



# The Badger Barker



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## Badger Robotics Team 3750 Competes at Two Off-Season Events

Submitted by: Valerie Truscinski, Robotics Head Coach

Gator Robotics travelled to two off-season events in October. Off-season events utilize the previous season's robot and game to initiate new members into the world of robotics and help refresh old members. The first event was the Minnesota Robotics Invitational (MRI) which was held in Roseville, MN, at the Roseville Area High School on October 13. Due to other sports still in action, the team was only able to take nine team members and three mentors to this event. Gator Robotics completed their qualification round undefeated with a record of 7-0. For the alliance selection, the team chose KOATIC Robotics from Frazee and The Fighting Calculators from Duluth East to join them in the elimination rounds. Team 3750 would defeat the fourth alliance the first round of a best two out of three elimination with a score of 469-266. As luck would have it, they would lose their next two rounds 314-326 and 274-302, moving them into the third place round. This round is a one-and-done competition, where Gator Robotics took on the number three alliance. The team would go on to claim the victory and bring home a third place finish.

On October 27, the team headed to Bemidji for the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference (NMRC) Championship, which was held at the Bemidji High School. This is a conference competition recognized by the Minnesota State High School League and is the only one in the state.



This time, 27 team members and seven mentors would make the journey to compete. Gator Robotics encountered some bad luck in a couple of their qualification rounds: one match the robot tipped, leaving it immobile for the majority of the round, and in another match, the robot would not connect to the field management system so it could not participate in that round. The team completed the qualification matches with a record of 10-2 positioning them in third place overall. For alliance selection, they chose Patriotic Robotics from Pequot Lakes and The Regulators from Cass Lake/Bena. Team 3750 took on the number two alliance in their semi-final matches (again best two out of three wins). The first match, The Regulators would complete the autonomous portion of the match and sit the remainder of the match. The alliance lost their first

match 164-370. In the second match of semi-final action, The Regulators would become stagnant part way through the match, and the alliance lost 183-363. Again the team moved to the third place round. At this point, as alliance captain, the team decided to select a different robot to replace The Regulators. The alliance selected UC-Botics out of Upsala to join them. This new alliance would go on to defeat the number four alliance with a hefty win to claim the third place finish.

Throughout the NMRC competition, judges visit each team's pit to talk with team members and judge them for various awards. At this event, Gator Robotics was awarded the Engineering Inspiration Award. This award is given to the team who celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school or organization and community. This is the first time in the history of Team 3750 that this award has been achieved.

The NMRC marked the final competition for J.D. (the 2018 robot named after James Dostal). This robot will now go into retirement, as Gator Robotics Team 3750 looks forward to the 2019 game "Destination Deep Space," which will be released on January 5, 2019. The team thanks all of their sponsors for the support they offered throughout the 2018 season. Without them all of this would not be possible!



## Badger School Superintendent's News



### Dallas Brass Educates and Entertains at Badger School

On November 7, the Dallas Brass, a professional touring Brass Quintet visited the Badger School District. During the day, Dallas Brass rehearsed and provided instruction to members of the Badger Band. While working with our students, members of the Dallas Brass offered tips on becoming better musicians, including discussion on practicing, breathing, and other subjects that apply to all instrumentalists.

Later that night the Dallas Brass performed a two-hour concert providing world class entertainment to a packed, enthusiastic audience. I would like to thank Ms. Lisa Erickson for all of her work to make this event possible as well as Mr. Carpenter, our students, and other staff members who provided necessary assistance throughout the planning stages as well as the performance itself. Thank you to all who attended the concert.

### Veterans Day Program: November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

On November 12 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.

### National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On November 15 at 7:00 p.m. the Badger National Honor Society will host an induction ceremony welcoming new students as members of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to the following inductees: Emma Gust, Deanna Rybakowski, Morgan Praska, Isaac Lorenson, and Tessa Blumer. 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: Alex Ylitalo and Gavin Davy.

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 15<sup>th</sup>. The Badger School and community are proud of your achievements and membership into this fine organization!

