



The Badger Barker



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Badger Alumni Wins Miss North Star!

By: Ashtyn Beito



The annual Miss North Star pageant was held on Sunday, September 20, in Middle River. The Badger School and community are proud to say that Madison Tracinski, Badger School 2015 graduate, was crowned the 2015 queen. Madison is currently a freshman at the University of Mary and had this to say about her experience:

Why did you enter the pageant? I entered the pageant because I truly enjoy serving my community and sharing my talent with other people. I participated in two pageants last year, and I really appreciated the sisterhood that comes with competing in the Miss America pageant system. So I tried again and now I have the honor of being a role model for young girls plus I get to represent our communities and have fun while doing it.

What are the different areas of competition? The different areas of competition include personal interview in front of a panel of judges, talent of your choice, lifestyle and fitness (also known as swimsuit), evening gown, and an onstage question. My favorite portions are personal interview and talent because I got to meet so many new people. This last pageant I was judged by a former Miss North Dakota and was so excited that I just recently went to the Miss Grand Forks/Miss Empire pageant because she now helps run those pageants.

How did you prepare for the pageant? I had to work on my grace and balance so that I have more poise in my standing and walking for not only stage presence, but also for my personal interview. I practiced my talent piece for many hours prior to the pageant so that it became second nature for me to perform it. I ate a lot of protein and ran several miles. I started doing this about a month prior to the pageant. And now I am working on getting into better shape so that I look good on the Miss Minnesota stage next June.

What did it feel like to be crowned Miss North Star? It was the most humbling experience I have had outside of high school. I couldn't

believe I had finally not only placed in a pageant but had actually won. My thoughts after the first and second runner-ups had been announced was that I didn't place again. It was such an amazing blessing to hear my name called as the new Miss North Star 2015. After the crowning, the winners of each of the categories were announced. I was astonished when I learned that I had won every category of the pageant, with the exception of the on-stage question. The feeling of having this dream come true was indescribable!

What does being Miss North Star consist of for your reigning year? As Miss North Star I have several jobs which consist of attending local pageants throughout Minnesota and even some North Dakota pageants that are a part of the Miss America Organization. I also get to promote my platform "Operation: Embrace the Mirror" which is about boosting self-confidence in anyone and everyone so they have the strength to stand up for what they believe in and what is right. I also have the opportunity to speak to different groups about not only my platform but also my year as Miss North Star and the Miss America Organization.

What advice would you give other girls who would want to be Miss North Star one day? Follow your dreams and don't let anyone ever tell you that Miss North Star is just a beauty pageant because it is way more. Being crowned at one of the local pageants that are affiliated with the Miss America Organization is being welcomed into a sisterhood. The crowns that the winners of each local pageant are given are exactly the same: a circle that comes to four points. These points represent style, service, scholarship, and success. The Miss North Star pageant is a scholarship pageant and not a beauty pageant. If you want to be a future Miss North Star do not hesitate to participate because you won't regret the experience.

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Band Musician of the Month Isabella Grafstrom

Grade: 12

Siblings: None

What instrument do you play? Flute

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I didn't. The band director at my previous school chose it for me.

What is your most memorable moment in band? When I got back from a dentist appointment and my mouth was numb and I tried to play and was just blowing air.

How long have you been in band? 6 years

What is your favorite song to play? *Iron Man*

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Practice, Practice, Practice!

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? Ms. Erickson because she makes it fun and encourages you to improve. She has convinced me to try to get over my fear of playing in public and to be in solo contests.



Choir Musician of the Month Robby Davy

Grade: 12

Siblings: Jared & Gavin

What section are you in? Bass

How long have you been in choir? 6 years

What is the hardest part about being in choir? The hardest part about choir is to not talk while you're not singing.

What advice would you give other vocalist? The best advice I can give is to pay attention to Mr. Carpenter, step out of your comfort zone, and have fun.

What are you looking forward to this year? I am most looking forward to solo/ensemble contests, large group contests, honor choirs, and the Music Review this year.

What kind of music do you like to sing? I usually prefer more upbeat music and music with a really powerful message.

What is your favorite choir memory? My favorite choir memories are during previous Music Reviews and honor choirs at Northland and Concordia.

