



The Badger Barker



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Badger School Honors Its Veterans

Submitted by: Patience Thompson, Student Council Advisor

On Wednesday, November 8, Badger School District and community members gathered to honor the men and women who have served or are currently serving our country. Badger School's Student Council members helped organize the program. As community members entered the school, they were presented with red poppies, which pay tribute to the fallen and living veterans, as well as active-duty military personnel and their families. American Legion Auxiliary members Sharon Vacura, Marian Dybedahl, and Alleen Glen graciously handed out the poppies.

The Badger High School Concert Band began the program with *Peacemaker March* followed by Badger Student Council President Jordan Davy welcoming those in attendance. The Posting of the Colors was performed by Veterans Bob Glen, David Vacura, Richard Blazek, Wayne Praska, and Morris Vacura. Arianna Grugal followed the Posting of Colors by singing the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

Badger High School Concert Band played *Within These Hallowed Halls* before the introduction of the Junior High speeches. Junior High essay winners shared their speeches titled "How Are You Inspired by America?" The winners were Deegan Hanson (2nd) and Ava Warne (1st). Badger High School Concert Choir then performed *American Anthem* prior to the Senior High speeches. Senior High winners shared their speeches titled "What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?" Senior high winners were: Landon Christianson (3rd), Taylor Davy (2nd), and Macy Majer (1st). Superintendent Mr. Kevin Rieke presented the awards to the Junior and Senior High essay winners.

The Keynote speaker for this year's program was Minnesota Representative John Burkel. Carol Tillberg announced the Carol Tillberg Roll-Call recipients, which included: Melford Bendickson, Isaac Durgin, Sheldon Gulseth, Wesley Thompson, Dale Hagen, and Morris Vacura. A short biography about each recipient was read by a family member/personal friend. This plaque is housed at Badger Community Center. Vivian Peterson and Shirley Burian, representing Faith Lutheran Church, presented Elroy Britten with a lap quilt in honor of his service to our country.

Ending the program, Aidan Carpenter played *Taps*, followed by the Retiring of the Colors. Thank you to everyone in attendance.



Back: Ava Warne, Jordan Davy, Deegan Hanson, Taylor Davy, Landon Christianson, Aidan Carpenter, Arianna Grugal
Middle: Wayne Praska, David Vacura, Bob Glen, Richard Blazek, Morris Vacura, Elroy Britten
Front: Alleen Glen, Sharon Vacura, Marian Dybedahl, John Burkel, Vivian Peterson, Shirley Burian, Carol Tillberg



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."

Quote by Eric Hoffer

Stay tuned for future announcements:

Badger High School Math Team's competitive season is already in-progress within the Northern Lights Math League.

Badger High School Knowledge Bowl team started practicing for their upcoming competitive season – please stay tuned for updates in January.

There will be future events announcements for our Badger FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America) Chapter forthcoming – stay tuned.



Events this Month:

- Sun-Dec. 03 Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) will be having their holiday celebration at the Pioneer Farm 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Tue-Dec. 05 Unified Bowling Event at Thief River Falls (a.m.).
- Fri-Dec. 08 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.
- Sat-Dec. 09 Tenth Annual "Home for the Holidays" from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. sponsored by the Badger FCCLA: Bake Sale, Gift Basket Raffle, Clothing Drive, and Vendors in the Gym.
- Dec. 09-15 The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Badger School Library the week of December 11-15. Students, parents, and family members can shop before school 8:00-8:20 a.m. and shop after school 3:10-4:00 p.m. Elementary students grades 1-6 may also shop during their regularly scheduled library visit during the week.
- Tue-Dec. 12 Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12 in the Cafeteria Lunch Room. Parents of Kindergarten students may shop at the Scholastic Book Fair after the Winter Wonderland Workshop.
- Thu-Dec. 14 Preschool/Head Start Parent-Child Holiday Event in the Cafeteria Lunch Room 1:30 p.m.
- Fri-Dec. 15 Daytime Elementary Winter Music Program will be 2:00 p.m.
- Sat-Dec. 16 LumberJack VEX Robotics Competition at Gene Dillon Elementary School, Bemidji, MN. For your information, "VEX" is company brand name; it is not an acronym.
- Mon-Dec. 18 Badger Math Team *Northern Lights League* event on-site in Badger School periods 2 & 3.
- Mon-Dec. 18 Home Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball games vs. Red Lake in the **BADGER GYM**.
- Tue-Dec. 19 High School Band & Choir Music Concert in Gym 7:00 p.m.
- Wed-Dec. 20 High School Band & Choir perform at Greenbush Nursing Home (TBA).
- Fri-Dec. 22 No School for eleven calendar days due to Winter Break.
- Tue-Jan. 02 School will be back in session when school resumes Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful winter break.

