



# The Badger Barker



October 2019

Badger School District #676

Volume XXV Issue 1

## Badger Homecoming 2019



Freshmen Attendants Raegen Maahs, Brogan Beito; Senior Attendants Morgan Praska, Kiana Jacobson; Queen Kennedy Truscinski & King Colten Gust; Junior Attendants Erika Howell, Avdyl Jasiqi; Sophomore Attendants Aulona Jasiqi, Dalton Shirley.

The Badger Student Council sponsored the 2019 Badger School Homecoming September 14-21. The Badger School students did a fantastic job of making this year's homecoming a success by participating in Homecoming spirit week and dressing up each day:

- Monday ~ Dress to Impress*
- Tuesday ~ Tacky Tourist*
- Wednesday ~ Meme*
- Thursday ~ Camo/Murica*
- Friday ~ Bleeding Green "Gator Extreme"*

Badger coronation was held on Friday, September 14, during half time at the Gator football game with the crowning of this year's king and queen. The 2019 Homecoming Court attendants included:

- King** Colten Gust & **Queen** Kennedy Truscinski
- Senior Attendants:** Kiana Jacobson ~ Morgan Praska
- Junior Attendants:** Erika Howell ~ Avdyl Jasiqi
- Sophomore Attendants:** Aulona Jasiqi ~ Dalton Shirley
- Freshmen Attendants:** Raegen Maahs ~ Brogan Beito

The BGMR Gator football team fought a hard battle against the Stephen-Argyle Storm but ended up with a 36-14 loss. After the football game, students danced the night away at a homecoming dance sponsored by the Badger FCCLA. Thank you to the students for their hard work putting homecoming together and to the students who participated!



# The Badger Barker



## Badger School Superintendent's News



I hope this October publication of *The Badger Barker* finds you, and finds you well.

If you have not done so already, please give a warm welcome to new faculty and staff listed in alphabetical order:

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Andrea Hogenson   | Third Grade Teacher until Katie Schaan returns in November, and then, Sixth Grade Teacher for Sarah Johnson early-December through February |
| Amber Meyer       | Member of our after-school Custodian Team   |
| Ryan Olson        | Director of Transportation and Bus Driver beginning mid-October   |
| Kevin Ricke       | Superintendent & Principal K-12   |
| Patience Thompson | Future Social Studies Teacher practicing with Brady Johnson through early-December  |
| Mark Yeager       | Member of our Bus Driving Team  |

Thank you to the Seniors and Juniors who assisted our fire department, city employees, as well as other adult volunteers for flashflood emergency sandbagging on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> near the intersection of County Road 2 and Highway 11 here in Badger. Our Seniors and Juniors shoveled sand, tied bags, then carried and stacked enough sandbags to secure perimeter dikes around three homes in approximately three hours. We are very proud of our students who have a heart for service. This was certainly a teachable moment in different ways and they exceeded all expectations – what an awesome spontaneous workforce!

October 2<sup>nd</sup> is set aside as National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day. The team of Jarod Magnusson, Robert "Detroit" Wallace, and Amber Meyer keep our school clean and maintain the essential mechanisms that make our building run smoothly. Jarod, Detroit, and Amber work diligently day after day keeping the buildings and grounds safer and cleaner. They contribute to promoting the important welcoming impression you get when visiting our Badger Community School. Please take a moment to personally share your appreciation the next time you see one of them – many thanks especially from us your co-workers.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. On behalf of the school district, thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who attended conferences. Conferences allow faculty and staff the opportunity to share successes and celebrate student growth as well as discuss areas to enhance development. We appreciated your attendance as an ongoing process of vital communication between home and school. If you were unable to attend the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences, please call the school office at (218) 528-3201 to arrange another time.

