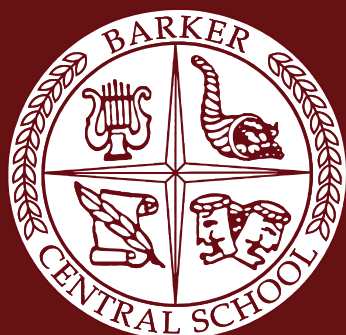


To be a leader in bringing out the best in each individual in our community.

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The Banner



Unlike Anything We've Ever Seen



(Top-Bottom): **Mr. Jeff Rappold** directed a group of Jr./Sr. High School Band students who came together online to record *Pomp and Circumstance*. Please check out the [BCS homepage](#) for a [link to the video on YouTube](#). **Mrs. Joan Morgan** made masks that were provided to the Class of 2020 during a gift bag delivery to their homes.

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www.barkercsd.net



A Message From Your Superintendent



Dear Barker Community,

The last 10 months have been extremely challenging for the school and larger community. What started and progressed as a normal school year very quickly took a turn on March 16th, 2020 and became something never seen before.

Regardless of the challenges that continually came before us beginning in March, our amazing learning community truly stepped up in every way possible to do whatever we could to meet the needs of our community. While food services and instruction were two of the major focuses during the closure, many other student and community needs were met through services provided by the school. To give you an idea of a couple of these services, between March 16th and June 17th, 2020, nearly 28,000 meals were prepared and distributed by our food service staff. Additionally, nearly 300 computers and almost 150 wireless access devices were distributed to families who did not have access to the technology needed to continue learning.

In a matter of 3 weeks, the Barker Central School District moved from a traditional 'brick-and-mortar' learning environment to a fully digital/distance learning model. Even though it seemed that we were designing and building the plane as we were flying it, the collective efforts of our entire community, not just those based within the school, helped us rise to the challenge and provide the best instruction we could possibly give under the circumstances.

Now that the school year is officially over, we will be continuing our planning for reopening school this fall. Discussions relating to the reopening of school have been ongoing since early May with a select team that is looking at all options available to us for a safe return to school. While much of what we will be able to do will be dictated by Governor Cuomo and the New York State Department of Education, we have been digging deep into what is viable for us here in Barker well in advance of receiving any guidance to move forward. In reality, there are likely only three distinct models, each with many variations of finer details, available to us this fall. We could see a full return to school, within person-to-person instruction. We could see full distance learning again, much like was done this spring, especially if cases of the virus resurge. Alternatively, we could see a hybrid or blended model, which would include both in-person and distance learning. For each of these concepts we are looking at all of the limitations, restrictions, pros, and cons that could affect our implementation of whichever model is chosen.

No matter what, school will likely look different when we return. As we continue to progress in our planning process, we will be reaching out to the community for input as that information will be imperative in our final decision making for what we will do this fall.

Ultimately, our goal is to find a solution that will have as little impact as possible on our students and all areas of our school community including instruction, summer programs, athletics, extra-curriculars, food service, transportation, cleaning, and more. However, please be assured that no matter what solution is chosen, the health and safety of all our students, staff, and the greater community will be at the forefront of our decision-making.

I know the amazing staff we have here in the Barker School Community are dedicated to doing whatever is needed to make sure we provide the best possible instruction and needed services for our students and families in the safest manner possible.

We will overcome any challenge that may present itself by continuing to work together. It is only through collaborative efforts that we will be able to get ourselves back to school, in the most normal manner possible, and as soon as we can.

While we will have limited summer programming this year, please do not hesitate to reach out to the District if you have any questions, concerns, or needs. Various staff will be working over the summer and we would be happy to help you with any issues you may have to the best of our ability.

On a final note, we want to thank the entire community again for your support of the 2020-21 school budget. Having a sound budget approved by the voters really helps us with our planning and ability to provide for all of our students and the greater Barker Learning Community. We would also like to congratulate John Sweeney Jr. on his re-election to another term for the Board of Education and Emily Gow on being elected to her first term for the Board of Education. Both of these

terms start this July 1st, 2020 and run through June 30th, 2023. We would also like to thank Lou Mead, who has provided the District with 15 years of service on the Board of Education, for his dedicated service to the community. He will be greatly missed.

I truly hope that all of you continue to stay safe and healthy throughout the entire summer.

I can't wait to see everyone this fall when we come back...stronger than we have ever been...and ready to meet any challenge that we may face.

Go Raiders!

Sincerely,



Mr. Jacob Reimer
Superintendent



From the Desk of Mr. Carter

Hello Barker Families:

First, on behalf of Barker CSD's faculty, we would like to extend an enormous "thank you" to all of our students, families and community for your resilience, strength and cooperation through this entire situation. Every day, our students, teachers and families have been working hard to ensure education is continuing, which is no easy feat given this environment. Your strength and perseverance are greatly appreciated.

