

The Badger Barker

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Michal Olson, Madison Rybakowski, Isabella Graftsrom, Devin Dostal, King Alex Burkel, Queen Amy Svir, Leah Erickson, Alex Truscinski, Tyler Isane, Ashtyn Beito, Derrick Corneliusen, Karissa Kaml

Badger School 2015 Homecoming

The 2015 Badger School year started with a traditional favorite, Homecoming! The 2015 Homecoming court included:

Freshmen: Karissa Kaml ~ Derrick Corneliusen

Sophomores: Ashtyn Beito ~ Tyler Isane

Juniors: Madison Rybakowski ~ Michal Olson

Seniors: Leah Erickson ~ Isabella Grafstrom ~ Amy Svir ~ Alex Burkel ~ Devin Dostal ~ Alex Truscinski

Badger coronation started off the event and was held on Friday, September 11, during the half time of the Gator football game. Alex Burkel was crowned king and Amy Svir was crowned queen. The BGMR Gator football team fought a hard battle with the Lake Park Audubon Raiders but ended up with a 24-0 loss.

The Badger School celebrated Homecoming spirit week with the student body dressing up each day:

Monday: PJs/Bedhead

Tuesday: Neon Fluorescent/Tye Dye

Wednesday: 1950 Grease Lightning

Thursday: Don't Match Day

Friday: Bleeding Green Gator Day

On Friday our school held a pep fest. All the gator sports players were announced by the coaches. Students played games, and prizes were awarded to the best dressed during spirit days. It was a great way to end a fun-filled week!

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Senior Spotlight Katie Coltom

Parents: Mike & Sandy Coltom

Sibling: Megan

Nicknames: Katiebug, Kat, KatieJo

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Song: *Little Toy Guns* by Carrie Underwood

Food: Steak

Color: Lime green and black

Quote: "Don't judge my choices without understanding my reasons."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To travel the world with no expenses.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? My sister and we would go to a rodeo somewhere.

What one word best describes your personality? Clever

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? There are too many to count ha-ha. ☺

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Most likely reading or sleeping.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Band

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Joining the Robotics Team.



Senior Spotlight Riley Sovde

Parents: Jeremy & DeAnne Sovde

Sibling: Tanner

Nicknames: Stub, Little Stub

Favorite:

Sport: Demolition Derby

Song: Anything but classical

Food: Steak

Color: Orange

Quote: "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity." ~ Albert Einstein

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? A lot of money so life would be easier.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? Aaron Davy, but we would get lost or never reach the destination.

What one word best describes your personality? Sarcastic

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Going to the wrong classroom as a senior.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Demolition Derby

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Kasey Wojo arriving in the parking lot with his Ford pickup and the ball joints broke.

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



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Band Musician of the Month Alex Burkel

Grade: 12

Siblings: Vanessa, Andrea, Jack, Emily

What instrument do you play? Trumpet

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I've always wanted to play it since I was a little kid!

What is your most memorable moment in band? I think my favorite memory was before a concert, a bunch of my friends and I began to jam out to one of our pep band songs!

How long have you been in band? 8 years

What is your favorite song to play? "Walk This Way"

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Practice even when you don't want to practice.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? I was always inspired by older members when I was young. Now I look up to college students I know and professionals.



Choir Musician of the Month Leah Erickson

Grade: 12

Siblings: Micah, Julia, Sarah, Joanna

What section are you in? Alto

How long have you been in choir? This year would be my sixth year.

What is the hardest part about being in choir? Singing when you are sick.

What advice would you give other vocalist? Listen to Mr. Carpenter and us older students. We know what we are doing. Also respect every other member as if we were a family.

What are you looking forward to this year? I'm looking forward to the contests and the Music Review.

What kind of music do you like to sing? All types. I like to sing a variety of music including pop, gospel, acapella, and country. You name it, I sing it.

What is your favorite choir memory? Megan and I were able to get a Superior score on our ensemble while she had strep throat and I had a cold.



Shout Out To.....

Jared and John, Badger School custodians, from the football team ~ thanks for making our field look so great.

FCCLA members who worked at football concessions & Nellie Hagen for donating her time to help.

Madison Rybakowski, Badger School junior, for a GREAT job so far as my Teacher Assistant in the 6th classroom. Your hard work is appreciated!

Border State Bank and all community members for generously donating a great deal of school supplies. The school supplies have and will be provided to students as well as classrooms in need. Thank you for all that you do for our students, school and community!

Badger Veterans Gil Roggenbuck, Curt Hukee, and George Foster for providing the color guard at the Badger Homecoming football game.

7th grade parents who helped with the parade by loaning the trailer, ranger, float décor, candy, and more! Thanks for being part of a winning team!