FCCLA Dance

By: Amelia Stainbrook

The Badger FCCLA held a dance on Friday, October 9, at the Badger School. The cost was five dollars, but if you brought a food shelf item it was four dollars. The dance was for grades 7 -12. Popcorn, pizza, candy, and pop were available. The money raised at the dance makes it possible for students to attend regional, state, and national conferences. The food collected was donated to our local food shelf.

The dance was a success. Lots of people attended, and it was very fun. I asked some students what was their favorite song for that night. Tessa Sanden picked *Stay* by Florida Georgia Line; Ashtyn Beito liked *Hit the Quan* by iHeart Memphis. But the most memorable moment for Ashtyn was when she forgot she shook her pop. Later when she opened it, the pop went everywhere. And yes, she had to clean it up herself! There will be more dances this year – make sure and join them next time.

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Senior Spotlight Kasey Wojciechowski

Parents: Dyan & Kevin

Siblings: None

Nickname: Kaccat

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Song: *Thunderstruck* by AC/DC

Food: Pizza

Color: Orange

Quote: "Loud pipes save lives."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Own a million old cars.

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 go with my uncle, and we would go to Alaska.

What one word best describes your personality? Talkative

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? It would be when I got my truck towed out from the school parking lot because my truck broke a ball joint.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Work on my cars and trucks.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Playing 21 after lunch.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Getting to be in Tractor Club.



Senior Spotlight Alex Burkel



Parents: John & Joni Burkel

Siblings: Vanessa, Andrea, Jack, Emily

Nickname: Burk

Favorite:

Sport: Golf

Song: *Another Kind of Green* by John Mayer

Food: Turkey!

Color: Blue

Quote: "Never take life too seriously, you'll never make it out of alive." ~ Elbert Hubbard

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish for the super power to teleport!

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? That's tough. I think I'd take my dad and we would go to the Master's Golf Tournament in Augusta.

What one word best describes your personality? Sociable

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? That's tough because I've had a lot of them! But I would have to say when we were practicing for a Music Review Truscinski, Darius, and I started playing leapfrog standing up

because we were bored! So when I went to jump over Alex he ducked, so I flew over him and face planted on the floor in front of the whole choir.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Playing COD Zombies on Xbox with my boy Alex Truscinski!

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Playing in the band.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? That I was able to set a good example for kids younger than me.

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Senior Spotlight Alex Truscinski

Parents: Valerie & Alan Truscinski

Siblings: Kennedy & Madison

Nickname: Ted

Favorite:

Sport: Golf

Song: *People Back Home* by Florida Georgia Line

Food: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, and gravy

Color: Neon Orange

Quote: "You can't look forward unless you stop looking back."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To not have to pay for college.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? My future wife, and I would probably just go to a tropical Island that has an all-inclusive resort.

What one word best describes your personality? Obnoxious

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? In choir falling off the back risers and landing literally flat on top of the chairs right in the middle of a song.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Play COD Zombies on Xbox with Burkel, my boy!

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Just everyday being with my friends is what I want to remember.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Winning the Veterans Day essay my 7th grade year.



Senior Spotlight Leah Erickson

Parents: Scott & Tina Erickson

Siblings: Micah, Julia, Sarah, Joanna

Nicknames: Le lala, Lelah, Angel, Pamela

Favorite:

Sport: Ultimate Soccer

Song: *All I Ever Needed* by AJ Michalka

Food: Rice

Color: Aqua Blue

Quote: "A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish that I would be car smart and be able to fix my own car.

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 friend Emily Olson (from the cities) and we would go to Italy, France, and to tropical areas all over the world.

What one word best describes your personality? Musical

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Slipping and falling into someone's puke. ☹️

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Drawing, singing, and playing piano.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Singing with Megan at contests every year and at the Music Review at 2014.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Helping the teachers and getting to know them like family. I will miss seeing them everyday.



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Fall Deer Hunting Season

By: Austin Maurstad

The youth had an opportunity to hunt before the regular season started. The 2015 early youth season started on October 15 and went until October 18. With the accompaniment of a licensed guardian (age 18 or older) at all times, youth ages 10-15 could hunt one deer of either sex in designated deer hunting areas. Youth 12 or older had to have a firearm safety certificate or apprentice hunter validation and must possess a valid youth firearm deer license. If you took a deer in the youth season, it counts towards your annual bag limit of deer for that calendar year.

