



The Badger Barker



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Badger High School Nominates Davy and Svir for 'Triple A' Award

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Robby Davy and Amy Svir 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 Mahanomen on February 10, 2016.

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.

Robby Davy is a member of the Badger High School Chapter of the National Honor Society, basketball, and golf teams. As a member of the band and choir, he has won awards for his solo and ensemble performances at MSHSL music contests. Robby is an active member of FIRST Robotics, Knowledge Bowl, Target, Math League, and he is the current Region 8 President of FCCLA. He is planning to attend the University of Minnesota, Crookston, to study agronomy in the fall. Robby is the son of Rob and Tami Davy of Badger.

In addition to being a member of the National Honor Society, Amy Svir participates in volleyball, basketball, and she is a member of the softball team that finished 2nd at the state tournament in 2015. Active in both band and choir, she has won several awards at MSHSL instrumental and vocal solo and ensemble contests. Amy is also involved in One-Act play, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, Target, and she is student council president. She is planning to attend the University of North Dakota to major in physical therapy. Amy is the daughter of Jim and Ruthann Svir of Badger.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Tom Jerome shared, "The Badger School District is very proud and honored to nominate Amy and Robby for the AAA Award. Both are excellent role models as well as positive influences in our school and exemplify what the AAA Award represents. Amy and Robby are involved in multiple school activities and excel academically as honor students." The Badger School District congratulates Amy Svir and Robby Davy on their nominations and accomplishments and wish them well 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 on the web.



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January Gator Sports

By: Isaak Isane

Boys Basketball

- 5 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 8 Warroad @ BGMR
- 12 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 14 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 15 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 19 @ RLCC (Red Lake Falls)
- 22 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 23 @ Blackduck
- 26 @ Kittson Central (Lancaster)
- 28 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)

Wrestling

- 5 Crookston @ BGMR
- 8 @ Bemidji
- 9 @ Bemidji Invitational
- 12 @ Fosston-Bagley (Fosston)
- 16 @ Thief River Falls Invitational
- 19 @ Bemidji Invitational (JV only)
- 21 @ Bemidji
- 26 East Grand Forks/RLCC @ BGMR
- 30 @ Larimore Invitational

Girls Basketball

- 7 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR
- 8 @ Win-E-Mac (Erskine)
- 11 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Argyle)
- 14 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 15 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 19 Crookston @ BGMR
- 21 Roseau @ BGMR
- 22 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 28 Kittson Central @ BGMR

January Dates to Remember

By: Chevy Hamilton

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|----|------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | No School ~ Winter Break | 20 | FAFSA Night ~ Juniors & Seniors & Parents 6:30 p.m. |
| 11 | School Board 7:30 p.m. | 25 | Math League @ Greenbush |
| 13 | Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls | 26 | ECFE "Gym Fun" 6:30 p.m. |
| 15 | End of Quarter 2 | 27 | Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls |
| 18 | No School ~ Staff Workshop | 30 | One-Act Play Subsections @ Roseau |
| 20 | Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls | | |

Trivia

By: Dillon Nieman

1. Which of the following states reaches farthest east?
A. Maine
B. California
C. Hawaii
D. Alaska
2. How many bones does the adult human body have?
A. 300
B. 206
C. 215
D. 195
3. Who was president of the Confederate States during the U.S. Civil War?
A. John Adams
B. Jefferson Davis
C. Abraham Lincoln
D. George Washington
4. What is 20% of 240?
A. 21
B. 24
C. 40
D. 48



Beginning Sewing

The Beginning Sewing class from Badger School finished their aprons just in time for the Thanksgiving weekend. Pictured are (front) Kiah Olafson, Olivia Hamann, Tanner Davy, Dawson Beito, Aunna Doneth, Caitlyn Wooten (back) Derrick Corneliusen, Brandon Pries, Tim Kjelland, Noah Stuebgen, Tessa Blumer, Jory Bronson (not pictured) Esther Nelson.

