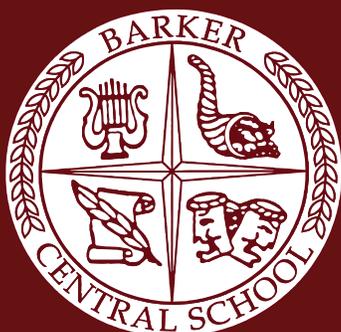


# The Banner



## High School Corn Hole Champions Crowned



*(L-R): Aidan Voss and Nathan Meza Ray won the corn hole tournament that took place during High School Physical Education classes prior to Thanksgiving Recess. Read all about it on page 10.*

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[www.barkercsd.net](http://www.barkercsd.net)

## A Message From Your Superintendent

Dear Barker Learning Community,

In the winter 2020 edition of The Banner I stated ‘I’m certain that we will return to normal in the near future.’ It goes without saying that I was wrong with that prediction. The ongoing pandemic has continued to be a struggle for everyone in so many ways and it is not just about the positive cases and the subsequent quarantines related to those cases. It has disrupted instruction and learning for many of our students and it has undoubtedly affected our families at home as well. While we are hopeful that the measures we have had to take for going on 20 months will begin to ease, in reality we are likely still a ways away from a full return to normal here in the District. Unfortunately, virtually all of the decisions related to easing COVID restrictions will be out of our control as New York State will continue to determine the precautions we will be required to take.



This being said, we are doing everything in our control to continue providing learning and other great life experiences for all of our students. We have done, and are looking forward to doing many of the events that we could not last year. Homecoming was great under the lights. The Halloween parade was fantastic with our little ones all dressed up. Our athletic teams have been and will continue to compete and represent Barker in ways that make us all proud. We will be conducting a school musical again after a one-year hiatus. I am extremely excited to watch our amazing and talented students perform *Little Women* in March. We will also host numerous concerts, as well as other wonderful extra-curricular events. We are getting closer to normal every day!

With all of these fun things going on, we encourage the community to come and support our students in their endeavors. The kids and staff really love having audiences to play and perform for! Make sure you stay up to date with the upcoming events by going to our website at [www.barkerccd.net](http://www.barkerccd.net) and clicking on the calendar tab at the top right of the webpage to see what is coming up.

As the Holiday Season continues on, I hope that everyone in our community will be able to celebrate safely in whatever way you do for the Holidays. Every family is different and we each have our own unique traditions. I truly hope that each of you can find a way to make sure those traditions you hold dear continue as those are what make the Holidays special.

I wish you all the best and I cannot wait to see what 2022 brings us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Reimer'.

Mr. Jacob Reimer  
Superintendent

## From the Desk of Mr. Carter



To Barker CSD Families & Students,

Hello Barker families. Despite the many challenges our District has faced over the last two years, we are proud to say that Barker CSD is forging ahead. Our students have been doing an excellent job returning to a five day week, all while learning and growing as members of our school community. We wanted to take this opportunity to update everyone on a few items as we move into the second half of the school year.

The primary focus from an instructional standpoint has been to assess and address the skill gaps students may have from the previous two years of interrupted instruction. Teachers at all grade levels have been doing this since the first week of school. Utilizing our academic intervention service providers as well as differentiating instruction in these areas at the early grades, we are already seeing meaningful improvement.

The interruptions to regular school have also been difficult in non-instructional ways. These issues can manifest differently: socially, emotionally, or behaviorally. We have brought on extra counseling support a few days per week. This includes the addition of a social worker and a behavioral specialist. We hope that with these additional supports we can work with students and families to effectively address these issues.

We are also happy to return to many regular school events. We had the first Homecoming week since 2019, including a pep rally, parade, and dance. We also recently celebrated Halloween with a parent event in October that also involved our fantastic Music Department. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students did a turkey trot through the village before Thanksgiving break. As we get into the holiday season, our Music Department will be returning to student performances in the auditorium. We are happy to bring these school spirit events back.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and support. It has not been easy, but this year has proven that Barker has bounced back.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Carter  
Principal, Grades PreK-12

## From the Desk of Dr. Kramer

Dear Barker Community,

Recently, there have been a lot of questions around special education, the referral process, and what happens if a student is classified as a student in need of special education services. Our goal is to make this process as easy as possible for students and families. Therefore, we want to take some time, clarify, and answer questions.

There are actually three separate committees that meet on children regarding special education.

- 1. Early Intervention (EI).** Children up to 3 years of age are eligible for services through EI, based on the child's need, through their county of residence. If you suspect your child might need additional help with their speech, their motor skills (moving from place to place or climbing stairs), or their cognitive understanding (skills your brain uses to think, read, learn, remember, reason, and pay attention), please don't hesitate to call the county. The earlier intervention can be provided, the better it is for children. Children in EI are eligible to receive services year-round.
- 2. Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE).** Once children reach 3 years of age, they transition from EI to CPSE, a committee comprised of both school and county staff. If students are already in EI, the school will be notified and the transition will be completed by outside providers. If you are concerned about a child who did not receive services before the age of three, a request for evaluation must be made to the school. This request must be in writing and can be mailed or emailed to the Director of Instructional Services. All new referrals will follow the process outlined below. Students receive services during the school year (September-June); summer services are available if the child has regressed or not shown progress during the year.
- 3. Committee on Special Education (CSE).** Once students reach Kindergarten age, they are now served by the CSE. Unlike the EI to CPSE transition, the CPSE to CSE transition is done by either outside providers or the district. For students who are new referrals, the request for evaluation would be sent, in writing, to the Director of Instructional Services and follows the process outlined below. Students receive services during the school year (September-June); summer services are available if the child has regressed or not shown progress during the year.



