

The Badger Barker

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Madison Truscinski Advances

In December 2014, Madison Truscinski and Logan Klegstad were nominated by the Badger School for the Triple "A" Award. The Triple "A" Award was originated by the Minnesota State High School League and recognizes and honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the fine arts. The nominee must be a high school senior, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, participate in League-sponsored athletics and fine arts, and complete the application form and submit it to the administrative secretary on or before the deadline. Triple "A" Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process involving member schools of the League, the League's administrative regions, and a special committee of educators, business leaders, and members from the fine arts and athletic communities. The selection committee evaluates each application based on classroom performance, involvement in League-sponsored athletic programs, and involvement in fine arts activities. On February 11, 2015, Madison and Logan along with their parents and Mr. Stacey Warne attended the Section 8A Triple "A" Banquet in Mahanomen, MN. From the school nominations, the committee selects one male and one female sub-section winner for each of the four subsections in section 8A. Madison Truscinski was selected as the female winner for sub-section 32. The eight sub-section winners' applications (four male and four female) are then sent to a committee at the University of Minnesota Crookston. This committee selects the section winners that will represent Section 8A at the state level. Madison also earned the honor of being selected at the Section 8A female winner and will travel to the boys' state basketball tournament on March 14, 2015. During halftime of the championship game, the four state recipients of the Triple "A" Award will be announced (one male and one female from class A and one male and one female from class AA). The winners will each receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.



Madison is the daughter of Alan and Valerie Truscinski. She is involved in many activities within Badger School. She has attended the state golf meet the past two years (placing second and fifth as a team respectively), is involved in volleyball earning the Minnesota Academic All-State Award, and is a statistician for the varsity boys' basketball team. She is also very involved in band and choir. Throughout her high school career Madison has received eleven superior ratings and three Outstanding Performances in band solo and ensemble contests, performing on more than one instrument. She has also received eight superior and one excellent rating at choir solo and ensemble contests. Madison has been selected for honor band and honor choir numerous times throughout her high school career. She is involved in One-Act Play and is the head programmer for the Badger School's FIRST Robotics Team 3750. On top of these League sponsored activities Madison is involved in FCCLA, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl, Art Club, Math Club, and has been elected class president three times. All of this while maintaining a 4.094 GPA. By graduation Madison will have acquired over 60 college credits from participating in College in the High School courses, she keeps a very rigorous schedule. Congratulations to Madison and best wishes at the state Triple "A" competition!



Congratulations Aaron Dostal

Senior Aaron Dostal started the 2014-2015 basketball season 284 points away from 1,000 career varsity points. On January 27, 2015, he reached his 1,000 points at a home game against Kittson County Central. Pictured with Aaron are his parents Becky and Bob Dostal. Congratulations Aaron!

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Campus Comment

By: Tyler Isane

If you were a candy, what candy would you be?

Isaac Lorenson (7th grade): If I could be a candy, I would be a Mike & Ike. The reason why is that the Ike in Mike & Ike is my nickname. There are many flavors of Mike & Ike, just like my personality.

Noah Stuebgen (8th grade): If I could be a candy, I would be an Everlasting Gobstopper. So then when someone tries to eat me I will never die. And because there are many different flavors.

Devan Olson (9th grade): I would be a Ghirardelli Milk Chocolate Square with caramel, because they are so good, creamy, and rich. They are the best candy ever!

Maddie Rybakowski (10th grade): If I could be a candy, I'd be a Gummy Bear. My reason why is, for one, they are adorable! For two, why not? They taste so delicious, especially with my best friend Caitlin Lunde! I love Gummy Bears! #GummyBearsRule #Yum #Wowtheytastesogood

Shakira Hossain (11th grade): Sour Patch Kids! They're my all time favorite candy! They pretty much explain my personality: sour and sweet! ☺ Plus their catch phrase always gets me: "Sour. Sweet. Gone." Who wouldn't want that?

Heidi Mitchell (12th grade): Sweet Tarts because they are sour and sweet all in one.

Mr. Johnson (Social Studies Teacher): Without a doubt Jolly Ranchers because of the different rockin rancher flavors and their simple ability to make the situation jolly.