Thank you,
Kevin Ricke, Superintendent & Principal K-12

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

Quote by Charles Dickens



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Dates to Remember

By: Tiana Jacobson

December

- 3 ECFE ~ Pioneer Farm with Santa (tentative)
- 5 Unified Bowling @ Thief River Falls
- 8 Second Quarter Midterm
- 9 Annual 'Home for the Holidays' ~ 9:00 am -1:00 pm
- 9-15 Scholastic Book Fair ~ Library
- 11 World's Best Workforce Public Meeting ~ 5:30 pm
- 11 Board Work Session, Earned Safe & Sick Time 6:00 pm
- 11 Truth in Taxation Public Meeting ~ 7:00 pm
- 11 School Board ~ 7:30 pm
- 12 Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop
- 14 Preschool/Head Start Parent Child Holiday Event
- 15 Elementary Winter Concert ~ 2:00 pm
- 16 VEX Robotics Competition @ Bemidji
- 18 Math League Meet
- 19 High School Winter Concert ~ 7:00 pm
- 20 Band & Choir perform at Greenbush Nursing Home
- 22-31 No School ~ Winter Break

January

- 1 No School ~ Winter Break
- 8 School Board ~ 7:30 pm
- 9 Knowledge Bowl Meet @ Thief River Falls
- 10 ASVAB ~ Grade 11
- 10 PreACT ~ Grade 10
- 15 No School ~ Staff Development
- 16 Knowledge Bowl Meet @ Thief River Falls
- 19 End of Quarter 2 ~ Dismissed @ 12:30 pm
- 22 Math League Meet
- 23 Knowledge Bowl Meet @ Thief River Falls
- 30 Knowledge Bowl Meet @ Thief River Falls
- 30 ECFE ~ 6:00pm

Gator Sports

By: Caden Wojciehowski

For changes in schedule go to www.badger.k12.mn.us and click on "Gator Athletic Schedules."

December

Boys Wrestling

- 1 @ Park Rapids Jamboree
- 2 @ Wadena-Deer Creek
- 9 @ Crookston
- 14 @ Roseau Quadrangular
- 28 @ Fargo Dome

Girls Wrestling

- 9 Grand Forks Invitational
- 16 Bemidji Invitational

Boys Basketball

- 5 Stephen-Argyle @ BGMR
- 7 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 12 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 14 Warroad @ BGMR
- 18 Mahnomen-Waubun @ BGMR
- 21 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 28 Goodridge-Grygla @ BGMR

Girls Basketball

- 4 @ Kittson County Central
- 7 @ Warroad
- 9 @ UMC
- 11 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 18 Red Lake @ BGMR
- 28-29 @ Pelican Rapids Tournament

January

Boys Wrestling

- 2 @ Blackduck, Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR
- 9 Frazee @ BGMR
- 12 @ Minnewaska Area
- 11 @ Pembina County North
- 13 @ Alexandria
- 20 @ Thief River Falls Tournament
- 23 Fosston @ BGMR
- 27 @ Larimore Tournament
- 30 @ Northwood-Hatton

Boys Basketball

- 4 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
- 9 @ Stephen-Argyle
- 12 @ Kittson County Central
- 15 @ Lake of the Woods
- 16 Roseau @ BGMR
- 18 Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR
- 23 @ Clearbrook-Gonvick
- 26 @ Goodridge-Grygla
- 29 @ Sacred Heart

Girls Basketball

- 4 @ Thief River Falls
- 8 Stephen-Argyle @ BGMR
- 11 @ Grygla-Goodridge
- 12 Roseau @ BGMR
- 15 Thompson @ BGMR
- 20 Mahnomen-Waubun @ BGMR
- 25 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 29 @ Fertile-Beltrami



Choir Musician of the Month Aidan Carpenter



Grade: 11

What section are you in? Bass

How long have you been in choir? I've been in choir since 7th grade.

What styles of music do you like to sing? Anything really, but I prefer faster songs.

What do you enjoy the most about being in choir? I like it when we finally get all our parts to come together and it sounds really nice.

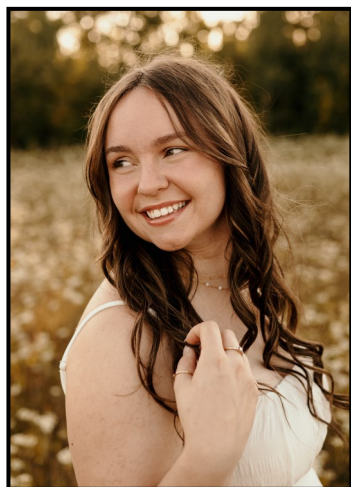
What are you looking forward to this year in choir? Probably our concerts; mainly the upcoming winter program.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Don't worry if your voice is in a weird spot because it'll even out with time and practice.

What is your favorite choir memory? I think doing past solo contests and getting superiors.

Have you participated in any solo or ensemble contest, or done any singing outside of choir? I've participated in solo contest every year since 9th grade.

Band Musician of the Month Jordan Davy



Grade: 12

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? I play clarinet because I love the way it sounds.

Who inspired you to be part of band? My mom.

If you could learn a new instrument, what would you pick? Electric guitar because I think it would be fun to play some of the genres that it's used in.

What is your favorite song to play? There are way too many good songs to pick one but one of my favorites is *Timber* because clarinets have the melody.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? Disney because I think the music would be fun to learn.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Playing pep band at state. It's fun getting to play and hanging out with friends.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Keep practicing and take the advice given from your teacher.

Peanut Butter Freezer Fudge

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/254845/peanut-butter-freezer-fudge-2-ingredient/>

By: Measha Troxel

Ingredients:

- ½ cup peanut butter
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 2 sheets parchment paper

Directions:

1. Whisk peanut butter and maple syrup together in a bowl until combined. Pour onto a single sheet of parchment paper. Cover peanut butter mixture with the second sheet of parchment paper; flatten.
2. Place flattened peanut butter mixture into the freezer until hardened; about 10 minutes.





