

The Badger Barker

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WASHINGTON, D.C., MEMORIES

Codi Rasmusson

If you were going to go to D.C., go see the Holocaust Memorial Museum. It opens your eyes more than they were and you can actually see and smell things from the Holocaust. The smell of the shoes and train cart will be in my head forever. Something there I liked the most would be Daniel's story. It showed journals from Daniel's life before the event, while it was starting, and after. Also, it tells how things changed with his family and town. It really shows how things were.

Tiana Watson

My favorite memory about my trip to Washington, D.C., was a tie between going to the Holocaust Memorial Museum and going to the Kennedy Center to see "Shear Madness." The Holocaust Memorial Museum was absolutely amazing. They tell you to take an I.D., and on that I.D. is a person and their experience of the camps and how they got there. Everything was so detailed about all the topics about the Holocaust. It was so sad though. I wanted to cry because all the pain and sadness I saw. Then there was Daniel's story, where Daniel kept a journal about the day where everything was normal until the day the Nazis took all of his things away. There are just things that can't be described with words. The play "Shear Madness" was awesome. We were on the investigation and the people interacted with us. I'm not going to reveal all the details, but it was very cool and funny.

Connor Bakke

My favorite memory from our trip to D.C. was when we visited the Hard Rock Café for lunch. It was a very interesting place to be because I've never been to a Hard Rock Café before, and I always have wanted to. There was guitars from different rock bands on the wall that had been signed by the band, too. My favorite guitar was the one from the band called Green Day. I have been listening to them since I was a little kid, and that was such an amazing experience to actually get to see a guitar that they have played on stage with at concerts. I thought about all the hours and hours of practice that must have been played on that guitar.



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Cassie Peterson

My favorite place in Washington, D.C., was the White House. It's so beautiful inside and out. The moment we walked in, we were welcomed and told where to put our coats. They had certain areas where we were just free to roam. Every room was so different in its own way but still beautiful. They even had a guy playing the grand piano and a guy serving us warm apple cider. If I had the choice, I would definitely go back there.

Alex Nieman

My favorite thing in Washington, D.C., was the White House! It is absolutely amazing there! There are so many old artifacts and paintings of the past presidents. Another thing you should go see is the World War II Memorial. That was my favorite monument there. And if you get a chance, go tour the Pentagon. Not many people can say they have been in the Pentagon.



Cole Hamann

One of my favorite things about the trip was the Hard Rock Café. They had so many interesting mementoes from different rock bands and singers. They had many cool guitars and different items. It was just so cool. I loved the food. The burger was great. I wish I could go back there again just to sit and listen to all the different music. As we sat there, they had bands of kids our age who went to a summer camp and learned many different songs and were preparing for a competition called Battle of the Bands.

Austyn Borreson

The greatest thing to look forward to in D.C. was the Holocaust Memorial Museum. It was an unbelievable experience. The Holocaust Memorial Museum has a feeling to it that makes every wild kid and angry person calm and silent. It makes you give the highest respect to the millions who were killed. You also see many people crying and sadness in every person there.



Sarah Erickson

It is difficult to say what my favorite part about the D.C. trip was because honestly I loved all of it. Yes, even the cold long walks. But if I had to choose, I would have to say laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. I have never felt so honored and touched by something in my entire life. At first I got really nervous because I saw how many people were there, but then I took a moment and reminded myself that it wasn't about me. It was about the memories, the families, and the lives of the unknown soldiers. Taking a hold of that wreath and walking those few steps and laying the wreath is definitely one of my most memorable moments during my time in Washington, D.C.

Christian Kilbride

My favorite thing I did while in D.C. was tour the Holocaust Memorial Museum. I liked that one in particular because it was so real, and it's crazy to think it happened not all that long ago. Also, my other recommendation would be to go to the Pentagon and have a tour. While in the Pentagon you learn a lot about the military and facts about the Pentagon – things like each and every window cost \$10,000 a piece. Those were my favorite things we did while there.

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Matthieu Sibilleau

The most memorable place I went to when I was in Washington, D.C., was Mount Vernon. It's the estate where George Washington himself lived before, during, and after his time as President of the United States of America. Most of the estate was restored to the way it was when George Washington passed away. It was so remarkable to be where such an incredible man lived. To see his belongings and furnishings just as they were when he lived there, made it all the more amazing.