The regular firearm season will start November 7 and the muzzleloader season starts November 28. Hunters who are 84 or older, in any deer season, may take a deer of either sex. During the muzzleloader season, hunters who are 60 or older may use a magnified scope while they hunt. Blaze orange is required for all hunters who take part in any deer hunt.



Erika Howell



Landon Frislie



Kasen Swenson



Jory Bronson

Trivia

By: Dillon Nieman

- Who was sentenced to death in 1964 as a result of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy?
 - Lee Harvey Oswald
 - John Wilkes Booth
 - Jack Ruby
 - Leon Czolgosz
- What insect shorted out an early supercomputer and inspired the term 'computer bug'?
 - moth
 - roach
 - fly
 - Japanese beetle
- What 1973 Supreme Court decision ruled that state laws restricting abortions violated a women's right of privacy?
 - Brown vs. Board of Education
 - Roe vs. Wade
 - Plessy vs. Ferguson
 - Miranda vs. Arizona
- In 1995 the United Nations celebrated which birthday?
 - 35 years
 - 45 years
 - 50 years
 - 60 years

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November Dates to Remember

By: Chevy Hamilton

- 1 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 2 Math League @ Park Rapids
- 3 No ECFE ~ Election Day
- 3 Mayville State University rep
- 3 Minnesota State University Moorhead rep
- 5 Comm Ed ~ Stained Glass on Glass 6:30 pm
- 6 End Quarter 1
- 8 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 9 No School ~ Staff Workshop
- 9 School Board 7:30 pm
- 10 Instrumental & Vocal Solo Contest @ Warroad
- 10 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 10 ECFE "Letters D & E" 6:00 pm
- 11 Veterans Day Program 2:00 pm
- 12 Northland Community & Technical College Honor Choir @ TRF
- 12 Comm Ed ~ Stained Glass on Glass 6:30 pm
- 15 Open Gym 3:30 - 5:00 pm
- 16 ASVAB Interpretation ~ grade 11
- 16 Comm Ed ~ Stained Glass on Glass 6:30 pm
- 17 Blood Drive sponsored by Badger National Honor Society
- 17 University of North Dakota rep
- 17 North Dakota State University rep
- 17 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 17 ECFE "Letters F & G" 6:00 pm
- 19 Climb Theatre, grades k-12
- 19 Comm Ed ~ Stained Glass on Glass 6:30 pm
- 19 Fall Sports Banquet 6:30 pm
- 22 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 23 Math League @ Nevis
- 24 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 24 ECFE "Thanksgiving" 6:00 pm
- 26-27 No School ~ Thanksgiving Break
- 29 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm

November Gator Sports

By: Isaak Isane

Volleyball

- 2 Varsity Section Semi Finals
- 6 Varsity Section Finals

Boys' Basketball

- 9 Practice Begins
- 20 Goodridge/Grygla/Gatzke @ BGMR
- 24 @ Stephen Argyle Central (Stephen)

Girls' Basketball

- 16 Practice Begins
- 30 Northern Freeze @BGMR

Wrestling

- 16 Practice Begins

Trivia Answers

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

Random Riddles Answers

1. Remove the 's' from 'seven' to make it 'even.'
2. Nothing, it doesn't have legs.
3. When it's ajar.
4. A ruler.
5. An owl.
6. A garbage truck.
7. A bottle.

Should students have an after school job?

By: Emma Dimich

Fedeline Kjelland

Yes, students should have a job after school. Do your homework before you go so you don't have to stay up all night at home.

Devan Olson

I think it is a good thing for kids to have a job, but sometimes you have other stuff that needs to be done every day. For example, I have horse chores to do every day, so I don't really have time for an after school job. If students have time and are able to do it, I think they should have one.

Thomas Whitt

No, they have homework to do and they have to worry about school.

Alyssa Grindahl

No, because some kids might have homework or be busy doing something else.



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Senior Fall Athletes

By: Isaak Isane

Whoa, that was fast! Another school year and another fall sports season is over. Unfortunately, it was the last for our four senior football players Anthony Rinde, Devin Dostal, Tyler Becker, Jacob Berger, and our one senior volleyball player Amy Svir. Here are some thoughts about their careers!

