



# The Badger Barker



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## 2019 Robotics Team Member of the Year



Avdyl Jasiqi, son of Besfort & Gjevahir Jasiqi, was presented with the 2019 Team Member of the Year Award by Jesse Frost, President of the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference.

On October 26, Team 3750 (the Gator Robotics team out of Badger High School) competed in the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference Championship at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls. A total of 26 teams currently participate in this conference from throughout Minnesota and North Dakota. At this event, Gator Robotics Team 3750's very own Avdyl Jasiqi earned the 2019 Team Member of the Year award for his outstanding dedication to robotics and STEM within the Badger School and community.

Coach Valerie Truscinski nominated Jasiqi, a junior, for this award. A panel of judges then read and scored all the nominations. The nominees were scored on the following: Gracious Professionalism, Leadership/Role Model, Growth/Success, and Attitude.

In the nomination, Truscinski stated, "Avdyl is key in so many facets of our team. He is one of the most dedicated team members we have, putting in hundreds of hours each build season. He puts in much time off season as well, attending every outreach and fundraising event our team has had." Truscinski explained how this time includes, but is not limited to, the following work: presenting to corporations, doing demonstrations, working with Badger School's after-school robotics camp, and promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) within the Badger classrooms.

"Avdyl does all of this with a positive attitude, and a smile on his face, always eager to help promote our team in any way he can," Truscinski said in the nomination. "On top of everything he brings to the table, he also keeps the atmosphere in our robotics shop cheerful and positive – making the season more enjoyable for mentors and teammates alike."



## Badger School Superintendent's News



I hope this November publication of *The Badger Barker* finds you in good spirits.

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Minnesota Math Contest:** Badger results from the contest held at Bemidji State University Wednesday, October 23:

**Class A Senior/Junior Division:** Badger team finished in the top 16 out of 28 Class A Schools.

Top Badger students were individually: Jory Bronson (3rd), Liesl Aarhus (2nd), and Morgan Praska (1st)

**Sophomore/Freshmen Division:** Badger team finished in the top 10 out of 25 Class A Schools.

Top Badger students individually: Brogan Beito (3rd), Riley Gust (2nd), and Keyasha Housker (1st). Keyasha placed 15th out of the 275 students placing her in the top 6% overall.

**Red Ribbon Week:** On October 23-31, activities sending a message to stay drug and alcohol free were promoted by our student TARGET team.

**Cross Country Section 8A Championships:** On Friday, October 25, Badger's 11<sup>th</sup> grader Talon Hilligas was a top finisher representing the Badger/Roseau cooperative boys' team. Talon placed 32 out of 140 athletes placing him in the top 23%. The boys' team finished 9th out of 23 teams putting them in the top 39%.

**Football:** Our Gator winning season with 6 wins and 4 losses came to an end with a double overtime loss in the semi-final 9 Man Section 8A bracket Saturday, October 26.

**Volleyball:** Our Gator winning season with 19 wins and 11 losses came to an end in the semi-final Section 8A bracket Tuesday, October 29.

**Unity Day for Anti-Bullying:** On Wednesday, October 30, students and staff dressed in orange reinforcing the responsibility to act safely and respectfully toward others.

**Second Quarter:** The new quarter started Monday, November 4. The first academic quarter ended Friday, November 1.

**CLIMB Theatre:** Actor-educators worked with our Badger staff and students K-12 on Tuesday, November 5. The break-out sessions inspired and challenged us toward positive change developing personal accountability, resiliency, empathy, advocacy and self-control.

**Northern Minnesota Manufacturers Association (NMMA):** Emma VonEnde read her winning essay at the breakfast held at the Roseau City Center on Tuesday, November 5. Emma was also a recipient of \$500 for her winning essay.

**Veterans Day Program:** On Monday, November 11, at 10:00 a.m. we will have the annual Veterans Day program consisting of musical performances, student speakers, and most importantly, presentations honoring our Veterans (past and present). All community members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

**No School:** There is no school for students on Friday, November 15 due to a staff development day for in-service training.

**Math League:** On Monday, November 18, our Math League will host the next Northern Lights Division event here in Badger. Currently Badger is ranked #3 in the 8A division. Math League is open to students in grades 8-12; there is still time to join!