One item we wish to make all families aware of for next school year is the transition to a six-day rotation schedule for all grades, PreK-12. Right now, the elementary is on a Monday-Friday schedule and the high school is on a four-day rotation. By switching to a six-day rotation, it will allow the District to share resources and faculty across grade levels more efficiently. Also, for the elementary, it will provide students who receive special services, such as speech or physical therapy, more consistency. Students often miss a Monday or Friday due to holiday breaks. When the days are rotated, no day is canceled. At the high school level, a six-day rotation will allow us more flexibility with scheduling certain services like AIS, and also provide students with more time to complete State required labs.

Earlier in the school year, teachers at the elementary were working on transitioning our report cards and grading processes to a standards-based model. This will closely align assessment with students' performance in the various state standards. The use of a standards-based report card will give parents and students more specific details on how he/she is performing against these expectations. We will also be transitioning to a trimester model instead of quarters. Teachers will have more time to collect student performance information in this model to give parents as much detail as possible about their child's success. Further details about the new report cards will be sent to families around the beginning of the summer.

It is important to note that these changes have been in the works since the start of the school year; these are not a result of the Covid-19 school closure. Thank you to this great community for your strength and commitment to the District during this time. We cannot wait to see all of our students in the fall.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Carter
Principal, Grades PreK-12

From the Desk of Dr. Kramer

Dear Barker Families,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these new, unique, and sometimes uncertain times.

While the end of the school year isn't what most people expected, we look forward to finishing the 2019-2020 school year with your children and are looking forward to September, when we will hopefully be back in the school buildings and holding face-to-face instruction. I know I can speak on behalf of all the teachers to say we miss seeing everyone every day.



While we look forward to September, there are a lot of exciting changes coming ahead. The district is looking at how we can move to a 1:1 technology environment. This means every child would have a device available for their use throughout the day. This does not mean that we will be replacing the classroom teacher. Instead, we want to provide students with a resource to use in school and, if appropriate, at home.

Teachers will also be working on updating curriculum over the upcoming school year to reflect changes to New York State standards in different subject areas. This process will take some time and instruction might look different, but this process will help us in achieving our goal of providing a high-quality education to all our students.

For Pratt Elementary School families, we are moving forward with our standards-based report cards in the fall. The report cards will be broken down by subject area with specific statements showing you how your child is doing on specific standards. You will be able to see if a child is meeting the standards, working towards meeting the standard, or not meeting the standard. This will provide you, the families, with much more detailed information than the traditional report card has. When the report cards are finalized, we will share them with you. Be on the lookout for more information regarding this over the summer.

For families who have a child receiving Special Education services, thank you for being flexible in transitioning annual meetings from face-to-face to phone conferences. While it's not ideal, we appreciate everyone working with us. Please know that your child's education is our top priority. In the fall, we will look at where each child is and determine if additional services are needed as a result of not being in school due to COVID-19. As always, we will be reaching out to you during this process. I apologize in advance if it causes additional meetings for you, but I am looking forward to being able to meet some of you in person for the first time.

I'd also like to just take a few lines of text to shamelessly ask for your help. As we discussed at your annual meetings, we are required by the New York State Education Department to conduct a parent survey every 6 years. This is our year. Many of you have already returned those surveys and I sincerely thank you for doing so. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to complete and mail to the State Education Department. If you are in need of additional surveys, please contact the Special Education Department at mkramer@barkerksd.net and we will be happy to mail out an extra copy. We need a certain participation rate or we will be required to go through this process again next year. We are so close to reaching that goal!

Once again, stay safe and healthy. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you and have a good summer.

Dr. Mariah Fiona Kramer
Director of Instructional Services



SRO Corner

Greetings to our Barker/Somerset community.

The Somerset Police/Barker School Resource Officers hopes everyone is safe and well. As we all know it has been a challenging last few months.

In this Banner article we would like to address the issue of safe student driving. (This goes for parents also.)

As we all know the warmer weather brings out more driving and this includes our young people and student drivers. Here are some tips for student drivers and parents:

- The phone stays down. Make it a habit to put it someplace in the car to avoid temptation to use it.
- If you have multiple friends in the car keep your eyes and mind on the road.
- Everyone has a favorite song. Don't get caught up with singing and dancing in the car to the point it's a distraction from the road.
- Late nights often lead to insufficient sleep. Please make sure when you get behind the wheel of the car you are not to the point you may doze off.

The school SROs will be enforcing safe driving in and around the school as well as public roads.

Your Somerset Police/Barker SROs are here to create a safe environment. We encourage students and parents to contact us with problems or concerns.

