

School Budget Vote & Board of Education Election

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall

For complete budget information and candidates for the Board of Education please check out pages 5-7.

Barker Students Excel Academically, Artistically & Athletically



The National Honor Society inducted 10 new members on Sunday, April 30th. For the rest of the story, please turn to page 3.

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VISION: "Barker Central School will provide the experiences necessary for our students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and traits to succeed intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally in an ever-changing world."

A Message From Your Superintendent



Dear Resident,

This edition of The Banner includes information about the 2017-2018 school budget and capital improvement projects that will address important upgrades to the facility. It also serves to update you on a number of topics including candidates seeking re-election to the Board of Education, a new shared service beginning in July, and a special note of thanks to the devoted service of district employees who have retired during the school year or will be retiring on June 30, 2017.

On May 16, 2017 eligible District residents will have the option to vote on the proposed expenditure budget as Proposition #1.

Proposition #1: The school board is presenting an expenditure budget of \$17,098,307 which represents a 5.00% decrease in spending compared to 2016–2017. This is the fifth consecutive year in which the expenditure

budget has been decreased to reflect the declining enrollment and funding.

The budget proposes a 2.0% increase to the tax levy which is well below the allowable tax cap. Since its enactment in 2013, the District has maintained tax levy increases below the NYS tax cap. Even with significant spending reductions, the proposed levy increase will help to slow the rate of withdrawal from the reserve accounts. The use of reserve accounts is necessary to maintain tax levy increases below the cap and to balance the budget.

As part of the proposed 2017–2018 budget, the District is also planning a Capital Outlay project. New York State permits districts to pursue small capital improvement projects (not to exceed \$100,000 per year). These projects are more simplified than the typical Capital Improvement Projects in that they receive voter approval via the general fund budget and have a streamlined New York State Education Department (NYSED) approval process. In addition, the State will reimburse the District at the building aid rate in the following year. The current proposal is to use the approved funds to pay for upgrades to the Herbert F. Ludwig Auditorium such as new seating and lighting. Capital Outlay projects are a useful way to address smaller scale improvements.

In May 2016, District residents approved the release of \$1.9M from the capital reserve fund for large-scale facility improvements. Following bid advertisements and awarding of contracts, the State Education Department has issued building permits for new roof installation, replacement of selected exterior doors and hardware, replacement of physical education lockers in the high school, and concrete work at the elementary, middle and high school entrances. The majority of construction will take place during the summer of 2017.

The District continues to seek out cost sharing and consolidation opportunities in order to offset increasing costs. The shared superintendent model will continue for a fifth year and a new endeavor involves a shared cafeteria manager. Mrs. Julie Fuerch, will begin her role as shared cafeteria manager serving the Barker and Roy-Hart school districts on July 1, 2017. In addition to the merged football and wrestling programs, Mr. Matthew Sweeney will continue to serve as the Agriculture Education teacher for each district.

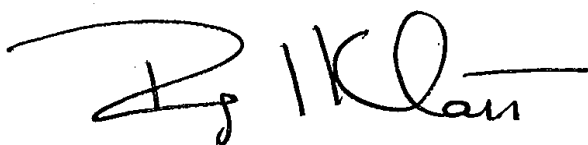
One shared service that will be discontinued is the Director of Technology. The Smart Schools funding has allowed the District to employ additional laptops, Chromebooks, and interactive (Clear Touch) panels. To support the effective integration of these tools, it will be necessary that Mr. James Luckman, currently serving as the shared Director of Technology, return to his full-time status at Barker with the 2017–2018 school year.

Two candidates are seeking re-election on the school board of education. Incumbents John Sweeney will seek his third term and Louis Mead will seek his fifth term. Candidate bios can be found on page 5.

Best wishes in retirement go to Mary Grabowski (23 years), Ginny Hughes (30 years), Peggy Heiligenthaler (32 years), Joyce Vail (31 years) and Lynn Bigford (20 years). See page 4 to read more about their service and life after retirement from the District.

Thank you for your continued support of the Barker Central School District, and as always, should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 716-795-3832.

Sincerely,



Dr. Roger J. Klatt

10 New Members Inducted Into National Honor Society

On Sunday, April 30th the Barker Sr. High School National Honor Society held its annual banquet and induction ceremony. The following 10 juniors received membership into the Barker Chapter (Front L-R): Victoria Mace, Marisa Jowdy, Sarah Mason, Kylie Miller, Casey A' Hearn, Cara Fox, Grace Harris, Natalie Menz, Andrew Jenks, John Costello. Also in attendance were current members (Middle L-R): Carolyn Tomasine, Abigail Bachman, Nicholas Fazzolari, Christiana Carestia, Emma Carey, Jacob Arnold. (Back L-R): Brent Bachman, Serena Flint, Courtney Zimmerman, Eadie Fuerch, Grayce Weller, Collin Stevener, Taylor Morris, Maya Gooding, Joshua Richbart, Emily Annable, Matthew Pestinger, Lydia Dewart.



