





# The Badger Barker



## Badger School Superintendent's News



Season greetings! 'Tis the season for the December publication of *The Badger Barker*.

*"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count blessings."*  
Eric Hoffer

If you have not done so already, please give our newest educational team members a warm welcome that were hired after the start of the school year:

- Garrett Anhorn, Night Custodian
- Aris Rice-Gross, Secondary Special Ed Paraprofessional
- Lacey Richards, Bus Driver
- Naomi Rybakowski, Elementary Special Ed Paraprofessional
- Nicole Wilt, Cleaner Custodian and Type III (Suburban) Driver

Recap of some November Highlights

**Good Audit Report!** The independent auditor's financial report of previous fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 was presented at the School Board Meeting. The District's final budget for the general fund anticipated that expenditures would exceed revenue by \$173,307. The actual results for the year showed a **surplus of \$49,051**.

- \$173,307	Anticipated budgeted deficit
<u>+\$222,358</u>	Better than budgeted and cost containment
<b>+\$ 49,051</b>	<b>Surplus</b>

Why a one-year surplus? Increased student enrollment compared to the prior year and last spring's school closure at the early stages of the Coronavirus Pandemic actually cut costs due to less travel, less utilities, less substitutes and less overtime expenditures from mid-March through May; plus, we received some aids like the USDA food service free-meal program.

**Veterans Day Program** ~ Congratulations to our student essay winners who were featured during the pre-recorded program on Veterans Day on November 11. The winners advanced to the VFW contest.

**Grades 7 and 8 Patriot's Pen Contest**  
 Payton Hill, third place  
 Landon Nelson, second place  
 Taylor Davy, first place

**Grades 9-12 Voice of Democracy Contest**  
 Talon Hilligas, third place  
 Jordan Davy, second place  
 Greta Lee, first place

**National Honor Society (NHS)** worked another successful **Blood Drive** on Wednesday, November 18 at the Badger Community Center. This was NHS's second blood drive of the school year thus far.

**FCCLA** ~ The Badger chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) has been **recognizing** high school students' **birthdays and summertime ½-birthdays** each month since the beginning of the school year with a treat in their locker emphasizing that our Badger Community School is a place where every student belongs.

**Math Team** ~ Badger High School math team is **competing** again this year **in the Northern Lights Division**. Early season results and standings will be shared when they become available.

**Knowledge Bowl** ~ Badger High School Knowledge Bowl team has started practicing for their upcoming competitive season – stay tuned for future announcements.

**Substitutes Making a Difference** ~ Our substitutes in all areas have been **essential to keeping our school running** for in-person learning. A shout out of gratitude also needs to go to Sara Olson our Secretary Office Manager for dispatching our subs when needed to make sure we are operational day-to-day.

### Events this Month:

Friday, December. 11 ~ Marks the **second quarter midterm** grading period. Please have your children show you their grades, and if necessary, contact the Teachers regarding any missing or late assignments.

Dec. 24-Jan. 3 ~ No School for eleven calendar days due to **Winter Break**

Monday, Jan. 4 ~ School back in session Monday, January 4.

*"Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."*

Charles Dickens

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful winter break.

Thanks,  
Kevin Ricke, Superintendent & Principal K-12



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## Campus Comment

By: Bryce Thompson

### What is your favorite holiday?

**Addison Pulczynski (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would say either Halloween or Christmas. Both involve food whether it's candy or an actual meal. And you got to spend time with family and friends. Everyone likes receiving gifts during Christmas too. No one can deny that!.

**Julia Dostal (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** Christmas, because I get to see my family and hang out with my cousins. Not to mention the food, cookies, and outdoor activities. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

**Christian Peterson (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** I mainly like Halloween. It doesn't have annoying songs about Christmas lists or dumb lovey-dovey stuff. It's just a time of getting together in fun costumes and eating candy with friends.

**Kat Nubson (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite holiday is Christmas because my whole family goes to my grandparents' house and celebrates. We eat, some, some boys take a small nap, and others clean dishes after we open presents from youngest to oldest. That's why Christmas is my favorite holiday. We make memories and spend time together.

**Brooke VonEnde (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** Fourth of July is my favorite holiday. It represents what our country is and what we have accomplished together. Fourth of July shows the freedoms we have that give us the ability to celebrate other holidays, and I like fireworks.