### Badger Community School Celebrates American Education Week!

November 12-16 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 12:** Veterans Day Program at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 13:** Thankful Tuesday activity for students
- **Wednesday, November 14:** Parents/special guests are invited to have breakfast at Badger School
- **Thursday, November 15:** Thankful toaster treats for staff in workroom
- **Friday, November 16:** Annual Badger School staff vs senior class volleyball match (2:00 p.m.)

### School Board Election Results

I would like to thank all candidates who offered their services as potential board members for the Badger School District. Your willingness to serve our students is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected to serve a four-year term as Badger School Board members: Jamie Isane, Jeremy Swenson, and Carol Rhen. Continued efforts to make all decisions based on what is best for our students and a dedicated commitment to serving our students will continue to allow Badger to be the school where every student belongs!

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.

Respectfully,  
Tom Jerome, Superintendent



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## Dates to Remember

By: Talon Hilligas

### November

- 1 Northland Honor Choir @ Thief River Falls
- 2 End of Quarter 1
- 4 Daylight Savings Time ~ Turn Clocks Back
- 5 No School ~ Staff Development
- 5 Math League @ Badger
- 6 Election Day
- 6 Special Olympics Bowling @ Thief River Falls
- 7 Dallas Brass Concert 7:00 pm
- 8 Comm Ed ~ Lego Robotics
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Veterans Day Program 10:00 am
- 12 Comm Ed ~ Lego Robotics
- 13 Band and Choir Solo Contest @ Warroad
- 13 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 13 ECFE "All in the Family" 6:00 pm
- 14 ASVAB Interpretation, grade 11
- 14 Hearing & Vision Rescreen
- 14 School Board 7:30 pm
- 15 Comm Ed ~ Lego Robotics
- 15 National Honor Society Introduction 7:00 pm
- 15-16 Robotics Inspire Conference, U of MN
- 16 4-H Movie Night 5:00 pm
- 19 Comm Ed ~ Lego Robotics
- 20 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 20 ECFE "Thanksgiving Celebration" 6:00 pm
- 20 Fall Sports Banquet 6:30 pm
- 21 Creativity Festival @ Bemidji State University
- 21 NHS Blood Drive @ Badger Community Center
- 22-23 No School
- 26 Math League @ Badger
- 27 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 27 ECFE "Munch & Crunch" 6:00 pm
- 28 Itasca Community College Rep 10 am

### December

- 1 VEX Robotics Competition @ NCTC
- 4 Team Up Leadership Conference @ Thief River Falls
- 4 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 4 ECFE "Holiday Crafts" 6:00 pm
- 7 Second Quarter Midterm
- 8 Home for the Holidays Event, Badger School
- 8 Book Fair, Badger School Library
- 10-12 Book Fair, Badger School Library
- 10 School Board 7:30 pm
- 11 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 13 High School Winter Music Program 7:00 pm
- 17 Math League @ Thief River Falls
- 18 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 19 Band & Choir to Greenbush Nursing Home
- 20 Elementary Winter Music Program 2:00 pm
- 24-31 Winter Break

## Gator Sports

By: Talon Hilligas

### November

#### **Wrestling**

- 19 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Practice
- 29 Pembina-Walhalla-Niche @ BGMR
- 30 @ Park Rapids

#### **Girls Basketball**

- 12 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Practice
- 29 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)

#### **Boys Basketball**

- 19 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Practice
- 24 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Jamboree
- 30 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)

### December

#### **Wrestling**

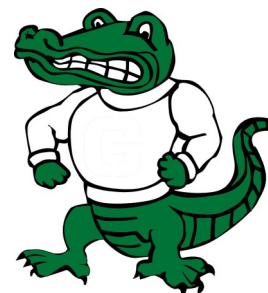
- 1 @ Wadena-Deer Creek (Wadena)
- 4 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, Mahnomen/Waubun @ BGMR
- 7-8 @ Grand Forks Central Tournament
- 14-15 @ Cass Lake-Bena Big Bear Tournament
- 17 @ Crookston
- 20 @ Hillsboro

#### **Girls Basketball**

- 3 @ Kittson County Central (Hallock)
- 6 Warroad @ BGMR
- 11 @ NCTC Tournament, Thief River Falls
- 14-15 @ NCTC Tournament, Thief River Falls
- 20 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 21 Proctor @ BGMR
- 28-29 @ Pelican Rapids Tournament

