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NHS Blood Drive

By: Dillon Nieman

On Tuesday, September 26, from 12:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Badger, the Badger National Honor Society (NHS) hosted a blood drive for United Blood Services. NHS members Austin Maurstad, Tyler Isane, Ethan Praska, Devan Olson, and Dillon Nieman worked hard to promote the event by calling community members and current/former students about donating and advertising with posters and flyers. The NHS members also set up and took down tables, kept refreshments stocked, signed-in donors, and helped with anything else the United Blood Service workers needed. There were 34 people registered to donate; 12 were first-time donors. This resulted in 27 units of blood being collected. The Badger NHS thanks Border State Bank for donating paper napkins and Rosalie Olson for the homemade chocolate chip cookies. This event would not have been possible without the community and Badger High School student donors. NHS hopes to get this support again at their next blood drive on Wednesday, November 22 from 12:45 to 5:30 p.m.





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Badger School Superintendent's News



Transportation Director Tim Berger Retires after 34 years of Service

October 31 marked the end of an era at the Badger School District. After traveling hundreds of thousands of miles over the years, Tim Berger, Transportation Director and Badger School District employee for the last 34 years, officially worked his last day as Transportation Director. The Badger School District owes a tremendous amount of gratitude for his dedicated service and commitment to our students, families, staff, and school district for over three decades. Driving school bus before and after school every day represented only a portion of his workday. Arriving at school long before most district residents are awake, Mr. Berger worked to ensure our buses were road-ready and prepared to safely transport students to and from school as well as athletic teams and student organizations traveling to and from events. In addition, maintaining an excellent bus garage that was always clean, organized, and safe was another characteristic of Tim Berger. On behalf of the Badger School District....THANK YOU for all that you did for our district. You made a difference in the lives of our students and district residents.



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On November 16 at 7:00 p.m. the National Honor Society will host an induction ceremony welcoming “new” students as members of the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society is a prestigious group of students and an organization that was originally founded in 1921. Chapters of the National Honor Society can be found in all 50 states. The Badger Community School National Honor Society Advisor is Mrs. Shannon Dostal. The following Badger High School students are “returning” members of the National Honor Society: Tyler Isane, Austin Maurstad, Dillon Nieman, Devan Olson, and Ethan Praska.

The National Honor Society is one of the nation’s premier organizations established to recognize outstanding high school students. It is an organization that promotes, recognizes, and honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The National Honor Society not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Membership is open to juniors and seniors. Students must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average to be eligible for membership. Each year, student applicants are evaluated for membership by a faculty council on an individual basis. Once selected and inducted, student members must maintain the highest standards in the four pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Congratulations to all of the members of the National Honor Society as well as the successful candidates who will be inducted on the 17th. The Badger School and community are proud of your achievements and membership into this fine organization!



Badger School Superintendent's News (continued)

Commissioner Cassellius Visits Badger School District

On October 16, Brenda Cassellius the Commissioner of Education visited the Badger School District. This was a tremendous honor for our district. While at the Badger School, Commissioner Cassellius spent time touring our school and classrooms and visiting with students and staff. Commissioner Cassellius was aware of our district and the academic excellence we have achieved in the past and continue to strive for. The Commissioner also commented on the “family” feeling in our building and appreciated the relationships that are evident throughout our school.



Veterans Day Program ~ Wednesday, November 8 at 10:00

On November 8 at 10:00 a.m., the Veterans Day program will take place at the Badger Community School. All community members are encouraged to attend the ceremony and pay tribute to all members of the military (past and present) who have served our great nation. The Veterans Day program consists of musical performances, student speakers, and most importantly multiple presentations honoring our Veterans.

Badger Community School Celebrates American Education Week!

November 13-17 is American Education Week. Badger Community School will celebrate American Education Week and recognize our teachers, support staff, office personnel, food service, maintenance staff, and bus drivers as well as our students and community members who all work together to make the Badger Community School a wonderful place to work and learn.