Best Wishes In Retirement



The decision to retire means a new beginning for Lynn Bigford, Mary Grabowski, Peggy Heiligenthaler, Virginia Hughes, and Joyce Vail, who announced their retirements from a long and successful career supporting our students, staff, and community.

Mary Grabowski

Mary has been a foreign language teacher for the District since 1994, teaching various levels of Spanish and French. She has also served as an advisor for Peer Leadership, French Club, and Foreign Language Club. In retirement, Mary is hoping to spend more time with her children and granddaughter. She plans to study French and Spanish medical vocabulary to provide translation to families in a medical setting. She also plans to use the time to improve her golf game.

Peggy Heiligenthaler

Peggy, a proud alumni of BCS, graduated from Barker in 1979. She chose to return to the school that inspired her to become a teacher and to follow in the footsteps of her father, Roger Harrison. She has been a dedicated teacher at Pratt Elementary since 1985. Her plans for retirement are still to be determined.

Virginia Hughes

Virginia has been a teacher since 1987, completing 30 years of service to students in the elementary and middle schools. She was also the advisor for the Gavel Club and REAP. Her retirement plans include volunteering with literacy programs, spending time with her family and experiencing new adventures.

Joyce Vail

Joyce has worked in the Elementary School since 1986 as a teaching assistant, specializing in the area of reading. During retirement, Joyce plans to continue to reside in Newfane, travel with her husband, and spend more time with her grandchildren.

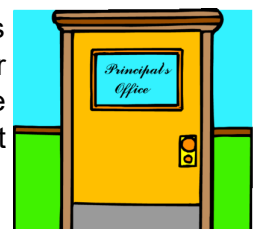
Lynn Bigford

Lynn began his career in 1997, working primarily as a member of the grounds crew. Lynn's strong work ethic and sense of commitment were instilled by his father, Lyman Bigford, who also worked for the District. Along with Lynn's brother, Bud, also a custodian (retired), the Bigford family has served the District for over 70 years. Since retiring in January, Lynn has been enjoying time with his family.

Along with the Board of Education, all of their current and former colleagues wish them much health and happiness in the years to come, and a heartfelt thank you for their service to the students and community.

Selection Committee Members Sought for Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Best wishes for success to Mr. Bradley Pritchard, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, who has accepted a position with the Albion Central School District. His last day with the Barker District will be June 30, 2017. With the goal being to select the best candidate to replace Mr. Pritchard, we will be reaching out to school staff, parents, students and non-parent community members to serve on selection committees.



Annual Budget Vote & Board Member Election



Tuesday, May 16, 2017

12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall

District residents will vote "yes" or "no" for the following propositions:

Proposition #1: BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to spend the sum of \$17,098,307 in the total amount set forth in the proposed budget during the 2017–2018 school year and to levy the necessary tax.

Candidates for Board of Education

The Barker Board of Education has two vacant seats for the 2017–2018 school board election. Each seat has a three-year term. The candidates that returned petitions are listed here in the order they will appear on the ballot:

Mr. John E. Sweeney, Jr.

I am a 1978 graduate of Barker Central School and a 1980 graduate of Alfred Ag and Tech with a degree in Animal Husbandry. After graduating from Alfred Ag and Tech in 1980, I came home to work on the 107-year old family owned Maple View Dairy. I am presently the co-owner of the West Somerset Road farm. I am a member of the Upstate Niagara Milk Cooperative, the Niagara County Farm Bureau, a trustee of the Barker Alumni Association and President of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

My wife Deborah and I have three children: Matthew 24, and Christopher 20, who are graduates of BCS and Melanie 18, who is attending the Orleans Learning Center. Our family members have received numerous awards in 4-H including the Family of the Year in 2003. I was the recipient of the 4-H Leader of the Year in 1988 and the Distinguished Service Award in 4-H in 1995. My wife and I received the Extra Miler Award from Faith United Methodist Church in 2005. I was honored to be a recipient of the Unsung Hero

award in 2014. My family members are active in several community groups.

With the challenges facing education today, I want to make certain every child receives the best education possible while balancing the fiscal responsibilities the position holds. My history with the system from being a Barker graduate to having my children experience different programs, gives me a unique perspective on the board. I have seen that when today's youth are well-rounded individuals by participating in academics,

athletics, and community service, they become the leaders of tomorrow. My dedication to the school and community, my leadership style and my experience with a variety of people, make me an excellent candidate for re-election as a Board of Education member.

Mr. Louis Mead

My wife Lori and I have lived in Barker since 1993. We have had the fortunate opportunity to raise our children in this town. Our daughter Brooke, and son, Josh both graduated from Barker Central. I have had the privilege of serving four terms as a school board member and look forward to a fifth term of service. Thank you.