#### **Boys Basketball**

- 4 @ Fertile-Beltrami
- 7 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 11 Warroad @ BGMR
- 18 @ NCTC Tournament, Thief River Falls
- 20-21 @ NCTC Tournament, Thief River Falls
- 28 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR





## Ramp-Up Topics for November

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

**GRADE 6:** Sixth grade students will learn how to recognize when they need help understanding something and where they should go to get that help. Students will be shown a power point that outlines the people available to help them here at school. Students will also be introduced to the Readiness Rubric during the month of November.

**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:** Eighth graders will focus on the importance of peer relationships, the types of peer influences they experience, the influence society and the media has on those relationships, and how they can begin to solve problems with peers now and in the future. 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Students will also review high school requirements for graduation as well as admissions requirements for two and four year colleges.

**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 discussions 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. Students will also explore the different types of financial aid available and learn about the FAFSA4Caster. The Readiness Rubric will also be updated and reviewed.

**GRADE 12:** Seniors will update their Readiness Rubric and will also discuss the financial aid options available to help them pay for college. Some options include grants, scholarships, work study, and loans. Seniors will also look at strategies to avoid the dreaded "Senior Slump."

## Crunch!!!



At lunch on October 11, Badger Elementary students celebrated National Farm to School Month by crunching into delicious apples grown by Minnesota farmers. This collective "Crunch" was one way to make noise for healthy kids and cafeterias across our state and region. The regional Crunch registration count reached 1.5 million students. In Minnesota, kids crunched with 211,416 other students in 540 different locations. That's a lot of apples and a lot of fun across the state that day. On the count of three, this picture was taken showcasing Badger Elementary students biting into their apples, and you could actually hear the "CRUNCH!"



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## Senior Spotlight

**Tim Kjelland**

**Parents:** Ron & Melinda Kjelland

**Siblings:** Kaylie, Alissa, Fedeline, Dorothy

**Nicknames:** None

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Chinese

**Color:** Lime Green

**Quote:** To the class below me: "Stay here as long as you can. Cherish it."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To spend one more weekend, with my grandpa.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My mom and to Australia.

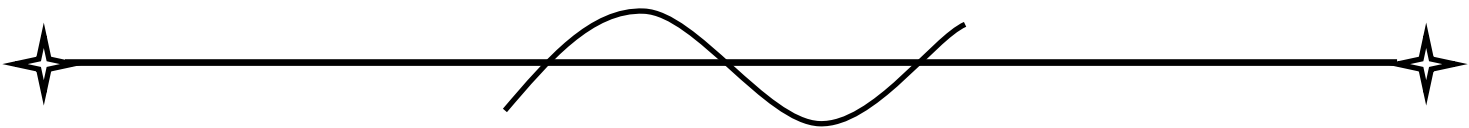
**What one word best describes your personality?** Fun.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Getting sent to the office for explaining what fondue is.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Game.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** All of them because there's too many to forget.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Getting on the honor roll.



## Senior Spotlight

**Logan Kompelien**



**Parents:** Tanya & Sheldon Kompelien

**Siblings:** Megan, Ethan, Cassandra

**Nickname:** Kompe

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Hotdish

**Color:** Orange

**Quote:** "Play it by year."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To have an easy job.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My sister and we would go to Italy.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Crazy.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** 2018 Music Revue as the church lady.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Read books.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** First day of high school.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I was an inspiration to some students.



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## Campus Comment

By: Abby Pratt

### What is your favorite book?

**Danton Bronson (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite is the *Illustrated History of the American Farm Tractor* because I love old tractors more than new tractors. It has everything from steam power to diesel power. Everything about the book is great.

**Riley Gust (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite book is *Before I Fall*. It is my favorite book because it's a drama and romance. It is very detailed and thrilling as well!