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Badger High School Nominates Two Students for ExCEL Award

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

Badger High School is pleased to announce the nomination of two juniors, Seth Dostal and Caitlynn Garten, 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 20th annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website on February 1, 2016, and recognized on television during the winter sports tournament season.

Seth Dostal is the son of Tom and Cari Dostal of Badger. He has volunteered time coaching at football camp and serving in his church. A member of the National Honor Society, Seth is involved with football, wrestling, class officer, and has been involved in other school activities including, VEX Robotics, choir, and band.

Caitlynn Garten's activities include choir, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl, student council, and Art Club. She has volunteer time working with local Cub Scouts and at the fair petting zoo. Caitlynn is the daughter of Dan and Diane Garten of Badger.

According to Superintendent Tom Jerome, "Badger School District is proud to announce the selection of Caitlynn Garten and Seth Dostal as ExCEL Award nominees. Caitlynn and Seth are involved in multiple activities and perform at a high level academically. Their commitment to serving the Badger School and community, combined with academic excellence, exemplify what the ExCEL Award presents." Badger Dean of Students Stacey Warne commented, "We are proud of Caitlynn and Seth's accomplishments within our school and community and wish them well in the MSHSL state ExCEL competition."



Shout Out To.....

Barker Staff & Mrs. Mostofi for working hard to publish a very interesting, informative, and entertaining school paper. Thank you for highlighting student activities and promoting Badger School through this medium. I look forward to receiving The Barker each month.

Home for the Holidays...

Sherri Kruger for organizing this event.

Lisa Erickson for organizing the vendors.

Charlie Walsh... for his Christmas Magic.

Deb Pries for the Christmas pictures with Santa.

All who helped and participated in the Home for the Holidays.

Jandi VonEnde for helping the 3rd graders with ornaments.

Mark Rhen for coming to the rescue on opening day of the book fair. After a few moments of panic, he stepped in with his MacGyver skills and successfully unlocked the cash register drawer!

Jared Magnusson for all of the work setting up the gym for the December Music Programs.

Cody Madoll and Anthony Lawson for their help in setting up the stage flats for the elementary music programs.

Juli Smedsmo for her outstanding piano accompanying at solo contest and the high school choir performances in November and December.

FCCLA members and parents, a huge thank you, for working at the bake sale and clothing swap and donated goods event – it couldn't happen without you!

Faith Lutheran members who assisted at the clothing swap – your efforts are much appreciated.

Miss North Star-Madison Truscinski ~ thank you for your donations to Home for the Holidays.

Robby Davy and Dayton Bishop, FACS teacher assistants, for all of your help.

Alex Burkel, Robby Davy, and Alex Truscinski for the heavy lifting and organizing of all the book fair boxes. It was greatly appreciated and made the setup of the book fair go quick and smooth.

Annie Prestegord for the delicious lunch of meatballs and homemade buns she provided for our staff. It was scrumptious!

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Senior Spotlight Devin Dostal

Parents: Tom & Cari Dostal

Siblings: Brendon, Seth, & Kobe

Nicknames: Debbie, Dev-Dev, Debba, Debbie ba-ba

Favorite:

Sport: Wrestling

Song: *Kickstart My Heart* by Motley Crue

Food: Spaghetti

Color: Blue

Quote: "You only live once; but if you live it right, once is enough."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? That I had all the money in the world.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? Shanyce Bishop, travel to Australia.

What one word best describes your personality? Outgoing

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Having to be towed home by Kasey Wojocieczowski after breaking down in the parking lot.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Hang out with my buds.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? The good times with the Badger boys.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Graduating from BHS.



Senior Spotlight Tyler Klegstad

Parents: Amie & Jason Klegstad

Siblings: Cole & Logan

Nickname: Klegger

Favorite:

Sport: Basketball

Song: Anything but rap & classical

Food: Steak

Color: Blue

Quote: "If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor."
~ Albert Einstein

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish for three wishes and after that I would wish for unlimited money.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? I really don't have anyone that I would like to travel with, but I would love to travel around the world checking out all the extreme water parks.

