

# The Badger Barker

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## Badger High School Nominates Klegstad and Truscinski for 'Triple A' Award

Submitted by: Stacey Warne

Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Logan Klegstad and Madison Truscinski for the Academics, Arts, & Athletics (AAA) Award.

Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, the AAA Award honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in fine arts. Students who are nominated must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better, participate in MSHSL sponsored fine arts and athletic activities, and comply with the MSHSL's Student Code of Conduct.

AAA Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process that involves League member schools, the League's administrative regions, and a special committee of educators, business leaders, and members from the fine arts and athletic communities. Regional winners will be announced at the AAA Banquet in Mahanomen on February 11, 2015.

The top two AAA Award candidates from each region will be recognized at an on-court ceremony during the Minnesota Boys' State Basketball Tournament in March. League officials will announce two state award recipients – one girl and one boy from both a Class A and a Class AA school – during the on-court ceremony. Each state award recipient will receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

Logan Klegstad is a member of the Badger High School Chapter of the National Honor Society, basketball and track teams. As member of the band and choir, he has won awards for his solo and ensemble performances at MSHSL music contests. Logan is an active member of FIRST Robotics, FCCLA, and One-Act play. He is planning to attend the Association Free Lutheran Bible School in the fall. Logan is the son of Jason and Amie Klegstad of Roseau.

In addition to being a member of the National Honor Society, Madison Truscinski participates in volleyball and is a member of the golf team that has made two consecutive state tournament appearances. Active in both band and choir, she has won multiple awards at MSHSL instrumental and vocal solo and ensemble contests. Madison is also involved in FIRST Robotics, One-Act play, and FCCLA. She is planning to attend St. Catherine's University to major in physical therapy. Madison is the daughter of Alan and Valerie Truscinski of Greenbush.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Tom Jerome shared, "The Badger School District is very proud and honored to nominate Logan and Madison for the AAA award. Both are fine young people who are positive influences in our school and exemplify what the AAA award represents. Logan and Madison are involved in multiple school activities and excel academically as an honor students." The Badger School District congratulates Logan Klegstad and Madison Truscinski on their nominations and accomplishments, and we wish them well in the region 8A AAA competition.

For more information about the AAA Award program, please contact the Minnesota State High School League at 763-560-2262 or [www.mshsl.org](http://www.mshsl.org) on the web.



## January Gator Sports

By: Jack Peppel

### Boys Basketball

- 6 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 8 Warren-Alvarado-Oslo @ BGMR
- 9 @ Warroad
- 13 @ Stephen-Argyle (Stephen)
- 16 @ Lake of the Woods
- 20 Red Lake County Coop @ BGMR
- 23 @ East Grand Forks Senior High
- 24 Blackduck @ BGMR
- 27 Kittson Central @ BGMR
- 29 Grygla-Goodridge @ BGMR

### Girls Basketball

- 5 @ Red Lake County Central (Oklee)
- 8 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
- 12 Stephen-Argyle @ BGMR
- 15 Grygla-Goodridge @ BGMR
- 16 @ Lake of the Woods
- 20 @ Crookston
- 22 @ Roseau
- 23 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 24 Blackduck @ BGMR
- 29 @ Kittson Central

### Wrestling

- 6 @ Crookston
- 8 @ Dilworth Quadrangular
- 9 @ Mahnomen-Waubun (Mahnomen)
- 13 Fosston @ BGMR
- 17 @ Thief River Falls
- 22 Bemidji @ BGMR
- 27 @ Red Lake County Coop Triangular (Oklee)
- 31 @ Larimore Invitational

## January Dates to Remember

By: Devan Olson

- 1 No School ~ Winter Break
- 2 No School ~ Winter Break
- 4 Badger Play Practice 5:15-7:00 pm
- 8 Creativity Festival @ Bemidji State University
- 11 Badger Play Practice 5:15-7:00 pm
- 12 School Board 7:30 pm
- 14 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 14 College Financial Aid Night 6:00 pm
- 16 End of Quarter 2
- 18 Badger Play Practice 5:15-7:00 pm
- 19 No School ~ Staff Workshop
- 21 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 25 Badger Play Practice 5:15-7:00 pm
- 27 ECFE "Winter in Motion" 6:00 pm
- 28 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 31 One-Act Play Subsections @ Lake of the Woods