Campus Comment

By: Arianna Grugal

What is a Christmas holiday tradition in your family?

Kaylie Streich (7th grade): A Christmas holiday tradition in my family is when I make cookies with my mom and sister and we wear PJs. I like this tradition because I spend time with my sister and mom and we open presents.

Tyjmen Rud (8th grade): We only open up gifts and hang out because we don't really do anything on Christmas. We also eat the kind of food you would eat on Christmas.

Hallie Glodowski (9th grade): A Christmas tradition for us is that instead of decorating our tree with Christmas balls, it's covered in pictures of us and ornaments that we have made. We have a picture of ourselves for every year that we have been alive. For the ornaments we make, it includes ones from school and from sewing. It is important to us because we get to look back on memories and see how much we have grown.

Jordyn Gilbert (10th grade): My family and I make lefse together. All the girls in the family get together one day and make food for that night's dinner. We always make different foods, but no matter what year it is, we always make lefse.

Alvaro Alves Sanchez (11th grade): In Spain, Christmas is a Catholic holiday. Due to that, we receive presents from The Three Wise Kings instead of Santa Claus on the 6 of January instead of the 25 of December. Also, it is a Christmas Spanish tradition to eat 12 grapes on the last 12 seconds of the year (31 of December) to have good luck in the new year.

Ray Haugen Rosadino (12th grade): We deep fry an entire pig in a big pot of oil. After that, we take it out, cut it open, and bring it out for the whole family to feast. Spirit of Christmas.

Striker Hasson (Building/Grounds Director): Opening presents Christmas morning not Christmas Eve, then getting the family together to make lefse has always been our family tradition. To me this is important because it was what Grandma did with us and to keep this tradition going for my kids and spend quality time with family is important.



Feel the Power

Badger senior Jordan Lee is shown cheering on strong man and motivational speaker Jon Pritikin as he tears a ream of paper lengthwise during a November 7 student assembly. Pritikin shared his personal story of overcoming speech and learning disabilities, as well being rejected and picked on by his peers, to become a person who has spoken to over 10 million people worldwide and a current holder of a world record in the Guinness Book of World Records. The St. Cloud area band Tafoia joined Pritikin on his tour to help keep the energy high. This student assembly was made possible by the generosity of Northern Assemblies, Our Redeemer's, and Badger Creek churches.





Senior Spotlight Treston Nichols

Parents: Tara Wiskow, Jeff Nichols

Siblings: Trevor, Trey, Kenzie, Gunner, Ellie, Tanner

Nickname: Pickles

Favorite:

Sport: Track

Food: Alfredo

Color: Black

Hobby: Hunting, fishing, being outside

Quote: "I live my life a quarter mile at a time." ~ Dom Toretto

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? Free the world of sickness, prices dropped low, and the world to be fair.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? Get rid of cancer.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? My brother Trey and we would go to Alaska.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? Football and track.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? Skipped school.

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Senior Spotlight Xander Grugal

Parents: Shawna & Corey Grugal

Siblings: Arianna, Devyn

Nickname: none

Favorite:

Sport: Baseball

Food: Raman

Color: Black & red

Hobby: Playing guitar

Quote: "Never give up on your dreams." ~ John Cena

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? New Taylor guitar, have kids, and not have asthma.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? Inflation

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? Christian and we would go to Ireland.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? Playing guitar.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? Going on the fireball at the fair.



Elementary Viewpoint

By: Adysen Gregerson

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

Emery Walsh (1st grade): My favorite Christmas movie is *The Grinch*. It is my favorite movie because it is about Christmas. I also like it because it is about presents. I like that the Grinch is naughty because that is funny.

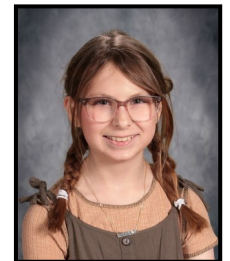
Joseph Carlson (2nd grade): *Home Alone* because it's really fun to watch! I also like *A Christmas Carol* because it's a really good movie to watch.

Ellie Hanson (3rd grade): My favorite Christmas movie is *Home Alone* because it's funny for Christmas and it's cool. I love the actors too because they act like it's very real. It's a decent amount of time. I just love it.

Blair Przekwas (4th grade): *Home Alone* is my favorite Christmas movie because it is funny. He is creative when making traps. He is home by himself!

Colten Larson (5th grade): *The Grinch* because it is very funny, it's kind of sad, and it's fun to see.

Delyla Carpenter (6th grade): It's really hard to pick just one favorite Christmas movie. I have a lot of favorites, like *Elf*, *Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Frosty the Snowman*, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, *Home Alone*, and *A Christmas Story*. It's a lot of favorites, but all of them are really good! If you haven't seen them, you should. They are all really good movies!



Instrumental and Solo Contest

Submitted by: Sara Carpenter & Lisa Erickson, Music Directors

Congratulations to the seven students from Badger School that competed at the Subsection 32 Instrumental and Vocal Solo Contests held at Lake of the Woods School on Thursday, November 16. They did an outstanding job of representing the music department at Badger School! They earned 1 Excellent Rating and 7 Superior Ratings. The students that participated were: Peyton Lee (9th grade), soprano, sang "The Water is Wide" a traditional folk song, and earned an Excellent Rating.