Katie Rhen

My favorite part of the trip was going to Arlington National Cemetery because not only did our class get the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, but we also got to see part of a ceremony commemorating JFK's burial there.

Sarah Rhen

One of my favorite memories was being in the National Portrait Gallery. There was just not enough time to study pieces! The rooms were all so peaceful and beautifully displayed. One piece that especially caught my attention was of a woman in a white dress. Her body looked fragile, yet strong, and she was crouched on a raft, floating in the water. More significantly, she had a paintbrush in her hand and seemed to be painting the wood of the raft. I later found that of all pieces, Mr. Jerome had found special interest in the exact same painting!

Kaitlyn Emery

My favorite part of the whole trip was being able to be in the White House as guests. Not many people get to go in the White House, so to have been able to go in the White House was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We also got served hot cider by the butler at the White House, which was very neat. During the pardoning ceremony, we got to be about 20 feet away from the President. Overall, the whole trip to D.C. with my class was an amazing experience.

Andrea Burkel

Meeting the president and his daughters was the best part of the trip for me. It was so unreal to see President Obama in person and actually get to talk to him. It was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I'll remember it forever.

Kate Howell

One of the best parts of our trip to Washington, D.C., would have to be going to the White House. After getting through security, they gave us the opportunity to walk around and see the different rooms. I took a lot of nice pictures. The turkey pardoning ceremony was amazing. I couldn't believe I was actually there! This was definitely an experience I'll never forget!

Shanyce Bishop

The Washington, D.C., experience for our senior class was beyond lucky to be a part of. It was more than just a trip; it was an opportunity of a lifetime. We spent five days together, and in that time we walked more and saw more than we ever had, and the best part of all of it was that we got to do this together - as a class. Each and every monument, statue, building was filled with interesting architecture, artifacts, information, etc., but there were a few moments in D.C. that really stuck with me. Being able to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery was one of the best moments of the trip. The reason I say this is because it was an amazing thing to see our small community represented on such a large scale. It was a great opportunity, but even more than that, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



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Mr. Brady Johnson

It's so hard to pinpoint one memory. The entire experience was top notch! One thing I remember vividly was the feeling I had walking through the Holocaust museum. I was totally consumed, even the smell in the air made me feel like I was actually there. Being with the students and experiencing these amazing histories was something that I'll never forget!

Mrs. Jackie Simmons

My favorite place to visit on the Washington, D.C., visit was Ford's Theatre, which was the same theatre President Lincoln was shot in. I felt taken back in time as the theatre looks exactly like it did back when he was president. Also, the woman who explained the sequence of events that lead up to the time when he was shot and what happened after that was a great story teller. She was dressed in clothing indicative of that time, and she knew her subject material really well. After this experience, I will never forget how these events unfolded. I've already had several conversations with others who had already learned about this but weren't on the Washington, D.C., trip. It was fascinating to me!



Mrs. Mary Langaas

Ford's Theatre was a highlight of the trip for me. A costumed speaker delivers a detailed account of Lincoln's shooting while at the theatre for the play. As I sat directly across from Lincoln's box stage seats in the balcony, I was able to get a real sense of what that evening's tragedy meant to our country.

Mr. Thomas Jerome

It seems impossible to pick one event from our Washington, D.C., experience, however, witnessing Badger students take part in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery may be my most memorable experience. In addition to watching our students, listening to members of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Honor Guard recognize the Badger School District during the ceremony will not be forgotten.

Mr. Kevin Randall

The Holocaust Memorial Museum was probably the most memorable place of the trip for me because of all the documentation that shows how a society can go so far as to not care about human life and to know that there are countries and organizations that claim it never happened even though there is so much proof. Exhibits leave you so emotionally overwhelmed that you wish more people could see it so no society ever travels down that path again.



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Campus Comment

By: Daniel Obie



What is your New Year resolution? Do you think it will be successful?

Jaden Watson (Grade 7): My New Year resolution is to make different friends. I do think it will be successful because there are plenty of different people around here.

Ashtyn Beito (Grade 8): My New Year resolution is to stay successful in my education and basketball. Yes, I think it will be successful because quarter one I made the B honor roll and for basketball I can now not look at the ball and steal the ball from the other team.