**Dawson Beito (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite holiday is Christmas because we get a long break over Christmas. I like going fishing and hanging out with friends. The long break is also nice because it's the middle of the year and it's a good break from school work.



## December Wacky Celebrations

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/december.htm>

By: Dalton Shirley

### Bathtub Party Day ~ December 5

Let's have a party, in the bathtub! Fill your bathtub with warm water, maybe add a bath bomb or some bubbles, put some of your favorite music on, and just soak it all up in the tub. Now what's a party without some friends? The creators of this holiday encourage you to invite a friend. But it would probably be more spacious if you had a hot tub or jacuzzi, as most bathtubs were made for only one person. And wear a bathing suit!

### Take it in the Ear Day ~ December 8

Today is a bizarre day with no known origin, maybe it was created to fill in the empty space of December 8 with a holiday. But in any sense, whatever you want for your ear (maybe some music or a nice ear cleaning). Enjoy today.

### National Ding-a-Ling Day ~ December 12

Typically Ding-a-Ling means ring your bell, but not today. This day is about embracing your wild side. People are known for becoming a little crazy on this day. Watch out for Ding-a-Ling pranks!

### International Monkey Day ~ December 14

Monkey Day! Back in 2000, an artist jokingly sketched a monkey on a friend's calendar and this very wonderful day was born. Today is a day to celebrate monkeys of all kinds. One way is to do as the artist did and draw some monkeys. With over 260 species, there is no shortage of monkeys to honor. Stop monkeying around and go celebrate some monkeys.

### Bah Humbug Day ~ December 21

Today's purpose is to vent holiday frustration. Bah Humbug Day is Ebenezer Scrooge approved since it brings out the scrooge in all of us. Use today to end the seemingly endless stress that comes with the Christmas season. But please don't stay a Scrooge!!



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## Student Opinion

By: Arika Pickhartz

### Is \$1 billion too much money for any one person to have?

**Noah Gust:** You can do many things with \$1 billion. But I think it isn't too much money. You can donate to charity and buy homeless people food and water. But other than that, you can buy whatever you want. I would say it's too much for some people though.

**Masen Swenson:** To me I think it is a little much but to some people they think it's great, but it also depends on how they got it. If I worked hard for it, well then I would like it but if someone just gave it to me, "I would be like what?"

**Macy Majer:** In my opinion that is a lot of money for one person. If they work really hard for it then they do deserve to have that much. But if they just do YouTube or other social media, then they don't really deserve that money.

**Keyasha Housker:** Very debatable question because there's so many different situations and kinds of people in the world. Some work hard in their lifetime and some just expect things to be handed to them. But \$1 billion is a lot of money for just one person.



## Shout Out To...

*Badger Jaycees* for their \$500 contribution to the Badger School. The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades were the recipients of 20 hardcover books each to do literature circles with. Third grade received "Because of Winn-Dixie," fifth grade received "Where the Red Fern Grows", and sixth grade "Number the Stars." The books are BEAUTIFUL!

*LaRae Frislie, Aleen Glen, Nellie Hagen, Brenda Wahl, & Tessa Blumer* for helping out in the kitchen when we have needed you most.

*Bob Glen, Nellie Hagen, Dwight Hasson, Chuck Wilt, & Kevin Ricke* for being willing to sub for our custodial staff when we have been short handed.

*Our many substitute teachers and paras* ~ the year has run so much more smoothly because of you.

*Mr. Carpenter, Kadeyn Keller, & Hailey Von Ende* for singing the *Star Spangled Banner* at our football games this season.

*Becky Dostal, Sara Olson, Naomi Rybakowski, Shannon Dostal, Nikki Wojchowski, Brad Dahl, & JoLeah Hasson* for helping with junior high & C volleyball games this year.

*Brian Nelson, Jeramy Swenson, Shayne Isane, Todd Bergeron, Dan Dostal, Rob Davy, Masen Swenson, Roger Davy, Jared Davy, Jordan Creviston, Trevor Nichols, Jordan Davy, Elizabeth Randall, Taylor Davy, Heidi Warne, & Tami Davy* for helping with the home football games this year.

*Sherry Verbout* for doing so much work to have a fun and safe American Education Week.

*Striker Hassen* for being an amazing and hard-working co-worker!

*Everyone* who came to the blood drive - we appreciate your willingness to give!

*Dawson Beito & Kasen Swenson* for being named all section football players. Also a shout out to *Dillon Foss* for being named all section honorable mention.