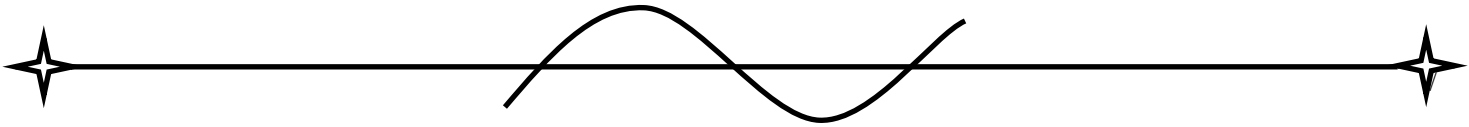
**Ashley Stainbrook (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite book is *The Living*. It is my favorite book because it is filled with action and mystery.

**Tia McKinnon (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite book is the last book of the *May Bird Series*. It's my favorite because in the first book the main character was a scared little girl who was thrown into a world of comedic horror; but by the last book, the main character is a strong, cunning ruler of that world. It inspired me to be strong and cunning.

**Lucca Tonetto (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery because it is imaginative and beautiful. I read this book the first time when I was 8 years old. I have re-read this book every year. It always makes me feel better.

**Logan Sundahl (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** *Eragon* is my favorite book. The reason this is my favorite book is because I have always loved fairy tales such as *Alice in Wonderland*. It hits home because I love dragons and medieval times. I recommend reading it.

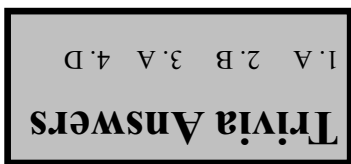
**Mrs. Dahlgren (English Teacher):** My favorite book? There are so many! However, if I had to choose one that really left a mark on my soul, I would choose *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. This is a memoir, which makes it even more powerful because it's true. It is a poignant story about Walls growing up in a dysfunctional home and struggling to find better for herself. I love stories about survivors who beat the odds, and *The Glass Castle* is a great reminder to all readers to "Keep on keeping on!"



## Trivia

By: Logan Sundahl

- 1. What is the world's biggest island?
  - A. Greenland
  - B. Alaska
  - C. Iceland
  - D. Hawaii
- 2. What type of animal is a 'skink'?
  - A. Pig
  - B. Lizard
  - C. Bird
  - D. Deer
- 3. Emerald is the birthstone for which month?
  - A. May
  - B. September
  - C. January
  - D. March
- 4. What was featured in the first TV commercial advertising a toy?
  - A. Hasbro Pie Face
  - B. Swing Wing
  - C. Baby Laugh A Lot
  - D. Mr. Potato Head





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## Elementary Viewpoint

By: Lucca Tonetto

### What are your favorite winter activities?

**Jacob Foss (1<sup>st</sup> grade):** My favorite activity in the winter is riding my Arctic Cat snowcat. I like making snowballs and throwing them at my brothers. We make big hills at my house and I like sliding down them.

**Brenna Pearson (2<sup>nd</sup> grade):** One of my favorite things is to make a snowman. I like to make snow angels, too. I also like to go coyote hunting with my mom, dad, and brother. My mom and I go deer hunting.

**Shaina Gust (3<sup>rd</sup> grade):** I like to make snow forts with my brother. I also like to make igloos and go sledding. Then I warm up with a mug of hot cocoa.

**Austin Przekwas (4<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like to sled because I can race my friends. And it is a lot of fun to ride snowcats! It is fun to hide in the woods.

**Braxton Pearson (5<sup>th</sup> grade):** I love late fall and winter. I like riding snowcat with my family. We go to the lake just about every weekend. We have the Minnesota Hill races in March.

**Josie Penas (6<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite winter activities include making a snow pile, playing with my dogs, and making snowmen. I like to make snow piles because I sled down on them. I love to play with my dogs. Lastly, making snowmen are super fun.



## Random Riddles

[www.goodriddlesnow.com](http://www.goodriddlesnow.com)

By: Talon Hilligas

1. What is broken every time it is spoken?
2. What goes up, but never comes down?
3. What gets wetter the more it dries?
4. What four days of the week start with the letter 'T'?
5. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
6. How do dog catchers get payed?
7. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

## Random Riddles Answers

1. Silence
2. Your age.
3. A towel.
4. Tuesday, Thursday, today, and tomorrow.
5. The letter M.
6. By the pound.
7. Short.



