



# The Badger Barker



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## Foreign Exchange Student from Thailand! Lydia (Mutita) Arsaipanit

**Host family:** David, Sarah, Esther, Ben, and Micah Nelson

**How do school days at Badger compare to those in Thailand?** In Thailand, students and teachers have a specific uniform. Each grade has an individual room so students sit in class and teachers come to teach us. There are a lot of people in each class. My Thai school has six grades from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, each grade has 16 rooms, and each room has 45-50 people so we have 800 people in just one grade!!! At lunch, in my Thai school's cafeteria, there are more than 30 booths of restaurants so I can decide what I'm going to eat. Special events like prom, homecoming, elective classes like Foods and Consumer Math, we don't have those in Thailand so I'm really excited!

**What is one thing you miss most in your Thai school?** The Mentor System in high school. The junior students are randomly assigned a 10<sup>th</sup> grader to mentor. When the 10<sup>th</sup> grader becomes a junior, they are assigned to be mentors. The senior, junior, and sophomore become like family because of helping each other during the years. The mentors also spend time traveling and/or exchanging gifts with each other.

**What do you like most about staying with the Nelsons?** They take good care of me. I get along with Mom and Dad. They're like my Thai family. I enjoy spending time doing new activities with Esther. Also we play a lot of good games.

**The hardest thing for you to adjust to in Minnesota?** The weather!!! Thailand doesn't have snow so I hadn't seen snow before. I saw my first snow at Thief River Falls. It was really amazing and I was freezing!

**Biggest shock that you have experienced so far?** The first time I used the restroom in America at the LAX airport in California, between and below the doors there are very large gaps, which is very awkward. Also after using the restroom in Thailand we use a bidet shower, but in America people only use toilet paper. When I take a shower in Thailand, I can adjust the temperature in degrees Celsius, but in America I have to guess how many degrees the faucet should be rotated so that the water isn't too hot. Last culture shock that I have experienced so far is sitting in the theater. Seats in Thailand have different prices depending on the seat height and the type of chair. So the first time I went to the cinema, I tried to find where my seat was by the ticket number for a long time.

**What made you want to become a foreign exchange student?** I wanted to come to a western country since I was young because I want to speak another language very well, travel, and gain new experiences. The main reason I wanted to come to North America was to meet Justin Bieber! Lol.

**What is your favorite activity you've done so far since you've been here?** I would say eating because of the many snacks and desserts in the U.S. They are much better than in Thailand. M&Ms have become one of my favorite snacks. Dairy Queen, it's so good and everything comes in very big sizes!

**What is the hardest part of learning the English language?** For me it's to remember the meaning of a word. A lot of words I'm sure I've seen before but I can't remember their meaning!

**What do students in Thailand do after school and on the weekend?** Studying and going to the mall. Many students, including me, study after school until 9-10 p.m. Some students study after school until even midnight or 2 a.m. On the weekends we tend to spend time watching movies or eating at the mall for 2-3 hours and continuing to study.

**How was your trip to the United States?** I missed the flight to Minnesota and ended up staying at the LAX airport in California for 24 hours! That was because my friends and I went to the wrong terminal. We went to Terminal 5, but the right one was Terminal 2. Each terminal is so far apart so when we arrived at the right terminal ten minutes later, the plane was going to depart and we had a problem with our tickets so we needed to book a new flight. Our new flight wasn't until the next morning, so we had to figure out where we could stay that night. We were too tired to think of anything so stayed in the terminal to find something to eat. Four hours later, a police officer who happened to be Chinese saw me and my friends and he paid for our lunch and talked to the airline who then provided us with dinner and breakfast coupons. We ended up sleeping on the floor of the airport terminal.



**Back:** Sarah & David Nelson **Front:** Mutita "Lydia" Arsaipanit, Esther Nelson



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## Badger School Superintendent's News



Welcome, please enjoy the first publication of *The Badger Barker* for the new year and the new decade!

*“The future lies before you, like a field of fallen snow;  
Be careful how tread it, for every step will show.”*  
Doris A. Wright

### Events this Month:

- Thurs., Jan. 2                      School back in session after winter break.
- Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29                Senior High **Knowledge Bowl** season begins with competitions each Wednesday during the month of January. Please contact coach Mike Coltom for more details.
- Mon., Jan. 13                      **Math League** will be traveling to Bagley for the next Northern Lights 8A Division event. Please contact Coach Sherri Kukowski for more details.
- Fri., Jan 17                        **End of Quarter 2:** end of academic Semester 1
- Mon., Jan. 20                      **No School for Students** - Martin Luther King, Junior Day  
Badger Teachers and Paraprofessionals will be attending **MLK Professional Development Day** sponsored by Northwest Service Cooperative in Thief River Falls. The keynote presenter will be award winning international speaker and best-selling author: Dr. Verna Cornelia Price – Ignite the Fire in You!
- Tues., Jan. 21                      **Start of Quarter 3:** start of academic Semester 2