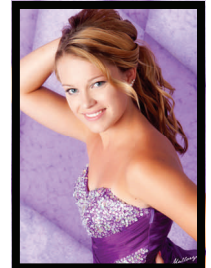
Jared Davy (Grade 9): My New Year resolution is to have good grades and be on the A honor roll. It will be successful because I will study hard, get good grades on tests, and that's how I will get on the A honor roll and get good grades.

Katie Coltom (Grade 10): I don't believe in having a New Year resolution because I know at some point in the year I am going to break it.

Logan Klegstad (Grade 11): I'd like to focus more on what's important and to get organized.

Cassie Peterson (Grade 12): My New Year resolution is to get into better shape. I believe that if I work hard and keep my goal in mind I will be successful.

Mrs. Y (English Teacher): Every year I make a resolution to eat healthier and exercise. Some years are better than others. This year I am going to really work towards doing things that make me happy -- like writing and reading. I think this is a goal I can definitely be successful at!



January Word Search

By: Keithan Hoang

N G L V S I F E A S T P T
 O I N L B L I Z Z A R D Y
 I H T I I Y E K R U T R R
 T S H C V I L E T N E E C
 U H L A W I M C K R P B T
 L M N E W Y E A R L E M D
 S P H I D V X S V R N E L
 E T F V W D E W K L G V Q
 R O L O D A Y S N N U O I
 E U N N G B C H T U I N I
 A S F P N F T X L P N H K
 S O J A D L O C N G F E T
 M I W G L I P J P D E O N

NEW YEAR
 COLD
 SNOW
 RESOLUTION
 SLED
 PENGUIN
 BLIZZARD

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Band Musicians of the Month

Andrea Burkel

Grade: 12

Siblings: Vanessa, Alex, Jack, Emily

What instrument do you play? Flute

Why did you choose to play this instrument? Because it sounds pretty.

What is your most memorable moment in band? There are too many for me to pick just one!

How long have you been in band? Since 5th grade.

What is your favorite song to play? My solo.

What advice would you give to younger musician? Listen to Ms. Erickson.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? Ms. Erickson. She plays the flute too, and she's really good so she inspires me to work hard and maybe be as good as her one day.



Madison Truscinski

Grade: 11

Siblings: Alex and Kennedy

What instrument do you play? I play the saxophone in band. I can also play violin, flute, and piano.

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I chose the saxophone because I like jazz and swing music! The 20s are a great era.

What is your most memorable moment in band? HANNAH ERICKSON! And band, solo, and ensemble contests.

How long have you been in band? I have been in band since 5th grade.

What is your favorite song to play? "In the Mood" and whatever Kate and I come up with in class. ☺

What advice would you give to younger musician? Listen to everything Ms. Erickson tells you because she has made me into the musician I am today.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? Ms. Erickson and my mom! I am also pushed by the fact that my sister always watches me and I hear, from Ms. Erickson, that Kennedy is turning into a fine little trumpet player.



Choir Musician of the Month

Darius Watson

Grade: 11

Siblings: Tiana, Jordan, Jada, Demand Jr., Brooklyn

What section are you in? Tenor

How long have you been in choir? 4 years

What is your favorite song from choir? *Famine Song*

What are you looking forward to this year? Musical Review

What kind of music do you like to sing? R&B

What is your favorite choir memory? Getting a superior rating for solos my first year, which was this year.



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Random Riddles

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

1. I have no voice and yet I speak to you, I tell of all things in the world that people do. I have leaves, but I am not a tree, I have pages, but I am not a bride or royalty. I have a spine and hinges, but I am not a man or a door. I have told you all, I cannot tell you more. What am I?
2. There is an ancient invention still used in some parts of the world today that allows people to see through walls. What is it?
3. Take off my skin - I won't cry, but you will! What am I?
4. What does a blind man see, a deaf man hear, and if you eat it you are sure to die?
5. Which is correct to say:
"The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
6. Saw a man in white, he looked quite a sight. He was not old, but he stood in the cold. And when he felt the sun he started to run. Who could he be?
7. Why can't you take a picture of a man with a wooden leg?

January Sweets

By: Victoria Green

Banana Split Cake

- 9 honey grahams, crushed
- 1 cup sugar, divided
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple in juice, drained
- 6 bananas, divided
- 2 pkg (3.4 oz) vanilla flavor instant pudding
- 2 cups cold milk
- 2 cups non-dairy thawed whipped topping, divided
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Mix graham crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar and butter; press onto bottom of 13x9-inch pan. Freeze 10 min.