Barker Budget Proposal 2017-18



REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
STATE AID	7,999,224	7,380,524	-618,700	-7.73%
TAX LEVY	4,153,994	4,237,073	83,079	2.00%
PILOT	2,737,350	2,441,100	-296,250	-10.82%
OTHER	421,000	412,000	-9,000	-2.14%
FUND BALANCE	2,685,939	2,627,610	-58,329	-2.17%
TOTAL REVENUES	17,997,507	17,098,307	-899,200	-5.00%

Reduction in State Aid is primarily due to the decrease in Building Aid. The 2003 bond used to fund past capital improvement projects has been paid in full.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
GENERAL SUPPORT	2,370,413	2,253,947	-116,466	-4.91%
INSTRUCTION	9,402,022	9,525,483	123,461	1.31%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	1,073,062	1,038,640	-34,422	-3.21%
COMMUNITY SERVICE	37,950	29,500	-8,450	-22.27%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,820,035	3,683,237	-136,798	-3.58%
DEBT SERVICE	1,194,025	417,500	-776,525	-65.03%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	100,000	150,000	50,000	50.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,997,507	17,098,307	-899,200	-5.00%

Debt service decreased because the bond from original issued in 2003 is retired. Interfund transfer is increased due to Capital Outlay of \$100,000 for a District-wide project to upgrade the Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall.

Qualifications of a Voter

You qualify as a voter if:

You are a citizen of the United States; you have been a resident of the Barker Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the school budget vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2017; you are at least eighteen (18) years of age; you are qualified to register for an election in accordance with Section 5-106 of the Election Law. (NOTE: You are not required to be a registered voter in the general election or to have cast a vote in any such election. You must, however, be qualified or eligible to register to vote. In addition, you do not have to be a property owner to be eligible to vote.)



Detailed Explanation of Expenditure Categories

- **General Support** consists of:
Board of Education, Central Administration, Business Office, Maintenance and Operation of Plant, (including all maintenance and grounds salaries, supplies and materials, and utilities), Central Printing & Mailing, Central Data Processing.
- **Instruction** consists of:
Instructional Administration and Improvement (principals' salaries and supply codes, curriculum development, research and planning, and professional development for all professional staff), Teaching Regular School (all regular school teaching salaries, supplies & materials, equipment, textbooks and BOCES services for regular students, including Occupational Education and summer school), School Library and Audiovisual, Computer-Assisted Instruction (Technology), Special Education Teacher Salaries, Supplies & Materials, Textbooks, CSE and CPSE Committee Expenses, Contractual Costs, Private Schools Tuition, BOCES Special Education Costs, Attendance, Guidance, Health Services, Psychological Services, Extra-Classroom Activities, Athletics.
- **Pupil Transportation** consists of:
All Bussing and Fuel for Regular Transportation, Field Trips, Athletic Events.
- **Community Service** consists of:
Adult Education, BOCES Summer School, Summer Recreation.
- **Employee Benefits** consists of:
Employees' Retirement System Employer Contributions, Teachers' Retirement System Employer Contributions, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, Health Insurance.
- **Debt Service** consists of:
Payments of Principal and Interest on School Bond Issues, Revenue Anticipation, Note Borrowing Costs and Interest.
- **Interfund Transfers** consists of:
Transfers from the General Fund to the School Lunch Fund, the Special Aid Fund or the Capital Fund.



News from Our Cafeteria




Please be sure to watch the Barker Central School District website for details of the upcoming addition of *My School Bucks*.

My School Bucks is an online payment service that provides parents the ability to securely pay for meals, monitor student cafeteria purchases and receive email notifications for low account balances.


Students of the Month




Congratulations to all elementary, junior high and senior high students who were nominated by their teachers from the months of January–April to be Students of the Month.

 **Jr. High School, January/February 2017** (L-R): Mr. Pritchard, Keith Robison, Lena Fazzolari, Kaitlyn Goodwin, Alexander DerSarkissian.



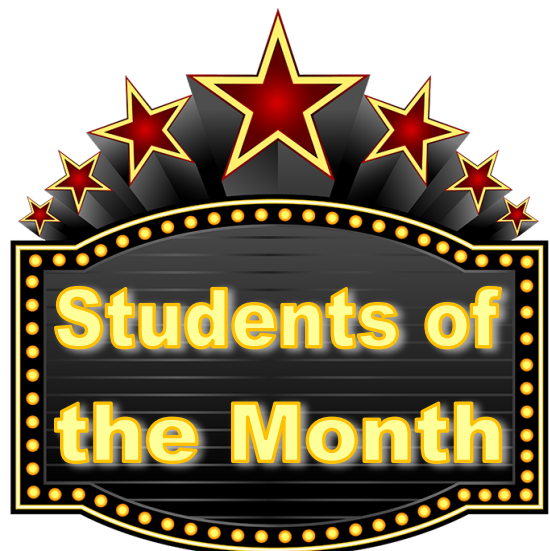
Sr. High School, January/February 2017 (L-R): Dale Jones, Peter DiLorenzo, Jessica Haseley, Dominic Clementi, Taylor Morris. 