Adysen Gregerson (9th grade), mezzo soprano, sang "Shenandoah" a traditional folk song, and earned a Superior Rating and an Outstanding Performance Award. Emily Burkel (10th grade), soprano, sang "Lascia chio pianga" by Handel, and earned a Superior Rating. Tryg Olson (10th grade), bass, sang "Follow the Drinking Gourd" a traditional spiritual, and earned a Superior Rating. Aidan Carpenter (11th grade), bass, sang "Per la gloria d'adorarvi" by Bonocini, and earned a Superior Rating. Aidan also performed on the trumpet, "Call" by Bernard Fitzgerald, and earned a Superior Rating. Arianna Grugal (12th grade), soprano, sang "Standchen" by Schubert, and earned a Superior Rating. Jordan Davy (12th grade) performed on the clarinet, "Gypsy Moods" by Hoveyt Leonard, and earned a Superior Rating.



Kindergarten Korner

By: Hailey Lundgren



Ayven Blazek

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, I like playing inside with Legos. Outside I like to play Skibidi Toilet.

What's your favorite season? Summer because we can run and play with our dogs.

What's your favorite holiday? Halloween. This year I was a character from the bird show. I got a bunch of candy. My favorite candy is chocolate.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A police officer because they can arrest bad guys.

If you could swap places with any character, which would it be? Chase from *Transformers: Rescue Bots* because he's my favorite rescue bot.

If you had a million dollars, what would you buy? A dinosaur toy. It would be a pterodactyl or a T. Rex.

Charlotte Daignault

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, I like playing in the kitchen and playing four corners.

What's your favorite season? Winter because I make snowmen and play on the monkey bars.

What's your favorite holiday? Christmas because I like presents. This year I want a puppy!

What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher because I like learning.

If you could swap places with any character, which would it be? Myself because I'd like to.

If you had a million dollars, what would you buy? Nothing because I don't want to buy anything.



Gary Erickson

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, I like that we get to play and I get to see my friends.

What's your favorite season? Summer because I play with my dogs and I play in the backyard.

What's your favorite holiday? Christmas because you get the presents. I want a bunch of toys.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a construction worker because I like playing in the dirt.

If you could swap places with any character, which would it be? Spiderman so I can shoot webs or Ironman because he can fly and I also want to fly.

If you had a million dollars, what would you buy? I already have a million dollars. I'm saving my money for the Baja and toys.



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 student's 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? Students will also discuss and identify positive academic behaviors they can establish in high school to help them in their postsecondary experiences.

GRADE 9: Ninth graders will be reviewing an important topic they have previously discussed in Ramp-Up to Readiness – SMART goals. Goals should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timely. Students will learn that keeping these goals realistic to their situation will help them meet goals more frequently. Students use SMART goal methods when they complete their Readiness Rubrics throughout the school year.

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. Juniors will also be looking at ways to avoid the dreaded "senior slump" by reviewing their high school class options for their upcoming senior year.

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.

Peach Pie the Old Fashioned Two Crust Way

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/87979/peach-pie-the-old-fashioned-two-crust-way/>

By: William Peterson

Ingredients:

- 1 (14.1ounce) package pastry for a double-crust-9-inch pie
- 1 egg beaten
- 5 cups sliced peeled peaches
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup white sugar
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter



Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.
2. Line the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie plate with one pie crust. Lightly brush crust with egg to prevent dough from becoming soggy later. Set second crust aside.
3. Place peaches in a large bowl, sprinkle with lemon juice, and mix gently. Mix together sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt in a separate bowl. Pour over peaches and mix until combined. Pour into pie crust and dot with butter.
4. Cover filling with remaining pie crust. Flute the edges to seal or use a fork dipped in egg to press them down. Brush remaining egg on top, then cut several slits in the top crust to allow steam to escape.
5. Bake pie in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350 degrees F and bake until crust is brown and juice begins to bubble through the vents, 30 to 35 more minutes. If the edges brown too fast, cover them with strips of aluminum foil about halfway through baking.
6. Cool pie for 15 minutes before slicing.



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. Applications are reviewed by a faculty committee and students who are selected 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 their GPA. Badger National Honor Society sponsors events each year including community blood drives and the school's Read Across America week.

This year returning members Jordan Davy, Arianna Grugal, Ada Lee, Jordan Lee, Macy Majer, Ashton Pickhartz, and Amelia Wilt welcomed new members Aidan Carpenter, Landon Christianson, Taylor Davy, Julia Dostal, and Bethanie VonEnde with the traditional candle lighting ceremony on November 14. Emily Burkel was the musical guest with a piano solo and Ariana Grugal provided musical entertainment with a vocal solo. Dinner was prepared by Jodi Randall and Angela Monsrud and was served by sophomore honor students.

Once a member graduates they become a NHS alumni for life. Our members join the ranks of a number of celebrity NHS alumni including Pat Sajak, Carrie Underwood, Mr. (Fred) Rodgers, and Cal Ripken, Jr.