You could easily replace ‘new **day**’ with either ‘new **year**’ or ‘new **decade**’ when you read the following piece:

### SHADOW OF YESTERDAY

*Shadow of yesterday  
Have faded away,  
Sun has reappeared  
It's a brand new **day***

*Birds singing their song  
Loud and clear,  
Announcing to the world  
A new **day** is here,*

*Sun appears in the east  
Has begun a new quest,  
In the middle at noon  
And then sets in the west,*

*Wishing you contentment  
And peace along the way  
Good morning to you  
And have a nice **day** ☺*

Source: <https://www.idesisms.com/shadow-of-yesterday/>

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



## Badger High School Nominates Kennedy Truscinski for ‘Triple A’ Award

Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Kennedy Truscinski for the Academics, Arts, & Athletics (AAA) Award. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), the AAA Award honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in fine arts. Students who are nominated must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, participate in MSHSL sponsored fine arts and athletic activities, and comply with the MSHSL’s Student Code of Conduct.

AAA Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process that involves League member schools, the League’s administrative regions, and a special committee of educators, business leaders, and members from the fine arts and athletic communities. Regional winners will be announced at the AAA Banquet in Mahnomon on February 5, 2020.

The top two AAA Award candidates from each region will be recognized at an on-court ceremony during the Minnesota Boys’ State Basketball Tournament in March. League officials will announce two state award recipients – one girl and one boy from both Class A and Class AA schools – during the on-court ceremony. Each state award recipient will receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

Kennedy Truscinski participates in the Badger High School choir and band as a section leader. She has earned several superior ratings and one best-of-site participant award at MSHSL solo and ensemble contests. A consistent A honor roll student, she is a member of the Badger Chapter of the National Honor Society and has taken multiple college courses during her high school career. Kennedy serves as a captain of the Badger FIRST Robotics team and helped lead them to a MSHSL State Tournament championship in 2019, as well as an appearance in the 2019 FIRST Robotics World Tournament. She is a current member of the Gator golf team, clay target team, serves as a football team manager, and is very active in FCCLA. She plans to attend college next fall at the University of Minnesota, Rochester to major in nursing. Kennedy is the daughter of Alan and Valerie Truscinski of Greenbush.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Kevin Ricke shared, “Our Badger School is pleased to nominate Ms. Kennedy Truscinski for the Triple-A award. Kennedy thrives academically; plus, she brings a can-do attitude and strong work ethic to any activity that she pursues. Kennedy has the ability to connect with people of all walks of life making her an approachable role model for our younger students as well as a positive ambassador representing all of our community; she exemplifies what the Triple-A award is all about.” The Badger School District congratulates Kennedy Truscinski and her family on her nomination and accomplishments, and wishes her the best of luck in the Region 8A AAA competition.

For more information about the AAA Award program, please contact the Minnesota State High School League at 763-560-2262 or [www.mshsl.org](http://www.mshsl.org) on the web.



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## Trivia

By: Esther Nelson

1. The catastrophic destruction of Pompeii in 79 A.D. was done by which active volcano?
  - A. Mount Vesuvius
  - B. Mount Etna
  - C. Mount Amiata
  - D. Monte Vulture
2. Which Japanese city was the first place to be attacked by an Atomic Bomb?
  - A. Tokyo
  - B. Nagasaki
  - C. Hiroshima
  - D. Osaka
3. In which year was John F. Kennedy assassinated?
  - A. 1960
  - B. 1962
  - C. 1968
  - D. 1963
4. One of the ancient world wonders, the Hanging Gardens, was found in which city?
  - A. Athens
  - B. Rome
  - C. Babylon
  - D. Miletus



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## Campus Comment

By: Dylan VonEnde

### What is your favorite food?



**Caden Wojciehowski (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** Mashed potatoes and gravy is my favorite food because you don't really need to chew it. It tastes amazing. You can also use almost any kitchen utensil. The gravy brings it all together.



**Marissa Secord (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** Spaghetti because you can put many sauces on it. I love spaghetti when I eat it because it can have loads of stuff. There are also many ways to make it.

**Bryza Rud (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite food is definitely green grapes. They're 100% the best kind of grapes and they're good for you. They make the best treat, snack, or meal. That's why green grapes are my favorite food.



**Ashley Stainbrook (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite food is chicken alfredo. I like it because it's a family secret recipe. I also like it because it tastes good. I have been eating it my whole life, so it has become my favorite over time.