## Winter Wonderland Workshop

Winter Wonderland Workshop was held in the Kindergarten classroom on December 16. This was an afternoon for students to work with a special adult to create crafts, sing Christmas songs, read stories together, and decorate cookies. The boys and girls were excited to spend time with family and had many Christmas crafts to take home.



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## Campus Comment

By: Devan Olson

### What is your favorite winter activity?

**Tessa Blumer (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** Wrestling, because I grew up in a gym watching my brother and I was also a wrestler in elementary school. It's also my brother's senior year which makes it more exciting!

**Kobe Dostal (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** Snowmobiling and pulling tubes behind it and rolling in the snow. I like flinging my brothers off the tube.

**Trevor Grand (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** I love snowmobiling because it's the best thing to do in the winter. I like doing it because I've been doing it since I was 3 years old.

**Olivia Monsrud (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite winter activity is going sledding with Shayna and my siblings until dark. Then we come into the house and drink hot chocolate and watch movies until we fall asleep.

**Robby Davy (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite winter activity would be spending time in Canada at my grandparent's house driving 4-wheelers through the snow and on the ice of the Rainy River. This is my favorite activity because it is fun to get out of the house and just drive around and have fun.

**Mariah Modahl (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite winter sport activity is playing basketball. I have been playing basketball since I was little and competitively since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I never get bored of playing it and it keeps me busy. Basketball is also one of my favorite sports overall.

**Mrs. Dostal (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher):** My favorite winter activity for many years now is following the Gator boys basketball team on their many adventures.



## Voice of Democracy

Submitted by: Becky Ylitalo

Local veteran Morris Vacura congratulated Kellie Parnow for her Voice of Democracy essay that won third place at the district level. Kellie won \$100 for earning first place for her essay at the local level. She then won an additional \$125 for earning third place at the district level. Kellie is the first Badger School student to advance to districts for the competition. Her essay shared experiences from her basic training last summer in Missouri and focused on how veterans are important to America's history and future.

**Pictured:** Veteran Morris Vacura, Kellie Parnow, and English teacher Becky Ylitalo.



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## Badger High School Nominates Two Students for ExCEL Award

Submitted by: Stacey Warne

Badger High School is pleased to announce the nomination of two juniors, Alex Burkel and Leah Erickson, 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 19<sup>th</sup> annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website in early February and recognized on television during the winter sports tournament season.

Alex Burkel is the son of John and Joni Burkel of Badger. He volunteers time coaching and officiating youth basketball, serving in his church, and is active in 4-H. Alex has served as class president for several years, section music leader, and is involved in many school activities including National Honor Society, FIRST Robotics, One-Act Play, golf, choir and band.

Leah Erickson's activities include band, choir, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl, volleyball and basketball. She is an active volunteer in her church and also volunteers her time performing dance and vocals at local events. Leah is the daughter of Scott and Tina Erickson of Badger.

According to Superintendent Jerome, "Alex and Leah are great 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, Alex and Leah 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."



## Badger Students Participate in Northland Honor Band

Submitted by: Lisa Erickson



**Back:** Robby Davy, Leah Erickson, Amy Svir, Kellie Parnow, Alex Burkel, Madison Truscinski  
**Front:** Jordan Watson, Logan Klegstad, Evan Peppel, Matt Howell, Mariah Modahl

The Northland Honor Band consisted of 82 young musicians from 12 area schools. They spent the entire day learning five new musical pieces to play for the evening concert. Directing the group was Linda Samuelson, Northland Music Instructor. Badger School had eleven musicians participate in the Northland Honor Band.