March Dates to Remember

By: Devan Olson

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| 3 | Comm Ed ~ 3-D Drawing 3:15 pm | 19 | Badger School Play |
| 3 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga 5:45 pm | 20 | End of Quarter 3 |
| 3 | ECFE "Tooth Care" 6:00 pm | 20 | Badger School Play |
| 4 | Knowledge Bowl Sub-Region @ Thief River Falls | 23 | Staff Workshop ~ No School |
| 5 | Blood Drive – Gym 8:00 am - 1:45 pm | 24 | Vocal Ensemble Contest @ Roseau |
| 6-8 | Art Club Trip, Grand Marais | 24 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga 5:45 pm |
| 8 | Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Set Clocks Ahead | 24 | ECFE "Bus to Roseau for a Swim" 6:00 pm |
| 9 | School Board 7:30 pm | 26 | Instrumental Ensemble Contest @ Tri-County |
| 10 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga 5:45 pm | 31 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga 5:45 pm |
| 10 | ECFE "Color Green" 6:00 pm | 31 | ECFE "Spring Celebration" 6:00 pm |
| 11 | Large Group Band/Choir Contest @ Hallock | | |
| 11 | Northland Community & Technical College Rep 12:30 pm | | |
| 16 | Rainy River Community Rep 10:00 am | | |
| 17 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga 5:45 pm | | |
| 17 | ECFE "St. Patrick's Day" 6:00 pm | | |

Trivia Answers

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



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Super Bowl XLIV

By: Jack Peppel

Super Bowl 49 was played on February 1 between the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks. They had both battled their way through the playoffs playing top teams.

The Seahawks and the Patriots started the game with the Patriots receiving the ball. After a dead-lock first quarter, the Patriots started a scoring drive that ended with a 9 yard pass from Tom Brady to Brandon LaFell. The Seahawks responded with a scoring drive of their own that ended with Marshawn Lynch running the ball in from 2 yards out. The Patriots scored again increasing their lead to 7 with a 22 yard pass from Tom Brady to Rob Gronkowski. The Seahawks, on their last drive of the half, scored on a last second touchdown pass from Russell Wilson to Chris Matthews. Going into half time the score was 14-14.

The second half with started the Seahawks driving down field all the way to the 17 yard line where Steven Hauschka drilled a 27 yard field goal, making the score 17-14 Seahawks. Later in the quarter the Seahawks increased their lead to 10 with a 1 yard pass from Russell Wilson to Doug Balwin, making it 24-14 Seahawks. The third quarter ended 24-14 Seahawks. The fourth quarter started with two back to back punts but soon the Patriots started to drive the ball down field. The scoring drive ended with Danny Amendola receiving a 5 yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady, putting the game within 3 again. Shortly after a turnover by the Seahawks and with the game nearing the end, the Patriots scored again on a 6 yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady to Julian Edelman, going ahead by 4 points making it 28-24. The Seahawks started their final drive with an 11 yard pass from Russell Wilson to Ricardo Lockette for a first down. On the next first down the Seahawks went deep, the pass was tipped by the defense but somehow Jermaine Kearse tipped the ball off his leg into his hands for a completed 35 yard pass all the way down to the 4 yard line. One hand off to Marshawn Lynch gained 3 yards to the 1 yard line and it was 2nd and goal for the Seahawks. The Seahawks decided to throw a pass but it was intercepted by Malcolm Butler. The Patriots knelt the ball to end the game. The game end 28-24 with the Patriots being your Super Bowl XLVI Champions. Tom Brady got the MVP Award for the 3rd time in his career.

There was a little fight on the field toward the end of the game resulting in Bruce Irvin, the Seahawks linebacker, getting ejected from the game. Three players were later fined for the fight: Seattle Seahawks' Bruce Irvin, and Michael Bennett along with New England's Rob Gronkowski.



Which is better, regular or diet soda?

By: Ethan Praska

Morgan Praska

I think diet soda is better for people because it uses artificial sweeteners. Artificial sweeteners don't allow bacteria to live on them, so it would be better for your teeth. In my opinion, both kinds are bad for you if you have too many.

Brenden Kurrasch

Regular is better because it doesn't have the chemicals that diet has. I also think regular is better because it tastes better than diet does. Finally, I think regular is better because it doesn't have so many chemicals like diet does. Diet could cause heart disease.

Amy Svir

Regular pop is definitely better than diet! First of all, regular tastes better. Second, I always hear that diet pop is even more unhealthy than regular! So, I usually drink regular pop.