**Isabella Monsrud (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite food is Chinese. I like it because it is delicious! I'm lucky to have a family who loves it too.

**Isaac Lorenson (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite food is pizza. Probably one of the most known foods, but the variation in types, flavors, and sizes make a difference. No two pizzas are the same, so each one is always a flavor adventure.



**Mrs. Lee (FACS Teacher):** My favorite food is seafood. I love fish, shrimp, crab, lobster, clams; mainly the traditional seafood items. They are all healthy options—low in calories and high in protein, unless you use lots of butter!!

## Student Opinion

By: Lydia Arsaipanit

### Should studying a second language be required in school?

**Bethanie VonEnde:** No, because you may not want to if required but you can still have the option to if you want too. You might be planning to go to a different country so you could take that language class. If you are already taking a bunch of hard classes, you don't need another on top of it. There should be language classes available, but they shouldn't be required.

**Aidan Carpenter:** I don't think it should be required. My main reason is that learning a foreign language can be tricky. However, if you want to learn a foreign language, go for it. What I'm basically saying is learning a foreign language should be optional.

**Jordan Davy:** I think studying a second language should not be required. I think some people don't feel the need to know another language because they will never use it. Also, you might not be able to pick the language you want to take. This is why I think you should be able to choose to take a second language.

**Mason Scharf:** No, but I think we should have classes available that would let us choose a language. I wish we had a variety of classes we could choose so we could learn a different language. I wish we had a class that we could learn how to speak German. I think it would be interesting to learn.





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## Senior Spotlight Emma Gust

**Parents:** Derrick & Jennifer

**Sibling:** Noah

**Nickname:** Em

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Dance

**Food:** Pickle Roll Ups

**Color:** Forest Green

**Quote:** "If you can't stop thinking about it, don't stop working for it."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** That sleep wasn't required. I would get so much more done!

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

**What one word best describes your personality?** Witty; I'm very fluent in sarcasm and like to make people laugh.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** I can't really think of anything too embarrassing... Probably almost falling off the risers in choir last year!

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Be with my favorite people.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** All the great laughs I've had with my classmates.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I'm proud of my accomplishments as a flute player.



## Senior Spotlight Tessa Blumer

**Parents:** Todd & Christa Blumer

**Sibling:** Beau

**Nicknames:** Tess, Blumer, Rae

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Wrestling

**Food:** Backstraps with potatoes, mushrooms, and onions

**Color:** Turquoise

**Quote:** "The road goes on forever and the party never ends."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** A fully loaded ranch out west.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My dad and we would head to South Africa on a hunting trip.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Outgoing – I'll talk to anyone about anything.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Flipping a desk over that I was sitting in while Mr. Johnson was lecturing.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** My favorite thing to do is travel. I love going to new places and meeting new people.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** I don't have just a single memory that comes to my mind, but various memories with Mrs. Lee and Kennedy. All the road trips and days spent in her classroom will forever stay with me.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I'm proud that by the end of senior year I'll have almost two years of generals done for pre-occupational therapy.





## Elementary Viewpoint

By: Bryza Rud

### If you could have one wish, what would you wish for?

**Charlotte Lane (1<sup>st</sup> grade):** I would wish for baby cats. I like cats because they are soft and cuddly. I want to feed them. I would like a kitty to sleep with.

**Rogan Hanson (2<sup>nd</sup> grade):** I would wish for a big house with an upstairs that has a spot with a TV for playing video games. We don't have one now and I want one so we could do that.

**Autumn Kruger (3<sup>rd</sup> grade):** I would wish for a horse. I really like horses. If I had a horse, then I would never get bored!

**Deegan Hanson (4<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I had one wish, I would wish for an Air Force One, the big plane Obama rode on who knows how many times. If I didn't, I would wish for a trillion dollars. Mostly I want an Air Force One or the Harry Potter Series. There are so many choices! Okay, I WILL take the Air Force One for my wish. Air Force One!

**Levi Olson (5<sup>th</sup> grade):** I wish to go travel the world. I would like to visit the Great Wall of China, the Statue of Liberty, and Lake Superior. I would like to take my family with me.