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## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

### Many loyal patrons enter the Kingdom of Books at the Scholastic Book Fair

Submitted by: Sherry Verbout, Book Fair Coordinator

Sir Readalot's Castle: Enter the Kingdom of Books was the theme for this year's Scholastic Book Fair. With the vast array of picture books, chapter books, cookbooks, reference books, preschool books, teen reads, educational gifts, and other fun items it certainly felt majestic. It all started with the Holiday Bazaar/Santa Day, on Saturday. We had great sales with many families taking the opportunity to browse the fair together. The selection of fun pens, pencils, erasers and posters was also a big draw. Many elementary students signed up for the poster give away which happened periodically throughout the day, the lucky winners were Quillan Wirta, Kaden Halvorson, Julie Dostal, Masen Swenson, Amelia Wilt, Jordan Davy, Landon Frislie, Brooke VonEnde, and Alyssa Rinde. The book fair was also held during school hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and in conjunction with the High School Music concert and the Kindergarten Winter Wonderland afternoon activities. This provided families and the community more opportunities to shop for those last minute holiday gifts. With their help, the elementary classrooms and the library received over \$2,000 worth of new books to add to their collections.

All these book fair events would not be possible without all the help I receive, so I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to our parent volunteers Sara Olson and Diane Garten, and recent Badger high school graduate volunteer Katie Rhen, who all graciously gave their time and assistance during the fair. Also, to school staff Renee Rhen, Lorraine Kukowski, and Joni Pelowski thanks for your time and talents helping things run smoothly, it is greatly appreciated. Everyone working together is what makes this great event for literacy possible! See you next year.



Jaden, Valerie, & Quentin Kukowski



Talisha Hamann



Salma Pray & Hailey VonEnde



Lillian Kruger, Paige Rybakowski, Alex Lunde

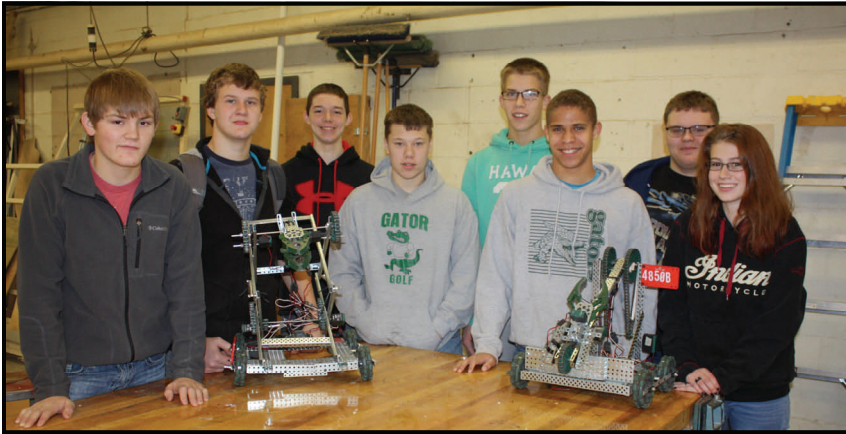
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## Badger VEX Robotics Competition

Submitted by: Mike Coltom

The Badger Vex Robotics Teams 4850A and 4850B loaded up the mid-bus at 6 o'clock in the morning and left for Bemidji on December 6 to compete against 38 other teams. In all honesty, all the teams could have used more time to work on their robots to make some adjustments but many of the people on the teams are also in a lot of other extra-curricular activities. Overall, however, we feel like it was a great experience; 4850A got 23<sup>rd</sup> and 4850B got 36<sup>th</sup>. The students on the VEX Robotics teams are Shayna

Kruger, Olivia Monsrud, Seth Dostal, Jared Davy, Devin Pries, Isaac Dostal, Evan Peppel, Ethan Praska, Jack Peppel and Jordan Watson. We would like to give a huge thank you to Greg Peppel, a volunteer, for spending many hours and the whole competition day helping us.



