

# Badger Barker

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## Badger Homecoming 2024

This year's Badger School Homecoming activities were funded by the Student Council. The students of the Badger School showed their school spirit by dressing up for spirit week. The themes and winners for each spirit day were:

*Monday ~ Zoom Day ~ Kenzie VonEnde and Landon Christianson*

*Tuesday ~ Cowboy Day ~ Alex Gust and Jackson Connell*

*Wednesday ~ Age Day ~ Delyla Carpenter, Kiley Streich, Ava Warne, Keegan VonEnde, Emily Burkel, and Paige Rybakowski*

*Thursday~Rhyme Without a Reason~ Shaina Gust, Maddy McClure, Adysen Gregerson, and Hallie Gladowski*

*Friday~Extreme Gator~ Onah Gregerson and Alex Lunde*

On Friday afternoon, the Badger Student Council hosted a pep fest. The volleyball, football, and cheer teams were introduced by their coaches. Next, Student Council announced the spirit week winners, and played some fun games. Finally, football captain Mason Swenson gave a speech to end this years homecoming pep fest.

The BGMR Gator football team fought hard but fell short to Park Christian 24-50. Also featured at the football game, King Masen Swenson and Queen Ella Gust were crowned by the previous King and Queen Treston Nichols and Jordan Lee.

Thank you to the Badger Student Council and advisor, Miss Patience Thompson, for putting on this years homecoming spirit week and the homecoming dance to be held on October 5th. Another thank you to all of the students that participated in this years spirit week and showed their school spirit. This was definitely a week to remember!



**L-R: Junior Attendants:** Quillan Wirta & Quentin Kukowski **Senior Attendants:** Julia Dostal & Brayden Little  
**Queen & King:** Ella Gust & Masen Swenson **Senior Attendants:** Bethanie VonEnde & Taylor Davy  
**Sophomore Attendants:** Hallie Glodowski & Austin Przekwas  
**Freshmen Attendants:** Mackenzie VonEnde & Jaxon Castle

By: Cale Lindland

# *The Badger Barker*

By Avearah Hanson

## Meet and Greet New Teachers!

Ms. Rachel Spray



**What do you currently teach?** - Math

**What made you want to come to Badger?** - I had gotten engaged in March and was excited to make a switch and have the opportunity to teach in Badger school.

**What made you want to become a teacher?** - I had great teachers when I was in school that had taught me many great skills and I wanted to have the opportunity to do the same for students.

**Have you always wanted to become a teacher?** - Yes, ever since I was little.

**Do you have any hobbies outside of school?** - I like to be outside, do puzzles, bake, and I am trying to learn how to sew.

**What's your favorite part about being a teacher?** - Being able to teach how to be problem solvers and lifelong learners.

**How many years have you been teaching?** - 4 and a half years.

**Is there a certain reason you teach the subject you do?** - I like to teach math because it is like a puzzle and there is usually more than one way to get to the correct answer.

## Mrs. Krystal Peterson

**What do you currently teach?** - Business and Computers

**What made you want to come to Badger?** - I had been teaching Family and Consumer Science for the past 5 years on the North Dakota side but Business and Computers is my passion area so when a position opened on the MN side, I decided to apply for it and here I am!

**What made you want to become a teacher?** - I enjoy helping others and this is one way I can bring my passion for computers and business towards that and help others at the same time. I enjoy seeing student's faces light up when a concept registers or when they just learn something they simply didn't know before.

**Have you always wanted to become a teacher?** - Since third grade - a math teacher to begin with.

**Do you have any hobbies outside of school?** - I enjoy anything racing. My kids race ice-oval snowmobiles and motocross. I used to race lawnmowers and my husband used to race cars. I also enjoy time at the lake and outdoors.

**What's your favorite part about being a teacher?** - Interacting with my students, seeing the growth and learning from one concept to the next. Each day is a new day and it is never the same thing, so it is never boring.

**How many years have you been teaching?** - Uff - do I really have to answer this! LOL. I'm only 29 years old, but in all reality, this will be my 22nd year of teaching.

**Is there a certain reason you teach the subject you do?** - I enjoy technology, and it is constantly changing and not going anywhere, so I love teaching computers for this reason. We tend to toss devices at our children, but not teach them the safety and responsibility that goes along with it, so I hope to instill some of this into my classes. They have them, but not necessarily know what to do with them - how to book an appt, how to check for the best prices, etc. Real life skills that go along with having them - after all, if we are going to have them, we might as well make the best use of them. Accounting has always been one of my favorite classes to teach. Once you get it, you get it! Everyone can utilize at least one aspect of it in their everyday living. Whether it's making sure they are getting paid what they should be, balancing their own books, or simply making sure they are getting their correct change at the local store/gas station.