**Payton Hill (6<sup>th</sup> grade):** My own personal genie that I get to wish from once a year.

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## Pretty Cake Pops

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

By: Bryza Rud

### Ingredients:

- 1 (15.25 ounces) package yellow cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 (16 ounce) container prepared vanilla frosting
- ¼ cup multicolored candy sprinkles, or as needed (optional)
- 1 (24 ounce) package vanilla almond bark, or as needed
- 1 package paper lollipop sticks
- 1 12"x12" block of styrofoam

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease bottom of 9x13-inch baking pan. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Beat cake mix, water, eggs, and vegetable oil in a large bowl with an electric mixer on low speed until cake mix is moistened, 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium and beat until batter is thoroughly combined, 2 minutes. Pour into prepared baking pan.
3. Bake cake in the preheated oven until the top is lightly browned and a toothpick inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan for 10 minutes before removing from pan to finish cooling.
4. Crumble cake into a large bowl and mix crumbs with vanilla frosting. Pinch off about 2 tablespoons of cake crumb mixture and roll into a ball about 1 inch in diameter. Repeat with remaining cake mixture. Place cake balls onto parchment paper-lined baking sheet and freeze for 15 minutes.
5. Pour candy sprinkles into bowl.
6. Melt 4 blocks of vanilla almond bark in a small saucepan over low heat and stir until coating is melted and smooth. Insert a lollipop stick into a cake ball and slowly and carefully dip the cake ball into the melted coating, spinning the cake ball slightly to get an even, smooth coat. Cover the entire ball and about ¼ inch of the lollipop stick where it meets the ball. Repeat dipping remaining cake balls, melting additional coating as you work.
7. Decorate each cake ball with candy sprinkles by dipping or applying as desired. Place lollipop handles into styrofoam block and let coating harden. Work quickly; coating will set in a minute or so.





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## Kindergarten Korner

By: Keyasha Housker



### Abel Stoutenburgh

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes. I like playing with the toys.

**What is your favorite color?** Blue because I like wearing it on my clothes.

**What is your favorite song?** *So Good To be Together Again*. I sing it in music class.

**What scares you?** One eyeball monsters that I have seen on TV.

**What is your favorite movie?** *Lego Movie 2* and I got to see it at home.

**Where is one place you would like to visit in the world?** I would like to go to Florida because there are beaches, pools, and it's warm there.

**What board games do you like to play?** Monopoly because I play it at home with my family.

### Mason Hill

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, I like playing on the playground.

**What is your favorite color?** Green, I like it on Christmas trees.

**What is your favorite song?** I don't have one. I mostly listen to songs only in school.

**What scares you?** I'm not scared of anything. I don't know what I'm scared of.

**What is your favorite movie?** *The Avengers* movies. I have watched them at my grandmas.

**Where is one place you would like to visit in the world?** Any warm state because I don't like the cold.

**What board games do you like to play?** I don't really play them. I play with my sisters more.



### Aubrey Gubernath

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes. I like playing at recess.

**What is your favorite color?** Pink because it goes together with my mom's favorite color purple.

**What is your favorite song?** *We Will Rock You* because my cousin taught me that song.

**What scares you?** Watching videos when something jumps out at me.

**What is your favorite movie?** *Frozen 2* and I've seen it at the theaters two times.

**Where is one place you would like to visit in the world?** Ohio to see my family.

**What board games do you like to play?** A dice game but I forgot what it was exactly called.



## Random Riddles

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

By: Esther Nelson

1. You use a knife to slice my head and weep beside me when I am dead. What am I?
2. You answer me, although I never ask you questions. What am I?
3. What is it that is full all day and empty at night?
4. The sharp slim blade, that cuts the wind. What is it?
5. I run in and out of town all day and night. What am I?
  6. I am wet when drying. What am I?
  7. The more there is the less you see. What is it?





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## My New Year's resolution is... Grade 4

- ... to play less video games and be less on YouTube. I'm on them both all the time. ~ **Landin Buley**
- ... to exercise each day. In the summer, I'll run down and backs, and play catch or football with my dad or brother. Now that I think of it, I do exercising by playing baseball with bases. Second, I'll try to get on the A honor roll every quarter. Even though I've already made the A honor roll, I want to do it again...and again...and again. Third, I want to try only going on electronics for half-an-hour or less (even though I don't own any electronics). Last, I want to get over 150 points this year for AR. I'm already going to get 80 or more points this quarter! These are my New Year's Resolutions! ~ **Deegan Hanson**
- ... to talk to my grandma and grandpa from Indiana. I want to get better at mowing the lawn. I will not touch my elf on the shelf. ☺  
~ **Sophia Edwards**
- ... to make more jokes/puns for people to laugh at. Also eat healthy. Find my heritage to learn more about myself. Make more friends. I'm a friendly guy, that's why. ~ **Charles Peterson**
- ... to be on the honor roll because I would have almost all A or B grades. ~ **Jaxon Castle**
- ... to save my money until 2021 so I can buy a toy combine or a toy farm. ~ **Ty Rud**
- ... to eat healthier so I can play basketball so I can be pro. My family encourages me to play it and I also think I can do it!  
~ **Quynn Washington**
- ... that I am going to start riding horse more often because I love horses and I like riding them. ~ **Shaina Gust**
- ... to exercise to lose weight so I can't be beat in wrestling. ~ **Tristan Werre-Lenz**
- ... to clean my room so I can get a new bed. And so it is more organized. ~ **MacKenzie VonEnde**
- ... to get better at volleyball and basketball so I can be more active. ~ **Ava Warne**
- ... to help my dad get his arm better so he can do more stuff. I want to have fun with my dad. I hope he can stop going to Grand Forks because it's tiring for my mom and dad. ~ **Bentli Legreid**
- ... to do better in school and programs. ~ **Abram Wirta**