### **THE FIVE STEPS OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROCESS**

1. Initial Referral for Special Education Services
2. Individual Evaluation Process
3. Determining Eligibility for Special Education Services
4. Individualized Education Program (IEP)
5. Implementation & Annual Review/Reevaluation

#### **STEP 1. INITIAL REFERRAL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

If your school-aged child is having difficulty in school, you may wish to first talk to the teacher. We offer additional classroom supports to help students who may be behind expectations. These services are called "Response to Intervention" services or "RTI services." However, you may also choose to refer your child—in writing—to the school's Committee on Special Education (CSE) without your child first receiving RTI services. This written referral to the CSE should state that you are asking the school district to evaluate your child to determine if he or she needs special education services. You should list all your concerns regarding your child's educational difficulties. You, the parent, can always make a referral for your child. Your child's teacher or a professional in your child's school, doctors, or judicial officers may also request a referral to the CSE. Once a request has been made, the CSE must ask the parent to consent to the evaluation. Before testing can begin, we must have the signed consent for evaluation.

**STEP 2. INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION PROCESS**

Once the consent for evaluation form has been received by the district, the CSE has 60 days to complete the evaluation. The tests determine what your child's learning difficulties may be and how those difficulties affect his or her participation and progress in the general education curriculum. The evaluation is at no cost to the parent. An initial evaluation to determine your child's needs must include: a physical examination, a psychological evaluation, a social history, observation of your child in his or her current education setting, and other tests or assessments that are appropriate for your child. The results of the evaluation must be provided to the parents.

**STEP 3. DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Once the evaluation is completed, you will be invited to a CSE meeting to talk about the results. The CSE, of which the parent is a member, decides if your child is eligible to receive special education programs and/or services. In order to be eligible, a child must have a disability that affects his or her ability to learn. The members of the CSE meeting include but are not limited to the parents; a general education teacher and a special education teacher; a representative of the school district who is qualified to provide or supervise special education; an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results; the student, if appropriate; other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding the student. As a parent, you have the right to invite anyone to the CSE meeting.

**STEP 4. INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)**

When your child is eligible for special education services/programs, the CSE must develop a plan to meet your child's needs, called the Individualized Educational Program (IEP). Things to be considered when developing the IEP: Your child's strengths; your concerns for your child's education; evaluation results; test or assessment results; and any unique needs related to the child's disability.

**STEP 5. IMPLEMENTATION AND ANNUAL REVIEW/REEVALUATION**

After the CSE meeting has concluded, appropriate follow-up is necessary to ensure proper implementation of the IEP.

1. **Notice and Consent.** Parents should receive a notice and a copy of the evaluation report and documentation of eligibility.
2. **Implementation.** The Board of Education must arrange for the implementation of the IEP with no delay. All the recommendations made during the meeting should be implemented according to the timeline specified on the IEP. A copy of the IEP must be provided to the parents. Teachers and other service providers must receive a copy to be informed of their responsibilities.
3. **Annual Review.** At least once a year, the CSE will review the IEP. The meeting may be requested sooner at a parent's request. The child's parents, teachers, and school service providers are invited to the meeting.
4. **Reevaluation.** Each student with an IEP should be re-evaluated every three years. A reevaluation may also be conducted if conditions warrant one or upon request of you or your child's teacher. Prior to any testing, the parent's "consent to evaluate" is required. A CSE is then convened to discuss the results and to ensure that the child is receiving the proper services.

Please understand that in order to meet a child's needs, we want to ensure a thorough evaluation process. As a result, the initial referral to special education is not always a fast process. We also understand this is a lot of information to go through and is overwhelming. Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions about this process or if you have concerns about your child's academic performance.

Happy Holidays,

Dr. Mariah Fiona Kramer  
Director of Instructional Services

## Social-Emotional Support

It's not uncommon for many people to feel anxious, worried, or stressed right now. In fact, a recent study showed that 4 out of every 10 adults in the United States have experienced anxiety or depression during the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools across the nation are experiencing similar things with students. The Barker Central School District recognized these concerns and has taken action to support our students, staff, and families.

Recently, four new staff have joined the Barker Learning Community to support those experiencing social-emotional learning challenges. Miss Breier, a certified psychologist, has been working closely with Mrs. Annable and is poised and ready to take over when Mrs. Annable retires. Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Bannister, and Mrs. Blask join us from Orleans-Niagara BOCES and are available to meet with students throughout the week. Mrs. Riley, a social worker, can be a great connection between families and the school. She can also provide resources for students and families regarding mental health concerns. Mrs. Bannister, a mental health counselor, can provide group and individualized counseling as well as conduct conflict resolution mediations with students. Mrs. Blask, a trained behavior specialist, works with both students and staff when students are having a difficult time in classrooms. She can provide skills and strategies to de-escalate difficult situations and can help students with coping skills and social skills. We also have our two school counselors, Mrs. Lakeman (grades 7-9) and Mr. Gendrue (grades 10-12), available for help.

All six staff are excellent resources should you or your child(ren) need to talk to someone. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. We are here to support you.