The Badger Education Association, food service, and administration have organized events during American Education Week. Some of the events include:

- **Monday, November 13:** A student activity centered on celebrating American Education Week
- **Tuesday, November 14:** Support Staff Appreciation
- **Wednesday, November 15:** Teacher Appreciation
- **Thursday, November 16:** Breakfast at school!
- **Friday, November 17:** Volleyball game – staff vs students at 2:00 p.m.

Please take the time to visit our school whenever your schedule may allow. You are always welcome and our district values your input, ideas, and suggestions. Thank you for all that you do for our school. Because of a unified effort throughout our district to serve our students, Badger is the school where “every student belongs.”

Respectfully,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent



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November Ramp-Up Topics

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Using a planner is a very important way for students to stay organized and on top of their academic and extracurricular schedules. Students use their school planners to stay organized with classroom assignments and upcoming important events. Parents can support the importance of using a planner by checking their child’s planner daily and discussing the importance of staying organized. Students will also learn where to go when they need help when they are in school – whether it is for academic or personal reasons. 6th graders will complete their Readiness Rubric after first quarter grades are posted.

GRADE 7: What are some of the newest careers? What is my strongest learning style and what careers does it pair well with? On average, Americans change jobs eleven times during their working careers. Students need to build a strong academic and skill base to keep up with the ever-changing world. The value of earning a postsecondary degree can help students prepare for the careers of the future. Students will also complete a Readiness Rubric check in after first quarter grades are posted.

GRADE 8: What does it take to be academically successful in college? Students will understand the types of academic behaviors they should develop by the time they leave high school to be successful in credit bearing courses in college. Eight graders will also focus on the importance of peer relationships, the types of peer influences they experience, and the influence society and the media has on those relationships. At the end of first quarter, students will spend some time updating their Readiness Rubric.

GRADE 9: In addition to updating their individual Readiness Rubrics, 9th grade students will concentrate on how and where students can find the help they need in high school. Help is something everyone needs and should never be shy about asking for it. Specific examples of where to go for help at the Badger School will be discussed.

GRADE 10: Motivation matters. Sophomores will focus on intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and compulsion (the things we are required to do). Is extrinsic motivation the best way to go? Students will have discussion regarding the benefits and drawbacks of getting paid for good grades. An update of each individual’s Readiness Rubrics is also planned.

GRADE 11: During November, students are asked to think about their role in approaching learning in a more independent setting. Juniors will focus on the importance of Gathering, Analyzing, Synthesizing, and Presenting (GASP) information in an independent manner. The Readiness Rubric will also be updated and reviewed.

GRADE 12: Seniors will update their Readiness Rubric and will learn the difference between “good debt” and “bad debt.” Of current college undergraduates, 91% have at least one credit card and the average college student has \$4100 in credit card debt. Examples of good debt can be a reasonable college loan that can lead to a high skilled career or purchasing a home that fits within one’s budget.

Darrin Smedsmo Winner of the Badger High School Tractor Raffle

The 1951 E4 Co-op was purchased new in 1952 by Gerhard Anderson of Malung, from Farmer’s Union in Roseau who was the Cockshutt/Co-op dealer. Gerhard traded the tractor in to Roseau Farm Service in about 1968. It was then purchased by Leland Lee, father of Kraig Lee of Wannaska. After many years, it was sold to Lester Ostlund. In the summer of 2005, Cockshutt collector Curtis Haugen of Roseau bought it. In 2016, he donated it to the Badger shop class for a restoration project. This tractor has spent its entire life in Roseau County. Pictured are Badger Technology Education instructor Mike Coltom and raffle winner Darrin Smedsmo.



Home for the Holidays

December 9
Badger School

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
~ Book Sale ~ Vendors ~ Food ~

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
~ Santa ~





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Badger School Welcomes Foreign Exchange Students!

Maria Eduarda Gomes Aristides Sao Paulo, Brazil

Host Family: Chris, Jodi, Ashtyn, Dawson, and Brogan Beito

What is the population like in Brazil compared to here? It's more people so where you look you'll see people. The houses in Brazil are very close together. In Sao Paulo there's about three million people.

How are teens different here than in Brazil? Here you are more independent because you can drive so you control your life. In Brazil, we can't drive so we are more dependent of our parents and we can't work.