## Random Riddles Answers

### Trivia Answers

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

1. Ten-ish
2. A secret
3. Nothing
4. The living room
5. When you are a mouse
6. He was too wrapped up in himself
7. Trombone



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## Band Musician of the Month Hannah Rud



**Grade:** 11th

**What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument?** Trombone, I chose this instrument because two of my friends were playing it as well.

**If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick?** I would maybe change to the flute. I was debating between the flute and trombone before I picked the trombone.

**What is your favorite song to play?** Currently my favorite song to play in band is *Peace Jubilee* because it is a fun and upbeat song. I feel our band plays it well.

**If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick?** Maybe an off-brand Disney. I think it would be funny and enjoyable to perform and watch.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** My most memorable band moment was when we went to the Minnesota School Board Association in the Cities.

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Practice your music and don't be afraid to ask questions.

**Who inspired you to be part of band?** Ms. Erickson because when we were younger she was always good at teaching and playing and made music fun.

## Choir Musician of the Month Tali Hamann



**Grade:** 10th

**What section are you in?** Soprano 1

**How long have you been in choir?** Since 7th grade, so going on four years.

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** I like most music but I like singing the Music Revue songs in choir. As for out of school, I like almost anything from Panic at the Disco to 21 pilots. It depends on how I'm feeling.

**What is your favorite part about being in choir?** My favorite part of choir is getting to know different people from different classes.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** Participating in solo contests.

**What advice would you give other vocalists in choir?** Sing loud. If you think you are bad... sing loud. No matter what, sing loud.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** Getting a superior at solo contest last year.

## Trivia

By: Dillon Foss

- What is the total number of dots on a pair of dice?
  - 21
  - 42
  - 6
  - 43
- Which is the tallest mammal?
  - Rhino
  - Hippo
  - Elephant
  - Giraffe
- How many planets are in our solar system?
  - 10
  - 9
  - 7
  - 8
- Not counting jokers, how many cards are there in a standard deck of playing card?
  - 50
  - 60
  - 52
  - 54



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## Senior Spotlight Bailey Maurstad



**Parents:** Chad & Sylvia Maurstad  
**Sibling:** Austin  
**Nicknames:** Baileykins, Bails, Maurstadeo  
**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Wrestling  
**Food:** Spaghetti Carbonara  
**Color:** Orange

**Quote:** "Live in the moment, not in the past."

**If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes?** My three wishes would be an enjoyable, well-paying career, owning my own house, and having a loving family.

**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** If I could change one thing in the world it would be income taxes, I like keeping my money.

**If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go?** If I could take a road trip with one person it would be Jenessa, and we would travel and sightsee the lower 48.

**What do you think you'll be remembered most by?** I think I'll be remembered most by being the girl with the Great Danes and horses.

**What is the craziest thing you've done in high school?** Taking four college classes and working two jobs all at the same time.

**What is your favorite hobby?** My favorite hobby is riding horse.

**What one thing are you proud of that happened to you in high school?** I took the initiative to register for CNA classes and successfully passed the state test, earning my Certified Nursing Assistant license.

## Senior Spotlight Kiah Olafson



**Parents:** Nate & Steph Olafson  
**Siblings:** Ivan, Eli  
**Nicknames:** Kiah Lynn, Kiah Lynn Lynn Lynn, Kiah Lynners, Miss Lynn  
**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Food:** Pierogies  
**Color:** Yellow

**Quote:** "Good time > Long time."

**If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes?** Money, food, and a weight room key.

**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** I would allow high school students to use the weight room by themselves.

**If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go?** Charlie Walsh, and I think we would go to Montana.

**What do you think you'll be remembered most by?** My height.

**What is the craziest thing you've done in high school?** I got in a car accident with Alyssa and Maisy.

**What is your favorite hobby?** Hunting.

**What one thing are you proud of that happened to you in high school?** Giving my Grandpa Alan the Eagle Award.



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## Senior Spotlight Sarah Wagner



**Parents:** Lyndeale & Paul Hamman; Mike Wagner

**Siblings:** Tyler, Carter

**Nickname:** None

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Volleyball

**Food:** Chicken nuggets

**Color:** Mint

**Quote:** "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about to learning how to dance in the rain."

**If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes?** All I would honestly want would be farm animals.

**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** The amount of condemnation that groups of people get.

**If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go?** My mom, we've always talked about going to New Orleans, and visit family in Oregon.

