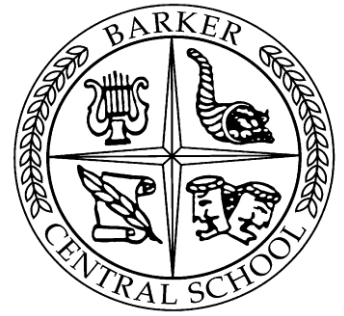


Barker Central School

1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012-0328



6/15/2021

Barker Senior Class Students & Families:

This letter is to give everyone a final update on the graduation ceremony on Saturday June 26 at 9:30 am. It will be held on the athletic field, rain or shine. The athletic field will open at 9:00 am.

These updates are in addition to the original letter, sent out on 5/12/21, which is included at the end of this letter for your reference.

1. Guests will need to bring their own chairs, similar to an outdoor athletic event. Due to the number of guests we are permitted to have, the district is unable to get enough chairs onto the field. We also DO NOT need to sit in family pods anymore or wear masks, as per new outdoor event guidance. It's open seating. Thank you very much for your help with this.
2. The ceremony is rain or shine. However, if there is incredibly inclement weather (lightning, etc.) I will communicate with the senior class parents/students via Blackboard and the senior class Remind to delay it until later once the weather clears.
3. Graduating seniors will be allowed to decorate their caps. This has been a request in years past. All decorations need to be in accordance with the code of conduct.
4. Graduates are also permitted to wear their stolls and sashes from their BOCES programming if they received one.
5. If your family has a guest who may need physical assistance getting out to the athletic field, you will be permitted to drive that guest in your vehicle back to the field entrance. We will have Somerset police then directing the vehicles to a parking location by the tennis courts. We ask that families do this by 9:00 am to cut down on traffic. Please only do this if necessary. Thank you.
6. The Senior Parent Group will be hosting a senior class breakfast on Friday June 25 at 9:30 am for graduates. It will be held in the high school cafeteria. Cap decorating materials will also be available there.
7. Students will be conducting a processional and recessional. Therefore, students will need to practice this process. We ask that all graduating seniors be at the athletic field the day prior to practice – Friday, June 25 at 10:30 am, immediately following the breakfast.
8. There will be no livestream of the event. However, it will be recorded and then uploaded to the district's Youtube channel for viewing at a later date.
9. If you haven't already done so, please register all guests via this online form, as per the previous letter: <https://forms.gle/wEddaagzUUCiFFAF9>

Thanks for your help and understanding with this process. While this is still not the traditional graduation, we are able to provide a more robust experience than last year. This is sure to be a fantastic event and provide our seniors and their families with a sense of closure and accomplishment. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, June 26.

The original letter is on the reverse side.

Sincerely,
Michael Carter, District Principal

May 12, 2021

To Pending Barker CSD Graduates & Families:

This letter contains important information regarding our graduation ceremony. Please read this in its entirety and follow the necessary directions.

The 2021 Barker CSD Graduation Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 9:30 am. It will be held on the athletic field, rain or shine. Please dress appropriately.

Under the current NYS Department of Health guidance, we are anticipating each graduate being permitted eight (8) guests. Each graduate (or their parent/guardian) will need to be registered via the survey below. Guests and graduates do NOT need to show proof of a negative covid-19 test or immunization. However, the guests must be registered on the form below in case contact tracing needs to occur.

Each graduate's guests will sit in one group of chairs, maximum of eight chairs per group. If a family/group has fewer than eight people that is fine. Groups cannot be split up; all of a graduate's guests must sit together, or else we will not have enough space for everyone. There will be no assigned seating. Guests will choose their chair group upon arrival. Guests will be permitted on to the athletic field beginning at 9:00 am.

All guests will be required to wear a mask except while seated in their group. When walking, moving about, taking pictures, etc. masks must be worn. Thank you for your cooperation in advance with this.

We hope that these new guidelines and the district's plan for the ceremony will still provide our graduates and their families the necessary sense of closure so many need. We are looking forward to this celebration of our students' accomplishments.

Each graduate needs to register their group on this link. A graduate can go back and make changes to their registration as needed until the due date (see form).
<https://forms.gle/wEddaagzUUCiFFAF9>

On the reverse side of this letter is our graduation cord outline and policy for students.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter, District Principal

Outline for Graduation Cords
Graduation June 2021

Purpose: To allow students who have succeeded in various aspects of their education to wear corresponding cords during the graduation ceremony. Numerous students have asked for this over the previous few years.

Types of Cords: There will be four types of cords total:

1. Top ten students: This is yellow and is issued to students right before the graduation ceremony and returned afterwards.
2. National Technical Honor Society: This is a purple cord. It is issued to students at BOCES during their NTHS induction ceremony.

3. Academics: This cord will be Barker maroon. Students will purchase this via the online store below. If a student entered and then dropped a course, they will not be eligible. Students who have participated in and successfully completed at least one of the following types of courses during their 9th through 12th grade years can wear the cord:
 - a. Advanced Placement
 - b. College Courses
 - c. Students earning an Advanced Regents Diploma
4. Community & Extra-Curricular Cord: This cord can be worn by students who participated in athletics or other types of extra-curricular or co-curricular programs as listed below. It will be the Royal Blue:
 - a. Athletics (JV or Varsity)
 - b. Band and/or Chorus
 - c. School sponsored clubs (including, but not limited to, student council, class officers, yearbook, AFS, International Club, or others as officially recognized by the school district).

Student Application: Graduating seniors will have to complete and submit the Google form below showing which cords they will be wearing, along with a brief explanation of why they are eligible. Follow this link: <https://forms.gle/BZaJ63Q6WN5mPCmr8>

Purchase: Students will purchase their own cords for Academics and Extra-Curricular at the website below to ensure all colors are matching and consistent. Please contact Mr. Carter directly with any financial concerns.

<https://www.honorsgraduation.com/honor-cords.htm>

Graduation Program: Individual student cords will not be listed in the program. There will be a section listing the four different cords and eligibility standards.