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## Band Musician of the Month Avdyl Jasiqi

**Grade:** 10

**What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument?** I play the trombone. I was playing French horn but switched to trombone and it worked out well.

**If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick and why?** Saxophone because in my opinion it plays jazz best!

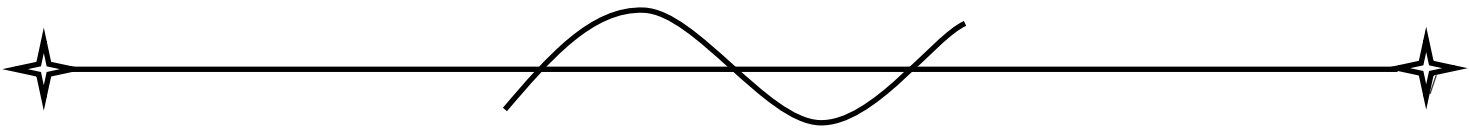
**What is your favorite song to play?** At the moment it's *Lassus Trombone*.

**If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick?** Some type of funny Wild West theme.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** Playing at the Music Revues.

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Keep practicing and you will be able to do amazing things!

**Who inspired you to be part of band?** Ms. Erickson, 100%



## Choir Musician of the Month Deanna Rybakowski



**Grade:** 11

**What section are you in?** I'm a 2<sup>nd</sup> soprano.

**How long have you been in choir?** 5 years

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** Pop and country.

**What is your favorite part about being in choir?** Being in Music Revue and having fun in ensembles.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** Our contest and concerts. Also, I'm looking forward to Honor Choir.

**What advice would you give other vocalists in choir?** Listen, listen, listen. If you don't understand a note or the music, then ask someone in your section or ask Mr. Carpenter.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** Probably the Music Revue in 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade because they were really fun.

## Classic Club Raffle Winner

The Badger High School Classic Club would like to announce that Darlene Danielson of Roseau is this year's raffle winner. The club would like to thank Chuck Snider of Greenbush for donating the B Farmall. Pictured are advisor Mike Coltom and winner Darlene Danielson. Congratulations!







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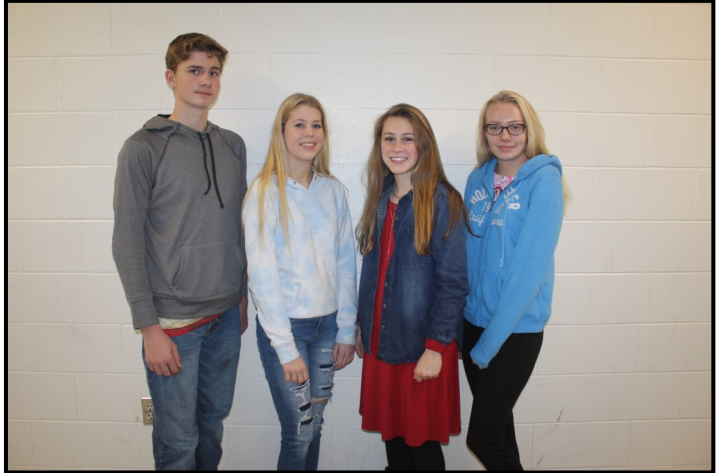
## Student Opinion Does homework help students or not?

By: Lucca Tonetto

**Dalton Shirley:** Yes, it prepares students for tests. For example, if you save your homework you can use it to study. Taking assignments home allows more time for the teacher to talk about the lesson.

**Karissa Kaml:** I don't think homework helps students. When students get homework and they are rushing to get other homework done from the previous day, they may start to feel stressed. Once they feel stressed, they start speeding through their homework causing them to do poorly on the assignments.

**Isabella Monsrud:** I personally think that homework does not help students because it can be very stressful. It is also unhealthy for students to go to school and sit in a desk for eight hours and then go home and do at least one more hour of homework. It also causes students who participate in sports to stay up late, leading to less sleep. I agree with doing school work only in school, not spending additional time at home doing it.



**Cierra Olds:** Honestly, I do think it does. It helps a student become better at the subject they are learning. It also helps prepare the student for upcoming tests. Another thing, it keeps the brain occupied and you learn more.