Daniel Obie

I think regular soda is better for you because I have heard diet is bad for your teeth and in the end it is just as bad as regular soda.

Random Riddles Answers

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| 1. The doctor is his mom! | 5. Yesterday! |
| 2. A clock! | 6. Today and Tomorrow! |
| 3. Rain! | 7. Your name |
| 4. The match! | |

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Kindergarten Korner

Eli Olafson

Parents: Nathan & Stephanie

Age: 5

What would you like to learn next week? I would want to learn how to build buildings.

If you were invisible for a day what would you do? I would have people bump into me. I would have to be careful.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A football player because I want to win. I would play for the Vikings. I want to be the quarterback.

How do you think the world will look in the future? Nothing, just grass and trees. The buildings would be really big.

Who is your favorite TV character? Teen Titans Beastboy because he can turn into any animal. I also like watching sports.



Kindergarten Korner

Peyton Lee

Parents: Shane & Natasha

Age: 5

What would you like to learn next week? I would like to learn about chickens because they don't know what to do because they are chickens.

If you were invisible for a day what would you do? I don't know, go scare people.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A veterinarian, because I want to help animals.

How do you think the world will look in the future? I think it will be cold with really tall buildings and the cars will look like pickups.

Who is your favorite TV character? Sara from *Horseland* because she rides a horse.



Kindergarten Korner

Christian Osborne

Parent: Wonda

Age: 5

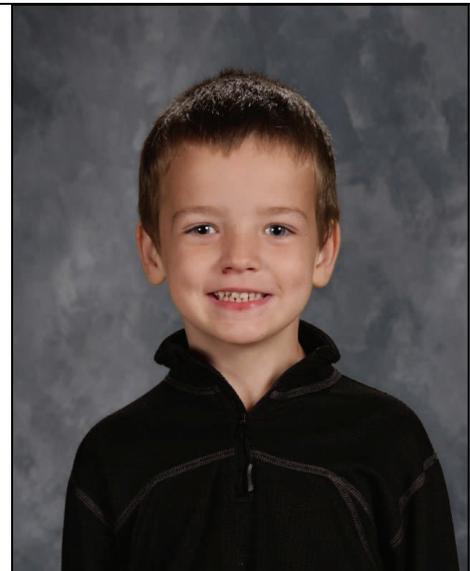
What would you like to learn next week? Roller skate or skateboard because I might want to go skating some time.

If you were invisible for a day what would you do? I would haunt people and scare someone.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A soccer player because I want to win a trophy. I could get a gold medal if I keep winning.

How do you think the world will look in the future? A whole different world or it could be destroyed.

Who is your favorite TV character? Woody and Buzz from *Toy Story*.
Lightning McQueen and Mater from *Cars*.



Kindergarten Korner



Choir Musician of the Month Megan Kompelien

Grade: 11

Siblings: Kassie, Ethan, Logan

What section are you in? I am a 2nd soprano, which can either be the coolest or most frustrating of the sectional parts. We often split from the rest singing the defining notes that counter the main melody, and that I do enjoy.

How long have you been in choir? I've been in choir since 7th grade, but I wasn't always as involved as I currently am.

What is the hardest part about being in choir? I think blend is extremely difficult to master but also learning Latin because no matter what we are doing for some reason we always end up singing Latin.

What advice would you give other vocalist? Make your section shine! It doesn't matter what part you sing as long as the end result is the absolute best we can do.

What are you looking forward to this year? I'm patiently waiting for contests to be over with so that we can all solely focus on new music.

What kind of music do you like to sing? Not Latin! I enjoy singing songs where the lower sections (base, alto, tenor, and second sopranos) have the main melody.

What is your favorite choir memory? Two years ago at contest a bunch of us formed a flash mob and got a bunch of people to join us.



Band Musician of the Month Olivia Monsrud

Grade: 10

Siblings: Isabella, Elijah, Ezra

What instrument do you play? Clarinet

Why did you choose to play this instrument? My mom played the clarinet when she was in school.

What is your most memorable moment in band? When Shanyce told Amy to hit me in the forehead but not too hard, and Amy didn't hear the last part and hit me in the forehead when I wasn't paying attention.

How long have you been in band? 6 years

What is your favorite song to play? *Louie Louie*

What advice would you give to younger musician? Listen to Ms. Erickson and do what you're told when you are told to do it.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? Yes, my parents.