What one word best describes your personality? Blunt

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? I honestly don't think I have a most embarrassing moment.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Hang out

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? I will always remember the day Robby Davy threw a snowball at Mr. Coltom when we went to Wolf Ridge.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? I am proud of participating in all kinds of extra-curriculars.



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Senior Spotlight Keithan Hoang

Parents: Tiana & Barrett Hoosier

Siblings: Tiffany, Kasey, Eli, Ella

Nicknames: Cheech

Favorite:

Sport: None

Song: *Spaceman* by Carnage Festival Trap Remix

Food: Spring Rolls

Color: Green

Quote: "Keep it simple."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Go to Mars.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? My older brother and I would go to Amsterdam.

What one word best describes your personality? Chill

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Walking into the wrong class.

What is your favorite thing to do on your free time? Play videos games or skateboard.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? First day in school.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Passing all my classes.



Senior Spotlight Isabella Grafstrom

Parents: Luke & Angie Grafstrom

Siblings: None

Nicknames: Bella, Bewa



Favorite:

Sport: Cheerleading

Song: *Levels* by Nick Jonas

Food: Pizza

Color: Purple

Quote: "Never, never, never give up." ~ Winston Churchill

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? A redo button.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? Caitlin Lunde and we would go somewhere warm.

What one word best describes your personality? Bubbly

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Playing my flute after a dentist appointment with a numb mouth.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? I like to run on my free time.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Being in band solo contests and attempting to get over my stage fright.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Having the opportunity of being in homecoming as a senior.

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Band Musician of the Month

Katie Coltom

Grade: 12

Sibling: Megan

What instrument do you play? Trumpet

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I didn't choose it, it chose me.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Always talking to Megan. ☺

How long have you been in band? 8 years.

What is your favorite song to play? *Thriller* by Michael Jackson.

What advice would you give to younger musician? Don't talk when Ms. Erickson is talking!

Listen to Ms. Erickson!

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? Ms. Erickson does every day I walk into the band room.



Choir Musician of the Month

Alex Burkel

Grade: 12

Siblings: Vanessa, Andrea, Jack, Emily

What section are you in? Tenor

How long have you been in choir? 6

What is the hardest part about being in choir? Keeping my section in line!

What advice would you give other vocalists? Stay on Mr. Carpenter's good side.

What are you looking forward to this year? The music review.

What kind of music do you like to sing? Anything and everything!

What is your favorite choir memory? Preparing for past music reviews.



Badger Student Opinion

By: Emma Dimich

What are your thoughts about having a robot in your home in the future?

Auna Doneth

It would be cool because it could clean your room and help people with things. I would use it for the Internet and Wi-Fi. It could also cook or make your food. It could be your best friend.

Dawson Beito

I think it might be cool because it could take care of our pets and help us with work, but it could be bad and people would be fat and lazy because we don't do anything all day.

Caitlyn Wooten

It would be amazing because they could get you pickles, but it would be kind of creepy because they could turn evil.

Jack Burkel

I think having a robot in my house would be a bad idea waiting to happen. I wouldn't feel safe or comfortable around a robot. It would be cool to have a robot though.