There will be an assembly 2:00 pm Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> for Badger students in grades 7-12. Terrence Talley, of Student Reach MN, will be on tour in our area the week of October 7-11. Student Reach MN will also bring a live band, Yam Haus, from the Twin Cities as well as lights and sound to compliment Terrence's message. It should be entertaining with an encouraging message of help and hope for every student.

October 12-16 is National School Lunch Week. Created in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy, National School Lunch Week celebrates the benefits of the child nutrition program. The Badger School would like to extend our appreciation to Jody Randall, Rhena Storo, and their supporting cast of co-workers for all of their efforts. Each school day, the Badger students are served a warm breakfast as well as a satisfying lunch in the afternoon. Jody, Rhena, and their co-workers do a wonderful job preparing and serving the food with a smile on a daily basis. On behalf of our students, staff, and community members, I would like to thank Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Storo for all of their great meals.

Open invitation: Please visit our school whenever you would like. The Badger School is a vital part of our vibrant community. Your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are welcome. Through continued cooperation, our district will continue to be a source of pride and a great place to learn and work. Thank you to all who help to make Badger Community School a gem of excellence in northwest Minnesota and for making Badger "the school where every student belongs."

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



# The Badger Barker



## Choir Musician of the Month Emma VonEnde

**Grade:** 12

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

**How long have you been in choir?** This is my sixth year.

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** I like to sing a wide variety. I love slower pieces because of the emotional connection, and faster pieces are fun to put together.

**What is your favorite part about being in choir?** Getting to learn new types of music and hear how we grow as a choir throughout the year.

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

**What advice would you give other vocalists in choir?** Pay attention in class, ask questions, and listen to Mr. Carpenter — he knows what he’s talking about.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** Being part of women’s ensemble and getting to sing *Sound of Silence* and *Hallelujah*.



## Band Musician of the Month Aidan Carpenter

**Grade:** 7

**What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument?** I play trumpet because I like to be the lead, usually.

**If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick?** Trombone because I like brass instruments, but I don’t want to play too low.

**What is your favorite song to play?** *Orion* because it combines slow and fast into one song, and it’s just fun to play.

**If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick?** The theme would be where we go back in time (somehow).

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** Last year’s spring concert.

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Always keep practicing. There might be a spot where you are playing wrong and you don’t know about it.

**Who inspired you to be part of band?** My parents. They are both music teachers.



## Student Opinion

By: Lydia Arsaipanit

### Does technology make us more alone?

**Hannah Rud:** Yes, although technology gives us new abilities to communicate with people near or far, we also forget to be in the real world with our friends. People forget how to communicate in person and how to have a real conversation.

**Bryza Rud:** Yes, because people are constantly on their phones. Even though technology allows us to communicate with our friends and family, it disconnects us from the “real world.” Nowadays when you go out in public, you see everyone staring at their phone screens instead of having face-to-face conversations and interactions with other people. I would much rather hang out with people who aren’t so attached to their phones because, in a way, it makes us feel alone.

**Deanna Rybakowski:** I feel like this is 50/50 for me. When you are on technology you can chat, call, text, FaceTime, or interact with people online. When you are not online, however, you can talk to people face-to-face. Technology, in a way, makes us alone because we aren’t talking in person, but we sometimes have to communicate online.

**Kiah Olafson:** Technology makes us more alone in some cases. If you make your phone a priority, then you will be less social in real life. Phones also keep us connected with people you don’t get to see every day. It depends on how much you use your technology.





# The Badger Barker



## Senior Spotlight Kiana Jacobson

**Parents:** Shauna Johnson & Darin Jacobson

**Siblings:** Caitlyn, Sawyer, Shay

**Nicknames:** Kona, KK

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Volleyball

**Food:** Krub

**Color:** Purple

**Quote:** "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** I would wish for cancer to go away. It has affected a majority of my family.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** I would travel with my mom or grandma, even though neither of them would ever get on a plane, and go to Greece or Venice. They are both beautiful and it would be a great experience.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Spontaneous. You never know what I'm going to say or do most of the time!