Random Riddles

By: Dayton Bishop

1. A dad and his son were riding their bikes and crashed. Two ambulances came and took them to different hospitals. The man's son was in the operating room and the doctor said, "I can't operate on you you're my son." How's that possible?
2. What has hands, but can't clap?
3. What comes down but never goes up?
4. You walk into a room with a match, kerosene lamp, a candle, and a fireplace. Which one do you light first?
5. What will you never see again?
6. Can you name two days that start with the letter "T" besides Thursday and Tuesday?
7. What belongs to you, but others use it more than you do?

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Senior Spotlight Darius Watson

Parents: Tia Hietala & Demond Watson

Siblings: Tiana, Deja, Jordan, Demond Jr., Brooklyn

Nicknames: D, Little D

Favorite:

Sport: Basketball

Song: *Money Baby* by K Camp

Food: Tuna Casserole

Color: Red

Quote: "Heart over height."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Have my college all paid for.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? Alex Burkel and we would go watch the Seattle Seahawks play in the Super Bowl!

What one word best describes your personality? Energetic

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? When Mr. Coltom told me my motor was on fire outside and I grabbed the fire extinguisher and sprayed the motor down and it wasn't on fire... Thanks Mr. Coltom.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Listen to music.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Being able to see my classmates everyday.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Getting king of homecoming.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Going to college at Northland Community & Technical College or Bismarck State College.

Senior Spotlight Madison Truscinski

Parents: Alan & Valerie Truscinski

Siblings: Alexander, Kennedy

Nicknames: MadDawg, T-ski, Madelynn, Masson, Maddi

Favorite:

Sport: Golf

Song: *The Sun is Rising* by Britt Nicole

Food: Ice Cream

Color: Orange

Quote: "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius, and it is better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring!" ~ Marilyn Monroe

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I wish that everyone could find their purpose in life because so many people waste their lives away!

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? I can't decide between Aaron and Darius because I know that they would make the trip fun! We would travel to Las Vegas.

What one word best describes your personality? Bold

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? I don't have embarrassing moments from high school.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? I don't have free time because I am always running! I do enjoy reading and listening to music.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Ms. Erickson is one person that I will always remember because she has shaped me into the young lady I am today.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Being a winner of the MSHSL Excel Award and advancing to nationals in FCCLA two years in a row.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? I plan on going to college to pursue a major in either Music Ed/Therapy or/and Physical Therapy.





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Senior Spotlight Morgan Weber



Parents: Michelle & Jeff Weber

Siblings: Taylor, Logan, Lindsey

Nicknames: Morg, Mog, Moby

Favorite:

Sport: Softball

Song: *Ready Set Roll* by Chase Rice

Food: Wontons

Color: Aquamarine

Quote: "Will you marry me?" ~ Mayson Holmes

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? All the puppies in the world.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? I would go to California and shop with Mayson.

What one word best describes your personality? Crazy

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Singing the *Star Spangled Banner* in Mr. Johnson's class.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Sleep and eat a lot of food.

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

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Get married and go to school for cosmetology.

Senior Spotlight Brody Anhorn

Parents: Carla Sundahl & Dan Anhorn

Siblings: Logan, Garrett

Nicknames: Broda, BroBro

Favorite:

Sport: UFC

Song: *Drown* by Bring Me the Horizon

Food: Hamburgers

Color: Blue

Quote: "He not busy being born is busy dying." ~ Bob Dylan

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Unlimited get out of jail free cards. ;) Ha Ha

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? Kellie Parnow to Rome.

What one word best describes your personality? Funny

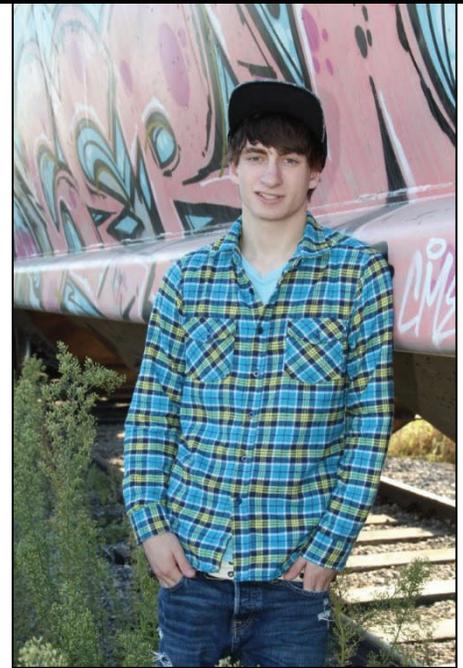
What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Burping really loud and interrupting the teacher.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Eat food.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Jokes with Jackson Whitt in Mr. Johnson's class.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Becoming Logan Klegstad and Kellie Parnow's friend.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Become an NFL quarterback and save the world.