**American Education Week:** On November 18-22, Badger Community School will recognize our teachers, support staff, office personnel, food service, maintenance staff, and bus drivers as well as our students and community members who all work together to make Badger Community School a gem of excellence in northwest Minnesota and for making Badger "the school where every student belongs." The Badger Education Association, food service, and administration have organized events during the American Education Week. Some of the events include:

Tuesday, November 19: Thankful Tuesday activity for students

Wednesday, November 20: Parents/guests are invited to have breakfast here at Badger School

Thursday, November 21: Thankful toaster treats for staff in workroom

Friday, November 22: Annual Badger School staff versus senior class volleyball match (2:00 pm)

**No School:** There is no school on November 28-29 for Thanksgiving Break

Please take the time to visit our school whenever your schedule may allow. You are always welcome, and ISD #676 values your input, ideas, and suggestions.

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



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## Campus Comment

By: Dylan VonEnde

### What do you like most about school?

**Landon Nelson (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like the fact that we get to change classes because my legs get stiff. And because I get to see different teachers every hour. I would like less homework though.

**Jordan Davy (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like spending time with my friends at school because we are always laughing about something. And having fun in class, especially when the teachers tease the boys in class.

**Elliott Isane (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** Mr. Coltom's classes are pretty great. I like when Mrs. K helps me with math. I like gym because there is no homework.

**Brooke VonEnde (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** The part of school I like the most is being around friends all day. I also enjoy how all of the teachers in this school will help you out when they can as long as you ask. Everybody in this school is close and will help others in need or help you find someone who can.

**Noah Warne (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** What I like most about school is the social atmosphere and seeing all my friends. However, learning is probably the most important and in the long run will be the best part about school. Also, I like the small school setting where you know everyone in your class.

**Morgan Praska (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** The best part of school is seeing Emma Gust every day. She is the only thing that gets me through the day. When I'm having a bad day, she is always there for me.

**Mrs. Dostal (Science Teacher):** Without question, the thing I like most about school is the people. We have an amazing staff that I look forward to working with every day, and our students here at Badger are the best! They make every day unique and exciting, and I am grateful I get to spend my days here.



## Band & Choir Fundraiser Meal with Concert to Follow

Monday ~ December 16  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. ~ Meal and Raffle  
7:00 p.m. ~ Badger School Winter Concert

Soup & Sandwich Supper

Freewill Donation

**Soups** ~ Chili, Chicken Wild Rice, Chicken Dumpling  
**Sandwiches** ~ Ham or Turkey on a Bun  
**Dessert** ~ Cookies



Raffle Tickets \$5

Chance to win:  
~ Quilt  
~ Afghan  
~ Horseshoe All Season Tree  
~ Gift Baskets

Tickets available that night and prior to the event at the Badger School Office  
Winners will be announced at the end of the music concert

*Sponsored by our area churches and businesses.*

All proceeds will go to the Badger Music Department for the awesome job they do!  
A huge thank you to Lisa Erickson and Dan Carpenter for the wonderful mentoring they do for the kids.



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## Gator Sports

By: Dylan VonEnde

## Dates to Remember

By: Keyasha Housker

### November

#### Girls Basketball

- 16 Jamboree @ Grygla High School
- 25 Northern Freeze @ BGMR

### December

#### Girls Basketball

- 2 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 5 @ Warroad
- 9 @ Northland Community & Technical College Tourney
- 10 @ Northland Community & Technical College Tourney
- 12 @ Northland Community & Technical College Tourney
- 17 @ Thief River Falls
- 19 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 20 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR
- 27 @ Pelican Rapids Tournament

#### Boys Basketball

- 3 Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR
- 5 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 6 @ Red Lake County Central (Plummer)
- 10 @ Warroad
- 17 @ Northland Community & Technical College Tourney
- 19 @ Northland Community & Technical College Tourney
- 20 @ Northland Community & Technical College Tourney
- 30 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo

#### Wrestling

- 3 @ Mahnomen/Waubun, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
- 7 @ Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational
- 13 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational
- 14 @ Grand Forks Central Invitational
- 17 Detroit Lakes @ BGMR
- 19 Hillsboro @ BGMR
- 20 @ Cass Lake-Bena Invitational
- 21 @ Cass Lake-Bena Invitational