How do the school classes work in Brazil? We stay in a classroom all day and the teachers come to us.

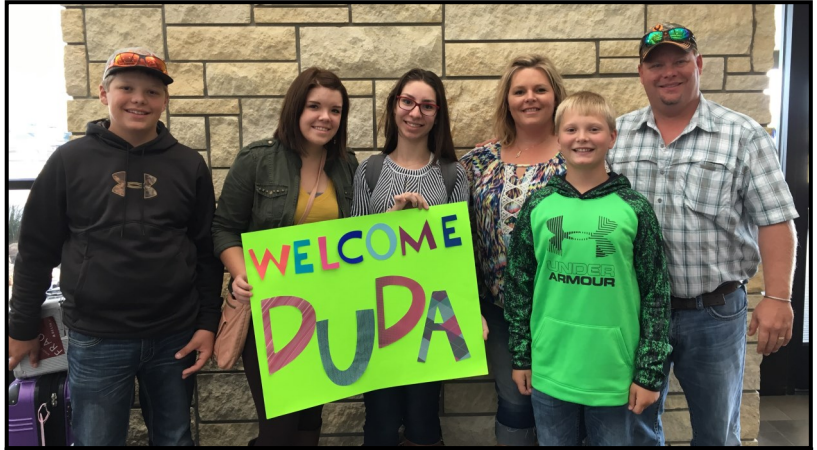
What's the difference in technology? Technology in Brazil is like here but behind yet. For example, in school we can't use our phone for classes and we don't learn about computers like here.

How's the food different? Here all food is sweet or spicy and you have a lot of fast foods. In Brazil most things are fresh.

What made you want to become a foreign exchange student? I always watched American movies and stood thinking "How will it be?" and now I'm here.

What is your favorite thing about Badger School? My favorite thing is every teacher works together with the parents, the students, and each other.

What is your favorite activity that you've done so far since you've been here? I can't choose one, but when I am with my host family it's like they are my relatives. I love how everyone is receptive and friendly with foreign exchange students.



Maria and the Beito Family
Dawson, Ashtyn, Maria, Jodi, Brogan, Chris



Mai and the Maahs Family
Misty, Mai, Daryl, Raegen

Pitchawee (Mai) Chaipramote Bangkok, Thailand

Host Family: Daryl, Misty, and Raegen Maahs

What is the population like in Thailand compared to here? In Thailand we have a lot of people, about eight million in Bangkok. So, here it is much smaller than my town in Thailand.

How are teens different here than in Thailand? Teens here are pretty much the same as Thailand. As we have more public transportation, teens always travel around town and are pretty independent. The difference is we usually go to the malls but here they usually go watch sports.

How do the school classes work in Thailand? We have to stay in the classroom and the teachers come teach us.

What's the difference in technology? Technology in Thailand is more advanced than here. We use all social applications on a smart phone.

How's the food different? Thai food has a stronger flavor and includes more vegetables than here. We usually eat rice in every meal.

What made you want to become a foreign exchange student? When I was in eighth grade, I read about the life of an exchange student and I thought that this was so interesting. This is a good way to improve your English skills while traveling in another country and exchange cultures and food with the people here.

What is your favorite thing about Badger School? Badger School is so small. Everyone here knows each other. That's my favorite thing because Thailand is so large. We have about 4,000 students in the school, just tenth through twelfth grade.

What is your favorite activity that you've done so far since you've been here? My favorite activity that I've done is going to the water park and shopping in Grand Forks.



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Senior Spotlight Tyler Isane

Parents: Jason & Julie Isane

Siblings: Isaak, Jenessa

Nicknames: Ty, Tyler-Myler, Isane

Favorite:

Sport: Baseball

Food: Cheeseburger

Color: Blue

Quote: “Live life like a 3-0 count.”

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I’d wish for cancer to not exist.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? I’d go to a warm, top-dollar resort on an island with my future wife.

What one word best describes your personality? Caring.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Nothing comes to mind, but I’m sure there are plenty.

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

What is one memory you’ll always remember from Badger School? I’ll always remember how good our lunch was every day.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? I was proud to be a part of a state baseball team my tenth-grade year.