Boys Basketball

- 3 Section Semi Finals
- 6 Section Finals
- 11-14 State Tournament

March Gator Sports

By: Jack Peppel

Girls Basketball

- 2 Section Pigtales
- 5 Section Play-in Round
- 7 Section Quarter Finals
- 10 Section Semi Finals
- 13 Section Finals
- 17-21 State Tournament

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4-6 A Honor Roll

Back: Bella Burkel, Keyasha Housker, Isabella Monsrud, Alyssa Rinde, Erika Howell, Hailey VonEnde, Tanner Davy

Front: Avdyl Jasiqi, Talon Hilligas, Maisy Ylitalo, Tim Peppel, Greta Lee, Bailey Maurstad

Not Pictured: Kadeyn Keller, Jack Burkel, Noah Warne

4-6 B Honor Roll

Back: Brooke VonEnde, Jasmine Christianson, Aulona Jasiqi, Victoria Hickey, Brogan Beito, Dylan VonEnde, Raegen Maahs, Julia Bergeron

Front: Tre Alten, Jordan Scharf, Dawson Beito, Jory Bronson, Hannah Rud, Alexis Rud, Hannah Wilt

Not Pictured: Gabe Warne, Abigail Novacek-Pratt, Kiah Olafson



Saint Patrick's Day

By: Tyler Isane

Saint Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious celebration on March 17. It is to honor Saint Patrick. Saint Patrick's Day became an official Christian feast day in the early seventeenth century and is celebrated by the Catholic and Lutheran Churches.

Celebrations on this day consist of public parades, festivals, and the wearing of green attire or a shamrock. It also is celebrated around the world. For example, in Dublin, Ireland, there are parades and street carnivals. There is also a Saint Patrick's Day parade in Boston, Massachusetts. Some other cool things on this day are that in Chicago, the rivers are dyed green, and in Seattle they paint green stripes down the roads.

A fun "lucky shamrocks" fact is the NBA Boston Celtics' mascot is Lucky the Leprechaun with shamrocks on him. Another team at the collegian level is the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Their mascot is the Notre Dame Leprechaun. Go green!

Trivia

By: Brody Anhorn

- How old is the earth?
 - 3.7 billion years
 - 2,015 years
 - 12 billion years
 - 4.5 billion years
- Which country gave the USA the Statue of Liberty?
 - Canada
 - France
 - Spain
 - Mexico
- What tree gives us prunes?
 - Plum tree
 - Apple tree
 - Orange tree
 - Palm tree
- Which planet was discovered using the telescope in 1781?
 - Mercury
 - Mars
 - Uranus
 - Jupiter

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7-9 A Honor Roll

Back: Emma VonEnde,
Colby Wooten, Dillon Nieman,
Tessa Blumer, Isaac Lorenson,
Morgan Praska, Emma Gust,
Deanna Rybakowski

Front: Emily Gust, Tessa Sanden,
Devan Olson, Alex Ylitalo,
Austin Maurstad, Ethan Praska,
Tyler Isane, Gavin Davy

Not Pictured: Kiana Jacobson,
Kennedy Truscinski, Jack Peppel

10-12 A Honor Roll

Back: Logan Klegstad,
Victoria Green, Robby Davy,
Madison Truscinski, Mariah Modahl,
Kasey Pries, Emily Hamann,
Megan Kompelien

Front: Alex Truscinski, Amy Svir,
Katrina Smith, Devin Pries,
Seth Dostal, Shayna Kruger,
Olivia Monsrud, Riley Sovde,
Isabella Grafstrom

Not Pictured: Caity Garten,
Alex Burkel



7-12 B Honor Roll

Back: Kayleen Kjelland,
Devin Corneliusen,
Derrick Corneliusen, Jared Davy,
Katie Coltom, Aaron Davy,
Matt Howell

Front: Heidi Mitchell,
Megan Doneth, Tyrah Green,
Haleigh Kruger, Joanna Erickson,
CeCe Yeager, Isaac Dostal,
Brandon Pries

Not Pictured: Karissa Kaml,
Kaitie Hamann,
Madison Rybakowski, Isaak Isane,
Tatum Peters



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Ramp-Up March 2015

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

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

GRADE 6 – *Information Revolution*: This unit exposes students to the idea that our world is constantly changing and the careers that were in the past will not necessarily exist in the future. *High Skills Careers*: Students are encouraged to understand and explore the need for a high-skill career based on financial and personal benefits.