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## Superintendent News

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### Happy Fall and Welcome Back to School!

As the new Superintendent and Principal for Badger School, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dan Carpenter and this is my first year as a superintendent and my second year as a principal (my 19th year overall in education.) I was a music teacher for seventeen years; I spent two years teaching elementary music at Lynd Public School in Lynd, MN, six years teaching band and choir at Greenbush-Middle River School, and nine years teaching elementary music and choir here in Badger. I was the K-12 Principal and Activities director at Greenbush-Middle River School during the 2023-2024 school year. I am very excited to be back in Badger in my new role!

I would like to welcome the following new teachers and staff to Badger School for the 2024-2025 School Year: Krystal Peterson, 7-12 Business; Rachel Spray, 7-12 Mathematics; Tasha Seydel, Elementary Paraprofessional; Kayla Krohn, Elementary Paraprofessional; Brooke VonEnde, Preschool Paraprofessional; Carla Sunsdahl, Bus Driver.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held on Thursday, October 3 from 1:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 P.M. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a great opportunity for parents to connect with teachers about their student's progress in classes so far this year. If you are unable to attend, please call the school office at (218) 528-3201 to schedule another time.

October 2nd has been set aside National Custodian's Day. Ben Evans, Garrett Anhorn, and Nicole Wilt do an outstanding job of keeping our building running smoothly. Their attention to detail in keeping our building and grounds clean on a daily basis for students, staff, and the community is greatly appreciated by all! October 14 – 18 is National School Lunch Week. National School Lunch week celebrates the benefits of the child nutrition program. Badger School would like to thank Jody Randall, Angela Monsrud, and all those that help them in the kitchen daily. Their dedication to serving amazing and nutritious meals to the students and staff with a smile every day is second to none! Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to inform the reader about the upcoming operating levy and building bond referendum questions that will be on the November election ballot. Badger School is asking voters to consider two questions seeking an operating levy and one question seeking authority to pursue bonds for building renovations and new construction at Badger School. I would like to invite readers to attend a Referendum Open House and Ice Cream Social on Monday, October 7 at 6:30 P.M. at the Badger School Cafeteria. The School Board and I will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding why we are pursuing the referendum questions, building plans, and tax impact regarding these ballot questions. Readers can also visit [www.BetterForBadger.org](http://www.BetterForBadger.org) to explore these topics and more resources related to the three ballot questions. Readers can also contact me at [dcarpenter@badger.k12.mn.us](mailto:dcarpenter@badger.k12.mn.us) for more information.

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

Thank you,

Daniel Carpenter, Superintendent & K-12 Principal



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## 2024 National Leadership Conference Press Release

Contact: Gretchen Lee

Seattle, WA, June 2024 – The Badger FCCLA chapter had a tremendous showing at the 2024 National Leadership Conference, proudly representing their school and community. The conference was held from June 29th through July 3rd and brought together over 8,000 passionate FCCLA members. The conference provided members with an amazing experience, including inspirational speaker sessions, engaging youth workshops, and unparalleled networking opportunities with students and industry leaders.

The Minnesota State Association was especially well represented and stood out amongst the crowd:

- MN had 166 people attend with 116 members excelling in competitive events, 22 of which placed in the top 10 in the nation in their competitive event: Emily Burkel from Badger for Interpersonal Communications.

- MN sent two incredible National Officer Candidates and were thrilled to see Rowan Sween elected as the 24-25 Vice President of Community Service

- MN had several Advisers receive awards including Laura Dahl for Master Adviser, of Greenbush-Middle River.

During the conference, Paige Rybakowski, Bethanie VonEnde, Alvaro Alves Sanchez, Emily Burkel, and Ava Warne showcased their exceptional talent and dedication by participating in various events. Their remarkable achievements reflect their hard work, determination, and the guidance of their advisers.

The results of their participation are as follows:

Paige Rybakowski and Ava Warne earned Bronze for their Made with Love after school cooking class.

Bethanie VonEnde received a Gold for her Ghost Out experience on distracted driving.

Emily Burkel finished in the Top 10 of the Nation with a Gold for her De-Vice event. Bethanie and Emily also assisted with the State Officer team as Northern Area President and Vice President.

### About FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective student-led nation-based organization supporting youth on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow. FCCLA has over 240,000 members and more than 5,200 chapters across the nation with a central focus on careers that support families.