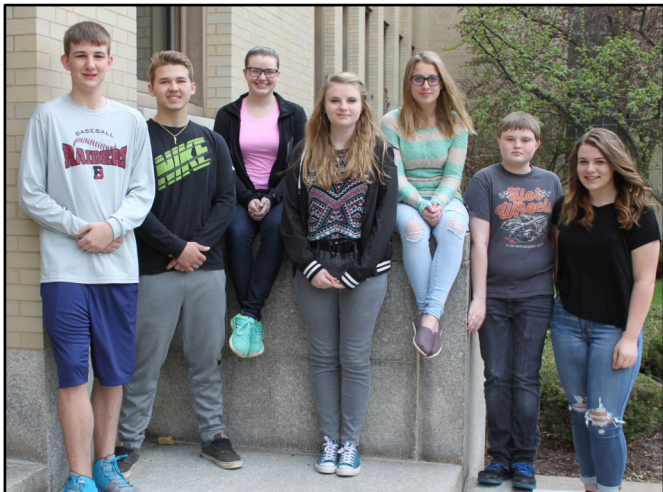


Jr. High School, March/April 2017 (L-R): Ariana Peace, Nathaniel Heidemann, Natalie Bruning, Lucas Grissett. 



 **Sr. High School, January/February 2017** (L-R): Jacob Arnold, Kylie Miller, Kaitlynn Dauphinee, Casey A'Hearn.





Sr. High School, March/April 2017
 (L-R): Daniel Ober, Nicholas Fazzolari, Shelby Mandaville, Victoria Mace, Chloe Goodlander, Thomas Ripley, Shelby Ewald.



Pratt Elementary, January 2017 (L-R):
 Mr. Hoar, Nevan Tylec, Madelina Pavlock, Jake Munn, Samantha Murphy, Alexa Zglinicki.



Sr. High School, March/April 2017
 (L-R): Piper Moffitt, Tristan Wass.



Pratt Elementary, February 2017 (L-R):
 Mason Allee-Castro, Michayla Greene, Alexis Dauphinee, Payton Nye, Brooke Dunkelberger, Mr. Hoar.



Pratt Elementary, March 2017 (L-R):
 Mr. Hoar, Sintia Reyes-Aguliera, Hannah Mages, Madilyn Detschner, Charles LaGreca, Daniel Meza Ray.



Pratt Elementary, April 2017 (L-R):
 Cheyanne Rouse, Aaden Munn, Skyla Dennis, Macie May, Lilly Monthony, Mr. Hoar.




All-County & Area All-State Music Accolades

Elementary, junior high and senior high musicians combined to receive recognition in 11 different groups. Congratulations to all of the band and chorus musicians who were selected for All-County or Area All-State.

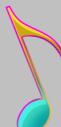


 **Jr. High All-County Jazz Ensemble** (L-R): Elinore Voss, Wesley Harris.

 **Jr. High All-County Band** (Front L-R): Lena Fazzolari, Ella Gooding, Ariana Peace. (Back L-R): Carla Stoloski, Natalie D'Arata, Elinore Voss, Alexander DerSarkissian. Not pictured: Paris Moffitt.

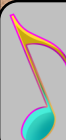


 **Sr. High Area All-State Mixed Chorus** (L-R): Cassidy Granchelli, Joshua Richbart, Matthew Pestinger, Bailey Forton. Not pictured: Grayce Weller.

 **High School All-County Band** (L-R): Lydia Dewart, Matthew Pestinger, Jessica Haseley.






 **High School All-County Chorus (L-R):** Erik Reinhart (Director of Guest Conductors), Jacob Meister, Joshua Richbart, Grayce Weller, Maya Gooding, Piper Moffitt, Carolyn Tomasine.



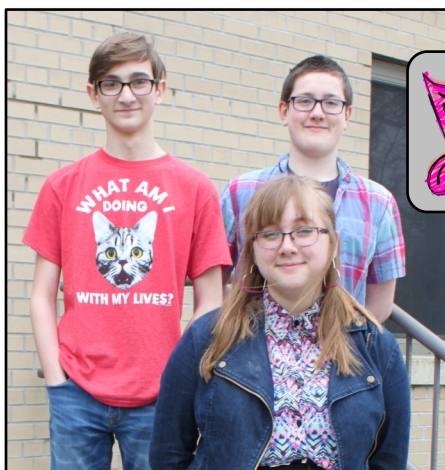
 **Conference All-State Mixed Chorus (L-R):** Matthew Pestinger (Alternate), Joshua Richbart. Matthew Pestinger was also selected for **High School All-County Vocal Jazz.**




 **Elementary All-County Chorus (L-R):** Abigail Heidemann, Laci Giarla.



Elementary All-County Band (L-R): Levi Hauser, Matthew Goodwin, Lydia Samson. 



 **Jr. High All-County Chorus (L-R):** Miles Clarke, Kaitlynn Dauphinee, Brent Johnson. Not pictured: Paris Moffitt.

Jr. High Area All-State Womens Chorus (L-R): Melanie Tatu, Kaitlynn Dauphinee, Elinore Voss, Samantha Howes. 