## Welcome Foreign Exchange Student Lucca Tonetto Campo Grande - MS, Brazil

**Host Family:** Alan and Valerie Truscinski, Alex, Kennedy, Madison

**How do the school classes work in Brazil?**

Each class lasts 50 minutes and there are six subjects in the morning and five in the afternoon. In the United States you can choose some options of subjects, but in Brazil you can't choose, you must do all 15 subjects (Portuguese, Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, Biology, Chemistry 1, Chemistry 2, Physics 1, Physics 2, English, Geography 1, Essay Class, Spanish, Brazil History, World History).

**How do school days at Badger compare to those of your home country?**

The principle difference is in Brazilian schools students study full time from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Lunch in Brazil takes place between 12:10 and 1:30 o'clock.

**What are your hobbies in your home country?**

My hobbies in Brazil are playing video games, soccer, and cooking.

**What do you like most about staying with the Truscinskis?**

I like staying with them because they are very fun and they act a lot like my family in Brazil. It makes me feel like I'm at home.

**Have you joined or plan on joining any extracurricular activities?**

I joined the Robotics Team and also played football.

**What do you miss most about your home country?**

I miss my family and sometimes I miss the food.

**What is your favorite part about Badger School?**

My favorite part is the classes because there are some subjects that do not exist in Brazil such as Media Arts and Global Foods. I also really like that I am able to choose the classes I want to take because in Brazil you have to do all the classes available.



Valerie, Alan, Lucca, Alex, Kennedy



## November Wacky Celebrations

[www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/](http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/)

By: Logan Sunsdahl

### Use Less Stuff Day ~ November 15

This holiday was created as a response to the amounts of trash created by people during Thanksgiving all the way to New Years. Use this day to think of ways to reduce the amount of litter that is created during the holidays such as wrapping packages in biodegradable material. This will help the world in the long run!

### Push Button Phone Day ~ November 18

Push button phones were the fancy alternative to rotary dial phones. Celebrate by getting your hands on one of these old phones and install it to make phone calls to family members and friends. Remember you need a land line for this phone to work. You can also learn a little history about it while you're at it!

### National Absurdity Day ~ November 20

Is someone in your family already a jokester? This day gives those people the chance to really use their energy! Anything that is just a little out there could be considered absurd. Use this holiday as an excuse to be whacky and goofy as much as you want.

### Buy Nothing Day ~ November 23

Do you buy way too much when you go shopping? Hopefully today saves you from doing this! Use this day to save money for more important things than extra clothes and electronics. Stop yourself from doing this by avoiding stores and not going online. The day was created by Adbusters and they recommend cutting up your credit cards and walk around stores without buying anything.

### Electronic Greeting Card Day ~ November 29

Use this day to send electronic cards to your friends and family! The weirder, the better! Do this instead of sending paper cards which is more environmentally friendly and trees will be saved because of it.

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## Awesome Sausage, Apple, and Cranberry Stuffing

<https://www.allrecipes.com/>

By: Abby Pratt

### Ingredients:

- 1½ cups cubed whole wheat bread
- 3¾ cups cubed white bread
- 1 pound ground turkey sausage
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup chopped celery
- 2½ teaspoons dried sage
- 1½ teaspoons dried rosemary
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 Golden Delicious apple, cored and chopped
- ¾ cup dried cranberries
- ⅓ cup minced fresh parsley
- 1 cooked turkey liver, finely chopped
- ¾ cup turkey stock
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degree F. Spread the white and whole wheat bread cubes in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes in the preheated oven, or until evenly toasted. Transfer toasted bread cubes to a large bowl.
2. In a large skillet, cook the sausage and onions over medium heat, stirring and breaking up the lumps until evenly browned. Add the celery, sage, rosemary, and thyme; cook, stirring, for 2 minutes to blend flavors.
3. Pour sausage mixture over bread in bowl. Mix in chopped apple, dried cranberries, parsley, and liver. Drizzle with turkey stock and melted butter, and mix lightly. Allow stuffing to cool completely before loosely stuffing a turkey.