GRADE 7 – *What is College Really Like?* Students will prepare for a guest panel by creating questions for the college students in the panel. After the workshop, students will reflect on what they have learned about college life. *Financial Awareness*: Students will get an introduction to the idea that college may require going into some debt, but education is often considered “good debt.” Students will also investigate the idea of credit and interest and that borrowing money or using credit for “bad debt” is not a good idea. WORKSHOP: Guest Speakers on College

GRADE 8 – *Budgeting for Teenagers*: This introductory unit on budgeting is intended to give students an idea about their own spending and saving habits. *Costs of College*: In this unit students get a more detailed understanding of the costs of two-year and four-year schools and the difference between public and private schools. WORKSHOP: Connecting EXPLORE to College Admission

GRADE 9 – *21st Century Skills*: Students are introduced to skills that are essential to being successful in the 21st century. *Understanding College Level Coursework*: This unit is meant as an introduction to coursework that can be completed in high school in which the students have the opportunity to earn college credit. WORKSHOP: Reality Check Tool

GRADE 10 – *Identifying Sparks*: This unit asks students to think about what interests them, so they can consider what career and postsecondary experience may be best for them based on their own internal interests. *Building a Resume*: This unit instructs students on relevant sections of a resume and how to begin constructing one for their own.

GRADE 11 – *Finding the Right Postsecondary Fit*: In this unit, students get the time and opportunity to really begin narrowing their postsecondary options based on specific criteria like majors offered, type of degree programs, school demographics, and more. Both 2- and 4-year colleges will be explored. *Deciding Where to Apply*: This unit has one session each on Match, Safe, and Reach college options. It also includes handouts that provide general information on the type of college, where it is located, size, cost, and the average GPA and ACT needed to get in for both in-state and out-of-state colleges. WORKSHOP: Postsecondary Exploration

GRADE 12 – *Building a Budget*: While many students have had some exposure to some money management in high school, this unit focuses on thinking about the money they earn and spend now, and the money they may need to earn to spend in college. *Anticipating the Postsecondary Experience*: This activity will prepare students for an upcoming workshop featuring current college students. WORKSHOP: Reality of the Postsecondary Experience

Shout Out To.....

Nellie Hagen & Tatum Peters for helping with the FCCLA Daddy-Daughter Dance.

Marie Ecklund and Lucy Heggedal for judging FCCLA Regional Events.

FCCLA State Conference Advancers Kennedy Truscinski, Emma VonEnde, Colby Wooten, Robby Davy, Logan Klegstad, Kellie Parnow, & Madison Truscinski.

Badger Fire Department for giving ECFE families a tour and goodie bags.

Amber Thompson, Mark Pray, Jared VonEnde, Shannon Monsrud, Paul Davy, and Mrs. Wiskow ~ the parents who helped chaperone the 5th and 6th grade field trip to Buena Vista.

Jeremy Swenson for driving the bus for the 5th and 6th grade field trip.





Community Education Fun

Jandi VonEnde recently taught an after school community education class to elementary aged children in the Badger School on creating an owl shaped bank. Here the students with their finished owls.



March Wacky Celebrations

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

By: Michal Olson

If Pets Had Thumbs Day ~ March 3rd

If Pets Had Thumbs Day leaves you wondering what would happen if..... One thing that sets man apart from many other species on the planet is an opposable thumb. It allows us to do many things that other creatures can't do.

National Frozen Food Day ~ March 6th

National Frozen Food Day celebrates all those yummy foods and snacks in your freezer. The invention of the freezer made this day possible. Imagine how your busy life would be if you didn't have a frozen dinner to pop into the microwave in between a late day at work and your evening event. You'd have to stop and make a dinner from scratch!