Beat cream cheese and remaining sugar with mixer until blended. Spread carefully over crust; top with pineapple. Slice 4 bananas; arrange over pineapple.

Beat pudding mixes and milk with whisk 2 min. Stir in 1 cup whipped topping; spread over banana layer in pan. Top with remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate 5 hours. Slice remaining bananas just before serving; arrange over dessert. Top with nuts.

Riddle Answers

1. A book.
2. A window.
3. An onion.
4. Nothing.
5. Neither; the yolk of the egg is yellow.
6. A snowman.
7. Because you need a camera...wooden legs don't take very good pictures.

January Gator Sports

By: Daegan Berger

Boys Basketball

- 2 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo (Warren)
- 3 @ Lake of the Woods
- 7 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 10 Warroad @ BGMR
- 13 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 14 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 17 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 25 @ Blackduck
- 28 @ Kittson County Central (Lancaster)
- 30 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)

Girls Basketball

- 3 @ Lake of the Woods
- 6 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 9 Warren/Alvarado//Oslo @ BGMR
- 10 @ Fisher/Climax (Fisher)
- 13 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Argyle)
- 16 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 17 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 21 Crookston @ BGMR
- 23 Roseau @ BGMR
- 24 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 30 Kittson County Central @ BGMR

Wrestling

- 3 Crookston @ BGMR
- 10 @ Mahnomen/Waubun Invitational (Mahnomen)
- 11 @ Bemidji Invitational
- 14 @ Bagley-Fosston (Fosston)
- 18 @ Thief River Falls Invitational
- 23 @ Bemidji
- 25 @ Larimore Invitational
- 28 @ RLCC/WAO Triangular (Warren)

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Senior Spotlight Connor Bakke

Parents: Chad and Paula Bakke

Sibling: Cade

Nickname: Bakke

Favorite:

Sport: Motocross

Song: *Legacy* by Eminem

Food: Tacos

Color: Black

Quote: "Most people talk a lot, few are up for the moment."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? 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 it be? Go to California with Marshall Mathers.

What one word best describes your personality? Crazy

Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? Loudest

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

What is one memory you'll always remember from high school? That it goes by fast.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? Hit in the face with volleyball when we were playing the teachers.

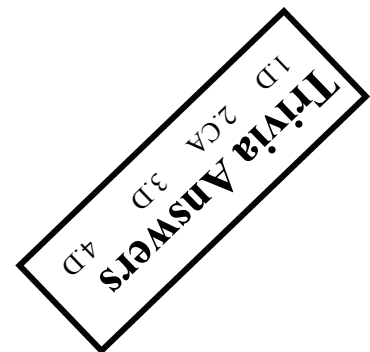
What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? I plan on attending college either at Northland or Alexandria for Criminal Justice then becoming a conservation officer.



Trivia

By: Beau Blumer

- When was the Gatorade sports drink invented?
 - 1969
 - 1977
 - 1944
 - 1965
- The Henry Ford Motor Company was sold and changed to what company?
 - Cadillac Motor Company
 - Ford Motor Company
 - General Motors Company
 - Honda
- What state's capitol is Lincoln?
 - Minnesota
 - Iowa
 - Texas
 - Nebraska
- Who invented the first Combined Harvester-Thresher?
 - George Stockton
 - John Deere
 - Daniel Massey
 - Hiram Moore



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Senior Spotlight Sarah Rhen

Parents: Christopher Rhen and Stacy Losse

Sibling: Megan

Nickname: People have always said “Sarah” suited me perfectly.

Favorite:

Sport: Badminton with Katie

Song: *I Surrender* by Hillsong

Food: Italian food – pizza, lasagna, breadsticks, etc., I love it.

Color: Deep Red (Claret)

Quote: “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” Matthew 16:25 and “Don’t worry, be happy.” ☺

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? A personal masseuse.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be? Anywhere and everywhere in Europe – with a good friend.

What one word best describes your personality? Affectionate

Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? Quietest

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Ready myself for non-free time with music, quotes, and God.

What is one memory you’ll always remember from high school? Doing the model walk down the elementary hallway to display the outfits we made in Fashion Design. ☺

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? I couldn’t say just one. But I can say some of the people I shared many of my favorite laughs with: Kellie P., Sarah E., Matthieu S., Andrea B., Katie R., and Shanyce B.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Keeping my childish enthusiasm.