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## My New Year's resolution is... Grade 5

- ... to try to get better at math and science. ~ **Denali Hill**
- ... to stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve every year. ~ **Emery Christensen**
- ... to do 50 push-ups each day. ~ **Conor Rothenberger**
- ... to help with cattle at home like when we vaccinate cows and do better in class and pay attention to get better grades.  
~ **Kylee Gust**
- ... to run 10 minutes every day and do 15 pushups and situps. ~ **Austin Edwards**
- ... to be able to deadlift 2.5 times my body weight and work out more. ~ **Keegan VonEnde**
- ... to practice more TaeKwonDo at home. ~ **Lilly Kruger**
- ... to lift weights every week. ~ **Levi Olson**
- ... to get onto the "B" Honor Roll twice each year through 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. ~ **Henry Osborne**
- ... to get better at math and science. ~ **Roger Thompson**
- ... to keep up the good grades in school. ~ **Adysen Gregerson**
- ... to try to get on the "A" Honor Roll all four quarters. ~ **Cale Lindland**
- ... to spend more time practicing target shooting gun. ~ **Peyton Lee**
- ... to work on my vertical jump for basketball. ~ **Eli Olafson**
- ... to get stronger. ~ **Braedon Lane**
- ... to shoot a bigger buck. ~ **Austin Przekwas**
- ... to get better at flute by practicing more often. ~ **Katelyn Gust**
- ... to get better at basketball. ~ **Payton Gust**



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## My New Year's resolution is... Grade 6

- ...to lose weight. ~ **Payton Hill**
- ...to get on the "A" Honor Roll. ~ **Briggs Jenson**
- ...to play in the snow. ~ **Quentin Kukowski**
- ...to get on the "A" Honor Roll. ~ **Maxston Haugen Rosadino**
- ...to be a better basketball player. ~ **Tryg Olson**
- ...to get better grades. ~ **Noah Gust**
- ...to get better at football for high school. ~ **Breydon Foss**
- ...to become a better drawer. ~ **Lucas Filius**
- ...to try to get my AR goal and AM objectives by the end of the Quarter 2. I want to get better grades than the ones I have now. ~ **Liam Winrow**
- ...to do the things I've been wanting to do for a while now like beat some games I have been playing. ~ **Wyatt Hilligas**
- ...to get better grades. ~ **Braxton Pearson**
- ...to get all of the *Wings of Fire* books. ~ **Quillan Wirta**
- ...to become more organized with my school work and to improve on my art. ~ **Addison Pulczynski**
- ...to do a lot more art. ~ **Zay Rud**
- ...to try really hard in dance. ~ **Emily Burkel**
- ...to do better on homework. ~ **Emmitt Isane**

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## Shout Out To.....

*Jody Randall* for helping the robotics team prepare the meal for their Turkey BINGO night!  
*Eric Dunrud* for the tour of the water treatment plant to the Environmental Sustainability class.  
*Nellie Hagen* for managing the clothing exchange for FCCLA. Many thanks!  
*Brooke VonEnde* for all of her holiday events and activities for FCCLA.  
*Jodi Randall & Angela Monsrud* for sharing their space with FCCLA elves for Home for the Holidays.  
*Janelle Hilligas* for her clothing rack and generous donations.  
*Our area churches* who donated for the clothing exchange. Blessings...  
*Sonia Heggedal* for fabric donations to FCS sewing classes.  
*Everyone involved with hosting the supper before the high school winter program.* We appreciate your kindness and hard work!  
What a great community we have!  
*Renee Rhen* for all of her hard work on the costumes for the elementary play.  
*Landon Frislie* for his work at the soundboard for the elementary concert.

## Scholastic Book Fair Shout Outs...

*Lorraine Kukowski* for all her awesome posters and bulletin boards advertising the fair.  
*Masen Swenson, Philip Sanden, Ivan Olafson, & Talon Hilligas* for unloading and organizing the book fair boxes. This assisted in a smooth set up.  
*Renee Rhen* for donating her time to work during the Holiday Bazaar and after school. It is very much appreciated!  
*Mary Langaas* for helping take down and pack up the fair.  
*Parent Helpers...Sara Aarhus, Evie Lorensen & Sarah Nelson* for giving your time to keep our fair running during school hours. We appreciate it greatly!  
*Jody Randall & Angela Monsrud* for hosting the Book Fair Breakfast, a great time was had by all!  
*Parents, students, families & friends of Badger School* for always shopping at our fair to make it successful year in and year!

