 4, 9:30 - 12:30 - Badger Community Center

FREE Mother's/Father's Day breakfast -
Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads

July 23 - 29 Badger Beautification Contest

2 awards will be given:

Most Improved Yard Award- register to participate
in the contest (before and after pics needed)

badgermn.t.c@gmail.com

Judges Choice Award - do not need to register

Fall Fest Button Design Contest

Design a slogan and picture for the Badger Fall Fest
The design and slogan will be used for Badger's 2023
Fall Fest and on the Fall Fest buttons.

*Cash prize for the winner

*All ages welcome to submit a design

Submit your design to:

badgermn.t.c@gmail.com

by July 30, 2023

September

Badger Fall Fest, Sept. 14 - 16, 2023



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Juniors & Seniors Planning for Their Futures

Badger juniors and seniors attended the Career Expo at Northland Community & Technical College in East Grand Forks on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. The Career Expo provided students with opportunity to explore three of the academic programs offered at the East Grand Forks campus: Architecture Technology, Business Professional Programs, Computer Networking Technology, Construction Trades, Early Childhood, Fire Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapist, Surgical Technology, or Welding. Students toured academic labs and facilities, visited with current students, and engaged in the hands-on learning.



Quote of the Month

By: Hailey Lundgren

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."
~ Walt Disney

Walter Elias Disney was creative from an early age with an aptitude for drawing and painting. Once Walt Disney began high school, he took up photography, drew for his school paper, and studied cartooning. His creations were postponed when he was drafted to serve in WW1. Once he returned home, he occasionally worked in commercial art studios. Eventually he started his own studio and created the Disney cartoons we know today. Disney worked hard to achieve his dreams and through this quote, he tried to encourage others to work toward their own dreams.

Trivia

By: Breydon Foss

- Which day is St. Stephens Day?
 - 1st of December
 - 24th of December
 - 26th of December
 - 1st of January
- How old is the average Christmas tree?
 - 1 year
 - 7 years
 - 10 years
 - 15 years
- What year was the first *Die Hard* movie released?
 - 1986
 - 1988
 - 1990
 - 1991
- What is the national sport of Canada?
 - Baseball
 - Ice Hockey
 - Field Hockey
 - Football

Random Riddle Answers

- Lunch and dinner
- A mushroom
- A carrot
- February
- Your shadow
- The stairs
- A horse



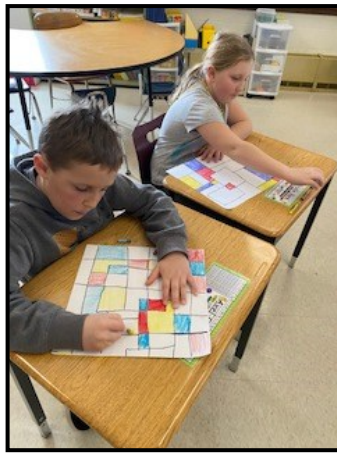
Elementary Students Enjoy Art

Another exciting spring for art with Alyssa Aune! Similar to last year, grades K - 6 enjoyed weekly art lessons with Mrs. Aune. Beginning the first week of January, art was held every Tuesday until the last week of March, for a total of 12 sessions. Alyssa went into each of the classrooms to do artwork.

"Students were excited for another year of art. It's fun to see their excitement each Tuesday morning. I always hear a lot of 'what will we be doing today?!' from the students," says Alyssa. "I'm happy they have a love for art, and I hope it always stays that way."

Over the course of 12 weeks, students enjoyed using oil pastels, pastel chalks, watercolor paints, tempera paints, and scratch art. Each lesson incorporated one of the art elements or principles which was discussed before the project began. Many of the students recognized the words from last year!

Upon completion of the projects, many were hung up in the hallways or classrooms for display. People can check out the Badger School's Facebook page as the work has also been shared on there as well! This activity was made possible in part with a grant provided by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council through funding from the McKnight Foundation.