They did get to experience some great sites while in Seattle such as the Seattle Aquarium, The Space Needle, Chihuly Glass Garden, Museum of Pop Culture, Pike's Fish Market, the Gum Wall, along with a Harbor Cruise, Paranormal Tour, and a Mariners Baseball game! The Leadership trainings were called Red Talks and explained to members tips for time management, goal setting, public speaking, and prioritizing projects.

It was a great time for all and they were able to return to Minnesota just in time for 4th of July fireworks! They truly appreciate the support of our community and sponsors such as Central Boiler, Jim Christianson, Charles Erickson, and the Badger T&C that allow our students to experience such great Leadership Conferences. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!







# Badger Community School 2024 Referendum

On Tuesday, November 5, Badger Community School residents will consider a three-question referendum that seeks to fill a large funding gap in the district's operational budget and improve the learning spaces at Badger Community School.

Visit [BetterForBadger.org](https://BetterForBadger.org) for more information or use the QR code.



## Why Is Badger Community School holding a referendum?

**Badger Community School is facing a budget deficit of approximately \$500,000 going into the 2024/2025 school year.** For nearly two decades, the state's contribution to school funding has lagged behind the rate of inflation. As a result, our school receives less per-pupil funding each year than is necessary to maintain current levels of services and student support. Without additional funding, the only way to balance the budget will be with significant cuts to personnel and some student services.

**In addition, our school building requires maintenance and additional space to meet the needs of today's students.** Our school ranks among the lowest in the state for educational square footage per student. An independent assessment of our building confirmed that many of our spaces do not meet the Minnesota Department of Education's guidelines for learning spaces.



## What are residents voting on?

The proposed plan provides residents with a choice between a short-term solution and long-term solution to our district's funding gap, as well as an opportunity to address maintenance and learning space needs at Badger Community School.

### QUESTION ONE

**An operating levy increase of \$967.93 per pupil.**

This would provide our district with funding to reduce our budget deficit and protect many existing student services and staffing levels over the short term.

### QUESTION TWO

**An additional operating levy increase of \$967.93 per pupil.**

This would provide our district with long-term budget stability (assuming Question One is also approved), mitigate budget cuts, and further protect existing student services for the next several years.

### QUESTION THREE

**A \$15.23 million building bond referendum** that would complete renovations and improvements throughout our school building. If approved, Question Three would:

- Build additional space for small engine, metalwork, welding classes that prepare students for future careers.
- Build a new gymnasium with one full-sized court and two junior high-sized cross courts, with new locker rooms, storage, and a weight room.
- Repurpose the existing gymnasium and media center spaces into rooms for music, technology, a new media center, and special education.
- Make parking lot improvements.
- Add space near the gymnasium for concessions, restrooms, and a new flex classroom.
- Renovate restrooms to meet handicap and ADA accessibility.
- Install a new cooler/freezer for increased food storage capacity in the kitchen/cafeteria.
- Upgrade HVAC and boiler systems to improve air quality and energy efficiency.



## What happens if one or multiple questions don't pass?

### IF ONLY QUESTION ONE PASSES

Our district will maintain many services in the short term. Some budget cuts will likely be made, and our district will need to request another operating levy in the near future.

### IF ONLY QUESTIONS ONE AND TWO PASS

Our district's budget problems will be addressed, for as long as can be predicted based on current levels of state funding and projected student enrollment.

### IF ONLY QUESTION THREE PASSES

Our district will make critically needed updates to our buildings that will benefit students, but will need to cut other student services and personnel to address the budget deficit.

### IF ALL THREE QUESTIONS FAIL

Our district will need to make cuts to personnel and services to reduce costs and avoid deficit spending. Our district will also be unable to complete improvements to our learning spaces, and our school building's needs will only grow.

## How would this plan impact taxpayers?

Approved questions will be supported by a property tax increase in our district, starting with taxes payable in 2025. The tax impact on a \$150,000 home (approximately the average in our district) would be:

**\$35.65 per month**  
for Question One (10-year term)

**\$35.65 per month**  
for Question Two (10-year term)

**\$37.31 per month**  
for Question Three (20-year term)



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to determine your tax  
impact!**

**If Question Three passes, the state will pay for a combined 66% of the question's total cost through Debt Service Aid and the Ag2School Tax Credit.**

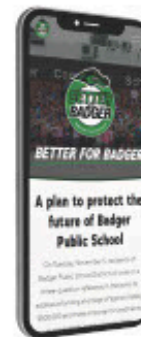
## How do I vote?