Mr. Johnson and the Student Council for putting together the homecoming coronation with only 4 days to do it!

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October Gator Sports

By: Isaak Isane

Football

- 2 Varsity Red Lake County Coop @ Middle River
- 8 7/8 @ Lake of the Woods (Baudette)
- 8 JV/Varsity @ Blackduck
- 13 Varsity Section ¼ Finals
- 17 Varsity Section Semis
- 22 Varsity Section Finals
- 29 Varsity State ¼ Finals



Volleyball

- 1 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 5 9/JV/Varsity @ Red Lake Falls
- 6 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 9 7/8 Red Lake County Central @ Middle River
- 10 7/8 @ Kittson Central (Hallock)
- 10 9 Invitational @ BGMR
- 12 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 14 @ Roseau
- 17 Varsity Invitational @ Grygla
- 19 Kittson Central @ BGMR
- 20 @ Warroad
- 22 7/8 @ Roseau Tournament
- 24 7/8 @ Warroad Tournament
- 26 Varsity Section Pigtail
- 27 Varsity Section Play-in Round
- 29 Varsity Section ¼ Finals

Random Riddles

By: Austin Maurstad

1. Is an older one-hundred dollar bill worth more than a newer one?
2. When is homework not homework?
3. What building has the most stories?
4. What do thief's get for stealing calendars?
5. What two things can you never eat for breakfast?
6. A truck driver is going opposite traffic on a one-way street. A police officer sees him but doesn't stop him. Why didn't the police officer stop him?
7. You use me from your head to your toes, the more I work the thinner I grow. What am I?

October Dates to Remember

By: Chevy Hamilton

- 6 1st Quarter Midterm
- 6 ECFE "Registration Night" 6:00 pm
- 8 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Dismiss at 12:30 pm
- 12 Rainy River Community College rep
- 12 School Board 7:30 pm
- 13 Northland Community & Technical College rep
- 13 St. Cloud State University rep
- 13 ECFE "Letter A" 6:00 pm
- 14 PSAT Exam Grade 11 (optional)
- 15-16 Education Minnesota Break ~ No School
- 20 ASVAB Test Grade 11
- 20 PLAN Test Grade 10
- 20 EXPLORE Test Grade 8
- 20 ECFE "Letters B & C" 6:00 pm
- 21 Occupational Fair ~ Roseau
- 26 Preschool Event 5:30 pm
- 27 ECFE "Halloween" 6:00 pm
- 29 National Honor Society Induction 7:30 pm

Random Riddles Answers

1. Of course it is. A \$100 bill is worth more than a \$1 bill (newer one).
2. When it's turned into the teacher.
3. A library.
4. 12 months.
5. Lunch and dinner!
6. He was walking.
7. A bar of soap.

Trivia Answers

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

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Campus Comment

By: Tessa Sanden

What is your favorite fall activity?

Erika Howell (7th grade): My favorite fall activity is volleyball. I really like how intense the game is. I also like watching college volleyball because of how much you can learn from watching it.

Brutus Grindahl (8th grade): My favorite fall activity is going for long rides on my three wheeler. I go for rides when I get bored. Mudding on my three wheeler is better in the fall.

Brandon Pries (9th grade): Goose hunting because it's fun. I get to hang with my friends and my brother. I also get some meat!!! ;)

Jack Peppel (10th grade): My favorite fall activity is football. It's my favorite because it requires teamwork and being skilled. Plus it's a fun physical game to play.

Alissa Kjelland (11th grade): Hunting, because I like to be alone and when I am sitting in the stand I'm usually alone. It's just peaceful.

Alex Truscinski (12th grade): I would have to say that my favorite fall activity is goose/duck or deer hunting because I really enjoy hunting and being outside in that perfect fall weather.

Ms. K (Math Teacher): Pumpkin carving! Dr. Kruger loved this activity. I remember the first year I watched him carve a pumpkin. He used a scalpel. He was meticulous. It was a perfect Jack O'Lantern! I do miss carving pumpkins as a family!



Trivia

By: Dillon Nieman

- How many players from each team take the field in a soccer football game?
 - 10
 - 11
 - 12
 - 13
- What team in the National Football League was named after an 1845 poem by Edgar Allen Poe?
 - New England Patriots
 - Minnesota Vikings
 - Baltimore Ravens
 - San Francisco 49ers
- A major league baseball pitcher is not allowed to exceed how many warm-up pitches between innings?
 - 6
 - 8
 - 9
 - 11
- Whose ear did Mike Tyson bite off in a boxing match June 28, 1997?
 - Manny Pacquiao
 - Evander Holyfield
 - Floyd Mayweather
 - Andre Berto

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Badger School Superintendent's News



The 2015-2016 academic year is underway! On September 8, 254 students walked into the Badger School enthusiastically ready to start the new school year. Anticipated enrollment was 248. Enrollment at the Badger School District continues to remain strong. We have much to be proud of.