What was your most memorable moment during this season?

Anthony Rinde ~ Playing our last home game.

Devin Dostal ~ When we were playing Polk County West and I hit their running back so hard I knocked him out, and we got the fumble.

Tyler Becker ~ Making a one handed catch for a touchdown in Fosston.

Jacob Berger ~ All of the memories were good.

Amy Svir ~ Getting elbowed in the eye by Carly Mekash and landing on my butt from it.

What was your most memorable game in your career?

Anthony ~ Last Badger homecoming game.

Devin ~ My freshman year playing Climax, when I started middle linebacker and it was snowing hard and really cold and no one could get anywhere because it was so slippery.

Tyler ~ First game of my junior year.

Jacob ~ Last home game.

Amy ~ We beat Sacred Heart in five games my junior year. I blocked and got the last point and we won 16-14!

What is your favorite position?

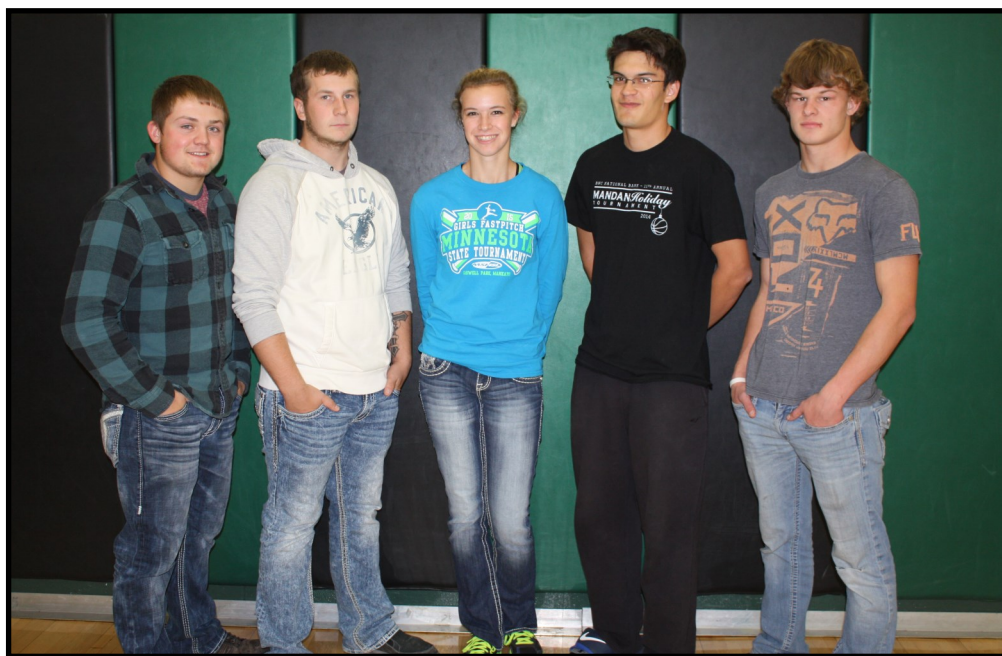
Anthony ~ Linebacker

Devin ~ Middle line backer

Tyler ~ Running back

Jacob ~ Defensive nose tackle

Amy ~ Middle



Pictured: Devin Dostal, Jacob Berger, Amy Svir, Tyler Becker, Anthony Rinde

What do like most about football/volleyball?

Anthony ~ Hitting people and running the ball.

Devin ~ I like being with all my friends and playing as hard as we can together and always helping each other out.

Tyler ~ Scoring touchdowns.

Jacob ~ That you get to hit people as hard as you can.

Amy ~ Hitting and blocking.

What will you miss most about football/volleyball?

Anthony ~ Playing with my team.

Devin ~ Being with the guys every day, getting big hits in the game, and watching the crowd get excited.

Tyler ~ Playing with great teammates.

Jacob ~ Being with the team.

Amy ~ I love volleyball, so I will miss playing the game in general.

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Campus Comment

By: Tessa Sanden

If you could be transported to anywhere in the world right now, where would you pick?

Jack Burkel (7th grade): If I could go anywhere in the world, it would be on the top of the Empire State Building. I would go there because then I could see all of New York. Also because it's really high in the air. If not there, then I would go to Hawaii because it's tropical.