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| • Mrs. Bannister, Mental Health Counselor      | <a href="mailto:mbannister@barkercsd.net">mbannister@barkercsd.net</a> | x5176 |
| • Miss Breier, School Psychologist             | <a href="mailto:mbreier@barkercsd.net">mbreier@barkercsd.net</a>       | x4308 |
| • Mrs. Blask, Behavior Specialist              | <a href="mailto:kblask@barkercsd.net">kblask@barkercsd.net</a>         | x4469 |
| • Mr. Gendrue, School Counselor (grades 10-12) | <a href="mailto:mgendrue@barkercsd.net">mgendrue@barkercsd.net</a>     | x5173 |
| • Mrs. Lakeman, School Counselor (grades 7-9)  | <a href="mailto:alakeman@barkercsd.net">alakeman@barkercsd.net</a>     | x5175 |
| • Mrs. Riley, Social Worker                    | <a href="mailto:lriley@barkercsd.net">lriley@barkercsd.net</a>         | x5118 |

## Safety First!

October was Fire and Pedestrian Safety Month and students in Grades PreK-4 were treated to special presentations by the Barker Volunteer Fire and Niagara County Sheriff's Departments. Volunteer firefighters taught students the importance of having an escape plan, how to stay safe when caught in a fire, not to be frightened by firefighters dressed in gear, and other basic safety tips. Students participated in both indoor and outdoor activities. Students never tire of getting an up close view and the chance to climb in a firetruck and ambulance. Cathleen Davis, Office of Traffic Safety Coordinator, also presented to students in Grades PreK-4. Officer Davis taught students about bus, bike, and pedestrian safety.



(L-R): Neva Sargent, Officer Davis, and Tyler Andrews after a safety presentation. (Front-back): Paris Evans-Johnson, William Burzynski, James Garcia, Mrs. Kristi Mueller (Barker Fire Department), and Wesley Duchow.

## Emergency School Closing Reminders

As emergency school closings can happen anytime of the year, the likelihood the school could be closed, have a delayed opening, or early release time due to inclement weather increases in the winter for our region. The District will use various means to keep you informed as early as possible of changes.



Stay informed through:

1. News channels: WGRZ Channel 2, WIVB Channel 4, WKBW Channel 7, Spectrum News
2. Radio: WBEN, WLVL, WRYK, WJYE, Kiss 98.5
3. District website: [www.barkercsd.net](http://www.barkercsd.net)
4. Blackboard Connect
5. Remind

Remember to revisit your alternative care plans with your child(ren) whether for full day closings, delayed openings, and early release events, as well as make sure the school has the most up-to-date contact information for your family.

## Capital Work Updates

We are continuing to work through our energy performance contracts related to lighting, HVAC, weatherproofing, and solar. Much of the HVAC, weatherproofing, and lighting work has been done or will be complete by the time you read this. We expect any remaining indoor work will be done in early winter and outdoor work will be complete some time in the spring. The solar array will begin construction soon and we expect to have that fully operational some time during the winter with full completion in the spring as well. We also expect the Niagara County Sheriff's Office to begin construction of the radio tower this winter with a completion also in the spring time. Lastly, the renovations on the District weight room have begun and we hope to be finished with that work in the middle of January.



## District Committees Formed

The District has created two new committees related to long-term facilities planning and finances. These committees have two distinct charges, but they are somewhat interrelated. The Budget Advisory Committee will operate between January and May, and provide greater input in the budget creation cycle. The Facilities Advisory Committee will operate through the year providing input for the Board of Education to take into consideration relating to future building needs. Committees will begin to meet soon and information will be posted under [Our District/ Board of Education webpage](#) once it becomes available. As always, if you have questions regarding the content once posted, please feel free to contact the Superintendent's Office at 716-795-3832.



## Halloween Celebration

Fall time windy weather did not keep spectators from enjoying Pratt Elementary's Halloween Trick or Treating Parade. Parents, staff, and students were treated to music performances by the High School and Elementary Choruses and the Intermediate Band under the direction of music teachers, Mr. Jeffrey Rappold, Mr. Drew Burke, and Ms. Cheryl Johnson. Thank you to the singers, musicians, and teachers for providing a festive atmosphere. It is always a treat and never a trick to see the students and staff dressed in creative costumes. Will we ever forget the collection of walking, talking traffic cones or the transforming cars?

The event would not have been possible without the leadership and organization of Mrs. Sara Thibault, support of volunteer staff and students, and the generous donations of candy made by countless BCS faculty and staff. Pratt Elementary would like to recognize the following staff members for overseeing trick or treating tables: Mrs. Darcy Annable, Mrs. Leah Riley, Miss Megan Breier, Mrs. Erin Goodlander, Mr. Jeffrey Pyskaty, and Mrs. Audra Lakeman. The Jr.-Sr. High School students volunteering to pass out candy were: Madison Miller, Paige Dennis, Jessica Cabrera, Morgan Etheridge, Charlie LaGreca, Ryan Jasco, Evelyn Bish, Abby Heidemann, Trinity Parfinski, Allison Hotaling, Lily Monthony, Eddy Cabrera, Alexis Weeks, Zach Hill, and Cate Mallon. Also lending a hand was Board of Education member, Emily Gow. We would also like to thank 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Matthew Parris and the custodial staff for helping to set and clean up after the event and to bus driver, Mrs. Deb Sutch for bringing the best wind blocker ever, a bus. See everyone at next year's celebration.



*(Top-bottom and L-R): Identity of super heroes remains a secret. Makayla Puchlerz pauses from trick or treating for a photo op. Pratt Elementary students trick or treating in front of the school on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. (Clockwise front left-front right): Mrs. Kieffer, Mrs. Kalynycz, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Niethé, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. LaGreca, and Mrs. Schwab assisted in the control of student movement and traffic during the Halloween celebration.*



## Annual Food Drive & Related Events a Huge Success

Pratt Elementary participated in the Boat Load of Good Challenge. The challenge was to fill a boat beyond its capacity. The schoolwide initiative to stock the shelves of the Barker Food Pantry was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated canned and non-perishable food items for families who needed help during the holiday season.

