

The Badger Barker

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2014 Red Carpet Event

By: Devan Olson

This is the time of year for Homecoming when school spirit is fired up for the year. Badger coronation was held on Sunday, September 14. The emcees for the night were seniors Madison Truscinski and Wyatt Peppel. Royalty included:

Freshmen: Tyrah Green ~ Michaela Dahlen ~ Jack Peppel ~ Tanner Foss

Sophomores: Shayna Kruger ~ Olivia Monsrud ~ Seth Dostal ~ Devin Pries

Juniors: Megan Kompelien ~ Angelina Korb ~ Austin Nieman ~ Nash Sovde

Seniors: Kasey Pries ~ Kellie Parnow ~ Mariah Modahl ~ Aaron Dostal ~ Darius Watson ~ Matthew Howell

Darius Watson was crowned king and Kasey Pries was crowned queen. Entertainment for the night was Amy Svir playing piano.

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

Monday: Jersey/Hat Day

Tuesday: Disney/Superhero Day

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday/Crazy Hair Day

Thursday: Camo/Flannel Day

Friday: Extreme Gator Day

On Friday our school held a pep fest. All the gator sports players were announced by the coaches. Students played some games, and prizes were awarded to the best dressed during spirit days. Friday night the Gator football team fought through the rain and the wind against Red Lake County. They almost had to fight through a tornado, too! It was a very exciting and fun game. It finished with a score of 20 to 14, Gator's win!!



Back Row: Tanner Foss, Seth Dostal, Austin Nieman, Matthew Howell, Darius Watson, Aaron Dostal, Nash Sovde, Devin Pries, Jack Peppel **Front Row:** Michaela Dahlen, Shayna Kruger, Megan Kompelien, Mariah Modahl, Kasey Pries, Kellie Parnow, Angelina Korb, Olivia Monsrud, Tyrah Green

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Campus Comment

By: Devan Olson

If money was not an issue, what one thing would you buy?

Emma VonEnde (7th grade): I would buy a new dirt bike because I love to go mudding with my friends and family. I would also buy a new iPod because my Kindle broke.

Tim Kjelland (8th grade): I would buy enough food to last my family and friends in Haiti until they find a home and go to a better place.

Megan Doneth (9th grade): If I didn't have to worry about money, I would buy my own private island. It wouldn't have to be huge or anything, just somewhere where it never snows! I would stay there and pretend the rest of the world just disappeared.

Devin Pries (10th grade): A Caesar Guerini shotgun. I like it because it shows great craftsmanship and good looks.

Anthony Lawson (11th grade): If money was not an issue I would buy a huge ranch with all the livestock included. I would buy this because I would then have a good shot at making a living doing what I enjoy doing.

Victoria Green (12th grade): I would buy so many trampolines! They are my favorite thing in the world. Just thinking about a ton of trampolines in my yard gives me goose bumps! ☺

Ms. Kofstad (6th grade teacher): I would buy a vacation home on a private beach on an island in the Caribbean. The Caribbean is my favorite place in the world, and I crave the sun and the sea.



Choir Musician of the Month

Mariah Modahl

Grade: 12

Siblings: Tasha and Ryan

What section are you in? Soprano, I enjoy singing 2nd soprano because I like singing high but not too high.

How long have you been in choir? 6 years

What is your favorite song from choir? *The Butterfly* because I felt honored to sing a song written for our school.

What are you looking forward to this year? I am looking forward to making it the best last year and for our choir to sound amazing like it usually does. ☺

What is the hardest part about being in choir? Making sure you are singing the right notes when you have the middle notes.

What kind of music do you like to sing? I like to sing upbeat music.

What is your favorite choir memory? Our small girl group sang *Angel*. We made the judge cry and we got a perfect score of 40.





Is Social Media Used too Much?

By: Nikita Borreson



TyAnn Banta

Yes, because everywhere you go people are always on their phones and you can't have long conversations anymore.

Nash Sovde

Yes, it is way too addicting. People use media for everything to socialize. People text, use twitter, email, facebook, and much more. It is crazy how much social media is used and sometimes not always for good.

Seth Dostal

Yes, people are on their phones way too much. They need to start doing other things than being on their phones all day.

Cheyenne Wojciechowski

Yes, because almost all people in the world use it.

Social media has become very important. It has enabled us to contact friends and family. But it has also decreased human interaction, which has made people less trusting. The less human interaction we have, because of social media, the more it negatively effects our health.