Middle Name Pride Day ~ March 10th

Middle Name Pride Day honors the seldom used middle name that often sets you apart from others. Here's two big reasons to be proud of your middle name: First, there are plenty of John Smiths and Mary Jones. It's the middle name your parents gave you that makes your name unique. Second, your parents chose your middle name with great care. It often was selected to honor a friend or relative. That person may have possessed certain characteristics that they want you to inherit.

National Potato Chip Day ~ March 14th

National Potato Chip Day celebrates the ever popular potato chip. Potato Chips are America's #1 snack food. But, it's not just a snack food. It's the potato of choice for many lunchtime and dinner meals. Regular (or plain) potato chips are by far the most popular. Other popular flavors are barbecue, sour cream & onion, oil & vinegar, and ranch.

National Pi Day ~ March 14th

National Pi Day celebrates Pi, a mathematical concept and a number that never ends....at least no one has found the end yet. Often, we round it off to 3.14. If you are a mathematician, this is your day. And, more specifically.... it celebrates "Pi". Today is the birthday of physicist Albert Einstein. The date is also represented as 3.14.

National Doctor's Day ~ March 30th

National Doctor's Day was created to show appreciation to your doctors. Hallmark suggests you send your doctors a card of appreciation. (It's no surprise to hear this from Hallmark). We suggest you simply tell your doctor(s) that you appreciate all that they do for you and your health. If you don't see your doctor today, make a note to thank him (or her) at your next appointment.

Badger School Superintendent's News



Badger School District Recognizes and Celebrates School Board Members

School Board members are recognized and celebrated throughout the state for their contributions to local school districts. The week of February 16 was designated as Minnesota School Board recognition week. Minnesota School Board members manage approximately 2,000 schools within Minnesota. Approximately 825,000 students and 52,000 teachers, as well as thousands of administrators and support staff, are directly and indirectly under the supervision of Minnesota School Board members. School Board member responsibilities include finance, curriculum, policy, facilities, state and federal mandates, staffing, and activities as well as many other issues that may arise. The Badger School Board members represent our community and serve our district twelve months a year.

School Board membership is a demanding and rewarding form of public service. Badger School Board members spend countless hours preparing for and participating in their monthly meetings. Board members also devote a great deal of time to studying education issues and laws and listening to the ideas, thoughts, and suggestions of parents and teachers. In fact, they never are completely “off the job” as board members.

Effective School Boards are essential to the success of a school district. Thank a School Board member for their service to the Badger School District.

Badger School Board members are:

- Jamie Isane, Chair
- Jim Christianson, Vice Chair
- Connie Creviston, Treasurer
- Carol Rhen, Clerk
- Cari Dostal, Director
- Jeremy Swenson, Director

Badger FIRST Robotics Team Finalizes Preparation for the “Recycle Rush” at the University of Minnesota Duluth

FIRST is an acronym which stands for: **F**or **I**nspiration and **R**ecognition of **S**cience and **T**echnology.

The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills that inspire innovation and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

This year over 51,000 students will participate in FIRST Robotics from nearly every state in the union as well as multiple countries throughout the world. February 25-28 the Badger FIRST Robotics Team competed in the Northern Lights Regional in Duluth, Minnesota. Badger FIRST Robotics Team #3750, under the direction of mentors Mr. Mike Coltom, Mr. Allen Truscinski, and Mr. Greg Peppel with technology assistance from Mrs. Val Truscinski, competed against sixty other teams for the opportunity to advance to the FIRST Robotics World Championships in St. Louis, April 22-25.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to visit in person, please stop by any time. On behalf of the Badger School District, thank you to all of our board members for all you do to ensure Badger remains the school where every student belongs.