As a reward in Pratt Elementary, a trivia competition was held between grade level homerooms. The trivia challenge took place on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Two winning homerooms were treated to a “party pack” of goodies including a movie, popcorn, Twizzlers, cookies, and juice. Mrs. Luckman’s PreK AM class and Mrs. Nestoros’ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class were the winners.

Thank you to Mrs. Thibault for organizing things at Pratt Elementary, and to Mrs. Phillips’ and Mr. Mallon’s Grade 7, 1<sup>st</sup> period art and technology students who helped to sort, pack, and load items to prepare for delivery. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade volunteers included: Kathryn Jaques, Aaron Bowerman, Brooke Dunkelberger, Ashton Ark, Fallyn Mescall, Morgan Wagner, Elysium Smith, and Cheyanne Walker.

In the Jr. High School, a 1-mile run/walk to promote health & wellness for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders took place on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The race was a short course starting in front of the High School that went down Quaker Road, through the Village, and back to the High School bus loop. It was a fun experience for those that participated. The event also incorporated a canned food drive sponsored by the Jr. High School Student Council. Items were dropped in the turkey box at the High School office. Notable recognition from the event included:



- Boys (top 3 fastest runners):
  1. Donovan Hefferon, 6:55
  2. Anthony Taliaferro, 6:59
  3. Samuel Liuzzi, 7:30
- Girls (top 3 fastest runners):
  1. Kaylee Stoll, 8:31
  2. Melodi Murphy, 10:10
  3. Naomi Bish, 11:45
- Most Cans Donated: Nicholas Heidemann, Kathryn Jaques, Ruth-Ann Daily
- Most Festive Student: Jillian Fisk
- Fastest Adult Runner: Mr. Randy Atwater
- Most Festive Adult: Mrs. Mary Dudek



*(Clockwise from upper right and L-R): Mr. Carberry & Mr. Reimer at the Turkey Trot. Matthew Meza Ray, Ethan Gancasz, and Elysium Smith cross the Turkey Trot finish line. Turkey Trot canned goods donation bin created by Mrs. Jenks.*

## Harris Wins National Merit Scholarship

In late September, Mr. Carter, Principal at Barker Central School, announced that Genevieve Harris had been named a Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSC). A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, was presented to Genevieve.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



**Genevieve Harris** with her letter of commendation.

## Voss & Meza Ray Claim Corn Hole Title

A corn hole tournament for high school physical education students took place over the days leading up to Thanksgiving recess. Each PE class, eight total classes, had a round robin style tournament. The winning pair from each period earned a bye in the first round of the single elimination tournament. The bracket was then filled with 17 wildcard teams from all of the classes. A total of 25 teams and 50 students competed. Congratulations to semi-finalists Macie May & Jordan Leising on reaching the finals and to tournament champions Aidan Voss & Nathan Meza Ray (who filled in for Drew Sandolfini). Although unable to participate in the deciding match, congratulations is still due to Sandolfini for reaching the finals with Voss.

Class champions included: Joseph Mahar & Lucas Flegal, Mia Herman & Ashlin Cole, Cole Carnes & Anna Bowerman, May & Leising, Camren Szafranski & Ryan Santarsiero, Voss & Sandolfini, Paige Dennis & Zachary Hoyle, and Joel Harris & Lucas DerSarkissian.

Wildcard tournament participants were: Jackson Hauser & Ireland Brady, Wyatt Sherman & Jeremy Diaz, Logan Tolliver & Lydia Samson, Ryan Fisk & Tristan Garcia, Cloey Sanders & Hannah Fiacco, Noah Sandolfini & Isaac Monaco, Michael Kalynycz & Allen Donner, Lillia Peace & Emma Evans, Joseph Pieniaszek & Andrew Hill, Alexander DerSarkissian & Emma McGrath, Alexander Ark & Logan Murrell, Tytus Wedekind & Jaret Black, Kevin Hadsell & Willard Nellist, Duke Redsteer & Andreas Nestoros, Steven Class & Mark Reeson, Charles LaGreca & Mackenzie Dodge, Meza Ray & Alexa Zglinicki.



**Macie May** has her sights on a perfect throw during the finals of the tournament.

## EClub Active in Community Service Projects

EClub Jr.-Sr. High School members participated in Operation Christmas Child throughout the month of November. This outreach program collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items and delivers them to children in need around the world. "I help because I think that everyone should have at least a little joy, especially this time of year. I think that it is important to give back to your community," said EClub member Evangeline Harris. The generous donations from EClub members and their families, community members and the faculty and staff at Barker Central School helped EClub members successfully make 30 gift-filled shoeboxes and raise \$317.00. "Community service is important. I just helped to help. It was fun!" stated EClub member Alyssa Thompson. Club Advisor Krista Beth Feltz shared, "I am so proud of everyone and how much heart the students and each person involved showed." Thank you to all the people that donated and your support in making a difference in a child's life.

EClub members are excited to share A Little Free Library with the school and community. A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. This spring the Little Free Library will make its debut for everyone to use. "I am glad we are sharing this with our community. I like the idea and I think the school and community will like it as well. I have seen a Little Free Library by a produce store in Lockport and I have seen the impact it has on people. I am so happy that we are finally seeing it happen!" said EClub President Alexzander Detschner.



(Top-bottom and L-R): **Catherine Mallon, Meghan Mallon, Evangeline Harris, and Addison Szafranski** with wrapped gift boxes EClub will donate. **Alyssa Thompson** had fun participating in Operation Christmas Child.

