

# Barker Central School

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Hello Barker families,

We wanted to take this opportunity to give you all a final update on a few items before the start of school on Tuesday September 8.

The first is our current staffing. As many of you know, the district is still in the process of hiring a full-time science teacher for grades 7 and 8. For the start of the year, the current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classes will be taught by Mr. Mucha, Mrs. McIntyre and Mr. Reimer. When we officially hire a new science teacher, these courses will transition to that teacher.

Also, at the high school level, we have Mr. Ingenito joining our social studies department. He will be acting as a long-term substitute for US History, a section of Global 1 and section of Social studies 8.

At the elementary level, we have Mrs. Stachowiak joining us as our elementary music teacher for grades k through 4 as a long-term substitute. Please allow us some time to organize before we officially begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade chorus.

We are excited to welcome both teachers to our faculty. Please note that students in the high school will likely receive new, updated schedules with this information next week.

In terms of instruction beginning next week, those students in cohorts 2 and 3 should log on to their teachers' Google classroom Tuesday morning. Directions with how to do this have been previously posted to the main district website under announcements.

Also students: please remember that face masks are mandatory, both on the bus and in school.

A note on Homecoming: after careful consideration of the guidelines and discussion with student representatives, the homecoming festivities are postponed. However, the week of September 21 we will be having spirit days and hallway decorating for all students. More information forthcoming.

As we begin this unique school year, we again thank you all for your flexibility over the course of the past few months. This structure will be very different than anything any school has done. As we move through the first few weeks of school, we will likely be working through many obstacles, both predicted and unpredicted, as we make our instructional model work. I ask for continued patience and understanding as our teachers and students take on the monumental task of making this instructional model work.

Thank you for your time. We are excited to see all of our students next week.

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