Residents can vote in the referendum during the general election on Tuesday, November 5. The questions will appear on the same ballot as races for elected office.

**The referendum questions will be found near the end of your ballot - don't forget to turn over and complete your entire ballot!**

For registered voters in mail-only precincts, the referendum questions will be found on the same ballot you receive in the mail.

**Vote on or before  
Tuesday, November 5!**



Visit **BetterForBadger.org** to learn more about the proposed referendum!



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## Read aloud regularly to build skills and reading comprehension

Whether your child is just learning to read or is reading whole books with ease, read alouds with you provide skill-boosting benefits. When you read aloud, you can introduce and explain words and ideas that are new to your child. And everything you read together adds to your child's storehouse of knowledge—which helps with comprehension of future reading.

As you read aloud, help your child:

- **Build vocabulary.** Define the words your child doesn't know. Together, think of words that have a similar or opposite meaning.
- **Sharpen listening and thinking skills.** After you read a passage, have your child summarize it. Ask specific questions—*What did the main character do? Where did the action take place? How did the other characters feel about it?*
- **Practice recalling.** Before you start on a new chapter of a book you've been reading together, ask your child to tell you about what was happening in the story when you stopped reading last time.
- **Boost word recognition.** Stop reading from time to time and ask your child to read a sentence or two to you. Help your child sound out unfamiliar words and then read the sentences again.



## Sleep is crucial for learning

Too little sleep negatively affects your child's ability to plan, solve problems, control mood and behavior, pay attention and retain information. To promote healthy sleep, help your child get plenty of fresh air and exercise during the day. Set a technology curfew one hour before bed. Then, stick to a bedtime schedule that lets your child get nine to 12 hours of sleep each night.

## Plan to attend a conference

At a parent-teacher conference, you will get helpful information specifically about your child. For the most benefit:



- **Prepare.** Make a list of things to tell the teacher about your child. Ask your child if there is anything you and the teacher should discuss. Also list your questions—about your child's strengths, weaknesses, friendships, etc.
- **Maximize time.** Arrive on time. Take notes on your child's progress. Make a plan with the teacher to address concerns.
- **Report back** to your child. Share positive comments as well as the teacher's suggestions and how you will carry them out.



## Support a healthy frame of mind

Mental well-being is important for success in school. It makes it easier for children to cooperate with others, behave appropriately and do their best academically. To support your child's mental well-being:

- **Focus on essentials:** good nutrition, adequate sleep and exercise. These are key to overall wellness.
- **Laugh together.** Encourage family members to share funny stories, memes and jokes.
- **Talk about the good things.** At mealtime, have everyone take turns sharing something positive that happened that day.
- **Practice stress relief.** Teach your child to take deep breaths, go for a walk or listen to relaxing music when feeling anxious or stressed.
- **Stay connected.** Listen when your child shares concerns, and offer reassurance. If you become worried about your elementary schooler, consult a school counselor or pediatrician.

## Set weekly learning goals

Setting short-term goals and experiencing the thrill of achieving them can help your child stay motivated. Each week, help your child:



1. **Choose one goal** at the beginning of the week, and write it down.
2. **Plan steps to take** to achieve the goal.
3. **Brainstorm solutions** for any snags that crop up along the way.
4. **Evaluate what worked** and what didn't and set a new goal.





## How can I help my shy child reach out and make friends?

**Q:** Shyness is making it difficult for my first grader to make friends at school. What can I do to help?

**A:** Having friends at school increases students' sense of belonging. It takes self-confidence to make them easily. While you can't change your child's personality, you can help your student build confidence when speaking and working with others.

This kind of self-confidence comes with practice. Help your child:

- **Rehearse things to say.** Say, "Let's pretend you're at recess. Lucas and Jack are playing a fun game you want to join. What could you say?" At first, have your child pretend to be one of the other children, while you pretend to be your child. Then, change roles.
- **Think about what good friends** do and don't do. Read and discuss books about friends together. Thinking about what makes a good friend can help your child identify someone in class who could be one.
- **Get to know a classmate.** Invite one child over to play with your child. Interacting with one person may be more comfortable than a crowd.
- **Meet children with similar interests.** Does your child like art? The outdoors? Look for activities at a community or nature center. Learning about interests with kids who like them too can make it easier to make friends—and build your child's confidence to make friends at school.