January Wacky Celebrations

By: Wyatt Poppel

January 3 ~ *Festival of Sleep Day* ~ After a long exhausting holiday break, try to catch a few winks and sleep in this morning. Rest because it’s a new year and a fresh start. Sleeping at work is not recommended, unless your job is a mattress tester.

January 14 ~ *Dress up Your Pet Day* ~ Take the opportunity to dress your pet up. Some pets like to dress up while others can’t handle being dressed up. Some owners have fun dressing their pets up in wacky sweaters, homemade outfits, or sneakers. That’s what makes this day fun.

January 15 ~ *National Hat Day* ~ Enjoy hats of your choice like a baseball hat, a huge top hat, or a huge wacky hat. Make a statement and wear your favorite headgear. Try wearing a different number of hats over the course of the day. It’s fun and it doesn’t make your day boring.

January 25 ~ *Opposite Day* ~ It is a wacky, weird day when everything you say or do is the opposite. For example, if a teacher said your homework was due that day, then it wasn’t due that day because it is opposite day. This day can be fun but very confusing!

January 28 ~ *Fun at Work Day* ~ Have fun at work for once. Even though work is intended to be fun, it’s your job. So today make work fun! Be unproductive but make sure you get your boss’ permission so you don’t get in trouble.

What Dog?

What dog can jump higher than a building?
Any dog, buildings can’t jump!

Knock Knock

Knock, knock
Who’s there?
Mary
Mary who?
Mary Christmas!

Badger School Superintendent's News



Badger Seniors and School District Grateful to Many for Opportunity In Washington, D.C.

November 23 to November 28 marked a six-day period that Badger seniors and staff members, who visited Washington, D.C., will never forget. The Washington, D.C., experience was made possible by an invitation from John and Joni Burkel. An invitation alone, however, does not make a trip like this possible. With the support of the Badger School Board, planning immediately began with parents, staff, and community members to determine how best to generate funds necessary to fund the trip.

It is impossible to adequately thank all who contributed to this adventure. Some individuals and/or corporations asked that their donations remain anonymous, while many others directly offered support (financial and planning community events) that generated a tremendous amount of funding. Support came from within the Badger community as well as surrounding communities and from towns far and wide where individuals with no connection to the Badger School District learned about this opportunity and sent donations out of the goodness of their hearts.

Thanks to an unbelievable amount of generosity and support, twenty-one students and staff members departed for Washington, D.C., on November 23 for an unforgettable experience. Placing a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, touring the Pentagon, the United State Capitol, the Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, and spending time at the White House with the President of the United States are some of the events that will never be forgotten.

Following is the itinerary while in Washington, D.C.:

Saturday, November 23

- Arrive at Grand Forks Airport/Depart for Washington, D.C.
- Travel by Metro from airport to Foggy Bottom metro stop
- Evening walk of monuments:
 - Washington Monument
 - WW2 Memorial
 - Lincoln Memorial
 - Vietnam Memorial
 - Korean Memorial

Sunday, November 24

- Iwo Jima Monument
- Ford Theater (theater where President Lincoln was assassinated)
- Tour of Museum, Theater, Ranger Talk, Peterson Home, Education Center
- Lunch at Hard Rock Café
- Holocaust Museum
- National Portrait Gallery

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Monday, November 25

- Metro Station
- Visit 911 Memorial at the Pentagon
- Tour of Pentagon
- Lunch at Pentagon City
- Tour Arlington National Cemetery
- Robert E. Lee Home
- Eternal Flame of President Kennedy (Robert Kennedy grave site)
- Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery
- Walk around Tidal Basin and visit the Martin Luther King Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and Thomas Jefferson Memorial

Tuesday, November 26

- Optional morning walk of Georgetown
- Visit National Archives and view United States Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights
- Tour of the United States Capitol
- Explore The United States Smithsonians:
 - National Museum of Natural History
 - American History Smithsonian
 - National Air and Space Smithsonian
- Visit Kennedy Performance Center and attend production of "Shear Madness"

Wednesday, November 27

- Gather at Willard Hotel and travel to White House with Burkel family and members of the National Turkey Growers Federation
- Following passage of four security checkpoints, we enter White House and spend approximately 30 minutes "exploring" inside the White House while enjoying hot apple cider!
- Attend Pardoning of Turkey by the President of the United States, President Obama
- Tour Mount Vernon: Home of George Washington (and new home of "Presidential Turkeys")

Thursday, November 28

- Arrive in Grand Forks with a lifetime of memories, exhausted and happy to be home with family for Thanksgiving.