Senior Spotlight Michaela Dahlen

Parents: Brent Thompson & Danielle Rittenhouse

Siblings: Mathias, Sabrina, Marisa, Alexis, Elysa, Rebecca, Cooper

Nicknames: Chae (pronounced Kay), Chaela (pronounced Kayla) Michael-UH, Nugget, Princess, MichaelAngelo

Favorite:

Sport: Football (watching the Eagles)

Food: Shoofly Pie (Amish-made brown sugar and molasses pie)

Color: Mint green

Quote: “The eyes are useless when the mind is blind.”

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? An unlimited amount of money.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? I would travel with my mom to a trip through the Mediterranean. From Spain, through France, Switzerland, Italy, and Greece. All the way from the Rock of Gibraltar to the Acropolis.

What one word best describes your personality? Charming.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? When Mr. Coltom told me to ask the boys in the shop to look at the “muffler bearings” on my car. I did and they all looked at me like I was dumb until Mr. Coltom started laughing at me, that’s when I caught on.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? I enjoy being outside hiking, swimming, running, driving around, or just hanging out with friends.

What is one memory you’ll always remember from Badger School? Just my classmates and every memory I’ve made with each of them.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Making it to my senior year and being on track to graduate.





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Choir Musician of the Month

Tyrah Green



Grade: 12

What section are you in? Alto

How long have you been in choir? 5 years

What kind of music do you like to sing? Anything that tells a story or can get to emotions.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? Being a leader to the underclassmen and learning new songs!

What are you looking forward to this year? Music Revue and enjoying my last year of choir the most I can.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Sing loud. It is okay to make a mistake and be a leader. You are all a part of the choir family.

What is your favorite choir memory? Getting to sing the song I wrote, *Warrior*, for Music Revue.

Band Musician of the Month

Isabella Monsrud



Grade: 9

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? I play the flute, and I chose it because of the beautiful, pure sound it has the ability to make.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick and why? I would love to learn many instruments, but I would definitely choose the trumpet because I just love how amazing they can sound.

What is your favorite song to play? I like many songs, but my favorites are probably *Pretty Fly*, *Bad Romance*, or my solo piece this year *Hungarian Serenade*.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? I would pick a Disney Princess theme, which for every princess there is a song that came from that movie. The princesses would be Moana, Elsa, Anna, Snow White, Belle (*Beauty and the Beast*), Rapunzel, etc.

What is your most memorable moment in band? My most memorable moment in band is every day when we give a drum roll and Tyler reads us the lunch menu. It's pretty funny!

What advice would you give to younger musicians? My advice is that practice pays off. It helps you to be so much better than when you started; and don't give up! Play your little hearts out.

Who inspired you to be part of band? My sister Olivia was a big inspiration to me because she wanted to be a musician when she grew up, and like every other little sister I wanted to be just like her.

Random Riddles

www.goodriddlesnow.com

By: Dillon Nieman

1. How can forty elephants have forty-fore heads?
2. What is it that you have that no one else has?
3. What is the only question you can never answer?
4. I'm heavy but not backwards. What am I?
5. You answer me, but I ask you nothing. What am I?
6. Which is correct, 9 and 5 is 13 or 9 plus 5 is 13?
7. What's the difference between a jeweler and a jailer?

Trivia

By: Noah Stuebgen

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| 1. Which United States city is nicknamed Little Cuba?
A. Atlanta
B. Jacksonville
C. Miami
D. Tallahassee | 3. Which planet is closest to the sun?
A. Venus
B. Mercury
C. Mars
D. Earth |
| 2. How many letters are there in the German alphabet?
A. 30
B. 45
C. 60
D. 20 | 4. Who was the leader of the wolves in <i>The Jungle Book</i> ?
A. Bagheera
B. Raksha
C. Shere Khan
D. Akela |



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November Gator Sports

By: Traci Hill

Wrestling

- 20 Practice Starts
- 30 @ Roseau

Girls Basketball

- 13 Practice Starts
- 27 Northern Freeze @ BGMR

Boys Basketball

- 20 Practice Starts
- 25 Varsity Jamboree @ Warren

Shout Out To.....