## Are you helping your child recover after setbacks?

It's natural to want to protect your child from failure. But overcoming setbacks and disappointments teaches students valuable lessons. Are you helping your child learn to cope when problems arise? Answer *yes* or *no* below:

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| <p>___ <b>1. Do you tell</b> your child that setbacks are common, and they are usually temporary?</p> <p>___ <b>2. Do you let</b> your child try to solve problems rather than jumping in to help right away?</p> <p>___ <b>3. Do you offer</b> your child more positive ways to view the situation? "You didn't ace your test, but you earned a higher grade than last time!"</p> <p>___ <b>4. Do you help</b> your child brainstorm things to do differently next time?</p> | <p>___ <b>5. Do you talk</b> about your own mistakes and how you are going to fix them?</p> <p><b>How well are you doing?</b></p> <p><i>More yes answers mean you are helping your child keep moving forward. For each no, try that idea.</i></p> |
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*"Challenges are inevitable, defeat is optional."*  
—Roger Crawford

## Show that math matters

To help your child understand why learning math is important, demonstrate how essential it is in everyday life. Involve your child when you:

- **Follow recipes.** Let your child help with measuring and weighing. Talk about fractions, adding and dividing.
- **Go places.** Before leaving, measure the air pressure in your car or bike tires together. Calculate the distance you'll travel, and how long it will take.
- **Shop.** Help your child use a calculator to keep a running tally of purchases and figure out prices after coupon discounts.
- **Save money.** Choose a family goal to save for. How much can you save a week? How long will it take to reach your goal?



## Discuss respectful behavior

A positive learning environment is founded on respectful behavior. Explain to your child that for students, this includes:

- **Listening** and paying attention.
- **Raising hands** and waiting to be called on by the teacher.
- **Accepting corrections** and directions from the teacher without creating a fuss.

## Prevent procrastination

Your child probably likes some subjects more than others, and that's OK. But it's not OK to put off schoolwork in the less-liked subjects. Remind your child that:

- **Everyone has to do** things they don't like. Give an example from your life.
- **Putting tasks off** makes them seem worse.
- **Finishing tough tasks** feels great!

Source: R. Emmett, *The Procrastinating Child*, Walker Books.

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## RIDDLES

By Emmitt Isane



**What can you lift  
but not throw?**

Answer: a feather

**What is there one  
of in every corner  
and two of in  
every room?**

Answer: an O

I have keys but no locks  
and space, but no rooms.  
You can enter, but you  
can't go outside.

What am I?

Answer: a keyboard

I speak without a mouth and  
hear without ears. I have no  
body, but I come alive with  
wind.

Answer: an echo

**What has one head,  
one foot, and four  
legs?**

Answer: A bed

## Trivia

By Breydon Foss

1. Where was the first example of paper money used?
  - A. China
  - B. Turkey
  - C. Greece
2. Which of the following languages has the longest alphabet?
  - A. Greek
  - B. Russia
  - C. Arabic
3. Where was tea invented?
  - A. U.S.A.
  - B. England
  - C. China



Trivia  
Answers  
1.A  
2.B  
3.C



## BREAKFAST

# OCTOBER 2024

## BADGER SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



**BREAKFAST PIZZA** 1  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**BAGEL** 7  
**CREAM CHEESE**  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**APPLE TACO** 8  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**SCRAMBLED EGGS** 9  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**CEREAL** 10  
**CHEESE STICKS**  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**PEACHES & CREAM-11**  
WITH WAFFLE DUNKER  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**SAUSAGE GRAVY** 14  
**BISCUITS**  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**HARD BOILED EGG** 15  
**HASH BROWN**  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**CEREAL** 16  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**MEA** 17  
**NO SCHOOL**  
ENJOY A GOOD  
BOOK

**MEA** 18  
**NO SCHOOL**  
"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.  
THE WORD ITSELF SAYS  
I'M POSSIBLE!"

**EGG & CHEESE** 21  
**BISCUIT**  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**CEREAL** 22  
**YOGURT**  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**PANCAKES** 23  
**SAUSAGE**  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**LONG JOHNS** 24  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**CINNAMON NACHOS** 25  
WITH FRUIT SALAD  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**BREAKFAST ROUND** 28  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**APPLE STRUDEL** 29  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**UNCRUSTABLE** 30  
FRUIT  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK

**DUTCH WAFFLES** 31  
STRAWBERRIES/  
BLUEBERRIES  
FRUIT JUICE  
MILK



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MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH AVAILABILITY