**What do you think you'll be remembered most by?** I think I'll be remembered by my quietness to the part of the class I'm not very close to.

**What is the craziest thing you've done in high school?** I wouldn't say I really did anything crazy.

**What is your favorite hobby?** Taking care of and playing with my animals, there are so many things I've learned while doing so.

**What one thing are you proud of that happened to you in high school?** Getting this far, I never could really imagine what it would feel like to be a senior in high school.

## Grandma's Gingerbread Pancakes

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

By: Abigail Novacek

### Ingredients:

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground dried ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ cup molasses
- 1½ cups water

### Directions:

1. Whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, and cinnamon in a bowl; set aside. Beat the egg in a separate mixing bowl with the vanilla and molasses until smooth. Whisk in the water until completely incorporated. Stir the flour mixture into the molasses mixture until just combined -- a few lumps are okay.
2. Heat a lightly oiled griddle over medium-high heat. Drop batter by large spoonfuls onto the griddle, and cook until bubbles form and the edges are dry. Flip, and cook until browned on the other side. Repeat with remaining batter.





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## Dear Santa...



*Dear Santa,* I would like an American Girl Doll Barn to go with my American Girl Horse. I've swept the kitchen floor a couple times. Love, *Brielle Byre* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I'm happy for all the presents you gave me once when I was little. Please bring me twisty girls and a toy rocket ship. I will leave you milk and cookies on the square brown table not the black table. There will be a vase with flowers on it. I will leave cookies shaped like a deer for your reindeer. Love, *Janiya Jenson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I want a Hover Board for Christmas and a unicorn stuffed animal and a squeaky toy for my dog. I helped my dad go hunting and I made my bed 15 times. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, *Parker Stoppelman* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* At my Grandma's I cleaned the entry. I want new headphones. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will leave reindeer food. Love, *Shelby Lee* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for all the Christmas's. I would like a new LOL Girl headphones. I will make gingerbread, stars, and tree cookies for you. I have been a good girl by keeping my room clean and getting my brother Kader dressed. Love, *Giuliana Sovde* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I want a dirt bike. I will leave the reindeer feed and you milk and cookies. I have been helping my brother plow the yard. Love, *Sawyer Jenson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I have been good by cleaning my room everyday. For Christmas I would like spirit horse with Lucky. I will leave milk and cookies. Love, *Annalie Yonke* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I cleaned the bathroom at my house. I want a real live kitty for Christmas, and a real live German Sheperd puppy for my friend. I want a baby carrier, bottle and a fake pacifier and that's all. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies. Love, *Ellie Hanson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I have been a good boy because I cleaned the carpet for my dad. For christmas I would like bone crusher and optimus prime Transformers. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Love, *Elliot Mather* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I have worked hard this year helping my sister. For Christmas I would like a scooby-doo playmobil mystery machine. I will leave you candy cane cupcakes and milk. Love, *Oliver Briese* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I have been a good boy this year by doing dishes for my grandma Dana and helping out at the farm. For Christmas I would like a toy horse, barn, tractor, and cows and calves. I will leave horse cookies and milk out for you. It will be by the fire stove at my moms. Love, *Liam Wojciechowski* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I have been a good boy by feeding my puppy. For Christmas I would like something from paw patrol. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk. Love, *Liam Sanden* (Kindergarten)





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## Dear Santa...



- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: giving presents to one another, giving everyone hope, being good to mom and dad. My Christmas wishes are: fone, barbie house, Nintendo switck. *Alexie Berger* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: putting the Laundry, putting the dishes away, making the bed. My Christmas wishes are: Nintendo switch, fon, forbll. *Eli Haugen* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I share candy with my brother, I help my little sistor, I help my brothers. My Christmas wish is: A new phone. *Carter Jenson* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I heve been helping my sister. Being a good Listener. My Christmas wishes are: Pokemon card that does 200 damage, Big transformer. *Carter Kjos* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: laundry, help my mom with the baby, help my brother. My Christmas wishes are: LoL's, Bubie, arplane, bubie car. *Mia Kjos* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I haved playd with others and coockes fro santa. I ben bisy at scool For a lang time. My Christmas wishes are: Having a new toy. so santa I mims you have a good day. *Gavon Pulczynski* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I have my rom. I hav help My famley. I like to help my sisters. I help My mom. My Christmas wishes are: LoL, PoPeso, peanoy. *Avani Washington* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: i mack my bed, i be nice to my brothers, i be nice to my friends, i clean my room. My Christmas wishes are: pokemon crds, dirt bick, nerf gun. *Brentley Williams* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: tie shoes, help people, be kind to people. My Christmas wishes are: golf candy, pokemon cards, telephone. *Tucker Rinde* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I share my Toys, I share my crayons, I share my bus, I share my phone. My Christmas wishes are: pokemon Toys, a Toy bus, a phone. *Trey Rinde* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I Play we my brother, I share we my, I help my grandma. My Christmas wishes are: Kindle, Pet rabbit, a ball. *Blair Przekwas* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I have dishes, clean the living room, Sharing with my brother, barbie, airplane. My Christmas wishes are: barbie outfits, bean bag chair. *Layla Otto* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: help my mom, help my brother, do my homework. My Christmas wishes are: Pet turtle, dress, leggings. *Shalyn Kukowski* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa* I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I've foldied Towles For mom. I've taken the Trash out For dad. I've fed the dog and cats! My Christmas wishes are: I would like some pokemon cards! I'd also like a dirtbike! *Owen Olson* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I like your reindeers. Could I please have a Hatchamal for Chrtstmas? Thank you, *Collin Matthews* (Grade 1)
- Dear Santa*, I want a LOL and a Barbie and a american girl doll and a LOL set and a mini Santa and a puppy and a hat. from, *Chesnie Berg* (Grade 1)





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## Dear Santa...



*Dear Santa,* Thank you for the gogees! How over you doing? I wued like a play staishon please and a aplil whatch. I cant wait!  
Love, *Emerson Jenson* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for the hachimuls. Are you going to have coccies? Please colde i have real makeup. I will leave milk and coccies. Love, *Tayleigh Stoppelman* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for last years prezent. I love my toy. How is Mrs. Clas doing? I would like minecraft toys. I will leve milk and cookies. Love, *Charlotte Lane* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for the packij of toys and the sleda. I like it. What do you and Mrs. Clas do in the North pole? Can I please have an aplil watch. I will leave milk and cookies. Love, *Ezra Monsrud* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa* How r your raindeer douing? Christmas is my favrite holuday. Can you plese give me a springtrap boot leg. Love, *Chance Wojciehowski* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for the LOL dolls. Hoy are the elfs doing? Can I ples get this mostr hie doll? I cant wat! Love, *Isabella Lindemann* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Could i have a toy for cat Luim please? Love, *Abigal Wojciechowski* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Can I please have a comepretr and some paint please and some math cards. thank you. and I like school. Love, *Paige Gust* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for the ipod. Is it cold at the Northpole? Can I plese have a toy car with rmotcnrol and a transfirm toy. I cant wait! Love, *Jaryn Kukowski* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* thank you for givinge me prescints last yere plese can I have a pace of pokemon cards? how are you? I cant wiawt hontel then! Love, *Tatum Rinde* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Ken I plese have a huvrebored a rela baby rabite. what cind a cookies do you like? Love, *Raeleena Friesner* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Thankck you Santa for presinst You arn hlpfull Santa. I will like a Troll LoL doll and a apil wath pleaes and Thank you. Love, *Eli Washington* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for coming to my house how are you doing at the North Pole. I want a toy car How are your raindeer. Love, *Kaden Randall* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* thank you for coming last yer Santa I wont a mockin crol car haw r the ran der. Love, *Steele Marquis* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Thank you for the presents. How are your rader doing. I will Leve mellk out for you. I will like a ipad. Love, *Josie Curry* (Grade 2)





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## Dear Santa...