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** In 7<sup>th</sup> grade when I slipped on peanut butter in the lunchroom.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** I like to relax or hang out with my friends.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** How close our class is. We're like brothers and sisters and I wouldn't want it any other way.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I'm proud of all of my accomplishments and that I have made it this far.



## Senior Spotlight Esther Nelson

**Parents:** David & Sarah Nelson

**Siblings:** Joe, Rachel, Sam, Ben, Micah

**Nicknames:** Estafauni, Es

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Soccer

**Food:** Venison

**Color:** Purple

**Quote:** "I'm surrounded by idiots." ~ Lion King.

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** More wishes.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** To Greece with my mom.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Quiet, because I don't like talking.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Ripping my pants in shop class.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Sleep.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** First day of school in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Getting up in the morning for school.





# The Badger Barker



## Campus Comment

By: Dylan VonEnde

### What are you most looking forward to after you graduate?



**Ivan Olafson (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** To play football in college so I can play in the NFL. That is what I'm looking forward to.

**Treston Nichols (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** I'm looking forward to graduating and then going to college and playing football. I also look forward to getting away from home and meeting new people.



**Riley Gust (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** What I am looking forward to after I graduate is independence and working on my career. I look forward to it because I will be an adult doing what I love. I am very excited for it.

**Hailey VonEnde (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** After I graduate, I am most looking forward to finding out more about who I am as a person in society. I'm excited to discover the way I want to live my life after I move out of the house and start living on my own. Also, currently when people ask me what I want to do in the future, I have no idea. I can't wait for the day I can give them an answer.



**Levi Lego (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** The thing I'm looking forward to after I graduate is to spend more time on the stuff I want to. Also, I won't have any homework. Another thing is I get to sleep in longer and go to college.

**Kennedy Truscinski (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** After graduating, I'm looking forward to starting my own life. There are endless possibilities for what my future holds. I can't wait to find out where I end up.



**Mr. Johnson (Social Studies Teacher):** When retirement (not graduation) finally reaches me, I plan on being so busy that I won't know how I was even able to work in the first place. I really look forward to enjoying our hunting land. The chores and projects will be exciting, time consuming, and rewarding.

## Trivia

By: Esther Nelson

- When did the Second World War end?
  - 1945
  - 1938
  - 1935
  - 1951
- Which U.S. president served the shortest time in office?
  - James A. Garfield
  - Warren G. Harding
  - William Henry Harrison
  - Millard Fillmore
- A snail can hibernate for how many years?
  - 1
  - 3
  - 2
  - 5
- What country won the very first FIFA World Cup in 1930?
  - Brazil
  - Spain
  - Germany
  - Uruguay



# The Badger Barker



## BADGER SCHOOL

### 2019-2020 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Orders must be paid for at time of ordering

The Badger Yearbook includes Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

The costs are:

**By December 20:**

\$35 for the yearbook

\$5 extra for personalization (student name)

**After December 20:**

\$40 for the yearbook

Personalization not available

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

|                     | Per Item | Total |
|---------------------|----------|-------|
| Number of Yearbooks | 35.00    |       |

**Personalization per person (list how you want name printed):**

|            |      |  |
|------------|------|--|
| Name       | 5.00 |  |
| TOTAL COST |      |  |

Payment method (to be filled out by the school):

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (written to Badger School)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received By \_\_\_\_\_