### November

- 1 End of Quarter 1
- 3 Daylight Savings Time ~ turn clocks back
- 5 ASVAB Interpretation, grade 11
- 5 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day Program 10:00 am
- 12 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 12 ECFE "Baking Night" 6:00 pm
- 12 School Board 7:30 pm
- 13 Instrumental & Vocal Solo Contest @ Lake of the Woods
- 14 National Honor Society Induction 6:30 pm
- 15 No School ~ Staff Development
- 18 Math League @ Badger
- 19 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 19 ECFE "Fun with Art" 6:00 pm
- 26 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 26 ECFE "Thanksgiving Celebration" 6:00 pm
- 28 No School ~ Thanksgiving
- 29 No School

### December

- 3 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 3 ECFE "Holiday Crafts" 6:00 pm
- 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Midterm
- 9 Math League @ Thief River Falls
- 9 School Board 7:30 pm
- 10 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 14 Home for the Holidays
- 14 Scholastic Book Fair
- 16-18 Scholastic Book Fair
- 16 High School Winter Music Concert 7:00 pm
- 17 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 19 Elementary Winter Program 2:00 pm
- 23-31 No School ~ Winter Break

## Trivia

By: Esther Nelson

1. The Pyrenees mountain range separates which two European countries?
  - A. Germany and France
  - B. Poland and Germany
  - C. France and Spain
  - D. Spain and Portugal
2. Which of the planets is closest to the sun?
  - A. Mercury
  - B. Earth
  - C. Venus
  - D. Uranus
3. How many eyes does a bee have?
  - A. 16
  - B. 5
  - C. 8
  - D. 25
4. The Ptolemaic dynasty ruled which ancient kingdom?
  - A. Turkey
  - B. Greece
  - C. Syria
  - D. Egypt



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## Kindergarten Korner

By: Keyasha Housker



### Eli Haugen

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes. Painting is fun at school.  
**What is your favorite color?** Blue because I like painting with it.  
**What is your favorite song?** *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* because I like Christmas.  
**What is your favorite thing to do at school?** Going to play outside and going on the rainbow slide.  
**If you had one wish, what would it be?** To pet a dragon and ride on it.  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Farmer because my family farms.  
**What is your favorite food at Thanksgiving?** Chocolate because I like how it tastes.  
**Who is your favorite superhero?** Batman. I'm going to be him for Halloween.

### Alexie Berger

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, I like recess and playing with my friends.  
**What is your favorite color?** Pink because I see it a lot and I like wearing it.  
**What is your favorite song?** *Girl on Fire* because I listen to it a lot and it's fun listening to it.  
**What is your favorite thing to do at school?** Music class because I like singing.  
**If you had one wish, what would it be?** To see the world because it's a very big place.  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Nurse because my sister is one and they help people.  
**What is your favorite food at Thanksgiving?** Ham because I like to eat it with my potatoes.  
**Who is your favorite superhero?** Wonder Woman because she has a diamond on her headband.



### Tucker Rinde

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, it's fun and I get play time.  
**What is your favorite color?** Green because I like coloring with it a lot.  
**What is your favorite song?** *Wheels on the Bus* because sometimes I hear it at home.  
**What is your favorite thing to do at school?** Playing outside at recess and playing kickball.  
**If you had one wish, what would it be?** I want to be a cop when I grow up.  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Cop because they're fast and I like their lights.  
**What is your favorite food at Thanksgiving?** All pies because they taste good.  
**Who is your favorite superhero?** Spiderman because he can shoot his webs.



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## Senior Spotlight Deanna Rybakowski

**Parents:** Richard & Naomi Rybakowski

**Siblings:** Madison & Paige

**Nicknames:** D, Rybakowski, D-Dawg, Dr. Dre, Donna

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Pizza

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** "Every next level of your life will demand a different you."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** More wishes! But if I only had one, it'd be to have endless money.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My sister Madison and we would go all over Europe, especially sight-seeing in Rome and Greece.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Outgoing, because I like to strike up a conversation with anyone.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** I get embarrassed every day, but I accidentally went into the wrong class once and turns out it was my sister's class. She kept reminding me throughout the day, so I was quite embarrassed.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Go to volleyball, football, and any kind of high school game to cheer on my team. I like to see my family also. I even watch TV sometimes.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** There are way too many, but I will remember how faculty, classmates, and even underclassmen act like one big family. I will miss that the most.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I'm proud that I lettered in academics for 4 years and in band and choir since I've been in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.