Kiana Jacobson (8th grade): If I could be transported anywhere, I would want to go to Australia. I would want to go there because it is beautiful there. They have beautiful beaches and jungles. They have The Great Barrier Reef, which I've always wanted to see. In Sydney they have a WWII ship that is now a floating forest; I've always wanted to see that also. And who doesn't love an Australian accent?

Alex Ylitalo (9th grade): Well, the place I would definitely want to go to is Finland. The saunas are really fun because there is no other feeling like sitting in a room that's 150 degrees and then taking a lap around the house in the middle of December. Finally, after exploring Finland and sitting in saunas, you can actually rent your own glass igloo to watch the Northern Lights. The igloos aren't too small either, it's about as big as a regular hotel room. That is why I would want to go to Finland.

Aaron Davy (10th grade): I would go to Wyoming to the mountains. I could hunt in the summer. In the winter I could snowmobile in the mountains.

Chevy Hamilton (11th grade): I would pick Paris because I would want to sight see and visit the Eiffel Tower.

Jacob Hoover (12th grade): I would most likely go to Colorado because that's where my brother Jerry is stationed in the army.

Ms. Grahm (4th grade teacher): If I could be transported anywhere in the world, I would visit Italy. I would tour historical monuments such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa and ancient architectural ruins like the Colosseum, hoping not to meet up with any lions of course! I would drift in a gondola down the canals of Venice stopping here and there to indulge in Italian pizza, pasta, cheese, espresso, and gelato! Since Italy is well known for its Renaissance of art and music, I would check out the art of Leonardo da Vinci, especially his painting "The Last Supper," and Michelangelo's sculpture the "Pieta" and also his paintings in the Sistine Chapel. I love Gregorian chants and would stop by a cathedral to listen to these simple, peaceful songs and to enjoy the architecture of the church. I would visit the tomb of Galileo Galilei since he is considered the "father of modern science." Lastly, I would go to Italy to hear the beautiful Italian language. It is considered the languages of love, poetry, and song!



Shout Out To.....

Shannon Olson for the donation of mini pumpkins to the kindergarten classroom.

Jarod Magnusson, Shannon Monsrud, & Eric Dunrud for the tour of the Badger Fire Hall they provided to the preschool and kindergarten classrooms. Learning fire prevention and fire safety was fun with our local fire fighters.

Kevin Johnson, Zach Swanson, Stacy Reese, Christine Modahl, and Lisa Vacura for volunteering their time to serve on the 8th grade Ramp-Up Career Panel October 9.

Mrs. Lee's French class for teaching kindergarten the French Alphabet. We had fun practicing the alphabet by playing LOTTO with your class.

Jandi VonEnde for coming into the k-6 grade classroom and doing Apple Art projects.

Joni Burkel for helping out in the front office. We were lucky to have her here.

Jasmine Christianson on becoming an official citizen of the United States!

Robby Davy & Kennedy Truscinski for running a great FCCLA Fall Regional Meeting in Crookston!

Band parents for hauling their kids to pep band this fall! We appreciate your efforts to get your kids to the games!

Badger School Wellness Committee for sponsoring the fun fall wellness challenge.

Caity Garten, Alex Ylitalo, & Austin Nieman for writing winning Veterans' Day essays for the Voice of Democracy contest.

Kennedy Truscinski, Kiah Olafson, & Jack Burkel for writing winning Veterans' Day essays for the Patriot's Pen contest.

Roseau VFW for sponsoring Badger students in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests.

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New Badger Teachers

By: Chevy Hamilton

Badger School welcomes our new teachers. We hope you have good experiences here and enjoy the students and staff!



Tracy Bergstrom ~ Special Education

What made you decide to become a teacher? I have many teachers in my family and wanted to make a difference.

Where did you go to college and what is your degree? Bemidji State University~ Master of Science in Special Education

What made you decide to come to Badger and teach? Liked the smaller setting.

How do you like it at Badger School? Staff and students are great!

How would you describe your students? Respectful and willing to learn.

If you weren't a teacher, what would your career be? No idea!

What is your favorite part of your job? Working with students.



Celeste Engen ~ Special Education

What made you decide to become a teacher? I have wanted to be a teacher since I was in elementary school. I started college to become a teacher right out of high school and then switched majors and became a registered nurse. While I was nursing, I began teaching Nursing Assistant classes and discovered that teaching was my true calling.