Trivia

By: Kaitie Hamann

- What percent of the world's population lives in the northern hemisphere?
 - 37%
 - 90%
 - 59%
 - 88%
- How long did King Louis the 19th hold the throne before resigning?
 - 30 years
 - a week
 - a day
 - 20 min.
- What vegetable did Queen Elizabeth ban from her court after it was prepared wrong and made everyone ill?
 - egg plant
 - potato
 - onions
 - tomato
- In the average lifetime, how many times does a person walk the equivalent of the equator?
 - 5
 - 6
 - 12
 - 23

October Dates to Remember

By: Devan Olson

- Parent Teacher Conferences ~ school dismissed at 12:30 pm
- Comm Ed ~ Thai Cooking with Ket 3:00 pm
- Early Head Start 4:00 pm
- ECFE "Registration and Introductions" 6:00 pm
- Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
- Comm Ed ~ Thai Cooking with Ket 3:00 pm
- School Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- University of North Dakota rep
- Northland Community & Technical College rep
- Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
- ECFE "Circles" 6:00 pm
- PSAT Exam Grade 11 (optional)
- 16-17 Education Minnesota Break ~ No School
- Comm Ed ~ Thai Cooking with Ket 3:00 pm
- Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
- ECFE "Squares" 6:00 pm
- North Dakota State University rep
- Early Head Start 4:00 pm
- Comm Ed ~ Thai Cooking with Ket 3:00 pm
- Rainy River Community College rep
- Math Contest @ Bemidji State University
- Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
- ECFE "Halloween Costume Party" 6:00 pm
- Comm Ed ~ Pumpkin Carving 6:30 pm
- 31 End of Quarter 1

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Senior Spotlight Alexis Monsrud

Parents: Candi & Chad Monsrud

Siblings: Austin, Courtney

Nicknames: Lexi, Lex

Favorite:

Sport: Hockey

Song: *All About That Bass* by Meghan Trainor

Food: Chicken Alfredo

Color: Turquoise

Quote: “#hash Tag”

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To have my own Augustus Waters.

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 Victoria Green and we would go to Australia to see all the cute boys. #Besties!

What one word best describes your personality? Outgoing!

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Smacking Heidi in the nose on accident with a hockey stick causing her to break her nose.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Sing, because I'm pretty good at it.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Prom because we made lots of memories that night.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Sticking up for people.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Culinary, music, or cosmetology.



Senior Spotlight Savannah Gislason

Parents: Misty & Nate Turpitt

Sibling: Brenden

Nicknames: Vanna, Vanna Banana

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Song: *Stealing Cinderella* by Chuck Wicks

Food: Cheese-its

Color: Purple & light blue

Quote: Live life to the fullest and don't let anyone bring you down.

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To live a great life and keep my life on track.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? Rose Borreson and we would go to Pueblo, Colorado.

What one word best describes your personality? Depends on the day.

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? The first year I showed up I was rude and didn't care about anyone.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Go drive around with Rose Borreson.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? My last year of Badger.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Move to Thief River Falls and have fun.



Band Musician of the Month Isabella Grafstrom

Grade: 11

What instrument do you play? Flute

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

What inspires you to be part of band? Large group/solo contest.

What advice would you give to younger musician? Practice a lot!

What is playing on your iPod right now? Mostly stuff from top 40 hits.

What is your most memorable moment in band? First solo contest in Roseau because I was one point away from a superior rating.

What is your funniest moment in band? When I came back from the dentist, my mouth was numb and I tried playing my flute and was just spitting.



October Humor

Q: What did the tree say to autumn

A: Leaf me alone

Q: What's a trees' least favorite month

A: Sep-timber

If money did grow on trees, autumn would be the best season.