## Winter Wonderland Workshop Shout Outs...

*Mrs. Annie Prestegord* for helping with stations and set up.  
*Jarod Magnusson* for cafeteria set up.  
*Val Johnson* for working the cookie station.  
*Val Truscinski* for taking photos during our event.  
*Parents and guests* for joining the kindergarten class to make the day special! THANK YOU



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## Quarter 1 "A" Honor Roll



### Grades 10-12

**Back:** Morgan Praska, Avdyl Jasiqi, Tanner Davy, Kasen Swenson, Aulona Jasiqi, Kadeyn Keller, Hannah Rud, Deanna Rybakowski  
**Middle:** Emma Gust, Hailey VonEnde, Alexis Rud, Kennedy Truscinski, Alyssa Rinde, Brooke VonEnde, Hannah Wilt, Greta Lee, Jenessa Isane  
**Front:** Emma VonEnde, Jack Burkel, Tessa Blumer, Abby Novacek Pratt, Jasmine Christianson, Bailey Maurstad, Erika Howell, Isabella Monsrud  
**Not Pictured:** Talon Hilligas

### Grades 7-9

**Back:** Ivan Olafson, Dylan VonEnde, Brogan Beito, Riley Gust, Carter Hamann, Jordan Lee  
**Middle:** Ashton Pickhartz, Amelia Wilt, Jordan Davy, Ada Lee, Taylor Davy, Aidan Carpenter  
**Front:** Julia Dostal, Kaden Halvorson, Keyasha Housker, Raegen Maahs, Bethanie VonEnde, Macy Majer



### Grades 4-6

**Back:** Ava Warne, Cale Lindland, Emery Christensen, Kylee Gust  
**Front:** Emily Burkel, Adysen Gregerson, Deegan Hanson, Quentin Kukowski



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## Quarter 1 "B" Honor Roll



### Grades 7-12

**Back:** Christian Peterson, Jory Bronson, Dawson Beito, Noah Warne, Kiah Olafson, Olivia Hamann, Sarah Wagner **Middle:** Anastasia Dahl, Gabe Warne, Elliott Isane, Measha Troxel, Talisha Hamann, Tia McKinnon **Front:** Esther Nelson, Arika Pickhartz, Arianna Grugal, Salma Pray, Lydia Arsaipanit, Bryza Rud



### Grades 4-6

**Back:** Wyatt Hilligas, Addison Pulczinski, Azmera Olson, Zaymein Rud, Tryg Olson  
**Middle:** Katelyn Gust, Max Haugen Rosadino, Charles Peterson, Connor Rothenberger, Austin Przekwas  
**Front:** Levi Olson, Keegan VonEnde, MacKenzie VonEnde, Austin Edwards, Lillian Kruger, Christian Osborne



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## Band Musician of the Month Hannah Rud



**Grade:** 10<sup>th</sup>

**What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument?** Trombone because it's fun and I like it.

**If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick?** Percussion because I used to play it.

**What is your favorite song to play?** The *I Recommend* book page 6 number 6. They are beautiful warmup songs.

**If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick?** Disney because I think it would be fun.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** When we went to The Cities to play at the Minnesota School Board Association conference.

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Practice your music.

**Who inspired you to be part of band?** My band teacher.



## Choir Musician of the Month Hailey VonEnde

**Grade:** 10<sup>th</sup>

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

**How long have you been in choir?** 4 years.

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** I like to sing music with dramatic harmonizing sections because it can sound amazing when we really get into it.

**What is your favorite part about being in choir?** Getting to have fun and talk to people outside my class.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** Music Revue.

**What advice would you give other vocalists in choir?** Listen to people around you and be aware of your pitch always.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** 80s Invasion Music Revue backstage.

## Gingerbread Fun!



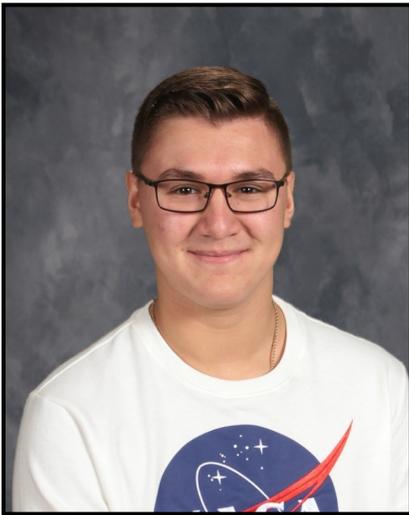
7th grade Family and Consumer Science students concluded their cooking unit by making and decorating gingerbread houses. Their houses were displayed at the winter high school music concert.