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Quarter 3 “A” Honor Roll



Grades 10-12

Back: Brogan Beito, Dylan VonEnde,
Raegen Maahs, Riley Gust, Keyasha Housker,
Talisha Hamann
Front: Macy Majer, Jordan Davy, Ada Lee,
Amelia Wilt, Ashton Pickhartz, Jordan Lee

Grades 7-9

Ava Warne, Abram Wirta, Deegan Hanson,
Avearah Hanson **Not Pictured:** Emily Burkel



Grades 4-6

Hadley Zimney, Aaron Jasiqi, Delyla Carpenter



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Quarter 3 “B” Honor Roll

Grades 10-12

Back: Mason Scharf, Gabe Warne, Carter Hamann, Aidan Carpenter, Taylor Davy, Landon Christianson
Middle: Alex Lunde, Ivan Olafson, Kaden Halvorson, Masen Swenson, Julia Dostal, Xander Grugal
Front: Bethanie VonEnde, Paige Rybakowski, Measha Troxel, Jaden Kukowski, Marissa Secord, Arianna Grugal



Grades 7-9

Back: Morgan Hickey, Keegan VonEnde, Eli Olafson, Tryg Olson, Jaxon Castle, Hallie Glodowski
Middle: Katelyn Gust, Cale Lindland, Quynn Washington, Shaina Gust, MacKenzie VonEnde
Front: Hailey Lundgren, Kylee Gust, Payton Lee, Aiyanah Bieber, Azmera Olson



Grades 4-6

Back: Autumn Turpitt, Willow Rud, Onah Gregerson, Nils Christianson, Ayden Mostad
Middle: Abigal Wojciechowski, Paige Gust, Charlotte Lane, Briar Williams, Ryder Gust, Grant Olson
Front: Marley Haugen Rosadino, Kiley Streich, Jens Duray, Ava Gust, Kiley Streich, Rozalyn Bieber
Not Pictured: Ezra Monsrud, Elijah Monsrud, Maizy Thompson





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2023 Art Trip to Duluth

The Badger Art Club would like to thank all those who have attended our events and purchased tickets and donated. Your financial sponsorship makes it possible to complete an overnight Art Trip every few years. This year we traveled to Duluth and made gallery stops along the way. We began our trip with a stop at the Northwest Art Council Annual Spring Show at the Legacy Center in Middle River. From there we traveled to a fairly new gallery in Grand Rapids called the MacRostie Art Center and had the pleasure of learning about Filo patterns and sculptures as well as amazing acrylic art. Both are the featured artists for their current gallery show. Students and advisors stayed in the Hostel DuNord of Duluth. We had the entire 3rd floor to ourselves. We were able to cook as well as host our art activities in the space provided. Friday was spent at the Duluth Art Institute with a concentration in abstract art and some treasure hunting for our evening activity. Saturday was time at the Aquarium, seeing the play *Tuck Everlasting*, and having dinner at the Apostle restaurant, which rotates to see all of the Duluth Sky Line. We appreciate the parental support, our driver Ed Walsh, and chaperone Joni Burkkel. Thank you all. More photos can be seen on the Badger Art Club Facebook page.



Dinner at the Apostle restaurant



Abstract art activity to prepare for Saturday's workshop



Ed Walsh demonstrating his eagle wing span



MacRostie Art Center Grand Rapids, MN



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Duluth Art Institute



Duluth Aquarium



Abstract workshop activity



Northwest Art Council Annual Spring Show



Joni Burkel staying warm while on the shore of Lake Superior



At the theatre to see *Tuck Everlasting*

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Kindergarten Korner ~ Class of 2035

By: Julia Dostal

The end of the year has come, and it's time to find out what the kindergarten class enjoyed most this year.

Paxton Anderson ~ Playing with my friends and going outside to play tag.

Beckett Byre ~ I liked writing numbers in math.

Zoltan Copeland ~ I liked using chalk to make northern lights with Mrs. Aune.

Bennett Didrikson ~ I liked making towers from blocks.

Breydan Fichter ~ I liked learning the alphabet and reading new words.

Coraline Jenson ~ I liked painting the bear with Mrs. Aune.

Kein Kjos ~ I liked playing games on the iPad.

Isabelle Lane ~ I liked making the fox, dog, and bear during art with Mrs. Aune.

Khalil Olson ~ I liked playing outside and doing art.

Braydon Phillips ~ I liked decorating cookies at Christmas.

Kylah Przekwas ~ I liked reading because I get to know more words.

Zara Schmidt ~ I liked doing art and drawing.

Everlee Sletten ~ I liked learning how to draw in art.

Weston Sovde ~ I liked learning minus and plus at math.

Emery Walsh ~ I liked playing with toys.