**Pictured:** Seth Dostal, Devin Pries, Jared Davy, Isaac Dostal, Jack Peppel, Jordan Watson, Ethan Praska, Olivia Monsrud  
**Not Pictured:** Evan Peppel, Shayna Kruger

## The Minnesota State High School League Honors Local Students with Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates

Submitted by: Stacey Warne

The Minnesota State High School League recently awarded twenty Spotlight on Scholarship certificates to Badger High School students for their achievements in the classroom.

Sponsored by the League for 19 years, the Spotlight on Scholarship Program began in 1995 to recognize students who participate in League sponsored activities and who have a "B" or better grade average. More than 600,000 students have been honored so far, and today the Spotlight on Scholarship Program is considered the fastest-growing recognition program the League sponsors.

"The Spotlight on Scholarship Program is an opportunity for us to honor students who are doing great things in the classroom and in their MSHSL activities," said Badger Dean of Students, Stacey Warne. "These students prove they can manage the rigors of their classroom workload as well as demanding extra-curricular schedules."



**Back:** Megan Kompelien, Leah Erickson, Tyrah Green, Mariah Modahl, Shayna Kruger, Olivia Monsrud, Joanna Erickson  
**Middle:** Devin Pries, Tyler Isane, Adam Borreson, Jack Peppel, Wyatt Peppel, Seth Dostal  
**Front:** Aaron Davy, Isaac Dostal, Isabella Grafstrom, Madison Truscinski, Amy Svir, Ethan Praska



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## Ramp-Up January 2015

Submitted by: Stacey Warne

Ramp-Up for Readiness Students will investigate the following topics during the month of January. Parents should feel free to use these as specific discussion starters about the Ramp-Up activities and workshops held during the month.

**GRADE 6** – *Defining Your Dreams*. Part of getting ready for postsecondary education is helping students to think about their dreams and aspirations, and to starting thinking about how they can get there. Building this belief at this stage of their lives is one of the most important aspects of college and career readiness at this age.

**WORKSHOP:** Why Postsecondary Education – Students learn some of the benefits of having a postsecondary education and begin to explore general information on institutions through using the Minnesota Career Information System website.

**GRADE 7** – *Working and Learning with Peers*. In this unit the peer interactions that can sometimes get in the way of learning are addressed by sharing positive ways to interact. The “soft skills” that are important in both the workplace and school are stressed – being on time, having a strong work ethic, and valuing diversity. *Growth Mindset*. Students learn that abilities and intelligence is not fixed and can change through effort and willingness to learn.

**WORKSHOP:** Growth Mindset

**GRADE 8** – *Preparing for High School*. This unit is to help students prepare for course selection as they will begin high school in the fall. Not only will students be discussing required coursework and available electives, but co-curricular opportunities as well.

**WORKSHOP:** Understanding Your EXPLORE Test Results

**GRADE 9** – *Identifying Internal and External Supports*. Students identify what they see as their won assets by filling out a checklist. They then identify was they can use their assets to overcome obstacles. *Effective Ways to Study*. This unit identifies 10 study strategies that students can use to make them more academically successful.

**GRADE 10** – *Defining Ways to Pay for College*. This unit describes the ways that students can and do pay for college. The importance of grants, scholarships, student loans and work study jobs are discussed.

**WORKSHOP:** Financing Postsecondary Education.

**GRADE 11** – *Finding Scholarships*. Student finds out how to look for and apply to receive scholarship money available to help them pay for postsecondary education. *Choosing Classes to Maintain Momentum*. This unit is intended to encourage students to take challenging courses to avoid the “senior slump”. Students will review potential course options and well as receive information about concurrent enrollment courses.

**WORKSHOP:** Envisioning Possible Self.

**GRADE 12** – *Setting and Sticking to Great Goals*. In this unit the idea of goal setting is revisited. Research about how people perceive goals and the obstacles and benefits of reaching those goals is introduced, along with solutions for helping students to think about how they will approach obstacles so that the benefits can be realized. *Understanding College Grading*. Student will gain a general idea of how college grading can be different from what they have experienced in high school. Students will learn of the importance of syllabi and GPA in college.