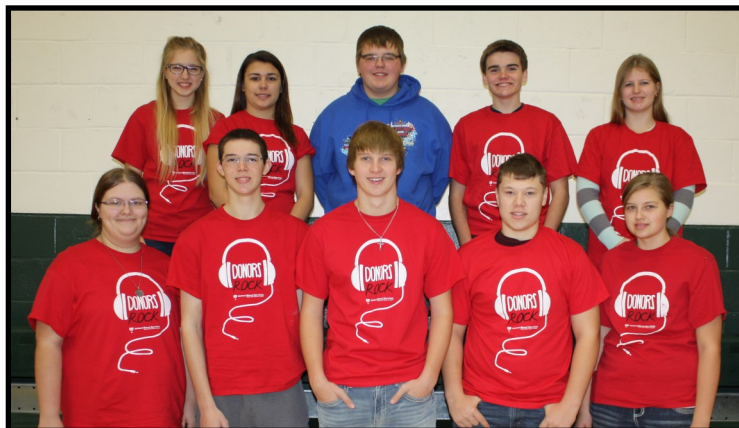


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NHS Blood Drive

By: Isaak Isane

On November 17, Badger School National Honor Society students hosted one of their annual blood drives. Thirteen Badger High School students donated. Donors pictured in the group photo are (back) Joanna Erickson, Megan Doneth, Riley Sovde, Alex Burkel, and Nicole Hill, (front) Caity Garten, Jared Davy, Alex Truscinski, Isaac Dostal, and Emily Hamann. Pictured in the individual pictures are Benton Kohl, Jacob Hoover, and Katie Coltom. Thirty-seven units of blood were collected from thirty-two donors. The blood is collected by Fargo United Blood Services and is delivered to area hospitals where they use it for medical needs such as treatments for cancer, bleeding disorders, and other illness or diseases. Thank you to all who participated! The blood drive was again a success.



January Wacky Celebrations

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

By: Tyrah Green

Festival of Sleep Day ~ January 3rd

This is a holiday to catch up on a little sleep. Whether it's all day, a full 8 hours, or just a power nap, enjoy the day sleeping. Cozy up in bed, on the couch, or any other comfortable place. Oh, don't forget your favorite stuffed animal.

Make Your Dreams Come True Day ~ January 13th

This day gives you the opportunity to do something to realize your goals and dreams. Whatever your dreams, they usually don't come true without some effort on your part. So, today is the perfect opportunity to do something about it. Sure some dreams are long-term, and this is the day to make an effort to achieve those dreams. If you believe, you will succeed.

Nothing Day ~ January 16th

This day is the day where you do nothing, literally. The expectation is that we do not create or otherwise promote this day. And, to say anything more would contradict the purpose of this day. Celebrate this day by doing nothing. Of course, that assumes that doing nothing is okay with your boss.

National Hugging Day ~ January 21st

You get to hug anyone you want! Hugs are loving and therapeutic. Hugs are caring and celebratory. Hugs make you feel good inside. Have you ever gotten a hug from someone that made you ever feel bad? Didn't think so. That's proof hugging is positive and shows you're loved and cared about.

Backwards Day ~ January 31st

Do everything backwards. Use your imagination and Backward Day can be lots of fun. Try writing backwards or reading backwards. Wear your shirt with the back in the front. Eat your meal starting with dessert. Walk backwards or talk backwards. Play a board game backwards, from the finish line to the start. Now that sounds fun!

1. What do dogs celebrate on October 31st?
2. Timmy's mother has three children. The first was named April. The next was named May. What is the final one's name?
3. Why can't the Tyrannosaurus rex clap?
4. What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence?

Random Riddles

www.goodriddlesnow.com

By: Austin Maurstad

5. You can easily touch me, but not see me. You can throw me out, but not away. What am I?
6. What two letters can spell the word candy?
7. During what month do people sleep the least?

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Campus Comment

By: Tessa Sanden

What is one activity you haven't done yet, but would like to?

Dawson Beito (7th grade): One activity I would like to do is go on a big elk hunting trip in Montana with Tanner Davy.

Emily Gust (8th grade): One activity I would like to do that I haven't done yet would probably be a new sport or go to Canada for the races this summer!

Dorothy Kjelland (9th grade): Competing with other schools in singing competitions and acting competitions are activities I would always love to do.

Tyler Isane (10th grade): I would want to go snowmobiling in the mountains to see a great view and just the thrill of the ride.

Dayton Bishop (11th grade): I would like to go snowmobiling in the mountains because I love riding and think it would be a thrill.

Sydney Sele (12th grade): I would really like to road trip around the United States and see every attraction possible.

Mr. Johnson (Social Studies Teacher): I would thoroughly enjoy skydiving. It would be very scary, but the thrill of jumping out of an airplane would overcome the fear.