# The Badger Barker



## Dates to Remember

By: Keyasha Housker

## Gator Sports

By: Dylan VonEnde

### October

- 1 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Midterm
- 1 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 1 ECFE "Registration" 6:00 pm
- 2 ASVAB Test - Juniors
- 2 Pre-ACT Test - Sophomores
- 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-7:30 pm (dismiss 12:30 pm)
- 7 FAFSA Presentation 7:00 pm
- 8 Rainy River Community College Rep
- 8 *Don't Give Up* Lyceum 2:00 pm
- 8 ECFE "Corn Maze" 5:00 pm (note departure time)
- 8 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 14 School Board 7:30 pm
- 15 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 15 ECFE "Community Helpers/Fire Safety" 6:00 pm
- 16 PSAT Test - Juniors (optional)
- 17 No School ~ MEA
- 18 No School ~ MEA
- 22 Picture Retake Day
- 22 Vermilion Community College Rep
- 22 Northland Community & Technical College Rep
- 22 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 22 ECFE "Giggles, Goblins, & Grandparents" 6:00 pm
- 23 Math Contest @ BSU
- 28 Math League @ Nevis
- 29 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 29 ECFE "Halloween" 6:00 pm
- 30 Itasca Community College rep
- 30 Career Expo, Grand Forks - Sophomores

### November

- 1 End of Quarter 1
- 3 Daylight Savings Time ~ turn clocks back
- 5 Election Day
- 5 No ECFE
- 11 Veterans Day Program
- 12 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 12 ECFE "Baking Night" 6:00 pm
- 12 School Board 7:30 pm (date change)
- 13 Instrumental & Vocal Solo Contest @ Lake of the Woods
- 14 National Honor Society Induction 6:00 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

### October

#### Football

- 4 @ Norman County East/Ulen Hitterdal
- 10 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 15 Clearbrook-Gonvick @ BGMR

#### Volleyball

- 1 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 5 @ Mahnomen Tournament
- 8 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 10 @ Warroad
- 12 @ Fertile-Beltrami Tournament
- 14 @ Roseau

#### Cross Country

- 3 @ Perham
- 8 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 15 @ Bemidji
- 25 @ Bagley

### November

#### Cross Country

- 2 State Tournament @ St. Olaf College

#### Girls Basketball

- 16 @ Grygla Jamboree
- 25 Northern Freeze @ BGMR

## Random Riddles

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

By: Esther Nelson

1. The more you take the more you leave behind. What am I?
2. What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you?
3. What has many keys, but can't even open a single door?
4. What is more useful when it is broken?
5. What runs around the whole yard without moving?
6. I make two people out of one. What am I?
7. I am full of holes but I can still hold water. What am I?



# The Badger Barker



## Badger Students Attended the FCCLA National Leadership Conference

Submitted by: Gretchen Lee, Badger FCCLA Advisor

Badger FCCLA was a part of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America’s (FCCLA) largest National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, June 30-July 4. More than 8,700 attendees gathered to expand leadership skills, sharpen talents, explore career pathways, and listen to inspiring speakers.

This year’s conference theme encouraged participants to “Believe in Yourself” through competing in Competitive Events, running for office, partaking in Leadership Academy, and continuing to make a positive impact within their families, communities, and careers. Attendees also had the opportunity to engage with Red Talks, attend the Ford Driving Skills for Life event, learn about potential career and college opportunities at the EXPO, and interact with leaders from across the nation.

Badger students completed in the following at the national level:

Digital Stories for Change ~ Ada Lee & Amelia Wilt ~ Gold ~ 2nd highest score in nation

Promote and Publicize ~ Jordan Davy & Jordan Lee ~ Silver

National Programs in Action/Power of One, Tackling Breast Cancer ~ Kennedy Truscinski ~ Silver

State officer -Hailey VonEnde-Secretary and State Officer-Emma VonEnde-Treasurer, led the Minnesota State Delegation meetings throughout the conference. Badger students led meetings, were inspired by shared ideas, attended Leadership Education sessions at Disneyland, met many new friends, presented their projects, elected new leaders, swam in the Pacific Ocean, and even experienced (or felt) an earthquake. These experiences, challenges, and opportunities support and help develop our students to become more effective leaders in the future.

“It is always inspiring to watch so many young leaders come together and realize their full potential through competition, career training, and leadership workshops,” said Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of FCCLA. “This National Leadership Conference was a great success thanks to the National Board of Directors, National Staff, National Executive Council and their advisers, as well as the students, advisers, and organization’s supporters.”