Thank you and have a safe and fun summer.

Barker School Resource Officers

(L-R, Above with Mr. Jacob Reimer and Mr. Michael Carter): Officer Erica Herlofson, Chief Jon Miller, Officer John Yotter.



Hardworking Online Reader Award

During the pandemic 2nd grader **Hunter Green** (pictured at right) read a whopping 33 hours and 16 minutes online through Kids A-Z. Congratulations and a job well done! Other notable students who put in significant online reading time were:

- Aidan Brandel, 2nd Grade
- Bryce Hirschman, 2nd Grade
- Chase Worrells, 1st Grade
- Delaina Salazar, 1st Grade
- Jimena Reyes-Aguilera, 1st grade

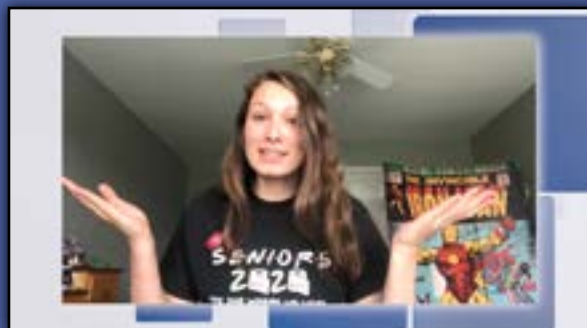


Celebrating the Class of 2020

The Class of 2020 was unable to celebrate and participate in many of the traditional end of high school events like Class Night, the senior trip, and commencement, but they did have a celebration unique to them. On Monday, June 15th, members of the Class along with their families and several administrators, teachers and staff attended a Barker Senior Class celebration at the Transit Drive-In. Students, parents, and staff were invited to share video messages and pictures to be part of the video that was created for the big screen. Current and old pictures, baby pictures, and senior portraits, cap and gown pictures and messages from classmates, staff, and alumni were incorporated in the video. Mark Greenwald, Class of 1980, delivered some advice to the graduates with his Distinguished Alumni message. The event celebrated the entire class and included memories from all areas of their PreK - 12 school years from homecoming to athletics and classroom activities to the 8th grade trip to Washinton, D.C. There is still hope that the Class of 2020 will be able to have some type of commencement event on Saturday, August 1st at 9:00 AM. A drive through ceremony or traditional graduation (if allowed) is scheduled for that day. Information will be posted on the District website and through Blackboard Connect when updates are available. New York State Department of Health guidelines are expected to be updated in July.

The Class was also recognized through daily “Senior Spotlight” images that were created by Mrs. Bundrock and posted on Twitter and the Barker website each weekday from April 20th through June 18th. Students whose family submitted requested images and information were highlighted with pictures, favorite activities, and future goals.

*(Top-Bottom Clockwise): Transit Drive-In marquee welcomes Barker Class of 2020 the night of June 15, 2020, **Kylie Annable** sends a message to classmates in the drive in video, Senior Spotlight image of **Emma Wasnock**, **Tyler Cirillo** received his senior gift bag, items in the senior gift bag. (Opposite Page Top): **Joshuwa Weakland** and **Bailey Sutch** display the senior signs delivered to them.*



Senior signs were delivered on Friday, April 24th and gift bags were delivered on Wednesday, May 27th. Signs are proudly on display in yards of Seniors across the District.

Free senior cap and gown pictures were provided by SWagner Photography on Thursday, May 28th and Friday, May 29th. The offer was open to all members of the Class who wanted to have their picture taken in their cap and gown on the front lawn of the school. These pictures were also used for the drive-in celebration.



Nathaniel Alt and Luca Spagnolo were featured in the Buffalo News photo gallery "Saluting the Seniors of Western New York." The two students were among over 300 students from 78 high schools across the region who were recognized.

To view images and video of the Class of 2020 from these various events, please visit the Class of 2020 page on the Barker District website: www.barkerbsd.net/2020seniors

Valedictorian

Peter Ian DiLorenzo

- Honors: All-WNY Scholar Athlete, National Honor Society, Rensselaer Medalist Award, Cross Country Captain, Cross Country New York State Meet Qualifier.
- Activities: Student Council, National NHS Volunteer Activities, Track & Field, Cross Country, Class President, Chemistry, Soccer, Reading and Learning.
- Future Plans: Attend college to study Chemistry and eventually obtain a job as a researcher.



Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Salutatorian

Brianna Bachman

- Honors: All-WNY Scholar Athlete, TRI Computing Medal, Alfred CANY Award.
- Activities: Field Hockey, National Honor Society, Photography, and Walking.
- Future Plans: Attend SUNY Brockport to major in Social Work and minor in Spanish.