Northwest Regional Honor Band Day

By: Ashtyn Beito

The Minnesota Band Directors' Association Northwest Regional Honor Band will be held on Saturday, January 17, in Fergus Falls. The day will consist of an all-day practice followed by a concert that evening. Badger High School band director, Lisa Erickson, nominated students to attend. Seven students from Badger will be participating: eighth graders Emma VonEnde (trombone) and Morgan Praska (clarinet); tenth graders Ethan Praska (alto sax) and Joanna Erickson (French horn); junior Jordan Watson (trombone); and seniors Leah Erickson (clarinet) and Alex Burkel (trumpet).



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Trivia Answers

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Paraprofessional Week

By: Tyrah Green

Paraprofessional Recognition Week is celebrated throughout Minnesota January 11-15 to recognize the many paraprofessionals that help students with their educations. They work in all different departments throughout school buildings. Paraprofessionals help in classrooms and libraries to help students that have a harder time developing the topics they are being taught. Badger School would like to recognize the paraprofessionals in our community.

Loraine Kukowski ~ *Library*

I worked for seven years as a high school paraprofessional, and this is currently my seventh year as a library paraprofessional. I became a paraprofessional because I love working with kids, and I was ready to go back to work in the public sector. What I love is watching the students get excited about the books!

Diann Hauger ~ *High school*

I started working as a paraprofessional in 2006. I chose to be a paraprofessional because working with young people is enjoyable and rewarding. Every day is a new adventure! Seeing how each student grows in their own way brings positive results to which they can accomplish. I love my job and the people I get to work with every day.

Elizabeth Lane ~ *High School, Math and Science*

This is my second year working at Badger School. I became a paraprofessional because I enjoy working with students and having the chance to make a difference in their lives. The thing that I love most about being a para is being able to help the students and see the look of success when they begin to understand a subject they were struggling with. The joy that they experience after everything starts to make sense is worth all the days of struggle trying to understand it.

Shelly Nelson ~ *High School, English and Science*

This is my first year working at the Badger School! I became a paraprofessional because I wanted to spend more time with my family, while simultaneously being able to make a daily impact on young people's lives. Education seemed a perfect fit. I love the feeling a person has when they know they have truly helped a student work through a lesson they are struggling with. To see the pride on their faces and confidence level go up makes a person feel like they made a difference that day. You cannot put a price on that. I also love being part of the Badger staff. Everyone has been wonderful and welcoming, and I feel blessed to be part of the family.

Renee Rhen ~ *4th – 6th Grade*

I've been working with the Badger School for eleven years. I became a paraprofessional because it was something completely different from what I was previously doing. What I love about this job is I enjoy seeing the students' faces when they finally "get" it.

Sue Smith ~ *K- 3rd Grade*

I've been a paraprofessional for three years. I became a paraprofessional because I enjoy working with children and helping them with new challenges. There's always new challenges. I love seeing the smiling faces and all their energy.

Angel Houska ~ *Elementary*

This is my first year at Badger. Before I came to Badger I taught for twenty-one years in Larimore, ND. I became a paraprofessional because it's an opportunity to make a positive impact in a child's life and learning. I love being around/with kids!

Tami Davy ~ *Preschool*

I have been a paraprofessional in the preschool program for 10 years. Previously I was an Early Childhood Educator 2½ years at a daycare in British Columbia, Canada. I became a paraprofessional because previously I was a stay at home mother. Badger School had an opening for a preschool paraprofessional when my children all became school age and I was hired. What I love is I've always loved working with young children. They're always eager to learn. I enjoy that I get to be a part of their first school experience and see them through the years grow up at Badger School. It's a pleasure working with the staff and children as we are a close-knit family.

Kris Wilson ~ *Preschool*

I've been working at the school for four years. I became a paraprofessional because I have a degree in education and wanted to get back into the educational field. I love working with kids, especially this age group!