Trivia

By: Alvaro Alves Sanchez

1. What is the smallest US state by area?
 - A. Connecticut
 - B. New Jersey
 - C. Delaware
 - D. Rhode Island
2. What is the world's fastest bird?
 - A. Grey-headed albatross
 - B. Peregrine falcon
 - C. Golden eagle
 - D. Saker falcon
3. Who was the Ancient Greek God of the sea?
 - A. Apollo
 - B. Hermes
 - C. Poseidon
 - D. Zeus
4. How many bones does the adult human body typically have?
 - A. 206
 - B. 146
 - C. 312
 - D. 281



Student Opinion

By: Kylee Gust

Would you rather take a trip to Germany or France?

Breydon Foss (10th): I would pick France. I chose France because I'll be able to see the Eiffel Tower. I would also go because of the food; it looks good. I've heard it's really good too.

Kylee Larson (8th): I would go to France because they make good food, and there is a class about how to speak French. I also heard it is a very romantic and beautiful place. The Eiffel Tower would look cooler in person than in a photo. The Louvre Museum is a really pretty place to visit as well.

Eli Monsrud (7th): If I could go to one of these places, I would go to France. I would go to France because it would be a cool place to see, and it would be a fun experience to be in. I would also like to try some of France's foods.

Keegan VonEnde (9th): I would rather go to Germany because I want to go skiing on the mountains. My ancestors used to live there, so I want to see if I can find any relatives.



Random Riddles

<https://parade.com/947956/parade/riddles/>

By: Caine Larson

1. What has a thumb and four fingers, but is not a hand?
2. What stalks the countryside with ears that can't hear?
3. What kind of coat is best put on wet?
4. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?
5. Three doctors said that Bill was their brother. Bill says he has no brothers. How many brothers does Bill actually have?
6. If there are three apples and you take away two, how many apples do you have?
7. Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?

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

Trivia Answers

1. A glove
2. Corn
3. A coat of paint
4. Seven
5. None. He has three sisters.
6. You have two apples.
7. They are a grandfather, father, and son.

Random Riddles Answers



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Kindergarten



Dear Santa, Please bring me a little drum and a pedal bike for my brother. I cleaned my room by myself. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, *Deklyn Madoll* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please bring me Legos and a buck call. I have swept my mom's porch. I will give lettuce to your reindeer. I will leave you cookies. Thank you! Love, *Evan Haugen* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please bring me some hot wheel cars and some spiderman toys, and I want a turkey call like Taylor brought for sharing. One more thing, bring my brother batman toys because he loves batman. I've been nice, yesterday I picked up the toys and organized the toys on the floor. I'm going to make cookies and a glass of milk for you. I will leave celery for the reindeer. I love you Santa! Have a good day. Love, *Julius Jenson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I've been helping my mom clean the windows and clean her room. I would like Barbies with horses and a couple LOL's and a couple books to practice reading. I will leave you chocolate cookies I will make with my mom. I will leave carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Charlotte Daignault* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please bring a cookie maker, a fox pro, and a helmet. I helped mom bake cookies last year. I will leave you cookies and milk and for your reindeer carrots. Love, *James Evans* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I've been working with my Grandma helping her cook cookies. Grandma wanted firewood so me and Grandpa brought her a lot. I helped my dad work with his cows. Me and Cora helped mom bake cookies. Can I have a toy monster truck and some hot wheels please? Santa I am going to leave you cookies and milk. And for your reindeer carrots and celery. Love, *Colt Langaas* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please bring me spiderman toys and hot wheels. I helped mom clean. I will leave you cookies. Love, *Jack Berger* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please bring a Barbie doll house and a Barbie car. I helped my mom clean the floor. I will leave cookies out for you. I love you Santa. Love, *Brynlee Moore* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big real turkey and a bird clock. I helped my mom with my baby brother Knox and helped my dad with his truck. I will leave you celery, cookies, and milk. Also lettuce and carrots for the reindeer. Love, *Taylor Randall* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I want a toy monster truck with a remote control, a book, a toy puppy in an egg, cars, and a car map. I helped my mom clear the cat litterbox. I listen to mom when she tells me to clean the house. I will bring cookies and lettuce for the reindeer. Love, *Lucas Erickson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I want a dinosaur, lava dragon, and a unicorn for my sister. I want a spiderman for my little brother. I helped mom cook spaghetti and meatballs. I vacuumed the living room for my mom and dad. I was nice to my brother and sister, I will leave you chocolate cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Love, *Aron Wyatt III* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a robot and a phone. I helped mom pick up trash. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I will leave lettuce and carrots for your deer. Love, *Ayven Blazek* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I want a game and candy. My brother James would like candy too. I pick up my room of toys. I will leave you a Christmas present for yourself. Love, *Crystal Mekovich* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Please bring me a toy hammer and a race car. I cleaned snow off the deck. I will leave carrots and milk, and cookies for you and the reindeer. Love, *Gary Erickson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a doll, a turkey, a stuffed pet dog, and a Minnie Mouse phone. I was good. I picked up my toys and played nice with my sister. I will leave cookies, milk, and a rootbeer float. Love, *Ivy Seydel* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas, I would like toys and treats. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love, *Zakai Watson* (Kindergarten)