As you can see by the schedule, the Washington, D.C., experience was busy and filled with amazing experiences our students will never forget. If you would like to further discuss this trip, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Badger School. On behalf of all who visited D.C., as well as the Badger School District, THANK YOU for all that you did to support this experience. It is truly amazing what can be accomplished when individuals commit to making good things happen for others.

Happy holidays to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Thomas A. Jerome, Superintendent



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, Matthew Howell and Madison Truscinski, 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 18th annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website in early February and recognized on television during the winter sports tournament season.

Matthew Howell is the son of Jeff and Kristi Howell of Badger. He volunteers time coaching youth basketball and baseball, holds a class officer position, and is involved in several school activities including National Honor Society, Team-Up, baseball, basketball, and band.

Madison Truscinski's activities include FCCLA, National Honor Society, FIRST Robotics, band, choir, one-act play, volleyball, and golf. She volunteers time with 4-H, church and community activities, and holds leadership positions as a junior class officer, as well as local and regional FCCLA offices. Madison is the daughter of Alan and Valerie Truscinski of Greenbush.

According to Superintendent Jerome, "Madison and Matthew are tremendous role models and quality students who are committed to excellence within our school and community. Both students exemplify the qualities and characteristics that make up the ExCEL award. Badger Dean of Students Stacey Warne commented, "Because of their dedicated involvement in our school and community, Matthew and Madison are ideal candidates to receive the ExCEL. We are proud to have them represent Badger High School and wish them well at the state competition."

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Badger National Honor Society Blood Drive

The Badger High School National Honor Society (NHS) assisted the United Blood Services out of Fargo with a blood drive on November 18. Twenty-six individuals were able to donate out of the 31 that volunteered for a total of 35 blood products. Of the 26 donors, 15 were first-time donors! Two donors were O- and 12 donors were O+, which are the most needed blood types. Because of the efforts of these donors, over 60 patients may be able to spend more time with their loved ones. The NHS and United Blood Services appreciate the support of the Badger community. A special thank you to the Twin's Corner and KC's Market for donating refreshments and supplies. The NHS will be sponsoring another blood drive on March 4. We look forward to both new and returning donors!



January Dates to Remember

By: Austin Nieman

- 1 No School - Winter Break
- 13 Elementary Art Residence Jean Honl
- 13 School Board 7:30 pm
- 14 Elementary Art Residence Jean Honl
- 15 Knowledge Bowl, Thief River Falls
- 17 End of Quarter 2
- 20 No School - Staff Workshop
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 Knowledge Bowl, Thief River Falls
- 28 ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter L" 6:30 pm
- 29 FCCLA Regional STAR Events, Lancaster
- 29 Knowledge Bowl, Thief River Falls

January Sweets

By: Victoria Green

Easy *Hershey* Bar Pie

- 1 packaged crumb crust (6 oz.)
- 1 (6 oz) *Hershey's* Milk Chocolate Bar, broken into pieces
- 1 tub (8 oz) frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed

1. Place candy bar pieces in medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave for 1 minute on medium (50%) or until chocolate is smooth when stirred. Cool slightly.
2. Fold whipped topping into melted chocolate; spoon into crust. Cover; refrigerate 6 hours or until firm. Garnish as desired. Cover; refrigerate leftover pie. 6 to 8 servings.

Knock Knock

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Atch
Atch who?
Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know you had a cold

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Grade 6 Food Shelf Project

The 6th grade students delivered food shelf items to the Roseau Area Food Shelf on December 16. They dropped off 436 pounds of food and a \$107 cash donation! A big thank you to all who contributed. Way to go Badger School!



Scholastic Book Fair

Reading Oasis-A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!

Submitted by: Sherry Verbout-Book Fair Coordinator

"Reading Oasis-A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!" was the headline for this year's fair. This Egyptian theme was ironic as we kicked off the book fair on one of the coldest days of the year. It all started with the Holiday Bazaar and Santa Day extravaganza, our annual family event. Many students and families were excited to get a peek at the cool book selections and hot items accompanying the fair. Sales were great despite the below zero weather. This great event for literacy literally takes over the library for a few days as students, families, and school staff shop for books of all genres, interests, and age levels. Many families make it their yearly stop for holiday presents and gifts for many occasions. So to everyone who came to our Book Fair and to all who helped make it a great experience, a big thank you! Your generosity helped us achieve over \$2000 worth of new books to be placed in elementary classrooms and the library.