*Dear Santa*, What I would really want for Christmas is a Harry Potter mystery wand, a green pillow, a barbie doll, a LOL omg doll, a bath bomb, a water bottle, a dog, doll house, candy, and a LOL doll house. I would also like a book. Love, *Onah Gregerson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, I would like madden 21 for the xbox 1for Christmas. For my mom how about a necklace? By, *Jacob Foss* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, Can I please have an xbox one x, pure, madden 21, mini rifle, a Ktm 56 cc, and a mini ranger? Can you make coronavirus be gone? I would also like a new football. love *Briar Williams* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, I would like to help out people, so can I have some latex gloves? Also, can I have a robot building set, the "I love dogs" bedding I was looking at, along with a colorful wolf stuffy. I would also like to have all the survivors dog books with the eBook novella, "Alpha's Tale"? Can I also have the "Clebrity Adopt me petshop Playset" (Roblox)? I am looking forward to doing some fun art projects, so can I have a GIANT plate of colored ink. Love, *Delyla Carpenter* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, For Christmas I want A baby brother. Then I want A four wheeler on the farm. And some clothes. And I kind of want an ipad. I want covid-19 to go away because we can't see peoples faces so we cant do so much. I really want new pair of shoes. I want a phone. I want A Dog. I want A new cow. I hope you have a good Christmas. Love, *Brodyn Schmidgall* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, For Christmas I would like an eight foot tractor, an iphone 12 pro max, and some work gloves. I'd like a 22 gauge shotgun, a ps5, a dirtbike, and a fourwheeler, 5 rc cars, and a ps controller. Love, *Rogan Hanson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, I was thinking if you can get me a Play station 5, dirt bike, and fnaf merchandise and I would wanna know how your day was going. What do you do with Mrs. Claus? And I hope for covid-19 to end! Did you know what fnaf means? It means five nights at Freddy's. Have a happy Christmas santa. By, *Ryder Gust* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, Can I please have a phone and ps4. I would like to stay with friends and family. I would like you to stop the covid please if you can. Love, *Cameron Moore* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, I want a husky, general lee, dermacks, \$100,000,000,000 to help my parents pay taxes, to meet with Len Desal. and a new snowcat. Love, *Alex Gust* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, I would like a nerf Sniker, a new dog toy for Arther and Charly, and something else for my Family. Love, *Nils Christianson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa*, I would like a pokemon set with all the pokemons, a huge balloon slide, and a play moter cycle and you get to pick where you want to race on it. From, *Clayton Kruger* (Grade 3)





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## Elementary Viewpoint

By: Anastasia Dahl

### What is something you're really good at?

**Eli Haugen (1<sup>st</sup> grade):** I am really good at counting and counting backwards. I am really good at playing with my friends. My dad says I'm really good at doing my homework.

**Raeleena Friesner (2<sup>nd</sup> grade):** I am good at doing chores with my mom. I like to play with my sister and feed my pet rabbit, Buster. I'm really good at making a campfire with my dad.

**Jacob Foss (3<sup>rd</sup> grade):** I am good at football, basketball, swimming, and fishing. My dad takes me out fishing because it is my favorite thing. I usually catch four fish.

**Ava Gust (4<sup>th</sup> grade):** I am good at math, reading, music, and science.

**Azmera Olson (5<sup>th</sup> grade):** I don't know what I'm good at because I'm just a kid. I'm not really good at things, but I know many people in my class who are good at things. Charlie's good at drawing and making people laugh. Ava, she's good at dancing, reading, sports, and helping people. Quynn, she's good at being a friend. She's been there for me since preschool. MacKenzie and Shaina are good at being kind and friendly. The rest of the boys like Deegan, Jaxon, Landin, and Tristan are good at sports and being funny. Those are what they are good at.

**Cale Lindland (6<sup>th</sup> grade):** Mrs. Johnson says I'm good at math and I think so too. I almost always raise my hand when she asks a question. It is easier to understand for me.



## Ramp-Up Topics for December

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

**GRADE 6:** Students will be introduced to using a planner and ways they can organize their work and stay on top of their assignments. Most successful students need to be very well organized, and a planner is a great tool to use for that purpose. Parents can ask to see their students planner at home and ask them to show how they organize their school work and other activities.

**GRADE 7:** What are some past, present, and future careers? Seventh graders will realize they need to have a solid learning base in middle and high school to better prepare them for ever-changing career opportunities. Many careers become obsolete, while others are being created daily. It is very possible a seventh grader today may work in a career that has yet to be established. Students will begin to make the connection of the importance of earning a postsecondary degree to help them prepare for their future careers.

**GRADE 8:** Eighth grade students will focus on peers, problem solving, and postsecondary. Why are peer relationships so important throughout middle and high school, and what impact could they have on postsecondary education and career choices? What things, like social media, influence our peer choices and decision making process now and in the future?

**GRADE 9:** Ninth graders will be investigating the standards required for high school graduation versus what four-year university admissions require. Students look at Badger High School requirements so they can think about what classes they can take in the future to meet admission requirements. Freshmen will also be identifying their internal strengths and external supports and how to use those to live a happy and successful life.