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First Grade



Dear Santa, I've been very kind and good. This Christmas I want a nerf gun, an airsoft rifle, and a golden car for Christmas. Love, *Paxton Anderson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've been kind and good to my sister. I hope this Christmas I get an air seeder. Love, *Beckett Byre* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've been good to my sister and I helped my mom clean her room. I want a power ranger toy, a nerf gun, and 2 more toys for Christmas. Love, *Zoltan Copeland* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I was a good trick-or-treater. I have been good to my sisters and I helped my mommy. Can I get a dinosaur toy, a skid steer with hay bales, and an air seeder please? Love, *Bennett Didrikson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I cleaned the living room and was good at deer hunting. For Christmas I want a shotgun, a book, and a water bottle. Love, *Breydan Fichter* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been kind and I'm nice to my brothers. I'd like a Ken doll and a baby Barbie doll. Love, *Coraline Jenson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I cleaned my room and I helped. I'm kind. I really want a Blippi toy, a toy heart, and a toy dog for Christmas. Love, *Emerson King* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've been nice to my sisters. I've been good and I help my mom. I hope I get an iPad, an air seeder, and a seeder for Christmas. Love, *Kein Kjos* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've helped my mom clean. I've played with my friends and I've been nice. On my Christmas list is LOL dolls, Barbies, and toy baby dolls. Love, *Isabelle Lane* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've been good and kind to people. Can I please get a 20 pack of new crayons, a Freddy Fazbear toy, and a Jeffy doll that moves its mouth? Love, *Khalil Olson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've done three nice things. I want a play dog for Christmas. Love, *Braydon Phillips* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've been good. I have good friends and good brothers. For Christmas this year I want a Barbie house and a toy Barbie. Love, *Kylah Przekwas* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I pinky promise I'll be nice. I'll be good forever and I'll love everyone. I really want to be nicer to my family. I wish for a bird for Christmas. Love, *Haddison Samson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I helped my mom clean her room and I helped my dad clean his deer. I want baby dolls this year for Christmas. Love, *Everlee Sletten* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I have helped my mom clean the house. This Christmas I want power ranger toys, a nerf gun, and Ninja Turtle toys. Love, *Weston Sovde* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've been very good. I cleaned my room and I haven't been naughty. I want to have another baby sister, a house and a lot of money, and a lot of Pokémon cards. Love, *Emery Walsh* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I've been kind to my mom. I cleaned and made my bed with blankies. I hope Santa brings me an LOL surprise, a doll, and a horse. Love, *Zara Schmidt* (Grade 1)





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Second Grade



Dear Santa, Thank you for my dolls. All I want for Christmas is for you to be safe and made a Squishmellow. Love,
Hannah Kjos (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the work. Can you make me a toy like a army men toy and a 1,000 Lego city? Please and thank you. How is your elves doing? Love, *Ethan Haugen (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. Mr. Santa may I please get a horse or a dog. How are you doing this year. How is Miss. Claus and your elves. Hope you have a safe flight. Love, *Hadley Forst (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the work! Can i have a real cat for Christmas? And can you make my mom not allergic to cats? And I hope I can see you when I can. Love, *Zoey Sanden (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for L.O.L.S. Santa I love that you give us toy's. I want Squishmallows and mimi brands. Do you like cookes? I now you love cookes. Love, *Cora Langaas (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, I hope you have a safe travels. I wot a remote control rasecar and a fosile rocks and I hop you eat all of the cookes. Love, *Kohlter Berg (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you for everything last year. Can I please have a apple ipad and earrings? I would appreciate it!!! Thank you so much! See you on Chrismas I think. Love, *Azalea Haugen Johnson (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you Santa. I wont a horse for Christmas and a Stitch. I like you Santa. Thank you, be carfull. Love, *Isabel Mather (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you for my candy last year. All I want for christmas is a hoverboard and a electric scooter. Please be safe driving your slay. Love, *Aspen Stenberg (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you for the M and M's. Can I please have a pair of cowboy boots and a big set of Legos. Hope you have a good time. My mom will like a green bleiket. Thank you for the remote control monter truck last year. Thank you. Love, *Dagoshen Jean (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you for the star blankit. Hope you are good Santa. I like cats so can you get me a fake cat. Have you feed your dears? I like you as a frend santa. I would like a cow Squishmellow. Please drink all the milk. Love, *Elena Lindemann (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, Thank you for the truck. How are the elves? Will you bring me a Monster truck tractor and remote control? I've been good! Thank you! Love, *Joseph Carlson (Grade 2)*

Dear Santa, How are your raindeer and elves doing? Thank you! May I have hot wheel cars, a box of them, and a r-c-car. Thank you. Love, *Decland Moore (Grade 2)*