Where did you go to college and what is your degree? I received a registered nursing degree from Northland Community & Technical College and a bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education from Western Governors University

What made you decide to come to Badger and teach? I grew up near and graduated from Greenbush, so it was close to home. I substituted in Badger a lot last year and really liked the feeling of community that Badger offered.

How do you like it at Badger School? I enjoy working at Badger School. The staff is great and really cares about our students.

How would you describe your students? I have students from grades kindergarten through grade 8. They are a wonderful group of kids that bring a smile to my face every day.

If you weren't a teacher, what would your career be? If I wasn't a teacher, I would probably still be nursing. Whatever job I do it has to involve helping others because that is what I am passionate about.

What is your favorite part of your job? The favorite part of my job is helping my students learn new things. When they have that "aha" moment and the lightbulb goes on in their head and they realize they can do it, it is the best feeling in the world.

November Wacky Celebrations

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

By: Tyrah Green

National Deviled Egg Day ~ November 2nd

Certainly, the whole purpose of this day, is to make and eat Deviled Eggs. You can use your favorite recipe, or (hopefully) find a restaurant serving them in recognition of this day.

King Tut Day ~ November 4th

Over 3,000 years ago, King Tutankhamen became the King of Egypt at the age of 9. He died at the age of 19. He is commonly called King Tut. The tomb of Egypt's "child king" was discovered on November 4, 1922, in Egypt's Valley of Kings. King Tut's rule lasted a short nine years, from 1333 B.C. to 1324 B.C. The cause of his death is uncertain. Murder or an innocent accident are the two main theories.

Forget-Me-Not Day ~ November 10th

People use this day to get in touch with family, friends, and loved ones, especially those who we haven't seen in a while. You don't want them to forget you, do you!? This day is intended to remember the living. But, some people have used it to memorialize a loved one who is no longer with us.

World Kindness Day ~ November 13th

Use today as an opportunity to be kind to family, friends, neighbors, and others. You will find kindness rubs off on others and generates even more kindness.

World Peace Day ~ November 17th

World Peace Day appears to be a grass roots effort. It was started by Don Morris of Miami, Florida. It was started around 1997. This day encourages us as individuals to play a role in making the world a better place. We need to teach our children and others in ways to promote peace and avoid war. This day also invites us to write our county's leadership about our support for peace and world harmony. Without peace, the consequences is tragic.

Black Friday ~ November 27th

Black Friday or *Retail Black Friday* is the day after Thanksgiving. It is one of the two busiest shopping days of the year. In the world of accountants, red signifies a loss and black signifies a profit. Often, retailers are losing money, until holiday sales begin. Holiday sales formally begin on the day after Thanksgiving. So, Black Friday represents that turning point, from a loss towards big profits!

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Introducing the Badger School Student Teachers!

By: Tessa Sanden

Zach Johnson ~ 5th Grade

What college did you attend? University of North Dakota (the best one!)

Why did you choose this career? I have always loved working with kids and am able to connect and communicate well with them.

Why did you pick Badger School to student teach? I love the "small town feel" to the school and want to live in the Northern Minnesota area.

What is the best part about being a student teacher? The invaluable "real life" experience. Also, the support that is available here from all the staff is great.

What is your favorite subject to teach? I don't really have a favorite.

What are your plans after you graduate? I graduate in December. After that I will be substitute teaching this spring and applying for teaching jobs in the Spring/Summer.



Alyssa DeMars ~ 2nd Grade & Kindergarten

What college did you attend? I attended Mayville State University.

Why did you choose this career? I chose to be a teacher for multiple reason. Number one being that I love children. It is very rewarding to help children learn something new, and I feel like I am making a difference.

Why did you pick Badger School to student teach? I have heard good things about Badger School, and I also like the fact it is a small school. All of the teachers know each other and know their students on a personal level.

What is the best part about being a student teacher? One of the best parts about being a student teacher is learning new ideas and techniques from my cooperating teacher. I know that this will greatly benefit me when I have my own classroom.

What is your favorite subject to teach? My favorite subject to teach is grammar because there are always fun ways to teach the new concepts through technology and games.

