



# Hot Off the Pratt Press!!



September, 2019

## Welcome Back! Let's have a great year!

### Important Message:

Please remember that this year we have moved to a **One Bell Schedule**.

Our grades Pre-K through 12th will all start at **8:00am**.

The buses will leave Pratt Elementary at **2:36pm**.

AM Pre-K will be from **8:00am to 10:30** and

PM Pre-K will be **12:00pm to 2:30pm**.

Starting Monday, 9/16 there will be an optional 10th period for students that need extra help, are serving consequences or participating in extra curricular activities.

That will run from **2:31pm to 3:06pm**.

A bus will be provided for students utilizing 10th period.

### IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION

For the safety and welfare of our children, when writing a note for your child to ride a different bus (other than his/her regularly scheduled bus) to a friend or relative's residence after school, it is very important that you include the following information in your note:

- \* **Your child's first and last name.**
  - \* **Complete address where your child should be dropped off.**
  - \* **Name and Telephone number of the person where your child will be dropped off.**
  - \* **Bus number your child will be riding (if known).**
  - \* **All busing changes must be called in by 12:00pm that day to provide adequate time to properly make busing changes.**
- Please have all information written legibly.

**Last year's permanent blue slips need to be updated.**

**They are only good for one year.**

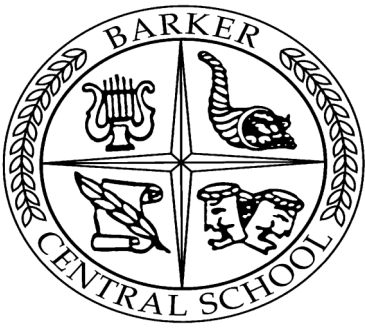
If you have any questions, please call the Elementary Office at 795-3237.

**Inter-State Studios will once again be coming to capture your child's Elementary School Memories! Come to school wearing your nicest outfit and best smile!**

**Picture Day  
Grades Pre-K-6  
September 19, 2019**



**Picture Retakes  
October 23, 2019**



# Barker Central School

1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012-0328

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7/25/2019

To the Families of Pratt Elementary Students:

We hope your summer breaks were enjoyable. We wanted to take this chance to update families on some items regarding the start of the school year.

1. The school year begins for all students on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to the new aligned PreK-12 bell schedule, the school day starts at **8:00** am. Buses will drop off students at **7:50** am. If you are dropping your child off, please do not do so before **7:50** am.
2. School is dismissed at **2:28** pm. If students are staying for 10<sup>th</sup> period for extra help or an activity, they will dismiss at **3:06** pm. More information will be forthcoming on 10<sup>th</sup> period.
3. Kidwatch will be moved from the morning to the 10<sup>th</sup> period timeframe. The program will not be operating for the first few weeks of school. More information on signing your child up is forthcoming.
4. Parents who are picking up students in grades PreK-6 need to sign students out in the main office. We ask that parents picking up students at normal dismissal time do not enter the school until **2:20** pm. If students are staying late for 10<sup>th</sup> period, we ask parents come in at **3:00** pm to pick them up.
5. If your child is being dismissed during the school day, please send in a note or make a phone call in advance to the main office. This will ensure your child is ready for pick up on time.
6. If you are requesting a **busing change** for your child, we require that you call the main office by **12:00** pm (noon) that day. This will give our busing company enough time to properly make changes to the scheduling of buses. Notifying us of changes even further in advance is greatly appreciated.
7. The exact busing pick up and drop off times will be sent to parents toward the end of summer by our busing company, Student Transportation of America (STA), formerly Ridge Road Express. STA is currently working on adjusting our busing routes to fit our new district schedule.
8. Classroom teacher assignments will also be made available in the month of August.
9. Mrs. Sara Thibault will be acting as an Instructional Support Specialist (ISS) this coming year. Her role will be to provide additional academic support to the school, as well as work with students, teachers and families on ensuring our children are working productively and acting responsibly.

As we move forward with a new schedule, leadership structure, and other changes, we ask that families are patient and flexible as we implement these improvements, especially during the first month of school. Thank you very much for your continued support of our school. We look forward to working with all of you to build on Pratt Elementary School's great successes.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Carter  
Principal, PreK-12

# Notes to Parents:

## Pratt Elementary Loves Volunteers!

**Our students love our volunteers!**

In order to volunteer in classrooms as well as for chaperoning field trips,

**You must have prior Barker Board of Education approval!**

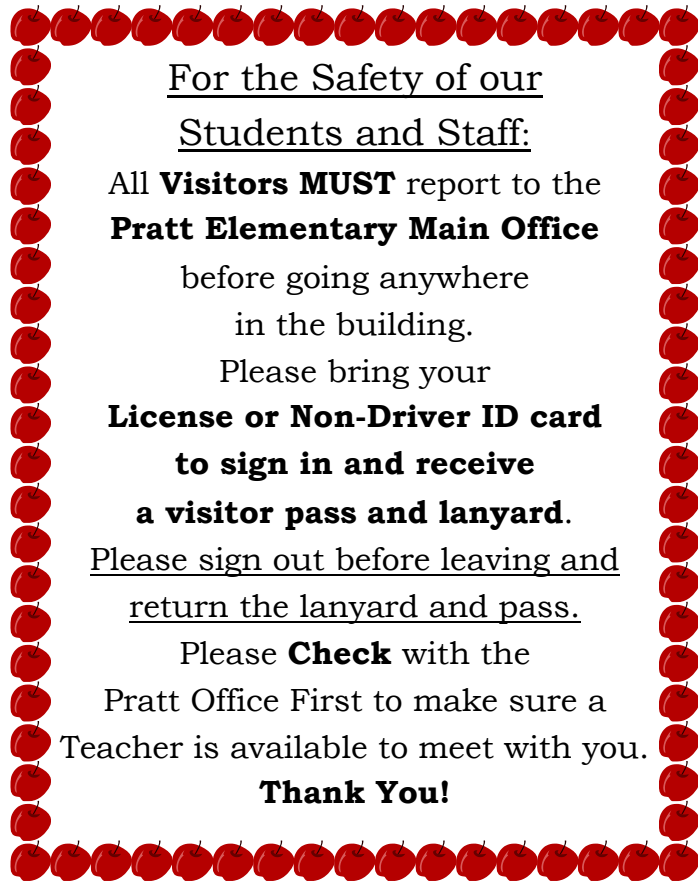
**Once you have been approved - it's good for your child's school career!**