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Stormy the Singing Snowman ~ Elementary Winter Program



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My New Year's Resolution is... Grade 4

- ...to lose as many pounds as I can, but I will keep some pounds. ~ **Arianna Grugal**
- ...that I will get on the A honor roll in Quarter 2, 3, and 4 so I can be a good student. ~ **Carter Hamann**
- ...to do all my homework and give it in on time, even when we have a lot or just a little. When I don't even have homework that is even better! I will also do my best work and stay on the A honor roll. I promise I will always ask questions when I don't know the answer. Lastly, I promise myself to be a hard worker at school. ~ **Ally-Marie Gravelle**
- ...to do my homework on time. I want to get on the A honor roll. I want to be good to my mom and dad and keep my room clean. I want to be a good listener. ~ **Macy Majer**
- ...to not leave my tablet and MP3 player out, and not to leave campus. ~ **Christian Peterson**
- ...to be fit for basketball. ~ **Ella Hoosier**
- ...to exercise more! ~ **Treston Nichols**
- ...to make my mom, dad, and brother their birthday presents. ~ **Danton Bronson**
- ...to be a better wrestler so I can win state champion and grow stronger and get better. ~ **Austin Stainbrook**
- ...to help people improve in any subject and get my grades up. I will be nice to everyone. ~ **Ada Lee**
- ...to keep my room clean. ~ **Measha Troxel**
- ...to gain weight. ~ **Xander Grugal**
- ...to get on the A honor roll. ~ **Amelia Wilt**
- ...to help out around the house, be nice to my sisters, and get better and stronger at basketball. ~ **Jordan Lee**
- ...to do better in sports. ~ **Huntar Keeler**
- ...to ride horse a lot more. ~ **Jordan Davy**
- ...to play more video games and play with more Legos. ~ **Tony Peppel**
- ...to have a good time and to have fun. I can exercise more so I can lose weight. ~ **Marissa Secord**
- ...to try to be on the honor roll and try to do good in school and get As or Bs. That would be good. ~ **Tenisha Berger**
- ...that I'm trying to get on the A honor roll. ~ **Jaden Solberg**
- ...to be an expert at Minecraft! ~ **Micah Nelson**

My New Year's Resolution is... Grade 5

- ...to help around the house. ~ **Keyasha Housker**
- ...to pass the 5th grade and be on the A honor roll. ~ **Brandon Secord**
- ...to help with chores more. ~ **Riley Gust**
- ...to help my family. ~ **Adrien Doneth**
- ...trying to get on the A honor roll instead of the B honor roll. ~ **Lydia Sanden**
- ...to get on the A honor roll. ~ **Gabe Warne**
- ...to get on the A honor roll for the rest of the year. ~ **Victoria Hickey**
- ...to get on the A honor roll for the rest of the year ~ **Cody Olson**
- ...to keep my house warm for my family by carrying wood. ~ **Mason Scharf**
- ...to get the snowcats running if we get lots of snow. ~ **Dylan VonEnde**
- ...to try my best in basketball to win basketball games. ~ **Raegen Maahs**
- ...to try really hard in school, band, and wrestling. ~ **Brogan Beito**
- ...to get on the A honor roll. ~ **Kevin Bollinger**
- ...to miss less school and get better at math. ~ **Julia Bergeron**
- ...to get the best grades possible. ~ **Landon Frislie**
- ...to be on the A honor. ~ **Elliott Isane**
- ...to make my animals and family happy. ~ **Bryza Rud**
- ...to be on the A honor roll. ~ **Katerina Nubson**
- ...to get on the A- or B honor roll. ~ **Talisha Hamann**
- ...to get better grades. ~ **Jonah Creekmore**
- ...to get along with my classmates. ~ **Tre Alten**

Random Riddles Answers

1. Bow-wow-ween!
2. Timmy of course.
3. They are extinct.
4. Time to buy a new fence.
5. Your back.
6. C and Y. If you take away the spaces, it will become the word Candy.
7. February, it's the shortest month after all.