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## Manufacturing Week Tours

Submitted by: Mike Coltom, Industrial Technology Teacher



Several Badger students attended industry tours at Polaris Industries in Roseau and Arctic Cat in Thief River Falls as part of Manufacturing week in October. They toured the assembly lines to see how different products are made. They also visited the smaller departments like welding, machining, and tube bending. The highlight was to see the robotic arms in action riveting a snowmobile tunnel and welding ATV frames. Speakers talked about how the industry is in high need of skilled labor such as machinists, welder, and robotic technicians. Students were able to experience modern manufacturing and learn about in-demand and high-paying jobs in a stable industry. The impact of manufacturing is bigger than many people think.



## Opportunities in FCCLA

Early in October, Kennedy Truscinski had the opportunity of traveling to Washington, D.C., for the Capitol Leadership Convention through Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) with six other state officers from Minnesota. “While I was there, I learned how to be a better leader. I was able to collaborate and network with state and national FCCLA officers from throughout the country. During this trip we presented in the USDA building to the staff there to spread the word about what FCCLA really is. The Minnesota officers were also able visit with Senator Amy Klobuchar and her staff to thank them for their support for our organization.” The Minnesota FCCLA state officers were able to take in some of the history and sites in Washington, D.C., including a visit to Arlington National Cemetery to witness the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Holocaust Museum to name a few. Truscinski stated, “This trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I will never forget it!”



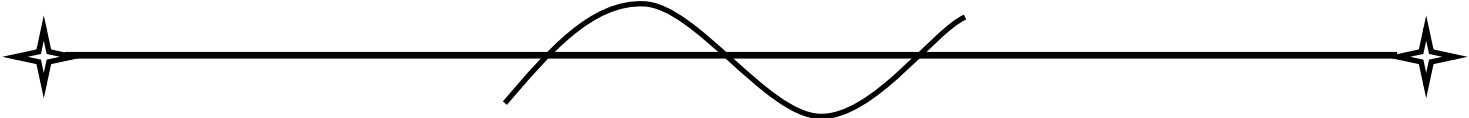


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## Scholastic Readers

Badger School's 2nd graders are enjoying their first month's books from Scholastic Book Clubs thanks to several generous donors. Each month this school year, these 2nd grade students will receive a free book to add to their home collections because of the generous donations made to their class from the following: Kathy Beito, Michelle Beito, Janie Brandon, Alleen Glen, Barb Hanson, Delores Walsh, Sue Schostag, Laura Schostag, Gail Holmes, Paulette Christianson, Shirley Burian, LaRae Frislie, Kaydell Majer, Jody Randal, and Mrs. Becky Dostal. Thank you so much for supporting the love of reading and giving these kids such a wonderful opportunity!



## Thank You KC's Market

Badger first graders visited KC's Market in Badger on Friday, October 26th. While there they got to see Corey Christianson, owner of KC's, helping to unload milk from a Mason Brothers' truck. They got to visit the back room where Ket and Kelly were preparing meat and cheese trays for a Halloween Party. The students also got to see the compressor room, which not only keeps the coolers cold but also produces enough energy to heat the whole store! Students then made notes on some of the items for a class story that were in the grocery store to use when they got back to the classroom.



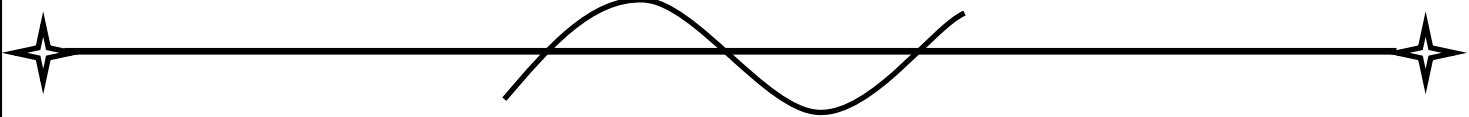


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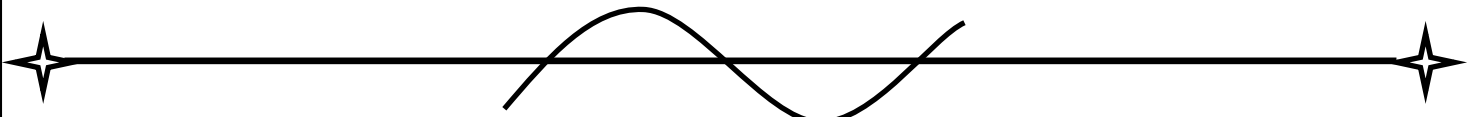
## Men's Choir Festival