## Senior Spotlight Garytt Banta



**Parents:** Angela Wynne & Terry Roberts

**Sibling:** Tyann

**Nickname:** Garrison

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Tacos

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** "I spent 113,800 hours of my life for a paper and a handshake."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** Endless taco buffet.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** Bo Wojciechowski and anywhere because it's always a hoot to be around him.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Interesting because my personality is weird.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Wanting to drop out.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Cruise back roads.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Getting to see my friends every year.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Making it to senior year!



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## Dessert Crepes

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

By: Bryza Rud

### Ingredients:

- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

### Directions:

1. In large bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, melted butter, flour, sugar, and salt until smooth.
2. Heat a medium-sized skillet or crepe pan over medium heat. Grease pan with small amount of butter or oil applied with a brush or paper towel. Using a serving spoon or small ladle, spoon about 3 tablespoons crepe batter into hot pan, tilting the pan so that the bottom surface is evenly coated. Cook over medium heat, 1 to 2 minutes on a side or until golden brown. Serve immediately.



## Bemidji Math Contest

Fifty-six Badger math students from grades 9-12 traveled to Bemidji State University for the 47th Annual Math Contest on October 23. Along with 670 other students, Badger students competed for 1 hour in two divisions. Badger students performed well, earning a spot in the top 10 in the Single A Schools Junior Division. They also had a strong showing in the Senior Division.

## Random Riddles

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

By: Esther Nelson

1. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?
2. This is as light as a feather, yet no man can hold it for long. What am I?
3. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?
4. What goes up but never comes down?
5. What can you catch but never throw?
6. I have two hands, but I cannot scratch myself. What am I?
7. I have no feet, no hands, no wings, but I climb to the sky. What am I?



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## Elementary Viewpoint

By: Bryza Rud

### What is your favorite thing to do when it snows?

**Easton Buley (1<sup>st</sup> grade):** I like to make snowmen. We don't have any rocks, so we break sticks off for the eyes, arms, and legs. I put an orange and black scarf on it and a black hat. It is fun to play in the snow.

**Onah Gregerson (2<sup>nd</sup> grade):** My favorite activity is to go to Bemis Hill because there's a lot of snow and I can go sledding. It's not so fun when I fall off the sled though. I like to sit by the campfire.

**Elijah Monsrud (3<sup>rd</sup> grade):** Snowcat because it's fun and I can pull my brother. I can pull my friends and family, and I can pull snow.

**Landin Buley (4<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like to go snowboarding and sledding in Bemis Hill. This year I'm going to Arizona for half of the winter. I've never been to Arizona, and I've never rode a plane in my life. I can't wait because I get to ride in a corvette and I get to go in a swimming pool at the house in Arizona.

**Keegan VonEnde (5<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite thing to do in the snow is to either go snowcatting or biking. I like racing on my snowcat. I like biking in the winter because I like sliding and it's funny.

**Breydon Foss (6<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite thing to do in the snow is to play outside with my dog. I also will get my snowmobile out and drive my snowmobile around. I like to drive snowmobile around in the woods looking for deer antlers and go for big rides. Also, every year we have a snowmobile race at Minnesota Hill.



### Shout Out To.....

*Smokey the Bear* along with foresters Ryan Beito and Kim Erickson for visiting with the kindergarten class during fire prevention week. SMOKEY and rangers helped the class present a play teaching how to safely start and enjoy a campfire in the forest. Treat bags were handed out for each student containing fire safety tips!

*Mrs. Lee and her French class* for playing the game "Loto" with the kindergarten class. The kindergarten class learned how to pronounce the letters of the alphabet in French while playing a fun game!

*Garrett Berg and Preston Byre* for teaching kindergarten and preschool classes fire safety and the tour at the fire hall. Fire trucks and equipment were shown to the classes. The boys and girls were able to sit inside a fire truck and squirt water from a fire hose.

*Noah Warne, Talon Hilligas, Trey Nichols, Tanner Davy, Avdyl Jasiqi* for helping Marcia and Jerry Wilhelmi with their flood issues.

*The Mark and Kylie Haugen family* for the donation of pumpkins to the kindergarten classroom.

*Badger Fire Department, LifeCare Ambulance of Badger, and Roseau County Sheriff's Department* for teaching the Badger ECFE about fire safety and rescue vehicles. We really enjoyed playing with the lights and sirens!