The Badger Barker



Third Grade



Dear Santa, This year I would like a deer rifle because I want to go hunting with it. I hope you have a merry Christmas. Sincerely, *Sawyer Jenson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I would really like a goose call. The reason I want a goose call is because I want to hunt geese with my brother. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! Love, *Toby Thompson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I would really like a rifle. The reason I want a rifle is because I want to hunt, have my own gun, and to practice shooting. Have a merry Christmas. Sincerely, *Leo Duray* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa This year for Christmas I would like an Electric bike! The reason I want an Electric bike is because it would be great for the track and it would keep me busy. I hope you have a merry Christmas!!!! P.S. just put it in the garage. Love, *Ellie Hanson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I really want an axolotl squishmallow. They are really cute. I've been wanting one for my whole life. Have a jolly Christmas. Love, *Parker Stoppelman* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I would really like Magic tree house books. The reason I want Magic Tree house books is because I love to read Magic tree house books. They're my favorite kind of books in the world! I hope you have a merry Christmas! Love, *Brielle Byre* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I would really like chapter books. The reason I want chapter books is because I like to read them because it gives me something to do and it gets me out of trouble!!! I hope you have a jolly christmas. Sincerely, *Axel Stenberg* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a play station 5. I want to grind on fortnite and get the battle royal and play with my friends and cousins. I hope you have a very jolly Christmas!!!! Love, *Kyler Samson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I really like a nintendo with a pokemon game. The reason I want a nintendo is because my old one broke. I hope you have a merry christmas. Sincerely, *Trinity Vannattan* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I would really like a Halo 5 video game. The reason I want a Halo 5 video game is because I really like Halo!!! Because it's FUN. I hope you have a very merry Christmas. Love, *Elliot Mather* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I would like 25 toy chickens Because I really like them. Sincerely, *Liam Wojciechowski* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for christmas I would really like a four-wheeler!!! The reason I want a four-wheeler is because my brothers have a four-wheeler that we share. So I want my own four-wheeler!!!! I hope you have a jolly christmas! Love, *Giuliana Sovde* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year I would really like some interesting and intense chapter books. The reason I want them is I love to read and they make me happy!!!! (and some dork diaries) I hope you have a merry Christmas. Love, *Janiya Jenson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I would really like 9 snow globes with snowmen in them. The reason I want 9 snow globes with snowmen in them is because I love snow globes. They are so pretty and I always wanted 9 snow globes. I like to shake them. Merry Christmas! Love, *Shelby Lee* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for christmas I would really like a fennec Fox. The reason I want a fennec Fox is because they are peaceful creatures and don't harm people. I hope you have a very jolly Christmas! Love, *Annalie Yonke* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for christmas i would really like a Funny Bunny in a carrot. the reason i want a Funny Bunny in a carrot purse is because I like to snuggle. I hope you have a very jolly christmas! Sincerely, *Benna Hasson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I would really like a red sled. The reason I want a sled is because, I want to play outside. I like to go sledding down a hill. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! Love *Liam Sanden* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I want a fairy tale book because they are beautiful. I hope you have a merry Christmas. Love *Oliver Briese* (Grade 3)





Quarter 1 Honor Roll



‘A’ Honor Roll Grade 4-6

Rozalyn Bieber, Hadley Zimney, Paige Gust,
Delyla Carpenter, Onah Gregerson, Ezra Monsrud

‘A’ Honor Roll Grade 7-9

Aaron Jasiqi, Deegan Hanson, Ava Warne, Avealrah Hanson



‘A’ Honor Roll Grade 10-12

Back: Alvaro Alves Sanchez,
Jordan Lee, Aidan Carpenter,
Landon Christianson, Ada Lee,
Jordan Davy, Hailey Lundgren
Front: Julia Dostal, Amelia Wilt,
Bethanie VonEnde, Arianna Grugal,
Macy Majer, Emily Burkel



Quarter 1 Honor Roll



'B' Honor Roll Grade 4-6

Back: Steele Marquis,
Rogan Hanson, Brynleigh Samson,
Ayden Mostad, Ryder Gust,
Charlotte Lane, Autumn Turpitt
Middle: Gavon Pulczynski,
Mia Kjos, Aubree Mostad,
Nils Christianson, Blair Przekwas,
Jens Duray, Alexie Berger,
Layla Otto, Shalyn Kukowski
Front: Owen Olson,
Brentley Williams, Jaryn Kukowski,
Carter Kjos, Kaden Randall,
Abigal Wojciechowski,
Josephine Curry-Schram,
Willow Rud

'B' Honor Roll Grade 7-9

Back: Cale Lindland, Azmera Olson,
Kylee Gust, Abram Wirta, Charles Peterson,
Katelyn Gust
Middle: Ashlyn Johnson,
MacKenzie VonEnde, Adysen Gregerson,
Kiley Streich, Marley Haugen Rosadino,
Grant Olson, Hallie Glodowski
Front: Quynn Washington, Shaina Gust,
Madison McClure, Payton Lee,
Elijah Monsrud, Aiyanah Bieber
Not Pictured: Keegan VonEnde, Jaxon Castle



'B' Honor Roll Grade 10-12

Back: Noah Gust, Tryg Olson,
Taylor Davy, Ivan Olafson,
Treston Nichols, Masen Swenson
Front: Samuel Aarhus,
Kaden Halvorson, Jaden Kukowski,
Alex Lunde,
Bailey Wojciechowski,
Bethany Thompson, Xander Grugal
Not Pictured: Paige Rybakowski,
Ashton Pickhartz, Tianna Jacobson



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Help your elementary schooler prepare to do well on tests

"We will have a test on this next week." When teachers announce a test several days in advance, they expect students to use the time to prepare for it. But how should your child get ready?