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My New Year's Resolution is... Grade 6

...to get on the A honor roll. I will do my best to get in band. ~ **Salma Pray**
...to get really good at basketball. ~ **Hannah Rud**
...for our basketball team to win every game. ~ **Jasmine Christianson**
...to get along with my sister. ~ **Hannah Wilt**
...to be more thankful for what I have because before you know it, it could be gone. ~ **Aulona Jasiqi**
...to stay on the honor roll. ~ **Hailey VonEnde**
...to be in football. ~ **Blaine Olson**
...to make it on the A honor roll at least one quarter. ~ **Ashley Stainbrook**
...to not fight with my brothers or sister. ~ **Sierra Askew**
...to read more throughout the year. ~ **Abigail Novacek-Pratt**
...to learn new things in basketball this year. ~ **Greta Lee**
...to play more basketball this season. ~ **Kadeyn Keller**
...to not argue with my siblings as much as I do. ~ **Bryce Thompson**
...to get to the Minnesota history contest. ~ **Coryn Peppel**
...to not argue with my sibling. ~ **Brooke VonEnde**
...to not fight with my brothers as much. ~ **Jenessa Isane**
...to get along with my brother. ~ **Madison Wojciehowski**
...to get higher grades. ~ **Jordan Scharf**
...to help people. ~ **Erin Gonzalez**
...to get good grades. ~ **Isayah Mielke-Buschel**

Spotlight on Scholarship

Badger High School recently announced its Spotlight on Scholarship recipients for the fall sports season. The Spotlight on Scholarship Award, sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), recognizes student-athletes for maintaining a B or better average while participating in MSHSL activities. Pictured are **Front:** Isabella Grafstrom, Megan Kompelien, Leah Erickson, Colby Wooten **Middle:** Tyler Isane, Devin Pries, Jack Peppel, Seth Dostal, Anthony Rinde **Back:** Amy Svir, Alex Ylitalo, Ethan Praska, Isaac Dostal.



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Kindergarten



Winter



Wonderland



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Badger School Superintendent's News



Badger School District Announces AAA Award Winners

Congratulations to Badger seniors Amy Svir and Robby Davy. Amy and Robby were recently selected as the Badger School District AAA Award winners. The Triple A Award is a Minnesota State High School League sponsored award. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor high school seniors who excel in the areas of Academics, Athletics and Fine Arts. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required as well as participation in athletics and fine arts. Amy Svir and Robby Davy are excellent examples of what the AAA Award represents. Congratulations to Amy and Robby as well as their families. Both students will be honored at the Region 8 banquet on February 10 in Mahanomen.

Badger School District Announces ExCEL Award Winners

Badger School District names ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) Award Winners. Congratulations to Caitlynn Garten and Seth Dostal. The ExCEL Award is a Minnesota State High School League sponsored award. The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in community, education and leadership.

To be considered for the ExCEL Award students must:

- Be a high school junior
- Making progress toward graduation
- Hold a leadership position in school
- Work voluntarily in their community

Congratulations to Caitlynn and Seth for being selected as Badger School ExCEL Award Winners.

Badger School District Celebrates Paraprofessional Week

The Badger School District will celebrate and formally recognize our paraprofessional staff as part of Paraprofessional Week January 11-16 as declared by Governor Dayton throughout the state of Minnesota. Paraprofessionals, also known as instructional aides in many schools, are often times the unsung heroes of a school district. Paraprofessionals assist teachers and students as needed throughout the school day on a regular basis. On any given day you may find paraprofessionals outside of school ensuring students safely board school busses, monitoring the playground during recess, or supervising the lunchroom. Paraprofessionals have many duties, however the most important responsibility of the paraprofessional is assisting students as needed academically throughout the day.

The Badger School District is fortunate to have a group of dedicated paraprofessionals that understand their role and work collaboratively with the teachers they assist to ensure that students have the opportunity to maximize their potential as learners.

Thank you to all of the paraprofessionals in the Badger School District for their ongoing professionalism and commitment to our students. Their efforts to assist our students and staff help to make our school a great place to work and learn.

In closing, on behalf of the Badger School District, thank you to all community and district residents for all that you do for our school and our students. Please feel free to stop by anytime to visit. Thank you for all that you do to make Badger "the school where every student belongs."