# The Badger Barker



## Badger High School Nominates Two Students for ExCEL Award



Badger High School is pleased to announce the nomination of two juniors, Alyssa Rinde and Avdyl Jasiqi, for the Minnesota State High School League's ExCEL award. The ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) is a program designed to recognize high school juniors who are active as volunteers in their communities, hold leadership positions within their school, participate in MSHSL sponsored activities, and perform well academically.

In January, an independent panel of judges will review applications from throughout Minnesota to select this year's ExCEL Award recipients. Statewide winners of the 24<sup>th</sup> annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website on February 3, 2020 and recognized on television during the winter sports tournament season.



Avdyl Jasiqi has earned academic letters for consistently being on the "A" honor roll, and was recently inducted to the Badger High School Chapter of

the National Honor Society. He is active in golf, Knowledge Bowl, and Envirothon. As the lead programmer of the Badger High School FIRST Robotics team, he helped his team win the Minnesota State High School League Robotics Championship in 2019 and advance to world competition. He has volunteered his time working with younger students in an after-school robotics program, at the local food shelf, blood drives, and helping sandbag in the area. Avdyl is the son of Besfort and Gjevahire Jasiqi of Badger.

An "A" honor roll student, Alyssa Rinde's activities include band, golf, basketball, volleyball, and National Honor Society. As a member of the Gator Golf team, she has earned varsity letters and helped her team win two consecutive section golf titles and advance to the 2018 and 2019 state golf tournaments. Alyssa has earned several academic letters for her work in the classroom, as well as letters and team awards in basketball and volleyball. She currently serves as her class president, previously served on the student council, and has volunteered her time with church and community activities. Alyssa is the daughter of Kara Rinde and Paul Novotny of Badger.

According to Superintendent Kevin Ricke, "Badger Community School is proud to announce the selection of Alyssa Rinde and Avdyl Jasiqi as ExCEL Award nominees. Alyssa and Avdyl are involved in multiple activities and perform at a high academic level. Both students have a spirit of gratitude and heart for service. They are both positive ambassadors of what Badger and the ExCEL award exemplifies."

Badger Dean of Students Stacey Warne commented, "We are honored to recognize Avdyl and Alyssa for the exemplary leadership and service they bring to our school and community. We wish them well in the Minnesota State High School League's ExCEL state competition."

## French Pastries



French students made buche de Noël cakes in class. These Yule log cakes are traditional Christmas desserts in France. The meringue mushrooms and almond pine cones add the finishing touch to the rolled treat.



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## Gator Sports

By: Dylan VonEnde

### January

#### Girls Basketball

- 6 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 9 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 14 Crookston @ BGMR
- 16 Roseau @ BGMR
- 21 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 23 @ Kittson County Central (Lancaster)
- 27 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 30 @ Roseau
- 31 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR

#### Boys Basketball

- 2 Roseau @ BGMR
- 7 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 10 Barnesville @ BGMR Tournament
- 11 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton @ BGMR Tournament
- 17 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 20 @ Roseau
- 21 @ Clearbrook-Gonvick
- 24 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Goodridge)
- 28 @ Sacred Heart
- 30 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)

#### Wrestling

- 7 @ North Border School (Walhalla)
- 10-11 @ Bemidji Invitational
- 14 @ Roseau
- 16 @ Bemidji Triangular
- 18 @ Thief River Falls Tournament
- 23 @ Blackduck/Cass Lake-Bena Dual (Blackduck)
- 25 @ Larimore Tournament
- 28 Fosston, Red Lake County Central @ BGMR Triangular
- 30 Crookston @ BGMR

### February

#### Girls Basketball

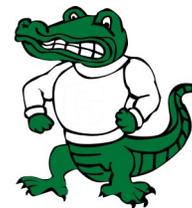
- 3 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Stephen)
- 7 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 14 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 17 @ Sacred Heart
- 20 @ Win-E-Mac (Erskine)
- 24 Section Pigtail
- 27 Section Play-in
- 29 Section Quarters

#### Boys Basketball

- 3 @ Kittson County Central (Lancaster)
- 4 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 7 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 11 @ Crookston
- 13 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR
- 18 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Stephen)
- 20 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 21 Warroad @ BGMR

#### Wrestling

- 6 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 11 Section Quarters
- 14 Section Finals @ Fertile-Beltrami
- 21-22 Section Tournament/Individuals @ Crookston
- 27-29 State Tournament @ Excel Center



### Trivia Answers

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

### Random Riddles Answers

1. An onion
2. A telephone
3. Shoes
4. A blade of grass
5. A road
6. A towel
7. Darkness





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## Ramp-Up Topics for January

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

**GRADE 6:** Part of students getting ready for postsecondary education is helping them to think about their dreams and aspirations, and to start thinking about how they can get there. Building this belief at this age is one of the most important aspects of college and career readiness. Students will also complete their Readiness Rubric.