**WORKSHOP:** Completing the FAFSA – Students will begin the FAFSA completion process online.

## Trivia

By: Kaitie Hamann

- Which of these mammals lays eggs?
  - mice
  - platypus
  - possum
  - kangaroo
- What does *carpe diem* mean?
  - freedom
  - seize the day
  - spirit
  - enlighten the day



- What product begins producing in 1777?
  - James Island black beans
  - Heinz ketchup
  - Great Alaskan pizza
  - Dijon mustered
- What is the most popular sport in the world?
  - baseball
  - hockey
  - soccer
  - softball

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## Band Musician of the Month

Katrina Smith

**Grade:** 10

**Siblings:** Makayla, Ethan, Chris

**What instrument do you play?** Alto Sax

**Why did you choose to play this instrument?** My sister played it and I always enjoyed listening to her play, so she encouraged me to play the saxophone.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** Teasing the drummers, tenors, bari sax, and other alto saxes.

**How long have you been in band?** I have played since 4<sup>th</sup> grade, so 6 years.

**What is your favorite song to play?** My favorite song to play this year would be my solo piece *A Night in June*.

**What advice would you give to younger musician?** Work hard, learn your notes, and just enjoy band.

**Does anyone inspire you to be part of band?** My sister and Ms. Erikson. Band is a fun and enjoyable class to be in.



## Choir Musician of the Month

Alex Burkel

**Grade:** 11

**Siblings:** Vanessa, Andrea, Jack, Emily

**What section are you in?** Tenor. I like being a tenor because we get to sing the most fun parts.

**How long have you been in choir?** 5 years

**What is the hardest part about being in choir?** Singing falsetto.

**What advice would you give other vocalist?** Never stop singing!

**What are you looking forward to this year?** Large group choir and band contests!

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** I enjoy singing anything because I really like singing.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** Preparing for the Music Review!

## 6th Grade Food Shelf Donations

Thank you to the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade class along with the Badger School and community.

Together we were able to bring 403 lbs. of donated food shelf items to the food shelf in Roseau! We also donated \$80.







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## Cale Lindland

**Parents:** Cody & Candice

**Age:** 6

**What are you looking forward to in the New Year?** Valentine's Day because I like it and we get to make hearts. I cut them on paper and make them look nice.

**Do you know what the New Year celebration is?** No but it sounds like parties. I think people would color.

**If you could be a super hero, what would your super power be?** Spider Woman, and I don't know her powers but I like her.

**If you could have any pet in the world, what would it be?** A kitty because they are soft. I would name it Violet

**What would you like to be famous for?** I would dance. I like to dance and I would listen to Katy Perry songs all day.



Kindergarten Korner

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## Payton Gust

**Parents:** Becky & Richard

**Age:** 6

**What are you looking forward to in the New Year?** I'm looking forward to summer, playing, and jumping in the leaves.

**Do you know what the New Year celebration is?** A parties they would eat cake. There might be a park there with swings or they would go home.

**If you could be a super hero, what would your super power be?** I would be super strong. Super Gust would be my name.

**If you could have any pet in the world, what would it be?** A bunny which would be black and white and a mommy kitty who would be white, white, white. I would play with them.

**What would you like to be famous for?** Singing and I would buy a Kindle with the money I make so I can play games on it. I'd get lots of songs on my kindle.

## Keegan VonEnde

**Parents:** Jedd & Jandi

**Age:** 6

**What are you looking forward to in the New Year?** Summer because I like to go in my pond and swim. I like to go outside and I like to play with my friends.

**Do you know what the New Year celebration is?** Having fun with your friends and family. I will have fun and see my grandma and my grandpa.

**If you could be a super hero, what would your super power be?** I don't know what my name would be but I would be able to do anything I wanted.