**GRADE 10:** What motivates me? Sophomores will be taking an in-depth look at both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and how they can use their understanding of them to get through difficult times now and in college.

**GRADE 11:** During December, juniors will explore the different types of financial aid and will be introduced to the FAFSA4caster as a way to help them find out what types of aid may be available. Scholarship money is available to students to attend college, so students will learn where to find information about scholarships and how to apply for them.

**GRADE 12:** Seniors will be spending more time learning about their financial aid options, including grants, scholarships, work-study, and student loans. Students will also be looking at strategies to avoid the dreaded "senior slump" when it comes to finishing their high school careers and preparing for postsecondary education or careers.



# The Badger Barker



## Dates to Remember

By: Jory Bronson

### December

- 1 ECFE "Winter Crafts" 6:00 pm
- 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Midterm
- 14 Math League Meet
- 14 School Board 7:30 pm
- 24 -31 No School ~ Winter Break

### January

- 1 No School ~ Winter Break
- 6 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 11 School Board 7:30pm
- 13 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 18 No School ~ Staff Development
- 20 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 22 End of Quarter 2
- 25 Math League Meet
- 26 ECFE "Welcome Back" 6:00 pm
- 27 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF

## Zuppa Toscana For One

<https://onedishkitchen.com/zuppa-toscana-recipe/>

By: Coralie Olds

### Ingredients:

- 1 slice bacon
- 1 link Italian sausage, casing removed
- ¼ cup chopped onions
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ⅛ teaspoon chili powder
- 1 cup low sodium chicken broth
- 1 small Russet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 cup fresh spinach
- ¼ cup heavy cream

### Directions:

1. Cook the bacon in a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until crisp, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate with a fork.
2. Add the Italian sausage, onions, garlic, and chili powder to the drippings and cook, breaking the sausage up with a spoon, until browned and no longer pink, about 5 minutes.
3. Pour in chicken broth and add diced potatoes to the pot. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer to cook potatoes, 10-12 minutes
4. Add spinach and cook 3 minutes.
5. Remove from heat and stir in cream. Pour into a bowl and top with crumbled bacon.



## Random Riddles

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

By: Arianna Grugal

1. What time does a tennis player get up?
2. If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I?
3. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?
4. What room do ghosts avoid?
5. When is it bad luck to see a black cat?
6. Why didn't the Mummy have any friends?
7. What instrument does the skeleton play?



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## National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization that recognizes high school students in grades 11 and 12 that go above and beyond academics. The purpose of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to enter service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in secondary high school students.

To be eligible to become a member, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.22, as well as two letters of recommendation attesting to the student's character, leadership, and service to their school and community. Students also must be present at the induction ceremony. Once students have been inducted and are officially a member, they must have ten volunteer hours of community service per year and maintain a 3.22 GPA.

This year, returning members Jack Burkel, Erika Howell, Avdyl Jasiqi, Bailey Maurstad, Bella Monsrud, Alexis Rud welcomed new members Salma Pray, Hailey VonEnde, Hannah Rud, Talon Hilligas, Kayden Keller, Jasmine Christianson, Hannah Wilt, Brooke VonEnde, Jenessa Isane, Aulona Jasiqi, Greta Lee, and Noah Warne with a traditional candle lighting ceremony on November 1. Dessert was prepared by Jodi Randall and was served by sophomore honor students.

Badger National Honor Society sponsors events each year including community blood drives and the school's Read Across America week. For these events, NHS members work to plan, prepare and provide a positive experience to all those who attend.



**Back:** Salma Pray, Hailey VonEnde, Hannah Rud, Talon Hilligas, Avdyl Jasiqi, Jack Burkel, Erika Howell, Kadeyn Keller **Front:** Jasmine Christianson, Hannah Wilt, Brooke VonEnde, Alexis Rud, Bella Monsrud, Bailey Maurstad, Jenessa Isane, Aulona Jasiqi  
**Not Pictured:** Greta Lee, Noah Warne



## Thank You!!

Badger students are excited to explore the new hunting/fishing adventures in the books donated by Minnesota Author Kevin Lovegreen. Pictured are 7<sup>th</sup> graders Breydon Foss, Braxton Pearson, and Briggs Jenson.