# LUNCH

## OCTOBER 2024 BADGER SCHOOL

### Monday

**TACHOS** **7**  
(POTATO COINS, TACO MEAT  
TACO TOPPINGS)  
CARROTS&CELERY  
FRUIT BREAD MILK

**SLOPPY JOES** **14**  
FRENCH FRIES  
MARINATED VEGS  
FRUIT  
MILK

**MARINATED** **21**  
CHICKEN BREAST ON  
A BUN  
SW. POT. FRIES  
SALAD FRUIT MILK

**BBQ PULLED** **28**  
PORK/BUN  
FRENCH FRIES  
COLE SLAW  
FRUIT MILK

### Tuesday

**POLISH SAUSAGE** **1**  
BUN SOUR KRAUT  
BAKED BEANS  
CHIPS FRUIT  
MILK

**CHICKEN ALFREDO** **3**  
NOODLES  
CALIFORNIA BLEND  
GARLIC BREAD STICK  
FRUIT MILK

**DICED CHICKEN** **15**  
GRAVY/BISCUITS  
BROCCOLI  
FRUIT  
BREAD MILK

**PIZZA HOTDISH** **22**  
GREEN BEANS  
GARLIC BREAD STICK  
FRUIT  
MILK

**TATOR TOT** **29**  
HOTDISH  
MIXED VEGGIES  
FRUIT BREAD  
MILK

### Wednesday

**FRENCH BREAD** **2**  
PIZZA  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT MILK  
BREAD

**PIZZA BURGERS** **9**  
POTATO SMILES  
SPINACH STRAW-  
BERRY SALAD  
FRUIT MILK

**CORN DOGS** **16**  
FRENCH FRIES  
BAKED BEANS  
FRUIT  
BREAD MILK

**HOT HAM &** **23**  
CHEESE/BUN  
BROC/APPLE SALAD  
TATOR TOTS  
FRUIT MILK

**GARLIC CHEESE** **30**  
BREAD  
SPAG. SAUCE  
VEG. FRUIT  
BREAD MILK

### Thursday

**CHICKEN RANCH** **3**  
WRAP  
LETTUCE/CHEESE  
CARROTS  
FRUIT BREAD MILK

**CHILI CHEESE** **10**  
FRITOS  
JICAMA STICKS  
SNAP PEAS  
FRUIT BREAD MILK

**MEA** **17**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**PIZZA** **24**  
MARINATED VEG  
SALAD  
FRUIT  
BREAD MILK

**MUMMY DOGS** **31**  
CRUNCHY BONES  
WITCH FINGERS  
ZOMBIE EYES  
DRAGON JUICE MILK

### Friday

**SWEET&SOUR** **4**  
CHICKEN  
HASH BROWN  
BLACK BEAN SALAD  
CHIPS BREAD MILK

**BEEF PATTY** **11**  
MASHED POTATOES  
GRAVY  
CUCS AND CARROTS  
DINNER ROLL FRUIT

**MEA** **18**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**BAKED POTATO** **25**  
WITH TACO TOPPING  
CREAMY CUC. SALAD  
FRUIT BREAD  
MILK



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**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH AVAILABILITY**



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Thank you students and parents for maintaining your MacBooks so well over the last year. I didn't find any cracked screens or damage to them. I truly appreciate the care for the MacBooks.

Thank you, Nellie



Nellie Hagen

## Kindergarten Corner

By Avearah Hanson

### Everly Belgrade

**If you could fly anywhere, where would you go?**

I would go to my dad's work.

**What is your favorite snack?**

Graham crackers, because I like those.

**What's your favorite color?**

Pink, because I'm a girl and I'm supposed to like pink.



**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

I want to be a doctor.

**What is your favorite season?**

My favorite season is Summer and Winter.

**If your toys came alive one day, what would you say to them?**

I would say hi and say nice words to them.

### Harper Creviston

**If you could fly anywhere, where would you go?**

Arizona, because I've never been there.

**What is your favorite snack?**

Fruit snacks, because those are my favorite.

**What's your favorite color?**

Pink, because I like it.



**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A doctor, so I can take care of people

**What is your favorite season?**

Winter, because I like playing in the snow and making snowmen with my Uncle.

**If your toys came alive one day, what would you say to them?**

I would ask them their names.