High School Art Students' Work Featured in Several Shows

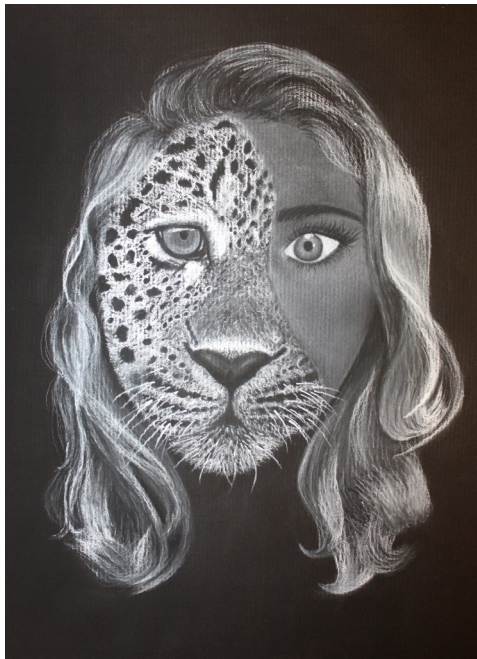
Art students in the High School Portfolio and Advertising and Design class had work in several shows. 11 high school students had their photography on view in the 31st Annual Storrs All High Photo Show at the Kenan Center Gallery in Lockport. The show opened on April 2nd with a public reception and awards were presented for 16 categories. Mallory Gross won Best Waterscape for her photograph "Lake Ontario". The merit award winner was Eadie Fuerch for her photograph "Snowy Dream". The exhibit closed on April 23rd.

The 2017 Congressional Art Competition for New York's 27th District was April 8th. Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district.

The United States House of Representatives recognized the following seven students from the Barker Central High School Portfolio class with Commendation Awards for their artwork: Emily Annable, Abigail Bachman, Molly Bratton, Emma Carey, Lydia Dewart, Eadie Fuerch, and Taylor Tocco.



"Snowy Dream" by **Eadie Fuerch**



Charcoal drawing by **Lydia Dewart**



Acrylic painting by **Emma Carey**



Acrylic painting by **Emily Annable**



Watercolor painting by **Molly Bratton**



Auto Show Poster Contest Winners

4th grader Gwen Ingro and 8th grader Megan Fragale were recognized on March 29th at the Buffalo Auto Show Poster Contest ceremony at the *Buffalo News*. Gwen placed 2nd in the annual poster contest while Megan received 3rd place recognition. All school districts throughout Western New York were able to participate in the contest.



(L-R): Megan Fragale displays her winning poster and award at the *Buffalo News*, Gwen Ingro receives her award at the Buffalo Auto Show Poster Contest reception.



Earth Day Poster Contest



Eight students were selected as winners for the Pratt Elementary Earth Day Poster Contest. Winners of the contest which featured posters from students that focused on the April 22nd Earth Day were:

- Joel Harris - 5th grade
- Cole Carnes - 5th grade
- Jake Munn - 4th grade
- Alexis Dauphinee - 4th grade
- Hannah Mages - 3rd grade
- Kennedy Tolliver - 2nd grade
- Jillian Maines - 1st grade
- Joey Sanders - Kindergarten

Pratt Elementary Earth Day Poster Contest Winners (Front L-R): Kennedy Tolliver, Jillian Maines, Hannah Mages, Joey Sanders. (Back L-R): Mr. Hoar, Joel Harris, Cole Carnes, Alexis Dauphinee, Jake Munn, Mrs. Phillips.



The Sports Pages

The accolades for our athletes during the winter sports season were filled with local, regional, state, academic and media recognition. There were also multiple records and career milestones that took place on the hardwood and in the pool. Additional awards and acknowledgements will be posted on the Barker website when they become available: www.barkercsd.net/athletics.

Collin Webb (Left), Swimming:
Section VI Class C Championship
Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet

50 Freestyle

NYSPHSAA Swim Championship Qualifier
Section VI Class C Championship—1st Place
Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place
BCS Record Holder with time of :22.10 set on 2/13/17.

100 Freestyle

NYSPHSAA Swim Championship Qualifier
Section VI Class C Championship—1st Place
Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place
BCS Record Holder with time of :48.72 set on 2/4/17.



Andrew Jenks (Right),
Swimming:
Niagara-Orleans
League Championship
100 Butterfly—1st Place



Christiana Carestia
(Left) and **Matthew Pestinger** (Right),
Swimming:
All Western New York
Scholar-Athletes



Sara Gendrue, Swimming:

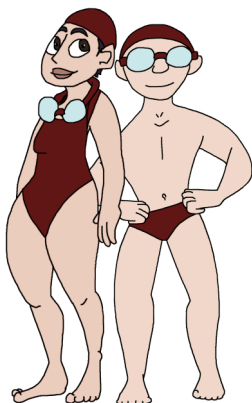
Niagara-Orleans League
Championship
200 Individual Medley—1st Place
100 Breastroke—1st Place

GR/N-O Crossover
100 Breastroke—1st Place

Records

BCS Record Holder in 100 Breastroke
with time of 1:12.48 set on February 3,
2017.