What are your plans after you graduate? I hope and plan to get an elementary teaching job around the area. If I am unable to find a job opening right away, I will stay involved in the schools through subbing and other activities.



TJ Erickson ~ 4th Grade

What colleges did you attend? Itasca Community College and Mayville State University

Why did you choose this career? I chose teaching because I enjoy working with kids and it serves an opportunity to make a positive impact in students' lives. It also provides an opportunity to make learning fun and help students enjoy school.

Why did you pick Badger School to student teach? I picked Badger School for a couple reasons. I have heard a lot of good things about what the school has been doing. I also like that it is a small school that is close to home. I like the small town atmosphere and how helpful and friendly everyone is.

What is the best part about being a student teacher? The best part about being a student teacher is having some of the responsibilities of a teacher, while also having a mentor to help you if you have any questions. It makes it easy to try new things and experiment with different lessons while still having someone to ask questions and advice.

What is your favorite subject to teach? My favorite subject to teach is science.

What are your plans after you graduate? I will substitute teach in the area and then looking for a teaching job wherever I can find. I will also be getting married in the spring and then moving to wherever we are able to get jobs.



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Ramp-Up Topics for November

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Using a planner is a very important way for students to stay organized and on top of their academic and extracurricular schedules. Students will use their school planners to practice staying organized with classroom assignments and upcoming important events. Parents can support the importance of using a planner by checking their child's planner daily and discussing the importance of staying organized.

WORKSHOP: Developing Habits of Success

GRADE 7: What are some of the newest careers? How about careers that no longer exist? Students will find out how important it is to be prepared for new skills even as adults. 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.

WORKSHOP: Career Clusters

GRADE 8: What motivates us as students and people? Being academically motivated is a huge factor that leads to school success. When students can identify what motivates them, they can continue to build on their strengths. Parents and students can discuss what things motivate them both internally and externally and how important motivation is in our lives and careers. Also, students will discuss the content knowledge (Knowledge for College) they will need to be successful in credit bearing college courses and how appropriate academic behaviors will help them be successful in college.

WORKSHOP: Considering Connections between Type of Intellect and Future Careers

GRADE 9: In addition to updating their individual Readiness Rubrics, 9th grade students will concentrate on how and where students can find the help they need in high school. Help is something everyone needs and they should never be shy about asking for it. Specific examples of where to go for help at the Badger School will be discussed.

GRADE 10: Motivation matters. During November, 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.

GRADE 11: During November, students are asked to think about their role in approaching learning in a more independent setting. Juniors will focus on the importance of gathering, analyzing, synthesizing, and presenting information in an independent manner. The Readiness Rubric will also be updated and reviewed.

WORKSHOP: ACT Test Preparation

GRADE 12: Seniors will update their Readiness Rubric and will be looking at very specific information about the different types of financial aid that may be available to them and how to access it. Students will take a look at the financial benefits of attending a two-year college. Parents can learn more about paying for college by viewing a set of online videos found at: www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying

Badger Students Attend Occupational Fair

Submitted by: Janice Mostofi

Badger juniors and seniors attended the Roseau High School Occupational Fair on Wednesday, October 21. The event is held every two years allowing for all of our students to attend once before graduating. There were approximately 43 Roseau County careers represented by local individuals working in those career fields. Students attended five 15-minute presentations. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about careers they have not thought about before as most students only think about two or three career options. It was also a good time for students to make a good first impression on future employers. Badger students would like to thank the Roseau High School for inviting us to this event. The more our students can be exposed to various career options, the brighter their futures will be!

1. How can you make 7 even?
2. What does a TV stand for?
3. When is a door not a door?
4. What has a foot but no leg?

Random Riddles

www.goodriddlesnow.com

By: Austin Maurstad

5. What asks but never answers?
6. What has 6 wheels and flies?
7. What has a neck but no head?

The Badger Barker

Students,

As our world becomes increasingly interconnected, it is critical to become more culturally aware and globally -minded. Experiencing the global classroom first-hand and seeing what you have been studying come to life is life-changing and gives you new perspectives not only of yourselves but also the world around you.

I'm pleased to announce that I am planning to take students and parents on an educational tour to **London, Rome, Venice, and Paris** during **June of 2017** visiting the countries of **Italy, England, and France**. We're going to experience amazing places such as **Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, the Eiffel Tower, and the Colosseum**, among many others.