# The Badger Barker



## Congratulations!

Quarter 1  
Grades 4-6  
"A & B" Honor Roll



Aaron Jasiqi  
"A"



Azmera Olson  
"A"



Autumn Kruger  
"A"



Abram Wirta  
"A"



Adysen Gregerson  
"B"



Avearah Hanson  
"B"



Jaxon Castle  
"B"



Deegan Hanson  
"B"



Lillian Kruger  
"B"



Cale Lindland  
"B"



Ava Warne  
"B"



Shaina Gust  
"B"



Charles Peterson  
"B"



MacKenzie VonEnde  
"B"



Grant Olson  
"B"



Quynn Washington  
"B"



Brenna Pearson  
"B"



Gage Otto  
"B"



Kaylie Streich  
"B"



Kiley Streich  
"B"



# The Badger Barker



## Congratulations!

Quarter 1  
Grades 11-12  
"A" Honor Roll



**Bailey Maurstad**  
12



**Tanner Davy**  
12



**Jack Burkel**  
12



**Maisy Ylitalo**  
12



**Isabella Monsrud**  
12



**Tia McKinnon**  
12



**Erika Howell**  
12



**Alyssa Rinde**  
12



**Talon Hilligas**  
12



**Avdyl Jasiqi**  
12



**Dawson Beito**  
12



**Anastasia Dahl**  
12



**Brooke VonEnde**  
11



**Noah Warne**  
12



**Greta Lee**  
11



**Aulona Jasiqi**  
11



**Hannah Rud**  
11



**Kadeyn Keller**  
11



**Abby Novacek-Pratt**  
11



**Jasmine Christianson**  
11



**Hailey VonEnde**  
11



**Hannah Wilt**  
11



# The Badger Barker



## Congratulations!

Quarter 1  
Grades 7-10  
"A" Honor Roll



Keyasha Housker  
10



Brogan Beito  
10



Raegen Maahs  
10



Riley Gust  
10



Jordan Lee  
9



Amelia Wilt  
9



Ashton Pickhartz  
9



Ada Lee  
9



Jordan Davy  
9



Aidan Carpenter  
8



Julia Dostal  
8



Bethanie VonEnde  
8



Ivan Olafson  
8



Emily Burkel  
7



Tryg Olson  
7



# The Badger Barker



## Congratulations!

Quarter 1  
Grades 10-12  
"B" Honor Roll



**Olivia Hamann**  
12



**Sarah Wagner**  
12



**Alexis Rud**  
12



**Jory Bronson**  
12



**Kasen Swenson**  
12



**Trey Nichols**  
12



**Dillon Foss**  
12



**Johnathon Kukowski**  
11



**Salma Pray**  
11



**Jenessa Isane**  
11



**Elliott Isane**  
10



**Mason Scharf**  
10



**Brandon Secord**  
10



**Dylan VonEnde**  
10



**Talisha Hamann**  
10



**Cody Olson**  
10



**Gabe Warne**  
10



**Landon Frislie**  
10



# The Badger Barker



## Congratulations!

Quarter 1  
Grades 7-9  
"B" Honor Roll



Tenisha Berger  
9



Xander Grugal  
9



Arianna Grugal  
9



Macy Majer  
9



Kaden Halvorson  
8



Masen Swenson  
8



Taylor Davy  
8



Alex Lunde  
8



Paige Rybakowski  
8



Landon Nelson  
8



Addison Pulczinski  
7



Tayden Soma  
7



Hailey Lundgren  
7



Lucas Filius  
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### Kindergarten Korner

By: Anabel Stoskopf

#### Brielle Byre

**What's your favorite color?** Red because it's pretty.

**What's your favorite song?** *Old Town Road* because I like the horse in it.

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes because it is so fun.

**What do you like about winter?**

Playing in the snow.

**If you could be outside all day, what would you do?**

Make a snowman because I like doing that.

**What do you like about your teacher?**

I like how her voice is.

**What makes someone a good friend?** By sharing.



#### Liam Wojciechowski

**What's your favorite color?** Blue because I like it.

**What's your favorite song?** *The Pineapple Song* because it has funny words in it.

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes because I like it.

**What do you like about winter?**

Building snowmen because it's fun.

**If you could be outside all day, what would you do?** Play with my bunnies because they're fun. I just got new ones.

Their names are Daisy



and Domino.

**What do you like about your teacher?** That she's nice.

**What makes someone a good friend?** When you can play with them and let them play with your toys.