Sincerely,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent
Badger School District



The Badger Barker



Ramp-Up Topics for January

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: During January, students will be encouraged to think about the types of college that will one day be available to them, beginning with accessing information they already have about college. Most students do not know about the different types, but many will have some tidbits of information on which to build.

WORKSHOP: Career Key Survey

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 the many 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.

WORKSHOP: Readiness Rubric Check-In

GRADE 8: With high school on the horizon, students in eighth grade will be looking more closely at high school courses and activities that are available to them. Students will have the opportunity to investigate high school elective course options and sequences of required courses that will help prepare them for their postsecondary education prior to registering this coming spring.

WORKSHOP: Readiness Rubric Check-In

GRADE 9: Students will use the Search Institute’s Developmental Assets as the basis for study in January. Individuals will first identify what they see as their own assets by filling out a checklist. They then identify ways they can use their assets to overcome obstacles in their education and life.

WORKSHOP: Readiness Rubric Check-In

GRADE 10: How will I pay for college? This unit will describe ways that students can and do pay for college. Students will take an in-depth look 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 that can help answer many questions parents and students have about paying for college.

WORKSHOP: Readiness Rubric Check-In

GRADE 11: Juniors will be using their advisory sessions to learn about guidelines for writing college and scholarship essays. Students may spend some time in their English class practicing what they have learned about these essays.

WORKSHOP: Readiness Rubric Check-In

GRADE 12: Seniors will revisit the idea and practice of goal setting. Research about how people perceive goals and the obstacles and benefits of reaching those goals is introduced, along with solutions for helping students to think about how they will approach obstacles so that the benefits can be realized.

WORKSHOP: Readiness Rubric Check-In

Scholastic Book Fair Thank You

Submitted by: Sherry Verbout-Book Fair Coordinator

December 12-16 were the dates for this year’s Scholastic Monster Book Fair. Maybe you noticed all the scary or not so scary creatures in the library windows and throughout the school. Badger School librarian, Lorraine Kukowski, did such a great job with the decorations. It really brought the theme alive and created a fun shopping atmosphere. With opening day being held in conjunction with the annual Holiday Bazaar/Santa Day, we had great sales, as many students, parents, and community members came out to support the book fair. This was a great place to pick up fun and educational gifts for everyone on their list. The sales continued to be great throughout the rest of the week resulting in over \$2000 worth of books to be added to the elementary classrooms and the library!!

It takes a team effort to pull off this great event, so I would like to extend a huge thank you to our parent volunteers Sara Olson, Jami Lunde, and Diane Garten, and also to Marcia Wilhelmi, community volunteer, who all graciously gave of their time to work during school hours so our students could attend the fair throughout the day. Also, a huge thank you to school staff Renee Rhen and Joni Pelowski, all the extra time and talents you gave to help operations run so smoothly was appreciated.

Getting kids hooked on books is a good thing, and the book fair provides one more experience where it could happen for a child. So for this reason alone, we will see you next year, when this great event for literacy rolls into town!

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Kindergarten Korner

By: Amelia Stainbrook



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Parents: Derrick & Shannon Olson

Age: 5

What is your favorite thing about kindergarten so far?

My favorite thing about kindergarten is I get to make stars with playdough.

What is your favorite TV show?

My favorite TV show to watch is *My Little Pony* because Fluttershy feeds the animals.

What is your favorite game? I like to play football with my daddy because it's cool.

What is your favorite food? My favorite food to eat is chicken fries.

If you could be a super hero, who would it be? I would be Super Girl because I like playing super heroes.

Parents: Tracy & Brian Housker

Age: 6

What is your favorite thing about kindergarten so far?

My favorite thing about kindergarten is playing spy paw patrol outside.

What is your favorite TV show?

My favorite TV show is *Mickey Mouse*!

What is your favorite game? My favorite game to play is princesses.

What is your favorite food? My favorite food is chicken ramen noodles.

If you could be a super hero, who would it be? I would be Thunder Girl because she has lighting.