You are personally invited to participate! The invitation to travel with us is also extended to your parents. There is limited space on the trip, so I do hope you and your parent(s) will be able to join us.

I have chosen to travel with Education First (EF) because of their reputation as the world leader in international education. They have been in business for more than 50 years and have local offices in over 50 countries throughout the world. EF guarantees the lowest prices for the highest quality and also offers a monthly payment plan to make the trip more affordable. Lower pricing now and lower monthly payments for planning this far in advance are the main reasons we're starting to plan now.

If you are interested in learning more about this trip, please come see me, Miss Kofstad (6th grade) or Mrs. Lee (FACS) for more information.



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Badger School Superintendent's News

Veterans Day Program: November 11th at 2:00

On November 11 at 2:00 p.m. a Veterans Day program will take place at the Badger Community School. All community members are encouraged to attend the ceremony and pay tribute to all members of the military (past and present) who have served our great nation.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On October 29th at 7:00 p.m. the National Honor Society conducted an induction ceremony welcoming students as new members of the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society is a prestigious group of students and an organization that was originally founded in 1921. Chapters of the National Honor Society can be found in all 50 states. The Badger Community School National Honor Society advisor is Mrs. Shannon Dostal. The following Badger High School students are "returning" members of the National Honor Society: Alex Burkel, Robby Davy, Leah Erickson, Isabella Grafstrom, Emily Hamann, Megan Kompelien, Riley Sovde, Amy Svir, and Alex Truscinski. The following Badger students were inducted into the National Honor Society October 29: Caitlyn Garten, Jared Davy, Shayna Kruger, Seth Dostal, Olivia Monsrud, and Isaac Dostal.

The National Honor Society is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding high school students. It is an organization that promotes, recognizes, and honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The National Honor Society not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Membership is open to juniors and seniors. Students must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average to be eligible for membership. Each year, student applicants are evaluated for membership by a faculty council on an individual basis. Once selected and inducted, student members must maintain the highest standards in the four pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Congratulations to all of the members of the National Honor Society. The Badger School and Community is proud of your achievements and membership into this fine organization!

Badger Community School Celebrates American Education Week!

November 16–20 is American Education Week. Badger Community School will celebrate American Education Week and 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 the Badger Community School a wonderful place to work and learn.

The Badger Education Association has organized events during American Education Week. Some of the events include:

- **Monday, November 16:** A student activity centered on celebrating American Education Week
- **Tuesday, November 17:** Teacher Appreciation
- **Wednesday, November 18:** Bring your parent/grandparent to school for breakfast
- **Thursday, November 19:** Support Staff Appreciation
- **Friday, November 20:** Volleyball game – staff vs senior students at 2:00 p.m.

November is a busy month at the Badger School District. Please take the time to visit our school whenever your schedule may allow. You are always welcome and our district values your input, ideas, and suggestions. Thank you for all that you do for our school. Because of a unified effort throughout our district to serve our students, Badger is the school where every student belongs.

Respectfully,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent

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Kindergarten Korner

Naomi Turpitt

Parent: Delana
Wojciechowski

Age: 5

**What have you
been learning in
kindergarten?** We
have been learning
about work and play.

**Do you like
kindergarten so
far?** Yes.

**What is your
favorite**

Thanksgiving food?

My favorite

Thanksgiving food is cake.

Why do you eat turkey on Thanksgiving? I eat turkey at
Thanksgiving because I love my mom and she shares.

Where do you celebrate Thanksgiving? At my papa's new
house.

Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? We celebrate
Thanksgiving because we are nice and because I love my mom.



MacKenzie VonEnde

Parents: Jared &
Priscilla VonEnde

Age: 5

**What have you
been learning in
kindergarten?** We
have been learning
about rules and how
to be safe.

**Do you like
kindergarten so
far?** Yes because
we get to play and
do art.

What is your

favorite Thanksgiving food? Turkey.

Why do you eat turkey on Thanksgiving? I eat turkey at
Thanksgiving because I like it and my dad makes it.

Where do you celebrate Thanksgiving? My grandma and
grandpa's house.

Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? We celebrate
Thanksgiving because we like seeing family and eating turkey.