Pi Day Contest Winners

Friday, March 13th the Math Department celebrated Pi Day with two annual events. During the school day a “Where’s Pythagoras?” contest took place. Six pictures of Pythagoras were hidden in neutral places of the Jr./Sr. High School. Students who found them were rewarded with a fruit pie.

Jake Munn memorized 199 digits of Pi to win the Pi Day Memorizing Contest and a t-shirt. The five students who made the finals were:

- 1st - Jake Munn
- 2nd - Michayla Greene
- 3rd - Cameron Kiner
- 4th - Kaitlyn Goodwin
- 5th - Keith Robison

(Top L-R): Caleb Alexander and Mr. DerSarkissian sport the same Pi Day shirt. (Bottom L-R): Jake Munn, Michayla Greene, Cameron Kiner, Kaitlyn Goodwin and Keith Robison were the top five in the Pi Day Memorizing Contest.



Sr. High School Art News

In past school years, Sr. High School student artwork would be on display at the Barker Public Library during the spring and in the BCS auditorium at Honors & Awards Night. Due to the school closure Miss Feltz needed to create a different venue to showcase the talents of her students. She created a virtual exhibit for visitors to view a gallery of artwork created by these talented students. Please check out the link on the Barker website to [tour the gallery](#) and view the pieces of artwork created by these talented young artists. You can find this link by visiting the Jr./Sr. High School page at: www.barkerksd.net/hs

(Clockwise from upper right): Samples of artwork on display in the Sr. High School Virtual Art Exhibit from Emily Oliveira, Morgan Phillips and Phoebe Rignall.





O/N Teacher Center Literacy Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following Pratt Elementary students for their placement in the Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center Annual Literacy Contest. The students listed below were among the 116 entries received across the Orleans-Niagara BOCES District. Of the students that made the finals, Pratt Elementary submissions comprised 10 of the first, second and third place finishers. This year's theme was "I Can Be a Light in The World." The annual awards ceremony was cancelled, but medals and certificates were mailed to each student. Congratulations to all of the winners and participants.

Kindergarten

- Honorable Mention: Orion Harvey, Cole Jackson, Leonel Sanchez-Chavez II

First Grade

- 2nd - Hannah Monaco
- Honorable Mention - Lydia Atwater, Elanor Gow, Zaiviar Jenkins, Hudson Pryn, KayInn Sturtevant, Hunter Sweeney, Chase Worrells

Second Grade

- 1st - Isabella Marvin
- 2nd - Aiden Brandel
- 3rd - Alexa Reyes-Farias
- Honorable Mention - Grayson Andrews, Chace Atwater, Baylee Atwater, Jackson Dunkelberger, Lily Ecker, Lilah Kelemen, Erinn Lanighan, Patrick McMaster, Tierza Rose, Adalyn Snell, Logan Stoll, Fisher Strong



Third Grade

- 3rd - Zoey Quiett
- Honorable Mention - Grant Ginavan, Delaney Johnson, Amelia Klopfer, Eian Phillips

Fourth Grade

- 2nd - Milayna May
- Honorable Mention - Charlotte Gow, Elise Monaco, Sean Parmley, Sophia Pavlock, Lillyana Reyes

Fifth Grade

- 3rd - Victoria Poyfair
- Honorable Mention - Brooke Dunkelberger, Logan Flint, Trevor Williams, Lauren Zglinicki

Sixth Grade

- 1st - Jocelyn Schmitt
- 2nd - Peyton Bradley and Aurora Wass
- Honorable Mention - Dominic Cimato, Julia Cimato, Aaden Munn, Bryan Parris

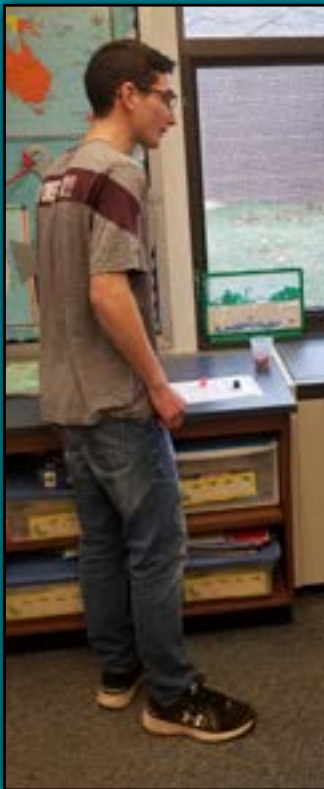
Technology Competitions Tech Wars & VEX Robotics

Mr. Mallon's Principles of Engineering students performed very well at the VEX Robotics Regional Competition in Lockport on Saturday, February 8th. Caleb LaGreca, Donovan Recore, Steven Class, Cole Ecker, and Joseph Brandt, Jr. all made it to the quarterfinals. The team of William Goodlander, Nathaniel Heideman, Luca Spagnolo, and Tyler Hillman won their matches and qualified for the New York State VEX Robotics Finals in Syracuse on Saturday, February 29th. After a long day of matches the team finished 17th of 36 teams at the State level. Congratulations on outstanding performances in your first year of competing in the event.