BCS Record Holder in 200 Individual
Medley with time of 2:20.64 set on
February 3, 2017.





(L-R): **Chloe Goodlander, Natalie Bruning, Natalie Menz, Sara Gendrue**, Swimming:
200 Medley Relay Team
 BCS Record Holder with time of 2:02.34 set on January 27, 2017.

(L-R): **Collin Stevener, Collin Webb, Adam Wagner, Andrew Jenks**, Swimming:
200 Freestyle Relay Team
 Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place
 Section VI Class C Championship—1st Place
 BCS Record Holder with time of 1:32.23 set on February 13, 2017.
400 Freestyle Relay Team
 Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place
 Section VI Class C Championship—1st Place
 BCS Record Holder with time of 3:39.97 set on February 4, 2017.



Nicholas Fazzolari (Right), Wrestling:
 Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place



Brent Bachman (Left), Wrestling:
 Niagara-Orleans League Championship—1st Place
 Class C Sectional Championship—1st Place
 All-Western New York Scholar-Athlete
 Niagara-Orleans League Sportsmanship Award



Niagara PAL Athletes
Lydia Dewart (Left): Field Hockey, Basketball, Track & Field); **Randall Wasnock II** (Right): Football, Basketball, Baseball.



Nathan Luckman (Center), Basketball:
 New York State Sportswriters Association All-State
 Class C-2nd Team
 All-Western New York-Honorable Mention
 The View From Centercourt-Honorable Mention
 Niagara-Orleans League-1st Team
 Orleans Hub-1st Team
 Career All-Time Leading
 3-Point Shooter (176)
 4th Barker Player to Score 1,000 Points
 Exceptional Senior All Star

Also pictured are Coaches Don Baker (Left) and
 Mike Brooks (Right).



Basketball Exceptional Senior All Stars
Jacob Arnold (Left), **Randall
 Wasnock II** (Right).



Emily Annable (Right), Basketball:
 All Western New York
 Scholar-Athlete
 Exceptional Senior All Star

Raiders

Lydia Dewart (Left), Basketball:
 Exceptional Senior All Star

NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams



- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Swimming
- Girls Swimming
- Wrestling

Memorable Moments of 2017



The highlights at Barker Central School since the beginning of 2017 included (clockwise from upper left) Nickel City Reptiles & Exotics displays a snake with help from elementary students, student-athletes read to elementary students, an Easter Egg hunt for Pre-K students was organized by the Junior High Student Council, a campus tour for New York State Assemblyman Michael Norris, a reception for the bus drivers, a visit by the Buffalo Bandits and mascot Rax, and the musical theater production of Into the Woods. Additional events and activities are further described on pages 18-21.



EClub Learns about Entrepreneurship from Local Businessman

Small business owner and entrepreneur Tim Elliott spoke with students in EClub about starting up and owning a business. Tim Elliott is the owner of Brushstrokes Studios and Into the Enigma in Medina, NY. Students listened intently to his advice and tips on being an entrepreneur and positive encouragement that they too could be successful business owners someday.



(Above) EClub students along with small business owner and entrepreneur Tim Elliott: (L-R) Tim Elliott, Gabrielle Baker, Thomas Ripley, Rebecca Pisarski, Keira Wass, Paris Moffitt, Larcey Dwyer, Samantha Mace, Paige Sandolfini, Elizabeth Langendorfer, Kaitlyn Carmer, Kaitlynn Dauphinee, Sandra Bautista Lopez. (Left) Tim Elliott presents entrepreneur tips to the EClub students.

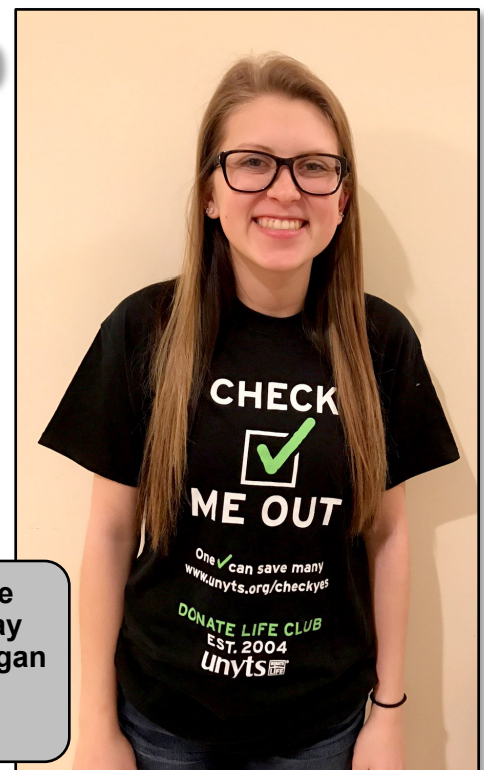
Annable Wins Donate Life Scholarship

In Western New York there are 94 schools and 3,100 students who participate in the Unyts program. Emily Annable was selected as one of only 10 recipients that will receive a \$500 Unyts Donate Life scholarship. Emily's essay discussed the importance of eye, organ and tissue donation and how the Donate Life Club has impacted her over the past two years. Through her participation in the club and by volunteering at the annual Donate Life Fun Run and Walk, she has furthered her own awareness of just how valuable and important any type of donation can be.