Sincerely,
Tom Jerome
Superintendent, Badger School District



The Badger Barker



The Seven Nasty Princesses

By: Ethan Praska

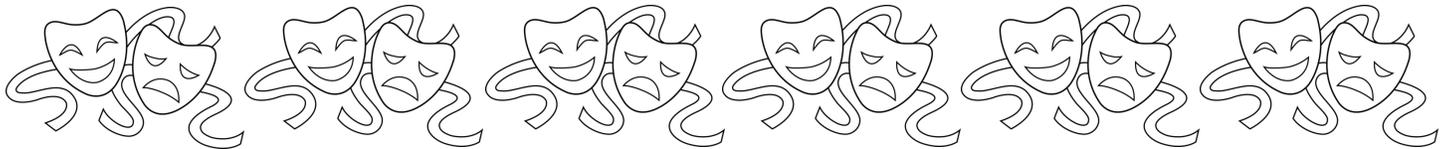
On March 19 and 20 the Badger High School will present the comedy *The Seven Nasty Princesses* by Edith Weiss. Thursday tickets are \$15 for a chicken kiev dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the play following at 7:00 p.m. Friday tickets are \$10 for the play at 7:00 p.m. with dessert after. Those who just want to see the play (no dinner or dessert) can purchase tickets at the door for \$5. Tickets can be purchased in the school office or by contacting one of the cast members.

The play is about two witches, Barfette and Hurlish, who live with their little witch nephews and nieces, Snarfel, Snoggle and Snitch, near the castle of Gems. They tell the story of the seven Princesses, all of whom desperately want to marry Prince John and will stop at nothing to ruin each other's chances. The Princesses each secretly visit the witches and cast spells against each other. The witch kids learn a valuable lesson from watching the princesses.

Cast:

Mariah Modahl ~ Queen Aquamarine
Logan Kompelien ~ Prince John
Jada Watson ~ Tess
Kaitie Hamann ~ Mary
Haleigh Kruger ~ Martha
Karissa Kaml ~ Matilda
Tessa Sanden ~ Kate
Cece Yeager ~ Hilda
Gavin Davy ~ Louie
Victoria Green ~ Witch Hurlish
Deanna Rybakowski ~ Snarfel
Caity Garten ~ Assistant

Logan Klegstad ~ Bert
Megan Kompelien ~ Princess Ruby
Emily Hamann ~ Princess Sapphire
Amy Svir ~ Princess Diamond
Kasey Pries ~ Princess Garnet
Leah Erickson ~ Princess Emerald
Nicole Hill ~ Princess Amethyst
Kellie Parnow ~ Princess Pumice
Alex Burkel ~ Witch Barfette
Colby Wooten ~ Snoggle
Emma VonEnde ~ Snitch



One Act Presents

The Badger High School One Act competed at the Sub-Section competition in Baudette on January 31st. They performed *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead* by Bert V. Royal. They placed third, and did not advance to the Section competition. *Dog Sees God* is a play loosely based on Charles Schulz's *Peanuts* characters. The play is set in a modern-day high school, where teenagers are faced with many pressures. In only 35 minutes the show unpacks issues with alcohol abuse, drug addiction, suicide, body image, and more. It keeps the audience on edge and battles many difficult social issues that teenagers face every day.

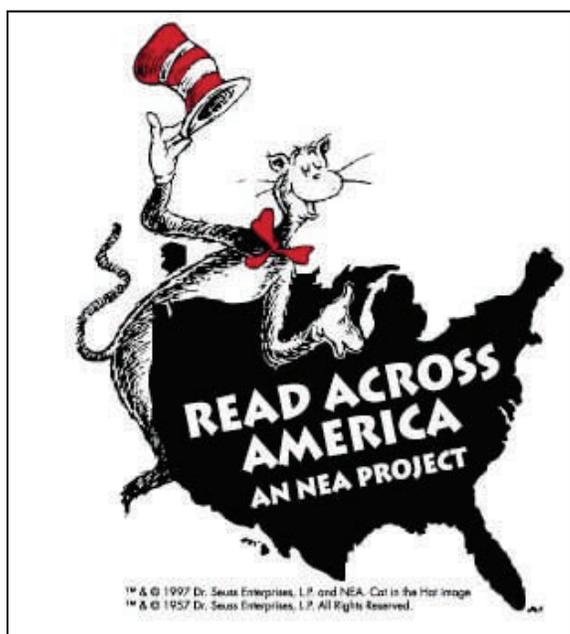
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Read Across America Week March 2-6, 2015



Mega-Hero Monday

Dress like your favorite superhero

Tutu & Tie Tuesday

Wear your favorite tutu or tie

Wacky Sock Wednesday

Just for a treat, dress up your feet!

Thinking Cap Thursday

*Create your own "thinking cap" at home
and wear it to school on Thursday.*

Homemade hats only!

Fluffy Furry Friday

*Get creative! Furry robe? Fluffy boa?
Get funky and show your Gator Pride.*