(Above, L-R): **Chloe Crafts, Kayla Mages, Meghan Mallon, Jacquelin DeJesus Sanchez** with their bridges at Tech Wars.

Tech Wars was held on Wednesday, January 8th at Niagara County Community College. 25 Students from Barker competed in the event which included 20 different events. Bridge building, VEX Robotics, and a t-shirt contest were just three of the events in the competition.



M & M (Mentors and Mentees) Program

The M & M program (Mentors and Mentees), also referred to as Big and Little M's met monthly under the supervision of Instructional Support Specialists, Melissa Bundrock and Sara Thibault. At the start of the school year, Little M's (Pratt students) were partnered up with a Big M's (Jr./Sr. HS students). Big M's were encouraged to greet their Little M's at arrival and dismissal times, arrange times to work with Little M's during their free periods and to attend monthly meetings. During monthly meetings, Big and Little M's conducted experiments, played games, and built friendships, all while enjoying M & M candies. The Big M's were: Meridith Black, Kaitlynn Dauphinee, Alexzander Detschner, Emma Evans, Cameron Kiner (pictured at left), Chloe Lee, Paris Moffitt, Elinore Voss, Alexis Weeks, and Kiera Dalton.

Even during the COVID-19 shutdown, a few Big M's wrote pen pal letters and phoned their Little M. Cameron worked with his 6th grade mentee during most 10th periods and even arranged to play Tic-Tac-Toe over Zoom when school was closed. Cam reported to Mrs. Bundrock at student belonging pickup that he is looking forward to returning to the program again next year. Cameron's Little M recently informed Mrs. Thibault that Zooming with Cam has been a great break for him and he looks forward to every session. "It's the little things like this that make Barker so unique. Kids like Cam who go the extra mile," said Mr. Carter.

Student Officers Elected for 2020-21

Student elections concluded on Thursday, June 11th for class officers and student council representatives for the 2020-21 school year. Results are listed below:



Class of 2021

President - Ella Gooding

Vice-President - Elinore Voss

Secretary - Thomas Jowdy

Treasurer - Emily Donner

Student Council Representatives - Jessalynn Coen, Lisbet Lopez-Paz, Carla Stoloski, Joseph Cantella, Chloe Lee

Advisor- Ms. Heather McIntyre

Class of 2022

President - Paris Moffitt

Vice-President - Cameron Kiner

Secretary - Zachary Hill

Treasurer - Xander DerSarkissian

Student Council Representatives - Genevieve Harris, Lucas Grissett, Kaitlynn Goodwin, Willard Nellist, Andon Wedekind

Advisors - Ms. Jackie Moffitt & Mrs. Sherri Ober

Class of 2023

President - Catherine Mallon

Vice-President - Lydia Samson

Secretary - n/a

Treasurer - n/a

Student Council Representative - Abigail Heidemann

Advisors - Mr. Rob Mucha & Ms. Kate Broderick

Class of 2024

President - Alexzander Destchner

Vice-President - Petra Bish

Secretary - Meredith Black

Treasurer - Emma Evans

Student Council Representative- Keira Dalton, Samantha Murphy

Advisor - Mrs. Adrienne Laufer

Class of 2025

Only requires a Treasurer - Mikala Woock

7th grade doesn't require officers. Jr. High School Student Council elections for 7th and 8th grade will take place in the fall. Interested students will write a speech and voting will take place. A meeting with advisors Mrs. Wendy Pellow and Mr. Drew Burke will be announced within the first few weeks of the new school year to get organized and to select the representatives.

Students of the Month

We used an acronym for the 2019-2020 school year for our student of the month character traits. The acronym is **HARD WORKER**. Individual students who demonstrated the character trait for the month are nominated by the teachers at each grade level. Monthly traits were: January - Witty, February - Organized, March - Respectful, April - Kind, May - Encouraging, June - Responsible.



Pratt Elementary Students of the Month, January (Right, L-R): Hudson Prynne, Aiden Moen, Gustavo Reyes Farias, Addisyn Weller, Ruth-Ann Daily, Luke Fay are pictured with Mrs. Thibault & Mr. Carter.

Pratt Elementary Students of the Month, February (Below, L-R): Shyanne Upton, Lauren Zglinicki, Elijah Manning-Robinson, Lydia Atwater, Lucas Nestoros, Mr. Carter, Ariane Watts, Brooke Hirschman, Leonel Sanchez-Chavez, Mrs. Thibault.