EClub members have been fundraising to make this happen and need your support. If you would like to be a part of the Little Free Library project please consider donating \$10. Anyone that contributes will have their name engraved and placed near the library as a lasting commitment and testament to their love of reading and their community. Email advisor Krista Beth Feltz ([kfeltz@barkerbsd.net](mailto:kfeltz@barkerbsd.net)) for more information or to make a contribution to this outreach effort. Save the date for the Little Free Library Grand Opening Tuesday, May 3, 2022 during Children's Book Week. Thank you for your support!

## High School Students Describe Artwork

Students in Ms. Feltz's High School Portfolio class have shared some of their work and provided an explanation of the piece submitted.

(Top-Bottom, L-R): "The Staircase of Work' shows a perpetual cycle of work that seemingly never ends."

**-Emily Oliveira**

"Architecture and it's design elements can weave their way into any piece of art and through this piece, 'A New Perspective', I wanted to give it it's own spotlight."

**-Evelyn Bish**

"My oil pastel piece 'The Last of the Honey Bees' is my biggest piece that I've ever done. I think it's fun to imagine all the different things she might be looking at. Of course I know what it is, but the point of my art is to leave that bit up to your imagination."

**-Emma McGrath**

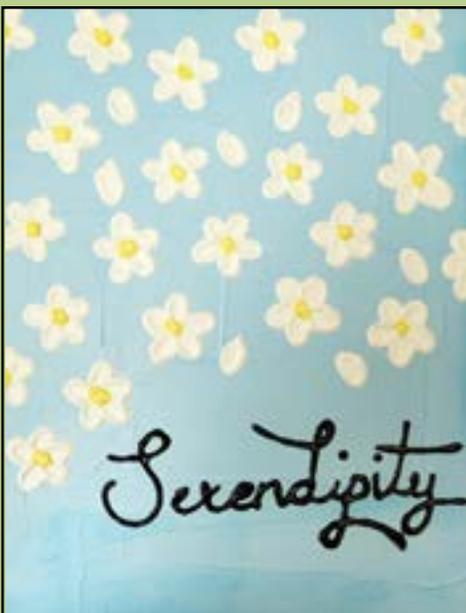
"My piece 'Falling Flowers' was inspired by my discovery of a new medium and the current change of season. I added "Serendipity" because I felt like the word could be shown or demonstrated by the falling flower petals."

**-Alyssa Thompson**

"The title of my piece is 'Chérie' meaning darling in French. This piece represents femininity and calmness in my mind."

**-Angelina Broecker**

**Andreas Nestoros** shows his passion and love for the ocean and everything in it as he displays his ink drawing and watercolor painting created in High School Drawing.



## Several Students Participate in All-County Solo Festival

The Niagara County Music Educators Association (NCMEA) All-County Solo Festival was held Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Lockport High School. Students who participate take the time to prepare a solo and are asked to sight read a selection of music they have never seen before. Students get feedback from specialized judges to help them continue in their musical growth and receive a score that could earn them membership into this year's All-County Festivals. These solos range in difficulty from level I though VI (most difficult). This years participants include:

### Chorus:

- Level IV: Moira Dwyer (8<sup>th</sup>), Jillian Fisk (7<sup>th</sup>), James Giarla (8<sup>th</sup>), Julia Kalynycz (8<sup>th</sup>)
- Level V: Chloe Crafts (9<sup>th</sup>), Alexis Dauphinee (9<sup>th</sup>), Shelby Dauphinee (9<sup>th</sup>), Connor Dwyer (9<sup>th</sup>), Sahara Holland (9<sup>th</sup>), Caleb Pierce (9<sup>th</sup>)
- Level VI: Paris Moffitt (12<sup>th</sup>), Lilly Monthony (11<sup>th</sup>)
- Sahara Holland and Julia Kalynycz are congratulated for having received a perfect score of 100.

Moffitt was also selected for the Conference All-State Mixed Chorus in Rochester. She is the first Barker student in five years to receive this recognition. Additionally, Moffitt, Cameron Kiner, and Elizabeth Hopkins were selected for Area All-State Chorus in Fredonia, and Petra Bish was selected as an alternate.

### Elementary Band:

- All students Level II
- Adeline Atwater (6<sup>th</sup>), Trumpet
- Charlotte Gow (6<sup>th</sup>), Flute
- Karl Hill (6<sup>th</sup>), Alto Saxophone
- Elise Monaco (6<sup>th</sup>), Trumpet
- Zoey Quiett (5<sup>th</sup>), Alto Saxophone
- Salvatore Ruvio (5<sup>th</sup>), Trumpet
- Mirabelle Strong (6<sup>th</sup>), Clarinet
- Arianna Sturtevant (6<sup>th</sup>), Trumpet
- Fiona Wass (6<sup>th</sup>), Trumpet
- Addisyn Weller (6<sup>th</sup>), Clarinet
- Congratulations Charlotte Gow and Fiona Wass for receiving a perfect score of 100.



(L-R): Elementary Band Solo Festival participants: **Arianna Sturtevant, Mirabelle Strong, Charlotte Gow, Fiona Wass, Addisyn Weller, Karl Hill, Zoey Quiett, Elise Monaco, Salvatore Ruvio, Adeline Atwater.**

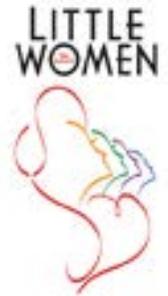
### Jr.-Sr. High School Band:

- Alexander DerSarkissian (12<sup>th</sup>), Trumpet, Level VI
- Kaitlyn Goodwin (12<sup>th</sup>), Clarinet, Level VI
- Matthew Goodwin (10<sup>th</sup>), Baritone, Level V
- Michael Kalynycz (9<sup>th</sup>), Snare Drum, Level V
- Riley Marciszewski (7<sup>th</sup>), French Horn, Level V
- Lillia Peace (10<sup>th</sup>), Trumpet, Level V
- Jillian Fisk (7<sup>th</sup>), Flute, Level IV
- Ryan Fisk (9<sup>th</sup>), Snare Drum, Level IV
- Daniel Goodwin (8<sup>th</sup>), Baritone, Level IV
- Riley Klopfer (7<sup>th</sup>), Flute, Level IV
- Caleb Pierce (9<sup>th</sup>), Tuba, Level IV
- Kaylee Stoll (8<sup>th</sup>), Trumpet, Level IV
- Aurora Wass (8<sup>th</sup>), Flute, Level IV

**Please visit the Headlines & Features area of the homepage for more pictures of Solo Festival participants.**



## Little Women on Stage at BCS



Live on stage musical performances will return to the Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall this Spring. Save the date for entertainment as Barker High School presents *Little Women* the Musical, March 11 and 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM and March 13, 2022 @ 2:00 PM.

This production is a musical version of Louisa May Alcott's beloved story of the lives, loves, and losses of the four March sisters and their "Marmee." The story takes place at the Marches' home in Concord, Massachusetts during The Civil War, with the girls' father away on the battlefield. Filled with adventure, both lived and imagined, these "*Little Women*" find their own voices mirror the growing pains of a young America at the time. With beautiful melodies, memorable characters, and a big-hearted message, *Little Women* reminds us that "sometimes when you dream, your dreams come true."

### Cast:

Marmee - Paris Moffitt  
Meg March - Kaitlyn Goodwin  
Jo March - Elizabeth Hopkins  
Beth March - Genevieve Harris  
Amy March - Shelby Dauphinee  
Mr. Laurence - Sahara Holland  
Theodore "Laurie" Laurence - Cameron Kiner  
Mr. John Brooke - Andon Wedekind  
Professor Bhaer - Connor Dwyer  
Aunt March - Alexis Dauphinee  
Mrs. Kirk - Alayna Weeks  
Clarissa - Gloria Haller



(L-R): The cast of *Little Women* - Elizabeth Hopkins, Sahara Holland, Kaitlyn Goodwin, Gloria Haller, Cameron Kiner, Alexis Dauphinee, Shelby Dauphinee, Paris Moffitt, Connor Dwyer, Genevieve Harris, Andon Wedekind, Alayna Weeks.

As we move closer to the dates of the show, please check the Barker website for updated information regarding any health regulations/mandates that could change at the time of the performances.

## Homecoming Festivities Returned This Fall

Homecoming activities and events returned this fall. The week culminated with a pep assembly, parade, and field hockey game Friday, and a dance on Saturday evening. Cameron Kiner and Evelyn Bish were crowned king and queen, respectively. The Senior Class was the overall winner of homecoming week as the Class of 2022 won the hallway decorating, pep rally, and the float/parade competitions.

### Final standings:

Seniors - 187 points  
Sophomores - 166 points  
Juniors - 153 points  
Freshmen - 143 points

(L-R): Seniors Cameron Kiner and Zachary Hill are pumped and ready to rock as they circle the gym at the pep assembly.



## Harris Takes Top Honors at N-O League Golf Tournament

Joel Harris took top honors at the Niagara-Orleans League Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Willowbrook. Harris claimed the tournament championship after completing an 18-hole round of 81. Mason Allee-Castro and Mikala Woock qualified for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Cross Country Championships at Chenango Valley on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Both runners were also members of the Niagara-Orleans League First Team after the All-League meet at Lakeside Beach State Park on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. In field hockey news, Ashlin Cole and Mia Herman were selected to the Niagara-Orleans League First Team. As a member of the Roy-Hart/Barker/Lyndonville Silverbacks football team, Zachary Hill picked up several accolades: B North 1<sup>st</sup> Team, B North Sportsmanship Award, and Section VI All Academic Team. Scholar-Athlete Teams during the fall of 2021 were: Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Field Hockey, and Golf. Visit [www.barkercsd.net/athletics](http://www.barkercsd.net/athletics) for the latest Barker Raiders Athletics information.



Ashlin Cole



Mia Herman



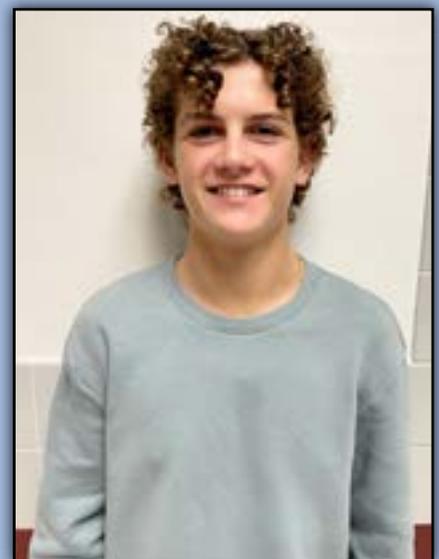
Zachary Hill



Mikala Woock



Mason Allee-Castro



Joel Harris

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

# Community Education

Winter 2022 Community Education Program



## BCS COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Director of Community Education:

James Cantella: 716-795-3832, [jcantella@barkerbsd.net](mailto:jcantella@barkerbsd.net)

<p><b>Winter 2022 Classes</b>  <b>Begin January 24<sup>th</sup> &amp; End March 24<sup>th</sup></b>                  No classes February 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>                  Check website for updates to schedules:  <a href="http://www.barkerbsd.net/adulted">www.barkerbsd.net/adulted</a></p>	<p><i>Ongoing registrations will be honored unless class has been canceled. Please register early to ensure that classes are not canceled due to low enrollment.</i></p>
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### Special Programs