I would especially like to thank community volunteer Sheila Forst and parent volunteer Jandi VonEnde, as well as Badger School staff Lorraine Kukowski, Renee Rhen, and Joni Pelowski, who all gave of their time and talents to make our fair a success. Keep on reading, and we'll see you at our next Fair!

The Badger Barker

Play Station 4 or Xbox One?

By: Alexis Dahlen

Kellie Parnow

Pros ~ Play Station 4 is a lot cheaper.

Cons ~ With the Xbox One you have to buy all new games because Xbox 360 games aren't compatible.

Rose Borreson

Pros ~ I prefer the Play Station 4. It doesn't turn on and off when you walk in or out of the room it is in.

Cons ~ There are no cons that I can think of about the Play Station 4.

Adam Borreson

Pros ~ Xbox One plays better games.

Cons ~ You have to be online to play it.

Keithan Hoang

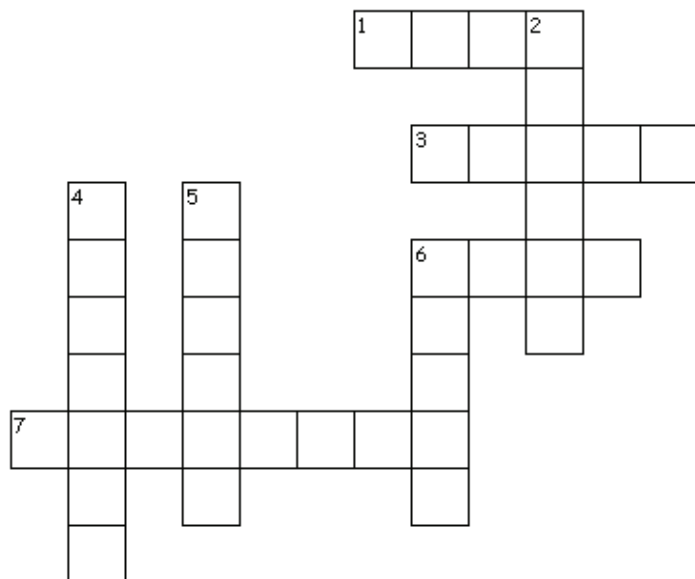
Pros ~ Right now I'm saving up for an Xbox One. It has a kinect with voice command and face recognition, so when you walk into the room it will turn on.

Cons ~ It's really expensive, lots of problems, glitches/problems with the kinect attachments, and there have been many reports of disk drive problems.



January Crossword

By: Devin Corneliusen



Across

1. We celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther ____ in January.
3. January is the ____ month of the year?
6. You can slide down a snowy hill on this.
7. The month before January is what?

Down

2. The birthstone for January is the ____?
4. These keep your hands warm when it's cold outside?
5. This is the season during January?
6. Wear a ____ so your neck stays warm.

Heavy Sleepers

What are prehistoric monsters called when they sleep?

A dinosnore!

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Kindergarten Korner

Quillan Wirta

Parents: Peggy
Knutson & John Wirta
Age: 6

What are your plans for New Years Eve?

Family together at my house.

What new inventions might come out in

2014? A robot. I'm a robot.

What is a New Year's resolution? A band.

Do you have a New Year's resolution?

Yeah, it's called my family.

What have you learned in Kindergarten so far? How to work and have fun and how to play together.

Do you like learning new things in school? Yeah I love to. I like my new family and my new classroom.

What has been your favorite thing about 2013? Christmas Eve, that's my favorite day. I like Christmas Eve.



Tryg Olson

Parents: Brent and
Sara Olson
Age: 5

What are your plans for New Years Eve?

Get new toys from Santa 'cause it's almost Christmas.

What new inventions might come out in

2014? Wolves that are gray.

What is a New

Year's resolution? Snowmans.

Do you have a New Year's resolution? I can make an airplane, I just know.

What have you learned in Kindergarten so far? Reading and how to write my name.

Do you like learning new things in school? Yes, I like to run in gym a lot and play games and write.

What has been your favorite thing about 2013? I like riding snowcat in the winter.