Pratt Elementary Students of the Month, January (Above Left, L-R): Daniel Aguilera, Henry Hames.



Please check out the [Pratt Elementary](#) and [Barker Jr./Sr. High School](#) Students of the Month webpages to view pictures of all the students of the month from this past school year.

Pratt Elementary Students of the Month, March: Savannah Davis, Brayden Wheat-Wagner, Amelia Ross, Lilah Kelemen, Kira Forehand, Lillyana Reyes, Griffin Adams, Moira Dwyer.

Pratt Elementary Students of the Month, April: Nathaniel Quinn, Adam Grabowski, Rory Harvey, Baylee Atwater, Oliver Johnson, Dylan Maier, Brooke Dunkelberger, Aaden Munn.

Pratt Elementary Students of the Month, May: Justin Jackson, Cody Schwab, Oliver Dergal, Adalyn Snell, Grant Ginavan, Madyson Flint, Trevor Williams, Kaylee Stoll.

Pratt Elementary Students of the Month, June: Lincoln Cantrell, Blake Barr, Jacob Linkowski, Carson Costello, Salvatore Ruvio, Matthew Jordan, Ely Smith, Barbara Jary.

(Below, L-R): Lilah Kelemen, Adam Grabowski, Justin Jackson, Barbara Jary, Amelia Ross.



Jr./Sr. High School Students of the Month, January
(Below Left, L-R): Dillon Wagner, Joseph Cantella, Tylor White, Brenton Burzyski.

Jr./Sr. High School Students of the Month, February
(Below Right, L-R): Chloe Lee, Mark Reeson, Michael Kalynycz.



Pratt Elementary Students Receive Awards

Best Effort Award

2nd Grade

Erinn Lanighan
Christopher Martin, Jr.
Jordan Spearin

3rd Grade

Mia Klopfer
Alexis Pendleton

4th Grade

Peyton Hirschman
Sophia Pavlock
Evelin Reyes

5th Grade

Faith Bowerman
Eva Kelsey
Trevor Williams

6th Grade

Luke Fay
Daniel Goodwin
Samuel Liuzzi

Greatest Improvement Award

2nd Grade

Hunter Green
Bryce Hirschman
G'ohnny Tomaino

3rd Grade

Brenden Horner
Owen Volkosh

4th Grade

Autumn Draper
Bryce Higgins
Conner Sylvester

5th Grade

Ruth-Ann Daily
Nicholas Klopfer
Lauren Zglinicki

6th Grade

Hailey Dodge
Gabriel Nestoros
Jocelyn Schmitt

Math Award

3rd Grade

Delaney Johnson
Eian Phillips

Helen Kennedy Reading Award

3rd Grade

Milayna May
Arianna Poulton
Areanna Reinard

Donald Rothfus Award

5th Grade

Brooke Dunkelberger

Spirit of Excellence Award

6th Grade

Julia Kalynycz
Kaya Lloyd

Madeline Chenez Volunteerism Award

6th Grade

Nicholas Heidemann

Principal's Award

2nd Grade

Krystal Marciszewski

3rd Grade

Trevor Lamay

4th Grade

Bradley Maines

5th Grade

Elina White

6th Grade

James Giarla, Jr.

Pratt Elementary Physical Education Sportsmanship Awards

2nd Grade

Jackson Dunkelberger
Ayla Riches

3rd Grade

Fiona Dalton
John Murphy II

4th Grade

Drew LaGreca
Mirabelle Strong

5th Grade

Naomi Bish
Logan Flint

6th Grade

Evan Baker
Sophia Gerhardt



(L-R): **Drew LaGreca** and **Ayla Riches** each received a delivery for recognition of their Sportsmanship Award.

Jr. High School Honors & Awards Recipients

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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Caleb Alexander | Alexzander Detschner | Nina Hadsell | Caleb Pierce |
| Petra Bish | Adler Detschner | Gloria Haller | Gavin Poulton |
| Meredith Black | Trent Dickinson | Joel Harris | Duke Redsteer |
| Anna Bowerman | Jeminna Eckborg | Monica Juliana | Zackary Santarsiero |
| Natalie Brandel | Emma Evans | Charles LaGreca | Dejah Shaner |
| Roryer Brinson | Madilyn Detschner | Jordan Leising | Wyatt Sherman |
| Cole Carnes | Kyla Drake | Meghan Mallon | Kayleigh Thompson |
| Albert Cimato | Summer Duchow | Andy Martinez Lopez | Shane Upton |
| Chloe Crafts | David Connor Dwyer | Macie May | Molly Westlake |
| Ayame Crenshaw | William Dyet | David Merlin | Tylor White |
| Keira Dalton | Ryan Fisk | Samantha Murphy | Mikala Woock |
| Alexis Dauphinee | Laci Giarla | Andreas Nestoros | |
| Shelby Dauphinee | Matthew Goodwin | Connor Pabon | |
| Lucas DerSarkissian | Michayla Greene | Lillia Peace | |