Forms are available online or in the Elementary Office. Deadline for applying is:

**Friday, September 27.**

**Consider volunteering soon!!**

**Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles**



For the Safety of our Students and Staff:

All **Visitors MUST** report to the **Pratt Elementary Main Office**

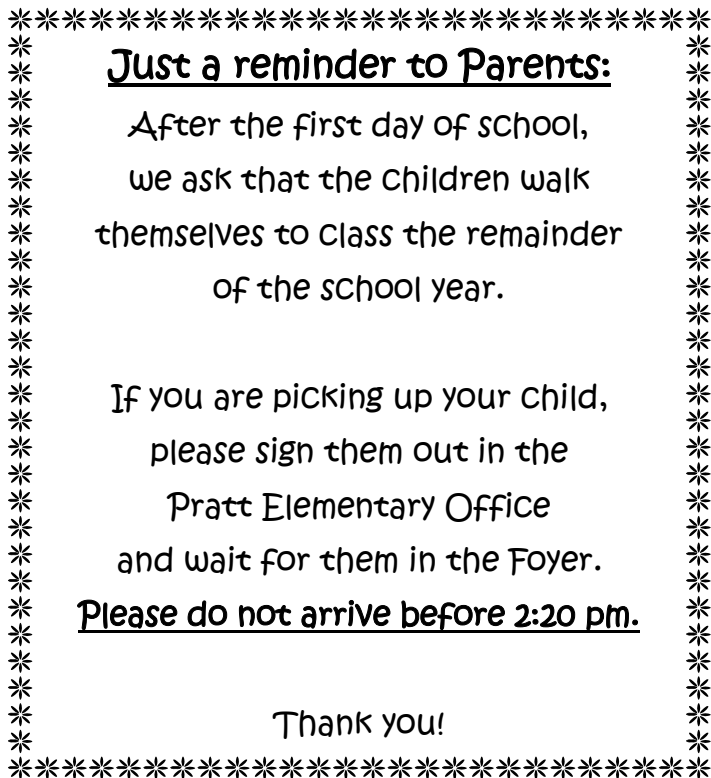
before going anywhere in the building.

Please bring your **License or Non-Driver ID card to sign in and receive a visitor pass and lanyard.**

Please sign out before leaving and return the lanyard and pass.

Please **Check** with the Pratt Office First to make sure a Teacher is available to meet with you.

**Thank You!**

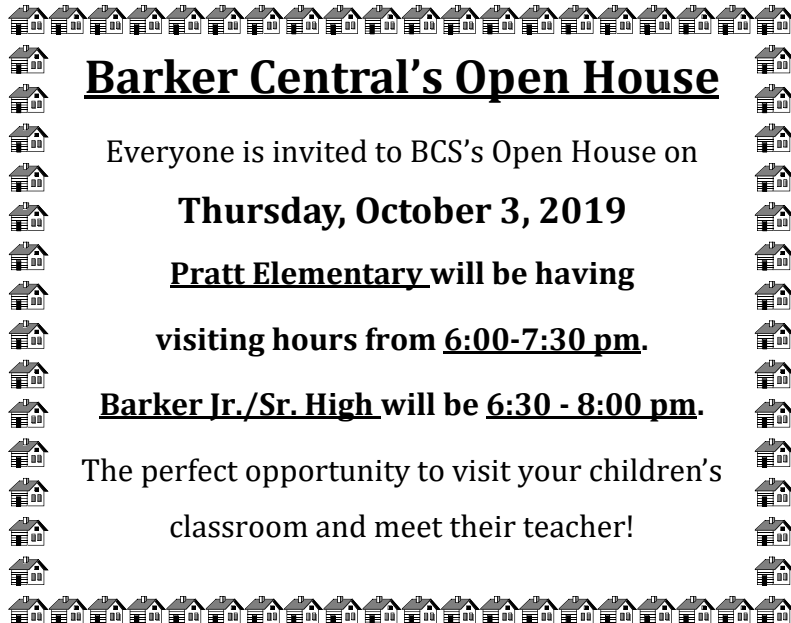


## Just a reminder to Parents:

After the first day of school, we ask that the children walk themselves to class the remainder of the school year.

If you are picking up your child, please sign them out in the Pratt Elementary Office and wait for them in the Foyer.  
**Please do not arrive before 2:20 pm.**

Thank you!



## Barker Central's Open House

Everyone is invited to BCS's Open House on

**Thursday, October 3, 2019**

**Pratt Elementary will be having**

**visiting hours from 6:00-7:30 pm.**

**Barker Jr./Sr. High will be 6:30 - 8:00 pm.**

The perfect opportunity to visit your children's classroom and meet their teacher!

## KidWatch

Please see the attached form regarding **KidWatch.**

**KidWatch** will be ran differently than it was in the past. Thank you for your cooperation.

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day 	3 Pre-K Orientation 1:30 pm. New Student Orientation 2:30	4 1st Day Of School, Welcome Back! 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 10th Period starts for Elem. Students Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:00 pm	17	18	19 Picture Day! 	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Homecoming Week!</b>						
29	30					