Next year FCCLA will host its 75<sup>th</sup> National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., July 5-9.



Hailey VonEnde  
Kennedy Truscinski  
Jordan Lee  
Emma VonEnde  
Jordan Davy  
Amelia Wilt  
Ada Lee



Jordan Davy & Jordan Lee,  
Silver, Promote and Publicize



Kennedy Truscinski, Silver, National  
Programs in Action/Power of One,  
Tackling Breast Cancer



Ada Lee & Amelia Wilt, Gold,  
Digital Stories for Change



# The Badger Barker



## 9/11 Appreciation

Submitted by: Gretchen Lee, FCCLA Advisor

The Badger FCCLA Chapter showed their appreciation to our community volunteer firefighters and first responders on September 11, 2019. Goodie baskets were created and delivered to Fire Chief Jeramy Swenson and First Responder Angie Gregerson. Badger student in grades K-12 wrote thank you postcards to military and police personnel as well. We are very proud of those that serve and wanted to take time on 9/11 to remember those who lost their lives.



## Field Triage Training

LifeCare Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has monthly meetings that include required skills training. In July they held their Field Triage Training/Evaluation in Badger gymnasium. Pictured are the Badger students who volunteered to participate as accident victims for this training.



Deanna Rybakowski



Jack Burkel



Talon Hilligas

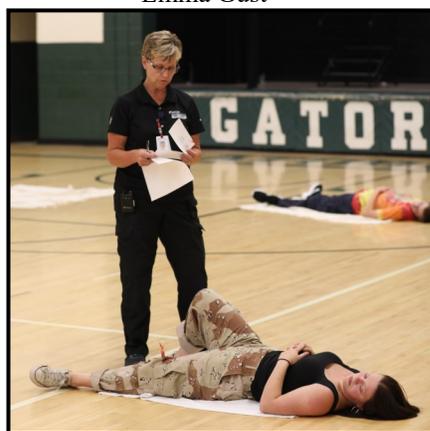


Alexis Rud

Kennedy Truscinski



Emma Gust





# The Badger Barker



## No Bake Chocolate Oat Bars

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

By: Bryza Rud

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups quick cooking oats
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup peanut butter

### Directions:

1. Grease a 9x9 inch square pan.
2. Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar and vanilla. Mix in the oats. Cook over low heat 2 to 3 minutes or until ingredients are well blended. Press half of mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan. Reserve the other half for topping.
3. Meanwhile, melt chocolate chips and peanut butter in a small heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently until smooth. Pour the chocolate mixture over the crust in the pan, and spread evenly with a knife or the back of a spoon.
4. Crumble the remaining oat mixture over the chocolate layer, pressing in gently. Cover, and refrigerate 2 to 3 hours or overnight. Bring to room temperature before cutting into bars.



## Bonjour ~ Au revoir

The French class visited 3rd grade to teach the French alphabet and the words “hello” and “goodbye.”





# The Badger Barker



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

After a reported 6.5 inches of rain in the Badger area, overland flooding began to cause issues with several local residences. Mayor Jim Rinde was monitoring the situation, and Monday morning after visiting with Sheriff Steve Gust, emergency action began to take place. With help from city and county officials, the city was able to get supplies in place to begin sandbagging around the homes in danger. Mayor Rinde reached out to Badger School Superintendent Kevin Ricke asking if students could come and help with the sandbagging efforts. Within 20 minutes, 31 junior and seniors along with Superintendent Ricke were on site to help, along with volunteer members of the community and the Badger Fire Department. After several hours of work filling and placing sandbags, all the residences were presumed safe from the rising waters.



## Smokey the Bear

Smokey the Bear stopped in the kindergarten room on September 27 to give fire safety tips and help the class put on a play to learn about fire safety in the forest.