As she stated in her essay, "You would be greatly impacting another person and possibly even giving them a second chance at life through donation. I greatly respect those who have ultimately given the gift of life to someone else, and I admire that they or their families made the choice of donation so that another person could have a better life. I now understand that it will be a privilege for me to be able to give this precious gift of life to someone else."

Emily Annable wrote an essay about eye, organ and tissue donation.



Ecker Receives Do the Right Thing Award

Junior, Evan Ecker received a *Do the Right Thing* Award for his quick action in responding to a fellow student who was in medical distress.



(Left) Evan Ecker is presented with a *Do the Right Thing* Award. (Right) Evan is joined by Mr. Pritchard, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, at the *Do the Right Thing* awards ceremony.



Donate Life Club Makes an Impact

On March 25th a Unyts Donate Life Club celebration took place at Transit Lanes in Williamsville. The Donate Life Club from Barker received an award for "Bringing it to the Streets." This award recognizes the club efforts of educating the community on eye, organ and tissue donation through the annual Fun Run and Walk that took place on April 1st. Seniors Daniel Engert and Christiana Carestia accepted the award on behalf of the club.

(Above) Daniel Engert and Christiana Carestia display the Donate Life Club's "Bringing it to the Streets" award. (Right) The Donate Life Club group photo.



International Club Travels to Italy

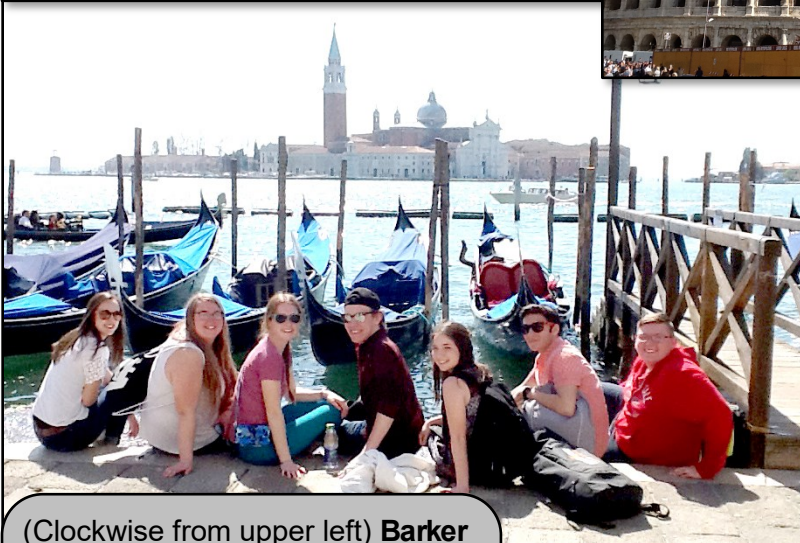


Members of the International Club recently experienced the beauty and culture of Italy. Seventeen students from Barker traveled to Isis Mattei Latisana School of Tourism during the spring break. Accompanied by their "classmates" the students toured the cities of Venice, Udine, Cividale del Friuli and Trieste before venturing off Florence and Rome.

The Italian school is located in a seaside resort area near the Adriatic sea. The water is a major resource which



influences the types of small businesses. Our students learned about differences in the way Italian student are educated. For example, Italian students take five years of high school and attend school six days per week. The Italian students all spoke English at various



levels of fluency. Barker students took note of hearing another language in action. The Italian students have the option to learn other languages such as German, French and Spanish. "The curriculum also focuses on economics and Italian civics to prepare them for hospitality careers including tour guides and employment at resorts," added Mrs. Dewart. Physical education included beach volleyball every day.

The local region sponsored the majority of the local excursions. The Italian students, parents and people they came in contact with throughout the visit "were extremely kind and helpful and went out of their way to assist our students," commented Mrs. Dewart.

(Clockwise from upper left) **Barker group in Rome, View of Giotto's Bell Tower from Brunelleschi's cupola in Florence's Duomo after climbing up 463 steps, Exterior of Colosseum in Rome, Barker students await their gondola ride in Venice.**

Gelato was a favorite food with every flavor imaginable. Coffee was also popular. "I didn't like coffee before I went to Italy, but I do now," announced Gooding. Gondola rides in Venice, a dinner cruise and hearing the Pope on Good Friday were just a few of the many highlights of the trip.

The students from Isis Mattei Latisana School of Tourism visited Barker in late February.

Miller Wins About Place Contest

11th grader Kylie Miller is a student in Mr. Ross's AP English class. Kylie's essay entitled, "Under the Bridge" won 1st place in the NCCC-sponsored *About Place* Writing Contest. This prestigious achievement was reached as Kylie competed against honors and AP English students from dozens of schools throughout Western New York. Students were asked to select a place in nature that they identified with. Kylie's choice was a bridge near her former home where she and her brother, Tyler, used to spend time together. NCCC hosted a Reading and Book Signing for all the winners on April 26th.