Badger volunteer firefighters Jarod Magnusson, Garret Berg, and Eric Dunrud for teaching the preschool and kindergarten classes about fire safety during fire prevention week. Jarod, Garret, and Eric shared their experiences and gave the children fire safety tips. The boys and girls were thrilled to squirt water from the fire hose!

Wannaska Forestry Division for sharing the story of Smokey the Bear. The kindergarten boys and girls enjoyed participating in the skit Smokey had our class present. Smokey, you give the best bear hugs!

Mrs. Lee's French class for teaching the kindergartners the French alphabet. Loto (French bingo) was a blast and the Skittles were delicious!

Gator football moms and dads involved in preparing the teams awesome meals after every football game, home or on the road.

Our wonderful lunch ladies that are always smiling and serving us AWESOME food! They really make a difference in our day!

6th graders who happily volunteered to wash tables after lunch on Thursday, October 12. It was very much appreciated.

Badger French class for teaching the 2nd graders the French alphabet and playing Loto with them!

Border State Bank of Badger for collecting and donating school supplies. *Concordia Quintet* for the top notch performances!!

Kennedy Truscinski for presenting her FCCLA project on the importance of trees to kindergarten, first, and second grades. The classes learned of the many health benefits of trees and were given a Northern Pine tree to take home and plant.

Everyone who helped support the Gator Robotics fundraiser raffle by purchasing tickets. They are getting closer to being able to fund our second regional event!

Sophomore class for being great representative of the Badger School at the Northern Valley Career Expo at the Alerus Center. Proud of you!

Senior class for their wonderful participation in College Knowledge Month and applying to colleges for next year. Way to go!

Random Riddles Answers

1. All forty elephants have foreheads.
2. YOUR mind/YOUR brain.
3. What is it like to be dead?
4. The word 'ton', spelled backwards it is 'not'.
5. A phone.
6. Neither. 9 and (plus) 5 is 14, not 13.
7. One sells watches and one watches cells.

Sweet Rice

<https://www.easybrazilianrecipes.com>

By: Maria Aristides

Ingredients:

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup white rice
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 lemon rind
- Cinnamon to decorate

Directions:

1. Bring water to a boil in medium saucepan.
2. Add rice and cover, simmering for 20 minutes.
3. Add milk, sugar and lemon rinds, stirring constantly until reaching a thick consistency, about 15-20 minutes.
4. Pour into a serving plate or two serving plates if there is extra.
5. Cover them with cinnamon and set aside to cool for about an hour.
6. Serve at room temperature and enjoy!



Trivia Answers

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



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Campus Comment

By: CeCeilia Yeager

If you could pick one superpower, which would you pick?

Tali Hamann (7th grade): If I picked a superpower, it would be to fly because if I could fly I could see the world and save people from fires and other natural and human-made disasters.

Erin Gonzalez (8th grade): I would be Super Why, one of the PBS kids. I would be a super reader.

Jory Bronson (9th grade): If I had one superpower it would be the power to know where and what will happen in the future because I would know where the monster buck would be this year and for years to come.

Mai Chaipramote (10th grade): I would pick time travel because I want to go to the future to see how the world is doing and go to the past to see what happened in the dinosaur era and to see the milestones that happened in the past.

Maria Aristides (11th grade): The Cure because I would be able to save the people who are very sick and people wouldn't lose someone to diseases!

Christian Hietala (12th grade): The superpower of my choice would be the ability to manipulate/control time. That way if I made a mistake, I could just go back in time and fix it. Or if I wanted to get through an extra boring day of school, I could just fast forward through the day.

Mr. Lee (Social Worker): I would have the ability to clone myself. I would take turns with my clones doing all the things I never seem to have time for. I wouldn't always go fishing, but it would be on the rotation.