# The Badger Barker



## Elementary Viewpoint

By: Bryza Rud

### If you could be an animal, what would it be?

**Ezra Monsrud (1<sup>st</sup> grade):** A lion because then I could kill stuff that I want. Because I can run fast!

**Jacob Foss (2<sup>nd</sup> grade):** I would be a dog. I really like dogs because they are snuggly and furry.

**Maizy Thompson (3<sup>rd</sup> grade):** I would be a dog because I could run, jump, and give everyone in my family a big hug!

**Charles Peterson (4<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would be a fox. Here's why—they're clever and sneaky and they are my favorite animal!

**Braedon Lane (5<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would like to be a cat. They get to sleep a lot. Most of the time they have really good owners. They can see in the dark and climb stuff like trees.

**Zaymein Rud (6<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I could be an animal, it would be a hippo. Hippos are an animal that don't get hunted and other animals leave them alone. They also get to stay in the cool water all day.



## Shout Out To...

*Roslund Church* for donating money so that all 1st and 2nd graders can have milk every day at break time.

*Mr. Johnson* and *Badger Student Council* for putting together a successful Homecoming Pep Fest and Coronation.

*Everyone* who pitched in to help create a better working environment in the Gator Robotics room...what a wonderful upgrade it will be for the team this season!

*Badger School Cooks* for always making wonderful meals for Badger School staff and students!

*Mr. Ricke* for transitioning into the superintendent position smoothly and making the beginning of the new school year go well for all staff and students!

*Deanna Rybakowski* for doing an amazing job as MC of the Badger Homecoming.

*Isaac Lorensen* for showing extreme school spirit and dressing as the "Gator" for Homecoming Pep Fest.

*Luke Nelson* ~ fantastic job! You will be missed.

*Badger juniors and seniors* (and Mr. Ricke) who answered the call to help sandbag local residences on September 23 after the excessive rain. This is what living in a small community is all about. You should be proud of your hard work and efforts! We are proud of your efforts to protect our community. Job well done!

*Ada Lee, Jordan Lee, Bethanie VonEnde, Emma VonEnde, Hailey VonEnde, Olivia Hamann, and Jasmyn Rud* for helping to set up and run the Kids Games for Badger Fall Fest.

*Sara Olson* in the office for getting substitutes on short notice. Thank you!!!

*Luke Nelson* for showing the First Graders and Kindergartens the Bus Safety rules. Thanks!

*Roseau County Co-Op* for their very generous donation of all of the supplies to the FIRST Robotics team for the Battle of the Dogs!  
It was a very successful fundraiser for Team 3750!

### **National Honor Society (NHS) October Blood Drive**

*NHS volunteers* for organizing and coordinating the blood drive

*Student and community donors* – thank you for your life-saving gift!

*KC's Country Market* for donating cookies.

*Badger Community Center* for providing the location.



# The Badger Barker



## Badger School's Ramp-Up to Readiness Program Kicks Off Sixth Year

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

The Badger School is pleased to offer the Ramp-Up to Readiness program to our students again this year. As a reminder, Ramp-Up's curriculum focuses on preparing students for postsecondary education and life by targeting five specific areas called the Readiness Pillars:

1. **Academic Readiness:** Students have the knowledge and skills to do first-year, college-level work.
2. **Admissions Readiness:** Students have completed requirements for admission for the postsecondary education that matches their goals, interests, and abilities.
3. **Career Readiness:** Students understand how education determines income and opportunity in the global economy, which types of jobs need skilled workers, how much pay is enough to support a family, and a good match for their interests and abilities.
4. **Financial Readiness:** Students learn how to be able to cover the cost of one term of study at a postsecondary institution through savings, loans, work-study, and/or financial aid.
5. **Social & Emotional Readiness:** Students learn how to set educational goals, make progress toward those goals, and build relationships with peers and adults that support the achievement of those goals.