(L-R) Kylie Miller reads through her award winning essay at the book signing, Kylie with her mother, Mr. Ross and her father at NCCC.



Junior High Student Council Visits Nursing Home

On March 1st, Mrs. Baronich and Mrs. Pellow accompanied a dozen Barker Junior High School Student Council members to Oak Orchard Manor facility in Medina. Mrs. Laurie Seager (mom of 8th grader Angelita Seager) coordinates activities for the residents and on the day of Barker students' visit they assisted her with an afternoon Bingo session. Many of the residents enjoy playing Bingo, but are unable to participate independently due to their disabilities. Some of the residents cannot maneuver the chips on their boards or are not able to view the boards clearly enough. Barker students supported a resident or two and assisted them in playing their boards. Some residents played multiple boards. The residents appreciated the time the Barker students spent with them.



(Clockwise from upper right): Alyssa Thompson delivers Bingo prizes, Angelita Seager enjoys her time playing Bingo, Elizabeth Hopkins assists a resident with placing Bingo chips, Grace Taylor helps a resident play multiple boards.

May and June Events



MAY

- 4: NYSSMA Majors Organization Festival @ Grand Island High School - Jr.High School Band
- 4: Senior High School Concert, 7:00 PM
- 6: NYSSMA Solo Festival
- 8: Budget Hearing, 6:30 PM
- 8: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 9: Senior Citizens Breakfast, 7:45 AM
- 12: Pre-K Open House
- 12-26: Villa Maria High School Juried Photography Exhibition (Show opening @ 5:00 PM on May 12th)
- 12: Junior-Senior Prom, 6:00 PM
- 16: NYSSMA Majors Organization Festival - Sr. High School Band
- 16-19: 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
- 16: School Budget & Board of Education Vote, 12:00-8:00 PM
- 16-June 2: Barker High School Student Art Show (Show opening @ 6:00 PM on May 16th)
- 17-18: Pre-K Registration
- 18: WNY Federation of Women's Club Helen P. Kelley Memorial Art Show, 4:00 PM
- 19: Darien Lake Music Festival and Competition - High School Band
- 24: NYSSMA Choir Majors
- 24: Niagara PAL Art, Music & Theater Art Gala, 6:30 PM
- 25-26: Sport Physical Work-ups - Jr./Sr. High School Physical Education Classes
- 25: High School Concert Choir Concert w/ Amherst High School Concert @ Amherst High School
- 26: Grandparents Day (Pre-K through 4th)
- 29: Memorial Day, No School
- 30-31: Sport Physicals - Jr./Sr. High School Physical Education Classes
- 31: Junior High School Spring Concert, 7:00 PM

JUNE

- 1: Pratt Elementary Spring Concert, 6:30 PM
- 2: Unyts Blood Drive, Sponsored by National Honor Society, 11:00 AM—5:00 PM
- 2: Class Night, 7:00 PM
- 3: Darien Lake Music Festival and Competition- Junior High School Band
- 5: Barker High School Portfolio Class Art Show, 6:00 PM
- 5: Senior High Honors & Awards, 7:00 PM
- 6: Junior High Honors & Awards, 6:00 PM
- 7-10: Senior Class Trip to Boston
- 8: Seabreeze Music Festival - Elementary Bands
- 10: Alumni Banquet
- 12: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 13-20: Regents Exams
- 20: Field Day
- 20: Moving Up Day, 1:00 PM
- 22: Baccalaureate, 7:00 PM
- 23: Graduation Rehearsal 8:00 AM
- 23: Senior Class Breakfast
- 24: Commencement, 9:30 AM



For more detailed information please visit the BCS website calendar link at:
www.barkercsd.net/calendar

Barker Central School District School Calendar 2017-2018

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August
29 Professional Devel. Day

September
4 Labor Day
5 Sup't. Conf. Day
6 First Day for Students

October
9 Columbus Day

November
10 Veterans Day
22-24 Thanksgiving Recess

December
25-29 Winter Recess

January
1 Winter Recess
15 M. L. King Jr. Day

February
19-23 Mid-Winter Recess

March
30 Spring Recess

April
2-6 Spring Recess

May
28 Memorial Day

June
21 Rating Day
22 Sup't. Conf. Day

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CALENDAR DAYS					
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TOTAL TEACHER DAYS = 187
TOTAL STUDENT DAYS = 183

Professional Development Day	
No School	
Sup't. Conf. Day	
First Class Day for Students	
Rating Day	

Approved by the Board of Education on March 13, 2017

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PRE-K OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Open House: Friday, May 12th (two sessions)
9:30-10:30 AM and 1:30-2:30 PM

Registration:
Wednesday, May 17th and Thursday, May 18th
8:00 AM-3:00 PM

For more information please refer to the *Mr. Hoar's Hot Off the Pratt Press* issue from April 2017 at the following link:

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