**GRADE 7:** In this unit, the peer interactions that can sometimes get in the way of learning are addressed by sharing more positive ways to interact. Students will be reminded of many of the skills they learned in elementary school with our Responsive Classroom® approach. In addition, seventh graders will learn about the “soft skills” that are important in both school and the workplace, such as being on time, valuing diversity, having a strong work ethic, and good communication skills. Seventh graders will also explore the idea of Growth Mindset – basically, that our abilities and intelligence can change through our effort and learning. Parent tips for Growth Mindset can be found at <https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/default>.

**GRADE 8:** During January, students will be asked to identify factors to consider when they are exploring the best postsecondary fit for them. The different types of colleges and majors are discussed. We don’t expect students to make a decision on a college, but we do want them to investigate the range of available options, and learn that the availability of majors they are interested in should be a primary factor when they do choose a postsecondary school down the road. Eighth graders will also explore potential careers and will have a panel of guest speakers to share their career experiences with the students.

*Workshop: Career Panel*

**GRADE 9:** Ninth grade students will explore the ever changing knowledge of a global economy and some careers that they might be interested within that economy. Students will prepare for a panel of guest speakers who will share their knowledge of education, training, and careers to help students better understand and prepare for their own future career.

*Workshop: Career Panel*

**GRADE 10:** How will I pay for college? This unit will describe ways that students can and do pay for college. Students will look in depth at scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. There is a good set of videos available to parents and students about paying for college at [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying) that can help answer many questions parents and students have about paying for college.

**GRADE 11:** Juniors will be studying the concept of “envisioning possible self” during the month of January. Research shows that students who have a positive vision for their future are more likely to invest in themselves now and do things that will benefit their future “possible self.” In addition, juniors will be looking toward finding the right postsecondary fit for themselves. In doing so, they will explore which colleges offer degrees, internships, and majors that are of interest to them. Students will discover there are a range of options available to suit their interests.

**GRADE 12:** Grading and preparing for class and tests are often quite different at the postsecondary level. Seniors will learn more about postsecondary expectations and how to prepare for them through the use of good study habits and study groups.

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## Dates to Remember

By: Keyasha Housker

### January

- 1 No School ~ Winter Break
- 5 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 8 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 12 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 13 Math League @ Bagley
- 13 School Board 7:30 pm
- 15 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 17 End of Quarter 2
- 19 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 20 No School ~ Staff Development
- 22 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 26 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 28 ECFE “Movement” 6:00 pm
- 29 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls

### February

- 2 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 5 Class Group Pictures
- 4 ECFE 6:00 pm
- 9 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 10 Math League @ Bemidji
- 10 School Board 7:30 pm
- 11 ECFE 6:00 pm
- 12 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences (dismiss @ 12:30 pm)
- 13 Post Prom Bake Sale
- 14 Grade 5/6 Field Trip ~ Buena Vista & Science Museum
- 16 Elementary In-House Basketball Tournament
- 16 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 17 No School ~ Staff Development
- 18 ECFE 6:00 pm
- 19 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterm
- 23 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 25 Large Group Choir Contest @ Badger
- 25 ECFE 6:00 pm
- 26 Knowledge Bowl Sub Regional @ Thief River Falls

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## Scholastic Book Fair

Submitted by: Sherry Verbout

This year many students along with their families and friends attended the book fair together. It was held in conjunction with Home for the Holidays, Kindergarten Winter Wonderland, the Book Fair Breakfast, and the High School Winter Music Program. These special events helped us earn tremendous sales once again! The library and elementary classrooms will reap the benefits by receiving new books and classroom supplies. Thank you to students, parents, and the whole community for always supporting the book fair in such a grand way.



Thank you Lorraine Kukowski for this awesome Book Fair bulletin board!



Autumn Kruger Poster Winner



Eli Washington Poster Winner



Ezra Monsrud Poster Winner



Eli Monsrud, Esten Howell, and Ezra Monsrud checking out the Book Fair.



Jaryn Kukowski Poster Winner



Shayln Kukowski enjoying her new book.



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## Kindergarten Winter Wonderland



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### Holiday Cheer



Badger Kindergarten class visited LifeCare Manor on December 12 to sing Christmas songs lead by Mrs. Novacek. The class enjoyed spreading Christmas cheer to residents!