November Dates to Remember

By: Esther Nelson

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| 1 | Career Expo, Grand Forks ~ Grade 10 | 16 | Instrumental & Vocal Solo Contest @ Roseau |
| 2 | Picture Retakes | 16 | National Honor Society Induction 7:00 pm |
| 2 | Vermilion Community College rep | 17 | Target Team Fall Event |
| 2 | Northland Community & Technical College Honor Choir | 17 | 4-H Movie Night Fundraiser |
| 3 | End of Quarter 1 | 20 | Northland Community & Technical College Honor Band |
| 5 | Daylight Savings Time ~ turn clocks back | 21 | Comm Ed ~ Yoga (Adults) 5:45 pm |
| 6 | No School ~ Staff Workshop | 21 | ECFE "Thanksgiving" 6:00 pm |
| 6 | Math League @ Badger | 21 | Fall Gator Sports Banquet 6:30 pm |
| 6 | Comm Ed ~ Yoga (Adults) 5:45 pm | 23 | Thanksgiving ~ No School |
| 7 | Election Day | 24 | No School |
| 8 | Veterans Day Program 10:00 am | 27 | Math League @ Nevis or Park Rapids |
| 11 | Veterans Day | 28 | Comm Ed ~ Yoga (Adults) 5:45 pm |
| 13 | School Board 7:30 pm | 28 | ECFE "The Tortoise and the Hare" 6:00 pm |
| 14 | Minnesota State University, Moorhead rep | | |
| 14 | Comm Ed ~ Yoga (Adults) 5:45 pm | | |
| 14 | ECFE "Little Red Riding Hood" 6:00 pm | | |



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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Tia McKinnon

What's your favorite thing to do during fall?

Ava Gust (1st grade): I like to rake the falling leaves in a pile and jump in the middle of them. I like to make faces on pumpkins and go trick-or-treating. It is fun to go back to school in September.

Jaxon Castle (2nd grade): I like to rake up leaves and jump in them.

Emery Christensen (3rd grade): I like jumping in piles of leaves and dressing up for Halloween.

Emily Burkel (4th grade): My favorite thing to do in fall is to read away from the cold, unless it's warm out!

Andrew Bergeron (5th grade): I really like carving pumpkins. I think it's fun making faces on them. We get glow sticks that last seven to eight hours. Then we put them outside.

Danton Bronson (6th grade): Jumping in leaves is fun. Hunting is my favorite thing to do in fall.



November Wacky Celebrations

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/>

By: Pitchawee Chairpamote

Forget-Me-Not Day ~ November 10

People use this day to get in touch with family, friends, and loved ones, especially those who we haven't seen in a while. You don't want them to forget you, do you!? Contact and talk with your long lost friend and send forget-me-not flowers to the ones you love to show how much they mean to you.

Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day ~ November 15

What's that in the back of the refrigerator!? Hold your breath, scrunch your nose if you must, and get to the task. Use this day to clean out your refrigerator, top to bottom. When it comes to food safety, fall back to the old saying: "When in doubt, throw it out!"

Fast Food Day ~ November 16

Americans are always in a rush. As a result of our fast moving lifestyle, we need to eat quickly and are usually unwilling or unable to wait long for our food to be prepared. Participating in Fast Food Day is easy. You are probably already doing so on a regular basis. All you have to do is eat or drink at a fast food restaurant today for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

World Hello Day ~ November 21

The purpose of World Hello Day is to promote world peace. The theme of this day is "Greet ten people for peace." It is really easy to participate in World Hello Day. Simply say "hello" to people today and voice your concern for world peace.

Buy Nothing Day ~ November 24

Black Friday is a day of consumer spending frenzy like no other. Are you tired of the commercialism of Christmas? Then, this special day is for you. Buy Nothing Day is a 24-hour moratorium on holiday shopping. It was created as a protest against the commercialism of this most sacred of holidays.

Occupational Fair

By: Emma Dimich

Badger juniors and seniors attended the Occupational Fair, hosted by the Roseau High School on October 9. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about current careers. Students picked six 15-minute sessions from 44 different occupations. Career areas represented were: business, agriculture, medical, law enforcement, education and human services, engineering and manufacturing, and military. The presenters explained their professions and the education required. Both technical and professional education options were discussed. Thank you to the presenters who came from all over Roseau County for the event and to Roseau High School for inviting us.



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Should students be allowed to drop out of their education anytime they want?