*Sophie Warne* for bringing the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders treats for milk break one day.

*Students who wrote essays* for the annual Veterans Day program. Your efforts are appreciated.

*Roseau VFW* for sponsoring the annual Veterans Day contest.

*Deanna Rybakowski, Noah Warne, Isabella Monsrud, Hannah Rud, and Aulona Jasiqi* for being great leaders and representing the Badger school with class at the Student Council Summit in Thief River Falls.

*The many workers at the FCCLA concession stand* this football season – we couldn't do it without you!

*Nellie Hagen* for the many hours she gives to help FCCLA at the football concession stands; her patience and humor are much appreciated.

*Jodi Randall* for preparing breakfast for the Gator football team!

*Gator football team* on a great season!

*Gator volleyball team* on a great season!

*Kason Swenson* for being a Section 8A 9-Man All-Conference Honorable Mention.

*Alyssa Rinde* for earning All-Conference honors for Northern Lights Volleyball.



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## Band Musician of the Month Bryza Rud

**Grade:** 9<sup>th</sup>

**What instrument do you play, and why did you choose this instrument?** I play the clarinet and I chose it because I already had my own at home.

**If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick?** I would choose the French horn because it has a beautiful sound. Also I'd probably get to sit by Lexi.

**What is your favorite song to play?** Pep band songs because they are upbeat. I also like to play some of the fast parts of *Stars and Stripes Forever* and *Extraordinary Machines* because I like the challenge!

**If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick?** I would pick Disney theme because I love Disney movies! It would be so fun to act out your favorite characters! All the Disney movies mashed together would be one awesome show!

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** I have a lot of memorable moments. The ones I remember most were when the Dallas Brass came to play with us, when we went to Minneapolis to play, and last year when I got to sit by Keyasha (Juan) and Jordan (Paul Jabs

Gentle Annie).

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Try new things and make mistakes; that's how you learn. And if you ever have questions, ask!

**Who inspired you to be part of band?** Ms. Erickson and my sister Jasmyn. I always thought it was so cool how Jasmyn could play an instrument, and all of the stories she told me about high school band amazed me.

## Choir Musician of the Month Kadeyn Keller

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

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

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

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** Slower songs because they have more emotion.

**What is your favorite part about being in choir?** Having the class be 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** Large group and solo contest.

**What advice would you give other vocalists in choir?** Always practice with 100% and try your hardest.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** Doing a solo for the first time.



## Occupational Fair

Submitted by: Janice Mostofi, Business Instructor

Badger juniors and seniors attended the Occupational Fair hosted by the Roseau High School on October 15. This event was a great opportunity for students to learn about current career options.

In the morning, students picked six 15-minute sessions from 44 different occupations. Career areas represented were business, agriculture, medical, law enforcement, education and human services, engineering and manufacturing, and military. The presenters explained their professions and the education required. Both technical and professional education options were provided. In the afternoon, senior students were able to apply to colleges while being assisted by representative from 13 different colleges.

Thank you to the presenters who came from all over Roseau County for the event, the college representatives, and to Roseau High School for inviting us.



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## Ramp-Up Topics for November

Submitted by Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

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

**GRADE 7:** What are some of the newest careers? What is my strongest learning style and what careers does it pair well with? On average, Americans change jobs eleven times during their working careers. Students need to build a strong academic and skill base to keep up with the ever-changing world. The value of earning a postsecondary degree can help students prepare for the careers of the future. Students will also complete a Readiness Rubric check in after first quarter grades are posted.

**GRADE 8:** Students will focus on the importance of peer relationships, the types of peer influences they experience, the influence society and the media has on those relationships, and how they can begin to solve problems with peers now and in the future. At the end of first quarter, students will spend some time updating their Readiness Rubric.

**GRADE 9:** In addition to updating their individual Readiness Rubrics, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will use the Search Institute's Developmental assets to help them identify their strengths, and how they can use those assets to overcome obstacles. Students will also review high school requirements for graduation as well as admissions requirements for two and four year colleges.

**GRADE 10:** Motivation matters. Sophomores will focus on intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and compulsion (the things we are required to do). Is extrinsic motivation the best way to go? Students will have discussions regarding the benefits and drawbacks of getting paid for good grades. An update of each individual's Readiness Rubrics is also planned.