The school year promises to provide all Badger students an outstanding education as well as many opportunities for participation and growth in the areas of fine arts and other extracurricular activities.

Our focus as a staff at the Badger School District continues to be serving all of the students, parents, families, and community members that make up our great district. We are committed to doing all that we can to make good things happen for others as we strive to meet the needs of all of our students.

Badger Elementary School Designated as REWARD School for Second Consecutive Year by Minnesota Department of Education

Last year was an amazing year for the Badger School District. The Minnesota Department of Education designated the Badger Elementary School as a "REWARD" school. A REWARD school is recognized as being in the top 15% academic performing schools in the State of Minnesota. This tremendous honor reflects our commitment to excellence and serving the students within the Badger School District.

Approximately three weeks ago, the Minnesota Department of Education notified our district that once again the Badger Elementary School has been designated as a REWARD school based on Multiple Measurements Ratings system for the second consecutive year! Annually, Secretary of Education Brenda Cassellius and the Department of Education recognize the top 15% academic achieving elementary schools within the State of Minnesota that receive Title I funding. Approximately 720 elementary schools within the State of Minnesota utilize Title I funds.

REWARD Elementary schools are the top 15% academic performing public schools that have demonstrated exemplary academic achievements in state exam proficiency, student growth, and closing achievement gaps.

As Superintendent, I would like to congratulate all of our students, staff, teachers, and residents of the Badger School District for this amazing accomplishment.

Being honored as a REWARD school for the second consecutive year is an amazing achievement and is the result of a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication by everyone within our school, community, and district.

For a complete list of local and statewide elementary schools' MMR rankings throughout the state, please visit the Minnesota Department of Education website at: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Welcome/News/PressRel/023693> and download the 2015 Multiple Measurements Rating Data file.

As always, if you have any questions throughout the year or would like to visit personally, please stop by at your convenience. I may also be reached by phone at 528-3201 or via email at tjerome@badger.k12.mn.us.

Thank you for all that you do to make Badger the school where "every student belongs."

Sincerely,

Tom Jerome, Superintendent

Badger School's Ramp-Up to Readiness Program Begins Second 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 academic year. As a reminder, Ramp-Up's curriculum focuses on preparing students for postsecondary education and life by targeting five specific areas (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, will pay enough to support a family, and will be a good match for their interests and abilities.
4. **Financial Readiness:** Students will 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. **Personal/Social Readiness:** Students know 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 will 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. Five times during the year, 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 many more.

Here is a snapshot 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 goals and how to practice setting goals.

WORKSHOP: Introduction to the Readiness Rubric and Postsecondary Plan.

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.

WORKSHOP: Learning Style Inventory

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. Eighth grade student will also prepare questions for a career panel presentation and study motivation.

WORKSHOP: Career Panel

GRADE 9: The Personal Readiness Evaluation for Postsecondary will be completed as well as learning about and setting SMART goals. SMART goals are an important part of a student's ongoing adjustments to their Readiness Rubric.

WORKSHOP: Introduction to Readiness Rubric and Postsecondary Plan

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 and practice how to manage their time successfully.

WORKSHOP: Design Thinking

GRADE 11: Juniors will be administered and reflect on the PREP (Personal Readiness Evaluation for Postsecondary) Survey and learning about delaying gratification.

WORKSHOP: Career Interest Profiler

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."

WORKSHOP: Completing Postsecondary Applications.

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Kindergarten Korner



**Ava
Warne**

Parents: Heidi and
Stacey Warne

Age: 5

**What are you
looking forward to
in kindergarten?**

Going to the loft.

**Do you like
kindergarten so far?**

I like kindergarten
because I get to do
lessons.

**What is going to be
your costume for
Halloween?** My
costume is a colored

skeleton.

What is your favorite candy? My favorite candy is chocolate
because it's really sweet.

What will you be doing for Halloween? I am going trick or
treating.

What is your favorite Halloween costume? My favorite
costume is a fairy.



**Quynn
Washington**

Parent:

Alexandria Moore

Age: 5

**What are you
looking forward to
in kindergarten?** I

am looking forward
to playing with
friends.

**Do you like
kindergarten so
far?** I like

kindergarten
because it's my
favorite class.

What is going to

be your costume for Halloween? My Halloween costume is
Elsa.

What is your favorite candy? Suckers because I love them.

What will you be doing for Halloween? I am going trick or
treating with my mom.

What is your favorite Halloween costume? My favorite
Halloween costume is Bat girl.