**If you could have any pet in the world, what would it be?** I would train a coyote to be my pet dog.

**What would you like to be famous for?** Singing and I would sing country. I like singing. Also I would take all the people I could and I would go to California and clean up all the damage that's been done.



Kindergarten Korner

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## Senior Spotlight Kasey Pries

**Parents:** Bob & Deb Pries

**Siblings:** Devin & Brandon

**Nicknames:** Kashey, KP, Dawny, Kas Kas

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Hockey

**Song:** *Any Man of Mine* by Shania Twain

**Food:** Spaghetti

**Color:** Purple

**Quote:** "Follow your passion. Stay true to yourself. Never follow someone else's path unless you're in the woods and you're lost and see a path. By all means, you should follow that." ~ Ellen DeGeneres

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To go to an Ellen DeGeneres show with my cousin Melissa because we love her!

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** Hayley Olson to Alaska because we've always talked about going there one day.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Bubbly

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** On the last day of school in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, my mom and friend's mom brought Justin Bieber tickets to school and I screamed so loud the entire student body looked at me in the lunch room.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hanging out with friends, hunt, listen to music, and go shopping.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Moving here in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and meeting new people.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Becoming homecoming queen and knowing that others look up to me. That is such an honor.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** Attend Northland and go for my LPN degree.



## Senior Spotlight Tatum Peters



**Parents:** Tim Peters & Stephanie Fulton

**Sibling:** Jessica

**Nicknames:** Totsie, Tator Tot

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Volleyball

**Song:** *I'm Ready* by AJR

**Food:** Snow Crab

**Color:** Fluorescent green and hot pink

**Quote:** "Families are like fudge, mostly sweet with a few nuts."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** A life full of luck.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My boyfriend Josh to Cancun.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Loyal

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Getting pantsed.

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

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** All the different teachers we have had.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Being part of the music department.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** Moving out and hopefully going to college.



## Senior Spotlight Victoria Green

**Parents:** Angela Gregerson & Brian Green

**Siblings:** Adysen, Onah, Tyrah, Kaitlin, Preston, Paige

**Nicknames:** Toe, Tori, Loyd, Flame-On, Hobo, Vic, Icky Vicky, Victoria Greenturd, Ginge, Ginger, Magpole...

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Song:** *Dirt* by Florida Georgia Line

**Food:** Ramen noodles

**Color:** Pink

**Quote:** "I am selfish, impatient, and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control at times and hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure don't deserve me at my best." ~ Marilyn Monroe

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** I would wish that I had never peed the bed at Mariah's house when we were little.

**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 take Channing Tatum to Paris and go on sooo many romantic dates with him.

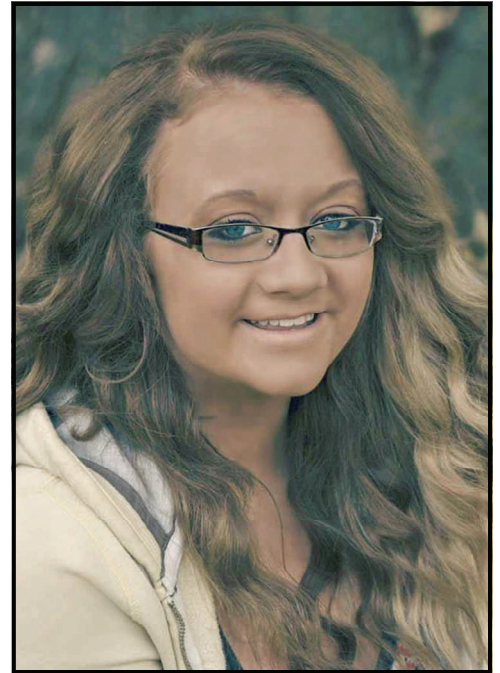
**What one word best describes your personality?** Outgoing

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** When Daegan told me to hand him the pencil that was on the desk in front of me, so I got up and Beau was holding onto my hair and just about yanked it out. It was so embarrassing yet funny at the same time!