**AARP SMART DRIVER**      H. S. Cafeteria      Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9 PM

The AARP Smart Driver™ Course includes a focus on areas where drivers could benefit from additional training. This program is beneficial for all ages! A minimum of 15 people are required to hold this class. Participants must attend both evenings to qualify for discounts. Participants of the course will qualify for a discount on their automobile insurance. Participants will also qualify for a 3-point reduction on their driver's license for any points previously accrued for moving violations. Check with your insurance provider for specifics.  
 Instructor: George Laskey      Cost: \$30 AARP Members/\$35 Non-Members      2 Classes

**Checks made payable to: AARP – NOT to BCS      Write AARP member # in memo**

**COMMUNITY BAND**      Band Room      Mondays 7 - 9 PM

The Barker Community Band has been performing music in Barker and neighboring communities since 1984. This ensemble makes appearances at charity events, churches, parks and schools. It is a year-round course and is open to anyone with a background in instrumental music.  
 Questions – contact Marcia Frost at [rmfrost88@yahoo.com](mailto:rmfrost88@yahoo.com)

### Regular Classes

**ANTIQUE AUTO RESTORATION**      Room 161      Tuesdays, 4 - 6 PM

Come and explore the various techniques used to accomplish sheet metal work, welding, painting, cleaning and other tasks necessary to restore antique automobiles. No formal instruction given. There will be a charge for all materials used. **LAB FEE: Participants** will be charged for, and will be responsible for all supplies used in course.  
 Instructor: Tom Mallon      \$30.00 (Seniors \$15.00)      8 weeks

**BEGINNER KNITTING**      Room 183      Tuesdays, 6 - 8 PM

Learn the creative and fun activity of knitting! Each week will focus on a different topic, including tools, stitches, patterns and history. You will need to bring a pair of single-point knitting needles and a skein of yarn (any size will do for this first practice session). We will discuss additional materials you will need to buy for a specific project that you will make during the remainder of classes.  
 Instructor: Karen Davis      \$30.00 (Seniors \$15.00)      8 weeks

**BOOK FOLDING**      Room 278      Mondays, 5 - 6 PM  
 Classes: 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, & 2/14

Do you enjoy folding pages? My heart is with you! Please join me for a few weeks of page turning fun as we put discarded library books to new use and create beautiful page folding art. Hint: Your first creation is guaranteed to be formed from the heart!  
 Instructor: Mary Dudek      \$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00)      4 weeks

<b>BODY SCULPTING</b>	Elem. Gym	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 PM
This fast-paced class will help you strengthen, tone and shape your body. Following the interval training concept, low impact movements are alternated with weight-bearing exercises to challenge and meet your fitness goals. You will need a mat and weights. Trisha is a certified and experienced fitness instructor.		
Instructor: Trisha Mathison	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)	8 weeks
<b>CERAMICS FOR BEGINNERS</b>	Room 183	Thursdays, 6 - 8 PM Classes 2/3, 2/17, 3/10, & 3/24
Create functional and decorative pieces with a variety of hand-building techniques. Class is for beginners. No experience is necessary. There is a separate \$20 lab fee for materials collected first class.		
Instructor: Krista Beth Feltz	\$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00)	4 weeks
<b>GREETING CARDS CLASS</b>	Room 183	Thursdays, 6 - 8 PM Classes: 1/27, 2/10, 3/3, & 3/17
Do you enjoy stamping, coloring and scrapbooking but don't have the time to do large projects? Come join us and make greeting cards! Each week we will demonstrate cards using stamping, coloring with Copic markers, water color, embossing and more. We provide all of the materials to make 5 complete cards with envelopes. You will need to bring a tape/dot runner with refills or a bottle of liquid glue. Dot runners may be purchased at Walmart or any large craft store. Lab Fee for materials - \$12 per class.		
Instructors: Mary Kersch	\$14.00 (Seniors \$7.00)	4 weeks
<b>HALL WALKING</b>		Mondays - Thursdays, 6 - 8 PM
What better way to exercise than walking? Come walk with us in the halls of Barker Central School. Please wear comfortable clothing and good, comfortable walking shoes or sneakers. You may bring a water bottle, or water fountains are available. This exercise is designed for all ages and levels. Coat hooks are available by room 161 near the art rooms with the skylights.		
No Instructor	Free	All school year
<b>LAP SWIMMING</b>	Pool	Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Pool will be open for lap swimming. <i>Minimum of 6 registered needed to hold class.</i>		
Staff Life Guards	\$25.00	8 weeks
<b>STRETCH AND TONE YOUR BODY</b>	Elementary Gym	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
This class is for everyone - men and women! Do you want to feel better, get active and have fun too? Come join Trisha for this class that focuses on stretching, joint movement, flexibility, and strength training. All exercises are done standing or sitting in a chair. There is no exercising on the floor. We have a good time socializing and exercising. Trish is a certified fitness instructor.		
Instructor: Trisha Mathison	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)	8 weeks
<b>STAINED GLASS (Two options)</b>	Room 160	Wednesdays or Thursdays, 6 - 8 PM
Create a stained glass piece by learning the copper foil method. A variety of glass is available. There is a separate \$20 lab fee for materials collected first class.		
<i>There are two separate classes to register for - either Wednesdays or Thursdays.</i>		
Instructor: Sue McGee	\$30.00 (Seniors \$15.00)	8 weeks
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	H.S. Gym	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7 - 9 PM STARTS March 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>NO STUDENTS.</b> Mixed volleyball for all skill level players. A pleasant environment is maintained to insure that all participants have an enjoyable evening.		
Instructor: Jared Morgan	\$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00)	4 weeks
<b>WATER AEROBICS</b>	Pool	Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 PM STARTS February 7 <sup>th</sup>
This water aerobics class will instruct participants through very low impact aerobic exercise that encourages cardiovascular fitness. Come firm and tone those muscles through water resistance workouts using rhythmic exercises put to music for you. Instructors are certified lifeguards. All workouts will be in the shallow end of the pool and the class size is limited to 30 participants.		
Instructor: Beth VeRost	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)	8 weeks

ZUMBA

Elementary Gym

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6-7 PM

The most awesome workout ever! Dance to great music, with great people, and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it. We take "work" out of workout. The ultimate dance-fitness party will groove you into shape. No experience or partner needed. All fitness levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes, sneakers and bring a water bottle. Melissa is a licensed Zumba® instructor.