Badger Concert Choir students Gavin Davy, Logan Kompelien, Brandon Secord, Noah Warne, Kasen Swenson, Avdyl Jasiqi, and Jack Burkel attended the *Brothers, Sing On!* Men's Choir Festival at Concordia College, Moorhead, on Tuesday, September 25. Over 100 students from many schools around the region rehearsed all day for their early afternoon public performance before heading home for the evening.



## Shout Out To.....

- Foresters Mary Kordiak, Joe Kuhlmann and Kim Erickson along with Smokey (Ryan Beito) for coming to the kindergarten classroom to talk about fire safety. They shared fire safety tips and left posters and goodie bags for the class.*
- Badger Fire Department firefighters Eric Dunrud, Garrett Berg, and Blake Rinde for providing a tour to the preschool and kindergarten classes during fire safety week in October. They showed the boys and girls the equipment used, the fire trucks, and allowed students to spray water from the fire hoses.*
- Deanna Rybakowski for being an amazing teacher assistant for the 6th grade class! She is super helpful & always has a smile on her face.*
- 5th and 6th grade parents who went alongside their children to make our elementary fundraiser such a success! Also, thank you to all staff who supported our fundraiser!*
- Officials, scorekeepers, ticket takers and chain gain crew members for their work during the fall sports season.*
- Sam and William in 6th grade. They are always GREAT helpers to their classmates, and extremely kind people.*
- All the students who participated in the Veterans' Day essay contest ~ There were 82 essays submitted in the two categories, but what is even better is that students showed a whole lot of pride for their country by participating. Good job high school students!*
- 6th graders for always being so willing to help with washing the lunchroom tables.*
- Everyone who came and had breakfast with their students October 16.*
- All "our kids" for all the smiles and good manners in the breakfast and lunch line. You make our day...the lunch ladies.*
- Tim Kjelland, Deanna Rybakowski, Morgan Praska, and Tami Davy ~ National Honor Society (NHS) would like to thank them for helping with the blood drive*
- All the people who signed up to donate at NHS's Blood Drive – you are lifesavers!*



## Gavin Davy Scholarship Recipient

Senior Gavin Davy is this year's Northern Manufacturing Essay winner of \$500 from Greenbush, Middle River, and Badger. He read his essay on October 30 at the Minnesota Manufacturer's breakfast. His essay was chosen because of his "innovated thoughts and ideas." All area seniors are given the opportunity to participate in this essay contest.



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### Kindergarten Korner

By: Abby Novacek-Pratt

#### Chance Wojciehowski



**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes because I've never been in kindergarten before. I like to play with the tractor. London Bridge is Falling Down is a game I like to play. I like Leap Frog. I like to play outside and go on the long slide.  
**Favorite color?** Blue because I like the blue sky. When I think of the color blue, I think of looking at the sky.  
**Favorite song?** *The Old Gray Cat*. Some of the words are:

someone buys a cat, the mice are nibbling, the little mice are creeping.

**Plans for Thanksgiving?** I get a mask and play with my toys.

**What winter activity you enjoy?** When the teacher hides a frog. I like playing with Ezra too.

**What game do you like to play?** PacMan because it has ghosts and PacMan looks like a yellow lemon.

#### Tatum Rinde



**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, because I got to kindergarten after preschool and I like being a kindergartener. I like playing zoom. I like my friends Chance and Ezra.

**Favorite color?** Red and orange because they're good colors. I like red way better than orange. My toys are red and sometimes I have a red shirt.

**Favorite song?** *Wheels on the Bus* because I like buses. I like when the bus honks.

**Plans for Thanksgiving?** I go to a hotel. I like hotels because I like being inside the big pool. At the hotel I like watching TV.

**What winter activity you enjoy?** I like opening presents and playing with the toys. I like opening NASCAR toys.

**What game do you like to play?** Duck, Duck, Goose because I like to run around the circle.