By: Cierra Olds

Riley Gust

Students should be allowed to drop out from their education because it's their choice to not have an education. But if they don't have an education, they won't have a good job, diploma, or get into a college. That is what I think.

Elliott Isane

No, I think they should know what they signed up for. Education is important and they shouldn't throw that away.

Coralie Olds

No they would never get their future job. They wouldn't get anywhere in life. They wouldn't have the basic skills to help themselves or anyone for that matter.

Isaac Lorenson

I don't think students should be allowed to drop out because the jobs now require an education just to be hired. Students should have to go to school no matter what. Education is important!



Concordia Wind Quintet Performs

Submitted by: Lisa Erickson, Band Instructor



On Monday, October 9, grades 2-6 and the high school band were treated to a fabulous performance by the Concordia Wind Quintet. The group of five instrumentalists included Debora Harris on flute, Leigh Wakefield on clarinet, Stephanie Carlson on oboe, Karin Wakefield on French horn, and Russell Peterson on bassoon. All five are members of the music faculty at Concordia College and also perform with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony as well as other ensembles. This performance was sponsored by Minnesota Public Radio through their Class Notes program.

The concert featured a diverse selection of music with each player introducing their instrument between pieces. Their great sense of humor enhanced the performance and made it memorable for the students.

Students also learned how a wind quintet can play together without a conductor by breathing together and following each other's body language.

Clarinetist, Leigh Wakefield, taught several students how to conduct using a "J" pattern for 2/4 time and a "pizza delivery" move to control volume. Then those students conducted the group on a rendition of Offenbach's *Can-Can*.

The most memorable moment for students was the final piece, "Amazing Grace," featuring an



excellent improvised alto sax solo from bassoonist Russell Peterson. Peterson walked away from the group and into the gym's storage garage only to emerge with a saxophone! The entire performance was inspirational and entertaining – what a treat! Thank you to the Concordia Wind Quintet and Minnesota Public Radio for providing such a high quality educational opportunity for our students!



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Welcoming New Staff

By: Liesl Aarhus

Ashley Haman High School Special Education Teacher



What made you decide to work at the Badger School? Well after living and teaching in Cody, Wyoming, for the past two years, I knew that I wanted to come closer to family. After deciding to move back, I just got a good “vibe” from Badger and fell in love with this friendly, little community!

What made you decide to work in this profession? When I was in high school, I was a teacher’s assistant in a Special Education classroom, and I just fell in love with the kids! I loved seeing the moment when they finally got what was being taught and working to find creative ways to teach new concepts. Eventually, it just clicked that this was a great way to give back to the community and help students to become the best they can be.

What do like about the Badger School? I love the small community feel here at Badger School. Everyone really looks out for each other and is always willing to lend a hand.

Where did you go to college? I went to college at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

What is your degree? I got my degree in Elementary Inclusive Education with an Academic Behavioral Strategist licensure option.

What is your favorite part of your job? My favorite part of the job is letting students know that I believe in them every day and the moment when they start to believe in themselves.

What else would you like the community to know? I am very thankful to be working here in Badger!

Sandy Thompson Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional



What made you decide to work at the Badger School? I wanted to start somewhere fresh and a small school seemed really appealing to me. I grew up in a small community and went to a small school too. I graduated with a class of only ten.

What made you decide to work in this profession? I was a para for ten years at Roseau Public School and I loved it. Certain circumstances made me go elsewhere, but I’m happy I am back doing a job I love.

What do like about the Badger School? That it is small. I like that I can get to know staff and students by name, not just by seeing faces.

What is your favorite part of your job? Working with children is very rewarding. Each child is special in his or her own way. Everyone needs a little extra love and I have a lot to give. From the day I stepped into the Badger School I felt very welcome. I want to thank all of you for that. It made me realize I made the right choice by coming to Badger.

Anything else you would like the community to know? I’m excited to be here! Schools like Badger School should live on forever!