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

By: Ashlyn Johnson

### OCTOBER

- 1 First Quarter Mid-term
- 1 ECFE
- 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 8 ECFE
- 14 School Board Meeting
- 17-18 No school MEA
- 22 ECFE
- 23 Sophomores @ Grand Forks-North Valley Career Expo.
- 29 ECFE

### NOVEMBER

- 1 End of First Quarter
- 1 Students dismissed @ 12:30 P.M.
- 4 Math League Meet
- 11 School Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- 11 Veterans Day Program 10 A.M.
- 11 GBB Practice Begins
- 12 ECFE
- 13 Solo contest~Vocal & Instrumental @ Kittson Central (Hallock)
- 15 No School
- 18 BBB Practice Begins
- 18 WR Practice Begins
- 19 ECFE
- 21 NHS Induction Ceremony 7 P.M.
- 25 Math League Meet
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Break

## BAND MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH



**MacKenzie VonEnde**  
Grade 9

The October Band Musician of the month is Freshman, MacKenzie VonEnde. This is her fifth year in band and she plays the trumpet. MacKenzie chose the trumpet because she wanted to play the melody in most of the songs, and her Uncle Jedd also played the trumpet. Her sister, Hailey inspired her to join band. MacKenzie's favorite song is Iron Man, because she likes how the drums sound and it's a fun song. Her favorite part about being a band member is the trips you get to go on and her friends. Her most memorable moment in band is going to state volleyball and state basketball. The advice she would give to younger musicians is to practice a lot and to try hard in class.

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## Senior Spotlight By: Makayla McClure Julia Dostal



**Parents:** Daniel and Shannon Dostal

**Siblings:** Isaac and Andy

**Nickname:** JuJu B, Julishia, Julia

**Favorites:**

**Sports:** Track and Field

**Movie/Series/Show:** The Princess Bride

**Food:** Chicken Alfredo

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** "Do not go in there" – Ace Ventura

**If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go, and why?**

I would fly to Greece and tour the islands because I didn't get to do that last time.

**If you could change anything in the world, what would it be?** I would change the amount of prejudice in the world.

**If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go?** I would take my mom and we would go on a National Parks tour.

**What do you think you'll be most remembered by?** My smart mouth and my mom being the Science teacher.

**What's the craziest thing you've done in high school?** I would say the craziest thing I've done was when I went to Greenbush school for a day as someone's backpack for 'Anything but a Backpack Day'.

**What is your dream job, and why?** My dream job is a skydiving instructor because I think that the thrill of it is something I would never get bored of.



## Ella Gust

**Parents:** Kimberly Hanson, Steven and Amber Gust

**Siblings:** Trevor Peterson, Tanner Peterson, Tessani Peterson, Tanner Foss, Tayton Clark, Asher Clark

**Nickname:** Raymond, Ella Rae, Elert (Alert)

**Favorites:**

**Sports:** Volleyball, Ice Oval Racing

**Movie/Series/Show:** Dexter, Grey's Anatomy, NCIS

**Food:** Pizza!

**Color:** Black and Grey

**Quote:** "cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." -1 Peter 517  
"God is within her, she will not fall: God will help her at break of day."

**If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go, and why?** I would love to go to Portland, Oregon, because that's where my grandma Judy lives, and I miss her very much.

**If you could change anything in the world, what would it be?** I would change people's living situations so that all of my friends and family don't have to live so far away from me.

**If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go?** I would take Jordyn Gilbert and Aliviah Mather and we would travel the world, there would be no specific place I would take them.

**What do you think you'll be most remembered by?** Definitely my attitude and the brightness I bring.

**What's the craziest thing you've done in high school?** Probably when I skipped school once in Thief River when I went to school there.

**What is your dream job, and why?** My dream job would be a welder but I also want to be an Interior Designer because I really like designing other things.



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## Elementary Viewpoint

By Adysen Gregerson

**Colt Langaas (1st grade):** I like apples. Apples are juicy. Apples are sweet and healthy.

**Kylah Przekwas (2nd grade):** I like BBQ. BBQs taste really good. My mom makes the best BBQ.

**Joesph Carlson (3rd grade):** If I could eat one food for the rest of my life it would be hotdogs.

**Ellie Hanson (4th grade):** My sister's homemade Mac and Cheese casserole. It's super cheesy, and it's Mac and Cheese, and I love Mac and Cheese. Plus, I get to help make it sometimes!

**Aubree Mostad (5th grade):** If I could eat one food for the rest of my life it would be ramen noodles, because they are easy to make and they taste good.

**Jaryn Kukowski (6th grade):** If I could only eat one food for the rest of my life, it would be cheese-filled breadsticks, with marinara sauce. I love cheese-filled breadsticks over any food in the world. It is also a great food to eat.