Sr. High School Honors & Awards Recipients

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sophia Alexander | Lena Fazzolari | Regan Hodge | Rebecca Pisarski |
| Virginia Alexander | Lucas Flegal | Elizabeth Hopkins | Morgan Phillips |
| Mason Allee-Castro | Ella Fox | Allison Hotaling | Mark Reeson |
| Nathaniel Alt | Madison Gancasz | Samantha Howes | Keith Robison |
| Kylie Annable | Faith Giarla | Alexander Jenks | Dylan Ruffini |
| Josue Arias Perez | Ella Gooding | Mitchell Johnson | Lydia Samson |
| Brianna Bachman | William Goodlander | Thomas Jowdy | Corey Sanchez |
| Destiny Baran | Kaitlyn Goodwin | Cameron Kiner | Cloey Sanders |
| Jessica Bautista Lopez | Ethan Greenwald | Chloe Lee | Kaedynce Schumacher |
| Sandra Bautista Lopez | Ciara Gregoire | Lisbet Lopez Paz | Taylon Sherman |
| Evelyn Bish | Kazmira Hanel | Philip Mackin | Luca Spagnolo |
| Jaret Black | Genevieve Harris | Catherine Mallon | Carla Stoloski |
| Bryce Broeker | Jacob Harris | Haleigh Mason | Bailey Sutch |
| Jessica Cabrera | Serena Harris | Christian McGee | Jakob Talbot |
| Maria Cabrera | Thomas Harris | Daniel Meza Ray | Samantha Tatu |
| Joseph Cantella | Wesley Harris | Nathan Meza Ray | Alyssa Thompson |
| Tyler Cirillo | Rachel Haseley | Madison Miller | Logan Tolliver |
| Katrina Clare | Levi Hauser | Paris Moffitt | Aidan Voss |
| David Class | Cameron Hefferon | Lilly Monthony | Elinore Voss |
| Jessalynn Coen | Abigail Heidemann | Julia Munn | Emma Wasnock |
| Kaitlynn Dauphinee | Nathaniel Heidemann | Zachary Murrell | Keira Wass |
| Paige Dennis | Nathanael Hess | Willard Nellist | Jacob Weller |
| Alexander DerSarkissian | Amethyst Higgins | Emily Oliveira | Aaliyah Wheat |
| Peter Ian DiLorenzo | Andrew Hill | Sarah Outten | Abigal Wilson |
| Emily Donner | Zachary Hill | Rachel Parfinski | |
| Joshua Donner | Andrew Hillman | Ariana Peace | |
| Sarina Drake | Tyler Hillman | Jonathan Pestinger | |

Please check out the [Pratt Elementary](#) and [Barker Jr./Sr. High School](#) webpages to view additional Pratt award pictures and for a breakdown of the specific Jr./Sr. High School awards.

Music Department Recognition

Barker band members Wesley Harris - Tenor Saxophone and Emily Oliveira - Drums participated in a wonderful music and educational experience when they performed in the Buffalo State College Honor Band at the 13th Annual Honor Band performance at Rockwell Hall on Saturday, November 9th and Sunday, November 10th. The band consisted of 77 students from all over New York State, Pennsylvania, and beyond. They practiced all day Saturday and worked with music college professors. The weekend culminated with a wonderful concert on Sunday evening. *(Both are included in the picture at right.)*



Xander DerSarkissian was selected to perform at Fredonia State College in the Senior High Area All-State Concert Band Friday and Saturday, November 22nd & 23rd. "This is an awesome achievement. Xander represents Barker Bands as a top 10 High School trumpeter in five counties (Allegany, Chautauqua, Cattaragus, Erie, Niagara)," stated Mr. Rappold. Kaitlynn Dauphinee, Elizabeth Hopkins, Paris Moffitt, Rachel Parfinski, Sarah Outten, and Elinore Voss were part of the Area All-State Choir which also performed at the event.

Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th *(L-R, picture at right)* Rachel Parfinski, Sarah Outten, Ellie Voss, Paris Moffitt, Kaitlynn Dauphinee, Elizabeth Hopkins, and Genevieve Harris were part of the All-County Choir which performed at NCCC. Ryan Stevener was also accepted as part of the choir, but due to Swim Sectionals was unable to participate.



The same weekend, three Barker Jr. HS students performed in the All-County Junior High Concert Band. "Their performance was outstanding and they had an invaluable experience working with a college band professor," said Mr. Rappold. "Congratulations to Meredith Black - Bassoon, Caleb Pierce - Tuba, and Matthew Goodwin - Baritone."