College Fair 2017

By: CeCeilia Yeager

The juniors and seniors attended the Minnesota Education Fair sponsored by the Minnesota Association for College Admission Counseling Officers at the Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls on October 3. There were public, private, and trade schools from Michigan, Rhode Island, Minnesota, North Dakota,



Wisconsin, and South Dakota. The students had the opportunity to ask about admissions, financial aid, classroom size, etc. This was an excellent opportunity for students to personally visit with several post-secondary representatives and to receive helpful information on the many educational opportunities they have available.



The Badger Barker



Badger FCCLA Travels to Nationals

Submitted by: Gretchen Lee, Advisor

Over 7,600 students attended the National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 2-7. The group was accompanied by chapter advisors Lorraine Kukowski and Gretchen Lee. Kennedy Truscinski led our Minnesota delegation meetings as a State Officer of Research and Development. The Badger FCCLA Chapter sent eight students to present their various STAR event projects. Each earned silver ratings for their projects:

- Gavin Davy, Alex Ylitalo, and Brooke VonEnde presented on promoting Positive Attitudes.
- Emma VonEnde displayed her Recycled and Redesigned bar wood table.
- Jasmine Christianson and Hailey VonEnde demonstrated their Life Event Planning.
- Kadeyn Keller and Greta Lee showed off their Young Kids Cooking Class.



Our members traveled to Minneapolis to fly into Nashville for a stay at the Nashville Hilton Downtown. Our assigned hotel put us right across the street to the Country Music Hall of Fame, adjacent to the Music City Center, host of the National Conference, and 1 block away from Nashville's famous Broadway Street. The conference was comprised of FCCLA members from 50 states. Our students participated in Leadership Training Academy while at the conference focusing on skills such as planning, public speaking, and promoting a cause. We experienced wonderful hospitality, delicious barbecue, and the most amazing display of 4th of July fireworks, accompanied by the Nashville Symphony. Our chapter explored Nashville Shores waterpark, Hard Rock Cafe Nashville, tasted gator on-a-stick, and tested their teamwork skills at the Escape Game. The conference also inspired us with new ideas for projects for the upcoming year. Students saw many displays and met people from all over the United States and they are determined to attend next year's National FCCLA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 28-July 2, 2018.



STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) are assessments that recognize members for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. Competitive events provide opportunities to showcase college and career-ready knowledge, skills, and abilities; promote FCCLA chapter as an integral part of the Family and Consumer Sciences education program, and connect members with peers and the community.

A new urban dictionary term "adulthood" is what FACS education and FCCLA is all about. The top definition of "adulthood" on Urban Dictionary is to do grown up things and hold responsibilities such as, a 9 to 5 job, a mortgage/rent, a car payment, or anything else that makes one think of grownups.

FCCLA has the programs and resources/opportunities for youth to learn about topics for #adulthood ...

- Insurance, mortgages, payments = Financial Fitness
- Healthy eating, eating out vs home cooking, fitness = Student Body
- Friends, family, interpersonal communications, balancing work and family = Families First
- Job interviews, resumes = Career Connections

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Kindergarten Korner

By: Emma Dimich

Jacob Foss

Age: 6

Are you enjoying kindergarten?

Yes. I like playing with toys, games, and smart time.

What is your favorite movie?

Transformers. I like playing with Transformers and my favorite character is the Bumblebee.

If you could have any pet/

animal what would it be? Cats. I like playing with them and doing things with them.

If you could change the world, what would you change? Make the city a better place in the world.

If you had three wishes, what will you wish for?

Transformers, money, and dirt biking.

What do you think Thanksgiving is all about?

Cooking turkey, playing with toys, and playing outside.



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Age: 5

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes. I like the snacks, playing, and getting water from the water fountain in class room.

What is your favorite movie? *Trolls*. My favorite character is Poppy. My favorite part in the movie is when Poppy was going to the Bergens but she got stuck in the flower while saving her friends.

If you could have any pet/ animal what would it be?

Baby kitten. I could hold them in my hands, and make them go to sleep.

If you could change the world, what would you change? Change the flowers. I want orange on the inside and the outside of the flower.

If you had three wishes, what will you wish for? Phone, iPad, and tablet. I would play the games, text, and call my friends.

What do you think Thanksgiving is all about? Sharing, giving, and getting money in an envelope with candy on the outside.