Help your elementary schooler:

- **Clarify what the test** will cover. If your child is unsure about the topics that will be on the test, suggest asking the teacher. Your child can also ask about the format (fill in the blanks, multiple choice, short answer, etc.).
- **Create a study plan.** Studying works best when it's done repeatedly in short sessions spread out over time. Help your child block out study time on a calendar.
- **Practice recalling the material.** Your child could work with flash cards or think of questions the teacher might ask and then answer them. You could quiz each other on the material.
- **Arrive at school on time every day.** Students who are absent or arrive late will not get the benefit of in-class review sessions. On test day, arriving on time will help your child stay relaxed.
- **Keep up healthy habits.** In addition to studying, your child needs enough rest and nutrition to perform well on tests. Maintaining a regular bedtime and making sure your child eats breakfast will help.



Conduct a daily review

Reviewing your child's schoolwork and talking about it together every day is important in every grade. It sends the message that learning is important. When you review:

- **Ask questions.** Which work did your child most enjoy doing? Was it easy or challenging?
- **Praise effort.** Compliment work that is neat, complete and accurate.

Help your child be a giver

Children love *receiving* gifts. If your family celebrates a holiday with gifts, help your child experience the pleasure that also comes from *giving* them. Explain that the most meaningful gifts are made with love. Your child could:

- **Make and decorate a list,** such as "My 10 Favorite Things about Grandpa."
- **Bake cookies** and deliver them to someone who may not receive many homemade gifts.
- **Create a calendar** for 2024, including artwork geared to the seasons.



Let your child practice making choices

Making lots of little decisions now will ensure your child has the skills to make more important ones later, about school and life. To help:

- **Show that you trust** your child with decisions. Regularly offer choices you believe your child can handle. Set guidelines, then accept your child's decision.
- **Ask questions.** If your child has a big project due soon and wants to go to a friend's house, look at a calendar together. Ask, "Do you have enough free nights left to finish your work?" "Would you have more fun together if your project were already finished?"
- **Ask if your child** wants help deciding before giving advice. If not, help your child learn from the consequences of a poor choice.
- **Do activities together** that involve decision-making. Play board games, discuss book characters' choices, and hold friendly family debates.

Sources: W. Stixrud, Ph.D. and N. Johnson, "Teach Your Kids How to Make Their Own Decisions," *Our Children*, National PTA; "Teaching Youth Decision-Making Skills through Activities," Rachel's Challenge.

Check up on attendance

How has your child's attendance been so far this year? If you are unsure, contact the school to find out. Students who miss too much school are at risk academically. That's because:



- **Absences add up** to lost learning.
- **Missing school** becomes a habit.
- **Students who are** frequently absent in the early grades are less likely to do well in middle and high school.

It's not too late to get your student back on track for a strong year—and school career.



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Should I get my child tested for reading disorders?

Q: My second grader has been having trouble reading, but I haven't been too worried. Yesterday, the teacher called to suggest some testing. I don't want my child to be labeled as having learning issues. Will my student outgrow reading problems if we just wait?

A: The teacher has your child's best interests at heart. The earlier reading issues are addressed, the better. Second grade is an important year. By third and fourth grade, schools expect that instead of *learning to read*, students can shift to *reading to learn*. Figuring out what may be causing difficulties now will help your child be ready.



Research shows most struggling readers can make significant gains if they get effective help early enough. The testing will help identify if your child has specific learning challenges. If they are found, the school can design a program to address them and help your student read better.

The longer you wait, the harder it will be for your elementary schooler to master reading and the longer it will take. By then, your child may have missed important learning in subjects like math, science and social studies.

The goal of these tests is to help your child. The results will help you and the school work together to meet your child's needs.



Are you modeling listening skills?

Attentive listening helps students get the most from their class time. Are you showing your child how to be a good listener? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

___ **1. Do you concentrate** on listening when your child is talking? If you're busy, do you suggest a time when you can give your full attention?

___ **2. Do you listen** patiently? It can take children time to find the words they want to say.

___ **3. Do you hear** your child out without interrupting? Do you ask your child not to interrupt you?

___ **4. Do you "listen"** to your child's body language and behavior?

___ **5. Do you resist** jumping in with answers when your child is thinking something through?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are demonstrating attentive listening for your child. For each no, try that idea.

"Children will listen to you after they feel listened to."

—Jane Nelsen

Ask for a reading summary

Summarizing boosts reading comprehension. After your child has finished reading, say you'd like to know what the material was about and what your child learned. Ask your student to write down the main points.

Suggest that your child think about the answers to questions like *Who*, *What*, *When*, *Where*, *Why* and *How*. It's OK if your child has to reread the material to answer them—more carefully this time. Over time, kids get the knack of summarizing—and a better understanding of what they read.

Grow learning motivation

Having a desire to learn makes a big difference to your child's success in school. To encourage inner motivation:

- **Say often** that you know your child has what it takes to achieve in school.
- **Encourage curiosity.** Welcome questions and look together for answers.
- **Phrase corrections** in a positive way. "You spelled everything right except these two words. I bet you can learn them, too."
- **Extend learning.** Build on school lessons by visiting educational places. Help your child do a science experiment or plant a windowsill garden.



Use report cards to review progress and plan ahead

A report card can't tell you everything about how your elementary schooler is doing, but the teachers spend a lot of time making sure that it shows a snapshot of where your student is now. Read report cards carefully and calmly discuss progress, accomplishments and goals for improvement with your child. If you or your child have any questions about a report card, contact the teacher.

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