*Workshop:* Intellect & Future Careers

**GRADE 11:** During November, students will explore the different types of financial aid available and learn about the FAFSA4Caster, which calculates financial aid based on need. The Readiness Rubric will also be updated and reviewed. Students will also learn about scholarships, including where to find them and how to fill out applications. Juniors will update their Readiness Rubrics mid-month as well.

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

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## CRUNCH!!

October 10 was the sixth annual Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch celebrated by students in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. During Badger School's elementary lunch, students and teachers were given stickers to wear and apples to enjoy. This event celebrates National Farm to School Month by having students crunch



into locally and regionally grown apples. Remember to eat healthy and include fruits in your meals!



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## Kindergarten Visits Fire Hall during Fire Prevention Week



## Mobile Welding Lab Experience

A mobile welding lab was brought to the Badger School in October by the Pine to Prairie/ Northland Technical Education Consortium, Northland Community & Technical College, and local businesses to encourage students to enroll in the trades programs. The lab included five computer simulators that trained students in arc welding and wire MIG welding. There was also a Lincoln wire welder and trainer, which sends inputs to a heads up display inside the welding helmet. Badger students are currently working on arc, MIG, and oxy-acetylene welding in their class.



Levi Lego doing welds on the welding simulator.



**Back:**

- Blaine Olson
- Andrew Olson
- Brandon Secord
- Brogan Beito
- Mason Scharf,
- Levi Lego
- Dylan VonEnde
- Bryce Thompson
- Dalton Shirley
- Tanner Davy

**Front:**

- Zack Wiseman
- Elliott Isane



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## Don't Give Up

By: Bryza Rud

On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Badger School welcomed motivational speaker Terrence Lee Talley, who spoke about perseverance and gave the message: Don't Give Up. The program was designed to bring a sense of help and hope to each person. Terrence Lee Talley challenged students to not allow others to trip them up or destroy their dreams. He reminded them that they can make a difference in another person's life, no matter their circumstances. The program ended with Talley explaining the importance of "dad hugs." Dad hugs simply show that someone cares about you, and you don't have to do anything for them. They are a way to show someone they matter. Students and staff gave and received Talley's "dad hugs." Yam Haus band also performed songs throughout the event, providing positive energy during the program.

Freshman student Keyasha Housker said, "I think it really helped the people who were struggling that day. The message really made an impact on me and probably everyone at every school they go to. One of the things I liked the most was that they interacted with the students and staff."

This event became possible when Richard Baker of Student Reach Minnesota contacted the Badger School when the band and keynote speaker were on tour in the area. Superintendent/Principal Kevin Ricke felt this was too good of an opportunity to pass up. The Student Reach Minnesota organization has a solid reputation of providing engaging/energizing assembly programs, which are appropriate for student audiences.

The assemblies were made possible for the Badger School through the financial support of Central Boiler/Altoz, Citizens State Bank, and Border State Bank.





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## Knife Skills

Badger Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) students practiced knife cuts and skills in their Foods class. Knife skills are beneficial for creating appetizing presentations, as well as ensuring even cooking of foods. While practicing knife cuts, students also learned safe handling of cutlery and the different types of knives and their uses.



**Trivia Answers**  
1. C 2. A 3. B 4. D

**Random Riddles Answers**  
1. Charcoal  
2. Your breath  
3. Nothing  
4. Age  
5. A cold  
6. A clock  
7. Smoke

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## Postal Customer

### Student Opinion

By: Lydia Arsaipanit

#### Do you think violent video games influence players to be violent in real life?

**Kasen Swenson:** When I was young I played video games that were violent, and I'm far from violent in real life. And this goes for my friends too. I think people are violent because they are either not well or are doing some sort of substance that is making them act that way. Violent games don't make violent people. Violent people make violent people.

**Dylan VonEnde:** No, I do not. I think violence and video games have nothing to do with each other. Some people are just violent. That is why I think video games don't influence violence.

**Hallie Hietala:** No, I don't believe violent video games create violent people. That is like saying playing a boring video game makes people boring to be around. Violence in movies could present the some argument but it just isn't true. Violent video games are just a simulation. It is a release of emotions rather than an influence for people to lash out.

**Lydia Arsaipanit:** Yes, I think it will influence only the younger players because they are curious to try and the kids are not able to distinguish between games and real life well enough. There is also research that violent games affect the brain and cause aggressive habits.