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hang out with friends, drive around, watch Netflix, and jump on trampolines.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Winning first place in the talent show in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** Attend college and start my life on my own!



## Senior Spotlight Jackson Whitt



**Parents:** Rhonda and Leonard Whitt

**Sibling:** Thomas

**Nicknames:** Jack, JW

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Racing

**Song:** *Wiggle* by Jason Derulo

**Food:** Pizza

**Color:** Camo

**Quote:** "Whass up"

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To catch a shark.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My aunt to San Diego, California.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Cool

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Play video games.

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

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?**

Getting an A+ in shop last year.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** Go to college.

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## Badger School Superintendent's News



Greetings from the Badger School District and Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season.

2014 was a successful year for the Badger School District. Our enrollment continues to remain strong and has even experienced growth from the previous year. Perhaps the greatest achievement was our elementary school being recognized as a “REWARD” school by the Minnesota Department of Education. The “REWARD” designation recognizes the top 15% academic achieving schools within the State of Minnesota.

The “new year” promises many exciting opportunities, challenges, and successes for the Badger School District. Currently, the FIRST robotics season officially began on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and our students are working diligently right now to meet the engineering challenges they are faced with. FIRST Robotics team members with advisor Mr. Mike Coltom and assistance from Mr. Dale Hagen have six weeks to design, test, and build a robot capable of competing and performing at the upcoming regional competition in Duluth.

In addition to the academic, fine arts, and extracurricular activities that await our students, the Badger School District will continue to focus on the following areas during the 2015 year:

- *Continue to seek out and create opportunities for our students.*
- *Serve our community to the best of our ability.*
- *Maintain focus on our educational efforts to prepare students for success beyond high school.*
- *Continue to analyze and modify curriculum and course offerings to ensure our students have the opportunity to maximize their learning potential.*
- *Continue to provide and utilize technology to improve education of our students when appropriate and necessary.*
- *Seek ways to expand, maintain and further enhance strong community partnerships. Individual and business contributions help to make our school successful.*
- *Protect and manage district resources through sound planning and careful management of our assets.*

Most importantly during 2015, **students will remain the most valuable commodity within the Badger School!** Our staff will continue to do all they can to serve our students on a daily basis and work to make good things happen for others.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns regarding our school district, please feel free to give me a call at 528-3201. If possible, stop by to visit our school. Working together we will ensure that Badger School continues to be the school where “Every Student Belongs.”

Have a wonderful new year.

Sincerely,  
Tom Jerome  
Superintendent, Badger School District



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### Postal Customer

#### Shout Out To.....

*Border State Bank* for providing cookies and coffee after the high school winter concert.

*Juli Smedsmo* for accompanying the high school choir at our winter program.

*"Grandma Bev"* from the 2nd graders and Mrs. Dostal for sharing her time and talents with them! They appreciate her very much!

*Val Johnson* for helping with the Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop. The cookie station is a success because of you!

*Greg Peppel*, VEX robotics volunteer, for spending many hours helping build our robot and for being at our competition day helping the Badger team.

*Nellie Hagen* and *Robby Davy* for helping all day at the clothing swap.

Special thanks to *Joel Erickson* and the *Faith Church* crew for helping set up & tear down the clothing swap.

*Ashtyn Beito* for setting up the FCCLA bake sale.

*Beau Blumer & Devin Dostal* for keeping sanity an option in the FACS room

*FCCLA members* who donated to the holiday bake sale

Hugs to *Emma VonEnde* for sharing her Reggae scarves

Custodian *John Werta* and parent *Heidi Hamann* for all their help at the Badger Home for the Holidays event.

*Sherri Verbout* for all her hard work managing the book fair!

*Renee Rhen, Annie Prestegord, and Sue Smith* for all of their help with supervision and behind the scenes work during the elementary musical.

### *The Seven Nasty Princesses*

*January 4  
through the end of  
February*



*Every Sunday  
5:15-7:00 pm*

*Badger Play Practice*