## Choir Musician of the Month: Emily Burkel

By: Liam Winrow

This month we interviewed Emily Burkel, a soprano in 11th grade. This is her first month of her fifth year of being part of the Badger High School Choir. Her favorite thing to sing is “Any music with a catchy melody or high notes.” We then asked her what her favorite parts of choir were, in which she replied by saying “Singing is fun, interesting music and also getting amazing guidance and direction from Mrs. Carpenter.” The advice she would give to underclassmen is “Don’t be scared to make a mistake. Everyone screws up sometimes.” Emily is looking forward to singing Christmas songs for the winter concert this year. Her favorite choir memory was when they sang at the nursing home last year or in all the music revues.



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## Campus Comment

By: Katelyn Gust

**What's your favorite sport to watch on TV and why?**

**Quynn Washington:** My favorite sport to watch is volleyball. I enjoy watching volleyball because I like watching my position and seeing what I could do better. Or if I get put in another position, I could watch and see what they do.

**Elijah Monsrud:** My favorite sport to watch on TV is football. I like football because I play it and like to watch it. Football is very entertaining to watch.

**Austin Przekwas:** My favorite sport to watch on TV is football. I like it because I like to watch players hit the other players. My favorite football team is the Minnesota Vikings.

**Ryder Gust:** My favorite sport to watch is football. Watching football every Sunday with my family is always a great time. Mostly whenever the Vikings make a bad play, we always threaten to turn off the TV. Even though they will never make it back to playoffs, I still watch them.

**Bethanie VonEnde:** To be honest, I do not usually watch sports on TV. If I do watch it would have to be football. Football is the only sport that I have seen on TV regularly growing up.

**Emily Burkel:** My favorite sport to watch on TV is probably golf. I love golf and watching the pros play. It's interesting to watch them play and see their swing and strategy.





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## The events at fall fest 2024

### Thursday 19th

- 5pm - 7pm - Border Bank Customer Appreciation Supper

### Friday 20th

- 5pm - Kickball at Rocket Field
- 7pm - Talent Show at The Hall
- 9pm - 1am - Blacklight Dance at Skippy Finns

### Saturday 21st

- 7am - 10am Pancake Breakfast at the Community Center sponsored by the Veterans Memorial Park Improvement Group
  - Free Will Donation
- 8am - 2pm Vendor Show at Heritage Wall
- 10:30am Parade on Main Street
- 10:30am Lunch at Fire Department after parade
- 10:30am Food trucks and inflatable slide open after parade
- 12:30pm - 2pm Live Music on Main Street
- 12:30pm Trucker Hat Bar at Twice Treasure Thrift
- 1pm Kids Tractor Pull on Main Street
  - Register by 12:30pm
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm Bingo at the Community Center
- 3:30pm Bush Car Races
  - Gates open at 3:00pm
  - Bonfire to follow the race
- 8pm - 12am Street Dance with "YOUR ALIBI" on Main Street sponsored by the BADGER JAYCEES



Junior Post-Prom serving Iced Coffee at the Badger Hall



10th Grade Parade float



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## Spotlight on Sports

By Hallie Glodowski, Azmera Olson, and Henry Osborne

### Volleyball ~ Ella Gust

**We asked senior Ella Gust these questions. These are her answers:**

**What is your favorite position?** - It would probably be outside hitter, because I've played that half of my life.

**What her favorite game throughout her entire career?** - It would be the game at UMC against KCC before we went to state in 2023.

**Other than the swamp, what is your favorite place to play at?** - I enjoyed playing for the TRF Prowlers because it was a very fun experience to play with such a big school.

**What is your favorite volleyball game?** - It was when we play against KCC because that game gets pretty intense.



### Football ~ Taylor Davy

**We asked senior Taylor Davy these questions. These are his answers:**

**What position(s) do you play?** - Tight end, defensive end, kicker, and punter.

**Which away football field was your favorite to play on?** - It would probably be at Warren, because they have a nice field and stands.

**Who motivated you to play football?** - Pro players and friends.

**What is your favorite Gator football memory?** - Playing in Moorhead against Park Christian on turf.





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## Meet the Barker Creators



Back row- Aiyanah Bieber, Emmitt Isane,  
Breydon Foss, Katelyn Gust, Cale Lindland,  
Maxston Haugen, Zay Rud

Front row- Caine Larson, Ashlyn Johnson,  
Avearah Hanson, Makayla McClure, Adysen  
Gregerson, Liam Winrow, Azmera Olson, Hallie  
Glodowski, Henry Osborne

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**REFERENDUM OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for ice cream and a chance to learn more about the upcoming three-question referendum for our school!

Learn more about the referendum at  
**[BetterForBadger.org](http://BetterForBadger.org)**

**DATE**

**Monday, October 7**

**TIME**

**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION**

**Badger Community  
School Cafeteria**