1. B 2. D 3. B 4. A
Trivia Answers

October Gator Sports

By: Jack Peppel

Volleyball

- 2 Roseau @ BGMR
- 6 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 9 7/8 @ Red Lake County Central (Plummer)
- 9 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 11 Varsity Frostbite Classic @ Mahnomen
- 11 7/8 Invitational @ Hallock
- 11 9 Invitational @ BGMR
- 13 @ Kittson County Central (Lancaster)
- 14 Warroad @ BGMR
- 20 Varsity Pigtail Game @ High Seed Site
- 23 Varsity Play-in Round @ High Seed Site
- 24 Varsity Section ¼ finals @ NCTC
- 28 Varsity Section Semis @ Bagley
- 31 Varsity Section Finals @ UMC

Football

- 2 7/8 Lake of the Woods @ Badger
- 3 Varsity @ Fosston
- 6 7/8/JV @ Grygla
- 9 7/8 Northern Freeze @ Middle River
- 10 Varsity Fertile-Beltrami @ Badger
- 15 JV/Varsity @ Blackduck
- 29 Varsity ¼ finals



Gator Fight Song

Gator Team we stand together
We're a shining star
We're ever faithful to our school united
Proud of what we are
We will pull together to win the game
Gator triumph will be our aim
Hail hail our Gator team
We will go to **VICTORY**

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Badger Elementary Homecoming Door Contest



Special Education

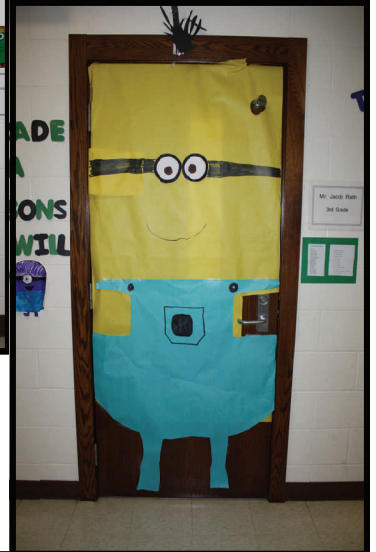
First Grade



Second Grade



Third Grade



Fourth Grade

Fifth Grade



Sixth Grade



The Winners Kindergarten





Badger School Superintendent's News



Congratulations to the Badger School District!

The BADGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has been identified as a REWARD school by the Minnesota Department of Education. A REWARD school recognition is awarded to schools that are rated as one of the top 15% academic achieving schools in the state of Minnesota.

Annually the Minnesota Department of Education evaluates schools throughout the state of Minnesota, which receive Federal Title 1 funding.

Elementary schools are evaluated primarily on the following criteria:

1. Proficiency on state math and reading assessments: Assessments completed by students in grades 3-6 annually.
2. Reduction of achievement gap: The gap closing between highest achievers and lowest achievers from one year to the next.
3. Student Growth: The ability of a school district to get students to exceed predicted growth based on previous assessment score.

Upon completion of evaluation of assessment results of each and every Title 1 school throughout the state of Minnesota, the Department of Education categorizes schools into one of the following categories.

- REWARD School
- Celebration Eligible School
- Continuous Improvement School
- Focus School
- Priority School

Being recognized as a REWARD School by the Minnesota Department of Education is an honor all of us should be very proud of! Throughout the entire Northwest region of Minnesota only two districts have schools that have been recognized as REWARD Schools by the Department of Education.

Congratulations to our students and families throughout the Badger School District!

I would also like to thank our entire Badger School District staff. We are fortunate to have staff that is committed to serving our students and each other. Working together to serve our students, the Badger School District will continue to accomplish amazing things!

For a complete list of REWARD schools, please visit the Department of Education website at: education.state.mn.us

As always, I hope you can visit our school sometime in the near future. If a visit is not possible, I may be reached by email: tjerome@badger.k12.mn.us or by telephone at 528-3201. In closing, thank you for all that you do, and thank you for making Badger School District the school where every student belongs!

Sincerely,

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Kindergarten Korner



**Violet
Tvedt**

Parents: Gary &
Robin Tvedt
Age: 6
**How do you
celebrate
Halloween?** I put
stuff up around my
house. I put
pumpkins out too.
**What do you like
most about
Halloween?** I get
candy and I get to
dress up.
What is your

costume this year? I'm going to be Elsa because I like the show.

What is your favorite candy? Twix

What do you like most about kindergarten? Well, my favorite part is going outside.

What are you looking forward to most in kindergarten? Reading because I wish to read and I want to read.



**Austin
Edwards**

Parents: Tonya &
Gary Edwards
Age: 6
**How do you
celebrate
Halloween?** With
costumes.
**What do you like
most about
Halloween?** Getting
candy like in
parades.
**What is your
costume this year?**
Spiderman

What is your favorite candy? Chocolate because I love eating it.

What do you like most about kindergarten? Playing with toys.

What are you looking forward to most in kindergarten? Toys because I do love toys.