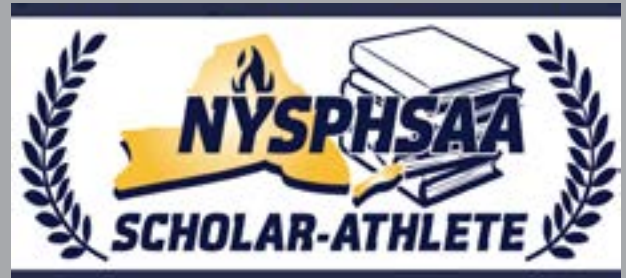
Two Barker Sr. High School student musicians were selected to perform in the All-County Senior High Band and one Barker Jr. High student was selected to play with the All-County Junior High Jazz Band on Friday, February 28th and Saturday, February 29th at Lewiston-Porter High School. Kaitlyn Goodwin - Clarinet, Xander DerSarkissian - Trumpet, and Matthew Goodwin - Trombone all performed exceptionally well for their respective groups.



(L-R, picture at right) Daniel Goodwin, Melodi Murphy, Fallyn Mescall, Riley Marciszewski, Hailey Dodge, Kaylee Stoll, Julia Kalynycz, Peyton Bradley, Kaya Lloyd, Carter DerSarkissian, and Luke Fay were all selected as part of the Elementary All-County Band.

Sports Wire - Winter Sports & Athletes of the Year

The Varsity Girls Basketball team was the lone winter sports team to receive Scholar Athlete team recognition. Congratulations to Kylie Annable, Kathleen Babcock, Natalie Bruning, Serena Harris, Courtney Hillman, Chloe Lee, Dakota Leising, Sydnie Luckman, and Haleigh Mason for their work in the classroom and on the court.



(Below L-R): **Katrina Clare** - Barker Female Athlete of the Year and Niagara PAL Barker Female Prep Athlete of the Year, **Sydnie Luckman** - Niagara-Orleans League Basketball 1st Team, **Ryan Santarsiero** - Swimming: Niagara-Orleans League Swim Championship 1st Place in 100 Breaststroke.



ICYMI - In Case You Missed It

Check out the athletics welcome page for a link to a [Spring Sports Senior Recognition video](#) created by the spring sports coaches and Mr. Carberry:

www.barkercsd.net/athletics



Did You Know?

That on the the Barker Athletics website there is a searchable database of all individual athlete awards dating back to 2006-2007? Use the above link and go to the [Championships page](#).

Ian DiLorenzo, Barker Male Athlete of the Year and Niagara PAL Barker Male Prep Athlete of the Year.

It Became a Virtual World

(Top to Bottom, L-R): National Honor Society - Ella Gooding and Thomas Jowdy along with Virginia Alexander, Joseph Cantella, Jessalynn Coen, Lena Fazzolari, Wesley Harris, Rachel Haseley, Nathaniel Heidemann, Madison Gancasz, Chloe Lee, Philip Mackin, Keith Robison, Carla Stoloski, and Elinore Voss were inducted into the National Honor Society on May 28th. Britton Brady's slide from the 4th Grade Earth Day video. Trevor Lamay receives the 3rd grade Principal's Award. Zachary Hill working from home on Chemistry. Emily Wagner plays virtual catch with her coaches and the rest of the Varsity Softball Seniors in the Spring Sports Senior Recognition video. Carson Schwab helps out with the laundry at home on Thumbs Up Thursday during Virtual SPARK Spirit Week. Mirabelle Strong is caught reading on Back to Work Monday during Virtual SPARK Spirit Week. Cody Schwab holds flowers in the Kindergarten May Day video. Mrs. Bundrock snaps a selfie as Ciara Gregoire celebrates on cap and gown picture day with Miss Wing.



Farewell to Retiring Staff

Over the past year, eight staff members have retired at the Barker Central School District:

- Mrs. Ronda Baronich
- Mrs. Madeline Chenez
- Mrs. Judy DeMallie
- Mrs. Pam Garringer
- Mrs. Joan Morgan
- Mr. Fred Nash
- Mrs. Missy Provencher
- Mrs. Conny Regling (not pictured)

Congratulations to all on many years of dedication to BCS and good luck in your retirement.

Mrs. Ronda Baronich displays a copy of the 2020 Latrator which was dedicated to her for her 30 years of service to BCS.



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Information on Barker Website

Important information which can be found on our website:

School supplies list:
Consult the [homepage](#) to download lists for elementary and junior high.

Summer learning information can be found on the [homepage](#).

Photo galleries are available under the "Our District" channel:
www.barkercsd.net/photogallery



In Case You Missed It

Student registration can now be done online.
Please visit:
www.barkercsd.net/studentregistration

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