Instructor: Melissa Durfey

\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)

8 weeks

## American Legion Post #425 Military Museum

The American Legion Post #425 has a classroom across from the High School cafeteria. It is a Military Museum, which was started in the Yorker House south of the school. It contains memorabilia from the Civil War through today. You can see pictures of Barker Veterans starting with WWI, uniforms from different wars, books, pictures and hundreds of artifacts.

This room is a great history resource room for all teachers and students, and the community. Herb Loesch is available upon request by calling 716-471-0491 to set up appointments for anyone who would like to look back in history of our country. To visit during a Community Education session, you can also contact Jim Cantella at: [jcantella@barkerccsd.net](mailto:jcantella@barkerccsd.net)

## Important Community Education Information

- **Doctor's Certificate of Health:** A physical examination is suggested prior to participating in physical fitness classes.
- **Eligibility:** In general, district residents and non-residents who are 18 years of age or older may enroll. High school students may enroll in any course with instructor approval and parental permission, and the understanding that no credit toward graduation will be granted.
- **Senior Citizens:** Senior Citizens, residents ages 55 and older, will be provided admission at 50% of the regular fee to all school-sponsored events if they present a Barker Central School District Senior Citizen Card. Non-residents will be required to pay the full admission fee. Registration forms must be submitted. Proof of age is required. In order to take advantage of senior citizen fee discount for courses and some special events, you need a Barker Central School Senior Citizen Card. You may receive this card by coming to the Barker Central School Superintendent's office and registering.
- **Registration:** Mail registration. Early registration protects against having to cancel due to insufficient registration. Please avoid disappointment by enrolling early. Registrants can assume they are officially registered unless notified and should begin attending classes on the scheduled starting date. You may register at the first session of class.
- **Is Class Canceled?** Whenever school is closed during the day due to inclement weather, no classes will be held that evening. Listen to local radio stations WBEN-AM 930 or WLVL-AM 1340 or TV Channels 2, 4 or 7 for school closings. If inclement weather begins later in the day, listen to local radio stations for announcements. Whenever possible, we will utilize the Blackboard Connect system to notify registered students in the event of a cancellation as noted above. Please be sure to provide a valid phone number for this purpose. Do not call the school. When a class cannot be held due to an illness or for other reasons, it is the instructor's responsibility to see that class members are notified. Canceled classes will be rescheduled by the instructor.
- **Material Cost:** Additional fees will be charged in classes where materials are used. These are to be paid by the second session.
- **Refunds:** Total refunds will be made only if a class is canceled or filled. Transfer of tuition to another course can be arranged where size of class permits. No transfers after second class meeting. No refunds after classes begin.
- **No Smoking:** Barker Central School is a non-smoking facility.

# BCS Community Education Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: (For updated information and materials) \_\_\_\_\_

COURSES: _____	COST: _____
_____	COST: _____
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_____	COST: _____

\*Check here if you are a District senior citizen.  
 You are eligible for a 50% discount if you are 55 years or older with a B.C.S. Senior Citizen card.

### Instructions:

1. Completely fill out one form for each person.
2. Registration must accompany payment.
3. Registrations will be accepted in order of postmark.
4. Please include your phone numbers to facilitate contacting you if necessary.
5. No refunds issued after classes begin.
6. You can assume your registration has been accepted unless you are notified otherwise.
7. Make checks payable to: **Barker Central School Community Education** unless otherwise noted.
8. and indicate the name of the course or courses on your check.  
**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**
9. Mail to:

James Cantella  
 Director of Community Education  
 Barker Central School District  
 1628 Quaker Road  
 Barker, NY 14012

### Questions?

Please contact James Cantella,  
 Coordinator of Adult/Community  
 Education:  
 716-795-3832  
[jcantella@barkerbsd.net](mailto:jcantella@barkerbsd.net)

For a complete updated  
 Community Education schedule  
 please visit the B.C.S. website:  
[www.barkerbsd.net/adulted](http://www.barkerbsd.net/adulted)

### Looking for new classes!

Would you like to teach,  
 or share your hobby?  
 Be a teacher for Community  
 Education once or twice a week.  
 Please contact James Cantella  
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**Mission Statement:**

**We will provide a school environment that fosters respect, compassion, tolerance, and nurtures life-long learners who make meaningful contributions to society.**

**Website Notices & Reminders**

The District website will undergo a redesign in the coming months. Please be on the lookout for the redesign and update of the site and remember that the website is the main source of all information pertaining to the District. Answers to questions on items such as parent resources, buildings, athletics, special events, transportation, policies, etc., can be found utilizing the search option.

Additionally, you can find Headlines & Features articles on the homepage, Jr.-Sr. High School, Pratt Elementary, and Athletics pages. Articles regarding Students of the Month, Honor & Merit Roll, the BCS News Network, special recognition, the Barker Raiders Network including our YouTube channel for live streamed and recorded events, and more will display under the Headlines & Features. Check out the Upcoming Events and Calendar on the website for specific events taking place in the District.