Badger students in grades 6-12 meet weekly with their grade level advisors to complete activities that will help prepare them in the five areas above. In addition, students create a Readiness Rubric that allows them to continually monitor their progress toward reaching their academic goals. Students also create a Postsecondary Plan to help them plan their academic and career life beyond high school. Students meet with their advisors in a workshop setting that could involve guest speakers, interest inventories, career surveys and exploration, filling out college applications, and more.

Here is a snapshot of the of the topics students will be engaged with during September and October:

**GRADE 6:** Students will focus on the importance of being prepared for post-secondary education and the main components of the Ramp-Up program, how to calculate GPA, and why it is important for them to do well in their classes. They will learn how to set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timely) goals and how to practice setting goals, as well as using the importance of a planner.

**GRADE 7:** Seventh grade students will learn how important having good habits like being organized, taking effective notes, studying, and setting goals will help them be more successful academically. Study groups and learning about their individual learning styles will also be addressed.

**GRADE 8:** Students will review the habits they have that make them successful and how to set goals to help them be even more successful. Using a planner, taking Cornell Notes, and setting SMART goals are important to helping students succeed in school. Eighth graders will also investigate what motivates them intrinsically and extrinsically, as well as what academic knowledge they will need for college.

**GRADE 9:** Why does postsecondary success matter? Students will use a tool called the Personal Readiness Evaluation for Postsecondary (PREP) to assess their own social emotional readiness regarding expectations and self-efficacy, effort, persistence, and self-regulated learning. In addition, SMART goals will be reviewed and set for the year, and students will review where they can find help when they need it.

**GRADE 10:** Sophomores will learn an effective note-taking method called Cornell Notes and how to use them for studying individually and with groups. They will also be introduced to Design Thinking to creatively solve problems and practice how to manage their time successfully. Time management is another key topic that will be addressed.

**GRADE 11:** Juniors will be administered and reflect on the Personal Readiness Evaluation for Postsecondary (PREP) survey. They will also focus on delaying gratification so that they will be ready to set and complete longer term goals before they will get their reward (education first, well-paying career to follow). Juniors will finish the month by studying what learning looks like at the college level.

**GRADE 12:** Seniors will be looking at their "to do lists" for fall, winter, and summer concerning postsecondary options. They will also be getting ready to complete postsecondary applications and figuring out how to keep their academic momentum going so they can avoid the dreaded "senior slump." Financial aid options like grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study will be discussed as well.

### Random Riddles Answers

1. Footsteps
2. Your name
3. A piano
4. An egg
5. A fence
6. A mirror
7. A sponge

### Trivia Answers

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

Badger Public School  
110 Carpenter Avenue  
Badger, MN 56714

Non-Profit  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Badger, MN  
Permit No. 10

# ECRWSS

## Postal Customer

### Kindergarten Korner

By: Keyasha Housker



**Chesnie  
Berg**

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, I like playing outside.

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

**What is your favorite song?** *Beauty and the Beast* because I liked the movie. It was good.

**What season do you like best?** Winter because I like having a snowball fight.

**What is your favorite animal?** Tigers because they are fuzzy, fun, and pretty.

**What is your favorite thing to do outside?** Swimming in a pool so I can have water fights.

**What costume do you want to dress up for Halloween?** Batgirl because I like her and she's one of my favorite shows.

**What is your favorite superhero?** Batgirl and I hope to be her for Halloween.

**Avani  
Washington**

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, I like to drive the tractors and play with fake phones.

**What is your favorite color?** Red and purple because my sister Quynn loves them.

**What is your favorite song?** *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* because I sang it before at school.

**What season do you like best?** Winter because me and my family and friends get to play in the snow.

**What is your favorite animal?** Horses because I like riding the little ones.

**What is your favorite thing to do outside?** Riding bike with my sisters.

**What costume do you want to dress up for Halloween?** Owlette from PJ Masks because I like the show.

**What is your favorite superhero?** Flash because he is very fast.

